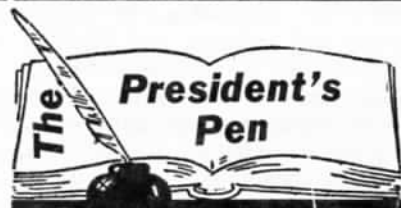


THE SAGA

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If the enthusiasm which was so apparent during the recent Ag. Grad. Weekend continues I can assure you that your Association is in for a great year. For those who were unable to be with us during the weekend, we hope this edition of the "SAGA" will fill you in to some extent and also remind you to mark your calendar for 1978 - [13 - 14- 15 January].

The lecture series started the weekend off dealing with the subject "Feed Grain Marketing". The topic was outlined in considerable detail by four very capable speakers. The 170 or so attending were then given an opportunity to question the speakers. Copies of the papers presented are available by writing to our Ag. Grad. office.

The annual meeting which followed the lectures was well attended. Between 80 and 100 members were on hand to hear the various reports and take part in the meeting.

Curling in the Ag. Grad Spiel is becoming more popular each year. All the ice time we could "muster up" was taken with a number of rinks on standby. The event winners are mentioned later on in this newsletter. When looking over the list of winners, runner-ups, etc., please give a moment's thought to all those Ag. Grad. curlers who assisted the winners on the way up.

What is there to say about the Smoker? The turnout of some 300 Grads. tells the story. It was great! Only one problem, would you believe? We were a little short of "Booze". I gather the Smokette is also becoming a little bigger every year.

The Banquet and Dance were also a high success. Almost 600 in attendance. Rumor has it that Jack Drew (57) was voted salesman of the year, so far as banquet tickets were concerned.



A. A. "Spike" Smith, '15, turns on the charm with a pretty 1977 Grad.

1977 Ag. Grads. Bonspiel

Sixty four rinks competed in the annual Ag. Grad. Bonspiel held during the reunion weekend. The mens' smoker was attended by over 300, and the ladies, smokette attracted over 100. The winners circle for the various events were comprised of the following antagonists:

"A" Event: - Rutherford Trophy Winners — Ken Pederson, Jim Babcock, Keith Bater and John Babcock. Runners-Up — Keith Ayres, Bernie Stonehouse, Jim Ellis and Keith Heap.
"B" Event: - Kirk Trophy Winners — Peter Kirychuk, Doug England, Phil England and Tom Boyd. Runners-Up

I would like to take this opportunity to commend your past-President, Fred Fulton, and his very able committee chairmen and their helpers for making the weekend such a huge success. Your new Executive has already begun plans for 1978. We look forward to your news items and suggestions throughout the year.

As President of SAGA, I look forward to working with our new Executive, keeping you informed through our newsletters and winding up with an Ag. Grad. weekend in January 1978, every bit as exciting as the one just past.

-Bill Cooper-

— Cliff Larson, Cliff Hayes, Doug McNiven and Frank Dunlop.

"C" Event - Graham Trophy Winners
 — Pat Clift, John Valance, Glen
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YOUR 1976 EXECUTIVE

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McLaughlin and Bob Lockwood.
Runners-Up — Garry Meir, Vince Walker, Wes Foss and Lee Harris.

"D" Event - White Trophy Winners — Eldon Brick, Blair Dies, Ron Shea and Lyndon Elviss. Runners-Up — Wayne Henderson, Don Murphy, Ken Crawford and Gordon Geske.

Hutcheon Event: — "Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn" - Winners — Al Stirton, Vern Small, Jim

Banting and John Lenz. Runners-Up — Dick Strayer, Bud Smith, Joe Clausen and Chet Piecy.

Next Year's Bonspiel Dates — Remember them, they're **January 13, 14 & 15, 1978.** Carman Berg is Bonspiel Chairman, taking over from Frank Ward, who did a fine job of bringing order out of chaos for this year's confrontation.



Ken Pederson, winner of the "A" Event performs a curling tradition as he shakes hands with the Keith Ayres ring, runners-up.

The School Merits Promotion

The 1976-77 enrolment in the School of Agriculture is at an all-time high. 189 first year, 104 second year and 6 part-time students registered in October, 1976. The total of 299 students surpassed the 1949 record of 297 by 2.

