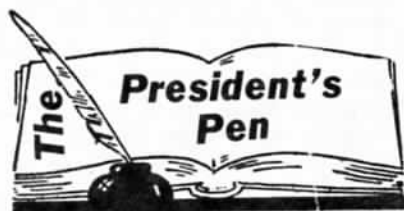




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Summer is not a time when very much official association business is conducted, but it certainly is the season for seeing a lot of Ag. Grads at the numerous tours, field days, meetings and fairs throughout the province. Along with **Russ Campbell '50** Eston, and **Bill Copeland '60** Rosetown, I spent a day at the Farm Machinery Show in Regina. Saw a lot of Grads there, most of them with wallet in hand looking for a place, no doubt, to invest some of the proceeds from this year's harvest! What with air seeders, new straw choppers and countless other items on display, most people inclined to buy would likely find something that would make the weight in their hip pocket a little more bearable.

We recently returned from a seminar in North Battleford sponsored by the International Agricultural Exchange Association, (IARA). Many of you will be aware of this program or may even be a host family or past participant. This seminar was for young people planning to leave in November to work for 5 months in Australia or New Zealand. I was surprised to find so many recent Ag. Grads. among those planning to leave this fall, and also at the number of girls taking part in the program. **Glen Annard '78** the most recent recipient of the Tommy Fraser Award, is planning to go to New Zealand, as is **Phil Burt**, also a 1978 grad. At least half a dozen other grads of 1978 are planning to leave our cold winters behind, for one year at least!

At our last executive meeting (April 3), reports from various committee chairmen indicated plans are well in hand for the 1979 January reunion. The Auditorium is booked (through 1982 incidently), the Reunion Year chairmen

are at work to assure that all strays will be part of the main herd by January, and some curlers are even practicing this weekend at a summer bonspiel in Rosetown. There should be a law against those keeners!

Much discussion was given at our April 3 meeting, to the agricultural programs being offered by Wascana Institute and scheduled to start this fall. It was the feeling of your executive that the creation of such programs at Wascana would tend to fragment courses already being offered by the University through the College and School of Agriculture, and the Extension Division. It was our belief that if new programs are needed, they could be handled more efficiently through existing, and where necessary, expanded College of Agriculture staff and facilities.

Letters expressing our concern were sent to Agriculture Minister Kaeding and Education Minister Faris. We met with Dean Brown of the College and with President Begg, and in both instances expressed our Association's belief that the implementation of the Wascana courses would weaken the University's role as a provider of agricultural education programs. We met with Dr. Faris, and at a later date met in Dr. Begg's office with the Deputy Minister of Continuing Education and other Wascana officials. As a result of all this, we were told that the Wascana programs will start this fall as scheduled, and were assured that the new programs will only complement already existing programs in the province. I can only say that many of us on the Ag. Grad Executive remain skeptical.

By the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox, many of you will be in the midst of harvest, be it rape, Klages, cucumbers, or whatever. Here on the plains of Loreburn we've been a bit dry at times, but I suspect there will still be enough to pay the curling fees. Have a nice fall!

Bob Dodds '53.



THEIR MEMORY SHALL BE OURS

Wendell Eugene Hendrickson, father of **Kenneth '52**, passed away at Regina at the age of 86 years on April 8. He is survived by his wife Nellie, two daughters Mrs. Gordon (Lois) Byce, Toronto, and Mrs. Brock (Dorothy) Burwell, and son Kenneth, all of Gray, eleven grandchildren, two great grandchildren, one sister and two brothers.

Russell B. Hollingshead '25, passed away at 81 years at Saskatoon while in hospital on May 23. Surviving him are his loving wife Bessie, two daughters Mrs. Evelyn Jackson of Eston and Mrs. Lynn McLelland of Grand Pre, Nova Scotia, a daughter-in-law Mrs. Corinne Hollinghead of Saskatoon, wife of a son, Flt. Lt. Glen Hollingshead, who passed away in 1963.

Born in Kettleby, Ontario, he came west in 1906 where he took public and high school. He later took teacher training and taught school, before enrolling in the College of Agriculture, University of Sask., from which he graduated in 1925. He then returned home to the farm and later married Miss Bessie Wallace of Armley. He later took employment with the Sask. Department of Agriculture, dairy division, and served for 27 years until his retirement in 1963. An avid gardener, Mr. Hollingshead was a life member of both the Saskatoon Horticultural Society and the Sask. Ag. Grads Association. He also enjoyed sports - particularly curling and lawn bowling. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Saskatoon.

Stanley Olson '68 of Saskatoon, died accidentally on May 9 at the age of 40 years. Surviving are his loving wife Pat, two sons, Randy and Rodney, both at home, his mother Mrs. Louis Olson of Stewart Valley, four sisters - Rev. Ken(Lois) Finnestad of Saskatoon, Mrs.

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Brent (Colleen) Eliason, Stewart Valley, Rev. Barry (Clarice) Bence of Langenburg, and Rev. Eugene (Carolyn) Mau in Pakistan, and four brothers - Dr. Orlando Olson, Camrose, Alberta, Dennis Olson of Vancouver, Elmer Olson of Saskatoon and Gordon Olson of Stewart Valley. He was predeceased by his father Sidney Olson in 1972 and by an infant sister and brother.

Dr. Olson was born in Stewart Valley, attended the University of Sask. and later the University of Guelph, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Sask.

Bob Haase '70, passed away on January 26 at North Battleford. At the time of passing he was field supervisor for the north west region, Sask. Crop Insurance Board. We have no further details, sorry.

We are sorry to report the death of **Dr. George Shepherd '22**, who passed away this past year. Again, no details are available.

Gladys McCurdy, beloved wife of **Ted**?, passed away in hospital at Indian Head on June 19. She also leaves to mourn her daughter Pat, Mrs. Russ Buglass of Saskatoon. Her husband, Ted, is senior agronomist, retired, from Agriculture Canada, Indian Head.

SORRY NO FURTHER DETAILS ON THE FOLLOWING -

Forrest O. Hunt '24, on December 22, 1977, at Rosetown, Sask.

Allan H. Tenold '76, on October 9, 1977, at Torquay, Sask.

