

It was not my intention to write under this heading for each issue of SAGA, however, we have a very demanding and persuasive editor - so here goes! You would think he would be more considerate of a fellow who was trying to get some seed in the ground, especially with all those wild oats just waiting for you to make the wrong move.

Since our last edition of SAGA, I have had the privilege of attending the ASA annual graduation banquet and dance, and also the Vocational Agriculture Graduation banquet and dance. I was certainly impressed with both events, and would like to take this opportunity to compliment the students who put it all together, and provided such enjoyable and entertaining evenings.

I would also like to extend congratulations to all the 1977 Grads from both the School and the College. My duties at these two functions were to present the Tommy Fraser Award at the ASA banquet, and the Ernie McKenzie Award, at both the ASA and Vocational Agricultural Banquets.

The award winners from the college were mentioned in the last issue, and the winner of the Ernie McKenzie Award from the School will be mentioned elsewhere in this one. Since this was the first year our Association has presented the Ernie McKenzie Award, it may be worth noting how the selections were made.

Both the School and the College selection six of the top students in their communications classes. The six prepared and presented a five minute speech to an audience of staff, students and a panel of judges. The judges' task was not an easy one, since both groups had put a lot of effort into their presentations. Due to a fine gesture by Dean Brown and staff, and

also by Director John Peters and his, the runners-up also received very appropriate tools of a communicator - extendable pointers to the College runners-up, and letters openers to the Vocational Agricultural runners-up.

The executive held its pre-summer meeting April 4. The committees had been very active, with curling ice booked for '78, banquet and smoker facilities booked for '78 and '79 - that is truly forward planning. Reunion year chairmen are all lined up. **Les Henry '64**, is looking for suggestions for the lecture series - send them along.

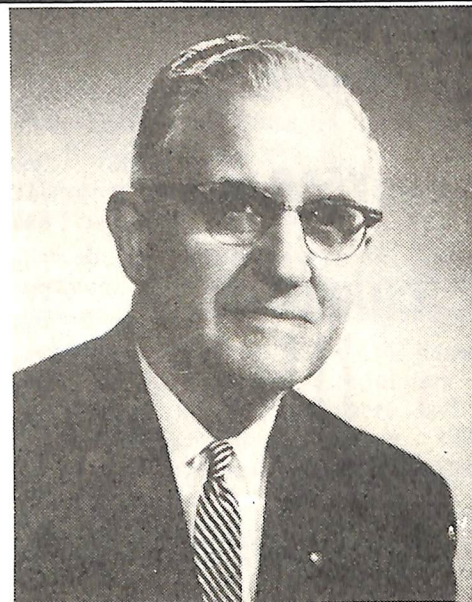
Our banquet chairman **Bob Bens** [?] informed us that he would be home on the farm next winter feeding steers (watch those cattle prices go up). He assured us this would not interfere with the fine calibre of banquet that we are all accustomed to. Who knows, we may be eating Ben's Prime Rib, January 14, 1978. Also at our April meeting our registrar, **Richard Bellamy '66** reported our membership was approaching 1,700 - up considerably over last year. All in all things are shaping up very well for next year's Ag. Grad weekend.

What with three inches of rain, the crop all in, as of May 22, and an Ag. Grad. executive to do all the work, your President doesn't have too many worries.

Have a good summer.

Bill Cooper '51

P.S. - Don't forget to send in your news items to our editor.



JOHN FRANKLIN BOOTH

John Franklin Booth, an eminent pioneer in agricultural economics and farm management, passed away in Ottawa in November.

A much more complete and accurate summary of the life and passing of one of Canada's foremost agricultural economists has come to hand - that of **John Franklin Booth '19**.

Born in Chicago in 1895, he moved to Semans, Saskatchewan, with his family. Booth siding, near Seman, was named for his father, who we understand, was the first reeve for the R.M. of Mount Hope.

After graduation with a BSA in 1919, he was an ag. rep., and later director of marketing for Saskatchewan Agriculture. He instructed in marketing at Cornell from 1923 to 1926, where he received his M.S. degree in 1924, and his PH.D. in 1926. He then served as senior economist with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics until 1929. Following this, he returned to Canada to organize the Economics Division, Agriculture Canada, which he directed until retirement in 1960.

Booth's greatest contribution was in the development and application of agricultural economics. Much of the rapid expansion of the economist's role

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LOST LAMBS

Richard Bellamy '66, our Registrar - a summer farmer at Biggar, demands an address for **John J. Hnatiuk '48**, - where are you John? Dick sez, "Fer God's sake, fellas, if yuh move, let us know where to, and maybe even why". Anyone who knows of John's whereabouts please write: S.A.G.A., Box 320, Sub P.O. #6, Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0W0.

Grad Reunion '78

Bob Dodds '53, who lights the Loreburn lamp each spring, our unrequited vice-president and yeoman in charge of the '78 Grad Reunion, has been toiling early and late in preparation for that glorious day.

He has Shanghaied good men and true to act as grad year chairmen. You'll note by the accompanying list that he struck a dry hole for the 1918 grad year for both school and college, and for the 1928 college year. Sickness and old age were the major problems. However, the command roster is as follows.

 HONOR YEAR CHAIRMEN 	YEAR	SCHOOL	COLLEGE
	1918	—	—
	1928	John Shadick, 810 Main Street, Saskatoon.	—
	1938	Cecil Palmer, Marsden.	Stu McBean, Canada Agriculture Swift Current.
	1948	Ivan Bowman, 3412 Caen Street, Saskatoon.	Joe Clausen, 5 Moxon Crescent, Saskatoon.
	1958	Duane Bristow, 79 Krivel Crescent, Regina, Sask.	D.A. Christenson, 2134 Albert Street, Saskatoon, Sask.
	1968	Gordon Moore, Speers.	Doug Winsor, Kincaid, Sask.
	1973	Glen Jansen, 572 — 25 St. E. Prince Albert.	Larry Gramiak, Box 70, Wakaw, Sask.

— Its no news to anyone we guess, but 1958 is the 20 year Re-Union - the piece de resistance.

Give your honor year chairman the details of your where-abouts, your career(s) since leaving college, encumbrances and other notable news, and let him know whether, or not, you can attend - he still needs the information. Don't hang back, get in touch with him - **you have his address and he may not have yours.** He's a volunteer, not a paid recruiting officer, so give him all the help you can.

Kernan Farm Gifted to University

Fred W. Kernan '39, has donated two sections of that good Elston silty clay loam to the University. Fred, many will remember, once did extension work for the Crop Science Department. Fresh from service in H.M. services in World War II, he also instructed labs in agricultural engines to us D.V.A. types who descended on the university.

Dean Brown tells us, the \$1.25 million farm, donated in memory of Fred's parents, "is possibly the largest gift we have ever received from an individual".

Two-quarter sections of the two-section farm are virgin land - an excellent source of research material for ecological and biological studies.

