

CONTROL WINTER ANNUALS NOW

Without good fall weed control, farmers could suffer a serious weed problem next spring.

"Because the spring was wet and late, spring tillage was late, so our weed control was poor," says **Rick Holm**, weed specialist with Saskatchewan Agriculture's plant industry branch.

The weeds most in need of our attention are the winter annuals, stinkweed and flixweed.

Late fall tillage may effectively control them if the surface soil is dry. However, if the soil has good moisture, tillage is not very effective. A disadvantage of fall tillage is that it reduces trash cover.

To control winter annuals with spring cultivation, the first working should be done before plants are well rooted and

have started to bolt. Once flowerstalks have started to lengthen, weeds, especially flixweed, are very difficult to control with cultivation. Since stinkweed and flixweed reproduce by producing and scattering seed, we must prevent the seed from setting. Cultivation will do this, but we should use wide sweeps to make sure we get complete overlap.

Late fall application of 2,4-D, at between four and six ounces of active ingredient per acre, has proven successful in controlling winter annuals. Besides giving effective control, this treatment maintains trash cover and delays the need for spring cultivation of summerfallow fields, decreasing the spring work load.

If rapeseed or mustard are to be seeded next spring, we shouldn't use

more than four ounces of active ingredient of 2,4-D per acre. As well, 2,4-D should not be applied next spring, to fields that we'll be planting to mustard, rapeseed or legumes.

Without fall weed control, stinkweed and flixweed will germinate in the fall and over winter as small rosettes. The rosettes begin growing early in the spring and often will have flowered and produced seeds before we can get on the land. Early spring tillage also doesn't always control them, since if moisture conditions are good, the weeds transplant easily.

"Stinkweed and flixweed are heavy water users," Rick says. "If we don't control them, they use up the moisture on summerfallow, and rob seeded land of needed moisture."

THE STATE OF THE UNION

The Advisory Council to the College of Agriculture held an extra meeting this year, and as I will not have an opportunity to report to the Ag. Grad. executive until November, I thought I would send in a brief report to 'The Saga'.

At each of our meetings, many references have been made about the research farms owned by the University. The weather in April and November is not usually suitable for farm tours, so the Council agreed to hold a summer meeting for this purpose.

The Council met on July 20, 1979, and spent a couple of hours discussing the Shebeski Committee Report, and its recommendations concerning the University farm and the Research farms. Dr. Bell pointed out several points in this report that have aroused the ire of the faculty. The report has suggested that our University has too much land, which is not being used efficiently. It also suggests that "while access to farm animals is essential, ownership and operation of a farm is not. If the University did not have its own animals, it could arrange with co-operating



farmers to have animals trucked to the campus and students bussed to farms . . . How about that, in an age where we are supposed to cut down on energy use in transportation?

It is the opinion of the College, and the Council agreed fully, that the present University farm is an essential part of the Campus, and no further encroachments by the City of Saskatoon, or the University Department of Buildings and Grounds should be made upon it. Urban growth has become a major problem, but the University itself makes demands on the farm for parking lots, and new buildings. The Council passed the following motion, which it hopes the various groups represented by the Council will also support:

"The Advisory Council registers its concerns about the continuing loss of farm land to other uses, and urges

that all remaining University land, under College of Agriculture jurisdiction, and located inside (south and west) of Circle Drive, be retained, if at all possible, for College of Agriculture uses."

The Council was then taken on a walking tour of the University farm by Dr. C.M. Williams. He pointed out several problem areas, where new facilities are desperately needed. Some of the Ag. Grads. will remember the light housekeeping suites (?) at the Poultry Department. No one lives there anymore, but the same old building is still in use, as Dr. Crawford attempts to carry out adequate poultry research. All of the poultry out-buildings have been crammed into an area of about one-quarter of their former domain, and the quality of some of the pens would have shocked the pioneers of our province. The building designated for sheep research is literally falling down, and the elevator needs renovating. The swine facilities are reasonable, and the dairy centre is excellent. The Pavillion, and the large barn with the silos, have been designated "historic" and there-

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ACCOLADES



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Bill Cooper '51, our S.A.G.A. past president, twice removed, was made an Honorary Life Member by the S.I.A. at their annual meeting in June, in recognition of his outstanding and continuous contributions to Saskatchewan Agricultural Community.

Many have come to know Bill through his contributions as an instructor in rural short courses, and as co-ordinator of the eminently successful university regional short courses.

He has also made a considerable contribution to the rapeseed growers association, to the advisory council on soils and agronomy, and as a member of the Prairie Rail Action Committee.

Ross Greenshields '49 was also honored by S.I.A. with the "Recognition Award" in acknowledgement of his outstanding contribution to the profession of agrology, and in the furtherance of the work and progress of the S.I.A. and A.I.C.

Ross was previously honoured in being made a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada in 1967.

He has served, and is serving, on numerous boards and committees connected with the furtherance of research in agriculture. The list of his contributions on both provincial and national levels is prodigious.

Ross has held numerous provincial and national offices in the S.I.A. and A.I.C., including that of president of the latter.

Ross has contributed numerous technical and research papers, and has been a moving force in research in

oilseeds and in the bloat problem in cattle. He also undertook a study for the New Zealand government in the organization of research in oilseed crops, and in their production and development, under a senior research fellowship.

Ross has been the director of the Agriculture Canada research station at Saskatoon since 1964. In addition to his efforts in promoting research he has been a moving force in promoting agricultural extension.

Following a severe illness, Ross is currently on a year's sick leave prior to retirement. By all appearances he won't be slacking off a bit.

