

# THE SAGA

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With the annual reunion successfully completed, we can now settle down to affairs of the Association for another year. The reunion - lecture series, bonspiel, smoker, smokette, and banquet and dance, were all a smashing success. More details of the reunion appear elsewhere in this issue of SAGA.

A special welcome to all those grads who are getting SAGA for the first time. This issue is going to the entire list of Ag. Grads., along with an invitation to join our association. Again we extend a hearty welcome to all newcomers.

In the past year or two, the Sask. Ag. Grads. Association has "taken on" some issues of concern to the agricultural community. The major issue was that of agricultural training programs being developed by Wascana Institute in Regina. At the annual meeting a resolution was passed which directed the executive to monitor developments and take action as deemed appropriate. As your president, I will be inclined to act on behalf of the association in this regard, only if I get some firm signals from the membership. Let me know what you think.

Your executive held its first meeting February 2. The meeting included both the 1978 and 1979 executives, to make sure the newcomers had the benefit of the experience of the retiring members.

## SMOKE-ETTE

At our executive meeting it was decided that for the 1980 reunion, the smokette, as it has been held in past years, should be discontinued, and be combined with the smoker. This point has been argued for some years now, and it seems that the time had come for change. With nearly 25% of the undergraduate Agro population now being young ladies, the old male-smoker is no longer valid. Wives of Ag. Grads. will no longer feel out of place at the smoker, so it seemed logical to combine the two events. The smokette was originally set up to provide an activity for wives of Grads, while the Grads attended the smoker. The smokette has been successful - and was in 1979 as well, but an increasing number of wives preferred to join their husbands at the

smoker. Our thanks go out to the many ladies who have organized the event in past years, and particularly to Mary Dodds who has done more than her share, and to Jean Dunlop who has assisted in many ways over the years.

The executive decided to combine the smoker-ette, providing there was no groundswell of opinion from the membership, or their wives, that the smokette should be retained. If you think we made the wrong decision - let us know.

Which brings me to my final point. Our association now has nearly 1,600 members. We have undergone very rapid growth in the past few years. When any organization becomes large, there is a danger that the executive can lose touch with the membership. That is why this column is initiating the "I think" corner for you to use. I encourage you to communicate to me any point you think our executive should consider.

I look forward with anticipation to an exciting year. Our association owes a large debt to Bob Dodds, who did such a fine job in 1978. He left the ship in such a fine state, that I could fall in the ocean and it would steer a path course to a successful 1980 reunion weekend.

Les Henry, '64,

President

(Ed: See the centre fold for a questionnaire)

## A Plea!

Herb Clark, '46, is preparing a history of S.A.G.A. and tells us that the minutes of the 1969 and 1970 annual meetings are missing!

If you've got a copy of these minutes, would you please let us have it, or a copy? Herb promises on pain of relinquishment of his Honorary Life membership, to return it.

Send it to:

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—but please send it. Thanks

## Valuable Training Available at School of Agriculture

It will come as no surprise to Agriculture Graduates, that a survey by the School of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, has shown a very large majority of its graduates find the School very valuable to their farming operation, or in their off-farm employment. A different study conducted by Dr. H. Furtan, of the Department of Agriculture Economics revealed that on the average, farmers with post-secondary education operated more productive farms, than those without the benefit of an educational experience beyond high school.

In spite of these facts, the number of students enrolling in the first year of the School of Agriculture in October of 1978, declined by 18% over the number in 1977. The School can accommodate 200 first year students, however, only 150 registered last fall. Given the fact that there are some 70,000 farmers in Saskatchewan, one would think that the 200 quota would be oversubscribed each year.

A study conducted in 1977 showed that Alberta had 8.3 students per 1,000 farms, enrolled in a practical course in agriculture; Manitoba had 7.3 students per 1,000 farms; and Saskatchewan only 3.8 students per 1,000 farms. Do Alberta and Manitoba farm youth recognize the value of proper training in agriculture more than do our own Saskatchewan boys and girls?

In a survey of 100 students of the 1978 first year class, 60% indicated that graduates had given them information, or influenced them in deciding to come to the School of Agriculture. Graduates were by far the most significant source of information to the potential student.

This is an appeal to you to spread the word! Brochures and application forms can be obtained from Professor John R. Peters, Director, School of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7N 0W0.

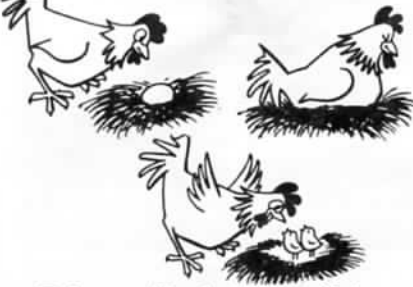
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When a young fellow stopped in to order an engagement ring, the jeweler asked, "What sort of setting do you have in mind?"

The young man looked startled, then flushed and said, "Well, probably her living room couch."

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## ② UMBILICATIONS



**Rebecca [Becky] Lyn Spiers**, after nine months of aging, popped the cork on July 12, 1978, and has been blowing the foam off her formula in Halifax — living with **Jim 'Brewmaster', '71**, and **Wendy BSP '70** (nee **Smillie**) and brother **Adam**. All that research in the wee small hours paid off.

**Daryl, '72**, **Eileen Tumbach** and **Janna Lynne** shared an early Xmas — December 2 at Moose Jaw. An earned assistance project? **John 'Godfather' Hanson, '43**, the senior ag. rep., handled the office calls by himself until noon that day.

**Carman, '64**, and **Diane Berg** got an endorsement in their quota book — **Christopher Carman** was spotted on December 14 at Saskatoon at 9 lbs 10 oz., 22½" — too heavy for the Tyner branch line.

**Bartt Chute, '76**, got a milldoor quota last September — **Andrea Lorelle** — apparently unassisted — no wife was mentioned.

**Vern, '71**, and **Carol Neale**, **Kelliher**, presented **Eric, '40**, and **Margaret Sweatman** with a grandson **Clinton**, on January 10, 1979. Brother for Melody.

**Ian Thomas Jacques** burst on the scene at Weyburn to find himself the son of the new ag. rep. **John Jacques, '76**, — a first for the Jacques. Nothin' like bein' fertile — get's new ag. rep. off on the right foot.

**Randy, '71**, and **Linda Vopni** have done it again — **Jill Aaron** has proven her parents first attempt wasn't a fluke after all — she's the second edition.



**Victor Pouteaux, '78**, a brand new swine specialist with Sask. Ag. at Saskatoon, needed someone to come home to after those long days on the road. **Brenda Enns** of Saskatoon got his name on a peace treaty on Remembrance Day — lest he forget their anniversary.

## Honorary Life Members — 1979

**A.A. [ART] Stilborn, 41**, originally from Lorie, Saskatchewan, received his B.S.A. degree from the University of Saskatchewan. During the Second World War he served in the R.C.A.F.

Art received his B.A. (1946) and B.Ed. (1947) degrees also from the University of Saskatchewan and joined the staff of the university as an instructor in the School of Agriculture in 1947. For the next ten years he served in the School of Agriculture and was Acting Director for part of that time. He assumed Directorship of the School in 1957 and served in that capacity until 1974. He retired from the university in 1976. In his many years as Director of the School of Agriculture, Art assisted hundreds of beginning farmers in their search for knowledge. He is currently compiling a history of the School of Agriculture.

Art has also served our association well. He is a life member of S.A.G.A., served as our president in 1971 and has served as editor of our newsletter and as chairman of the Directory Committee. He has also served many other organizations such as the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists and the Nutana Kiwanis Club and is a member of Grosvenor Park United Church.

Art and his wife **Myra** have a family of one boy and two girls. Art and Myra have recently completed a book on wild flowers in Saskatchewan. It is entitled 'April and After' and is a fitting expression of their favorite hobby.