The Crop Science Department and the Crop Development Centre will benefit greatly from the gift - particularly in view of the fact that expansion of university facilities and city roadway construction, has reduced previously available space considerably.

As many will recall, the University bought the Goodale farm of one and three-quarter sections near Saskatoon

in 1972, and received a gift of some land east of Lanigan from Frieda and Reinie Termuende in 1974 (and also bought some from them) - three sections in all, a half-section of virgin bush and prairie included.

JOHN FRANKLIN BOOTH

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in farm management, marketing and farm policy are due to his efforts.

He received many honours and awards, including being made a Fellow of the American Agricultural Economics Association, and a L.L.D(honorary) from the U. of S., and filled many posts with distinction, including service with FAO at its inception.

A brother, Ernest G. Booth '21 and '23, of St. Paul, Minn., and a sister, Mrs. Chas. (Evelyn) Auclair of St. Hilaire, Que. are also U. of S. grads.

John Franklin Booth passed away on Sunday, November 7, 1976, in Ottawa, after an extended illness. He leaves to mourn, his wife Daisy (Kilburn). He was predeceased by his wife, Fern of a previous marriage.

Honors and Awards

Murdock Mackay '49, co-ordinator, Indian programs, extension branch, and long time ag. rep. at Prince Albert, is to be named a **Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada** at the National Convention in Guelph - the first ever to an ag. rep. in Sask.

W. Earl Johnson, M. Sc. '51, recently retired as soil specialist, Sask. Agriculture, Regina, was named **Distinguished Agrologist** at the annual convention S.I.A. in Yorkton on Friday, June 3.

Glen E. Flaten '56, Regina, broiler and hog producer, currently chairman, Sask. Hog Marketing Commission, also named **Distinguished Agrologist** by the S.I.A.

Allan D. McLeod '49, Director, Research, Sask. Pool, was presented with the **S.I.A. Recognition Award** in acknowledgement of his service to the advancement of agrology. Allan is past president of S.I.A. and A.I.C.

J.B. Harrington was inducted into the Sask. Agricultural Hall of Fame. J. B. was head of crop science for many years. Among honors he has received is a Fellowship in the Agricultural Institute of Canada. After his career at the U. of S. he also served with FAO.

Two friends of SAGA also received honors: The late T.R. 'Tom' Melville-Ness awarded the **Medal of Service of the Order of Canada.** Rose Melville-Ness and one of his daughters were on hand for the investiture also by the Governor-General. Tom was also a **Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada.** He had a long career in agricultural journalism, including editorship of the Western Producer.

Gordon South of Melfort and Whitholm, prominent seed grower, co-operative movement leader, University of Sask. senate and advisory council member, among many other achievements, was made an **Honorary Life Member of the Agricultural Institute of Canada.** Gord is donor of a scholarship in the School of Agriculture.

Dr. Claire G. Youngs, M.Sc., Ph.D., is also to be made an **Honorary Life Member of A.I.C.** at the national A.I.C. convention in Guelph. Claire Youngs, working at the N.R.C. prairie regional laboratory, among other achievements, was responsible for the development of commercial processes for starch and protein separation in legumes, most notably from peas which has made possible the development of a new market for pea flour.

Murray Fulton '77, son of Fred '50 and
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HERE COME DA DEAN

Report to the University Senate on the Advisory Council to the College of Agriculture.

Dean J. A. Brown

The following is a brief report highlighting the more important items dealt with by the Advisory Council to the College of Agriculture at meetings held on April 5 and November 1, 1976.

1. Enrolment - The 1976-77 enrolment in the College of Agriculture was 464 as of October 8, 1976. This represents a 10% increase over 1975-76 registration. The number of women students increased by 50% (to 91 students) and the number of transferees declined by 44% (to 50 students).

In 1976-77 the enrolment quota for first year School of Agriculture students was raised to 200 from 175. As of October 22, 1976 there were 188 first year students registered.

As of October 8, 1976 there were 126 postgraduate students taking programs supervised by faculty members in the College of Agriculture. This represents a 6% increase in registration over the 1975-76 level.

2. Rural Sociology Training and Public Service - Advisory Council requested that a President's Committee on Rural Sociology be appointed. President Begg agreed to chair this committee. The committee was to assess the current status of the University's offerings and to determine what can be done to develop a more effective program of Rural Sociology and Development in Saskatchewan. Meetings were held with interested personnel at the University and provincial government level. At a meeting held on November 23, 1977 it was suggested that consideration should be given to the establishment of a Rural Development Centre at the U. of S. So far this has not been done.

3. Animal Feed Testing Services - It was reported that for 1977 the provincial Department of Agriculture has requested budget to assist in financing the operation of the Feed Testing Laboratory. The recent large annual deficits have been covered by grants from the Saskatchewan Horned Cattle Trust Fund. The Board of Directors of this trust fund prefers that their funds be used to support research.

4. Agricultural Research and Funding - At both 1976 Advisory Council meetings the area of agricultural research and funding was discussed. It was reported that the task of obtaining sufficient operating and capital funds to

support needed research is becoming increasingly difficult. It appears that it will be necessary to attract additional "External Funding" in order to conduct needed agricultural research. Research supported by external funding agencies is often for short term mission-orientated type projects. One consequence is that the basic or foundation type research tends to receive less attention than desired.

5. Departmental Reports - a) Dairy and Food Science - At the April 5, 1976 meeting of Advisory Council, Dr. D. L. Gibson, Head of the Department of Dairy and Food Science, presented a report on the status, activities, plans and needs of the Department. Out of a discussion following Dr. Gibson's presentation, Advisory Council members reached the following conclusions: i) That there is a lack of public awareness of the space, facilities and funding problems being experienced the the Department of Dairy and Food Science, and ii) That more extension and public relations work needs to be done by the College of Agriculture and the University in general in order to improve the image of the University as a public supported institution.

b) Department of Agricultural Economics - On November 1, 1976 Dr. G. E. Lee, Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics, presented a report to Advisory Council on the evolution of the Department, its current activities, trends, needs, challenges and alternatives. Dr. Lee identified a serious need to do objective basic research in the areas of land tenure, land transfer and pricing, rural depopulation, market structure and socio-economic adjustment. It was suggested that an adjunct unit of the Department be established to do independent study and research on key problems affecting Saskatchewan agriculture. This unit could be instrumental in providing clear thinking and analysis for normative policy formulation and implementation. Advisory Council supported in principle the concept of the research unit and encouraged Dr. Lee to pursue avenues of advancement for the possible development.

6. Animal Production Research Centre - Dr. B. D. Owen, Director of the APRC, reported on the organization and functioning of the APRC. The basic purpose of the APRC is to prioritize, co-ordinate and plan animal research at the University.