Henry W. Thiessen '59, on January 31, 1978, at Edmonton, Alberta.

Walter W. Washington, '41, on March 25, 1977, at Swift Current, Sask.

Life at the Nursery



Don '75 and Susan Fuhrman of Netherhill, report that their first child, **Deborah Anne**, rattled the nursery door on February 28.

Art '72 and Mary Ann Jones of Paynton, are still reeling - - twins, **Letitia Mary and James Michael**, drew first breaths on April 30. Hope the income tax returns had been mailed on time - - could come in handy for averaging.

THE ROLL OF HONOR

Vic Beaulieu '49, Ag. Rep. at Indian Head since graduation, and **Stan Sheard '50**, chief horticultural specialist at Regina, also since graduation, both with Sask. Agriculture, were presented with certificates of honorary life membership in the Canadian Society of Extension at the National A.I.C. convention held in Regina in July. Our congratulations on a well deserved award.

Harold Horner '33, formerly Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Saskatchewan, and more recently executive director of the grain handling and transportation systems rationalization committee, also for the government, and **Don Rennie '49** head of the department of soil science at the university, and the pioneer of the use of tracers in determining the relative availability of soil and fertilizer phosphorus in relation to crop utilization, as well as other contributions in the field of soil sciences, were both awarded fellowships in A.I.C., also at the national convention. Again - - well done!

Tom Homersham '28, has been named Kiwanian of the year for Saskatoon. Tom joined the Nutana chib in 1963, was president in 1970-'71, secretary for the past five years, and distinguished by 10 years of perfect attendance. Now retired, Tom has been very much involved in 4-H since 1930. He delivers Meals on Wheels for two months each year, in addition to acting as Kiwanis Santa each year.

Thaddeus Paul Trefiak, of Le Ross, was the top student in the 1978 graduating class of the School of Agriculture. Mr. Trefiak was awarded the university silver medal for highest academic standing and the Scott Prize as the most distinguished graduate, considering both scholastic achievement and extra curricular activities.

He shared the Universal Engines Prize for highest standing in the advanced motors class with Marshall Bradley Schultz of Yorkton.

Brian Daniel Keller, Rock Glen, won the Smith-Roles Prize for highest standing in the rural electrification class.

Les '74 and Bonny Jean Voice - a son born December 15, 1977. Name, not **Almight Voice**, but **Ryan Allan**. At Bradwell yet.

Leonard '67 and Diane Kozak a son was born May 25 - **Christopher John** - just in time for spring seeding. Leonard ran empty for a round or two.

Neil '73 and Corrine Shantz - Saskatoon, there came a sparring partner for Tracy -- June 3.

Gerry '64 and Helen (nee Ledingham) Girodat, welcomed a new hand for the farm at Shaunavon. **Gillian Elizabeth** arrived March 10. She must now fight her way for a place at the table with Michelle, Andrea and Jason.

Allan '71 and Bernice Ball, Yorkton, thought that Leslie Ray was gonna weigh a ton - - he had shrunk to 7 lbs. 12½ oz. by the time he arrived on Aug. 14.

Barney '74 and Diane Creech had a new daughter take up residence at Lloydminster - - 8 lbs. 12 oz. name of **Lori Denise**.

Keith?, and **Vera Bater** have a brand new boss, name of **Ryan**. Guess who gets fed first nowadays.

Doug '71, and Bonnie Cowie - - must be catching - - more twins, at Meadow Lake this time. **Colin and Craig** came along March 1. If they both start howling at the same time, and one is off-key, it could be devastating.

Jim?, and **Rose Danyluk** evened up the team on July 10, 1977, with the arrival of **Jason**. He'll be getting into a lotta stuff by now.

Alan '68 and Cathy Arthur Weyburn, were taken by storm with the arrival of **Jaelyn** on July 1. How's that for national pride.

Brian '70, NDSU and Roselie, Estevan, introduced **Jeremy** to brothers Chad and Mike in May.

Bargain Hunters

All of the following ardent grad types have become members until death shall put asunder. All are commended for saving themselves, and our registrar, a lot of bother in receiving or sending membership notices.

Don Fuhrman '75, Netherhill, has become a continuous member of the clan.

Barry Swanson '72, has moved to Saskatoon from Hudson Bay, Sask., as extension specialist, while Ken Shipley is in Botswana for 2 years.

Blaine Haubrich '77 has been working as Canfarm technician for the Western Grain Stabilization Program, gathering statistics in the Yorkton area. Still runs a fairly stable farm at Glen Bain.

Doug Mitchell '63, is secretary manager, Manitoba Egg Producers Marketing Board at Winnipeg, as of January, 1977.

Elsie '66 and Wayne Gates '66, Abbotsford, B.C., are both life members. Whatja doin' out there?

Ryan Usenik '70, is shovelling rain out at Langley, B.C., and working for the B.C. A.I. Centre. Doesn't miss our prairie storms.

Mark Woodworth '77, is back on the farm at Elrose, after working at the Pool Service Centre in Saskatoon, and generally kept an eye on the Voc. Ag.



types. Went skiing with **Calvin Peacock '77**, for a week before returning to the farm. If he could talk the folks into taking a holiday, he planned a '77 class reunion at the farm. If it came off, tell us about it, Mark.

Tom Mathieson '72, grain farms at Watson. Worked for the winter with Small Farms Development. The wife is still with him, as well as two children.

Baine Fritzler '77, is givin' er snuff on the farm at Govan. Serving a double life sentence - - got married last summer. Worked as agricultural mechanics instructor at Agricultural Engineering Department.

Ralph Atkinson '77, outa Edmonton, bought a membership with a lifetime guarantee. Don't know what he's doing -- oil, whiskey, er what?

Jim Puckett '65 - six years with Federated Co-ops as feed plant manager. Now feed department manager for western Canada. **Tom Burwell '64**, left the latter spot to farm at Asquith, and run a Shell dealership at Saskatoon - fuel, fertilizer, chemicals, etc.

MILESTONES

Honored upon their retirement by the university faculty club were **Professor J.B. O'Neil**, former head of poultry science and **N.A. Skoglund**, of the plant ecology department. Although not Sask. grads, we're sure grads would be interested.