Jack McFaul '44 was honored with the presentation of a "Distinguished Agrologist Award" at the S.I.A. annual meeting in cognizance of his many contributions to the welfare of agriculture.

Following a period of years in which he farmed, and was a lecturer in agricultural mechanics at the University, he has been active in the life insurance business, and pioneered in estate management for farmers.

His election as a member to the Board of Governors in 1970, and later as chairman, provided him with the opportunity to make an outstanding contribution to agricultural development in the province. He was a moving force in the establishment of the Crop Development Centre at the University; the P.O.S. plant; SED systems limited — the wholly owned university corporation, which supports 130 families in

Saskatoon; the Veterinary Infectious Disease Organization on campus; and in acquiring the Goodale and Termuende farms for the University.

Currently Jack is working hard on the development of a research science park at the university.

Congrats. there Jack.

D. R. 'Dave' Robinson '28, a prominent horticultural extension specialist, deceased as of June, 1977, was elected to the Saskatchewan Hall of Fame. his portrait has been hung in the gallery at the Western Development Museum.

Dave's expertise and enthusiasm loomed large in the beautification of the home grounds and farmsteads in Saskatchewan — a land that is often discouraging and inconsiderate of our efforts.

He was a moving force in furtherance of horticultural societies in the province. During his years of service as an extension horticulturalist at the university, from 1944 until illness forced early retirement in 1973, horticultural societies grew in number from 11 to 41. He was responsible for the organization of both the Provincial Horticultural Show and the Provincial Fruit Show, which have inspired thousands of amateur gardeners.

Dave was particularly active in the promotion of hardy tree fruits, although by no means restrictive of his other efforts in horticultural extension and promotion. He established a series of eight test orchards in various Saskatchewan locations.

Among the many plaudits accorded him, Dave held honorary life memberships in the Saskatchewan Horticultural Societies Association, the Western Canadian Society for Horticulture, the Canadian Society of Extension, and our own Saskatchewan Agriculture Graduates Association — his sponsors to the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame.

A good and faithful servant, and truly the 'Johnny Appleseed' of prairie horticulture.

OVER THE PASTURE FENCE



E.N.R. 'Norm' Johnson '50, threw in his clipboard as manager of Sask. Crop Insurance research division at the end of July — a little on the early side.

Beginning in 1951, Norm served as ag. rep. in the Maidstone district for a few years, and then as a supervisor of ag. reps. in the northwest area of Saskatchewan, and later in southern Sask. He then became a crop specialist with the Plant Industry Branch before moving to crop insurance.

Norm graduated with his B.S.A. degree in 1950, and his M.Sc. in 1951, majoring in plant science. He previously saw service in the R.C.A.F. in the great conflagration.

Happy retirement there, Norm.

T. Dixon Moor '34, tells us he retired from the Children's Aid Society as a social worker in November, 1977. He served in that position from 1962 to 1977, working mainly with the native people on the Six Nations Reserve near Brantford, Ontario.

Dixon was a moving force in the organization of S.A.G.A.

He worked as a seed and feed inspector with the Plant Products Division, Agriculture Canada from 1937 to 1952 — stationed at White Fox and Regina.

He tried his hand at dairy farming for a couple of years at Port Arthur,

Ontario, and then turned to teaching from 1975 to 1962 — variously at Fort Frances, Port Arthur and Caledonia.

Keeps himself busy with Kiwanis, church work, curling, golf and gardening. Has done a bit of travelling.

His wife Merle (nee Costain) BA '38, expects to retire next year as head of guidance counselling at Brantford Collegiate Institute — then more travelling.

Three boys are all university grads. Five grandchildren.

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Zane 'Torque Wrench' Lewchuk '67 has traded in his spanner for a passel of leaf cutter bees, ramblin' rhizomes and sterile florets — became the new, and first, regional agronomist for the East Central region.

Jim 'Keeper of the Wampum' Armstrong '72, Yorkton, was bidden farewell with numerous toasts of Rumensin upon the occasion of his being transported to ride the sifting snows of the North East Region forever, as chief herdsman of the musk ox and the caribou.

Mike 'Ayatollah' Oxman '50 of the East Central Region has resumed command of Saskatchewan Agriculture regional mosque at Yorkton, after 10 months of viewing hoggets and milking stools in the land down under — New Zealand.

Pete 'The Great Dane' Petersen '52, ye olde ag. rep. at Yorkton, has been busy couting the larvae of the diamond butterfly, and checking the frost on the pumpkins — his field side manner is phenomenal. He arrives home every nite with soggy shoulders because farmers are always crying on it.

Orest 'Moby Dick' Mysak '48, led an overland expedition to the Northland to track the mighty jackfish. **Garth 'Incorporator' Smith '74**, piloted the good ship 'Treflan' manned by a Shanghaied crew of thirteen wharf bums from

ports in the East Central and North East regions. **Harry 'The Horse' Lang '53**, was signed on for a percentage of the catch to act as referee in awarding the Fritz-Adam Trophy donated by **Baz 'Sinkin' Fritz '73**, and **Stew 'Bobber' Adam '68**. The fish were piddlin' and small. As a consequence, and being reputedly influenced by a gift of swamp water, Lang declared **Doug 'Black Fly' England '63** the winner by virtue of his cheerfulness in the filleting shack and generosity at the gaming table.

Vern 'Ungulator' Raczy '68, the resident livestock guru at Yorkton, has been treating the family Vega for hardware disease — new ring job. It's reputed to now be ruminating on all four.

