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## Sooo-ee, Sooo-ee

Construction is well along at the Prairie Swine Centre, which is being established on the University's Goodale Farm, just south of Saskatoon. Although the five buildings now under way will not be completed until next spring, enough work has been done to begin moving in animals in near the end of November. Early in the new year, the Centre will be open to visitors by appointment.

It will be a unique Canadian facility for the study of building design, sow nutrition, and health management systems aimed at improving reproductive efficiency, baby pig survival, and high-level performance during the growing and finishing period. Other research will concern the use of solar collectors for heating, and methods of handling manure. Cost benefit studies



will be undertaken to ensure that research objectives can be attained in the most economical way.

Dr. Bob Blair, associate director of the Centre, stated that the buildings and equipment will be similar to facilities available to prairie swine producers, so that the research findings can be applied readily on the farm. At present, the growth and profitability of

the prairie swine industry are significantly limited by inadequate knowledge about housing systems, husbandry practises, and health management, and how these interact under prairie conditions.

Dr. Blair, who is a professor in the Department of Animal and Poultry Science, stated that the construction now under way, includes one 50- and two 100-sow farrowing, gestating, and weaning units, a finishing barn with a capacity of 550, and a general purpose building. Plans are to add two more finishing barns and a feed preparation centre at a later date.

Dr. Blair said the 50-sow unit will house a nucleus herd of minimum-disease pigs. These, he explained, are obtained by caesarian section and  
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## RAPSEED "1979 EDITION"

Bill Cooper '51  
Executive Director, R.G.A.S.



Rapeseed continued to contribute very substantially to farmers income during 1979. This was especially important to many farmers in those areas of the Province, who unfortunately grew only #3 or utility wheat and were faced with a 2.9 bushel quota at the end of the crop year.

Prices have been quite acceptable, for the most part, moving in around the \$300/tonne range most of the year. Most of the crystal ball gazers are predicting a softening of oilseed prices, or at least suggesting that the relative advantage of rapeseed over wheat and barley, will decrease somewhat for 1980.

While talking about the importance of Rapeseed to farm income, we might mention that it's importance relates directly to the amount he can market.

The Canadian Wheat Board must be commended for its car allocations for rapeseed during 1979. We were anticipating a 50 - 60 million bushel carryover last spring, but ended the crop year with approximately 43 million bushels. (See Table 1) Of course we would have preferred to market it all, and have that extra 300 million dollars in our jeans.

The production problems were extremely variable this past season, resulting in yields which ranged from 0 to 50 bushels/acre. In many areas the spring started off cold and wet, resulting in late seeding and poor results from the soil incorporated herbicides. Then the dry weather set in with no rain til August.\$

Many rapeseed growers east of #6 Highway, suggest yield decreases of 75% or more. Statistics Canada suggests almost as much production off the 8.2 million acres this year, as there was off 6.7 million acres in 1978. These kind of statistics of course are of little comfort to the fellow who managed a 5

bushel/acre yield of sample rapeseed.

1979 did not let us forget the common problems with flea beetle, diamond backs, sclerotinia, blackleg and bertha army worms all taking their toll. Then there was new problems with seed dressings and most damaging of all, the early August frost.

There was mixed reaction to the new seed treatment Vitavax RS Flowable, for the treatment of blackleg and flea beetles. A large quantity of the sed was treated with this new chemical because if is much more pleasant to handle then other treatments. The problems with the chemical doesn't present any problems in seeding, but seemed to relate to emergence of the seedling. These are being investiaged, and we hope that we will have a positive report in time for the Rapeseed Growers Association Annual Meeting, January 17, 1980. We also hope to be able to report on a new chemical for control of Canada thistle, and a new rapeseed variety which is resistant to Atrazine, therefore allowing for the control of weeds such as mustard, stinkweed, etc.

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## 2 THE WINNER



Dr. D. A. (Don) Rennie '49 has been declared the winner of Western Canada's Agronomy Merit Award for 1979

Dr. Don Rennie '49, head of the Department of Soil Science at the University of Sask., was declared the winner of the Agronomy Merit Award, which is presented annually to an individual working in agriculture, who in the judgement of his peers, has made an outstanding contribution to the development of agriculture in Western Canada.

The award includes a grant of \$2,000, and is jointly sponsored by the three prairie 'Pools' and Federated Co-ops, and their jointly owned Western Co-op Fertilizers Ltd.

The award was presented to Don by Dr. Wilf Janke, fertilizer manager for Federated Co-ops, at an S.I.A. banquet, held on November 5 in Saskatoon.