One major proposal currently under consideration is the establishment of a 500 sow (farrow-to-finish) Swine Re-

IN MEMORIAM

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

W.H. [Bill] Foster '29, of Abernathy, Sask., prominent farmer and active in farm organizations, notably Sask. Agricultural Societies Association, on May 16, 1977. Honorary life member of SAGA.

Oscar Wyler '41, farmer ag. rep. Sask. Department of Agriculture and latterly with PFRA. Charter SIA mrmnrt, Army veteran.

William Spicer '50, employed with Palm Dairies in Saskatoon. Veteran of the RCAF in World War II.

Mother of **Hartley '43 and Howard '43 Fredeen**, in May, 1977.

Walter Edward Berry '51, passed away on July 2, 1976, at Calgary. He leaves to mourn, his wife and family.

Albert A. Kirk '26, M.Sc. '45, passed away at Victoria, B.C. on January 8, 1977, aged 80 years. Albert had a severe stroke in November, 1974, which left him severely handicapped. Most will remember him as ag. rep. at Kerrobert for many years. He leaves to mourn, his wife Frances.

Herb Porter '48, Perdue, died of cancer on February 7, 1977. He leaves his widow Patsy.

Donald E. Gavelin '52, passed away on October 15, 1976. Sorry no further details.

Darlene, wife of **Ralph Schlechte '50**, of Melfort, passed away on January 19, at the age of 42 years in City Hospital, Saskatoon. she had been ill with multiple sclerosis for several years.

search Unit which is to be built at the Goodale Research Farm.

7. College Space - The lack of adequate College space and facilities was discussed at both 1976 meetings of Advisory Council. The Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists has prepared a brief on the College space situation for presentation to the Premier of the province.

Advisory Council recommended that Dean Brown appoint a committee to prepare a submission to senior University and government officials in order to more fully acquaint these decision makers with the space situation in the College of Agriculture. a committee of College Department Heads is currently preparing a report on the current space inventory, adequacy of facilities, current and future space needs.

THE GRASS WIDOW

Oh, pity the life
Of the poor farmer's wife,
Who is left to her own resources.

She must use all her wiles
To cope with her trials;
Her husband teaches Manpower courses!

I would like to introduce you to a new minority group which has appeared on the prairies. This group has several distinct characteristics, among which are the requirements for membership:

1. Member must be female.
2. Her husband must have formerly been employed by a government, university, etc.
3. She must reside on a farm struggling with high land costs, low product prices, and, in many cases, reactionary members of the older generation.
4. Children are optional, but most members have at least two, and school buses are a permanent part of the scene.
5. Her husband must make the yearly income during the winter, teaching Manpower courses. This group is different from that comprised of wives of ag. reps. and other assorted agricultural types, whose husbands have offices which they occupy fairly regularly, and have efficient secretaries to look after them. These women have only a house and a lot to look after, and no shortage of babysitters to worry about. They may even be able to pursue a career of their own.

My new group is also different from that consisting of wives of full-time, established farmers. A woman in this group has long since become used to the man of the family turning up for coffee in the middle of the wash, baking, or afternoon naps. In return for small irritations such as these, she can depend on him to take full responsibility for the care and feeding of the livestock; and the maintenance of the farm in general. He is usually present when such emergencies as dry pressure systems and dead furnaces arise.

Due to the circumstances mentioned at the beginning of this thesis, it is necessary for the former ag. rep. or specialist, who has escaped (?) from the rat race, to keep his talents sharp and teach all manner of things to other farmers in the winter time. This generally supplies groceries, clothing, etc., to his dependants, so that he can come home and work for nothing for the rest of the year.

As a result, starting in the first week

of December, a scattering of women all over the west take up the lonely vigil on their farms. There is generally another man about who has agreed to come and do the heaviest chores, but he always goes home before disasters break out.

At first, doing the routine chores is a challenge, and one feels a glow of satisfaction when they are finished, and retires to the house. There are all sorts of resolutions made as to winter projects that will be accomplished. Now that the man is out of one's hair, she will have so much more time.

These feelings may last as long as a week, or until the first emergency rears its ugly head. You hit a stretch of days where nothing goes right. e.g. The bull smashes the gate you spent an entire afternoon painting last summer; the yard light bulb burns out; a calf gets his head stuck in a gate; or the water suddenly stops running through your taps. You can hardly wait for the weekends, to unburden all your woes on the shoulders of the breadwinner. However, most emergencies have to be dealt with as they arise, so by the time he arrives home on Friday night, everything is working fine, and he just looks at you with an amused grin. Of course, nothing goes wrong again until Monday afternoon.

As the winter wears on, you become more confident. After you've weathered two months of life on a farm without any means of transportation (your truck is residing in the body shop, due to being involved in an accident); and evenings when the phone line is dead; or the wind keeps blowing out the furnace, you feel that you can deal with anything. Suddenly, a heifer has trouble calving, or your prize house cat disappears for two days in coyote country, and you are sure that you will never last until those #IX&#? courses are over.

It is essential for survival to have convenient and obliging neighbours, and a good watch dog.

I think it's time that this group of women, scattered in their lonely outposts, banded together for support. We need a weekly newsletter to bolster our morale, and an annual convention, preferably held in March, in a comfortable hotel, where there are no husbands, children or livestock of any kind.

The chief aim of the convention would be relaxation, with no meals to plan, dishes to wash or shirts to iron on Saturday night - - so they'll be ready when the husband re-packs on Sunday

HONORS AND AWARDS

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Norma Fulton, was awarded the Governor General's Gold Medal as the most outstanding graduate from the University of Saskatchewan, and the S.I.A. scholarship as the most outstanding graduate from the College of Agriculture. Murray will be doing post graduate work in agricultural economics at Texas A & M College at Bryan, Texas.

A complete run-down of the **Ernie McKenzie Memorial Award** for excellence in communications for graduating classes is as follows: **College** - Winner - Erland Sten. Runners-up - Terry Ardell; Wayne Cochran; Murray Fulton; Elaine Moats; Allan Thomson. **School** - Winner - Peter Guenther. Runners-up - Allan Gifford; Ed Kinzel; Jim Milne; Keith Murch; Allan Wilson.

WHUT'S COOKIN'

SOILS AND LAND USE TOUR
Wednesday - July 20

Les Henry '64, extension representative, Sask. Institute of Pedology, sez you may as well take a summer holiday and attend both the soils and land use tour and the crops field day.

The soils tour will include the Outlook irrigation area featuring phosphorus placement and other fertility experiments, canal seepage and corrective drainage installations, horticulture and corn demonstration plots, and may be even a dryland salinity control site. Time & Place: Bus leaves Kirk Hall at 9:00 a.m. - on time. Cost: \$10 - includes bus fare and lunch. Return: Saskatoon about 5:00 p.m.