Lloyd Putnam '37, MsC. '39, hung up his sweep net and handed in his keys to the Agriculture Canada Research Station, Saskatoon in March. He was first recruited into the old Dominion Entomological Laboratory on the campus in June 1939. Except for two years service in the Canadian Army during World War II, he has been engaged in field crop entomology in various places in western Canada, but mainly in Saskatchewan, ever since.

Lloyd has also made a most outstanding contribution to scouting.

Commencing in July, Lloyd has taken on the position of registrar and secretary manager of the Sask. Institute of Agrologists, where we're sure he will continue to play an outstanding role.

Many grads, particularly Ag. Reps., will well remember Lloyd's contribution in his chosen field. He was always most helpful in times of crisis infestations of crop insects.

Letter from a Prairie Chicken

Dear Ag. Grads:

Would you believe that this usually dried up, barren southwest is green this year? There is so much hay being put up this year it's hard to believe that this is the area that kept the truckers in business all last winter - - hauling hay down the Trans-Canada.

Mind you, every roadside or awkward corner in a field or yard is being cut this year, because nobody in their right mind is going to get caught again, like they did last year. Never again will any of us down here put up just enough feed, with none to carry over - until next time, I suppose.

This was one winter that should go down in history for our kids as "the winter of the big snow". We older ones can remember other hard winters, but anyone under 10 hadn't seen one like that around here. We had snowbanks in places that we didn't even know were places before.

When you have to dig out feed stacks and corral gates every day for a week, before you can start doing

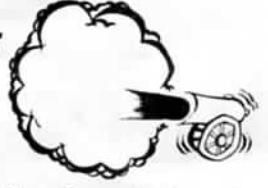
chores, you really feel you've done your bit for participation. We were fortunate that the snow went away slowly, and soaked into our parched ground, all the dugouts and pot-holes filled up, so conditions were ideal this spring.

I've come up with a research project that could involve the entire College of Agriculture, plus Ag. Engineering. What I want done is a complete study on portulaca, from soil conditons needed; through seeding, harvesting, marketing and retail outlets. How about chains of fast food outlets selling heaping plates of steamed portulaca with salt and butter? I've got enough in my garden to supply all of Western Canada.

It is easy to grow and requires no extra inputs of fertilizer, water or insect sprays, such as those other stupid vegetable seem to need. Perhaps Animal Science could check out it's possibilities as silage. With a little effort, we could put the whole farm into portulaca, and just keep harvest-

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THE WHITE SHOTGUN



Val Matscke '77, has took unto herself a fella name of Muller. No other details. Don't expect a bridegroom to count fer much at a wedding anyhow.

Mike Makowsky '78, asks a moment of silent meditation from us all. Way we heerd it he is to be married come August 11. Mike is assistant agrologist at Kindersley.

The white flag has been shown. **Doug McCullough** ?, dairy technician at Weyburn, **Mike Sudom '73**, temporary accounting technician, late of Weyburn, and **Grant McLean '67**, ag. rep. at Carnduff, have all surrendered, and having been summarily convicted of being moonstruck have been sentenced to take the plunge from tranquility to serfdom this summer.

LETTER FROM A PRAIRIE CHICKEN

ing it year after year.

Due to the excess of hay this year, we managed to miss going to A.I.C. in Regina. All we could do was listen to old friends being interviewed on CBC Radio Noon. I do hope that somebody this time was able to come up with a plan to help out the universities in their perpetual hunt for funds.

The situation in Saskatoon has reached the stage of desperation, due to lack of space to conduct their activities.

A survey of space and staff requirements was conducted in the past year, and it has been concluded that a 74% increase in staff, and a 100% increase in space, will be required by 1990. The survey also pointed out, that an increase of 50% in space would just bring present conditions up to an adequate level for 1978.

For some of you who have been away from Saskatoon for many years, it might come as a shock to see some of the rabbit warrens your compatriots are using as labs in ye olde alma mater. They are to be highly commended for the top notch work they are still able to turn out, under such conditions.

Well, it's time to get back to the wedding. Don't forget to consider "the garden spot of Saskatchewan" when planning a holiday. The Cypress Hills make a great place to camp for a few days, and when (shudder) winter returns, the skiing is great, too.
Yours agriculturally,
Irene Ahner '65

Humble Pie



Eiler Humbert '49, writes: "Regretfully I must advise that the results of the Hutcheson event were reported incorrectly. The sad fact is that the Stirton rink was the winner and the Humbert rink the loser. Of course, we would have won easily if it were not for the fact that there was dissention on our team; everyone wanted to be skip - all advice and no sweeping. One other minor and insignificant factor contributed to the Humbert's rink downfall - the Stirton rink was better!"

Our regrets, Al. We didn't intentionally dim your glory.

Ed.

ROOTS



LLOYD STEIN [?], farm development specialist, for the south east angle, has filled us in on the fraternity, in that area.

Vic Beaulieu '49, ye olde ag. rep. at the Head, is the oldest practitioner in the business. Some may be older in years, but can't equal him in length of service.

Larry "Chiefie" White '64, has been made western director of the Canadian Society of Extension.

Neil McConachy [?], and **Jim 'Blue Grama' Pollock '74**, are tryna beat mother nature at her own game. Power seeding some native sod. **Allen Sturko**, [Man.] provided paramedical services - band aids and beer.

Maurice 'The Biggest' Brounstein '40, chaperoned a delegation of 4-H members to Nova Scotia on an Open House Canada trip. He'll have that expectant look on his face for another nine months.

Dave Rutledge '63, is making things bloom in the sunflower business at Gainsborough. Some of those sunny faces are wearing frowns - the Sunflowerhead Moth.

Dave '74 and Dan Thompson '72 have issued a plea to all consumers to rally round the pork barrel - built an 80 sow unit at Carnduff.

Blaine Hjertaas [?], is still keeping all the mothers worried around Wauchaupe. He's turned his amorous glances to sunflowers and zero till.

Marcel '71 and Dave Bouchard '74, are also giving it the no till whirl at Fertile.

Gordon Geske '67, Midale, is on expansion phase - more land and a steady girl friend.