**G.A. [Gordon] Wilson, 48**, was raised at Limerick, Saskatchewan and completed his secondary education at Regina. He served as a pilot in the R.C.A.F. in the desert campaign of North Africa. He received his B.S.A. degree from the University of Saskatchewan.

Gordon was territory manager for John Deere Limited (1948-56) and John Deere dealer at Indian Head (1956-64). He became Executive Director of the Western Development Museum in 1964. From then to 1977 he carried the museum through a period of rapid expansion. This included facility construction and diversification to a dynamic approach involving volunteer groups such as the Threshermens Club and the Antique Car Club. He is Past President and Director of the Saskatchewan Museum Association for two terms. He was also a founding member of the Board of Directors and is secretary of the Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame.

Gordon has been active in many associations, including our own S.A.G.A. and the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists, the Saskatoon Board of Trade, Saskachimo Exposition Limited, Masonic Lodge and the Royal Canadian Legion. He is Past Distinguished President of the Kiwanis Club of Saskatoon and Past President of the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association and is President of the Fighter Pilots Association. Gordon is currently in the real estate business with Canada Trust. Gordon and his wife **Marion** have a son and two daughters.

**Leonard Kehrig, '78**, pulled a bell-shaped curve on the university Ag. Ec. boys, and stole home plate with their steno, **JoAnne**, forever after at Bjorkdale.

**Gerald Miedema, '77**, and **Yvette Lavois** of the duchy of Delmas, took unto each other married exemptions on December 29 at Saskatoon — aah! just made it.

**Collin Sauder, '77**, is probly a guy jest like dear ol' Dad — **Debbie, '80**, daughter of **Elvin Haupstein, '58**, Weyburn, hog tied Collin last summer and is shooing him outa the Animal Science Department come April — back to full-time farmin' at Hodgeville.

**Ken Schmidt, '78**, and **Diane Leach** were forecasting a cozy winter when

they signed on as bed partners on September 29, 1978, to live on the avails of the civil service with Agriculture Canada in Regina.

**Ed Coulthard, '77**, was a victim of Denise's chemical translocatory powers in October. Picked her up in Assiniboia, and is now convalescing in Yorkton with Elanco. There were several sick friends of '77 vintage gathered round the nuptial flowing bowl.

**Ron Howard, '69**, Brooks, Alberta, finally got the message from Meril Ann Koch. Ron was brought up at Harris, but we're not sure when he was asked to leave home. Some fellas just seem to get into trouble once they're out of sight of the familiar hearth.



## HE LEADETH ME BY STILL WATERS



Ellen Margaret Lewis, beloved wife of H.A. Hal Lewis, 28, of Gray, died at a Regina hospital on December 17, 1978, of internal cancer at 68 years. In addition to her husband Hal, she leaves to mourn her son Ron, '52, at Gray, daughter Mrs. Marjorie Steve, Milestone, and brother Donald McKen, Yorkton, as well as five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by one son Glenn in 1943 and son-in-law Mervin Steve, in 1973.

Ellen and Hal had been married for 49 years. Like Hal, she was very active in community and other organizations. She had served as Worthy Matron and District Deputy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Worthy High Priestess of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, and was a Past President of the Nutana Ladies Curling Club.



Oral 'O.B.' Young, '46, passed away suddenly at the age of 55 years on January 21, 1979, at LaRonge, as a result of heart failure. The funeral was held from Grosvenor Park United Church at Saskatoon, of which he had been an active member in prior years, and was conducted by Rev. D. Stillman of LaRonge United Church.

He leaves to mourn his beloved wife Louise; a daughter, Mrs. Doreen (Brian) Scott, Saskatoon; sons, John of Porcupine Plain and Ron of Saskatoon; grandson, Ryan Scott; sisters, Mrs. Agnes Spencely, Haliburton, Ontario, Mrs. Margaret McLean, Regina, and Mrs. Isobel Belding, Delta, B.C.; brothers, George of Deep River, Ontario, Dan of Hudson Bay, Sask., and Bill of Edmonton. He was predeceased by a son Harold in 1978.

Son Ron is a first year student in the degree course in agriculture, and was a member of the 1979 Canadian Junior Football Championship winners, the Saskatoon Hilltops. Older brother John, began his first year teaching at Porcupine Plain.

'O.B.' was born at Kinistino, and graduated with a B.S.A. degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 1946. He served as ag. rep. at Meadow Lake from 1947 to 1954, where he contributed

greatly to the livestock industry, and to improved land use, the 4-H movement, and played an active part in agricultural society, sports, community and church affairs. He became farm manager at the University of Saskatchewan in 1954, which position he held until 1973, at which time he moved to LaRonge, as director of agricultural programs for the Department of Northern Saskatchewan, being primarily concerned with the training and development of native people, and the administration of training farms association with the training program.

In addition to being an ardent churchman and community worker, he took an active part in professional societies. He served as president and secretary-treasurer of the Sask. Agricultural Graduates Association, and was a member of the Sask. Institute of Agrolologists, the Agricultural Institute of Canada, and the Canadian Society of Extension.

Interment took place at Woodlawn Cemetery in Saskatoon.

Lucien 'Gus' Bell, '30, of Saskatoon, passed away on February 7, 1979, in a local hospital, at the age of 74 years. The funeral was held at Westminster United Church, with Rev. W.F. Clarke officiating.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie; daughters, Mrs. Joan Lenz, Odessa, Sask., Mrs. Elin Logan, Edmonton, and Mrs. Barbara McLette, Vancouver; and eight grandchildren.

Gus was born in Winnipeg, and was raised at Semans. He taught in rural schools in Saskatchewan before enrolling in the College of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan, where he received his B.S.A. degree in 1930, and his M.Sc. in 1932. Following graduation he served for 38 years with the Plant Products Division, Agriculture Canada, the majority of that time as District Supervisor for Saskatchewan.

Active in agricultural graduate and alumni affairs, he was a past president of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association, and the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association.

He also served on the boards of the Saskatoon United Way and the Red Cross for many years. He was an active member of the Masonic Order, both in the Saskatchewan Lodges, No. 16 A.F. & A.M., and particularly in the Scottish Rite.

Gus loved to curl and was an active participant, both in regular curling and at ag. grad reunions, and was a member of the Senior Curling Club.

W. Gordon Kirk, '28, of Wauchula, Florida, died in hospital on January 21, 1979. He was the beloved husband of Bessie McEown Kirk.

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Tom Rackham, '37, is living it up at 8551 Lockside Drive, R.R. #1, Saanich-ton, B.C. V0S 1M0. Sold out the farm at Lloydminster, but kept a little at Innis-free — just in case. Mediterranean cruise last May. Passed the summer in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and Manilla, Phillipines for Asian Development Bank, owns a hotel - Salmon River Inn, north of Campbell River.

Now back to the doin's of the fellaheen.

Gary Cooper, '71, has ceased his wanderin' ways. Is the new farm accounting specialist with Economics & Marketing, Sask. Ag. Regina. Back home after 2½ years pedalling Bell's Medical Wonder, Snake Oil, and other vet supplies in Nova Scotia, and 5 years as regional farm management wallah in P.E.I. Picked up a wife, Cheryl — a Cape Breton Islander. Daughter Sonia 2½ years.

Ken Dean, '53, is the new la presidente Farm Equipment Wholesalers Association. In the farm machinery business in Saskatoon, helping keep 'Big Bud' Smith, 48, honest.

Jack Braidek, '50, has cum home to work (?) with the Western Producer — in marketing and writing.

Elwood Hart, '59, general manager Saskatoon Exhibition Association, was named "The Fair Man of the Year" by the Canadian Exhibition Association. Good Show! Far cry from showing a 4-H calf at the Touchwood fair — a good start is a job half done.

Frank McLeod, '48, spent 5 days hunting moose last November. Al-  
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Dr. Kirk served with great distinction as researcher and as a vice-director at the Range Cattle Experiment Station near Ona, until his retirement in 1968 — a span of some 40 years.