CROP SCIENCE FIELD DAY
Thursday - July 21

Ken Kirkland '71, assistant professor and extension specialist with the Crop Science Department, challenges all ag. grads to attend and gain an insight into whut's cookin' in new crop varieties and chemical weed control. Tour Agriculture Canada, Crop Development centre, and Crop Science Department research plots.

Gathering Point: Be at the Crop Science Dome at 9:00 a.m. between Sutherland and the University Campus.

afternoon. About a week of such euphoria would be sufficient to restore our sanity, and strengthen us for the summer's work. It would also be something to look forward to, as we struggle throughout the next winter.

Irene Ahner '65



Accidents in the Home

Lyle '74, and Marion Ballard, of Indian Head, a son Boyd, born in March, 1977. - first? or last?

Don '73 and Donna Pierce, welcomed a bundle of irresponsibility — a daughter in March, 1977.

Zane '67 and Jeannette Lewchuk, - have had to rent another half-section since Stephen Todd came along on Mother's Day.

Wayne '71 and Susan Borys - Yorkton, Gillian Jane, a sister for the third edition. Should be a good catch for a young lad looking for a Land Bank lease.

Stuart '76 and Shirley McDonald, were caught off guard by Warren Graham, a son who was on hand for the start of spring work - April 17.

Jack '67 and Lucille Saum, Regina, were at ringside when Jack Jr. weighed in at 8 lbs. 6 oz. Is the 23 Saum? Psalm?? - never could spell. Or is his name John Genesis?

Dale '67, and Kay Sudam, in March welcomed a militant from the women's lib movement.

Lewis '72 and Joanne Reeve - the other half of a matched set in April - a sister for junior.

Wade '72 and Bonnie Armstrong, Regina - a son in February. Wonder who the mother was?

Gerald '73 and Judy Faye, Wishart - also a son in February.

At half-time the score was 6 sons and 4 daughters. The National Safety Council has approved the 'pill' as a safety device.

Accident Prevention



Garth Smith '74, has a new wife, Gail Vaughn, B.E., the power behind Sask. Power, and a new job preventing the spread of wild oats - Treflan.

Val Townsend '76, lassoed Eric Fraser in November last - we finally found a name for him - no more of that incognito stuff, it's out in the open.

Doug Leask [?], and ? saw it in the newspaper too, but misplaced it - now we've no legal proof it happened - almost like an NFO sighting.

Darryl Petersen '77, and Lorilie Dorey, also a U of S grad on June 10.

The Leather Medal

Our apologies to **Frank Bond** [?], the gallant sweeper who piloted the Ag. Grad Bonspiel to a memorable conclusion - not Frank Ward, who, if he exists, probably isn't even a grad.

Dr. Dave Heinrichs '38, graduated with a PH.D. from the University of Minnesota, not Minnedosa. This may have been construed as an attempt by ye olde editor to honor Minnedosa, Manitoba - which he haunted for a number of years.

Bob Dodds '53, our irrepressible vice-president, was omitted from the 1976 SAGA executive. **Bob Norman's '70** name took on a 'd' - All other mistakes in the batting order remain undetected.

The *#?&#*† computer print-outs are a big help in tracking down grad years, but they miss a lotta guys' names. You'll note a few with (?) after their names - like Frank Bond.



G.B. Bodman '19, classmate of **John Booth** and **Wallace Thomson**, both of whom have passed on, writes from Berkeley, California, that the water reservoirs were down to 25 percent of normal, and irrigation water is very scarce. Gotta take'er straight er use coke until the rains come. We were dry'er 'n an Arabs spit at that time, but the rain god, Thor, has smiled on us since.

Gary Korsud '64, is returning from Ottawa, come July, and will be with Health of Animals Branch, Agriculture Canada in Saskatoon. A reprieve granted under the Amnesty Act.

Henry Schappert '68, is now playing fast and loose with property values in the Assessment Branch, Department of Municipal Affairs. Spends a lotta time under the morale destroying influence of **Bill Ewert '43**, in Saskatoon. **Reg Skinner, '63**, has also fallen into Bill's sphere of influence and works out of Saskatoon. May they rise above adversity.

Don Acton '57, is busily building his empire in Agriculture Canada Soil Survey. Recent additions to his serfdom include **Leonard Kozak '67**, **Bill Souster '70**, and **Richard Stushnoff '76**.

Jim Hammon '68, has taken to the

slopes under the watchful eye of **Glen Padbury '68**, at Whitefish, Montana. How to dislocate a shoulder without really trying was one of the first lessons Jim learned.

Don Rennie '49, the Great Profile of the Soil Science Department, spent the month of May exchanging technical information in the People's Republic of China. He still can't use chopsticks, but was inducted into the Order of the Sloppy Dragon with Bean Sprout cluster in recognition of his efforts. He returned home via Vienna where he attended meetings of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Ricard Frey '70, is living off the avails of school teaching at Pierceland, while **Roger Frey '77**, is with land assessment Department of Municipal Affairs at Melfort.

Ken Forden '70, another municipal affairs assessment type, has returned repentant to the home farm at Punnichy, after six years of undetected larceny with the civil service.

Gordon Baan '70, a neighbor classmate and 4-H contemporary of Ken's is farming with his father also at Punnichy, and supporting the hobby by teaching high school in town.

Disneyland and the California sun attracted **Bob Bristow '54**, and family, Strongfield, in December, and **Jim Dodds '54**, and family, Loreburn, in April. If only grain quotas had been higher, they'd probably have taken on Hawaii as well!

Ag. grads taking in the grain marketing seminar at the University in April were **Harry Jae Elder '52**, Fillmore, late of hog marketing board fame; **R. J. Campbell '50**, Eston; **Morris Sebulski '62**, Sheho; **Bob Dodds '53**, Loreburn; **Bill Cooper '51**, West Bend; and **Eugene Nickalayou '73**, Theodore. They learned with more than considerable surprise that the majority of grain consumption is not accounted for in the mash kettles.

Bill Copeland '60, of Rosetown, along with Alma and Bob returned to the dusty prairies after three weeks wandering on the moors of Scotland. They spent some time with **Bob McKercher '55**, and family. Bob is on sabbatical leave from the University of Sask. until August. **Gordon Thomson '60** and family, Carlyle, also dropped by for a couple of days enroute home from Zambia. Gord spent six months working on a Saskatchewan Wheat Pool project in Zambia. He reports extremely dry conditions hampered project results.

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⑥ RUMOURS AND OTHER GEN

Murray Westby '53, Watrous, purveyor of the 'Long Geen Line' has been appointed to the Sask. Farm Implementation Board - protests from opposition dealers notwithstanding.

Lyle Darwent '67, farm development specialist, and Defender of the Faith at North Battleford, reports that **Gerald Meidema '77**, has joined the S.D.A. tribe at North Battleford as agrologist-in-training - returned after a general pardon, having served at Grande Prairie, Alberta. Lyle notes they're pleased to see he obtained his learnin' and is now doin' his workin' in the right province. Thought we were of the left.

