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Guest Editorial: Irene Ahner, '65, Maple Creek

In January, I was elected to the S.A.G.A. executive as your representative to the Advisory Council for the College of Agriculture. As it has been eleven years since I graduated, I have discovered a great deal of change — both in the appearance of the campus, and in the problems facing our students and faculty.

Those of us who graduate, leave the area, and become involved in our own fields tend to forget those that we left behind are still struggling to turn out graduates as good, or better than we were. They also try to provide adequate research for the agricultural industry of Saskatchewan. We remember all the good times we had, or read the newsletter to see who has done what, but as far as keeping up with present developments at the U. of S., who can be bothered?

We should be, that's who!!! We are the products of a darn good college and university. We are in the best position to let our faculty and indeed, the whole campus know if what they taught us has stood us in good stead five, ten or even forty years later. If there are things that they insisted we learn that we've never used, perhaps they should know that, too. However, I think most of us have found that sooner or later, even the most boring scraps of information become useful.

In reading over the constitution of the S.A.G.A., one finds that two of the objectives of our association are:

- (1) To keep graduates informed of recent developments in the various fields of agriculture
- (2) To co-operate with the University Alumni Association in its efforts to promote the interests of the university as a whole.

At the last meeting of the S.A.G.A. executive, it was agreed that one way to accomplish this would be to put articles into our newsletters which outline curriculum changes, future plans and problems of the various departments. Research projects which are at a stand still due to lack of space and/or funds should also be brought to your attention.

We realize that many of us would be able to do nothing more than shake our heads over the sorry state of some parts of our beloved college. However, Ag. Grads are found everywhere, and if some of you are in a position to help, we hope you will remember where you started, and that your support is needed.

I would like to thank the S.A.G.A. for providing me with the opportunity to serve you on the Advisory Council, and I hope I can be of some use, both to you and the College.

Agros In Circulation:

Donald Rugg, '66, of Victoria, B.C., has been appointed head of the Marketing Branch of the British Columbia Department of Agriculture. Prior to this appointment, Don worked with the Federal Department of Industry Trade and Commerce in Ottawa. **Al Reimer**, '55, of Calgary was transferred from Fairview to Calgary as Regional Director of Extension for Alberta Agriculture. Al also sent along a S.A.G.A. life membership fee. **Cecil Stushnoff**, '63, will be working at the Institute of Biology and Geology as a visiting professor at the University of Tramsø, Tramsø, Norway. His work there will be related to cold hardiness in plants. Tramsø is two hundred miles north of the Arctic Circle so the temperature should co-operate with his project! **Gordon South** of Whittome has been appointed to the Lands Allocation Appeals Board for Saskatchewan. Gordon was a member of the University of Saskatchewan board of governors for six years, the university senate for three years and served on the advisory council of the College of Agriculture for three years.

Don Driedger, '49, has taken on a new position as Personnel Manager for Eldorado Nuclear Ltd. at Eldorado. Anyone wanting to book a fishing trip with Don should apply now! **Gus Peesker**, '61, of London, Ont., was appointed Marketing Manager of Lawn and Garden Products for the Agricultural Chemicals Division of Canadian Industries Ltd.

Elmer Bittner, '65, Regional Dairy Specialist with the Alberta Department of Agriculture transferred from Edmonton to Vermilion. More changes in the A.D.A. milking business took place when **Robert Hunter**, '67, Regional Dairy Specialist transferred from Vermilion to Red Deer, and **Lloyd Johnston**, '71, took on the same position in Calgary.

Dr. John Slykhuis, '42, of the Ottawa Research Station, Agriculture Canada, was named a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in June, 1975. Dr. Slykhuis has done extensive research work in plant pathology and discovered striate mosaic virus in wheat. He also developed the first description of a leafhopper-transmitted virus of small grains in America.

Larry Koturbash, '57, Ag. Rep. at Kamsack made news recently when he received the "Citizen of the Year" recognition award sponsored by the Kamsack Jaycees. Our congratulations, Larry!