Cecil Mantei '75, showed the reserve champion in the open class for steers at the Estevan fair. His banker has awarded him a preferred rate.

Gary McKechney '52, is all set to lead the Estevan Bruins in the Western Canada Junior Hockey League for another year. Guess farmin' doesn't keep him busy enough.

Steve Peterson '75, Midale, hurled for the winners in the Souris River fastball playdowns. Easier than pitchin' bales and a lot more fun.

Bill Hartall '54, formerly herdsman at ye olde Universitis Saskatchewanensis, and currently manager, Western Feedlots at Strathmore, Alberta, judged the live-carass steer show at the Simmental Congress.

Wayne Woolfit '62, is makin' it big with the wollies down in old Nova Scotia, near Minudie - markets about 2,000 lambs in the Toronto and Montreal markets - a 170% lamb crop. also big in the beef business. Brother Kim is a partner.

Dick Frey '70, is living off the avails of teaching at Pierceland - divisions III and IV science.

Pat Keyser '76, left the teaching game for full-time farming at Wynyard in partnership with her dad and her husband. Was a guest on the CBC radio program 'Insight' in support of 'Women's rights'. **Art Stilborn** [?], attests to a commendable job.

John 'Give 'er Snoose' Hemstad '63, finds contracting for the Sask. government pays off a lot better than being a civil servant. Is reputed to be working (?) for **Murdock 'Smoking Tent' MacKay '49** in Indian Programs. Not enough challenge in private business?

Ed 'Sweaty Surcingle' Tanner '72, threw his wife, Cathy, and his cowboy boots into the ole chuckwagon, and mucked around the Calgary Stampede.

Roy Bulton '67, planned to take wife and bairns to Yellowknife in one of them flyin' machine things, but ended up in the Black Hills. Nuthin' like a well swung compass to get ya there. (!†*?# airline strike).

Al Bradshaw '76, didn't cotton to the bright lights of our capital city. Sooner be a Land Bank counsellor at Tisdale.

Bob Strilchuk '42, north east Saskatchewan's oldest living agrologist in captivity, has become a little loose at the ankles. He and Nadia are touring the motherland - the Ukraine, Moscow, etc. Has already done Australia, Fiji, Melfort, etc.

Martin Laforge '74, found the ag. rep. job at Davidson too demanding. Runs the Parkland Alfalfa 'Dehy' plant at Zenon Park, and hobby farms too.

Brian 'Crash' Kobelsky '74. Born in 1952 and nearly died in 1978, while trying to cross a CN train with a Monte Carlo. The result - a broken arm, a new shredded leather jacket, a new Ford truck, a new house trailer, new wedding ring (?) - mebbe.

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Readers Rite



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Dear Fellow Grads:

In reading "At the Going Down of the Sun", in the March issue of the SAGA, I was disappointed that no mention was made of the passing of **Dr. George Sheppard**. Dr. Sheppard was the secretary of our Associate School Class in 1919. Prof. Evan Hardy was our president.

When I enrolled in the college in 1919, by father accompanied me to the registration desk. Being just 16 years of age, and so far away from home for the first time in my life, I was a pretty scared boy, but was relieved of my anxiety to some extent, when we discovered that right behind us was **Miller Craig '23**, accompanied by his father from North Battleford, who was about my own age. Miller and I became room mates in China Town, above the gym in Qu'Appelle Hall. We were outnumbered by seniors of other schools, who pestered the life out of us country boys.

We were a large class in 1919, over one hundred registered for the school, as the Government of Canada paid tuition fees to Veterans of the First World War. Some of them were pretty tough guys, so the seniors didn't get away with too much.

The University had a dramatic society, and their main show was put on in one of the city's theatres toward the spring of the year. In the spring of 1920 the Daylight Theatre was rented for this occasion. Much to the indignation of the freshmen, the seniors segregated us, the front seats were reserved for the seniors and the freshmen had to go to the third balcony. With the help of those tough veterans, the freshmen took up a collection and bought fireworks, so we had the seniors at our mercy far below us.

During the first intermission only paper streamers were thrown down on the seniors. Next intermission, an ugly man with a broom for his hair was lowered by a rope in front of the seniors just out of their reach. Instead of streamers, toilet paper was thrown down on them. The freshmen had acquired three roosters to which they fastened several balloons, and at intervals dropped them down, flapping

and squawking on top of the seniors. A lady's dress was ruined, but the freshmen took up another collection and presented her with the price of a new one.

During the third intermission they threw down cough powder and the last act was completely ruined, as everyone, including members of the cast were coughing, so you couldn't hear a thing. During the last act, our leaders told us it was time to clear out, so the seniors and freshmen wouldn't come out on the street together, as this would undoubtedly result in a great fight. I recall one of the retaliating yells we made up for the seniors "Holy mackinaw, blood and puss, what do you think is the matter with us".

After the show we invaded three dance halls, and gave our university yells and held up the traffic, as we went from one to another. When we entered the third dance hall where the dance was in session, the proprietor, thinking we had paid our way in, got us all seated on the floor of the hall. Cups were passed around, and we were about to be served coffee, when the proprietor discovered we had just walked past the ticket man at the door, so he announced there would be no coffee for us. Some of the leaders of our gang were pretty mad, but not me, I was just scared.

After the intrusion of the third dance hall, the gang decided to get a free ride back to campus on the trolley car. When the conductor opened the door they started filing into the car without paying their fare. With so many hands against the door the conductor couldn't get it shut. He started to move the car ahead, but someone grabbed the rope and lifted the trolley wheel off the 500 volt power-line. I was the last to enter, and with only one hand on the door the conductor closed it right in front of my nose. I didn't dare board the next car, because I knew the seniors would be on it, so I walked along the track and took the last car back to campus, but the interesting part of my story is yet to follow.

In the fall of 1949, just thirty years later, I accompanied by oldest son Forrest to the School of Agriculture registration desk, and when I looked over my shoulder who was right behind me but Miller Craig, accompanying his oldest son Jim, to the same registration desk.

My wife Gladys and I were married in 1929, and raised five sons, all of whom have had some University training. I have now sold out to three of them, but reserved the original building site. and bought a low

assessed quarter section for a hobby farm.

