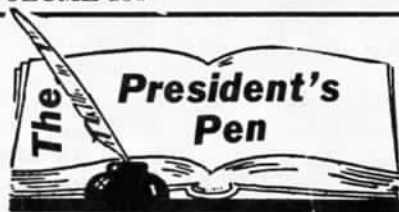


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Our illustrious editor has suggested that this column should be a regular feature of Saga, - I suspect he feels he may be short of news items and can always use this as a filler! Be that as it may, I shall use the space to try to keep you informed of Executive business and news that might not otherwise get to you.

Our 1978 Reunion weekend is now history. I'm sure everyone who attended part or all of the activities would sum them up in two words - just great! Many people are responsible for the success for the various events, but I would like to thank in particular the chairmen of the Reunion years. Their job of course is to encourage the members of their class, to make a special effort, to return for the fun and frolic of our weekend affair.

Not only do the reunion years add color and zest to the proceedings, but their numbers almost assure us of "success at the box office". Attendance at the Smoker (361) and the Banquet and Dance (632) are both records that may well be broken as early as 1979. Some people feel the time is not far away, when we may not be able to accommodate all curlers who want to curl, or find a place large enough to handle our banquet. These are conditions I'm sure we can solve whenever the time arrives. We should always have such nice problems!

At our joint executive meeting of Jan. 30th, committee chairpersons were appointed to look after the various events for 1979:

Lecture Series - **Cliff Larson '50** and **Eldon Norum '48**.

Bonspiel - **Barry Hodge '69** and **Lorence Peterson '65**

Banquet - **Harvey Schmidt '75** and **Tom Burwell '64**

Smoker - **Doyle Wiebe '76** and **Dick Ross '72**

Smokette - **Mary Dodds**

Reunion Year Coordinator - **Les Henry '64**

Any comments or suggestions regarding the above events could be sent to the appropriate chairpersons at **Box 320, P.O. Box #6, University of Saskatchewan**. Please feel free as well to contact me, or other members of the executive, if you have questions or concerns about the Association.

Plans for the 1979 weekend are underway. I know that at this time the 20 year Honor Classes, both School and College, have the wheels in motion to ensure a triumphant return for their respective groups. I trust that the other reunion years will also be active in contacting their members, and making sure that as many as possible heed the call to rally round.

During the past couple of weeks, I have had the opportunity to speak to the graduating classes in the School and College. Eldon Norum accompanied me to a noon hour rally in the Agro lounge, and Fred Fulton assisted in spreading

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Honorary Life Memberships

Are We Missing Some Good Candidates?

As you are aware, it is the custom of our Association to award two Honorary Life Memberships, on an annual basis, to individuals who have made a significant contribution to our Association, or to the Agricultural Industry, or both.

We always have the feeling that we may be missing some very worthy candidates, and **therefore solicit your support** in this regard.

As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, I would ask you to submit the names and addresses (with some background information) of individuals who in you feel should qualify for an Honorary Life Membership.

Thank you,

Mail your suggestions to:

Bill Cooper, '51

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ZERO TILLAGE . . . The Answer to Our Prayers?

Ross Ashford '59 and **Ken Kirkland '71**
University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon

A considerable amount of publicity has been given to the practice of zero tillage in recent months. In spite of this, there still seems to be a number of misconceptions about the practice. The object of this article is to clarify some of the points that seem to be causing confusion, and also to emphasize a few points that have received little or no attention to date.

One faulty notion about zero tillage is that it is a very recent idea that has only been tried out in western Canada in the past two or three years. This is true since research projects on zero tillage were underway at a number of locations in the prairie provinces at least 10 years ago. What we are seeing today then is a renewed interest in zero tillage, and in particular a much greater interest being shown in the practice by the farm operator.

There are a number of reasons for this surge in interest. In recent years the detrimental effects of excess tillage on prairie soils have been given a good deal of publicity by soil scientists. Obviously there is every reason for concern about problems of soil drifting, decreasing organic matter levels and the increasing salt content on appreciable acreages of cropland. Periods of excessive drought in the course of the past couple of years served to demonstrate on a dramatic scale that much of our prime land was very vulnerable to soil erosion. Increased costs of tractor fuel and farm machinery, plus the unhappy thought that petroleum products are a very exhaustible commodity have acted as other incentives to stimulate interest in reducing the number of tillage operations currently conducted. In addition, of course, we now have sufficient additional research information, plus a restricted amount of information from a few producers who have practiced minimum or zero tillage on a field scale for a few years, to feel fairly confident that zero tillage is much

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more than a research worker's pipe-dream.

In view of these trends, it is not surprising that a number of farmers are thinking about switching to a minimum or zero tillage practice. In so doing, however, they should appreciate that any reduction in the number of tillage operations is desirable in conserving both soil and energy. The switch to zero tillage, however, means much more than simply leaving the cultivator and harrow in the yard. Moreover, we do not by any means have all of the answers, so we are not quite sure how well zero tillage will adapt to different types of cropping on different soil types and climatic conditions. This is not meant to scare farmers away from zero tillage, but to caution them to go slow at the start. If anything, managerial skill will be taxed more under a zero tillage system than it will when farming by conventional tillage methods. Probably the best advice, for the farmer who is gung-ho to get into zero tillage for the first time, is to try it out on 20-30 acres to work out the bugs. A review of just what we accomplish with tillage, will help to bring some of the problem areas into focus.

If we wish to be critical of course we can say that there is no such thing as zero tillage. Obviously, when a crop is planted some tillage of the soil will occur, if by tillage we mean disturbance of the soil by mechanical stirring. If when we speak of zero tillage, however, we mean a complete absence of soil disturbance by mechanical stirring other than at time of seeding, then the term 'zero tillage' becomes more acceptable. The other qualification that is implied by zero tillage is minimum disturbance of the soil at seeding time. This can only be accomplished at the present time with a

THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

the good word to the Voc Ags at a similar noon meeting.

On Feb. 24th, Mary and I had the pleasure of attending the College of Agriculture Banquet and Dance, held this year at the Centennial Auditorium. It was a fine evening, well attended by students, parents and faculty. Those involved in the organization of the affair, are to be commended for a job well done. I had the privilege of presenting the Tommy Fraser Memorial Trophy for sportsmanship to Glenn Annand of Mossbank, and the Ernie McKenzie Award in Public Speaking to Richard Kabzems of Prince Albert.

Have a pleasant spring, and good luck in your seeding plans, be it the garden, the 'back forty' or whatever!

Bob Dodds, '53.

triple-disc type drill, designed to cut a narrow slot in the soil for placement of the seed at the correct depth.

With conventional tillage we can point to two major accomplishments. Firstly, it serves to prepare a suitable seed bed by loosening the soil to allow penetration of the conventional-type seed drill, and by disposing of excess surface trash that may interfere with the operation of the seed drill. Secondly, tillage will control all types of undesirable plant growth, including weeds and volunteer grain.

Double-disc or hoe-type drills perform poorly in compact soils in the absence of tillage, or in soils where too much trash has accumulated on the surface. Discer seeders can do a much better job of penetration in firm soil and can handle a certain amount of trash. In the course of their operation, however, they do a thorough job of tillage on the soil. Obviously, for one reason or another none of these conventional drills can be used for zero tillage.

The problem of seeding on zero-till land can be overcome to a large extent by using a triple-disc drill. Nevertheless, even with an adequate type drill, problems can be encountered when seeding, unless special attention has been given to the management of trash residues at time of harvest. In this respect, it is essential to use the proper choppers and spreaders to distribute straw and chaff, as uniformly as possible across the entire field surface, as they leave the combine.