Frank 'Lord of the Isles' Miller '39, chieftain of regional extension clan, sounded the muster call at the east central ceiligh in June.

We're pleased to report that the father of **Larry 'Wobbling Nose Wheel' Koturbash '57**, is on the mend after major surgery at 84 years. He had a foot amputated — circulatory problems.

Don Pierce '73, chief FarmStarter and **Lewis Reeve '72**, the farmer's friend, both of the duchy of Kelvington, are holding their breath waiting to see who their new girl Friday will be.

Pat Callin '72, is already thinking of next year on the farm at Saltcoats — its just gotta git better.

Don McLaren '50, has donned his new headress as member of S.I.A. Council for the Yorkton branch.

Randy McGillivray '75, Thorhild, Alberta, new Canfarm envoy for the Red Deer-Peace River area.

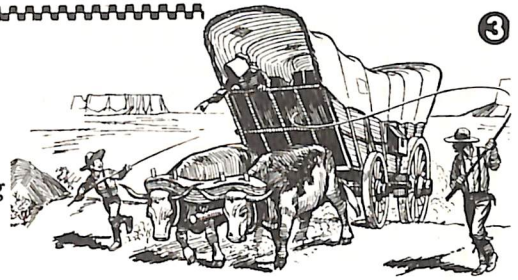
Bill Howell '49, has been back in the Animal & Poultry Science Department for the past year, after a sabbatical in France. Has finally gotten his coffee taste back after a year on wine and truffles. He kindly brung us up to date on some grad types.

Roy Crawford '55, is on sabbatical from the S.A. Department. **Tom Scott '77**, is tending the coop till Roy gets back, as is **Hank Clausen '71**, who came to A.S. a year ago.

Gerry Bashford '72, has forsaken the school of agriculture at Vermillion to tend the wee woollies for Manitoba Agriculture.

Larry White '64 and **Maurice 'The Biggest' Brounstein '40**, led a wagon train of Saskatchewan Agriculture grad types from the Deep South up through Regina to Saskatoon and Outlook in early August. Who said the gas shortage has ruined the tourist business.

Dave Sim '72 is reputed to be well and living off the avails of the Agriculture Canada livestock marketing



section in Ottawa.

Bill Kowalenko '68 is assistant straw boss at the university farm after four years with PFRA pastures in charge of Texas gates.

Keith Bater '74 is deferring all FarmStart applications out Kindersley way until the hog cycle hits bottom. He gave us the rundown on some nice types out in the bread basket country.

Jim Babcock '72 has deserted Davidson for Shellbrook as farm development specialist. Brother **John '72** is superintending the building of Jim's new wigwam.

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fore, will be repaired and preserved.

On the afternoon, the Council was taken on a bus tour of the following:

1) Beef Feed Lot & R.O.P. Test Station
- this facility will have to be moved within the next 10 years, due to urban sprawl across the river. Circle Drive will come between the feed lot and the rest of the University farm land.

2) The Kernan Crop Science Research Farm

- this is 2 sections of fine farm land, about 3-4 miles east of Sutherland. The land was a dreadful mess of weeds when it was taken over, but we saw a lovely crop of wheat, plus several small research plots. They have definitely proved the value of the proper care and attention to land. One quarter of this farm is to be left in its native state, for ecological research.

3) The Goodale Research Farm and the Prairie Swine Research Centre

- the Goodale farm is presently being used by the College of Veterinary Science, and the Crop Science Department. The Swine Centre is still under construction. This farm is just south and west of Floral.

The Council felt that this had been a worthwhile venture, and it could now discuss these areas with a mental picture of them in the background.

We were very sorry to learn that Dean Brown was in hospital and could not attend our meeting. Acting Dean Knott did a capable job of chairing the meeting. I trust all Ag. Grads. will join the Council in wishing Dean Brown a speedy recovery.

Irene Ahner '65
Advisory Council Rep.

CRIB RATTLERS



Looks like the birth rate has hit the skids.

Fred '66 and **Joan Wilson** hev done it agin. Barbara Ann roared into dundurn on March 9 at 6 lbs. 4 oz. A sister for Kathryn and Paul.

Dick Morken '78 and **Mavis** aren't holding back - Blair Curtis weighted in at 8 lbs. 13 ounces on March 29. Who said it was a dry year?

Ken '72 and **Diane Bassendowski** began taking orders from Shaun Gregory on July 26.

Jim Armstrong '72 and **Janice** are the proud parents of Lori Marie at 9 lbs. plus, as of March 6. Ugh!! Three girls — how's that for consistency? Anybody got a double-wide mobile home for sale?

New Grandfathers:

Archie Colton '50, Kindersley is straining his rib cage - the first grandson - Brett.

Wally Baldwin '54 — **Keith '72** and **Gail '72 Howse** (daughter) — brought forth a grandson for Wally and Marg. Sleeping with grandma isn't at all bad.

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Bruce 'Feathered Prop' McDonald '47 got himself caught in a down-draft and ended up at Kindersley as regional agronomist. Got tired of hosting head office types killing time in his office enroute from Regina through Davidson.

Al Hingston '69 figgers he can handle the West Central types better after his experience with the other Indians at Cumberland House — he's taken over from **Bill Volk '75** as chief herdsman at Kindersley. Got his M.Sc. in spoiled silage this spring.

Marcel Dubois '61 got himself selected for the trap shooting team at the Western Canada Games.

Cam Casswell '50 is chief cook for the International Agricultural Exchange Seminar at Echo Valley.

Les Bohrsen '71 has made the switch from irrigation extension to production and marketing specialist with the irrigation branch, Sask. Agriculture a Outlook.