Miller Craig and his sons, formed the Craig Ranching Co. Ltd., at North Battleford, but leaves the ranching responsibility to them during the winter months, while he hibernates with his wife at Victoria.

Hoping you will pay due respect to Dr. Sheppard in the next issue of the SAGA.

Yours sincerely,
Geron G. Wohlberg '25,
Speers, Sask.

ROOTS ...continued

Ken 'Evil Knieval' Pigott '76, found that a 50 cc trail bike won't jump a 12" gully and that you can't play ball with a broken leg.

Len Kehrig '78, went home to the farm at Bjorkdale. Got to foolin' around with girls. Didn't feel up to plucking shotgun pellets outa his rear. Guess what? He's gonna hefta marry up.

Al 'Hi Lysine' Blair '64, traded his stock prod for a paddle up the Churchill. Can SISCO pigs be taught not to rock a canoe?

Derwin Arnstead '78, gave up his treaty rights for a job with F.C.C.

Bill Hetland '78, is baby sitting the old farm at Naicam.

Gary Meier '75, found farming by himself at Ridgedale was getting a bit lonesome. Inserted a picture of his new combine in the Tisdale Recorder and bingo! She is reputed to have a swather in her dowry.

Gary Keefe '65, wife Birdene and daughter Amy, have heeded the call of the land, and moved down from the rarified air of the F.C.C. office in Prince Albert to the family farm at Griffin, Sask., to raise shoats.

Don Connick '65, wife Norma, and daughters Erin and Krista, have survived a whole year back on the farm at Gull Lake, and show signs of being there until they retire. Don taught short courses all winter, so Norma had to learn fast about prairie blizzards. They had a 14 foot snow bank across their driveway.

Lynn Grant '73, and wife Sherry, have built a new house on the Grant ranch at Val Marie. Hope they have a micro-wave oven installed, as Sherry spent the winter demonstrating them to the ladies of the southwest. Put up, or shut up.

Gary Korsrud '64, wife Eunice and sons Grey, Trevor and Tim snuck outa Ottawa, headed for Saskatoon a year ago. Gary now works for Health of Animals.

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Elaine Moats '77, departed from Maple Creek and is acting up as an Ag. Rep. at Davidson. Good luck, Elaine!

Derald Ahner '65, spent the winter at Small Farm Development, based at the Ag. Rep. Office at Maple Creek. He is now chairman of the Livestock Curriculum Committee for the Wascana Institute's new vocational agriculture course.

Irene Ahner '65, with the aid of her father-in-law, managed to keep one small farm developing all winter. She also keeps busy with such off-farm activities as working part-time for the Chinook Regional Library, with church committees, and being secretary of the Wapashoe Wheat Pool Committee.

David Geddes '71, Paynton, is the Sask. President of the Host Families Association for the International Agricultural Exchange Association. This program is really mushrooming in popularity - all the young guys want to see the Aussie gals, and the girls just want to see some foreign boys!

Dick Ross '72 and Fred Fulton '50, both of Kincaid, were seen giving a keen eye to Versatile's 'Big Roy' at the Regina Farm Show. With the kind of crops they've got growing, don't be surprised if they're both driving one next spring!

Ash 'Bud' Smith '48, has moved into Versatile Manor on the farm east of Saskatoon. Bud invites all grads to drop in for a dip in the pool.

Bob Lockwood '64, has moved his family from Regina to Outlook, and are now settled in a Lockwood-built home overlooking the South Saskatchewan River. As an irrigation specialist, Bob probably has the brownest lawn in Outlook! Oh well, ya don't expect a shoemaker's kid to wear shoes.

Bob Brack '50, will be acting director for the Extension Division at the University, if **Brock Whale** ever leaves on his sabbatical.

Barry Swanson '72, is a little higher up in the Extension Division - 2nd Floor, that is. Not taking a back seat to the Gideons, he's distributed 49,000 copies of the ag. reps. bible - 1978 Guide to Farm Practice in Sask. he's only got 1,000 copies left in reserve.

Herman Austenson '46, chief of crop science, has **Ken Panchuk '76**, temporarily assigned to answering all the tough questions on crop production, since **Ken Kirkland '71**, flew the coop as superintendent of the Agriculture Canada research substation at Scott.

Frank Sosulski '54, is on sabbatical leave to Scandinavia, Europe and the U.K., to study crop quality, and learn

how to convert rod rows into metric.

Larry Gusta [?], is off to study crop growth under cool, wet conditions at Oregon and Colorado State universities. Maybe he hasn't heard of Hudson Bay, Tisdale, Choiceland, Preeceville, etc.

Bryan Harvey '60 and Brian Rossnagel AS, are convening a meeting of North American barley researchers at the University in August. We always thought July was supposed to be the month for barley sandwiches.

Ed Reekie [?], has joined the crop science department for the summer months to gather information on organic farming. Post research work will be examined in response to the controversy that surrounds the subject.

Ed Maginnes, has been chief phenotype in the headerhouse, will relinquish his duties to **Stu Nelson** who's returning this month from a sojourn in New Zealand listening to the grass grow. **Don Dabbs '68**, will take up where **Stu** left off, but will concentrate on hoeing and various other methods of weed control in vegetables.

Eli Humbert '50, head bottle scrubber in the Dairy & Food Science Department, sez their main extension thrust will be toward getting cozier with the food industry in Saskatchewan.

Mike Ingledeu will be back from Montreal shortly. Seems he got locked in at Molson's Brewery - he calls it a lab.

Gunther Blankenagel, is in Europe touring the Dairy Queens - supposedly studying quality control in dairy plants. Gotta keep up the reputation that the dairy department has for the best cheese and butter in Sask.

Graham Jones, rumen bacteriologist is getting down to guts of the matter - he's studying the rumens of British cows.

Gary Storey '63, Bill Cooper '51 Keith Downey '50, Ed Reimer '69, and Cliff Phillips '68, were among the group from Western Canada who took in the rapeseed marketing mission in June. Haven't heard if any of them got back yet, and the rape should be swathed.