The loss in weed control that comes about with the elimination of tillage has to be made up by use of herbicides. Although continued use of zero tillage may lead to marked reductions in the numbers of annual weeds, weed problems of one type or another must be expected to persist. In the absence of tillage there is a good possibility that perennial weeds, such as quackgrass and Canada thistle, will increase.

In any event, whatever weed problems arise must be dealt with by timely application of the proper herbicide. Certainly, the farmers managerial ability to use herbicides efficiently and wisely, will be put to the test more in zero tillage than in a conventional tillage system. Without question, economics of herbicide usage will play a big part in making zero tillage a successful operation.

There is a good reason to believe that a major part of the cropland in western Canada will be farmed under a zero tillage system, at some time in the future. There are good agronomic arguments to support such a move, although information at present is

lacking on the management of different crops grown under a zero tillage system. Farmers, interested in the practice, are encouraged to start off on a modest basis, to develop the necessary knowledge and managerial skills to cope with the method, before they commit any appreciable portion of their land to zero tillage. It is too much to expect that the zero-till system will fit all of the different climatic, soil, and cropping conditions that make up the complex business of farming. The practice, however, certainly merits much greater attention by research workers and farmers alike, and hopefully will prove to be the solution to many of the current problems, associated with the production of crops on arable land.

The Leather Medal



Ye olde ed hez bin awarded the Most Derogatory Order of the Irremovable Finger and Several Joints, fer advertisin' that the life mimburship wuz \$50, fer guys an dolls who graduated in 1973, an laiter. Piles er not, the S.A.G.A. rejistrer giv it to us rite wher it duz the mos gud.

It's \$40! \$40! \$40! - nine thowsan times, er ontill yer get er rite.



Is There a Smoker in our Future?

Since the Ag Grad weekend activities of January 1978, your Executive has heard numerous comments regarding the combining of the Smoker and Smokette. Has the time arrived to open the Smoker to spouses of Ag Grads? We would appreciate any comments on this subject from the membership. Please send your comments and suggestions to:

**R.W. Norman '70,
Sask. Ag Grads Assoc.,
Box 320, P.O. Box #6,
Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0W0.**

1978 Grad Reunion

some of those who made it —

The 1958 School - 20 Years:

Duane Bristow's Roll Call: Don McMillan, Limerick; Bill Craddock, Winnipeg; Jack Clarke, Netherhill; Barry Brown, Climax; Floyd Johnson, Macklin; Roy Swanson, Milk River, Alta.; Jerry Harvey, Durban, Man.; Murray Farmer, Saskatoon; Tony Sander, Hanley; Larry Jole, Elbow; Barry Frisk, Kronau.

1948 School - 30 Years

Ivan Bowman rounded up: Dick Armstrong, Nipawin; Ken Bateman, Dodsland; Guy Beatty, Watrous; Doug Broberg, Spalding; Gerry Buitenhuis, Raymore; Ivan Bowman, Saskatoon; Clarke Lewis, Wawota; Albert Mewis, Forgan; Cliff Murch, Lancer; Garold Malin, Regina; Shirley Martin, Brandon, Man.; Frank McLeod, Dilke; Mac Cannon, Kindersley; Les Crow, Saskatoon; Carl Carlberg, Swift Current; Delbert Enns, Borden; Ken Farrer, Sceptre; John Fox, Landis; Ron Galloway, Estevan; Allan Houston, Shaunavon; Ken Hendrickson, Gray; Jack Henshaw, Southey; Charles Lawrence, White Fox; Allan McLean, Cupar; Desmond Pine, Flin Flon; Barry Rugg, Elstow; John Smith, Cupar; Fred Switzer, Regina; Bill Small, Craven; Ted Turner, Regina; Charles Vaughan, Eston; Bob Wright, Regina; Jim Wright, Regina.

The 1948 Degree - 30 Years

Bosun Joe Clausen reported the Midnight Watch: Sam Beaton, Churchbridge - teaching, hunting; Otto Betker, Souris - farming; Lin Boyes, Yorkton - Sask. Agric.; Joe Bedford, Edmonton - Imperial Oil; Jim Clark, Edmonton - Alta. Agric.; Joe Clausen, Saskatoon - Farm Credit Corp.; Ed Docking, Saskatoon - U. of S. and Farm; Gordon Dobson, Ottawa - Agriculture Canada; Chris Holm, Regina - Sask. Government, Soils; Don Kirk, Perth - Info Fed. Dept. of Health; Ted MacIntosh, Saskatoon - Revenue Taxation; Geo Murray, Smith Falls - Retired - Hi Acres Farm; Orest Mysak, Canora - Ag. Rep.; Eldon Norum, Saskatoon - U. of S. & Farming; Chet Piercy, Saskatoon - Lands Branch; Vic Rae, Eatonia - Retired Voc. Ag. Teacher; Ken Reid, Saskatoon - Live-stock Division; Geo Richardson, Semans - Farming, P.C.; "Doc Rondeau, Regina - Marathon Realty; Bud Smith, Saskatoon - Farm Machinery & Farm; Rolly St. Arnaud, Saskatoon - U. of S., Soils Prof.; Art Strautman, Edmonton - Imperial Oil;

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THE ROARIN' GAME

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Sorry we ain't got no pitchers. We have the dangedest time with re-union fotografy. Oh well, we'll try again next year fer shure. A good time wuz hed by all, nun the les.

Heer is the results as she waz plaid, evin if ther ain't no chanse fer pawsteerity.

A EVENT - White Trophy

- Dean White - 1964 - 1974

- Presented by Dean Brown '51, College of Agriculture.

Winners:

- Roy Button '67, Soils Spec., Tisdale

- Glenn Padbury, '66 Soils Dept.

- Jim Hammond '69, Farming

- Jim Gorrill '68, Farming - Bulyea

Runners-Up:

- John Petruic '59, Pool

- Gord Thomsen '58, Farmer

- Merle Byrnes '59, Pool

- Bob McKercher '54, Soils Dept.

B EVENT - Rutherford Trophy

- Dean - 1909 to 1930

- Presented by Herb Clark '46, 1978 Honorary Life Member.

Winners:

- John Hemstad '71

- Doug Pettit '63

- Stan Barber '63

- Gary Storey '63

Runners-Up:

- Art Delahay '52

- Tom Gordon '52

- Rod Delahey

- Gary Schultz

C EVENT - KIRK TROPHY

- Dean - 1937 to 1948

- Presented by Art Stilborn '41, Saga Honorary President for 1978

Winners:

- Lorence Peterson '65

- Gerry Moore

- Tom Allen '71

- Ed Holzman '72

Runners-Up

- Bob Dodds '53

- Bob Brack '52

- Glen Hass '66

- Dick Strayer

D EVENT - Graham Trophy

- Dean - 1948 to 1963

- Presented by Joe Zeman '44, Honorary Life Member and Former SAGA President 1952-53

Winners:

- Keith

- Lundgren '72

- Lyle Findlay '75

- Pat Zentner

Runners-Up:

- Laurence McKnight

- George MacPherson

- Lyle Stavness '74

- Laurie Entwistle

HUTCHEON EVENT - Dean in 1963-64

- Presented by Don Rennie '49

Winners:

- Eiler Humbert '50

- Don Rennie '49

- Fred Fulton '50

- Dick Ross '72

Runners-Up:

- Al Stirton '47

- Vern Small '47

- Jim Banting '47

- Art Sawatsky '47

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Past President's Pen

Fellow Grads:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the part you played in making the 1977 S.A.G.A. activities so successful.

We have had a lot of very complimentary remarks, not only on the week-end activities, but also on the SAGA (newsletter), College of Agriculture support, etc. The credit for all these compliments, must certainly go to our very capable and hard working 1977 Executive - my most sincere thanks to all of them for a job-well-done.

