

# Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association

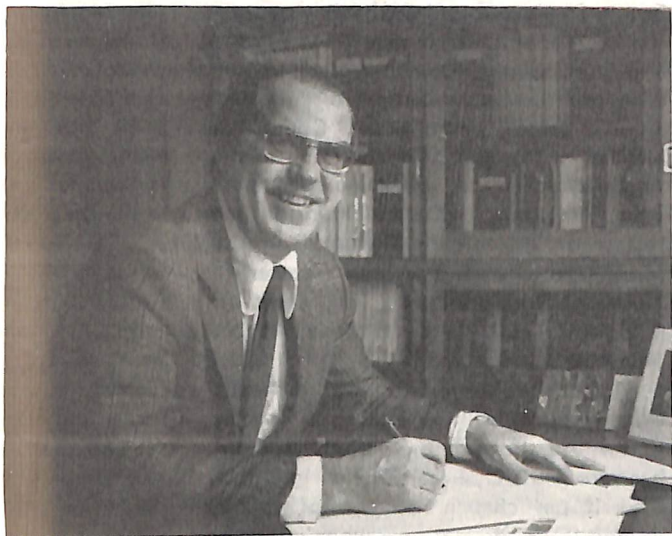


## Newsletter



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We are sure that all members of the Agricultural Graduates Association join us in our congratulations to Keith Downey, '50, on being a joint recipient of the Royal Bank award for "an outstanding contribution to human welfare and the common good." Dr. Downey shares the \$50,000 award with Dr. Baldur Stephanson of Winnipeg. Their work has resulted in eight new Rapeseed varieties, each an improvement over the last. Rapeseed is now Canada's leading oilseed crop and is the third major crop after wheat and barley.

### AGROS IN CIRCULATION

**Jake Brown**, '51, Dean of the College of Agriculture, was honored by the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Board at a banquet held in Regina on March 5. Upon his appointment as Dean of the College, Jake relinquished the Chairmanship of the Crop Insurance Board, a position he had held since 1963. **John Truscott**, '49, has been appointed Associate Dean in the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Manitoba, and will be Director of the Glenlea Research Station and co-ordinator of interdisciplinary research in the Faculty. **Don Lehman**, '47, has been appointed director of the Saskatchewan Implements Board. The board was established in 1973, to assist farmers having problems with farm implements. **Ron Galloway**, '48, is president of the newly formed Saskatchewan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions and **Elwood Hart**, '59, has been appointed Secretary-Treasurer. **Jack Peck**, '51, has become Director of the Prairie Agricultural Institute at Humboldt.

**J.S. Turnbull**, '25, former general manager of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Creamery in Regina became the sixth recipient of the Saskatchewan Dairy Hall of Fame award. Presentation was made at the recent annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Dairy Association. **John Blacklock**, '71, and **Gerry Miller**, '71, are Directors of the Canadian Chianina Association, and **Gordon Stephenson**, '69, is the Secretary-Manager. Among the Directors of the Rapeseed Growers Association of Saskatchewan we find **Bob Dodds**, '53, **Bill Cooper**, '51, **Tom Skogsrud**, '43, Recording Secretary, and **Clare Phillips**, '56, Vice-President. **Doug Mitchell**, '63, is now Poultry Co-ordinator, Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture, Regina. **Gordon Meaden**, '50, has been elected a director of the Saskatchewan Limousin Association. At its annual meeting in January, the Canadian Seed Growers Association presented Twenty-five Year Seals to **Jim Howse**, '50, **Ed Jackson**, '49, **Chuck Peifer**, '52, and Twenty Year Seals to **Bob Blakely**, '50, and **Allan Bonli**, '50.