During the past 4 or 5 years, the number of School applicants has far exceeded the number of students that could be accommodated. However, it appears that this year the number of applicants will be down. For this reason I would like to ask all of you, and especially past graduates of the School to encourage high school students, recent high school graduates and other young (or old) farmers to consider furthering their education at the School of Agriculture.

School graduates are a valuable asset to Saskatchewan agriculture and Saskatchewan's rural communities. It is therefore important that we utilize the School to its maximum capacity.

Basic entrance requirements to the School are still 17 years of age, Grade XI high school and suitable farm experience. However, up to August, 1977 we will accept only those

applicants who have a full Grade XII, or will be finishing their Grade XII in June, and those 21 years of age or older as of November 1, 1977. If our quota is not filled with these applicants by that time, applicants with less than a full Grade XII and less than 21 years of age will be accepted.

Canda Manpower continues to support a good number of students each year. In addition almost \$10,000 of award money is distributed each year to needy and deserving students. School of Agriculture students are also eligible for loans from the Student Aim Fund.

I appreciate the promotion many of you have given the School in the past, and trust you will continue to do so again this year. If a School calendar or School brochures would be helpful to you in this regard please do not hesitate to ask for them. Or, if you wish, give us the name and address of a prospective applicant and we will send the material to him directly.
- John R. Peters, Director School of Agriculture, Room 141, Kirk Hall, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING

Fred Fulton, Kincaid, our immediate past president, acknowledged the efforts and co-operation of all 1976 executive members during the past year. He mentioned the growth of S.A.G.A. membership to nearly 1,400, about two-thirds being life members. He urged that members must communicate with each other and with non-member graduates, in order to maintain and enhance the viability of the association. He also referred to the establishment of the Enie McKenzie Award to School and College graduates who achieve excellence in "communications courses".

Our incoming president, **Bill Cooper**, West Bend, who is also president of the Rapeseed Growers Association of Saskatchewan, in support and by way of explanation of the S.A.G.A. resolution to support the concept of producer-controlled check-off on the six major grains, wheat, barley, oats, flax, rapeseed and rye, tells us that a 0 - 1 percent deduction would be made from all elevator deliveries of grain, and on sales of pedigree seed, based on the final realized price. Institution of the check off rests on the outcome of a vote among grain producers, which it is hoped will be held this year.

The monies collected would be used exclusively for research into grain production and marketing, and would be administered by a board of directors comprised of one member from each of the three prairie Pools, United Grain Growers Ltd., Canadian Seed Growers Association, Flax Growers of Western Canada, and the Prairie Rapeseed Growers Council, which represents the three prairie Rapeseed Growers Association.

A research advisory committee composed of representatives of Agriculture Canada, universities, grain companies, other industries, and the provincial departments of agriculture is also proposed.

IN MEMORIAM WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

T. H. "Tommy" McLeod, '37 long time manager of the Regina Exhibition, and more latterly, manager of horse racing activities, died November 17, 1976 at the age of 62 years.

Dr. Jack Franklin, 37, passed away on November 7, 1976, in Ottawa. Brother of Dr. E. G. Booth of St. Pauls, Minnesota.

Henry Boland, Mankota, father of Harvey Boland '68, on January 8, 1977.

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The comings and goings of Ag. Grads are many and varied, and some of them at least, are true.

Ted Hurd, '50, Swift Current, accepted a two-year assignment to assist the Department of Agriculture in Zambia establish a wheat industry, under the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation. He'll be working closely with a Sask. Wheat Pool team on the project, which also includes market development education and training.

Grant Milne, '57, visited Canada in 1976, but has returned to Tanzania for at least one more year it would seem. Ariel and Grant both would like to settle back in Saskatchewan surroundings - can't seem to agree on the best time of the year to come back.

Jack Drew, '57, Regina, rode herd on the 1957 graduating class for the School at the 1977 reunion. **Ron Becker** came up from Nebraska for the honor year festivities, and **Jack Shields** escaped from Ottawa. Jack reports that **Bob Dash**, Kipling, is still digging ditches, snake pits and is generally involved in the water and sewage business.

George Daugela, Vermilion, Alberta, runs his own firm, Vertec Industries. **Larry Koob** is at LacVert. **Allan Schmidt** is farming near Saskatoon, and his kids bus to Clavet school. **Evan Simpson** farming near Saskatoon keeps a check on the neighbors from the windscreen of a low flying aircraft. **Mike Schenher** is a Wheat Board inspector out of Melfort. His birthday fell on reunion day, but festivities of the latter took precedence over his 40th milestone - a good excuse to celebrate that later.