Marilyn Buchinski '79 is busy showing **Paul Shukin '62** how ag. reping. really should be done at Saskatoon.

Archie 'Short Keep' Colton '50 ag. rep. at Kindersley has developed a freeze brand for pull type combines. The only thing worth stealing in West Central is farm machinery — they won't have any wheat to steal.

Bill Delday '74 is trying to erase **Pete Knight's** name from the rodeo record.

Elon Brick '74 and **Ron Shea '73** have been poundin' the ponies all summer in the chuckwagon and chariot races — their summerfallows are a mess.

Don McCallum '75 is co-ordinatin' Elanco down in Burlington — sales that is. Janice is winding up her master's in nursing administration at London, Ontario — U. of W. Ontario.

Tom Pringle '61 has another han' holt on the ladder — an assistant deputy for agriculture in the duchy of Lyon.

Don Webster '50 hez given up tryna grow new stuff fer farmers to go broke on at Carman, and is now the regional extension director for the Interlake region at Arbourg, Manitoba.

Elton Ash '77 hez run into a passel of '77 types. **Gerry Surine '34** made it back from Australia in time fer seedin'. He rounded up **Elton and Blain Cummins** to terrorize the Farm Progress Show in Regina in June. (Cummins curled outa Blucher all winter). They teamed up with **Harley Herman, Mark Woodworth, Bob Clay and Dan Sidloski**. **Harley** is farmin' both at Craven and Pelly — wore out the road gear in two tractors this summer jest commutin'. **Mark** is tossin dirt at Elrose. **Bob** is busy walkin' the floor with Junior and hez a hand in a grassland project at Fairlight. Dunno whut the hell **Dan** is doin' down at Halbrite. **Barry McKim** wuz sprayin' and prayin' at Milestone. **Tim Nell** had

his nose too close to the grindstone at Francis to take part in any terrorist activities. The resta the gang held at sunrise ceremony in a Regina parking lot — cheaper than a motel room and more fun.

Elton is kept buy chasin' Angus cows outa his wheat at Lockwood. He sez he and **Brian Konschuh '76** are leading the Last Mountain 4-H Beef Club. **Brian's** wife hez bin workin' summerfallow and spittin' sand all summer. **Larry Morningstar '62** is busy raisin' 4-H members fer **Brian and Elton** ta lead - plus a few a them there Main Angie critturs.

Ron Morningstar '60 is raisin' cain, grain and cows at Lockwood as well.

Neil Colvin '50, Saskatoon, is still working for Sherritt-Gordon — 25 years wouldya b'leeve?

Jack Zepp '72 got hssself a life sentence in S.A.G.A. Got his McSc. in economics (?) in '74, and has been back up man fer **Henry Zilm '2**, in the Sask. Agricultural Statistics ever since.

Ian Christison, a prof type with Animal & Poultry Science has let it slip that **Bonnie Kirkpatrick '76** has knocked 'em dead, with her M.Sc. thesis on alfalfa and cows, and hied herself off to the great oil state of Alberta to put alfalfa research on the map. She traded off her bikini before the job interview, and figgers she got there on brains alone.

Don Wilson '75 got hisself a DVM and is trying out his new hypodermic in and around Assiniboia.

Trudy Leishman '73 has gotten herself into vet practise with hubby, just outside of Vancouver. She was last seen playing field hockey in calving time. Gotta have things organized —

someone else has been conned into the messy jobs, looks like.

Jim Oran '51 is gonna pack it in next year after 20 years in the motel business at White Rock, B.C. This is the last year for free lodging and a salmon barbecue for grad types at ye olde Ideal Motel.

Keith LePoudre '76 hangs his soil augers in Prince Albert with the Lands Branch. Two years of married life and the wife is still trying to reform him.

Ron Bonish '78 is territory guru for White Farm Equipment outa Carrot River. Got us all befuddled — gives his address as the Carrot and sez he lives in Regina. Bought himself a permanent address label with the greatest fraternity, or sorority, in the world.

Irene Ahner '65 remains irrepressibly in the cattle business and S.A.G.A. at The 'Crick'. Things are as green as Killarney this year, the calves arrived pert and sassy. **Darrell '65** is on the wagon, comes in on time fer meals, remembers all birthdays and anniversaries, so there's no headaches, cold shoulders, or silent treatments at the Ahner ranch headquarters.

Irene sez portulaca is her only cross to be borne.

Bob Bens '64, our ample vice-prexy and reunion chairman, and wife Joan, tell us things were drier than an Arab's blowhole in the Bear Hills. They and the wee girlyies will be heading back to Saskabush for the winter. Bob has a toe hold in Farm-West Management Ltd., along with **Wayne Gamble '67** — personalized cheques for computer accounting and stuff like that there.

Doug Campbell '70 has left Palliser

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FROM THE EDYTUR'S TREE

by Lin Boyes '48

Things are abubblin' for the reunion. **Bob Bens**, our bouncing reunion chairman, has been puffin' and blowin' to get the show on the road.

In the past two years between 300 and 350 grads have pressed their bibs up to the banquet table. This bodes well for the efforts of the reunion chairmen, and the various chairmen for the school and college years.

Our S.A.G.A. president, **Les Henry**, and **Bob Bens**, who's also vice-president, have declared a **special honor year category**, the '65 year'. Its 65 years since the great class of 1915 were let loose upon the world, and there are **nine** [yes 9] members of that class who are S.A.G.A. members. **Spike Smith** and his buddies are gonna be there in 1980, so watch it!