**Tom Rackham**, '37, who is an Economist with the Alberta Department of Agriculture represented Canada on a fact reviewing mission in the Phillipines which recommended approval of a \$5.8 million dollar Irrigation Project loan. **Wayne Clews**, '61, has been elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Charolais Association. **George Richardson**, '48, and his father sold one of the top price boars at the recent sale at the R.O.P. Test Station. It was bought by the Canada Department of Agriculture to be placed in the artificial insemination station at Woodstock, Ont. **W.J. "Bill" Small** '48, is currently president of the Canada Western Agribition in Regina. **Ken Clark**, '69, was elected president of the Saskatchewan Main-Anjou Association at its annual meeting in March. **Gordon Wells**, '66, has accepted the position of General Manager of the new Lamb Processors Co-op, at Innisfail, Alberta. **Ken Swann**, '33, has retired after spending thirty-seven years with C.D.A. and has moved from Edmonton to a new home at Westbank, B.C.

**Vern Pusch**, '57, sends along a number of newsworthy items from the south-eastern part of the province. He reports that **Don Lees**, '57, and **Bob McLaren**, '57, are both still in the farming business at Arcola, but **Bob Dash**, '57, has forsaken the land to establish 'Dash Enterprises' in Kipling and is engaged primarily in the sewer and water business. **John Hemstad**, '63, skipped his rink to a successful conclusion in the 'B' Event in the S.G.E.A. Curling Playdowns and to the short end of the final in the 'A' Event. **Armin Krahn**, '64, is obviously a very photogenic subject as he appears in various magazines throughout the country. We wonder if it means that he gets free seed treatment for 1975. **Ken Bowron**, '47, reports that

the U of S hockey team 1923, of which H.E. 'Happy' Wilson, '23, was a member, was recently inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame in Regina. Congratulations to Happy on being a member of the team that was thus honoured. Allan McLeod, '49, Keith Blackburn, '60, and Roy McKenzie, '44, have returned home after spending three months in Lesotho, Africa, conducting a feasibility study on oilseed production in that country. They stopped for a few days in Nairobi and had a visit with Bryan Harvey, '60, who is spending six months at the University of Nairobi.

A.A. 'Spike' Smith, '15, reports having received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. E.H. 'Mickey', '15, Osler, written after their return from a holiday at the coast, in which they express appreciation for the enjoyable time they had at the Class '15 Reunion in January. While in Victoria, they visited Harvey Harrop, '15, who is enjoying good health and is spending a good deal of his time at the Senior Citizen's Club. Lloyd Rasmusson, '36, is enjoying retirement and spent a portion of the winter soaking up Hawaiian sunshine. The class of '36 will be hearing from Lloyd in due course regarding the 40 year class reunion in January. Al Martin, '49, Chief of the Manitoba Crops Branch has issued some timely advice to would-be seed growers in a release published in a recent issue of Farm Light and Power. Allan Daku, '72, has accepted a position as Ag. Rep. with the Department of Northern Saskatchewan at La Ronge and is working with Oral Young, '46, in that area. Harold Chapman, '43, has joined the Board of Directors of the Saskatoon Regional Community College.

Neil Moore, '71, is leaving the Sask. Soil Survey to join C.S.P. Foods and will be located in the Saskatoon office. Tom Glab, '74, has been appointed credit advisor for the Saskatchewan South area of the Farm Credit Corporation. Roy McKenzie, '44, Director of the Wheat Pool's Farm Service Division has recently announced that Gordon Hultgreen, '72, has been appointed assistant manager of the seed marketing department and Laverne Horvey, '73, will become supervisor of seed production and supply. Larry White, '64, has been appointed manager of the chemical marketing department. John Prodanuk, '52, is manager of the seed marketing department. Lloyd Stewart, '67, and Bob Cowan, '39, have been appointed to the commission inquiring into the social and economic aspects of branch rail line operations on the prairies. George McPherson, '72, has been appointed credit advisor in the Wynyard field office of the Farm Credit Corporation. Ron Howard, '69, has accepted a position as plant pathologist with the Horticultural Research Centre at Brooks, Alta. Ron recently obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. Dale Hardy, '56, is an enthusiastic supporter of corn silage in the Midale district, having produced a crop which yielded 50% more than the average for silage crops in the area in 1974. Al Toews, '69, is a member of the board of directors of the new Northern Alberta Rapeseed Producers Co-op which is building a crushing plant at Sexsmith. Wayne Clews, '61, has an interesting reference to their 'calf sanctuary' in a recent issue of Farm Light and Power.