Alois Schmidt, '75, of Cactus Lake is now working for the Department of Municipal Affairs at Weyburn as an assessment technician. **Ron Palmer**, '75 of Eatonia writes that he and his wife took a winter holiday to Europe. Farming must be agreeing with him!

Gerald Walkeden, '74, is farming with his father at Tribune. **Richard Shout**, '74, has formed a partnership with his brother in "Rightway Angus Farm" at Zelma. **Allan Hardy**, '68, just finished another winter season with the Plant Products Division in Regina before going back to the farm at Grenfell. **Tom Keeping**, '61, of Garrick sent along his fee for a life membership and writes that he is pasture manager at the Garrick Provincial Pasture.

Don Wasyluniuk, '75, of Duncan, B.C., is Regional 4-H Specialist with the British Columbia Department of Agriculture. **Frederick Switzer**, '48, is now chief of the Estate and Trust Section with the Income Tax Department. He also has a farm southwest of Regina to keep him out of trouble on week-ends and holidays. **Donald Fuhrman**, '75, of Netherhill is now working with Agriculture Canada, Plant Protection Division in Niagara Falls, Ont.

Bill Hope, '51, writes us from North Battleford that he spent three weeks in Hawaii. Says Bill, "Thought Sask. land was high priced till I found that sugar cane land is worth \$10,000 per acre." Incidentally, Bill also found out that the Hula girls don't wear grass skirts!

Edward Reed, '48, of Kindersley and his wife acted as tour guides on a farmers tour of Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific Islands this winter. **Bob Strilchuk**, '45, of Tisdale did a tour of Australia and New Zealand this winter, too. There must be great attractions in the countries "down under" — **Al Mulhern**, '70, of Shaunavon, **Jim Mulhern**, '65, of Meyronne, and **Terry Martin**, '69, of Winnipeg were sighted

basking in the Australian and New Zealand sunshine this winter. **Cecilia Kohlman**, '75, of Saskatoon suntanned in that part of the world in February.

Dr. J. Wilner, '37, Ottawa, has retired from his work at the Central Experimental Farm. **Roland Witte**, '70, has been appointed district agriculturist supervisor at Medicine Hat. **Ron Martin**, '75, with Farm Credit Corporation has been transferred from Regina to Saskatoon. **Ken Wasylshen**, '70, is now practicing law in Yorkton.

Lewis Reeve, '72, Ag. Rep at Kelvington and **Jim Pratt**, '69, Ag Rep at Leader have both become life members of S.A.G.A.

John Hemstad, '63, of Melfort has "retired" from the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture to launch his own fertilizer agency at Meath Park. **Dale Blair**, '61, Drake, was elected president of the Saskatchewan Simmetal Association. **Thomas Rackham**, '37, has been appointed international development co-ordinator with the Alberta Department of Agriculture. Television star **Charlie Mayer**, '64, President of the Manitoba Beef Growers Association, appeared on the program "Points West" in March. **Art Wood**, '51, of Winnipeg, Man. was also on the panel for this program but "had a difficult time out-jawwing Charlie"!

Geoff Shepherd, '24, has been named a Fellow of the American Agricultural Economics Association. **Murdoch Mackay**, '49, has been named to sit on a seven man board to manage a five-year agricultural program for Saskatchewan Indians. **Dennis Wobeser**, '61, of Lloydminster has been re-elected president of the Alberta Cattle Feeders Association. **Lorne Hehn**, '58, of Markinch has been reappointed to sit on the advisory committee of the federal Agricultural Stabilization Board. **Jack McFaull**, '44, has received the honorary appointment as Vice-President for ManuLife.

Ed Kowalenko, '52, of Calgary has been appointed as North American Sales Manager for Cominco Ltd. **Herb Clark**, '45, of Saskatoon, a member of the Saskatoon Toastmasters Club was recently presented with the District 42 (includes Sask. & Alta.) area governor award for contributions to Toastmasters.