Despite the vaunted advantages of the computer age, its a **tuff job** to come up with current addresses of many grads. Besides the fact that guys and dolls, being human, frequently forget to let our registrar, **Richard Bellamy**,



know that they've moved. For unfathomable reasons, the computer skips names in the process of printing the master address list. We used to put that sort of thing down to gremlins in the old days.

A plea — if you know the whereabouts of classmates of your honor year, shoot them into **Bob Bens**, or your honor year chairman. So if two or three members send in an address for the same honor year grad, maybe its duplication, but its sure no loss. If no one sends it in, it sure is a loss.

Don't hang back! Don't wait for your year chairman to contact you. Beat the gun! Contact him!

Let's make 1980 the biggest and best yeat. Besides, it's Celebrate Saskatchewan year — the 75th no less.

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Wheat Growers after six years as research skipper, to smooth the pathway for John Wise, Agriculture Canada's new cardinal, as executive assistant with special contact responsibilities with the CWB and the transport minister.

Ted Wasylyshen '54 and **Eve** are burnin' up the pysanka (Ukrainian easter egg) trade. Ted is district director for the Agriculture Canada poultry division at Winnipeg. Anybody who's anybody has a collection of Wasylyshen pysanka — Liz and Pierre both have one. Which came first? Pysanka, of course.

Bill Wilson '40, our honorary president, has passed along a passel of news.

Stan Wooster '71 is still farmin' and a hockey nut in Fairbanks, Alaska?

John Blacklock Jr. '71 and **Gerry Miller '78**, are nuts about modified super stock tractors — won their class in the tractor pull at the 'Ex' in Saskatoon. John also does the blow by blow commentaries at the tractor meets.

Phil Thair '42 has turned Rembrandt — hadda couple of his works in the art exhibit at the Saskatoon 'EX'.

Ben Blacklock '46 is getting serious about the cattle business — Bert sez its time to stop foolin' around. They bought the high gaining Angus bull at the test station this spring.

Stu McKenzie '51 is doing time with the Interprovincial Co-ops at Mississauga, Ontario.

Hobart Peters '45 is working the bejasus out C.I.D.A. He's had four assignments since the wife retired. Bill sez Hobart is driving a neck twister of a car.

Jim Puckett '65 showed up at the Canadian Feed Industry annual pail bunt.

Bill Wilson '40 was among those honored by the Canadian Feed Institute

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50th Annual meeting — a 'Golden Award' for dedicated leadership in the feed business.

Dean Jake Brown '51 has been very ill, but is home from the hospital at the moment. We're all pulling your way Jake.

Ross Greenshields '49, director of the Canada Agriculture research station at Saskatoon, has come through a severe illness with flying colors. He's as chipper as a jaybird, we're pleased to note.

Brother, Wes Greenshields '49 has had a bad moment or two as well, but is right as an inch of rain right after seeding. Verna has had to doctor his porridge to keep him toned down.

We're looking for a letter from Walter Brice '40 to entice the 40 year grads to get with it.

Almost forgot — Bill Wilson '40 wuz on a two-week bus tour of Yukon, Alaska, northern B.C., etc., when he reported to us - twice, once by card and once by letter.

Bill Hart '?', Strathmore, judged the steer classes at Saskatoon 'Ex'.

Grant Miller '42, Perdue, Sask., was anxiously watching his canola crop —

threatens to put him in a higher tax bracket.

Ash 'Bud' Smith '48, Ken Reid '48, Wendell Dyck '?', Art Sawatzky '47, Herb Clark '46, and Murray Riddell '49, along with the Blacklocks and Bill Wilson helped (?) at the 'Ex' this summer.

J.D. MacFarlane '16, Aylsham, was accepted into the Saskatchewan Hall of Fame. A great honor well deserved.

Art Wenhardt '44, and Larry Gareau '43, were honored with life memberships by the Canadian Seed Growers Association. Larry was also recently made head of the forage and special crops section, field crops branch, Alberta Agriculture.

Ole Turnbull '43, delivered a paper at the University of Missouri.

Allan Laughland '63, has been promoted to business manager for Western Producer Publications — this includes all of the operations.

E.E. 'Brock' Brockelbank '22, and Gladys are hale and hearty in Victoria. Brock is an avid gardener and orchardist. Herb Clark '46 dropped in on him this summer. 'Brock' asked to be remembered to old friends - even to old crooks, or was it crooks, like ye olde ed. — couldn't quite make out Herb's writing.

Doug McArthur '65, former deputy minister, Sask. Agriculture, threw his hat in the ring at the last provincial election — is now Minister of Education and Continuing Education.

George Kuttai '?', from the 'Ford, and a son joined the shoot out at the Western Canada Summer Games.

Bill Towell '49 is the new 'soup' at Indian Head research station. Back home after 20 years, from Thunder Bay, where he was 'soup' there too. He replaces Roy McIver '42, who refused to show up for work anymore as of December last.

Gunnar Pederson '53 is the new general manager of the Dairy Producers Co-op, replacing Fred Hawkins. It pays to show up on time for milking every day. Gunnar has sat on a dairy co-op stool ever since he graduated.

Bert deGooijer '76, is farming the liver out of his depreciation at Kelliher. Since even the weeds weren't growing on the summerfallow, he found time to let us in on some underground news.

Ivan Sharp '74 figured he'd had the course on fertilizers — both chemical and natural, through the Pool service centre at Yorkton, and decided to give Elephant Brand the benefit of his odorous experience — sales supervisor for North East Saskatchewan.

Germain Begin '77, is pushing Rumensin for Elanco in northern Alberta. A Canadian who's happier the farther west he can get.