Not all the '57 class responded to the call. Jack is still looking for addresses for **Dennis Bartel**, **Ralph Bonner**, **Clare Cooney**, **Bruce Grimes**, **Lawrence Middleton**, **Bill Perkins** and **Duaine Peterson**. also missing is address for **Joe Austman**. Guess we shouldn't have kicked the C.I.A. outta Canada - they'd come in handy for class reunions. Maybe the Sally Ann could help.

Dean Jake Brown, '51 has been appointed chairman, of Saskatchewan Science Council; chairman, steering committee Canada West Foundation; and member, executive committee, Economic Council of Canada. Let's hear it for Jake.

H. D. Olsen, '72, has been appointed as director on the Saskatchewan Farm Ownership Board.

Bud Smith, '48, attended the national meeting of the Association of Fairs and Exhibitions at Halifax. he ran into **Cec**

Haver, '46, who is Dean of the Faculty, University of Lennoxville, Quebec. Cec still farms on the side and has a string of racehorses.

Don Driedger, '49, is personnel manager with Eldorado Nuclear Ltd., as of April 1976. He has one daughter in medicine and one taking a business course - both in Saskatoon. Don says the fishing is fabulous. Just gotta check this out.

Stuart Smith, '37, is farming at Allan, and has led an active life in farm organizations - retired as Wheat Pool delegate after 30 years. Stuart filled us in on the '37 school grads who celebrated 40 years since graduation.

Jim Anderson, Conquest, is still farming. He was R.M. reeve for a number of years. Took a winter holiday in Florida this year.

Jim Miller, certificate '37 and degree '42, is farming at Perdue since discharge from the R.C.A.F. in 1946. He boasts five children and two grandkids.

Ivan Clark, Certificate '37 and degree '41, retired as Ag. Rep. in July 1975, was presented with a Distinguished Agrologist Award in 1976. He's busy selling for Pioneer Life and won a trip to Jamaica for his efforts. Ivan and Rae have five children and one grandchild.

Walter Ferguson, Hope, B.C., works for West Coast Transmission, natural gas pipeline, and is looking to retirement in 1980.

Gordon Armstrong, Fleming, worked with the hydrology division, P.F.R.A., including the Nelson River study, and is now retired and is doing some farming with his son. Gordon and Laura have two sons. **Phillip Chasse**, North Battleford, has a farm at Highgate. He and his wife Lucienne have three children.

Ron Johnson, Kindersley, has retired from the farm. Was a director of Federated Co-ops from 1960 to 1976. Ron and his wife, Joyce, were just back from Florida. **Ernest Haylock**, Melville, is now retired from farming - no more quotas and low prices.

Clarence Landes is living in Burnaby, B.C., and will be retiring this year - from what we don't know, maybe he'll fill us in.

Art Powers, Marsden, fills his days as a grain buyer - filling cars we hope.

Hans Broten, Regina, is a retired farmer, and MLA, but keeps active in many organizations.

Harry Wingrove, '38, is farming at Zelma, and keeps himself out of mischief by training horses and oxen - no energy crisis at Wingroves. Three

children reinforce that opinion.

Bill Bitz, '40, farms at Allan, and an active community man. Active at home too - four daughters.

Roy Wudrich, '57, farms in the Saskatoon area complete with 100 registered Polled Hereford cows to keep him out from under Mabel's feet. The farm has also produced a 10 year old son. Roy sent along his life membership.

Dean **Vic Graham**, '27, wasn't able to attend the reunion banquet. He finds it a little difficult getting around the icy streets, but he's okay health-wise. Says he manages to keep on the right side of the law.

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MR. 'ALFALFA' RETIRES



After 38 years of research in agriculture, **Dave [D.H.] Heinrichs** '38, has retired from the Agriculture Canada Research Station at Swift Current.

Dave Heinrichs received his BSA in 1938, and his MSc degree in 1941, both at the University of Saskatchewan. His academic career was interrupted by war service and completed at the University of Minnedosa, with a PhD degree in 1951.

Dave's research career was primarily concerned with the development of creeping rooted varieties of alfalfa which resulted in the licensing of Rambler, Roamer and Drylander varieties, which now account for over half of the alfalfa seeded in Western Canada.