Rodger Kaeding, '47, of Churchbridge had the second highest gaining Hereford bull in the recent R.O.P. test station results at the University of Saskatchewan. **George Cooper**, '44, of Westbend had the top gaining Shorthorn bull on test. **George Richardson**, '48, of Semans had the highest priced Yorkshire boar at the Saskatoon Purebred Swine Show and Sale. George received a tidy \$570 for his prize pig. **Eldon MacKay**, '69, bought the top Lacombe boar at the ROP Swine Sale in Saskatoon. Eldon has a 120 sow herd on his farm at Aberdeen.

Ltd. **Albert Darwent**, '63, writes us from Beaverlodge where he is still employed by the Research Station, Agriculture Canada. He and his wife have three children which keep them busy. **Edwin Walker**, '55, of Regina has established a professional practise in Landscape Architecture called "Habitat Design Limited". Now all of you Regina agrologists can call on Edwin for your green-thumbing!

Sylvester Solar, '62, is operating a private dairy farm at Bruno. He also is president of the Sask. Ayrshire Association. **Don Kolla**, '73, has gone farming at Cudworth after working with Canada Packers for two years. **Ole Stangeland**, '49, is a Structural Building Instructor at the Vermilion College, Alta. **Lloyd Gamble**, '52, sent along a life membership fee from Swift Current where he is employed with the Assessment Branch of the Department of Municipal Affairs.

W.J. Craddock, '62, of Winnipeg was elected a director and second vice-president of United Grain Growers Ltd. at the U.G.G. Annual Meeting in November 1975. **D.R. Buchanan**, '49, is employed at Statistics Canada in Ottawa. **Garld Malin**, '48, is back in Saskatchewan working as assistant director of personnel and training for the Department of Social Services. Garld's son graduated from the school of Agriculture, University of Manitoba in 1975. **Jake Braun**, '55, raises cattle and quarter horses on the farm at Beechy.

Farm equipment is **Samuel Herman's**, '50, line. The business has two outlets - one in North Battleford and one in Lloydminster. He runs into **W. Till**, '49, quite often in Lloydminster where Bill farms. **Randall Bjorklund**, '73, has been working as a District Agriculturist at Lloydminster (Alberta) since June, 1974. **Lloyd Kenney**, '63, is employed as a Department Manager by the Lloydminster Co-ops Association. Lloydminster must be a busy place when you guys get together to compare notes!

Archibald Burton, '51, is teaching science in high school in Hamilton, Ont. **Edgar Craig**, '50, is a minister at Lacombe, Alta., and teaches in the public school, too.

Board members of the recently-formed South West Forage Co-op Association include: **Derald Ahner**, '65, Maple Creek, **Murray Carlson**, '64, Swift Current, **Mark Kilcher**, '49, Swift Current, **Robert Mann**, '50, Piapot and **Gerald Ruehs**, '70, Aneroid.

Oscar Anderson, '39 retired in 1973 and now spends his winters in sunny Arizona. He's taken up oil painting as a hobby. **Robert Pederson**, '73, joined Canada's finest (RCMP) and is stationed in High Prairie, Alta. **Patrick Clift**, '67, has been appointed Senior Economist of the Farm Records Section of CanFarm in Guelph, Ont.

George Cooper, '44, of Westbend will serve on the Canadian Shorthorn Association executive as past-president. **Dr. Doug Gibson** will become dean of the College of Home Economics at the University of Saskatchewan effective July 1, 1976. There's many an Agro who envies him this position!

Ben Blacklock, '46, of Grandora was elected president of the Canadian Aberdeen-Angus Association. Also elected to the executive was **George Perry**, '47, Punnichy. **Wayne Clews**, '61, will sit on the Canadian Charolais Association board of directors.

Peter Ignatiuk, '73, is working as a Regional Development Consultant with Alberta Agriculture. **Mel Ford**, '48, still has a mixed farm at Readlyn. **Sandy Procyshyn**, '64, has a farm at Aberdeen. **Dale Kramer**, '72, of Lashburn and **Jack Williamson**, '72 of Pambrun combine the best of two worlds. Both worked for the Alberta Department of Agriculture for the winter and now are farming for the summer.