Terry Clark '76 has sought political asylum in Indianapolis with Elanco. Left London, Ontario, under the cover of Continued on page 7)



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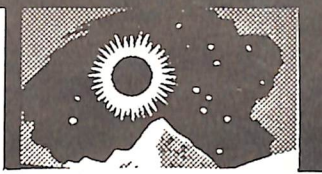
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THE TWILIGHT'S BEAM



A.T. Hugo Gross '52, passed away suddenly on June 12 at the age of 49 years.

A leader in the field of forage crop research, particularly in the areas of testing, production and use, he was much in demand as a speaker, both in the scientific community and in the extension field.

He was also a prodigious writer of research papers, as well as extension publications and news articles.

Hugo graduated with both his bachelors' and masters' degrees from the College of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan. He was born and raised on a farm at Hodgeville, where he received his elementary schooling. He also attended Central Collegiate in Regina.

Hugo joined the staff at the Canada Agriculture Research Station staff at Brandon in 1954, where he served as head of the forage section until the time of his death.

He was very active in both scientific and local community affairs.

He served for many years on provincial committees in Manitoba for the promotion of research and production of corn, forages, oilseeds, and special crops. He was a past president of the Canadian Society of Agronomy, and past chairman of the Advisory Council for Scientific Affairs of A.I.C. He served on the national council of A.I.C., and was its vice-president in 1975-76. He served a term on the provincial council

of the Manitoba Institute of Agrologists as well. He was also active in the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada. The annual Manitoba agronomist conferences benefitted greatly from his contributions over the years.

Hugo took an active interest in church affairs, including the Knights of Columbus, Legion of Mary, the Christian Family Movement and other related activities.

Among his other interests, was figure skating. He had been vice-president of the Brandon club.

He is survived by his wife Beatrice and a family of nine — five sons and four daughters. A brother **Raymond '43**, is in Costa Rica.

An outstanding citizen, who will be sorely missed by his contemporaries in the research and extension fields, as well as by the farming community.

David Isaac '65, formerly of Lloydminster, was killed in a car accident in March 1979. He also held a B. Ed. degree. Unfortunately we have no further details.

Kenneth Murray [Barney] son of **Frank and Ruth Bond** passed away in hospital at Saskatoon on June 30. He was manager of Ag-West Industries, Saskatoon, and was well known in the fertilizer trade.

Besides his parents, he leaves to mourn, his wife Debbie, as well as five sisters.

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darkness. Is now in the sales pushing end of things — from the animals division in London.

Dick Morken '78 has joined father, **W.G. 'Bud' Morken '49** and brother **Brian '78**, on the home spread at Sturgis. 'Bud' is still a company director of U.G.G.

W. Harold Cole '45, is heavy in cereals and oilseeds at Rosetown, with his oldest lad, Grant. Two boys and two girls are still terrorizing the teaching fraternity. Would like to hear from **Jack Brooks**, **Fred Cline**, **Roy Sapp**, and other '45 class protagonists. **Jack** is in the body shop business, school unit trustee, golfing, church, Legion, in Wynyard, after some years as G.M. dealer there. Semi-retired? Only semi-semi. (Bought a car or three from the buggie in my time. Ed.) **Harold**, is one of those flippin' farmers — flyin' I guess, is the proper term.

M.A. 'Mac' Collins '28, is alive and still tyin' em on — shoelaces, that is. Spends a lotta time criticizing his son's farming at Harriston. Livin' in the Simcoe, Ontario, district. United Way campaigns and senior citizens activities keep him away from the farm enough so that the work gets done. Sez **John Keay '31**, and **Marion**, have left Ottawa for White Rock, B.C. Had a visit from **Norman Langhorne '34**, and **Elva**. Visited Ruth's family reunion — the McLean's in Manitoba in July, and some of his own kin in North Dakota. Is compiling the Collins family history, so spends a lotta time going over records at Kingston, Stony Mountain, etc. Brother, **Bill Collins '36**, lives at Kincardine, and they see each other frequently.

Rand Luhnig '75, is busier than a water boy at a camel drivers convention — an ag. specialist for SPC, farming at Lumsden — helping the banks stay in business, and sounding off at Toastmasters gab fests — got to the Alberta-Sask. finals.

Ernie Paynter '23 - gardening like crazy — both in Regina and Katepwa. Now that he's finally learned how to garden, there's nobody but he and Audrey to eat the stuff. Also digs a few divots. Has a Christmas cruise all booked for the Mexican Riviera.

Bob Norman '70, Saskatoon, **Howard Goltz '70**, Yorkton and **Pat Clift '67**, Regina, are all assistant marketing managers for the new proprietors of Canfarm. (Bob evidently doesn't appreciate my warped sense of humor in referring to Ag. Can.'s withdrawal from the program as its 'demise.' Canfarm will no doubt rise again to former heights. Ed.)

Wayne Borys '71, has deserted the Land Bank bailiwick to become
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THE FACES OF AGRICULTURE ARE CHANGING



If ya ain't seen the faces at a grad smoker fer a spell yer shure in fer a surprize.