John Cooper, '50, is now a Wheat Pool delegate and son Jim, '74, is becoming involved in community activities as well as developing his own farming interests. Ernest Booth, '21, although retired officially continues to be active either travelling or appraising old Indian treaty land claims for the U.S. Department of Justice and new lands for the U.S. National Park Service. His last official tour of duty for the U.S. Dept. of Commerce involved directing a trade mission to Russia, Yugoslavia and Hungary. Lorne Fisher, '59, has transferred from the Animal Research Institute, Ottawa, to CDA Research Station, Agassiz, B.C., as Dairy Cattle Nutritionist.

Ab Gorrill, '58, has returned from CDA Fredrickton, to go into practical farming at Strasbourg.

Herb Clark, '44, Secretary-Treasurer of the S.A.G.A. and former editor of the Ag. Grad. News was recently elected to the position of President-Elect of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists. He will assume the Presidency in June, 1976. Beggi Ketilson, '51, has joined Koyl Agencies, Saskatoon, and is working out of the College Park branch. Duane Bristow, '58, has become head of the Extension Division of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool effective May 1. Gary Rice, '57, has joined the sales force of Gulf Agricultural Chemicals and works in the Melfort-Tisdale area. Roy Wudrick, '57, won the reserve junior champion with his Polled Hereford Bull at the recent Regina Bull Sale. Wayne Henderson, '67, had the senior champion bull in the Horned Hereford class. George Perry, '47, had the highest selling bull at the special Angus Show in Lethbridge.

George Cooper, '44, and Son took Grand Championship with a Shorthorn bull at the Regina Bull sale. Jim Morris, '70, has been appointed General Manager of the Saskatchewan Hog Marketing Commission. Pat, daughter of Keith Downey, '50, won top honours recently for her singing in a 'Search for Youth Talent' competition. Chuck Mayer, '64, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Limousin Association. Among the main speakers at a joint meeting of seven Agricultural District Extension Boards in the north-east region of the province were Ron Dagleish, '65, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Jim Webster, '49, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ernie Spencer, '65, Director of Production and Marketing, and Layne Hetland, '68, of the Planning and Research Secretariat.

Plans are well under way for the 1976 Ag Grads reunion. Further detail will be released in the next issues of the News Letter. All those in the various Honour Years can expect to hear from the chairman of their group in due course of time. And if per chance, because of changed address or other calamity, you do not hear when you expect to, drop a note to the Secretary, Herb Clark, and information will be sent to you.

Phil Polischuk, '49, formerly of the Lands Branch, Department of Natural Resources, has been appointed executive director of the Farm Resources Development Division with The Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture.

Bill Craddock, '58, Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of Manitoba, has become President of the Manitoba Institute of Agrology, Tom Pringle, '61, Regional Director Manitoba Department of Agriculture at Dauphin has become President-elect and will assume the Presidency in 1976.

School of Agriculture Graduation Exercises were held in Convocation Hall on April 10. Bill Dougall, formerly of Plenty, now of Saskatoon, won the Scott Prize for the Most Distinguished student in the Graduating Class, and the University of Saskatchewan Silver Medal for highest academic standing. Bill produced the highest average that has ever been obtained by a graduating student in the history of the School of Agriculture. Maurice Hounjet won the Smith-Roles prize for high standing in the Rural Electrification course. Dean Emeritus W.J. 'Bill' White, '32, was guest speaker for the occasion, and Robert J. Riou was Valedictorian.