I can assure you that your association is in good hands for 1978, with the new Executive. They will be expecting your support in the form of ideas, news items, etc. Remember our Editor, Lin, only needs a name to make a story.

We look forward to seeing you all on **January 12, 13, 14, 1979.**

Thanks again for all your support.

Bill Cooper '51
 Past President.

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Bill Till, Lloydminster - Farm & CB Radios; Doug Watson, Islington - Dupont, Sales Mgr. for Industrial Finishes; Gordon Wilson, Saskatoon - Canada Trust.

These were guys and dolls reported to us by the grad year chairman. There were a lotta grads from other honor years at the reunion of course.

MILESTONES

Bill Porteous '49, has retired as director of agricultural statistics at Ottawa.

Paul Saum '50, who was a land rep. for several years at Meadow Lake, and later served the area as ag. rep., as well as at Saskatoon, will retire come April 1, because of ill health. Sorry to hear that, old timer.

Harry Leggett '46, has retired as director Agriculture Canada's grains and special crops division at Ottawa at 62 years young. From 1953 to 1962 Harry was superintendant at Regina Research Station when he went to Ottawa in 1970 emergency measures co-ordinator for Agriculture Canada. Seems he worked 40 years for the feds - musta been doin' some moonlighting. Harry began his career at Lacombe in 1937, then moved to Guelph Agriculture College, later earning his BSA degree from the Universities of Alberta '41 and M.Sc. from Saskatchewan '46. In between, he did his bit as a pilot with the R.C.A.F. He returned to Lacombe in 1946 to head it's field husbandry division from whence he moved to Regina. Rather than become a nuisance around the house, he's embarked on a second career - he'll be in charge of special projects for the Canadian Seed Growers Association in Ottawa.

Mel Andal '44, has also joined the legion of emeritus grads. We've no details on his retirement. Many war vet types will remember Mel was with the economics branch, Agricultural Canada, at the University, then moved to Ottawa. If memory serves us right, he later moved into FCC. Maybe someone in the know will drop us a note with more details.

Oliver Symes '48, is retiring as head of the Department of Agricultural Engineering, a post he's held since 1961. He'll be dropping the mantle effective June 30, but will remain on staff for another year. Ollie was an air force waller back in the day of the big unpleasantness, and returned to the university for his degree in agricultural engineering. He had taught school 'previous-before-the-war', prior to which he'd earned his B.A. He's well known to many grads who join in

ROLL OF HONOR

Herb Clark '46, Gordon Wilson '48 and Keith Downey '50, were deserving recipients of the Queen's Canadian Silver Jubilee medal.

The award of the medals is an expression of appreciation of worthy and devoted service rendered in their walks of life, and of the esteem in which they are held by their associates.

In keeping with the tradition of the striking of commemorative medals to mark important anniversaries and other great occasions, a medal was created to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of Her Majesty's reign.

Murray Fulton '77, son of Fred '50 of Saskatoon, has been chosen 1978 Rhodes Scholar from Saskatchewan. A graduate of the college with high honors in agricultural economics is presently doing postgraduate work at Texas A & M University. Under the Rhodes Scholarship we will begin studies at Oxford next fall in a related field.

Murray was awarded the Governor General's Medal last May, as the most distinguished student at the spring convocation for first degree graduates at the University of Saskatchewan. He also received the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologist's prize as the most distinguished graduate in agriculture.

He was the winner of scholarships in each of the four years at

college. In addition, he won several minor, major and honors awards for participation in inter-mural sports. He was centre in Huskie football for four years, and recipient of the "Most Inspirational Football" player. He was active in other sports endeavours, and in the A.S.A.

Nice going guys! All hail, ye fellow graduates.

Patti Hayes, daughter of **Cliff '55 and Dorcas**, Saskatoon, has received a Rotary Scholarship to study in Denmark. "Good thing somebody in the family is smart", quoted by a guy from **Dow Chemical**.

Robert P. Knowles '41, forage research specialist with Agriculture Canada at Saskatoon, received the Merit Certificate Award from the American Forage and Grassland Council, at the recent forage conference in Raleigh, North Carolina. The award is granted for outstanding contributions in the field of forage and grassland agriculture. Bob holds BSA and M.Sc. degrees from the U. of S. and earned his Ph.D. degree at the U. of Wisconsin. He has also been the recipient of many other honors and awards in recognition of his efforts in his chosen field.

Joe Jerome '75, Rosetown, was recently awarded the Gilwell Scarf for achievement in scouting. Joe is currently District commissioner.

wishing him well as he winds down in a last demanding position. Ollie is quite an accomplished clockmaker - his collection of restored time pieces keeps the wife busy with both hands on the duster. She gets her Pledge wholesale.

Charlie Keys '47, has retired from the feds as superintendant of the Agriculture Canada research substation at Scott. **Ken Kirkland '71** has his face all set to succeed him. Charlie is currently working for Rohm and Haas as a technical sales consultant.

Bill Wilson '40, Saskatoon, formerly

livestock specialist and feed department for Federated Co-operatives, and now retired, spent a most interesting and equally useful two months in Columbia, South America. He and **Marion**, his wife, were on an unpaid assignment with Canadian Executive Service Overseas. Bill worked on a feeding problem with one of the largest pure-bred Brahma cattle ranches in the Spanish Americas. The main problem is one of the extremely long feeding period - 2 to 3 1/2 years, in the absence of high energy feeds.



THE PROLETARIAT

Ed Schille '75, UGG fieldman outa Saskabush, sez Jim Sowa '75 hez bought a set of wings and he and Cora Lynne are flying off the handle around the Wadena area. Practicing up for the next 'What Bread Basket' T.V. show?

Don Koela '73, is farming the hell outa the pig business. Raisin' taller hogs fer rich guys to eat high off of.

David Hryhor '71, is Lands Branch rep. at Wakaw. Bought his wife a new 1/2 ton for Xmas - just what she didn't want. Dave is drivin' it himself, - just what he wanted.

Grant Anderson '73, has moved to Kindersley as farm management guru with Sask. Ag. Figured out how to get money for farmers while with F.C.C. Now he's gonna try to find ways for them to pay it back.

Bob Klemmer '76, is flyin' from the right hand seat as assistant to Doug England '63, in the ag. rep. business at P.A. Has found happiness in working with 4-H.

Pete McLaren '54, farm development type with Sask. Ag. at P.A., continues to hold all the trump cards.

Dave Domes '68, is supervising all the dairy maids at P.A. for Sask. Ag. Moved in from the dungeons of Castle Wascana, and is enjoying outdoor opportunities of the frozen north.

Ron Brace '39, is specializing in ice fishing stories since leaving the dairy rep. business to Domes.

Allan Blair '64, the Sisco Kid, has moved into his dream home at Tisdale, and is enjoying the decor of fibre glass batts, polyethylene and outlet boxes. Has set the year 2000 as a completion date.

Tom Hamlin '73, is the new Small Farms Development Counsellor since May '77 - new job, new domicile, new (?). Staff turnover is so fast at Tisdale, he's been dubbed the Senior Citizen.

John Babcock '72, land rep. at Nipawin. The Great White Hunter, recently bought a new super deluxe rifle, complete with scope and salt dispenser, and headed into the bush fer a week of holidays last fall. Took along both a moose and caribou license so's to satisfy the wife that he was actually going hunting. Planned to repeat his winning ways at the Grad Bonspiel - oh well.

Roy Button '67, the hunter of the Great Moose has struck again. Guess he musta gone hunting with a buncha guys who knew how. Has offered to act as

consultant to - Eugene Bendig '70, Doug England '63, Ed Tanner '72, Harry Lang '51, John Hemstad '63, and Lyle Darwent '67.