Donna Matolsci '65, left S.D.A. after a temporary stint as livestock specialist. She is presently looking for work, or whatever, and is willing to consider any and all offers of a serious nature, being well possessed of all qualifying attributes. **Tom Jansen '77**, has moved to the 'Ford with assessment branch, Municipal Affairs, to replace **Leonard Kobelsky '68**, who has flown to Swift Current as Supervising Municipal Assessment Officer - he now views 'alkali' spots from a greater height. **Gerard Woynarski '77**, who learned to speak Ukrainian with an Icelandic accent in his youth as Wynyard, joined those practitioners of usury, the F.C.C. at North Battleford. **Glen Sinden '74**, also of F.C.C., has left the 'Ford to ply his trade in the temple at Tisdale.

Brent Kennedy '76, and **Art Froehlich '75**, now represent Hoegrass and other brews at Melfort and Lloydminster, in that order.

Bill Volk [?], Kindersley, the wine-stoned cowboy and Interpol informant for the West Central Region, has discovered that **Thom Weir '76**, has escaped the clutches of the lands branch, S.D.A., to root for Gulf Chemicals Ltd. products. **Tom Boyle '75**, has been transferred to Saskatoon as assistant ag. rep. to pinch hit for **Paul Saum '50**, who is recovering from a stroke brought on by too much girl watching during a recent extension course in Tuscon, Arizona. We all wish him the best of luck, and are looking forward to his return to his post.

Bob Rugg '71, son of **Barry Rugg '48**, of Elstow, is fronting as a small farms development counsellor, a joint position with the Feds, after a stint at Vermillion, Alberta, in a similar position. Once again, a lost lamb has returned to the flock. **Paul Dribnenki '77**, a native of Lac la Biche, Alberta, has commenced duty as an 'agronomist'

(?) in the West Central. Altho' a native Albertan, we must respect his choice of agricultural training and work in Saskatchewan.

Bert deGooijer '76, has seen the light and decided to go farming in his home country - Kelliher. Bert served as assistant ag. rep in West Central. There may be some correlation between the decision to go farming and getting married, as Bert announced his betrothal shortly after breaking ranks. Guess he found that pretty widow with land and machinery. Best of luck Bert, in your new profession.

Irene Ahner '65, our SAGA rep. on the college advisory council, a professional cowgirl from the 'Crick, and the June Callwood of the S.A.G.A., reports the call of the South West, has proven too much for **Don Connick '65**. He and his wife, Norma and daughter, Erin, have forsaken Boissevain, Manitoba, where he served as ag. rep. for many years, and later as Turtle Mountain Conservation District Manager. Good luck in your new venture, and welcome to Saskatchewan, Norma. The hills of home calleth to the prodigal.

Jerome Martin '64, wife Merle, and Paul and Heidi, are still in Edmonton, but return to Golden Prairie at branding and combining. Hopes for a return to the native heath, burn in their hearts.

Gary Keefe '65, and Birdine ply the usurous trade of the F.C.C. in Prince Albert. **Gary Lockard '73**, is farming with Father Bear near the 'Crick, while wife Pat rassles with a Grade Two class to keep the family kettle on the boil.

Derald and Irene Ahner, both '65 types, are managing to keep the wolf from the door at Maple Creek, through the coyotes get pretty saucy at times. Derald taught four beef management courses over winter, while Irene minded the store and kept things the way they should be. Hope Derald didn't come home and undo it all. Bairns, Verna and Alexis, will both be terrorizing the teachers this fall.

Larry White '64, the chief guru for the South East region, has reverted to his democratic upbringing, and sends us the real gen on some grad types who stalk the halls and glens - he didn't invoke his powers to delegate the reporting to lesser mortals.

The farming game is being played by **Dennis Zackrisson '64**, at Tribune, while **John Wiens '64** taunts the A.I.B. at Midale.

Bob Linnel '63, has given up his chemical sales kit for the tranquility of a farm at Weyburn - when yuh start believin' yer own guff it's time to quit.

Roy Levee '57, **Norm Flaten** [?], and **Darald Marin '63**, have been involved in a deep ploughing project, on their solonetzic soils near Radville, with expectations for a new approach to handling their problem. Sorta buckin' the trend to zero tillage, eh? **Les Henry '64**, and **Darwin Anderson** [?], have been representing the Institute of Pedology on the project - doing the soil analysis work. **Don Pierce '73**, ag. rep. at Weyburn casts a bofull eye on the proceedings. Roy and Henry are S.I.A. councillors, and were noted hanging onto the brass rail at the annual convention at Yorkton.

Jim Halford '62, who has his feet firmly planted in Indian Head clay, 1976 Nuffield Scholarship winner, spent a busy winter on the rubber chicken circuit, and is in demand for his expertise in farm business arrangements.

Maurice the Biggest Brounstein '40, ag. rep. at Regina, used up a lotta Noxzema in the mid-winter sun of Tuscon, while playing hooky from an extension course.

Val Matschke '77, has taken over as rover and water boy on the Sask. Ag. team at Weyburn. **John Jacques '76**, is now farm accounting scribe at Weyburn, after straightening out F.C.C. at Yorkton.

Jim Smith '41, ag. rep. emeritus at Moosomin, remains to haunt his successor **Jim Pollock '74**, while enjoying wood butchery; chesterfield testing and renovating; and fish stories. Spent a week heckling at an S.T.I. electrical course, so as to be smart enough to fool the guy who inspected the wiring in his cabin at the lake. Jim regaled the S.I.A. annual banquet free from fear of cenure from **Doug Grant '49**, chief of the extension and rural demoralization division of Sask. Ag.

Doug Kent '49, Grenfell, keeps a wary eye on **Vic Beaulieu '49**, ag. rep. at Indian Head, as chairman of District 6 Agricultural Extension Board, while **Jim Cinnamon '49**, as chairman for District 41, hopes to keep **Grant McLean '71**, ag. rep. at Carnduff, from falling into the buffalo traps set by **Jim Smith**.

Jim Graham '75, assistant agrologist at Weyburn, spent a week as cabby for B.B.C. film crew cavorting around Saskatchewan - another segment of 'Upstairs, Downstairs' in the making.

Bruce Cheston '66, agricultural economist, sent us a resume from Regina in his role as official scribe for **Bob Lockwood '64**, M.Sc. '69, member-at-large for S.A.G.A. for the South East. Sounds like a roll call for the C.A.E.S. The empire grew as budding John

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Kenneth Galbraith types flocked to the colors. "Sheep Herder Wells" alias **Gordon Wells '66**, joined as industry consultant for livestock and poultry in February last year - formerly general manager of the Lamb Producers Co-op at Innisfail - when he took a 'coyote to lunch' he meant it. **Marc Tremblay '77**, was farm accounting technician for the winter, and returned to the family holdings at Courval. **Glen Herndier '70**, outwaited **John Hickie '59**, and became supervisor, economics and farm management.