Eugene Seitz, '57, writes us from Middletown, New Jersey where he is employed as Group Leader of Flavor Research and Development by International Flavors and Fragrances Inc. Eugene has established a productive and lucrative program for industrial production of flavor chemicals and ingredients using biological processes.

Gunnar Pedersen, '52, of Regina sent along a life membership fee. He is employed with the Dairy Producers Cooperative

Terry Aldous, '71, writes us from Papua, New Guinea and sends along a life time membership fee. He is presently employed as a lecturer with the PNG administration. Says Terry: "The work involved is mainly teaching Agriculture of a subsistence nature to students from all over the South Pacific Island area."

Jonas Kristjanson, '47, of Regina retired from his work with the Family Farm Improvement Branch.

Mrs. Wallace Thomson of Pense, wife of one of our outstanding Ag Grads, **Wallace Thomson**, '19, deceased 1975, received an Honorary Doctorate degree from the University of Saskatchewan at the spring convocation.

Mrs. Thomson received her honor in recognition for her many contributions to women's organizations in Sask., Canada.

School of Agriculture Graduation Exercises were held in Convocation Hall on April 2. **Jerry Holman** of Luseland was top student in the 1976 graduating class and was awarded the University of Saskatchewan silver medal for achieving the highest academic standing. He also shared the Smith-Roles prize for high standing in the rural electrification course with **David Acaster** of North Battleford. **Jennifer Fulton** of Walsh, Alta., was awarded the Scott prize as the most distinguished graduate, taking into account both scholastic achievement and extracurricular activities.

The 1976 School of Agriculture graduates include: David E. Acaster, North Battleford; William A. Ayrey, Evesham; Robert A. Barton, Leross; Warren O. Beach, Ernfold; Wayne G. Bird, Kyle; Jo-Anne W. Bishoff, Keeler; Lawrence A. Boutin, Whitewood; Maurice G. Branger, St. Louis; Albert W. Breadner, Saskatoon; Murray J. Bridge, Battleford; Craig M. Busse, Simpson; James F. Charnetski, Prelate; Laurie A. Chatterson, Wolseley; Bartt A. Chute, Moose Jaw; George V. Cote, North Battleford; Harry R. Dale, Claydon; Timothy M. Deschner, Dodsland; Cameron J. Duncan, Rosetown; Dale R. Eddingfield, Unity; Jerry W. Eliason, Outlook; Joel O. Ewert, Drake; Elden D. Fedak, Watson; Jennifer A. Fulton, Walsh, Alta.; Patrick B. Hanke, Beechy; Robert T. Heggie, Leross; Ralph Hennig, Glaslyn; Brian R. Highmoor, Windthorst; Jerry A. Holman, Luseland; Derril E. Hough, Rosetown; Delwyn J. Jansen, Leroy; Lenard A. Katerynych, Richard; Patricia A. Keyser, Wynyard; William J. Klassen, Herschel; Brian B. Korschuk, Nokomis; Richard A. Dempsey, Heward; Karl W. Langmaier, Regina; Gary A. Lawrence, Saskatoon; Allan B. Littman, Saltcoats; Donna G. Madder, Rivers, Man.; Roger J. Malchow, Swift Current; Brian E. Marin, Radville; Garry M. McDermit, Ormiston; John P. McDougald, Maple Creek; Rodney B. McLeod, Dodsland; Wesley A. Memory, Outram; Larry G. Meyer, Morse; Robert D. Montreuil, Rosetown; William D. Morris, Weyburn; Blair E. Mortin, Regina; Randy P. Muderwich, Stenen; Alan B. Nelson, Battleford; Larry A. Nelson, Trossachs; Peter C. Nordli, Weldon; Brian R. Onerheim, Frontier; John S. Partyka, Speers, Edwin W. Plohr, Quinton; Girvin E. Pollard, Cutbank; Richard F. Prybylski, Willow Brook; Ronald C. Regehr, Whitewood; Blair A. Rempel, Nipawin; Kimball G. Robertson, Alsask; Beverley M. Roshier, Colonsay; Leonard J. Ruetz, Gull Lake; Keith A. Rumohr, Major; Kenneth E. Turley, Cut Knife; Kimball R. Sampson, Davidson; Tobe R. Sather, Gull Lake; Melvin J. Schmalzbauer, Marengo; Donald G. Pfeifer, Young; Judy A. Schmidt, Saskatoon; Douglas C. Schwab, Meyronne; John H. Setrakov, Loon Lake; Darcy R. Sidloski, Weyburn; Gregory J. Simpson, Moose Jaw; Cameron H. Smith, Saskatoon; Vern C. Smith, Kerrobert; Gregory S. Sommerfeld, Saskatoon; John A. Stead, Saskatoon; Donald C. Strauch, Rouleau; William P. Stus, Vonda; Rodney D. Sveinbjornson, Kandahar; James D. Tanner, Regina; Allan H. Tenold, Torquay; Neil Vander Nagel, Saskatoon; Sidney