He received many honours and awards from his colleagues in Canada and the U.S.A. among which was that of being made a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, and a recognition award by Northrup-King Seeds.

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Les Hutchison, '27, Ottawa, is away on a trip, to the Barbados it is rumored.

Alex Ritchie, '66, Melbourne, Australia, had a short visit with **Fred Fulton**, '50, and **Richard Bellamy**, '66. Seems he's the product manager for tillage equipment for Massey-Ferguson where he's been for the past three years, following a two year stint with CUSO in India. He's accused of having a 'digger' accent.

Jim Horn, '27, is plant products inspector at Nipawin as of August last, which he took over from **Art Russell**, '64. Jim has had a swing at farming at Mildred for ten years. He worked at a lot of short term assignments during the latter period including working at the soil test lab., crop inspecting and instructing farm management courses.

Boyd Burrell, '68, Saskatoon, informs SAGA that his brother **Bill Burrell**, '72, is living at Leduc, Alberta, and works for Federated Co-ops as a livestock equipment specialist.

Murray Skeates, '71, works as a marketing representative for agricultural chemicals for Monsanto out of Taber, Alberta.

George Pearson, '66, returned to Saskatchewan to work in the Planning and Research Secretariat, Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture in land use policy, after a stint with the B.C. department. His wife Lynne, is now executive director, Women's Division, Sask. Department of Labor..

Bill Wilson, '70, is recreation director at Carlyle, and has relegated the farm to a weekend venture.

Sidney Wall, '76, is working as a municipal assessment technician for municipal affairs out of Swift Current, and is living at Wymark. He sends along his life membership fee.

John Elson, '62, of Moose Jaw is grain farming at Boharm. He sent along his life membership fee. Besides a big crop in 1976, he also boasts of being the father of two young sons. Guess he suffers from a production syndrome. John informs us that **Bob Mitchell**, '62, is back in Canada after a two year stint in Australia, and is working as agricultural representative for the Bank of Montreal in B.C. and the Yukon. Bob worked for the Manitoba Department of Agriculture as a farm management specialist at Arborg before his Australian Safari.

Garry Vogt, of Calgary writes to thank us for the newsletter. Garry is a C.A. with Gardner McDonald and Co. Should be a good man to see before April 30.

John Beckton, School '70, and degree '73, has been made manager, farm

services, for Saskatchewan with the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Lloyd Johnston, '71, of Calgary sent along his life membership and reports on the '71 grads reunion at Waskesiu. Says they consumed a lot of "Blue", mostly provided by **Jim Spiers** and wife Wendy of Sackville, N.S. Also attending were Mr. & Mrs. **Blake Whaley**, Mr. & Mrs. **Harvey Tedfor**, Calgary; **John and Connie Blacklock**, Saskatoon; **Ken Kirkland** and Mrs. Kirkland; **Paul Conn**, Leduc, Alberta; **Vic Phillips**, Toronto; **Wayne Gamble** and Mrs. Gamble; **Ray Ryland** and Mrs. Ryland, Regina; **Doug Cowil** and bride-to-be **Bonnie McLean**; **Grant Alexander** and Mrs. Alexander; **Lorne Peak** and Mrs. Peak; **Jack Williamson**; **Leroy Bader**; **Larry Murray** and Mrs. Murray; **Bob Rugg** and Mrs. Rugg of Vermillion, Alberta; **Wayne Borys** and Mrs. Borys; **Warren Toles** of Beausejour, Manitoba and Mrs. Toles; **Adam Kosowan**; **Spencer Burton** and Mrs. Buron. **Randy Vopni** and Mrs. Vopni; and **Bob Ivey**. Lloyd says they're already planning their 10th reunion in 1981. Suggestions as to time, place and accompanying shinanigans would be appreciated by Lorne at 4904 - 26 Ave. N.E., Calgary, or Ray Ryland, Sask. Pool, Regina. He suggests honor year grads keep their drinking arms supple.

Bill Thompson, '49, and wife Sylvia are spending a winter holiday in Switzerland and Africa - seems strange we've had both Swiss and African weather here in Saskatchewan this year.

Arnold Treble, '49, and Margaret; **Al Schmidt**, '75, and **Jerry Glab**, '76, are holidaying in Hawaii come March.