Len Pigott '76, finally graduated and is Land Rep. at Tisdale.

Tom Mathieson '72 and Dave Weiseth '75 - both new farmers, have come in outa the cold for the winter at Watson and Tisdale, with the Small Farms Development Program (feds), will head back to their farms at the cry of the first meadowlark. Dave moved in from the Great South West into the Land of Rape and Honey to find out if it really is so.

Brian Kobelsky '74 moved from FCC to Land Bank appraisals. Housed in Tisdale - sometimes permanently (locked himself in). Commutes to the farm at Leipzig via Saskatoon - a drop off in the City?

George O'Bertos '59, land resource specialist at Tisdale is in his third term as occupational group chairman for all Sask. Agricultural agrolologists in the S.G.E.A. union - all field types are slotted into the new Agrolologist II series - equal pay for unequal work.

Nancy Lidster '73, got a new grass skirt for Xmas, and took Don '72, along to ride shotgun for her in Hawaii.

Andy Sereda '60, authenticates all the foregoing as 'chief of All the Shawnees' for the North East Region, Sask. Agriculture.

Lloyd Lyons '47, Lac Vert was general chairman at Sask. Pool Annual Meeting in his final year as Pool delegate.

Ron Cuthbert '71, has deserted the Kindersley office, Sask. Agriculture, to become agricultural economist with the farm records and analysis section, Alberta Agriculture, to head up preparation of annual summaries from Canfarm records and to maintain a farm management data manual. Ron taught agricultural economics in schools in New Zealand before returning to Saskatchewan for his M.Sc. in agricultural economics.

Lin Carr '47, is enjoying his indexed pension from the fed service at Scott. Didn't make it to the reunion, altho he wants all to know he tried. Just as well, we're not over his last year's shenanigans yet.

Jim Caughlin '74, sez he's packed Glenda, home economist '74, off to teach school so's he can deep the farm at Tisdale. Only family is Barney - caninus friendus.

Jack Campbell '41, just won't lie down. He's working the spring term at MacDonald College (January to May), teaching vegetative physiology and horticulture; he spelled the words for us.

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MOVIN'?



Don't forget to let our S.A.G.A. Registrar know. Give him your new address and the address label from your latest copy of "S.A.G.A."

YEAR OF GRADUATION

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Dec. 31/78

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Dennis Stuber '67, has found the job we all waited for - maltster with Canada Malting at Winnipeg - new past president, Winnipeg Brewmaster's Association.

Ed Plohr '76, hez bin wurkin' as Canfarm technician for Western Grain Stabilization. Survived technician's Xmas party, but **Larry Martensen '75**, **Lyle Knutson '77**, **Blaine Haubrick '77**, **Joe Gilchrist '75**, fanned out. Sez **Bob Norman '70** and **Deiter Steimecke '77**, really cracked the 'invalids'. Other survivors were **Randy McGilivray '75**, **Doyle Wiebe '76**, **Bert Bewcyk '77**, **Richard Benko '73**, **Fobie Sather '76**, **Gordon Webb '76**, and **Len Ruetz '76**.

Ab Gorrill '58, has returned from Agriculture Canada to the avails of chief shepherd at Bulyea for wee woollies.

Harvey Demorest '51, is a bugman with Plant Quarantine, Agricultural Canada at the Vancouver water front. An expert on bugs in rice, raisins, currants, walnuts, dates, apples, oranges, grapes and hula skirts. Livin' among the bananas at Richmond. Sez **Pete Palynchuk '51**, hez left the farming game for the benefits of the Canada Pension at Elk Point, Alberta.

Wilf Davis '59, won the grand champeenship with a Bar 5 Simmental bull at the Royal.

Dale Junek '73, is farming at Cabri - and what else?

Glenn Gutheil '54, is revelling in the joys of foreign service after 15 years with J.I. Case, is now with a retail store for Case at Bakersfield, California. Welcome to all grads travelling that way - drop in at 7611 Calle Corta, Zip Code 93309.

Pete Ignatuik '73, paid his annual fee from Vermillion, Alberta. Whatta ya doin' there Pete?

Valerie Matschke '77, sez she's now off limits - engaged to some lucky fella at Radisson, and will become his personal deduction in '78. Playin' it safe! - doesn't mention his name.

Len Kobelsky '68, hez taken up a land claim in the windy city of Swift Current. Moved from the Battlefords to become district supervisor with the municipal assessment branch. Wife and tads seem to be coming acclimatized to gales and sand - they've all sprouted hooded eyelids.

John Zadd '50, land resource specialist took Nancy to New Zealand, Australia and Fiji in January. No snow shovelin' er frozen ears - only blood, sand and sweat.

Lyle Darwent '67, and **Janet** ducked the January blasts in Columbia with stops at Cartagena and Santa Marta. No comments on the opposite sexes they run across.

Paul Shukin '63, **Dick Roney '68**, **Jim Holm '67**, and **Rolly Brassard '58**, all ag. rep. types went along with communications rep. **Jim Martin '55**, to a communications workshop at ye olde universatis. They're gonna assault CKSA - T.V. with daily 2½ minute eye poppers.

Ed Atcheson [?] and **Ed Knash [?]** are the new Sask. Land Bank Counsellors at Watson and Canora, and are offering farm land at fire sale prices to all 5 year veteran lessees.

Roger Fry '77, is joined by a lotta other land assessment types at Melfort. Partners in crime are **Royal Hinthier '76**, **Stu McDonald '76**, **Archie Robertson '77**, and **Glenn Barclay '77**.

Daryl Tumbach '71, is sharing ag. rep. duties with **John Hanson '43**, at Moose Jaw - only two man district in Sask.

Barry Peterson '75, is selling livestock feeds and Gravy Train with Topline Feeds outa Swift. If only the dogs would eat the stuff, he'd haver'er made.

Wayne White '72, and **Brenda** are raising their own farm help at Smiley -

wouldja bleev three!

George "Poundmaker" Hummason '49, is farming the home spread at Lockwood, and president of that ruddy great feedlot at Lanigan. **Ross Reynolds '54** is 1 i/c of feed buckets.

Joe Remai '76, is piloting the Wayward Bus fer Treflan outa Yorkton. Reports **Ed Coulthard [?]** and **Gord Froehlich '77**, and **Gerald Miedema '77**, as fellow passengers of the agro line at Yorkton.

Randy Bjorklund '73 has been D.A. at Lloyd' with Alberta Agriculture - five years come May. He and **Cathy-Ed '73**, have two boys-Ian in '75 and Neil in '77. Works against **Rolly Brassard '58**, ag. rep. Sask. Ag.

Erland 'Swede' Sten '70, is still burning tee pees at Meadow Lake as ag. rep. for Indian reserves.

Randy Chevin '77, has been busy making sawdust and counting knotholes for Reliance Lumber all winter, but is back on the homestead at Vanscoy, figuring out why farming doesn't pay.

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Grant '57 and **Ariel Milne** welcomed a freedom fighter on March 2nd - a boy of course. Ariel says the air up on Mount Kilimanjaro tends to make a girl a little 'light-headed'.

The **Everett Sandersons '71**, welcomed a new member of the family, with a cute wee handle, on November 29 last. Rosetown is still growing.

A disease, commonly known as fecundity, has struck the West Central Region. **Ron '74** and **Marilyn Shea** are gradually recovering from the arrival of Kyla.

Bill Delday '74 and **Marcie** report a new member of women's lib - **Dena Marce**. Convalescence hez set in.

Don Fuhrman [?] and **Susan** welcomed yet another member of the tender gender - **Deborah Anne**.

The **Joe Jeromes '75**, also welcomed a new addition, complete with a wee tassel, on December 20 last, at Rosetown.