D. Wall, Wymark; Gordon T. Webb, Major; Randall P. Weekes, Biggar; Randall G. Wehrkamp, Melfort; James F. Wilson, Kincaid; Wayne H. Wilson, Carlyle; Donald N. Wirchenko, Radisson; Gregory J. Wolff, Saskatoon; Frank D. Wood, Regina.

The 1976 Convocation Exercises for the College of Agriculture took place on May 20 at the Centennial Auditorium, Saskatoon, when Dean J.A. Brown, '51, presented sixty-three candidates for a B.S.A. degree. The crop of bright young graduates is as follows: Philip H. Amundson, Weldon; Cyril A. Anderst, Hilda, Alta.; Donald E. Baltiste, Saskatoon; David G. Bettschen, Broadview; Ivan L. Beuker, Melfort; Dougl A. Bienia, Saskatoon; Alan G. Bradshaw, Saskatoon; Terrance A. Clark, Kelliher; Robert G. Cuthbert, Saskatoon; Albertus W. de Gooijer, Kelliher; Dale A. Domres, Lemberg; Graham E. Dorn, Indian Head; Margaret J. Dutertre, Wakaw; Walter J. Fast, Glidden; Wesley T. Foss, Creelman; Kenneth A. Gamble, Saskatoon; Barry K. Gibbs, Victoria, B.C.; Jerry A. Glab, Cedoux; Robert C. Godwin, Saskatoon; Robert J. Gunningham, Mortlach; Barry R.O. Harris, North Portal; Forest W. Harris, Arcola; Constance E. Heisler, Mildred; William W. Hill, Vanscoy; Royal R.P. Hinthier, Moose Jaw; David A. Holland, Avonlea; John E. Hudek, Russel, Man.; Brent A. Humphrey, Calgary, Alta.; John D. Jacques, Khedive; Lesley L. Jamison, Aylsham; William B. Kennedy, Fairlight; Bonnie K. Kirkpatrick, Prince Albert; John B. Komarnicki, Cudworth; Bradley G. Korbo, Coronach; Miroslaw H. Korol, Canora; Brian A. Kramer, Southey; Eileen M. Kuchinski, Watson; Gary B. Kuffner, Regina; Christopher L. Leader, Leslie; Stephen C. Lee, Saskatoon; Donald S. McDonald, North Battleford; Ellis J. MacDonald, Prince Albert; Dale S. McKague, Ogema; Ian D. MacMillan, Saskatoon; Donald A. Martin, Ituna, Gary L. Meier, Ridgedale; Douglas G. Miller, Carlyle; Reuben H. Neumier, Langenburg; Kenneth M. Panchuk, Kamsack; Leonard D. Pigott, Saskatoon; Carman W. Read, Wolseley; Joseph W. Remai, Carrot River; Jack G. Richards, Assiniboia; James W. Robbins, Saskatoon; William R. Schroeder, Leroy; Thomas A. Scott, Landis; Elwin G. Smith, Limerick; Richard L. Stokes, Moose Jaw; Kenneth C. Thomas, Leoville; Brian E. Tochor, Esterhazy; Valerie M. Townsend, Mazonod; Robert T. Tyler, Conquest; Doyle E. Wiebe, Langham.