Henry Classen, '71, is now a faculty member, Department of Poultry Science, Pennsylvania State University.

John Gilliland, '59, Burlington, Ontario, says **Frank Bode**, '59, wife and family visited them in February on a side trip from a John Deere dealers award trip to Toronto. Frank is a dealer in Moose Jaw.

Reg Skinner, '63, Saskatoon, has joined the Sask. Municipal Assessment Commission as a research officer, as of January, 1977. Gotta keep that mill rate climbing.

Roland Wilte, '70, is now the D.A. at Eaglesham, Alberta, after having been D.A. at Spirit River and Medicine Hat.

Stan Pettern, '49, is now senior D.A. at Drumheller. Stan was senior stick for the 1949 degree class.

Ted McCannell, '50, has been appointed chief, Western Grain Stabilization for Agriculture Canada, replacing **Jim Mantz** '49, who has been appointed

Manager, Inland Terminals for Agriculture Canada.

Keith Blackburn, '60, Regina, has been named Technical Services Advisor, Sask. Pool Farm Services Division.

Helgi Goodman, '64, formerly manager, Sask. Pool, Service Centre, Yorkton, is now Manager Equipment Marketing Services, Technical Services Division, and here we thought he was chief nozzle inspector.

Glenn Flaten, '56, Regina district farmer is now the chairman, Sask. Hog Marketing Commission, replacing **Harry-Jae Elder**, Fillmore, who has retired from that position. Glenn and Shirley raise broilers, hogs and - kids who never seem to be home when you want 'em.

Archie Campbell, '35, who's in the sweet corn growing business at Saskatoon, had a visit with **Eric Putt**, '39, at Morden. He also visited **Ed Hudek**, '40, and Christine in Winnipeg, where Ed is now assistant deputy minister. Archie retired from mink ranching in 1975 and presented the Western College of Veterinary Medicine with all his fur ranching journals.

Mike Oxman, '50, is busy riding herd on **Joe Rakochy**, '68, and **Pat Callin** '69, farm development specialists, in his job as regional co-ordinator at Yorkton. He also keeps a wary eye on **Orest Mysak** '48, Canora; **Larry Koturbash** '57, Kamsack; **Pete Petersen** '52, Yorkton; **Stew Adam** '68, Wynyard; **Cec Hagen**, Melville; **Lewis Reeve** '72, Kelvington and **Baz Fritz** '73, Fort Qu'Appelle; all Ag. Rep. types in the east central region, who all tried valiantly to spend all the department's money in the cow-calf program.

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JIM MARTIN HONORED

Jim Martin, '55, was honoured with a special presentation by the North Battleford Agricultural Society, as a mark of his outstanding contribution to agriculture in north west Saskatchewan. Jim has had a varied career, which includes being a field editor for the Hereford Digest, a rancher and presently assistant Ag. Rep. at North Battleford. Despite the misfortune of blindness which occurred in latter years, Jim has remained undaunted in his determination to serve the agricultural industry. He has become well known for his newspaper column and radio broadcasts.

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Among his other worries is **Vern Racz '68**, livestock specialist, who won't follow Canada's food rules; **Zane Lewchuk '67**, who insists on a tower silo in every barnyard and **Lin Boyes '48**, who keeps trying to exemptify the law of diminishing returns. **Phil England '68**, farm development specialist at Kelvington, has been struck from the rolls of the government employees union and is basking in the sunshine of discension (?) Also acting as burrs under the administrative saddle are **Allan Ball '71**, and **Leonard Malinsky '70**, the chief Canfarm missionaries assisted by **Darrell Kostenuk '75**, who also farms in the summer months - he thinks winter holidays in Yorkton are the nuts. **Wally Vanin '75** keeps a watchful eye on openings for Ag. Rep. positions. Oh, to be in Assiniboia, now that March is there.

Hulme Henley '50, is one of the landed gentry - he rides herd on land bank acquisitions at Yorkton between bridge games and dancing. **Wayne Borys '71**, is his side kick, is busily planning accommodation for the SIA Convention which comes to Yorkton in June. Wayne is in an expectant mood, as is Zane Lewchuk - boy or girl?'

Ken Wasylyshen '70, practices law and expects to make his first million on transfers on the roll-over provision on farm land.