The **Bob Rusks '72** of Gainsborough

now have a matched set: **James Ryan** arrived on January 24 - a sparring partner for **Nikki**.

Larry Gramick '73, ag. rep. at Wakaw is resting comfortably. The arrival of daughter #2 was welcomed, despite an extra months wait. It appears that the wife wasn't involved.

Pat '70 and **Jean Gerwing** of Estevan, drew a round of applause from the midwives water boiling, tea drinking and bottom paddling society, with the arrival of **Julie Kirsten** on June 8, 1977.

Paula Dawn Harrison is able to read this for herself. She was born to **Sinclair '67** and **Gail Harrison** of Moosomin on November 16, 1976. 'Sinc' adds he got married in 1975.

Larry '70 and **LuAnne Malinoski**, Theodore, welcomed the arrival of **Cara Ann**, on February 20, with much thankfulness, - 9 lbs 6 oz. Ugh-h-h. In metric that's 4252 grams.

Although the bills of lading are few from the Storkville Express - do not lose heart. The following grads and gals are exhibiting early symptoms, such as watching for sales on cribs and diapers:

The **Box Hammerlinds '75**; **Gary '75** and **Maxine Eldon '74**, and **Lorna Brick**; **Ron '70** and **Ruth Cuthbert**; **Keith '74** and **Vera Bater**.

Maybe the reason **Keith '76** and **Faith LePoudre** moved to Regina for the winter was that they feared the disease might reach epidemic proportions.

In case you think this is all a big hoax, read future issues of Saga and restore your faith in our forecasting service.

Gordon Doane '69, plays off grain against cattle in the Kelso area with brother Terry. He and Darlene have a daughter LeeAnn 7, and son Brian 2. Darlene is a sister to **Leonard 'Rejected Transaction' Malinsky '70**, Canfarm tech at Yorkton.

Morley Machin '72, is administration manager with FarmStart - hangs his pants in Lumsden and his hat in Regina.

Don McCallum [?], became marketing waller for Elanco in London, Ontario, on March 1.

Tom Johnson '73, is still pluggin' away on the sheepskin trail at Oregon State. Hopes to join the Ph. D. fold come '79. Sloshin' around in three feet of rain is a change from six feet of snow.

Laverne Frisk '63, formerly with the lands branch, now farm development specialist at Assiniboia, and chief scribe for the March issue, has used the pointy finger on the following tribesman: **Jim Graham '76**, moved from Weyburn to become ag. rep. for District 3 at Assiniboia; **Wally Vanin '76**, shares the glory as ag. rep. for District 2 also at Assiniboia.

Lorne Hovdestad '63, after six years with the Lion of Juda in Ethiopia, left the desert sands, has joined the FarmStart movement as head camel driver at Moose Jaw.

Gordon Parker '65, former ag. rep. at Leader, Regina and Assiniboia, is plying the soils and crops trade at Swift'.

Jim Pratt '69, made way at Leader for **Cecilia Kohlman '75**, to become ag. rep. in the Great Sandhills, and resumed the trade at Swift'.

Dan MacRae '49, pawned his used farm machinery at Shaunavon to take up farm development for Sask. Ag. also at Swift.

Rob Hand [?], is top cowhand with Sask. Ag. in the Great South West. **Eric Holt '65**, has forsaken Sask. Pool for a farm in the ol' hometown of Bengough.

Wilf Pyle [?], **Gary Cortus '72** and **John Chuey** [?], all range-riders for Lands Branch in the new Agrologists II series, are always on hand for the seven o'clock draw.

Dan Bergen '75 and **John Fradette '70**, are both money lenders for FCC in Assiniboia. **Dwayne Mooney '71**, returned to farming at Ogema after a stint with MacLeod's store - stocked up on harrow teeth, welding rods before he left - 'for you he can get it wholesale'.

Derald Ahner '65 and **Irene '65**, now ranch at Fox Valley in the Maple Crick area. Derald spent several years as livestock specialist at Brandon. Is working part-time as Small Farms Development Counsellor. **Irene** let's Derald think he runs the ranch - she is also S.A.G.A. rep to the college advisory

council. Time we had another report on the grads grass widow league, Irene.

All farming are: **Doug Winsor '70**, Kincaid; **Dave Wyseth '75** at Shaunavon; **Don Sloman '72** at Aneroid; **Don Connick '64** at Gull Lake - former ag. rep. at Boissevain; **Lynn Grant '73** at Val Marie - former D.A.; **Dave Tysdale '71** at Avonlea; **John Gronsdahl '60** at Assiniboia, after being chief independent variable with the Economic Branch, Sask. Ag.

All ag. rep. types are: **Wes Kehler '70** at the 'Crick', **Lee Melville '74** at Shaunavon; **Elaine Moats '77** assistant at the 'Crick'.

Bill Rudolph '75, is municipal assessment in the south West - he waits for a strong west wind and assesses the profiles as they go by. Anything moving up to 150 feet is a sandy loam, clay loams fly at higher altitudes.

Al Mulhern '70, was asked to leave Shaunavon as ag. rep. Now he rides herd on the rollover provision as farm management type at Swift.

And so endeth the lesson from the Palliser Triangle.

Keith Bater '75, farm development straw boss and keeper of the Doomsday Book on West Central Sask. guys and dolls records: **Brian Kennedy '69**, farmstead engineer has returned with his P. Eng. from the U. of A. - for shame! Meanwhile **Bill Volk '75**, livestock specialist, Sask. Ag. is still analyzing the results of his heat synochronization (Prostaglandins) lists. One wonders if plans to repeat the tests on the tender gender of the homo sapiens species.

Hank 'Slalom' Nickel '54, and Tina have recently returned from a ski holiday at Banff. They seem to have survived the ordeal in remarkable shape. Hank's only ailment is a stiff neck from watching all the girls go by - Tina made sure they didn't stop.

Grant Anderson '73, is in the process of moving from P.A. to Kindersley taking over the farm management specialist spot from **Eldon Brick '74**, who filled in temporarily from **Ron Cuthbert '70**, who moved to Olds. **Earl Smith '74**, who farms at Eatonia, is pinch hitting for land Bank in Moose Jaw for the rest of the winter.

Cam Casswell '51, has dumped the water out of his boots and wrung out his socks as acting director of the New Irrigation Branch on the South Sask. and handed the shovel to **Bob Lockwood '69**.

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Lavender
and
Lace



Bob Barton '76 took unto himself Jackie Hawka on July 29, 1977, and from that day forward. Musta bin holdin' out ta see if it worked out - this is the fust we heered of it.

GRADUATE SHORTAGE NOTED

Students contemplating post-secondary education should think seriously of a career in agriculture if they're worried about job prospects, a University of Guelph study indicates.

Prof. G.M. Jenkinson said there will be a shortage of farm-raised bachelor's degree agriculture graduates looking for employment in industry, insufficient Ph.D. graduates and a "critical shortage of students with master's degrees."

In the past five years, the proportion of students entering post-graduate study in agriculture was less than half what it was in the late 1960's, he said. He attributed the decline to an abundance of good jobs for bachelor's graduates and the failure of graduate assistantships to keep up with that competition.

In recent years, graduating students have felt there were few opportunities for PhD graduates. This situation will change drastically in the next five years, Prof. Jenkinson said, because people trained in the post-war period will be reaching retirement age.

The shortage of farm-raised graduates in Ontario is in part attributable to the decline in rural population, and in part to increased educational opportunities for farmers' children, he said.

With more graduates going back into farming, (21 percent in 1976 compared with four percent in 1967 from the University of Guelph) including many who have worked for several years in industry, there will be even more jobs opening for graduates.

Many positions require a farm background but remedial measures may be adopted by colleges to help students with urban backgrounds catch up to their farm counterparts, Prof. Jenkinson said.