He was honored on numerous occasions for his contributions to animal science, and was highly regarded in international science circles. He was also renowned as a cattle judge, and officiated at shows in both North and South America. He was instrumental in the development of the cattle industry in Florida, and was the author of numerous scientific papers.

He was also keenly interested in church and community endeavours.

Brian Cumming, '72, passed away on November 4, 1978, while in hospital in Saskatoon. Brian was farming with his father at Adanac at the time of his death. He was active in many community activities.

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# ④ REPORT OF ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE -

IRENE AHNER [S.A.G.A. REP.]

Once again my annual report will be presented to you by an executive member who is not handicapped by sub-zero weather and hungry cows. If you could arrange to hold Farm and Home Week in July, I could attend faithfully.

The two meetings of the Council in 1978 were busy ones, and I have several topics to present.

## A. COLLEGE DEVELOPMENTS

### 1. Study of Space and Facilities

The College conducted a detailed study of the space and facilities in each Department, and also projected space requirements to 1990. The study used standard guidelines for office space and laboratories as set out by the University. It was found that a 74% average increase in space and personnel will be needed by 1990. About half of this increase is needed, just to bring present conditions up to an adequate level in 1979.

Due to current trends in agriculture, and new types of courses being offered, enrollment is not expected to drop in the 1980's. Expansion is therefore essential. This report is now in the hands of a University Task Force in Agriculture. It was also studied by the Shebeski Commission.

### 2. Time Allocation Study

Dean Brown conducted a survey this past year to determine how the Faculty work load is distributed. He reported the following results:

(a) Teaching	- 41.15%
(b) Research	- 26.46%
(c) Public Service	- 11.87%
(d) Extension	- 7.37%
(e) Administration	- 13.15%

He said, "It is likely the high teaching load is a major reason for the difficulties the College is experiencing in undertaking adequate research and service programs for the agricultural industry and senior governments. This difficulty could be alleviated in large part by providing more professional and supporting research staff."

The graduate student: staff ratio in the College of Agriculture is the highest of all the colleges on campus.

### 3. Enrollment

Enrollment in the B.S.A. program is up this year, largely due to an increase of women and transferees. The diploma course enrollment is down slightly; and post-grad enrollment has remained about the same as previous years.

Concern was expressed here about the very small numbers of students entering post-grad work; not just here, but all over Canada. A great many of our colleagues in the scientific field who were trained just after World War II will retire in the next 10 years, and there will be a vast shortage of Canadian trained scientists to replace them. An effort must be made to persuade governments and commodity groups to provide funding for students, that could compete with current starting salaries. We are losing our most able B.S.A. grads, because the post-grad program can't compete financially with the glitter of that first job.

## B. COLLEGE REPORTS

### 1. The Department of Soil Science

The Institute of Pedology presented by Dr. D.A. Rennie  
The U. of S. Soil Testing Service

Dr. Rennie presented a very detailed report on the composition and functions of each of these areas. Their operations lack the efficiency desired due to the following reasons:

(a) lack of space - He proved his point by taking us all on tour of the Soil Testing Lab in Kirk Hall. The staff is to be commended for the excellent work they do under such adverse conditions.

(b) lack of permanent funding. This results in a rapid staff turnover.

(c) lack of academic recognition for staff of the Pedology Institute.

Dr. Rennie also gave us a glimpse of the future plans of these bodies.

(a) Third World aid in soil development.

(b) More inputs into the field of arresting soil deterioration.

(c) Water research.

(d) Extension of land surveys and data storage, in order to more intensively study soil management.

### 2. Feed Testing Lab

This report took the form of a tour conducted by Mr. Ken Mitchell. The number of samples analyzed rose sharply in 1977, but the operating deficit also climbed, to an estimated \$65,000.00 in 1978. The Lab currently employs six people, and performs numerous extension duties other than reporting and interpreting feed analysis results.

### 3. Department of Crop Science - presented by Dr. Austenson, Head

Dr. Austenson reviewed the history and development of the Crop Science Dept.; past accomplishments of staff members; the creation of the Crop Development Centre in 1971; and the acquisition of the Kernen Crop Science Research Farm in 1977.

This farm of 2 sections was sold to the University for \$40,000.00 and a crop

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though the hunt was considered successful, the moose got in a few licks, because Frank spent most of the next 5 weeks lying on the floor with a wonky back. He had a spot of surgery in December — which is to say he spent a quiet yule. Figgers to be in shape come spring. And another cow herd bit the dust.

Big brother, Al McLeod, '49, and Jean Marie, spent Xmas in Mexico and Texas, but still made it to the 30 year reunion.

Andrew Mess, '74 hez transferred to Ottawa with grains and special crops division, Agriculture Canada, as of September last.

Ernie Paynter, '23, and Audrey sparked a drive for a new electric organ for the Regina Senior Citizens' Centre. Instead of wedding gifts of a lotta stuff that they already had two of anyhow, their friends donated cash — \$1,600. Other donors raised \$1,000 to complete the purchase.

Elmer Bittner, '65, has moved from Vermillion as dairy specialist to Leduc as a D.A. Spent several years in the dairy industry in Alberta and Ontario.

Don Flaten, '78, is a D.A.-in-training at Claresholm. Learned the error of his ways as an undergrad — worked for Elanco in the summer months. Cleaned up on a lotta easy money in scholarships while at the university. They have a girl or two in the extension service in Alberta too, we notice.

Elaine Moats, '77, is assistant ag. rep. at Weyburn, and is busy keepin' both two, and four-legged, rats at bay. The purveyor of this news also tells us the FarmStart types from Regina have been down to Weyburn to pick up a few pointers on curling. Shoulda gone up to Saskatoon — Vern Folk is even better.

Hank Nickel, '54, the indomitable ag. rep. from Biggar, is away attending the University of Arizona Winter School in Tucson, Arizona — or was it a golf school?

Ralph Christenson, '49, is off to warmer climate (South) to get practiced up on his golf, ready for the coming summer.

Blair Rempel, '76, left the employ of Saskatchewan Agriculture to enjoy the Texas sun. Gonna package bees to ship to Canada.

Lorne Gogel, '78, has been working on a seed plant survey and in farm accounting for the West Central region.

Bob Rugg, '66, deserted the West Central Region and the Small Farm Development Program to become Ag. Rep. at Leader. A guy can only take so much frustration.

Val Matschke Muller, '77, is also busy conducting a survey on seed cleaning facilities in the West Central Region, besides being assistant ag. rep. at Davidson.

Eldon Brick, '74, working with Don Surminsky on Farm Management Programs out Kindersley way.

The annual Christmas Party in the West Central Region, Sask. Agricul-

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ture, was a rip roarer. Mr. and Mrs. Claus made a special effort to be in attendance — Archie, '50, and Marie Colton performed the duties this year.

Bill Volk, '75, hit the slopes at Banff on January 31st. Hope the ski patrol and his St. Bernard were well within hailing distance.

Brian Kennedy, '69, Farmstead Engineer at Kindersley, has flown the coop to Alberta Agriculture in Vermillion come March 1st. Oil wells build bigger hog barns than potash.

Wayne Gamble, '67, has set up shop at the 'Bessie' in Saskabush — Farm West — farm accountancy and consulting.

Bob Dodds, '53, our doughty past president, reminds us that A.L. Roy Levee, '57, Radville, is the new

president of the Weyburn inland terminal. He's taken on a tough job — his curling is gonna go all to pot.

Dick Ross, '72, is holiday in California and other warm parts of the U.S. & A with somebody's wife.

A.G. 'Bud' Smith, '48, got his navel sunburned in Hawaii.

Joe 'Mutiny on the Bounty' Clausen, '48, has been transferred to Regina with F.C.C. — a guy'll put up with a lot when he's close to quitin'.