The roster of the '75 graduates is as follows: Merlin D. Affleck, Rocanville; George D. Alexander, Kayville; Craig B. Andrew, Regina; Brent M. Baxter, Demaine; Roger H. Begrand, St. Louis; James R. Bidulka, Vonda; Theodore C. Birchard, Verwood; Donald R. Booth, Spiritwood; Warren C. Broberg, Spalding; Richard S. Chappell, Langham; Keith R. Collins, Eston; William W. Dougall, Saskatoon; Michael P. Dougherty, Mortlach; Rodney M. Fedoruk, Kamsack; James

M. Flynn, Beechy; Clement L. Fontaine, Prud-homme; Grant H. Gerwing, Swanson; Joseph R. Gilchrist, Rosetown; Darcy C. Glessing, Leipzig; Malcolm R. Greenshields, Melfort; Kenneth G. Hagen, Lake Alma; Wayne L. Hagen, Lake Alma; Peter E. Hecker, Piapot; Maurice J. Hounjet, Prud-homme; Lawrence J. Hughes, Shaunavon; David G. Jeannot, Langbank; Joseph P. Jerome, Rosetown; Glen L. Johnson, Broadview; Wayne D. Johnson, Lucky Lake; Marvin L. Klenk, Imperial; John T. Knudson, Archerwill; Randy D. Kruda, Jedburgh; Leslie A. Laing, Cutknife; Leslie G. Langager, Strongfield; John M. Lapshinoff, Krydor; John D. Leigh, Fort Qu'Appelle; Dean V. Leipert, Kindersley; L.J. Henri Loiselle, Aberdeen; Leonard I. Lozinsky, Aberdeen; Douglas E. Lyke, Wolsely; Dennis E. McFarlane, Gronlid; Randall R. McGillivray, Regina; Richard L. McIntyre, Whitewood; Malcolm A. McMartin, Elfros; Dennis L. McMorris, Abernethy; Cecil A. Mantei, Estevan; Eldon D. Massey, Eston; Norman D. Maze, Unity; L. Brett Meinert, Shaunavon; Glen G. Morrison, Pense; Larry R. Mortenson, Spalding; Gary D. Munford, McCord; Gary E. Nisbet, Sovereign; Brian J. Oliver, Corning; W. Ronald Palmer, Laporte; Gary E. Parker, Broadview; Randy M. Peterson, Frontier; Steven E. Peterson, Midale; V. Dale Polichuk, Mayfair; Harry B. Polkinghorne, Marsden; Robert J. Riou, Tisdale; Alois J. Schmidt, Provost; Harvey R. Schmidt, Saskatoon; Edward V. Schille, North Battleford; David F. Sloan, Richardson; James M. Sowa, Wadena; Emanuel A. Steckler, Saskatoon; Clay L. Sumner, Evesham; Rodney B. Swystun, Krydor; Brian G. Taylor, McCord; Rodney A. Thoring, Frontier; James E. Thorson, Penzance; Dean D. Tremans, Blane Lake; Patrick A. Trumpour, Govanlock; Peter D. Valli, Manor; Larry E. Van Heukelom, Manor; Gordon M. Watson, Lancer; Wayne D. Wenzel, Leader; Teresa J. Wiik, Saskatoon; James R. Wood, Pense; David A. Zemlak, Elfros.

There were several second generation graduates in the class including Warren, son of Doug Broberg, '48; Darcy, son of Ivan Glessing, '52; Malcolm, son of Ross Greenshields, '49; Leslie, son of Bill Laing, '49; Eldon, son of Howard Massey, '47. There was one young lady in the class, Terry Wiik, of rural Saskatoon.

Special guests on this occasion were a hardy group representing the first class that enrolled in the College - School of Agriculture in 1912. Mr. and Mrs. J.D. MacFarlane, Mr. and Mrs. Pontus Wicklund and 'Captain' A.A. 'Spike' Smith.

At Convocation on May 15, Dean J.A. (Jake) Brown, '51, presented fifty-seven candidates for the B.S.A. degree. The Saskatchewan Institute of Agrolgists Prize to the most distinguished student was awarded to Dan Bergen who graduated with High Honours in Animal Science. The Western Canada Society for Horticulture Silver Medal was awarded to Brett Bishop, the Canadian Society of Animal Science Book Prize to Lawrence Miller, and the William Allen Memorial Prize in Agricultural Economics to Vince Walker.