Rob Fisher '71, M.Sc. '76, became group leader, farm planning in April, '76, from Palliser Wheat Growers and Canada Grains Council. **Doug Maley**, M.Sc. '75, came from Agriculture Canada and External Affairs, Ottawa. **Ken Evans '74** M.Sc., until October was industry consultant for oil seeds and special crops, and then was seconded to Sask. Trade to develop markets for pea protein, flour and starch. **Bob Lockwood '64**, has been coming to work with band aids, electrical scars and black 'n blue fingernails, attesting that a self-developed rumpus room requires skilled management and sound planning.

Gordon Stephenson '69, joined Sask. Ag. in February, having reputedly discovered, as secretary-manager of the Canadian Chianina Association, that the ills of the beef industry can be solved with the breed of his dreams, and is self-confessedly unbiased.

Andrew Mess '74, moved into **Kevin Schultz '73**, office in February. Andrew is a missionary for Canfarm in converting farmers from Version II to III. Kevin had thrown up his hands and retreated to the farm at Osage, with a wife he acquired in December - entirely a tax management decision - a formal wedding - white shotguns.

The marketing and economics tribe mourns the departure of **Lawrence Hurd '63**, who flew the coop as group leader, farm business arrangements, for the milder clime of Abbotsford, B.C., and the sheltering arms of B.C. Agriculture, as farm management specialist.

Gordon Thompson '58, who toiled for some 17 or 18 winters as farm management specialist, decided a change was better than a rest, and hied himself and family to Zambia to manage a C.I.D.A. project farm for the winter, returning to his Carlyle farm in April.

Rob Fisher '71, reports **Gordon Stephenson '69**, left the economics and marketing branch in April after joining in February to become general man-

ager of Western Agribition.

Ken Rosaasen '70, has climbed to the premier's office as research officer with the planning and research branch in charge of payola. **Ray Todd '77**, replaced **Marc Tremblay** as farm accounting technician while **John Spencer '73**, became poultry industry consultant in April.

Andy Sereda '60, chief guerilla leader of the indominable North East Region, Sask. Ag., took the wife and family on an energy conserving bus tour of Disneyland, Tijuana, Mexico and Las Vegas, and is hot to try another excursion.

Ed Knash '72, new Land Bank Counsellor at Canora is reputed to have survived the wine and cheese party at the S.I.A. Convention.

Don Lidster '72, and **Nancy '73**, came back from the Mighty Peace to the Land of Rape and Honey - Don as farm management specialist and Nancy as farm development counsellor in Tisdale. **Tom Hamlin '73**, left Land Bank to be farm development counsellor at Watson

Ed Tanner '72, Ag. Rep. at the source of all that rape and honey, is off to Europe for a month. Third World War III in the making?

Need a new CVA car? Ask **Len Piggot '76**, land rep. at Tisdale. Had his car stolen in Regina by purposely leaving the keys in it. It turned amphibian - found it in a slough.

Ron Brace '39, dairy rep. at P.A. has hung up the teat cups for the last time, courtesy the superannuation board.

George Stretton [?], district director, plant products at Saskatoon, tells us **Jeanette Dutertre '76**, has joined George's crew as an agricultural officer in the Regina sub-district - should make select seed field inspection a real pleasure to the applicants.

Eric Sweatman '40, has turned over the farm at Kelliher to **Vernon Niell '73**, his son-in-law.

Vic Surjik '59, the Long Green dealer at Yorkton, is smiling since the rains came, and has as disciples **George '44** and **Bill '51 Cooper** at West Bend.

Jens Stangeland '50, is resisting his deposition by the Pools and Cargill as manager, country operations for Pioneer Grain.

Clark Anderson '71, farms with father at Theodore, and reports a visit from **Terry Aldous '71**, at Christmas. Terry is in his fifth year in New Guinea.

Sieg Orthner '49, has retired from F.C.C., and is now senior real estate appraiser with the income tax department - Watch those V-Day values, fellas.

Brian Burke '50, is still with Gulf Oil in Edmonton - 22 years. Is supervisor of administration, crude oil and natural gas production in Northern Alberta. A most prolific grad - 7 children. Yuh wouldn't let us freeze in the dark, would yuh? Now the proud owner of a life membership in SAGA.

A.G. "Ossie" Dodge '39, is still Mr. Shorthorn at Shellbrook, is a new life member, and has the welcome mat out for all grads.

Bob Hougham '49, Frenchman Butte, is still farmin' and ranching' and hopin' - for a come-back in the cattle business. Had a fling at exotics but is back building better with Herefords.

Gordon Tredgett '47, retired from farming last year to live in Victoria. Spends the summers running a motel and winters in California. Now that's planning!

Al Oliver '62, Westbank, B.C., has discovered his niche as ornamental production manager with Kelowna Nurseries Ltd. - Nurseries are usually a family business and hard to break into. Ran into **Stu Nelson**, U. of S. horticulture and **Neil Jorgenson '64**.

Gary Nixon '74, is busily fighting the cost-price crunch at Craik, while **Jim Cooper '74**, spent two weeks at the Tractor Pull at Lexington, Kentucky - that's exactly what it sez here, honest.

Stan Kirkland '75, is working with the plant products division at London, Ontario, inspecting feeds, seeds, fertilizer and pest control products. Karen, his wife, a U. of S. grad in home ec. and education, is teaching home ec. and sociology. Stan is now the proud owner of an SAGA life membership.

Peter Ignatiuk '73, is alive and well at Vermillion, Alberta, reports likewise of some Alberta types -

A. Hare '66, is at St. Paul, and **R. Berkan '66**, formerly of Provost, is now associate director of extension with Alberta Agriculture. **John Ball '69**, is alive and paying taxes in Edmonton.

Gordon Tomtene '70, Birch Hills, hauled in a load of rapeseed and paid off all accounts payable, including a life membership in SAGA. He says **Don Swenson '70**, and he attended a fertilizer solutions convention in Kansas City in December. As a result of the after effects of other solutions, spent three days wandering around in Mexico City.

Ed Schille '75, with U.G.G. field Service in Yorkton, terrorized the folks in California and Mexico this past winter - didn't know U.G.G. had local boards down there.

Evan Beuker '76, is ripping off the

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old man in the seed business at Melfort - Also in Maine - Anjou and being ripped off himself - is secretary for M.A. for the North East.

John Paterson '49, of Burlington, Ontario, is one of our more colorful grads - V.P. and general sales manager with Canada Colors and Chemicals of Toronto, has hidden a life membership in his expense account.

J.D. Campbell '41, is also serving a life sentence as SAGA member. Retired from University of Manitoba, but is still doing greenhouse research. Even helped built one at Sanikilvag, Belchor Islands in Hudson Bay. Also does a gardening show on CBC T.V.