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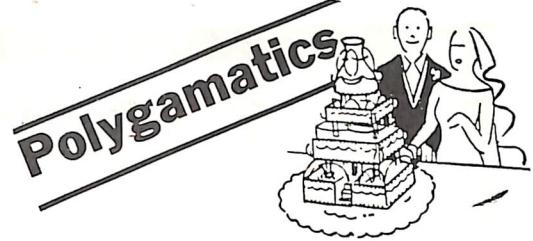
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1920	Harold Moss 210-10th Street, Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0C3	* Help
1930	Andy Smith, Box 117, Tisdale, Sask. S0E 1T0	* Help
1940	Doug Grant, 74 Newton Crescent, Regina, Sask. S4S2V9	Walter Brice, 409-2309 McEown Ave., Regina, Sask.
1950	Bill Farley, Box 45, Site 1, R.R.#s, Regina, Sask. S4P 2Z6	Maury Taylor, 3319 Harrington Street, Saskatoon, Sask. S7H 3Y2
1960	Ron Morningstar, Box 127, Lockwood, Sask. S0K 2R0	Glen Hass, Kirk Hall, U of S., Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0w0
1970	Murray Dyck, Box 116, Borden, Sask. S0K 0N0	Ken Wasylyshen, Box 1475, Yorkton, Sask. S3N 3K3
1975	Craig Andrew, Box 63, Qu'Appelle, Sask. S0G 4A0	Rick Blenner-Hassett, Box 249, Wynyard, Sask. S0A 4T0

* Help! Our reunion chairman, Bob Bens, Box 217, Biggar (Phone 948-2846) hasn't been able to contact anyone from either the 1920 or 1930 college classes. If you know of the whereabouts of anyone of either of these classes, please contact Bob.

Please contact your year chairman NOW!

REUNION DOIN'S

Friday, January 11	A.M. 9:00 - 12:00	Lecture Series
	P.M. 1:15 - 3:15	S.A.G.A. annual meeting
	4:00	Curling begins
	- 8:00	Combined Smoker - Smokette
Saturday, January 12	A.M. 1:00	Breathalyzer tests
	2:00	Induction ceremonies at the Crowbar Inn
	3:00 - 4:00	Arrangements for alibis, bail, etc.
	8:00	Curling begins
	P.M. 5:00	Cessation of curling
	5:30	Ag. Grad Banquet and Dance - Centennial Auditorium
Sunday, January 13	A.M. 8:00	Hangover clinic
	9:00	Pledge signing ceremonies
	10:00	Curling semi-finals
	P.M. 2:00	Curling finals
	4:30 ?	Trophy presentations
	5:00	Crying towel presentations
EXTRA		
Thursday, January 10	Individual Class Reunions	
	- line shooting contests	
	- brass rail polishing	
	- pikchur takin'	
Sunday, January 13	Rumor only: The entire 1960 Agro class departs on an ecological survey of native Hawaiian grasses	



Barbara Woolf '72, and Ralph Larson '70, took each unto the other at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Yorkton on Friday, August 3, to share the bacon at Kamsack forever. Leonard Malinsky '70, just missed being best man.

Bill Volk '75, has been hog tied. Carol Sommerville has him out on bail until August 25.

Rick Blenner-Hassett '75 fled the noose. Closest he came to nuptial captivity was serving as proxy bestman for Ken Newton '73, when his designated choice was storm stayed at Gull Lake. It all happened at Elfros.

Allan Gifford '77, Glenside, and Frances Bernie, in June at Saskatoon. Frances key punched his computer card and he ended up as her dependent variable. Frances also punches the address labels for S.A.G.A. The soils lab. won't be the same — they both work there — Allan in the winter and Frances, fulltime.

Randy McGillivray '75 and Patti McMurtry, H.E.C. '77, just made the June wedding list — the 30th in Saskatoon. Two week honeymoon in England and Scotland, and forever after at Thorhild, Alberta, and Canfarm.

Randy Chovin '77, has wedding bells ringing in one ear. His future mother-in-law has him by the other — marry Sandy in October or else.

The confetti makers are gonna go bankrupt at this rate, and the shotguns have all gone cold.

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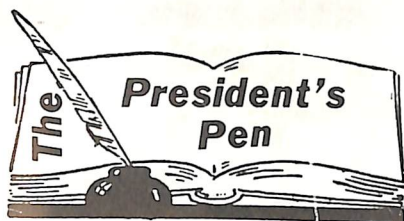
Southern Sask. manager of the agriculture department of 'My Bank' and now hangs his hat in the Queen City.

Sol Sinclair '32, Winnipeg, is all primed for the 50th reunion. Tell you what, Sol, it isn't a bit too early to start running down the old classmates. A 50th year reunion could really put the annual 'do' on the map. Sol has finished the study on the B.C. fishing industry, undertaken by his old department at the U. of M. Been a-travellin' - Alaska, Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji. Spent the winter in Scotsdale, Arizona. How about getting the class of '32 to drop us a note on their comings and goings?

Linden Lundback '79, is riding herd on Sask. Pool's research farm plots at Watrous.

Grant Pederson '79, is trying on the gum boots for size — irrigation farming at Outlook.

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You can all see that S.A.G.A. has really come of age - we now have a centerfold. The centerfold contains all the information you need to know about the annual reunion. Be sure to pull it out and put it on your bulletin board, tape it to the bottom of the calendar, or generally leave it laying about the house where it will get in your way, so you have to be reminded of it a few times between now and January 1980.

With respect to the reunion, **Bob Bens** will be providing information to you on the centerfold and in other parts of this issue but we have it on good authority that there will quite likely be a 60 year reunion of the 1920 class of the School of Agriculture. There is also a possibility of a 65 year reunion of the famous class of '15. **'Spike' Smith '15** is working on it at any rate.

Your executive has held no formal meetings since the last Newsletter, but a number of things have been happening. We continue to co-operate with the Alumni Association in cross-checking of names and we now have a computer printout of our membership by year and according to type of course. This will be a further assist to reunion year chairmen in future years.