Jim Harte, '62, Vancouver, was seen around the campus last November. We hear he's officer-in-charge of rain checks for Safeway out there.

Barry Swanson, '72, hez bin wun a them ekstenshun speshylists at the Extenshun Deevishin, but is givin' up cum spring. Gotta a lotta hankerin' for the bush — goin' bak ta the 'Bay' in the egg rep bisniz. He sent us a lotta

information about the Saskatchewan Agriculture Youth Institute — SAYI, to be held at the University come May. They will be hosting 60 or so Grade XI & XII. "The institute is designed to bring together rural and urban youth to study and enhance their appreciation of Saskatchewan agriculture." This is a project of S.I.A., and is supported by interested grads, business and farm organizations via donations — they can use all they can get, and its tax deductible. This year's S.A.Y.I. committee consists of planning chairman — Larry White, '64; program — Herb Clark, '46; funding — Fred Fulton, '50, student selections — Ted Padbury, '66, and Elaine Moats, '77, publicity.

Doug Campbell, '70, is research director for the Palliser Wheat Growers, and sends us a unit train load of information.

Bill Farley, '50, is vice-president of Associated Producers of Agricultural Producers — APAC, and Doug is secretary. He and Ross Evans, '50, were '78 president and secretary of the Sask. Farm Writer's Association. Doug gave a paper on the Crow Rate at the Agricultural Outlook Conference in Ottawa in December.

He sez Grattan O'Grady, '69, stepped down as a director of Palliser after a two-year term. Lorne Christopherson, '69, and Doug Wilkinson, '41, presented the results of the 1978 Palliser Wheat Production study at their 9th annual convention. It's pure blasphemy — but Doug sez the Palliser bonspiel in Lethbridge cum March will soon rival the Grad Reunion 'spiel.

Speakin' a' growers associations but Bob Bullock, '62, is presydint a' the Sask. Rapeseed Growers, and Gary Elliott, Kelvington. Bob Gilmour, '61, Carrot River, and Bill Bridge, '76, North Battleford were elected directors. Morris Sebulsky, Sheho, is secretary.

Keith Downey, '50, sez they've had some processing problems with the new Candle rapeseed at first, but they got that licked now.

Bob Bennett, '69, Arcola is tryna keep down the beef shortage on his own — he's go 60 Simmental and 130 commercial beef cows. Busy with 4-H too.

Allen R. Hingston, '69, hez been riding herd on the native farmer training farm at Cumberland House for the last 3 years, and hopes to finish, the M.Sc. program he started in 1974 come spring. He and Ella have two young uns — Bronwyn - 3, and Graeme - 1 year.

Clare Bailey, '49, tells us Ralph Wensley, '49, wuz so strung out on the '49 reunion that he phoned him from the airport on the way east. Clare's wife sez its that old Agrolologist hospitality that really gets them.

Kerry Foster, '70, is filling in where Howard Duncan, '65, left off last issue. The noos frum the Battlefords is that Dave Bettschen, the land rep. for Sask. Ag. up there, is chucking the racket for the ol' home farm at Broadview. Bill Wilmot, '72, another land type, is gonna be some sorta land resource specialist in

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research fund of \$250,000.00 was set up by Mr. Kernen, 50% of which is to be re-invested to maintain the fund. The land is assessed at over \$30,000.00 and the mineral rights are included. A great deal of work had to be done to eradicate thistles and quack grass, but the project should begin to show returns this year. Dr. Austenson also put forth a proposal, suggesting that a Crop Production Research Centre be set up to study:

- tillage practices
- genetics
- retension of soil nutrients

This project would require seven professional scientists from Crops, Soils and Ag. Engineering to work in conjunction with the present staff. They hope to establish bases for farm management recommendations which take account of long-term land productivity and energy efficiency.

It was agreed to give the Council's support to this proposal, subject to obtaining the necessary funding.

### C. WASCANA INSTITUTE

A lengthy discussion on the subject of the new agriculture programs being offered by the Wascana Institute in Regina was initiated by your representative at the November Council Meeting. Some Council members felt that we should take a positive view of this program and perhaps it will fill a real need that has been overlooked. Other members felt that there will be obvious duplication with the School of Agriculture, and that with funds so short, duplicate programs are the last thing needed. Concern was also expressed regarding the quality of instructors and staff in this new program. S.I.A. has already requested that only qualified agrologists be allowed to instruct.

It was agreed to ask representatives from the Wascana Advisory Board to attend the next meeting, with the hope of finding ways of establishing better understanding between the School of Agriculture and Wascana.

### D. ROLES OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Concern has been expressed to me by other S.A.G.A. Executive Members about the role that the Advisory Council plays in the system. They feel that the Council is a means for the College to publicize its woes; rather than accepting advice from it.

Personally, I feel that both roles are important. What generally happens at a Council meeting is that members of the College staff present us with reports from various departments. They review the past; tell of present activities; and submit future plans for our approval. Usually, there is little in the projected plans to disapprove of, and we give our moral support. We are then expected to present these plans to the groups we represent, and perhaps more tangible support will be forthcoming.

On the other hand, the Advisory Council was set up in 1911 to be sure that "proper provision was being made for agricultural education" and that the College wasn't being overshadowed by the College of Arts and Science. It was to be concerned with all aspects of teaching and research programs; and to suggest changes, or complain if it disapproved of changes being contemplated. If the advisory role is to be strengthened, then the organizations being represented on the Council must spend some time in this area, and supply their representative with any concerns they wish to have discussed at a Council meeting. I have discovered that if I carry out the first role, that of bringing to you the concerns and plans presented to us, the Ag. Grads are not slow in expressing their opinions. These opinions can then be communicated to the Council at a future meeting or directly by letter to the Dean.

I have enjoyed being your representative on the Advisory Council throughout 1978. Thank you for your patience in listening to this report.

Respectfully submitted,  
Irene Ahner, '65 . . . . .

## 6 WHERE THE ANTELOPE PLAY (Continued from page 5)

the Southeast region at Weyburn. Leavin' the north? - ya gotta be nuts.

**Fred Langley's, '50**, wife has taken him on the big bird to the Barbadoes. Gonna teach the natives how ta pump dugouts.

**George Fedak, '63**, cereal breeder at the Ottawa research station, Agriculture Canada, spent two months chasing down barley samples in the wilds of Turkey, Iran and Greece — among other wild life.

**Harold Horner, '33**, is chairman of the new Canada West Foundation, set up to study the future in the next ten years. The committee consists of representatives from each of the western provinces.

**Stan Kirkland, '75**, has moved to Winnipeg from Ottawa with the Plant Products Division to take charge of field activities - a married man too. He and Karen are busy conning the new neighbors and curling like mad.

**Doyle Wiebe, '76**, let it slip that for the third consecutive year, a most daring group of sixteen Agros snuck South of the border to partake in one of the fastest and strenuous activities known to mankind — a week of continuous partying, slightly interrupted by skiing. As is the case with so many other Agro activities, the mere mention of some shenanigans of this illustrious group brings friends, and friends of friends of Agros, out of the woodwork. By New Year's Eve, the last night of the trip, about 60 people had combined forces in the Ramada Inn in Bozeman, Montana for a real Agro party. The convicted included:

Doyle Weibe	'76
Don Wasyluniuk	'75
Cal Kelly	'75
Morris Delage	'69
Marc Odegard	'77
Rick Hassett	'75
Tim Howden	'75
Brent Kennedy	'76
Doug McKell	'77
Garth Weiterman	'78
Andy Laforge	'77
Murray Jones	'77
Patty Zombathy	'79
Lee Harris	'75
Bruce Barker	'78
Thom Weir	'77

The blame for the reputation in Bozeman of Canadian skiers (?) rests mainly on the shoulders of a few (not to be mentioned) Agros. Without the organization efforts of the 1976 A.S.A. Executive Award recipient Brent Kennedy, the whole trip would not have been possible.