He estimated that if the number of students undertaking post-graduate study each year could be increased to equal the 20 percent entering farming, 280 students would be needed from the Ontario Agricultural College each year to meet the demands in all sectors. Only 238 graduated in 1977.

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Gary Dearborn '75 sez Steve Pavlick '74, Bob Hammerling '75, Ron Palmer '76, Bill Dearborn '69, came out with the first flush of gophers ready to work the Be Jabers outa that stuff they call soil at Eaton. Rumor has that Ken [Hap] Bennett '75, has signed up with Arthur Murray School of Dance - someone told him the girls at Dodsland go fer that sorta thing.

A week long Farm Management Workshop at Kindersley was organized by the Lonesome Cowboy, Archie Colton '50. A few grads were there taking it all in - Jim Webster '45, Merl Clark '65, and Wayne White '72.

Keith ain't done yet - he has a demographic report later in the issue.

Hovey Reese '59, reports plans are underway to make the 1959 school reunion a real ripper. Sez they've had the worst spell a winter around Milk River - froze all the bananas.

Merle Byrnes '59, is trying deserately to spend his canary seed "bonanza" money renovating the house on the home spread at Richlen. No doubt ther'll be canaries in every room.

Ivan Clark '41, is semi-retired at the 'Crick' - out collecting wheat board payments for Pioneer Life & Trust - won a trip for himself and the steno to Hawaii. Getting ready for a parole party for the Clark's this summer, and offers a reward for anyone of Clark ancestry. Ivan sez Elaine Moats '77, took part in the longest round-up in the Cypress Hills - didn't bring in many cattle, but found lotsa cowpokes. Ivan brags about the blizzard blocking No. 1 - they got a worse one later on. Ivan's family is really rippin' with grandchildren, teachers, lawyers, accountants and hockey scholars. Jim Smith '49, once assistant ag. rep, now farms at McGee, and does some instructing at beef courses.

Ken Allan '69, is back on the home farm at Dubuc since June after six years in Nigeria.

Bert deGooijer '76, tells us Terry Clark '76 and Germain Begin '77, are with Elanco's animals branch -tryna get em all on Rumensin. Stationed at Winnipeg and Edmonton in that order.

Keith Downey '50, Saskatoon, just won himself two return tickets to England in a raffle sponsored by Rotary and Air Canada.

Barry Swanson '72, ag. rep. at the Bay is on leave of absence replacing Ken Shipley at the Extension Division while Ken basks in Botswana fer a couple years.

Herb Clark '46, is an indefatigable news hound. Sure helps to keep the pot boiling. He notes also three Small Farm

Development Program Counsellors: Nancy Lidster '73 at Tisdale, Bob Rugg '74, at Saskatoon, and Bill King '74 at Meadow Lake.

A lotta grad types turned up at the wild oat seminar in Regina - some as performers and some as spectators.

Jim Hay [?] and Jim Banting '50, with Ag. Canada, Don Webster '52 with Ag. Manitoba at Morden, Keith Price [?] at Edmonton with Alberta Ag., Rick Holm at Regina with Sask. Ag., Jim Naylor '49, and Ken Kirkland '71, were performers. Maurice 'The Biggest' Bronstein '40, ag. rep. at Regina, Orest Mysak, ag. rep. at Canora, Roger Olson '53, with UGG Grain Grower, Winnipeg and Ian Boyes '48, seed grower at

Kelvington, were viewers of proceedings noted by ye olde ed.

Morris Sebulsky '61, is working hard in organizing a new co-op seed cleaning plant for the Foam Lake area, and has a plea for all grads in the area to come to the aid of progress.

Fred Bowditch '64, and Shiela are farming with Ralph '72, at Sylvania. He and Ray Harmel '62, from Maidstone, were last seen by ye ed holding forth at a crops and soils course at Rose Valley. Ray runs a 100 cow commercial beef herd.

Gordon Eckstrand '64, has returned to Star City to manage a farm for his father-in-law, Jack Deck.

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Their Day in Court



We present to you the following bargain hunters, who purchased life sentences in ye olde S.A.G.A. at the same old low prices. They know a good thing when they see it. Some sharp agricultural economic types might argue you could invest the money and pay an annual fee with the interest. Not so! Think of the price of stamps, which are going up each year, and then the constant worry of not being allowed in next year. A fig for the economists and that includes you, John Hickie '56.

Don Saelhaf '72 of Winnipeg can afford it - he's district sales manager for Monsanto for Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Two boys - 6 and 2. Coaching peanut hockey and playing with the 'old timers'. At your age! - fer shame! Yer ears 'er still wet. Sez Portage ain't windy - soggier 'n a dirty diaper - 24" rain from April to September!

Ab Gorrill '58 is raising' woollies at Bulyea after sheep research with the feds in the Maritimes. Railroaded into the Sask. Sheep & Wool Marketing Commission in 1977. President Sask. Sheep Breeders Association 1977-78. Booming business selling fresh lamb, mutton and tanned sheepskins. Starting a small business selling electric fence supplies and New Zealand sheep equipment. Yuh'd think he knew sumptin' bout sheep! Hope yer not in this column as a lifer on false pretences!

Jack Wartman '68, Ridgedale, has been farming and has a barn fulla feeders - pigs, beef er coonhoun' pups? Curling like mad and waitin' fer spring.

Lee Harris '75, Carlyle, is a credit advisor with F.C.C. - recently moved

from Yorkton. Things got pretty hot there before he left.

Charles Howard Keys '47, Saskatoon, waited until he retired before he loosened up - them indexed pensions'll do a lot fer a fella.

John C. Buswell '72, passed along some of his ill-gotten gains from Manpower soils and crops courses. Farming at Borden, cross country skiing and beard trimmin'. Brother Allan '74, is travelling in Australia. John left the Pool Service Centre at Yorkton to pursue his rightful calling.

Wayne Harris '76, is farming at Arcola and spent part of the winter teaching agriculture short courses with Harry Jae Elder '52, John Donaldson [?] and Eugene Nickalyou '68.

Keith Wilson '72 is working as Program Co-ordinator, Parks & Recreation Department, Town of Golden B.C. Imagine lazin' away yer life bein' recreated.

E.E.R. King '58, Ottawa, was moved to invest in a life membership after enjoying the re-union in January. As he says we do have a unique association - we know of no other.

Russel Harris '71, moved to Meadow Lake as service centre manager for the local Co-op, from crop supplies sales supervisor for Federated Co-op at Melfort - answered the Call of the North so to speak.

Lyle Darwent '67 and Janet hied themselves off to Columbia for a two week holiday in early January! and missed the re-union? Man! Enjoyed the tours - coffee and banana plantations, fishing villages and a sort of school of agriculture (youth residential training centre for mechanics and farm labor). And the senioritas - they were sumptin' else - good thing Janet wuz along.

Ed Coulthard '77 is a new addition to Yorkton with Rohm and Haas was anxious to take in the curling. Sorry he didn't make the winners circle - give 'er a try again in '79, Ed.

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Eric Beveridge '26, Regina, is reported to be recovering after a long illness. He was away at the time of the re-union of which he has been a regular. Eric was livestock commissioner Sask. Agriculture at the time of retirement several years ago. Thanks to Ernie Paynter for the note.

Dan '63 and Barb Sanderson and daughter **Jamie**, are spending the months of December, January and February in the sun. To hell with the balance of payments. Don't be home in time to file his contribution to Uncle Pierre's benevolent fund.

Eugene Bendig '70, ag rep. at Melfort is working hard to equal **Al Blairs' '64** record as a world traveller. He took in a 3-week winter extension course at Tucson, Arizona in January, and took time off in lieu of work for a jaunt to Jamaica. Blair has dropped behind, but not by much - Xmas in Arizona, back home for two weeks and then to Mexico to peddle hogs.