Ed Holzman '72, sends a life membership from Wilkie. He let it slip that **Gil Chalbot '72**, snuck out of Wilkie last spring and was last seen operating as a Case salesman in Regina.

Ed Plohr '76, spends his summers farming at Quinton, and earns the expense money instructing agriculture for the Wascana Institute.

Gordon Doane '69, farms with his brother at Kelso - 1,015 acres cultivated, 100 beef cows, two children, one wife, Pool committee, 4-H leader and still fighting.

Lin Carr '47, retired at Scott in October 1975, and generally becoming a nuisance in the community - town council, rural fire organization (a latent fire bug). Specializes in basement digging for old houses, just to keep busy and provide an alibi. Was last seen at the bar at the '77 re-union enquiring about a seeing eye dog so he could get back to his room. Spent his last pension cheque on a life membership. He let it slip that **Howard [Whitey] Carr '49**, the kid brother, escaped from F.C.C. to Sedco - now in hiding in Belise, British Honduras.

Grev Harrison '44, has retired to Didsbury from Olds Ag. College, as ag. buildings instructor, and is living in an off-beat house of his own doing.

Tom Johnson '73, is in the throes of a PH.D. program in regional development economics at Corvallis, Oregon, after a stint with the Hall Commission. **Bob Cowen '39**, was one of the commissioners.

Randall Bjorklund '73, has been a D.A. at Lloydminster for the past year.

George Dougela '57 & 61, of Vermillion, Alberta, left the extension business with Alberta Agriculture in 1975, after 12 years. Now owner manager of Vertec Industries - grain augers, sprayers and irrigation pumps. Since he left college has taken on a

B.E., a wife Rosabelle ('60 grad U. of S.), and five children.

Les Cherwinski '66, believes in getting down to basics, he's in the carpet laying business in Regina. Has contracted to carpet the **Lorne Pugh** [?], mansion at Kipling. A new life SAGA member. Has the '78 re-union on his agenda.

George Hubbard '45, is semi-retired from the teat business in Grenfell - the twin sons have taken over the milking. Moved into a new house, part-time secretary for Grenfell consolidated school - after 29 years on the board - honorary life member Sask. Trustees Association - past DDGM masonic order, and secretary local lodge - life member SAGA.

Wayne Ingell '51, with Chipman Chemicals at Stoney Creek, Ontario, as purchasing manager - purchased a life sentence in SAGA - lives in Burlington.

Timothy Yont '73, sells lumber for Nelson Lumber out of Saskatoon, and farms out of P.A.

Kin Thompson '74, is giving 'er snooze at Indian head.

Don Fuhrman '75, has returned to farming at Netherhill, after escape from the bondage of the plant quarantine section of the plant products division.

Glen Nelson '62, hangs his hat at Unionville, Ontario, and works (?) with General Foods in technical research management out of Toronto.

R.E. Tebbutt '52, left Newfield Seeds after 16½ years, in June '76, to full-time farming at Nipawin - a new life member and a new life.

John Donaldson '72, Broadview, teamed up with **John Leigh '75**, from the Fort to make smoke signals in a 6 week ag. course on the Sakimay reserve - the Order of the Smoking Blanket to both of them.

Glen Shantz '41, semi-retired from the farm at Alsask - mainly doing rural sports - curling, chuckwagon driving, Lions Club (charter member) Lives in Loughheed country, but gets the SAGA on the Blakeney side of the fence for life.

Larry Nelson '76, deducted a life membership as an expense from farming at Trossachs - a family affair - cattle and grain with Father Bear and an uncle. Raising St. Bernard pups is out-netting the cows.

Elvin Smith '76, is sweating out a masters program in agricultural economics at U. of S., and has taken out a life membership as insurance.

Jerry Knipfel '65, is research scientist with Agriculture Canada at Swift Current in ruminant nutrition - physiology - a new life member.

Dave Enns '49, got himself a 'life' at the new low price - Vice-principal Fairview Agricultural College. Survived the course work for a masters in education at University of Regina last winter.

Max Stuber '73, plans to shoot up the '78 re-union with his new all aluminum Zenith TRIZ - built by his own hand at Southey - per ardua ad astra. A new 'lifer'.

Valerie Fraser '76, (nee Townsend) has been honeymooning in a trailer home in Weyburn since November.

Ralph Miner '42, couldn't resist the \$20 life membership sale. President CI Management Group Ltd. - a co-op holding company mainly concerned with co-op insurance in WASP Canada. Advisory board of Holland College, Charlottetown.

Don Mitchell '63 - manager in charge of cartons - Manitoba Egg Producers Marketing Board since January - AIB beware.

Mark 'Senator' Kilcher '49 - co-ordinating pasture management program with Uncle Gene Whelan's boys at Swift. Hasn't accomplished all of his ambitions at 55, so he's gonna start over - If you do, your SAGA membership will cost \$40 - send the other \$20.

Hazel Ritchie '72, has moved to Saskatoon, has heard some real stories about **Fred Fulton '50**, but she won't tell. She'll be on campus U. of S. this fall - gonna have another run at being Frosh Queen?

Tells us of some home accidents (see elsewhere). She says **Les Clayton '72**, is now exclusive dealer Kustom Bilt Industries for North Central Sask. land levellers, harrow drawbars, snow blowers, tandem hitches for baby carriages, self-feeders for triplets, etc.

Ken Bennett '75, has returned to Dodsland after six months down under - worked or visited eight different farms in Austrailia and New Zealand. Need an experienced farm hand anyone?

Last we heard about **Cec Kohlman '75**, chief welfare officer for the cow-calf program at Leader, she was holed up at the Travel Lodge at Swift with a barrel of essence of chokecherry after a prayerful sermon by the South West dominic **Bob Middleton '57**.

Mike Oxman '50, Yorkton, was last seen trying to teach **Lewis Reeve '72**, Kelvington, and **Bas Fritz '73**, Ft. Qu'Appelle, how to shoot pickerell in the Sturgeon Weir River at 4:00 a.m. - barrel of near misses.

Orest Mysack '48, the Irish Ukrainian ag. rep. and co-ordinator of fishing,

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poker playing and chokecherry distilling from Canora, slept through it all, and missed the lesson. While **Eugene 'Fiery Cross' Bendig**, Melfort, conducted the 'Sawdust Symphony' performed by **Harry 'Screwy Lewie' Lang '53**, Watson, and adjudicated by **Stew 'Doukobor' Adam '68**, Wynyard. **Lin Boyes '48**, exceeded the daily limit in the dishpan. The rose among all those ag. grads was a commerce type, **Ralph Schmidt**, farm credit manager for the East Central, and gourmet cook par excellence.

Earl Smith '73, Land Bank Counsellor at Kelvington, left at crocus time to tend farm at Eatonia, while **Phil England '68**, Kelvington, revels in his reinstatement as a card carrying member of the S.G.E.A., on condition that he promises to picket on command.