Hopefully someone else will be around to lead the singing next Christmas. Brent may not fully recover from his tonsil operation, and may need a replacement.

**Dave Blechinger, '77**, tells us he's working (?) for F.C.C. outa Yorkton — whadda mean? ya gotta nuthin' to spend

until April. **George MacPherson, '72**, and **Jim Forman, '78**, are helpin' him do it.

**Howard McDonald, '31**, has settled in Sorrento, B.C., and has taken to reading Agronews and the Western Producer. See what happens if you don't send a change of address to the registrar? Built his own house - he'll be lookin' for bugs in the plumbing, wiring and finishing for years to come, instead of being chief of entomology with Agriculture Canada in Saskatoon. Is also busy tryin' to create a fruit surplus - garden full of cherries, apricots, pears, apples, peaches and grapes. Lonesome for a real Saskatchewan sunset! That's what ya get fer leavin'.

**Garth Weiterman, '77**, has been busy, helping **Larry Gramiak, '73**, ag. rep. out at Wakaw. Found time to tell us **Dervin Armstead, '78**, is playing the stingies on F.C.C. loans at the Battlefords.

**Dave Beatty, '78**, is holding the torch for Cargill at Kinistino. Nice and close to home too. Oh well, that's Cargill's worry. **Ron Bonish, '78**, is with Pinder Industries out of Saskatoon. They say they used to make porch climber in the ol' days. Wonder what they make now?

**George O'Bertos, '59**, brought the wife back safely from Hawaii. The ol' 747 developed Parkinson's disease on the way home - a kinda mid-air hula.

**Allan Blair, '64**, father confessor for all livestock farmers in North East Saskatchewan, is gonna through in his lot with the pig producers - SISCO general manager come April.

**Ron Schultz, '77**, left the F.C.C. in Weyburn to pursue his M.Sc. at Saskatoon.

**Vern 'Snooter' Racz '68**, **Pete 'Sharp' Petersen, '52**, **Jim 'Index' Morris, '70**, and **Zane 'Deodorizer' Lewchuk, '67**, gave the pork producer types a run for their mortgages up at a hog course at Churchbridge. They all went away convinced pigs were beautiful.

**Pat Callin, '69**, Saltcoats, **Bob Ivey, '71**, Ituna, **Russell Shukin, '66**, Buchanan, and **Bob Heggie, '76**, Leross, have been showering **Orest Mysak's, '48**, young farmers with chalk dust at eight-week farm schools at Canora and Wadena. Success in farming is dependent on the square root of the interest rate on farm machinery loans. **Lewis Reeve, '68**, ag. rep. at Kelvington is truant officer.

**Stew Adam, '68**, returned from Tucson with a sunburn on his tee shot. And we expected he'd have a classroom pallor from all that extension training he went there for.

We are sorry to report that both **Joe Rakochoy's, '68**, young son and **Lewis Reeve's** wee daughter are both quite ill. Sure hope things turn around, guys.

**Fred Fulton, '50**, reports that son, **Murray, '77**, is really enjoying his stint at Exeter College, Oxford, where he's studying for his Ph.D. in agricultural economics. He got his M.Sc. at Texas A & M last year. Busy with university hockey and rowing. He'd like to have any wandering grads drop by.

**Bill Sheppard, '70**, Demaine, is busy farming and saving up his energy for the '80 reunion.

**Lester Lafond, '74**, is making a good

## They've Cum Bak!



Besides the curlin', there was smokin', drinkin', dancin', eatin' and philosophizin'. A tip of the fedora, the babooshka and the old bean to:

Re-Union Chairman - Les Henry, '64  
Curling - Barry Hodge, Lorence Petersen  
Smoker - Doyle Wiebe, Dick Ross  
Banquet - Harvey Schmidt, Tom Burwell, Bob Bens  
Smokette - Mrs. Les Henry, Mary Dodds, Jean Dunlop  
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Alvin A. Abrey, Simpson - farming  
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Ray W. Christensen, Young - farming  
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Brian Flavel - Bulyea - farming

R. Don Gillespie, Regina  
W. Garvin Hanley, Regina - farming  
Guenther H. Harder, Carlton - farming  
H. Bruce Haughn, Young - farming  
Wm. N. Hurd, Outlook - ag. rep.  
Lucien W. Jacobs, Trossachs - farming  
Dave R. Mortinson, Meota - farming  
Ronald H. Mason, Holbein - farming  
Dale Pocock, Nipawin - farming  
Robert K. Pridmore, Consul - farming  
Barry A. Raymond, Aneroid - farming  
Garry A. Reed, Porcupine Plain - farming  
Hovey J. Reese, Milk River, Alta. - farming

H.F. (John) Seitz, Zehner - farming  
B.A. Shaw  
Mervin W. Sigstad, Quill Lake - farming  
M.M. Slater  
R.J. Sloan  
C.B.R. Smith  
C.W. (Mike) Smith, Mankota  
K.M. Smulan  
Terry J. Stokke, Watrous - farming  
Stan G. Stroeder, Englefeld - farming  
Nick B. Volk, Unity - farming  
Francis L. Weber, Wadena - farming  
Garth H. Wildman, Calgary - instructor  
S. Alberta Inst. Tech

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old grad newsletters - '75 no less. He forgot to leave a forwarding address and has had to put up with second rate publications, like the Green & White, making a good showing on the farm at Marcelin. He's one of the directors of the Sask. Agricultural Program.

**Roy Bailey, '79**, tells Fred that **Cal Ramsay, '78**, is still up to his old tricks - Hereford sales by day and gosh knows what by nite.

**Frank Dunlop, '63**, our redoubtable S.A.G.A. secretary, has left the sheltering arms of Federated Co-ops for the sweltering ones of the private trade - joined **Tom Burwell, '64**, in fuel, fertilizer and farm supplies.

**Sorry** we're missing a few grad years. These computerized mailing lists are far from perfect.



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  - N.C. (Neil) Heuser, Melaval
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- Those who responded but didn't attend:
- Doug Treleaven, Mesa, Arizona - retired
  - Arnold Treble, Fillmore
  - Stan Peltem, Drumheller, Alta - Agriculture
  - Al Mhyr, University of Guelph
  - Bill Munro, Winnipeg, Manitoba - Hog Marketing Board
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  - Geo. Hart, Siwft Current - Sask. Agriculture
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  - Al Martin, Winnipeg - Manitoba Agriculture
  - Ozzie Lakness, Govan - farming
  - Allen McFadden, Wassa, B.C.
  - Margaret Mollard, Vancouver, B.C.
- The Fifth Year**  
**1974 School of Agriculture**  
 (Ed: But they send in their news)
- Gillis Blezy, Storthoaks - farming
  - Chris Calvert, Rosetown - farming
  - Jim Cooper, Tugaske - farming
  - Rene deMoissac, Biggar - farming
  - Lyle Hamann (?) sp., Regina - farming
  - Don Hudson, Ogema - farming
  - Perry Johnson, Ogema - farming
  - Bill Kerr, Saskatoon - farming
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## THEY'VE CUM BAK

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Dave Thompson, Carnduff - farming  
Art Unsworth, Maple Creek - ranching  
Bruce Wagner, Hague - farming  
Gerald Walkeden, Tribune - farming  
(Ed: Sure hope we got all the spellin'. If not, blame it on sumbuddies writin' and my reedin')

### More Reunion:

The '49 College types had a reunion banquet and chew out at the Faculty Club and report they've collected from 46 chompers and swiggers and curlers (?) for a special speakers fund for the college students. Eight rinks in the bonspiel (32 souls with weak flesh). Good sports - let all the other rinks beat them.

Shirley Hoffman, Don Rennie's general manager, was awarded the Order of the Twisted Space Bar for her yeowoman service to the '49 reunion. Great profile too, and her 'A' horizon is tremenjous.