Don Lidster '72 and wife, **Nancy '74**, Fairview, Alberta, spent part of their summer in Australia and New Zealand, holidaying.

Bill Copeland '62, and **Alma**, Rosetown, plan to leave for Scotland at the end of March, and will be visiting **Bob McKercher '54**, and **Norma** who are in Aberdeen on leave from the soils department at ye old Universatis Saskatchewanensis.

Larry Malinoski '70, of Theodore; **Lyle Gaertner '74**, of Tisdale; **Garth Larson '72**, Semans; **Herb Carlson**, Buchanan; **Ab Gorrill '58**, Bulyea and **Dave Weiseth**, Shaunavon; are all farming and trying to beat the cost-price squeeze by instructing Canada Manpower courses on farm topics in the East Central Region.

Art George '49, Yorkton, is dairy representative for the Sask. Department of Agriculture for East Central Saskatchewan. Rides herd on **George Kessler '71**, and **Morris Miles**, dairy technicians, and generally keeps the milk quotas full.

Garth Smith '74, Yorkton, communications representative for the East

MILESTONES

WM. "BILL" WILSON '40, feed and livestock specialist with Federated Co-op in Saskatoon has hung his hat on the bunkhouse wall for the last time, after 35 years of service. Bill initiated Federated's first venture into the feed business, and was often referred to as "Mr. Co-op Feed."

Bill has served on many livestock association boards, councils, exhibition boards, etc., including a term as president of the Canadian Feed Manufacturers Association.

Among his many public contributions were service to Kiwanis, 4-H Clubs and his church... Bill is also a past president of Ag. Grads Association.

Bill and Marion intend to retire in Saskatoon and to do a bit of travelling.

DICK MERRYWEATHER '42, — of Regina, has retired after 30 years with the Sask. Department of Agriculture and Industry. He's putting his old hobby, photography, to good use in an audio-visual service - - Merry Visuals.

THE UNDERGRADS

Ian Harvie, S.V.A.A. representative on S.A.G.A. tells us they sponsored a hardtime dance on Friday, March 4th at Marquis Hall. From what some of the S.V.A.A. members remember, a good time was had by mostly everyone.

The S.V.A.A. donated \$100. towards the Tele-A-Thon. They also donated \$400. to local charities which they had extorted from Labatt's Brewery in return for their "Xmas is Believing" sign, plus another \$278., coerced from Voc. Ag. students in a "pass the hat" campaign.

Central Region, is giving up his carefree bachelor life come spring, marrying an engineer, in a one-man peacekeeping effort to heal the rift between agros and engineers.

Ken Brice '64, Yorkton, appraiser for Land Bank, is helping **Hulme Henley '50**, and **Wayne Borys '71**, steal land from farmers.

Jim Armstrong '74 Ag. Rep. with Indian Reserves in East Central Sask. joined the service so he could hunt out of season.



new at the nursery

Paul '71, and **Kathy Cann**, Leduc, Alberta welcomed a new daughter **Jennifer**, on May 23, 1976.

George Pearson '66, and **Mrs. Pearson**, Regina, made a big addition to the nursery to accommodate **Robert Seavy Pearson** who weighed in at 9 lbs. 15 ounces.

Sterling '74 and **Gloria McIvor**, Woodrow, Sask., welcomed a daughter, **Angila May**, as the new boss around the house on January 6, 1977.

Joe '68 and **Sonya Rakochoy**, Yorkton, made room for their third son, **Jeffrey Joseph**, on January 21, 1977.

Iver '74 and **Elin Sletmoen**, got just what they'd always wanted on January 21, 1977, when **Julie Aleya** arrived to take up residence.

Art '66 and **Frances Westlund**, made way for a new daughter on May 26, 1976.

Ken Hale '73, and wife **Wendy** from Lancer, or some other old flame, were taken by storm when a baby daughter arrived in August, 1976.

Garry Cortes '72, claims parentage to a son, **Brett Gary**, born in December. Oh, those late deductions!

LATE BUT GOOD

Valerie Townsend '76, Weyburn, led a lucky fella to the altar in November.

Al Mulhern '70, is the new farm management specialist for the South West Region. Swift Current, here he cometh.

Leslie Jamieson '76, Aylsham, is working wonders in the Animal Science Department at ye olde varsity until the crocuses appear and she hies herself back to the farm.