Don was described by Dr. Janke as an able and dedicated soil scientist who has challenged some firmly and widely held beliefs about soil conservation and preservation. He has developed and promoted new techniques to enable farmers to preserve the fertility of their soils, while at the same time increasing crop yields.

Don was born at Medicine Hat in April, 1922. He took public and high school at Gull Lake. He then served with the R.C.A.F. in World War II, and later enrolled in the College of Agriculture degree program, graduating in 1949 — of course! He completed his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin in 1952 — where else! He then joined the soil science department at the University and became its head in 1965, which position he still holds. In 1968 to 1970, he took leave of absence to head the Soil Irrigation and Crop Production Section of the joint FAO/IAEA Division in Vienna.

Rennie was responsible for the institution of the Sask. Institute of

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passed through an antiseptic solution to a germ-free plastic bubble. From there, they go to a sterile rearing unit in the Veterinary Infectious Disease Organization until they are about 10 weeks old, then to a unit in the Western College of Veterinary Medicine until they reach adulthood, and finally to the Swine Centre.

"The objective is to begin our herd with animals that are as free from disease as possible, since this helps to ensure better growth and performance. After the foundation generation, the sows will farrow in the normal way," he said.

The nucleus herd, all purebred Yorkshire and Landrace, will be cross bred to provide more vigorous and prolific animals for the two 100-sow units. The cross-breds will in turn be bred to Lacombe purebred boars to provide market animals for the

550-animal finishing barn.

The general purpose building will house supervisory staff, a meeting room for students and producers groups, and laboratories.

Two circular concrete pits, each 70 feet in diameter, are designed to store manure for six months. Crop and soil scientists will co-operate in research into the use of pig manure on the soil.

Saskatchewan Agriculture is providing \$1,307,000 for initial construction at the Swine Centre. The University is providing \$333,000; The Saskatchewan Hog Marketing Commission, \$310,000; and such industry sources as feed companies and meat packers, \$50,000.

The project is the first major undertaking of the University's Animal Production Research Centre, which was organized to enable the College of Agriculture and the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, to mount a multi-disciplinary attack on livestock production problems.

## RAPSEED "1979 EDITION"

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For those who are interested in Canola variety yield comparison, cast your eyes on Tables II & III.

We could go on for some time talking about Rapeseed "1979", however, I am sure a good number of you will be with us to hear the final chapter January 17, 1980. Speakers such as Dr. Hugh Horner, Dr. Kieth Downey and others

of equal calibre will be on hand to open the first chapter of Rapeseed 1980 Edition.

Plan on attending both the Rapeseed and Ag. Grad. days of Farm Week, January 17 and 18, 1980. Then stay for the week-end. A GOOD TIME IS GUARANTEED!

TABLE I - RAPSEED PLANTINGS

	1978	1979
Seeded Acres	6.7 Mil	8.2 Mil
Production (thousands of Tonnes)	3,497 (154 M bus.)	3,485 (153 M bus.)
Carry-over (thousands of Tonnes)	325 (14.3 M bus.)	989 (43.5 M bus.)

TABLE II - RAPSEED [CANOLA] VARIETIES  
CO-OP TEST [Yield expressed as a % of Midas], 1979

	1978	1979
Midas	100	100
Tower	88.8	93.6
Regent	90.4	100.4
Altex	89.6	98.9
Torch	81.7	86.7
Candle	78.4	85.0

TABLE III - YIELDS AT SPECIFIC LOCATIONS, 1979

*Hundreds of kg/ha	Indian Head	Melfort	Meath Park	Regina	Saskatoon	Scott
Midas	5.4	22.1	18.8	6.4	17.3	9.2
Tower	4.1	23.8	17.6	6.5	14.3	7.9
Regent	4.5	28.3	18.2	5.8	14.1	8.6
Altex	4.3	26.5	16.1	7.2	19.3	4.9
Torch	4.1	21.6	12.0	8.6	14.3	8.1
Candle	3.6	22.0	12.1	9.7	14.0	5.9

\* approximately the same as pounds/acre

# Whither the Antelope

**Herbert R. [Herb] Clark '46** hez dun it agen — he can smell an ag. grad. downwind in a snowstorm. He writes that **W.G. 'Bud' Morken '49**, Sturgis, received his 20 year 4-H leadership award this past summer. Bud incidentally, is also a U.G.G. company director of many moons. Two of his sons are farming with him. The better half is a Sask. home ec. grad, and is on a year's leave of absence from teaching at Sturgis Composite High School.

**N.J. [John] Noble '51** from down Mossbank way, has made it 25 years as 4-H leader.

**Wes Greenshields '49**, Semans has been an agricultural committee and extension district board member for nigh on 25 years, man and boy. Son Grant is farming with him.