**Jack Scotty Campbell** has set his face for a 35th.

Some of the guys even recognized each other on this round. **Ralph Wensley** arrived incognito - hair, teeth and body belt - nobuddy rekonized him. They sed in the ol' days he wuz smart and cud sing.

**Don Rennie, Murray Riddell and Jack Campbell** were 'chieftans of the ceilagh'. The bowl of nostalgia overfloweth. The other bowls flowed too.

## THE REAL OLDTIMERS

**Ralph Bolkin, '29, William Hayes, '29, and Hayden Owens, '29,** were back for their 50 year re-union. All were diploma graduates out of a class of six, as they recall. How many grad years can boast of being that well represented at their fiftieth? Ralph and Bill both farmed all their lives in the southern part of the province - at Rouleau and Moose Jaw. Hayden was in the farm machinery business at Eston for most of his working life, except for a 10 year stint at road construction.

Others in the total class of 20 graduates (as Hayden recalls) of which the six mentioned above were apparently diploma grads: **Hubert Cannon, '29, Aberdeen Demetrius Dembrowski, '29, Saskatoon, and Cliff Whiting, '29, Melfort,** also attended.

Rupert Ramsay was remembered as the most distinguished graduate. Besides being leader of the Progressive Conservaties in Saskatchewan from 1944 to 1949, Rupert had a distinguished career with the extension services at the university, including that of being director for several years.

## OTHER NEWS

**Harvey Schmidt, '75,** chairman for the '79 banquet, reports 825 people sat down - the mostest ever. 800 had bought their tickets by the end of the smoker. Those early ticket sales sure help - the caterers have to know by Friday nite just how many guests to prepare for. **Tom Burwell, '64,** will be in charge of loaves and fishes for the '80

## Leturs ta thuh Edytur

(an ennybuddy else whut's lisnin)  
frum Swaziland



Dear Linn:

### Re ur December Nusletter

Its always nise to C ur name in print - Ol Bud. **Smith, '48,** got most of the faks, not quite strate, but purdy klose fur a macheen dealer. Musta rote up the nus after that rewbarb whine of Joe's. He din't menshun that weer all out heer workin fer ole Doc Gibson. Huw wuz scrubbin milk bottels befor the Hom Eeconomes got him. Ole Doc sent 34 heffers an 4 bulz by air male to Johannesburg, an we trukked them the 240 miles tew the farm in Swaziland. They wuz all still abov ground nex day. Ole Gus Wruck sed he never herd so much coffin' sinse he wuz in the emfaseemy ward in Selkirk ole menz hospitle. Our needel bill is biggern the nashunal debt, and them heffers feelz like dart bores in a pub. After the ship feever an newmoania wuz kured, 95 pursent was still abov ground. Sinse then them heffers bin eddicated on fourin wurds like anaplasmosis, babesiasis an richettisia (moar needles than a Hutterite quiltin party). Weir gonna git to them calves befor the tiks dew. In spight of the pin cushion syndrome,

Dear Lin:

I'm sorry to say I've not much to write,

I have a few blanks from that long mixed-up night.

With pen in hand, and chier reared back,

I let my mind, slip off it's track.

It reminds me of Bill

An ol white haired fella,

About a 30 year grad

With beer in his bella.

He says we are lucky

With the new agro girl,

Just 20 years back

He'd a' give 'em a whirl.

He tipped back his beer

And said there's no more,

Cause there stands me wife,

At yonder front door.

Life's been ruff

But I suffer no pain,

Wine, women, and song,

Have made me an agro again.

I hope that this will help you out. It isn't much, but neither is my poetry.

I would like to congratulate you on your excellent achievements that you have made on the "SAGA". Good luck on your next one.

Sincerely yours,

**Doug M. Smith, '79**

Voc. Ag. Rep.

SAGA.

re-union banquet.

**Doyle Wiebe, '76,** smoker convenor, conveys his undying gratitude to the 435 grads who bellied up to the bar - 20% more than in 1978.

they bin gaynin .75 kg a day since last July. Ole Brine Campbell from Twelon, Manytoby is buildin maturity penz caws he figgers about 60 of them girls will be redy for the semen can by Febrewary.

'Bit Bud' Smith forgowt to say that weir also bildin' a feed mill an Cliff Tweed from Fed. Coop in Saskabush is conjurin' up rashuns fer evrything from Boergoats to Broylers. Cliff's biggest problem is that hees 10,000 milz from the compewtor.

**Brian Duck, '64,** gav up the kumfort of the Sask. Ag. ROP program tew run an extenshun chord around Swaziland darey development, as part of ole Doc's teem hear. Brian has kart blank just so long as he gets a coupla million litres mor melk in the next coupla yeers.

Well Lynn that the storey from old Doc Gibson's peeople hear. Their R 9 of us now.

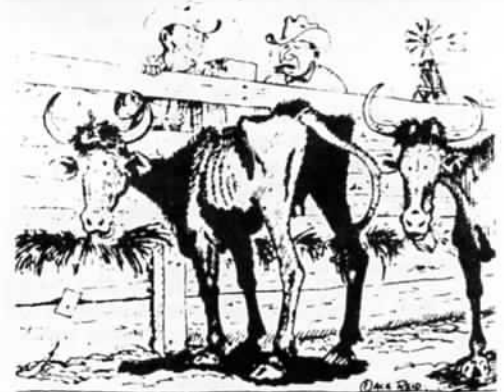
Sinse I bein reeding Dogsboddy my Canajun is better'n my SiSwati. Bye the wey, postage is expensiv heer. Pleees send my chek for 30 dollarz to whewever is appropriot for live membership.

Luv,

Al.

P.S. Tell ole **Joe Clawson, '48,** to brew up some more rewbarb. Weel bee owt to sea him an Bert nex May.

## Frum Depression Flats, Pruvins ov the Southwest



"This here is my "Famous Diet Breed"—they give skim milk and lean meat!"

Dear Lin:

Whilst I may not be a duly cornstiooted member of the SAGA, I do git to reed the nusletter ever so often thanks to **Derald Ahner.** Soose I decided to writ you'all jist to give you sum news frum the ole south west footie hills.

We got us'n a real hotdang'er of an old angered rep by the name of **Ivan Clark, '65.** Him and his wife got into sum hot stuff a while ago when his house burnt down. He has settled down into his new house now but he shore didn't

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# THE FEATHER BED



**Mel Andal, '44**, has retired again! Twice from F.C.C. A native son, he received both his B.S.A. and M.Sc. in agricultural economics at the University. He worked for the Economics Division, Agriculture Canada as an economist at Saskatoon for several years during which time we believe, he snuck off to earn his Ph.D. at Michigan State University, also in agriculture economics we think, or was it 'driver training'? He left us for Ottawa where he was Chief, Production Economics for

five years, Associate Director Economics Division, for two years, and for four years was Director, Farm Economics. He went to work for F.C.C. in 1968 as economic advisor, and was seconded to C.I.D.A. in Uganda in 1972, and in 1977 to Sri Lanka, after which he retired for the first time. On December 28, 1978 he retired for the second time.

**Gordon Dobson, '48**, is running a pool on Mel's third retirement date.



**Chuck Ford, '49**, also retired from F.C.C. on December 28. A Carrot River Valley type, Chuck served in the R.C.A.F. from 1941 to 1945, and was the first aircrew type to dive-bomb a Wellington without ever leaving the ground, or was it a Fairey Battle? He tricked Dean Graham into giving him his B.S.A. degree, and went to V.L.A. as an unsettlement officer, where he remained until 1960, when he joined F.C.C. as district supervisor at Prince Albert, until it got too hot for him there, and he then moved to Regina in 1966, where he wore the same hat until 1977. He then unweigled his way into being supervisor of special programs, at which time he arranged his own retirement at double pension — undoubtedly his most successful special program. Good luck, Chuck!