We recently received a letter from the new Minister of Agriculture, the Honorable Gordon MacMurchy, requesting us to submit nominations for members of the Board for the Saskatchewan Agricultural Research Fund. The Board will consist of seven members. Four members will be practising farmers and nominations for these members were to be received by the Minister from farm groups. A fifth member will be a member of the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture. The remaining two members are to be drawn from the scientific and research community in Saskatchewan, and it was for this category of members that the Minister requested we prepare nominations.

I am happy to report that your executive - or at least as many as I could contact on short notice - have prepared these nominations and they have been submitted to Mr. MacMurchy. I think we can be quite gratified that our association has been consulted on this issue.

The project on preparing a history of our association is proceeding. As we indicated in the last issue, **Herb Clark** will spearhead the gathering of information and writing, and will be assisted by **Bob McKercher** and **Art Stillborn**.

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Garry Vogt '60, 'wields the snoopy pen for Co-op Centre Credit Union in Calgary - 11 branches yet - internal auditor no less.

Grant Royan '67, Regina, is 'Fair soppin' wi' degrees. B.S.A. '67, M.Sc. '71 and DVM '76. Practising in a mixed practise - Sherwood Animal Clinic.

Murray Janis '78, from down Glen Bain way - farming? - has bought himself a permanent place in S.A.G.A - a lifer.

Lawrence McNabb '65, is a travellin' ranch foreman - P.F.R.A. pasture supervisor up North Battleford way. A few interests on the side - a few beef cows plus 3 girls and a boy.

Ron Marquardt '58, an animal science prof. at the U of M., bought himself a bargain - \$30 for a life membership in the old fraternity, S.A.G.A.

Ray McVicar '78, is with Hoechst in Regina. Sent in 50 devalued dollars to become an S.A.G.A. type forever and a day. He and three other tourists, **Ken Bennett '75**, Dodsland, **Bill Olson '78**, Plenty, and **Gary Braithwaite '78**, bombed Pearl Harbour again this past winter.

Andy Sereda '60, Tisdale, has retired to the university senate, as have **Frank Warder '40**, Swift Current, and **Gary Carlson '61**, Regina - beards and soup stained vests are the order of the day.

J.R. Holland '78, has chucked Monsanto, and is back on the home spread at Avonlea with brother **Dave '76**, and Father Bear at Avonlea.

Wayne Pander '66, Red Deer, is into the real moola - the development business - real estate, not muscles. Shopping centres, industrial plants, etc.

W. Ed. Thomson '34 & 38, Regina, has

been enjoying the fruits of retirement - from being chiefie of the assessment branch in '77 - spent three or four months in Mexico the past two winters - last winter in Monzanillo - 2900 miles south. The best weather in the world. Both he and the wife take Spanish courses. Would ya believe the only S. of A. grad in '34?

Albert 'Ab' Gorrill '58 and **Dale Donald '55**, are keeping sheep eyes on the woollies - both are sheep and wool marketing commissioners, and demand being addressed as 'your excellency' at all barbecues, sheep dippings and shearing demonstrations.

Garnet Altwasser '62, feedlot and packing business and Brooks, has been appointed to the advisory board, Calgary Power - gotta keep an eye on the power bill.

Charlie Carlson '56, Regina, broke radio silence and sent us some tidbits.

Gerald Bayne '65, forsook his regional engineer's job at Vermillion for FFIB at Regina. **Brian Kennedy '69**, Kindersley, traded places - left FFIB for Vermillion. **Ken McKnight '63**, left Federated Co-op for FFIB at Kindersley, or maybe Saskatoon. Wonder who was playin' the piano fer them when they switched chairs? **Bob Brad '70**, farmstead engineer at Tisdale, fled FFIB at Tisdale for private consulting.

Charlie Mayer '64, Carberry, Manitoba got hisself elected P.C. MP for Portage - Marquette. Scaling down the arm to a size the wife an kids can handle. 58% of the tombstones voted in favor of Charlie. Replaced Craig Stewart from our old stamping ground at Minnedosa - big shoes to fill there Charlie.

Herb, Art and I met just a few days ago to try to iron out procedures and determine what type of publication we want. We are now in the process of obtaining quotations on various types of publications.

It has been decided that if we can obtain financial assistance from the "Celebrate Saskatchewan" office, we hope to be able to distribute a free copy to current members of our association at the time of publication, and that copies after that will be sold and distributed at cost.

We hope to have a publication that documents in an interesting way the history of our association, and at the same time we plan to print a list of names and addresses, at the time of convocation, of all the graduates right from the beginning. Some of you will recall that such a list was published up to and including 1958, and that little booklet I found invaluable in organizing annual reunion activities. We are convinced that other people would also find

it useful and interesting to have an easily accessible record of the graduates.

From time to time we get the notion that our association is unique. I have recently written to the Deans of Agriculture all across Canada to determine if associations similar to ours occur elsewhere. Manitoba has separate associations for College and diploma graduates, and both Guelph and MacDonald College have Alumni associations. I hope now to correspond with some of the presidents of similar associations to determine similarities and differences with our groups.

If you have any ideas on the type of publication we should strive for in writing up the history, or ideas on any other issue about reunion activities or other action of your executive, be sure to use the form provided in the center of the newsletter, and let met know directly what you think.

Les Henry '64
President

NEWS ITEMS

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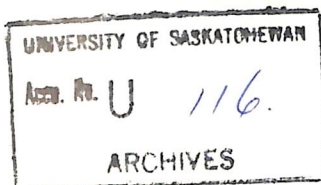
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