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NEWS ITEMS

FOR NOVEMBER ISSUE "THE SAGA"

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YEAR OF GRADUATION OCCUPATION

EMPLOYER (Self or Other)

MY OWN ACTIVITIES:

NEWS OF OTHER GRADS (state grad year, if known):

DON'T STOP HERE! If you have more scandalous or scurrilous news,
add more paper.

ROOTS ...continued

Eldon 'Stubb' Norum '48, sez the main thrust at the ag. engineering lab is toward straw management, seed and fertilizer placement and equipment bashing, all aimed at zero till.

Hugh Nicholson, had the nisfortune to have a heart attack this summer. We all wish you a speedy recovery. Hugh's wife had heart problems earlier this spring. It never rains but it pours.

The Lands Branch, Sask. Agriculture are playin musical chairs again. **Keith LePoudre '76**, and **Nestor Hawrysh '50**, have switched places - Keith is now at P.A. and Nestor is at Kindersley.

Bruce McDonald '47, is back from his safari in Tanzania, and hez pushed **Elaine Moats '77** out the ag. rep. office at Davidson. Elaine is off to Weyburn - a little closer to her horse.

John 'Ag. Rep. Emeritus' Kunkel '46, is be kept bees at Davidson. Is be gottit goot crop hawny dis year.

Tom Boyle '75, hez taken up where Paul Shukin left off - as ag. rep. at Meadow Lake, and Paul is settled into **Paul Saum's '50**, shoes. Paul retired this spring, for health reasons, unfortunately.

Jim Babcock '72, farm development specialist at Davidson, sweated through a class in ag. economics at the University of Alberta this spring.

Gerald Girodat '64, has finally settled down to serious farming at Shaunavon - no more trekking back and forth from the 'Swift. Built a new house on the farm, eight miles north and one mile east, raises a few pigs and feeds out a few steers. The odor sure beats the 'Swift smog.

Brenda Webster, 16, daughter of **Jim '49**, and **Jean**, won the intermediate division championship for indoor speed skaters for North America for the second time. Like Pogo, her parents are 'quietly proud'. **Jim** is the general manager of newly formed Sask. Agricultural Devvelopment Corporation, in addition to his duties as assistant deputy minister of agriculture.

Ray Heil '72, showed the Grand Champion Aberdeen Angus bull at the Regina Winter Fair. It also topped the Angus sale at \$12,000. Who sez there ain't no money in the cattle business?

Jack Baum '55, is one of the owners of Hillcrest Farms at Beechy. One of their quarter horses, **Crimson War**, a stallion, brought \$17,000 at the Denver Stock Show - that's a lotta 'horse cents'.

Lynn Thompson '61, principal of Yorkton Comprehensive High School, is the new university senator for east

central Sask. **Sam Beaton '48**, formerly principal of Churchbridge Composite High School, now retired to mere teaching and game bird bating, was also a candidate. Gotta keep these things in the family.

Tom Lawrence '50, has developed a new variety of Russian wild rye grass - 'Swift' at the Agriculture Canada Research Station at Swift Current.

Dave Heinricks '38, now retired, developed the recently released strain of creeping rooted alfalfa - 'Rangelander' at the same institution. 'Swift' will emerge from a seeding depth of two inches, and has greater vigor in the seedling state than existing rye grass varieties. 'Rangelander' promises to become the chief pasture legume in the more arid regions of the Great Plains.

Bill Farley '50, **Bill Heenan '49**, both of Grand Coulee, along with **Bill McNally '47**, Regina, **Tom Jackson, '57**, Indian Head and **Roy Levee '57**, Radville, are all directors of the Sask. Flax Growers Association. Anyone in favor of Wheat Board marketing of flax? Our alumni association print-out doesn't list **Booker Cornea's**, Moose Jaw, grad year, but he's also a director.

Guy Beatty '48, Watrous, is vice-president, Sask. Municipal Hail - elected at the S.A.R.M. annual meeting. 'Georgie', his wife, sez Guy produces pedigreed seed when he's home.

Terry Tollefson [?], believes his own stuff so thoroughly, he left Monsanto at North Battleford to make a killing with chemical farming at Mossbank.

Terr Hogg '73, learned so much about the virtues of fertilizer, he's left the Department of Soil Science soil fertility field program, to take up full-time farming at Gainsborough.

Cal Kelly '75, has left the University agricultural economic department to put his theories to work on the Regina plains.

Other guys who feel one month's holidays aren't enough, so have gone farming, are **Tim Howden '75**, of Gulf Chemicals to Edgeley; **Neil Kitelson '75**, from Sask. Pool to Naicam; **Gary Meier '76**, from Wascana Institute agricultural short courses to Ridgedale; and **Dave Weiseth '75**, was so enamored of Small Farms Development, he's left Tisdale to develop his own at Shaunavon.

Brent Kennedy '76, found too many of his wild oats were germinating at Melfort, so he's promoted himself to market development representative for Hoegrass outa Regina.

Alf Epp '75, and **Harry Harder '75**, both from Clavet, have returned from 2½ year stints as agrologists, with the Mennonite Central Committee in Bolivia and Jordan respectively.

J. C. Arrand [?], has been appointed assistant director of the entomology and plant pathology branch, B.C. Agriculture.

George Pearson '63, formerly land resource specialist, planning and research secretariat, Sask. Agriculture, has been appointed to succeed **Bob Lockwood '64**, as director of the marketing and economics branch. Bob as you know, is now head of the irrigation branch at Outlook.

Jim Puckett '62, is now feeder department manager, Federated Co-ops. Jim joined the Co-ops after graduation, and they've been stuck with him ever since.

John Hunter '46, is manager, sales accounting for White Farm Equipment at Brantford. Been there eight years - ever since they went to centralized accounting.

John Parker '58, is still slugging her out on the farm at Eastend.

John Donaldson '72, Broadview, and **Morris Nickolayou '73** Insingder, dazzled the Indians on Kahkewistahaw Reserve with a 3 week course on beef, then hit em with a 3 week crops and soils course while they were still reelng.

Dave Pattison '77, has the best of both worlds - works in the lab at Cominco Potash at Vanscoy, and lives on the farm at Donavon. Couldn't bear to leave mom's cookin'.

Dale Norheim '72, believes in practicing what he preaches - works for Canadian Charolais Banner at Saskatoon, and raises the critters as well. One son - Lee Dale, 20 months.