**C.F. 'Sandy' Sanderson, '49**, was born in Readlyn and also retired from F.C.C. on December 28, 1978. The Ayatollah has struck again! Sandy also lived off the avails of the V.L.A. from 1949 to 1960, upon which organization he also had a most unsettling effect. Seems to us that previous to all this he was awarded a medal for cheerfulness in the mess, in one of his majesty's, Horlicks tablet, span and biscuit corps. In any case, in 1970 he too joined F.C.C. as a

district supervisor at Yorkton. He left there under the cover of darkness one night in 1965 to become supervisor, farm services at the regional office in Regina, which again had a most unsettling effect on the field staff. He became loan administration officer in 1974, and land prices soared. He was also information officer during the same period.

He cribbed his way to full accreditation A.A.C.I. in 1976, and recently took a real estate course, and has gone into the consulting business upon retirement. He was last seen in Yorkton on towards dusk one day last month — don't know what he was up to.



**Roy McIver, '42**, was forced into early retirement due to ill health after 31 years service with Agriculture Canada at Indian Head research station, the last five years as officer-in-charge, where he has been primarily concerned with variety testing of forages, cereals and specialty crops, and with crop rotations. Roy was born and raised at Francis, and later enrolled in the College of Agriculture at Saskatoon, where he earned his B.S.A. in 1942.

He then joined the army and saw service in England and Europe with the Royal Canadian Artillery. He was discharged in 1946 and served as an ag. rep. at Indian Head for two years. Following this, he joined the then Experimental Farm there as supervisor of illustration stations, a post he held for 25 years, until he became head of the agronomy section in 1973, and officer-in-charge in 1974.

Possibly Roy's greatest contribution was his work with long-term crop rotations, a project he adhered to with considerable persistence, and which should prove invaluable in the light of recent interest in continuous cropping.

During Roy's lifetime he has been active in the Royal Canadian Legion, youth groups, the town council and the school board, and is currently a member of his church board.

**Jim Banting, '47S '50C '52MSc**, retired from the Canada Agriculture Research Station at Regina in December, and has deserted us for Victoria. Rumor has it that Monica may go with him. Jim, if memory serves us right, was a driver, airframe, bomber

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Cont.) from DEPRESSION FLATS

have many kind words for them mogle homes he had ter live in meentimes.

An' speakin of **Derald Ahner**, he dun forsook his cows to the tender murcies of **Irene, '65**, and went gallivantin around the countryside again. Actually he calls it a "survey of winter feedin rashins". I suppose thet means he trying to find out if his nayboors is doin as good a job as Irene.

Ole "Cloud-bumper" **Art Unsworth, '75**, is back a shootin basketball and teaching fer-H kids how to shoot "them dirty skeets." He also went to a trapper's coarse. He says, it should come in handy come spring when he tries ketchin them wild doggies of his.

**Al, '67**, and **Cecelia, '75, Mulhern** got sick of snowin' and blowin' and took a trip down to sum place they called the carry-bean. If they wanted to carry sumthing, I gotta lotta bales that need toten.

I also herd thet a feller by the name of **Bob Rugg, '71**, took over Cecelia's old job. Besta luck, Bob, ya got some pretty fancy high heels ta fill.

I also herd tell the Regal expensive office down at Speedy Creek has got therselves a hockey league goin'. Everbodies in it, guys, gals and kids and havin' therselves a doggone good time. **Wild Pyle's?** in charge of supplyin "cow chips" fer hockey pucks; **John Chuey's** been caught a coupla times for holdin' gals in the corners and **Gary Cortus?** is tha most penalized player, mostly fer illegal use of hands.

The resta tha guys musta holed up fer winter cuz I ain't herd too much outa them fer awhile.

I guess thet enuf prattlin' about fer now. Mayhaps we'll be seein ya after the cows finished calfin.

Gus the Cowhand



# PUFFIN' an' BLOWIN'



# THE GRAD BONSPIEL



Got sum pitchers fer a change. **Bob Evans**, '79, son of **Ross**, '50, dun all the takin. We got 'em comin' outa our ears. Many thanks, Bob.

**REGULAR DRAW - 64 rinks**

**A EVENT - Graham Trophy - Dean 1948 to 1963**



**Winners:** Presented by Eiler Humbert, '51.

- Don Kennedy, '68
- Rod Brown, '68
- Brian Flavel, '59
- Peter Kennedy

—with hardly any puffin'

**Runners-Up:**

- Ron Howarth, '62
- Stu Brandt, '70
- Gary Korsrud, '64
- John Dueck, Man., '64

—slightly puffed

**B EVENT - White Trophy - Dean 1964 to 1974**



**Winners:** Presented by Dean Jake Brown, '51.

- Ian MacMillan, '76
- Garry Meier, '76
- Grant Crossman
- Brent Kennedy, '69

—a touch of puffin'

**Runners-Up:**

- Doug England, '63
- Peter Kirychuk, '62
- Phil England, '68
- Lorne Sparling, '58

—a smidgen of puffin'

**C EVENT - Rutherford Trophy - Dean 1909 to 1930**



**Winners:** Presented by Bill Cooper, '51.

- Vern Pusch, '57
- Alan Hammond, '69
- Bill Hill, '76
- Greg Pusch

-- some puffin'

**Runners-Up:**

- Lawrence Babschuk
- Jerry Holland, '78
- Kerry Hubbard
- Bryce McMillan

—a bit puffed

# HE LEADETH ME BY STILL WATERS



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**Martin Oscar Sonmor**, father of **Lloyd**, '50, passed away on October 26, 1978, in hospital at Saskatoon. Also surviving are his wife Marguerite, sons Clare and Leif of Forgan, three daughters, Helen Glass of Dysart, Norma Tadis and Joan Taylor of Saskatoon; 24 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. A sister, Mrs. Caroline Johnson also survives.

Mr. Sonmor was born at Staples, Minnesota on July 20, 1897. He came with his family to a homestead at Ardath in 1920, and farmed there, at Swanson, and later at Forgan. He remained farming at Forgan until retirement in 1955.

A memorial service was held at Wiseton United Church on October 30, with the Rev. Don Lamont officiating.

**Evelyn Froehlich**, of Rhein, mother of **Arthur**, '75, Lloydminster, and **Gordon**, '77, Yorkton, died suddenly in a car accident near Yorkton on February 12, along with three others. The funeral was held on Friday, February 16 at Christ Lutheran Church, Rhein. Mrs. Froehlich is also survived by her husband Joh, daughters Linda at Cudworth, and Elaine at home, in addition to a third son, Perry, also at home.

Mrs. Froehlich had been a 4-H leader for some ten years, a director of the Yorkton Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition, Ladies Section, was an ardent curler, and had been associated with E & L Ceramics.

**Margaret Sweatman**, wife of **Eric**, '40, of Kelliher, passed away on Wednesday, February 14, at Yorkton Union Hospital, where she had been ill with cancer for the past 3½ months.

She also leaves to mourn a daughter Carol, son-in-law **Vern Neill**, '73, and two grandchildren, who have taken over the Sweatmans' home farm, from which the latter having retired in 1977.

# THE FEATHER BED

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command, with ye olde air force in World War II. Monica brought him home from there, and managed to make a pretty useful sort out a him.

Jim will be remembered by many farmers, and extension and research types for his outstanding work in wild oat control. He was honored with a commemorative plaque by the Expert Committee on Weeds, Western Section, at a gathering in Saskatoon this past November.

Jim was always a guy who seldom spoke, unless he had something worthwhile saying, and that was pretty often. Sorry, we don't have a picture — a pretty looking fella for a pensioner.

Don't know where he picked up his Ph.D.