Allan Ball '71 and **Leonard Malinsky '70**, farm accounting beagles in East Central, are busily goading farmers into chronicling their allowable deductions.

Ken Wasylyshen '70, challenged **Zane Lewchuk '67** and **Joe Rakochy '68**, to the Kalaminka at the annual S.I.A. banquet and dance, but their Ukrainian blood turned to water - or was it alcohol?

Herb Clark '46, finished out his year as S.I.A. prexie and will work full-time (?) convening Farm Week.

Pete 'The Great Dane' Petersen '52, and **Hulme Henley '50**, were fathers of the groom at weddings. Hulme got his first lesson in the Ukrainian polka, and has been walking splay-footed ever since.

Ken Brice '64, is enjoying sidewalk superintending the construction of a mind boggling mortgage on his lot in Yorkton.

Jim Armstrong '74, the mayor of York Lake mobile village, is busy filling the mocassins of Indian ag. rep.

Wayne Borys '71, brushed up on his bachelor ways while Susan was in hospital bringing forth the third edition - all three by ceasarean, wow!

Elaine Moats '77, is 'Rover' for Sask. Agriculture at Yorkton, preparatory to following in the footsteps of **Cec Kohlman '75**.

Vern 'Take a Coyote to Lunch' Racz '68, livestock specialist at Yorkton, and **Jim Jowsey '48**, predator control specialist, have saved all the little lambs from the big bad wolf with lithium chloride - makes them retch for it.

Charlie Gibbing '43, CWB commission late of Rosetown and Regina, was

NEWS ITEMS

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recently made chairman, Canadian International Grains Institute.

Glen Hass '60, 4-H supervisor for Sask. is the new President, Canadian Council on 4-H clubs.

Norm Bray '56, was acclaimed president-elect of S.I.A. and will act as vice-president for '77-'78.

Merv Johnson '44, Kindersley, is a member of the Agricultural Implementations Board.

Pat McCall '66, Abernethy, had the highest gaining angus bull-3.51 lbs. ADG at the Sask. Central Beef Cattle Test Station, while **Tom Brown '70**, Turtleford, owned the second highest gaining Shorthorn at 3.43 lbs. ADG. **Robert Mann** [?], of Piapot, had the high Simmental at 4.03 lbs.

Ted Hurd '50, busily engaged in wheat production research in Zambia, says his address is: Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 291 RW, Lusaka, Zambia. has high praise for the Sask. Pool team under **Jack Braidek '50** - someone else must be doing the work.

Joe Remai '76, chief advocate for Treflan in the Yorkton region, tried

using the stuff on his athlete's foot, and has been seen walking with a list to port - herbal toxicity?

Leading the agro yell at the **Garth Smith '74**, nuptials was **Rick Blenner-Hassett '76**, F.C.C., Wynyard - enough to curdle the blood of the staunchest engineer, yea even the poor wee bride.

Erland 'Swede' Sten '77, is assisting the **Great Dane '52**, as ag. rep. at Yorkton, while casting eyes at Indian Reserves in the great North West and the discipleship of **Murdock 'Smoking Tent' MacKay '49**.

Barbara Woolf '77, wanders over hill and dale with the assessment branch, municipal affairs at Yorkton. Took the S.I.A. convention by storm. Her address and phone number is available at a slight fee from our editorial offices. All applicants must have references.

Art George '49, is looking for a milk maid for **George Kessler '71**, to sharpen up the office of the dairy division at Yorkton. She'd sure improve the herd.

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Kenneth W. Serviss '69, Meskanaw, farms in the Ethelton district. Four children - all from the same mother.

Donald Wayne Walker '74, farms at Lashburn. Kept his head above water by working (?) for Alberta Agriculture in the winter months in '74, '75 & '76 - curled in 1977. Back with Alberta in '78?

Tom Marshall '70, with Canadian Trade Commissioner Service moved from Chicago to Canadian Embassy in Bogota, Columbia, as second secretary - oh, to be first. Lotta wheat around Semans lookin' for a home.

Charlie Mayer '64, became a 'lifer' under our 'pay now and play later' plan. 400 cow 'cow-calf' business south of Carberry, Manitoba. Raises potatoes, sunflowers and grain corn in his spare time. President, Manitoba Beef Growing Association - friend of Uncle Sam Uskiw? Elaine VanCleave says she married him in 1963. 3 girls - '71, '73 and '74. What happened in 1963, '64, '65, '66, '67, '68, '69 and '70?

Clare Phillips '56, Tisdale, is the new chairman, Prairie Rapeseed Growers Council (joint committee of Alberta, Sask. and manitoba repeseed growers associations.)

From the Editor's Desk

-by Lin Boyes '48

We wish to commend the patience of our readers in suffering through our last edition of the SAGA. There were many errors, not all falling into that catch-all category - 'typographical'.

In an attempt to atone for past sins, we've added a section in which we will recount our errors - at least those which were unintentional. Some of our errors, of course, fall into the premeditated category, and will be retracted only on pain of excommunication from the fellowship of ag. grad. reunions.

Corralling news items for a publication such as this is somewhat of a problem. We hasten to commend our correspondents who did contribute heroes medals are due them.

It's only human nature to regard the seemingly uneventful progress of our daily lives as being uninteresting and dull. We must point out, however, that the very fact that we're still alive, is news to our far flung friends and classmates, or that we're still farming, researching, ag. reping, selling, or whatever. That our wives or husbands are still with us may be startling news to many.

What is exciting or newsworthy depends on the view of the beholder. While a visit to the fleshpots of Vancouver or Toronto, may be like a warmed-over dinner to the Shah of Iran, or to our S.A.G.A. president, whose harems defy description, to the rest of us it would be a most memorable experience.

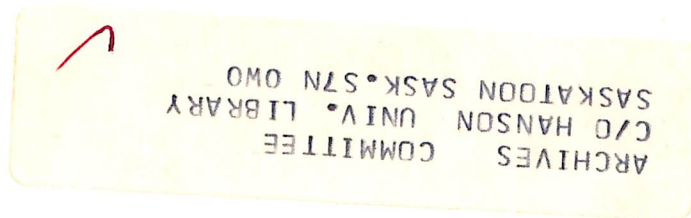
So please let us know what's cooking, or even simmering, at your place, or with other grads you hear about or run across. Be it sweet or sour, happy or sad, true or false, tragic or funny, praiseful or slanderous, glamorous or dull, please let us know.

Just to make it easier for you and for ourselves, we've added a tear-off sheet on which to record your name, whereabouts and activities, and those of the ag. grad contemporaries you chance to meet or hear about.

Can't think of anything? Get out the old class photo - you probably know something about some of them - let us know too.

Our next issue is due in September, so try to get your news into us by the end of August. Don't wait until then though - send it along now.

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