Gordon Parker, late of Assiniboia Ag. Rep. Office, is now firmly planted at Swift Current as regional agronomist. May his seed falleth not among thorns.

Cecilia Kohlman '75, joined the bikini set on a sun-filled cruise of the Caribbean. Haiti and Puerto Rico fell to her conquering charms. The slot machines shone upon her countenance and brought forth much gold and specie, Yea! even as bounteous as the avails of Ag. Rep.ing at the place which was called Leader.

Honors and Awards

KEITH DOWNEY '50, FAIC, Saskatoon, received the Order of Canada at an investiture at Government House in October, 1976 in recognition of his outstanding contributions to Canadian Agriculture, and in the field of low erucic acid rapeseed in particular.

SOL SINCLAIR '32, FAIC, Winnipeg professor emeritus in agricultural economics and former head of the department, was awarded an honorary LL.D. at the fall convocation at the University of Manitoba. Sol has served on many scientific bodies and world agricultural organizations including the U.N., Food and Agriculture Organization.

HERB CLARK '46, and **BOB BRACK '52**, have received certificates of appreciation from the Sask. 4-H Council, in recognition of their efforts as 4-H supervisors and the 4-H movement in general, on the 60th anniversary of boys and girls club work in Sask. Herb was also awarded an honorary life membership in the Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies Association. Herb has been secretary-treasurer, and Farm and Home Week convenor for many years.

E. E. BROCKELBANK '19, Victoria, will be similarly honored for his 4-H work in earlier years.

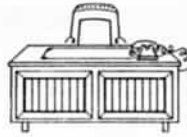


Erland Peter Sten, also a member of the 1977 graduating class, College of Agriculture, was the winner of the Ernie McKenzie Memorial award for excellence in communications. Erland's major is in agronomy.

Kathy Ann Martin, a member of the 1977 graduating class, College of Agriculture, and specializing in animal science, was the winner of the Tommy Frazer Memorial Award for sportsmanship.

From the Editor's Desk

-by Lin Boyes ('48)



One of the risks of appointing a new editor is that you really don't know what to expect. The SAGA executive, however, are incurable optimists - they expect everything will turn out alright.

Judging by the record of editors past, they undoubtedly arrive at their level of optimism with considerable justification. The law of averages suggests, however, that we're about due for a foul-up that would test the mettle of that august body, the Saskatchewan Agricultural Grads Association.

In viewing the first issue under new stewardship, one is constrained to conclude that since there is so little news of the comings and goings of members, we must be a pretty small organization. Not so! In actual fact we are legion.

Our 1976 membership consisted of nearly 2,800 members, out of a total of some 3,600 agricultural graduates of 1935 and later vintage, plus a considerable number who graduated prior to that time. The latter hang tenaciously onto earthly existence due to their extreme vigor and lust for life. These qualities are due no doubt, to the influence of the lives they led in college at ye olde Universitis Saskatchewanensis.

In most societies the ability to communicate is closely allied to the literacy level. If memory serves us, the minimum requirement for School of Agriculture entrance was never lower than Grade X in the last forty years, and Grade XII for degree students. Also having a direct bearing on our ability and opportunity to communicate, is the existence of an extensive and universally accessible system of electronic communication devices.

In light of the foregoing, we should be swamped with news. We exhort every member to inform us of their comings and goings, real or fictitious, and those of fellow grads they chance to meet. We do not require authentication or identification of sources. We assume parliamentary immunity in all suits for slander or defamation.

With this the first issue under our stewardship, we've assumed the unprecedented privilege of changing the title of this august publication from — S.A.G.A. Newsletter to "SAGA", which nomenclature alludes to both the initials of the organization, and to the avowed intention to publish the story, a saga, of the activities of the membership.

The term 'saga' also implies that strict adherence to fact is not a requirement of content.

In this our first issue, we humbly apologize for any deficiencies of content or format. In future issues we'll probably make just as many errors and faux faux, but will desist from apology.

While we're on the subject of apologies, the lack of pictures of winning rinks at the bonspiel at the Farm and Home Week comes to mind. Despite the good intentions of the S.A.G.A. executive in hiring a professional (?) photographer, malfunctioning of equipment at critical times, destined that historical imagery of those golden moments be erased from memory.

Lyle Elmgren has agreed to try to keep SAGA from falling on its face by acting as managing editor for which we're truly grateful.

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