**Bruce Cheston '66**, Regina, broke into international journalism — an article on lentils in the September-October issue of "The Furrow" — a soup pot on every grad hearth by '85.

**Doyle Wiebe '76** Langham, is management consultant for 'Farmfax', headed by 'Ed Plohr '76 at Quinton — a computerized accounting service for farmers — all the pleasures of CanFarm they tell us.

**Wally Pigden '50** was a much deserved recipient of a Certificate of Merit at the Canadian Society of Animal Science social gathering at the A.I.C. convention at Fredrickton in August.

**Glenn Sinden '74** has gone where the real interest rates are — left F.C.C. for the Royal Bank at Brandon as agrologist in waiting for **H.D. Doug McRorie's '56** job as head stable boy.

**Larry Gramiak '73** has forsaken the ag. rep. spot at Wakaw, to try on the farm development specialist hat at Saskatoon, next door to **Paul Shukin '63**, who holds down the 'all things to all men and several women' spot there — ag. rep. of course. Larry is valiantly fighting to perserve his eyesight, and

we join all the grads in wishing him well.

**Ted McCannel '50** has been appointed chief liaison officer for Agriculture Canada in Manitoba from Chief, Western Grain Stabilization Program.

Previously he had been general manager, A.I.C.; president, Winnipeg Commodity Exchange; and assistant deputy minister, community colleges program in Manitoba.

**H.D. 'Doug' McRorie '56**, Winnipeg, director of agricultural services, Royal Bank, is the new president A.I.C. as of August this year. **Bryan Harvey**, crop science department, was elected vice-president A.I.C. for 1979-80.

**Les Voice '74**, Bradwell, took on 160 acres of irrigation on the South Sask. His mother said he always knew where to find a puddle deeper than the top of his boots. Had a good crop too. Shows Maine Anjou cattle when it ain't rainin'.

**J. G. Harren '65**, is district sales beagle for Monsanto out Calgary way. Sez **D.G. [Doug] Miller '76** has been booted up from marketing rep. for Monsanto at Calgary, to area supervisor at Edmonton, and is calling the tune for four sales reps. **T.D. [Terry] Aldous '71** has cum 'ome after 8 years in Papua, New Guinea, to be a marketing rep. with Monsanto at Vegreville. Anybody for May & Baker?

**Ed Coulthard '77** has left Monsanto for full time farming at Abernethy. Now that's a switch! Sez wild oat control with Hoegrass is a real gasser.

**D.F. [Don] Acton '57**, of the Sask. Institute of Pedology (always thought that had sumpthin' ta do with feet), tells us **Russ Wells '56**, has moved from soil survey (?) in Banff and Jasper National Parks to Agriculture Canada to Frederickton, N.B. Joe McTeer sez no more of these government paid holidays.

**Don Webster '52** has forsaken all the growing things in the central extension region of Manitoba, to be the Ayatollah for the Inter-Lake region among the Gulies and the Dymetros at Arbourg. Son Bob is studying Spanish — in Spain, where else? Kim is an engineer \*\*!!! for hydro in the unplanned economy of Manitoba. Daughter Kim has become a source of grandkids. Don was previously ag. rep. at Outlook, a rep. for Carbyne, a weed specialist in Winnipeg, and agronomist at Morden.

'Stormin' **Norman Hemsted '64**, is chief sirloin for South West Manitoba, outa Brandon. He and Trudy are both on the pill — daughter 9 and son 7 —



says there'll be no more. Just back from a safari of western and southern Yankland.

**John Sanders '65** is still father confessor to the farming fraternity at Ashern.

**Dougie Barr '40** continues to hang his beanie at Arbourg, and is looking for suckers at the \$2 window. Keeps the shinny players in horse pucks. Rumored he has latched onto a horse pasture at Vernon.

**Don Forsberg '49** is 2.I.C. for Manitoba Crop Insurance at Portage. Lois is still psychoanalysing school kids. A son is working on his Ph.D. in animal nutrition at Davis, Calyfony. Daughter in fashion design.

**Carl Hjelte '69**, is a crops wallah at Morden. Just back from a hog raising tour in B.C. The wife is teaching home ec. at Winkler.

**Tom Pringle '61**, formerly 4-H chief at Winnipeg, then regional director for North West Manitoba, is now assistant deputy of agriculture, back in Winnipeg and enjoyin' hisself. Once a whip always a whip.