Harry Lang '51, ye olde ag. rep. from Watson is busy doing a windshield survey of the Carribean.

Don '72 and Nancy '73 Lidster, Tisdale, took a two week jaunt to Hawaii in January. Couldn't hardly face the Tisdale deep freeze, and were set to turn around. PSC not withstanding.

Agriculture fellowship announced

The establishment of the Duke of Edinburgh Agricultural Research Fellowship (1978-1988) was announced by Premier Allan Blakeney.

He made the announcement at a dinner at the Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts in honor of Prince Philip, the president of the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth.

The fellowship is being instituted to mark the occasion of Prince Philip's visit to Regina the week of Nov. 21 in his capacity as president of the society.

The research fellowship will be awarded to students doing postgraduate work at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon.

The fellowship is for a minimum of \$5000 and a maximum of \$7500 and is for one student-year.

Developing countries which are members of the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth would each be eligible to nominate one student. The society would choose the recipient in co-ordination with the University of Saskatchewan.

John Hemstad '63 has contracted his services to Special Indian Programs under **Murdock [Smoking Expense Account] Mackay '49**. **Andy Sereda '60** sez to watch the stock markets zoom in teepee country.

Bob Strilchuk '45, had some crockery removed from his gizzard. Lost 10½ lbs. he sez. Bob's first sick leave in 30 years - watch it you young squabs.

S.A.Y.I. - everyone of the 13 agrologists in the Tisdale regional office contributed an average of over \$20 each for the youth seminar. **Andy Sereda '60** sez no one can match it. **Mike Oxman '50**, sez "yer on! - I think the Yorkton office beat yuh by a whisker".

Chuck Strautman '53, sent us a dogsled fulla nooz frum Speers. **Art Strautman '48** and **Phyllis** of Edmonton left for Zambia on a 5-week holiday, and will be visiting with **Walter Doyle '51**

and **Jack Braidek '51**, also with the McFaddens, who Art and Walt worked for in Khartoum in the 50's.

Allan Vogeli '53, Speers, is assistant to the highways minister in Regina and kept busy and out of trouble.

Ash "Bib Bud" Smith '48 is an avid oyster guzzler. Chuck brings 'em in by the gallon - Bud took two but wants six next year. Still trying, I guess. **Alan Short '59**, principal at Medstead, addressed the '77 class at Mayfair High. Among the grads was **Billy Strautman**, Chuck's son, now enrolled in the College. Daughter **Connie** graduated in pharmacy in May. Chuck was a guest of Sask. Pool delegates at their annual meeting, and met a number of grads who were delegates - **Gordon Ross '54**, **Cletes Sherman '54**, **Wilson Russell '54** and President **Ted Turner '48**. ... continued

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Bill Langley '49, North Battleford, Saskatoon and Landis - retired from teaching, but couldn't face his retirement cheque, so is working for FarmStart, out of North Battleford. George and Eric, Bill's sons are attending the College.

Fred Langley '50, is with Sask. Agriculture at the Battlefords - busy as a dugout pump supervisor last fall. Is flying himself and family off to Disneyland at Easter.

Ted Nicholson '54, is farming at Speers, along with brother Nelson, and keeping an eye on Bill's farm. Ted is a keen member of Hafford - Speers Kinsmen, and is generally making his mark in community affairs.

"Olde" Chuck donned the skates for the Dominion Oldtimers Hockey Tournament in Regina. Lost their final game, but came home with a silver medal.

Larry Malinoski '70, Theodore, and **Clark Anderson '71**, Springside, joined forces to keep the consumers association from the door - were last seen instructing a crops course at Endeavour, right on the edge of settlement north of Canora.

Carman Crosson '73, Moosomin, has been seen sunning himself in Florida - some of the tanning he got was in the hot spots.

John Jacques '76, assistant ag. rep. at Moosomin, and wife **Margaret**, counted all the sheep in Scotland in November. The sheep reputedly had a good time.

Pat Gerwing '70, ag. rep. at Weyburn, also took in the winter extension school at Tucson in February - majored in Sightseeing 202A, and Swimming 202B. Pat has a personal project under way, trying to list all the grads in his area. Contacted all the grads he knew and asked them to repeat the process - sort of a chain reaction. 'Surprised at how long the list is. Maybe a good idea for the rest of us.

Don Pierce '73, **John Jacques '76** and **Rick Koller '65**, chaperoned a bus load of farmers to Winnipeg for a tour of grain marketing facilities. Sounds like a new version of the old marketing tour.

Jim Pollock '74, Moosomin ag. rep., has doubled the staff. Not what you might think - a Small Farms Development Counsellor moved in - John Hardy, an Ontario grad.

Roger Maley '69, is farm accounting technician at the Weyburn regional office.

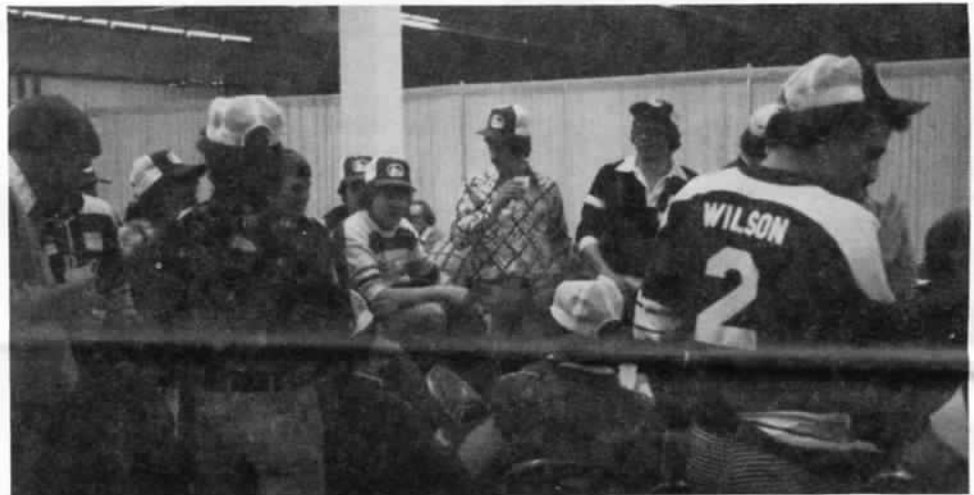
W.T. [Bill] Henley '75, was appointed agricultural specialist with S.P.C. Son of **Hulme 'Land Baron' Henley '50**.

Paul Shukin '63 ag. rep. at Meadow Lake has been asked to leave by the local constabulary - Saskatoon has



Old Timers -

Left to Right: Stu McBean '38; Jim Mitchell '38; Lorne Barber '38; Archie Campbell '35.