Editors Note:

In the last newsletter it was incorrectly stated that Ben Blacklock graduated in 1947. Ben really graduated in 1946 as many of his classmates were quick to point out. Sorry about that.

We have been unable to track down more pictures of the S.A.G.A. curling bonspiel. Our apologies to the fellows on winning teams who were missed. If any of the pictures turn up we'll print them in the Sept. issue.

The response from Ag Grads with news worthy articles is tremendous! Keep all of that mail coming because without it there wouldn't be a newsletter.

Cecilia Kohlman

The Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologist prize was awarded to **Robert Tyler**, Conquest, who graduated with high honors. The Western Canada Society for Horticulture Silver Medal was awarded to **Donald Batiste** of Saskatoon, and the William Allan Memorial Prize in Agricultural Economics to **Elwin Smith** of Limerick. **Thomas Scott** of Landis was awarded the R.K. Baker Memorial Prize in Poultry. **Mr. Scott** was also the recipient of the Saskatchewan Poultry Industry Award of \$500.

We extend a hearty welcome to those 1976 Grads who have already joined the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates' Association. We strongly urge all those grads who have not yet joined to do so by return mail. The annual membership is \$2.00 and a life membership costs \$40.00. We assure you that this is a very small investment to make for the valuable contacts and the interesting (and hair-raising) activities you can be a part of!

Marriages:

Nancy Walker, '75, of Saskatoon and **Robert Tyler**, '76, of Conquest on May 15, 1976.

William Delday, '74, of Netherhill and **Marcie Lee Dixon** of Coleville on October 25, 1975.

Births:

Doug, '70, and Mrs. **Petitt** of Sherwood Park, Alta., a son, **Shaun Douglas**, born July 17, 1975.

Alvin, '59, and **Bev Abrey** of Simpson, a daughter, **Martina Jean**, born Aug. 12, 1975.

Raymond, '68, and **Jeanette Heil** of Abernethy, a son, **Scott Murray**, born Aug. 28, 1975.

Richard, '74 and **Sharon Shout** of Zelma, a daughter, **Carla Marie**, born Sept. 2, 1975.

Peter, '65 and **Alice Gradauer** of Lloydminster a daughter born Nov. 26, 1975.

Keith, '67 and **Hazel Hurd**, a daughter, **Jodi Lynn**, born Mar. 26, 1976.

Forest, '51 and Mrs. **Wohlberg** of Speers a daughter, **Beverly Lynn**, born April 3, 1976.

Deaths:

Craig Ulm, '74 of Aneroid - Feb. 2, 1976.

Ross Hicks, '72, of Marquis - Feb., 1976.

Jean MacFarlane of Nipawin, wife of **J.D. MacFarlane**, '16, - Feb. 9, 1976.

Sham Regan of Saskatoon, wife of **Joe Zeman**, '44 - Feb., 1976.

Pearl Regush of Saskatoon, mother of **Mike Regush**, '49 - Feb. 18, 1976.

Ottar Sletmoen of Saskatoon, father of **Ivar Sletmoen**, '74 - Feb. 13, 1976.

Irene Foster of Saskatoon, mother of **Kerry Foster**, '70 - May, 1976.

Muriel Bohrson of Hanley, mother of **Terry Bohrson**, '71 - May 15, 1976.

John Scott of Scott, father of **Donald Scott**, '46 - May 17, 1976.

Osmond Haraldson of Saskatoon, father of **John**, '43 and **Geroge Haraldson**, '45 - May 20, 1976.

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