The list of the '75, graduates is as follows: William G. Adair, Harris; Morley B. Ayars, Osage; Ross L. Barlow, Davidson; Kenneth H.M. Bennett, Dodsland; Daniel R. Bergen, Luseland; Douglas S. Billett, Regina; Brett H. Bishop, Saskatoon; Vincent R. Blenner-Hassett; Thomas F. Boyle, Kinistino; Richard A. Brasnett, Saskatoon; Gordon D. Couldwell, Prince

Albert; Donald F. Ehman, Craik; Grant H. Elford, Uxbridge, Ont.; Alfred J. Epp, Dundurn; Gary R. Finell, Ponteix; Robert J. Ford, Saskatoon; Gordon W. Frank, Edmonton; Brian S. Freeze, Lethbridge; Arthur K. Froelich, Rhein; Donald J. Fuhrman, Netherhill; Dan J. Fullerton, Lacadena; Raymond J. Gauthier, Duck Lake; Mona L. Graham, Shellbrook; Harry K. Harder, Dundurn; Alexander L. Harris, Maryfield; Erica L. Hoehn, Saskatoon; Murray A. Hovland, Strongfield; Timothy J. Howden, Edgeley; Sharon M.J. Howse, Pangman; David C. Jensen, Wilkie; Calvin T. Kelly, Regina; Neil D. Ketilson, Naicam; Stanley J. Kirkland, Unity; Paul G. Kneeshaw, Nipawin; Cecilia Kohlman, Macklin; Eugene B. Korol, Elstow; Rand C. Luhnning, Lumsden; Donald J. McCallum, Creelton; Ronald J. Martin, Silton; Donna Matolsci, Coaldale; Lawrence O. Miller, Red Deer; Owen Olfert, Swift Current; Arthur A. Pask, Esterhazy; Barry R. Peterson, Simmie; Florian B. Possberg, Burr; William G. Rudolph, Gull Lake; Allan N. Scholz, Churchbridge; Lawrence J. Townley-Smith, Regina; Murray Treble, Watrous; William A. Vanin, Kamsack; William J. Volk, Denzil; Nancy J. Walker, Saskatoon; Vince C. Walker, Brooksby; Donald J.H. Wasylyniuk, Raymore; David L. Weiseth, Shaunavon; Donald J. Wilson, McCord.

Second generation graduates in this group include Ross, son of Les, '41, and Betty, '43, Barlow, and Lawrence, son of Tom Townley-Smith, '32.

We welcome to the Association those 1975 Grads who have already joined. We are sure you will find the contacts and activities interesting and valuable. And we invite those who have not invested in a membership yet to do so by return mail. Annual membership - \$2.00. Life membership - \$40.00

**Art Stilborn, '41**, wishes to announce that he assumed the editorship of this journal with the current issue. He wishes to announce further that the position will become vacant effective December 31 or thereabouts, and that applications for a successor are now being received. Although the response to date has been something less than overwhelming, it is hoped that in due course there will be at least one more applicant.

#### Deaths:

**Donald McKay, '48**, Beverley, accidentally on March 15. **Jim Howse**, Carragana, in March.

Fred Pusch, father of **Vern Pusch, '57**, in December.

Nat Elmgren, father of **Lyle Elmgren, '71**, on March 15.

**H. Dell Perley, '16**, Wolseley, on March 31.

Lindsay Graham, father of **Alan Graham, '62**.

#### Births:

Mr. and Mrs. **Ken Baglole, '72**, a daughter, in March.

Mr. and Mrs. **Russell Harris, '71**, a daughter, Lisa Jane, on March 15.

Mr. and Mrs. **Gordon Wells, '66**, a son, Roger Emerson, December 10.

Mr. and Mrs. **Dale Bigson, '70**, a son, in April.

Editorial Comment: The only news items that we can publish are those that we hear about! Please send along those that you know and which we haven't heard yet for inclusion in the next News Letter. September 1 would be a good deadline to set.

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