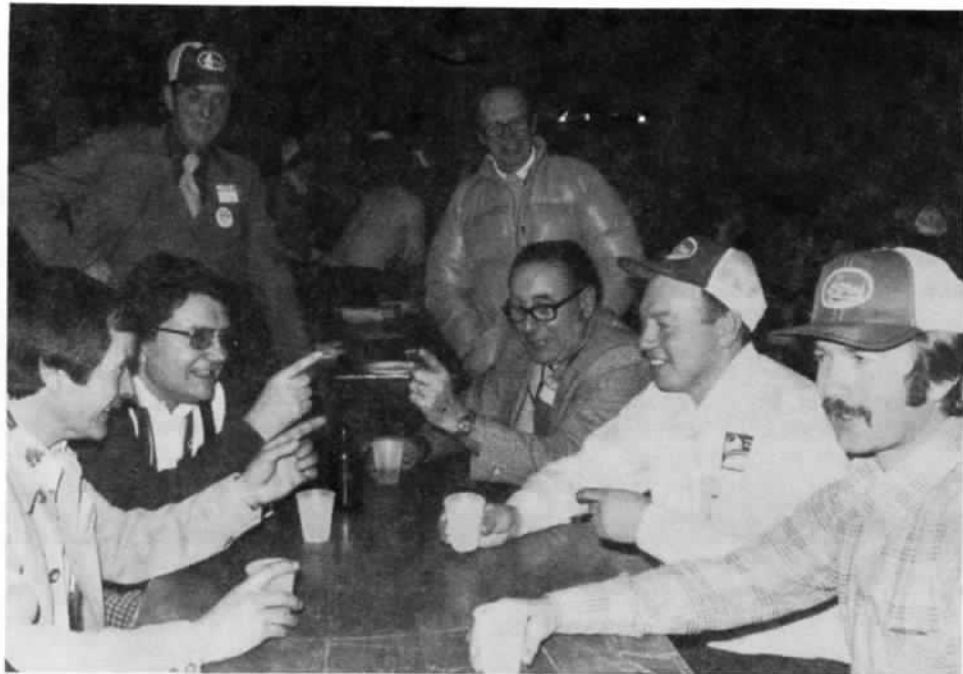


Now Timers.



offered political asylum. He'll be replacing **Paul Saum '50** who's retiring. Paul also cut his teeth on Meadow Lake sealskin.

Joe Bedford '48 bends the ears of some sprog types. **Stan Cambell '50** displays a fine head of [?], while **Art Delahey '52** has an unseen audience - - oh, well, it beats taklin ta yerself.



Kieth Blackburn '60, Pool; Frank Dunlop '63, Federated Co-op; Frank Bond '50, Sherrit-Gordon; Terry Gates '68, Cominco; and Don Swenson '70, Simplot; exchange debating points, while a couple of consumers aren't believing a word.

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Ted Turner '48, is still hanging in there as Pool prexy after ten years before the mast.

Bill Small '48, Craven is chairman for the Western Canada Farm Progress Show to be held in Regina June 21 - 24.

Jake Wiens '49, has been acting chief at the prairie regional office of Agricultural Canada policy and economics branch, has now been appointed liaison officer by Gene Whelan, to improve communications between the federal and provincial governments and the food and agriculture industry.

Ross Evans '50 S.A.R.M., Regina reminds us that Jim Lawrie '46, Holbein has taken over presidency of Co-op Implements - somebody has to bring order out of chaos.

Bill Cooper '51 tells us the Rapeseed Growers Association of Saskatchewan have a passle of grads and even some ag.

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At The Going Down of the Sun



Edith Paynter, beloved bride of Ernie '23, passed away away in Regina at the age of 74 years, on Tuesday, October 4th, after a long illness. Funeral services were held at Westminster United Church.

Forrest Olney Hunt '24, passed away at his home in Rosetown on December 22, 1977, at the age of 73 years.

He attended the College of Agriculture and farmed at Sovereign until retirement in 1972. He married Ivy Bradley in 1928, who survives him. Also surviving are son Doug at Prince Albert, a daughter Valeda (Mrs. Don Snow of Red Deer, Alberta), a sister Esther Drew of Rosetown, and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by brothers Harold and Charles, and sister Elda Plank. He was a brother of the Masonic Lodge and an ardent golfer.

Jeannie T. Stilborn, mother of Arthur '41, passed away on January 30 at 91 years, wife of John of Santa Maria Nursing Home at Lemberg.

She was predeceased by an infant son in 1927, and son John Henry in 1942. Mrs. Stilborn is also survived by sons Ernest of Lemberg, Raymond, Wilson and Clarence all of Regina.

Art Stilborn is director emeritus of the School of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan.

Bob Haus [?] of North Battleford, passed away on Thursday, January 26. Bob was employed by the Plant Products Division, Agriculture Canada as a crop inspector.

Henry Thiessen '59, Sask. Land Bank Couselor, died suddenly on Tuesday, January 31.

Allen Tenold '76, died in a car accident in October. He leaves to mourn his wife Jeannette and son Aaron. Allen farmed south of Torquay in cattle and grain. Reported by Hugh Schnell '74.

Frank Henderson '62, of Dodslan, lately of Edam, crashed and died on take-off on May 23. He leaves his wife and son who was also a pilot.

Wilbur John Sommerfeld '18, passed away February 22nd at 83 years. Surviving are his wife Greta, two daughters: Gertrude (Mrs. Steve Burrell), Haney, B.C., and Mildred (Mrs. Bill Novak), Saskatoon; four sons: Ronald, Leonard, Walter and Keith all of Saskatoon; sixteen grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

He was predeceased by two sisters: Ella Mahan and Myrtle Schmidt; and three brothers: H.H., Ed and Lester. Mr. Sommerfeld was born in Wisconsin, and came to Saskatoon with his parents in 1902, when the population was 113.

He was one of the first pupils in the old stone school, now located on the university campus, just east of St. Andrews College.

He later attended the University of Saskatchewan, graduating with a diploma in agriculture in 1918. He started an electrical contracting business in 1942, which is till being carried on by the family.



Bill Cooper '51 finds bein' Presydent hez sum advantages.

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- **Dick Lewis '47**, Eng., Birch Hills

Ten of the gang are registered seed growers.

Walt Anderson '42, is now acting Director General, Economics Branch, Agriculture Canada at Ottawa.

Bill Heenan '49, Grand Coulee, has been appointed to the Advisory Council to the College, by the Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association, of which he is the new Grand Wizer, or was it by the Sons of Erin, or the United Steel Workers? Bill succeeds Harvey Gjesdal of Birch Hills.

Jock Blacklock '43 is part owner of the Grand Champion Polled Hereford bull at Agribition - BT Advancer 147G reared by the Beartooth Ranch of Columbus, Montana. He shares ownership with two other obviously filthy rich types - Laguna del Monte, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and RCT Ranch, Mt. View, Mo. Sure oughta help gettin outa a lotta tax - sorry Pierre!

From the Editor's Desk

by **Lin Boyes '48**

The guys who did all the work for the 1978 S.A.G.A. reunion - SURE DO deserve a lot of credit. It was a MARVELLOUS "DO", and that's gotta be an understatement.

Where do you get such enthusiasm and downright ability other than in S.A.G.A.? Where can you get so much for only \$2 per year? None of us belong to any organization - and I mean ANY, where we get so much for our money.

anyone who doesn't get their money's worth have only themselves to blame. All the benefits and activities are there for the taking. WHY, THEY'RE PRACTICALLY THROWN AT US!

All of the activities are organized and managed by guys and gals who do it for gratis. They do because they want to. They're moved by the worth-whileness

of their contribution to what they believe is a very, very important organization.

The concern of S.A.G.A. to keeping the old esprit de corps alive, the concern for the maintenance of the excellence of our alma mater, the concern for keeping the identity of each of our members is the spur. There's no other organization, aside from the exception of our churches and schools, that more richly deserves our support.

It behooves each of us to give our S.A.G.A. membership our best shot. Get into it and stay in it!

Why not approach fellow grads who aren't members? IT'S ONLY \$2. A life membership is even cheaper. In these days of inflation, as never before, it's worth it many times over.

Geo Perry '47, Wishart and **Ben Blacklock '46**, were both elected to the Canadian Aberdeen Angus Association executive. So you see Verginia, there are people who still like Angus cattle.

Bill Miner '52 headed the Canadian

delegation to the International Wheat Conference in Geveva. Congratulations to Bill on appointment to this very important assignment. Also representing Canada is **Ted Turner '48**, Sask. Pool president.

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