## PUFFIN' an' BLOWIN'

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D EVENT - Kirk Trophy - Dean 1937 to 1948



**Winners:** Presented by Bill Wilson, '70.

Carl Singbeil, '78

Irvin Yorga, '78

Alan Balfour

Pat Beaujot

—a lil' puffed

**Runners-Up:**

Lyle Elmgren, '71

Tom Brown, Alta., '71

Harley Olson, '72

Jim Morris, '70

—blowin' a bit

### II THE OLDSTERS - 17 rinks

HUTCHEON EVENT - Dean 1963-64



**Winners:** presented by Don Ronnie, '49.

Ben Blacklock, '49

Herb Dow, '50

Vince Coffey, '43

Wilson McIntyre, '41

—kinda blowed

**Runners-Up:**

Stan Campbell, '50

Leigh Crowle, '50

Maurice Taylor, '50

Jack Reynolds, Alta

—one collapsed lung

### THE WHOLE '49 CLASS

—the iron lung

Bernadette (Mrs. John Hickie, '56) sez,  
"Emphysema is a fashionable disease"

### III HONOURABLE MENTION

The first all-female rink  
ever in the  
bonspiel



Connie Heisler

Shirley Barker

Cathy Martin

Judy (Martin) Oram

— undergrad



Only two. Ah, well! Wonder what their names are? Connie & Shirley?

## Crop scientists don't like plan

SASKATOON (CP) - University of Saskatchewan crop scientists want more public debate about proposed plant breeders' rights legislation.

Legislation to allow breeders to collect royalties when selling seed varieties they have developed is expected to be introduced in Parliament in the next few weeks. It would be a departure from present practice in Canada, where most breeding of grain crops takes place in government-supported universities and research stations and new varieties are released in the public domain.

The staffs of the university's crop science department and crop development centre, in a statement, say there has not been enough public debate in Western Canada about the merits of the proposed legislation. Farmers and the public should be asking why the legislation is being formulated, who will benefit and who will pay.

The scientists have asked Federal Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan to release a white paper on plant breeders' rights before introducing the legislation. The paper would invite public comment on a subject that "appears to have far-reaching implications for everyone." In any case, the scientists said, adequate time for public discussion should be allowed after the bill has been introduced.

The statement says plant breeders' rights legislation must not lead to a long-term reduction in the country's total crop research effort. In many European countries and the United States private companies have found plant breeding profitable "and in some countries public plant breeding programs have been directed away from releasing new crop varieties."

The statement notes that plant breeders' rights proponents maintain that entry of private companies into plant breeding would increase research beyond what is carried out in the public sector.

"However, the larger companies engaged in plant breeding are headquartered outside Canada, and may not be active in areas of crop research that are essential adjuncts of an effective over-all plant breeding program."

The university crop scientists are concerned the legislation might lead to political pressure to modify the variety licensing system, which requires the new varieties show an improvement over previously licensed varieties.

"In some countries varieties can be introduced if they are simply different from existing ones, and this leads to a proliferation of mediocre varieties that can be widely promoted by skilled advertising."



## Kernen Farm to be developed as university research facility

Work is under way to develop the latest farm acquired by the University of Saskatchewan into a first-class research facility.

The Kernen Crop Research Farm, located about one mile east of Saskatoon on Highway No. 5, will accommodate projects of the University's Crop Science Department and Crop and Development Centre. The two-section farm was donated by **Fred W. Kernen, '39**, a Saskatoon district farmer, in memory of his parents.

**Dr. Herman Austenson, '46**, head of the Crop Science Department, said research at the farm, which began in a small way last summer, will be expanded in 1979 and be in full swing in 1980. A residence for a farm manager, a machine shed and nine grain storage bins are under construction and will be ready for use by the start of the next growing season. A field laboratory to support the research programs, now in the planning stage, will provide space for such things as cleaning, weighing and storing seed and mixing chemical treatments. The 15-acre building site will be landscaped and provided with a shelterbelt of trees.

Along with the land, the University acquired a large, well built barn, which was erected in 1912, and is of considerable historic interest, and a quonset shed. The barn will be used for storage and the shed as a general purpose building.

The Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture has assisted financially with the site development, including surveying, the construction of a road, fencing, and the provision of a power line.

**Dr. Austenson** said research at the Kernen farm will concern plant breeding and the testing of new crop varieties; the control of tillage and chemicals of such weeds as Canada thistle, quack grass, wild oats, green foxtail, and wild mustard; and zero tillage and continuous cropping.

Soil scientists will study different methods of fertilizing with phosphorous. They are particularly interested in comparing the benefits of one heavy application with those of lighter annual treatments.

Agricultural engineers will be studying spring snow melt to determine how much enters the ground and how much runs off, and will also look into the

effectiveness of narrow strips of standing grain to trap snow.

Two quarter-sections have never been broken, and will be retained in their native state in perpetuity. They will provide an opportunity for ecological research by the Department of Plant Ecology and Biology and the Prairie Migratory Bird Research Centre of the Canadian Wildlife Service.

**Dr. Austenson** said that crop research will continue to be carried out on a relatively small scale on the University's Goodale farm, nine miles south-east of Saskatoon, where the soil is lighter textured and less productive than on the Kernen farm.

Six quarter-sections of the Kernen farm will be under cultivation and land not being used for research at any particular time will be farmed commercially, providing funds to defray some of the research expenses.

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A small boy wandered into an art gallery and stared with a puzzled look at the abstract paintings. "What's that?" he asked a guard.

"That's a man," the guard responded.

"And what's that?" the boy asked.

"That's his wife."

"Gosh," muttered the youngster, "I sure hope they don't have any kids."



## From the Editor's Desk

by Lin Boyes '48

also a cementing force in the association.

Many of our graduates will be receiving this issue of the grad newsletter for the first time ever, or the first time in many years. It is an attempt, on the part of our membership chairman, **Bob Bens** and his committee, to recruit more members for the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association. It is the belief of the executive and members that ours is a most worthwhile fraternal and sororital association, and we whose benefits should be shared by all eligible members.

There are four classes of membership in the grads association. Since this is an association of agricultural alumni, who have received some formal training in agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan, we also welcome to membership those who, for one reason or another, did not complete either the diploma or degree course. We also welcome graduates of other schools and colleges of agriculture. These four classes then are:

- 1) graduates, or partials (two years of study), in the diploma or degree program in agricultural science, or post graduates in agricultural science, at the University of Saskatchewan;
- 2) graduates of other colleges and schools of agriculture;

Again our annual ag. grads reunion can only be described as bigger and better than it was last year. Imagine sitting down to dinner with 825 grads, wives and girl friends! No other agricultural alumni in Canada, or perhaps anywhere, can make that boast. The Agricultural Institute of Canada, in itself a unique organization in the world of scientific agriculture, can boast of seating 1,200 to 1,300 members and spouses at their annual banquet - but they are representative of not one, but literally dozens of alma mater.

The success of our annual reunion is due to the freely volunteered and donated talents and enthusiasm of the executive members, and more particularly, the committee chairman involved in the planning and execution, and equally to the interest and the spirit of camaraderie of the graduates who support the activities associated with the reunion. The common goal of improvement in the scholastic excellence of their fellows and those to follow, and in the betterment of the agricultural industry which results, is

- 3) honorary life members elected by the association; and
- 4) life members, who qualify for an annual membership as outlined above, and who have paid the life membership fee. All members have regular voting privileges, except that those who are graduates of other agricultural institutions may not become officers.

This newsletter is dedicated to the aims and objectives of our association, and it is only through the active participation of the membership in contributing to its content, can it hope to be successful in achieving those aims. As editor, it's my job to put it together, but it's the job of the members to let me have their news, articles and suggestions.

People hesitate to let us have news about themselves because they feel they're not newsworthy. Damn it! Man! - there are a lotta people out there who'd like to know that you're still alive - or dead, and what you're doing where. Even if its only your name, year, address, how you get your grocery money, the wife's name and how many kids you've got - it's news to us.

**We're 1,600 strong, lets make it 3,900!** There are 3,900 living grads out there in various stages of repair, and everyone is important to our organization.

# NEWS ITEMS

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

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

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