Norm Ballagh '68, is the farmer's advocate in the lending business - manager, agricultural services for Toronto-Dominion outa Regina.

Gerry Coult's '72, is plant superintendent, Lucerne milk plant at Winnipeg, so wife Sheri tells us.

Harley Olsen '72, is a director Sask. Farm Ownershop Board outa Saskabush.

Murray Skeates '71, hangs his pressure relief valve in Taber. Is in charge of pushing Monsanto in Southern Alberta, and Creston and Okanogan in B.C.

Gordon Ward '73, has been with Federated Co-ops since graduation. Recently crop supplies manager for Regina Region.

③ ROOTS ...continued

Grev Harrison '44, is finishing up a self designed, and self inflicted, arch roofed house in Didsbury, Alberta. Wife Dorothy is construction supervisor, and cabinet maker. Son, Rex and family in New Zealand studying development potential of South Island. Brian teaching high school - physical ed. and recreation.

Carter Curron '70, has left the D.A. trade, and going into turf farming, landscaping and the garden centre game at Brooks, Alberta.

Ernie Paynter '23, tells us **Eric Beveridge '26**, has spent most of the winter in hospital, and had more surgery this spring. Ernie is pretty footloose - wildlife meeting in Phoenix, Arizona in March; Alaskan cruise in June; and to Montserrat, West Indies come fall.

Larry Murray '71, is project manager, South Sask. Irrigation project, and is eating his own words on his farm at Broderick.

Wally Vanin '75, is ag. repping at Assiniboia, and trailer living at Limerick.

Norm Bray '56, is the new prexy Sask. Institute of Agrologists, farms at McLean and is agricultural manager for 'My Bank', Regina, since '73.

Carman Read '76, plays grad hockey and softball - works part-time (?) for Monsanto. Beat the Weyburn grads consistently. Wife Nancy, teaching school - just in case. Challenges all grads in softball.

Al McDougald '65, has returned to Saskatoon after 2½ years with Hesston in Calgary. He and **Bud Smith '48** have a multi-profit thing going - one sells the stuff and the other takes it back in trade on something decent.

Bill Copeland '60, Rosetown, and **Jim Banford '57**, Eastend, defied anyone to run against them for the university senate - both won by acclamation.

Wray Breadner '76, is an assessment technician with the Department of Municipal Affairs, and was installed as Worthy Grand Patron, Saskatchewan Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Watch it' girls! Don't let him catch you with your assessments down.

Mel Andal '44, foxed us completely. **Gordon Dobson '48**, is keeping Mel honest. Forced him to write and say that he was asked to stay on as economic advisor to F.C.C. Mel has 34 years in and sez he'll make it stick next time.

Herb Clark '46, is expecting about 430 people from 30 countries for lunch. The 'Dry Crops '78' congress will take place at the university come August 20 to 25. Herb is chief organizer for the conference being hosted by the Sask. government and the 'dehy' industry with some assistance from the Alberta government, and the industry in that province. Canada produces 287,000 tons of dried crop products, mostly alfalfa, and mostly from Sask. and Alberta.

Al Schmidt '58, is now an industrial assessment officer, on being promoted

from municipal assessment technician, and now stores his calculator and aerial photos in Saskatoon.

Wayne Gosselin '71, has returned from a three year stint with C.U.S.O. as an agricultural extension worker in Northern Ghana. Has returned to F.F.C. at Prince Albert, and finds farmland is worth a lotta coconuts here too.

Don Battiste '76, started as a technician for mustard breeder **Don Woods** [?]. Still single, so doesn't know

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■■■■ FARM & HOME WEEK ■■■■

January 8 to 12, 1979

GRADS REUNION

January 12, 13 & 14, 1979

HONOR YEAR

CHAIRMEN

YEAR	SCHOOL	COLLEGE
1974	Gerry Kindrat Ridgedale, Sask. and Gerry Walkedon Tribune, Sask.	Brian Drew Crop Development Centre University of Sask. Saskatoon, Sask.
1969	Gratten O'Grady Box 26, Allan, Sask.	Jim Hammond Duperow, Sask.
1959	Hovey Reese Milk River, Alberta	John Petruic C/O Sask. Wheat Pool 2625 Victoria Ave. Regina, Sask. and Merle Burns Box 27, Richlea, Sask.
1949	Oliver By Kelvington, Sask.	Don Rennie Soil Science Dept. Univ. of Sask. Saskatoon, Sask.
1939	Gordon Hymers 1202 -730 Spadina Cres. Saskatoon, Sask.	Frank Miller Regional Extension Services Branch, Sask. Dept. of Ag. Regina, Sask.
1929	Hayden Owens Eston, Sask.	Hugh Robinson Shaunavon, Sask.
1919	John Miller Elbow, Sask.	

Please Contact Your Year Chairmen Now!

Les. Henry '64, General Chairman.



if he can cut the mustard. Sports and church work keep him outa all harm.

Wayne Borys '71, has moved from Yorkton to Moose Jaw as Land Bank Counsellor. No leases under five sections - all mineral rights and antelope are vested in the crown.

Joe Rakachy '68, Yorkton; **Lewis Reeve '72**, **Glen Lowndes '57** and **Allan Irving '71**, Kelvington, along with ye olde ed, boarded the wayward bus chartered by **Orest Mysak '48**, to have a look at some zero tillage on Jim McCutcheon's farm at Homewood, near Carman, Manitoba. **Art Domes '55**, ag rep. at Portage provided the password to let all those Sask. types into the Land O' Stirling. Gotta hand it to McCutcheon - 16 years continuous cropping and 5 years zero tillage, and his crops were cleaner than most summerfallow crops. Weed chemicals of the right kind applied at the right time. No room fer sloppy farmin'.

Bob Naylor [?], Melfort has been puttering around on his farm with solar grain drying with some success.

Richard '74 and **Sharon Shout** are always busy come calving time. Neighbors of the **Les Voices '74**, by any chance? Gotta be a noisy neighborhood.

Gerry Dyck '60, research animal physiologist at Canada Agriculture Research Station at Brandon, completed his term as president of the Canadian Society of Animal Science.

Vern 'Low Cal' Racz '68, east central livestock specialist, gave a paper on ammoniated straw at the A.I.C. convention - Gravy Train for cows.

Leonard Malinsky '70, farm accounting technician at Yorkton, has really gone on a spending spree to usher in his first year of farming - new car, new drill, new combine, new swather and a passel of Avadex. He's been sowing wildoats by night and killing them by day.

George 'Hush Puppy' Kessler '71, dairy technician at Yorkton, walked 10 miles for 4-H. The groans of his pledgers are still echoing in the halls - \$300 worth of echoes.

East Central region, Sask. Agriculture, held a revival meeting at the Prairie Christian Training Centre in May. **Bishop Oxman '50**, read the lesson - the first chapter and the tenth verse from the ag. rep's bible - the Guide to Farm Practice 1978. **Pete Petersen '53**, led the singing.



From the Editor's Desk

by
Lin Boyes '48

If it's a particularly important item, please try to get the facts straight. We have to take your word for it. We don't have a research staff to check it out. This is especially important in the case of obituaries. In most other cases it doesn't hurt to bend things a bit, or leave something out, but in the case of obituaries, try to get all the facts straight. Don't let not knowing all the facts stop anyone from reporting. Better we know some of the facts than miss it all together.

Our membership is our only reporting staff. If they don't tell us, it won't get told.

Our sincere thanks to those who write in about their friends doings or their own, real or imagined.

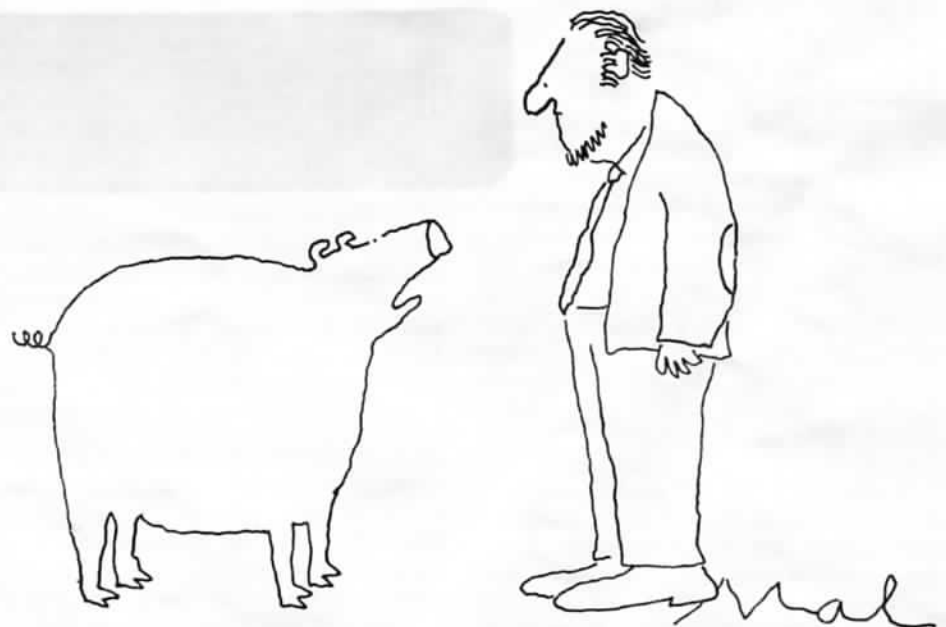
We wish you all a good harvest - farmers or otherwise.

Our next issue will be the November one. It seems a long way off, but it soon creeps up on us. Drop us a note as soon as you run across a bit of news, serious or otherwise. Don't wait - you'll probably forget about it if you do.

Our humble apologies for not having an early summer issue. The wife and I were visiting my haunts of yesteryear in Britain during May. The old drome at York was found to be resplendent in sugar beets and barley, and the CO's quarters housed a squadron of pigs.

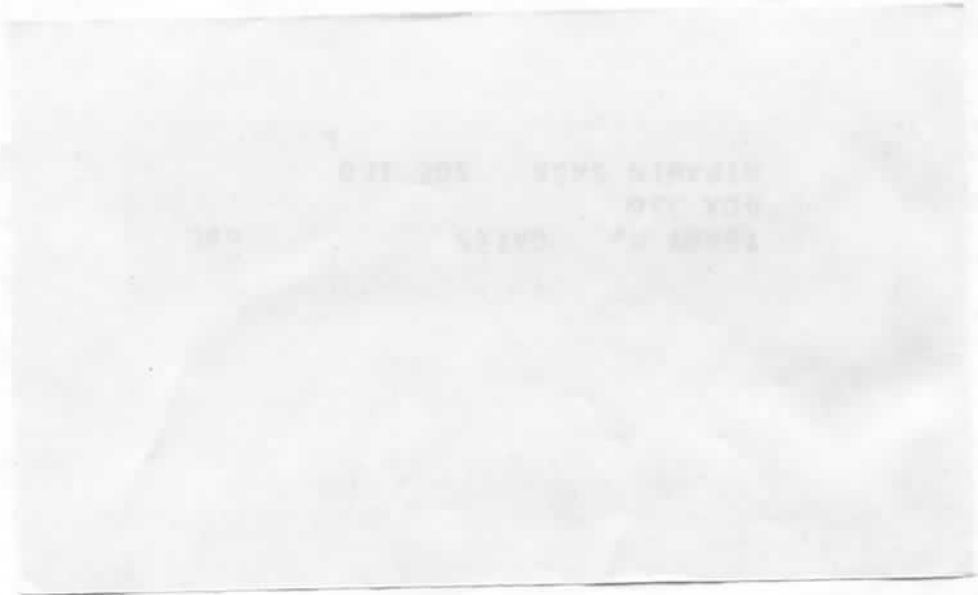
We're getting set for the 1979 reunion, and chairman **Les Henry '64**, has lined up some mighty good year convenors. Don't forget to contact the convenor for your year. He needs your support.

We have one plea to place before ag. grads. If an important milestone is reached by one of your old accomplices, please drop us a note. Don't wait for someone else to write in - they may, but they also may not, and they may have missed some important aspect.



"Personally, I wish the whole world was Jewish."

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