**Art Domes '55**, the source of most of this stuff, has been remustered to farm management specialist for the Central Region, still at Portage. Paid us a visit at Yorkton a while back, just to see how another re-treaded ag. rep. in the same boat was doing — didn't learn anything a damn bit useful. He and Mary have one  
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## Undergrad Shenanigans

The A.S.A. has been coming on like a house on fire.

They've already donated \$2,000 this year to non-profit organizations in the service of agriculture throughout the world.

The annual bean feed had its greatest ever attendance.

The Ag Bag Drag had a gross income of \$16,000. The event was followed by a party for all those who toiled mightily to make it a success.

The last agro dance for the pre-Xmas season was held on November 16.

They held a most successful dinner, seminar and reception for potential employers of ag grads at the Sheraton-Cavalier. This was a joint affair for school and degree students. Reports from employers in attendance were most praiseful.

Would you believe that these young whippersnappers have an annual A.S.A. turnover of over \$100,000. These guys and dolls are definitely big time.

**Ross Campbell** is the A.S.A. rep. on the S.A.G.A. executive.



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Pedology in 1965, and the soil testing laboratory in 1966.

His early and unique research work resulted in the development of the use of isotopes in measuring root development and distribution, which has contributed greatly to sound fertilizer practices. More recently his research into soil salinity problems and their control, and his forceful condemnation of the widespread use of summerfallow, as a dominant contributing factor, has made his presence felt, and his opinions respected among western farmers, extension workers, contemporaries alike.

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son farming under Art's wing a Portage, another teaching in northern B.C., and two female offspring still under the brooder at home.

**Gordon Moss '49** is the new general manager for U.G.G. at Winnipeg. Joined U.G.G. after graduation in field services; then area manager, country operations; manager of United Feeds, and assistant general manager for U.G.G. Rung by rung by rung — these 49'ers always get there. **Jim Mantz '49** just missed it by a company political hair, then went on to become chief of Western Grain Stabilization, to manager inland terminals with the feds. Make a good deputy for John Wise, when all the terminals pass into other hands. Fooled us, Hugh Horner got him.

**Barry Swanson '72**, from the 'Bay', Sask., is back full throttle as ag. rep. after his stint with the extension division, and sends us a few spruce splinters from the sawmill capital. Let the chipboard fall where it may.

**Doug England '63**, has deserted his post in Diefenbaker country. **Garth Wieterman '78**, will mind the store until Doug gets back from Zambia with the Agdevco wheat project. **Frank Miller '39** won't be avoided, he's following Doug on December 4 to continue as his nemesis — project leader. Frank has left the chiefie spot with the rural extension branch at Regina with a year to go to retirement.

**Tom Boyle ?** ag. rep. at Meadow Lake has migrated south with the blueheads, to take over control of **Larry Gramiak's '73** spot at "Little Chicago" — alias Wakaw. As mentioned earlier, Larry has defected to Saskatoon to help train developing farmers and regional co-ordinators in a less favored region.

**Don Martin '76**, has started a movement ever onward and upward with Sask. Pool farm supply division at Assiniboia. Sez he's still single and working hard, but doesn't say who on. Bonspielling at the reunion? Well natch!

**Lorne Hofner ?** continues to fight bugs and August frosts at the 'Bay. Has sprouted ailerons recently, and is getting good at dodging alfalfa bales on his landing strip.

**R.L. 'Lochie' Bracken '67**, is busy tryna spark little Simmentals into bustin the growth barrier. He and **Barry Swanson** are fixin to head south to Castro country at New Years to test the Commie fabric under the winter sun.

**Ross Kingdon '55**, chief of the North West band, sends along a few smoke signals. Can't afford stamps — two daughters on the pill forever — Barbara tossed her bouquet to the hopeful on August 22, and Shelley becomes a Xmas bundle on December 22. No Xmas gifts for the grandkids this year.

**Bob McKercher '64** is another of our

ever-faithful correspondents. He tells us that in addition to those he mentioned in his submission to our last issue, he says that out of province grads he fell against, at the social hour at the annual A.I.C. do at Frederickton, were **Lorne Fisher '59** and **Harry Legatt '46**.

**Bernie Sonntag '62**, formerly head of Agriculture Research Station, economics section, at Lethbridge, and **Hans Korven** irrigation engineering specialist at the Swift Current research station, have both been transported to serve at Saskatoon forever after, under **Ross Greenshields '49** and **Keith Downey '50**. Wonder what they did rong?

In case you missed it in our last issue, the late **D.R. "Dave" Robinson '28**, and **J.D. MacFarlane '16**, Nipawin, were inducted into the Sask. Agricultural Hall of Fame, Western Development Museum, Saskatoon, on Saturday, August 11.

**Bill Miner '52**, Hazel and family of

Ottawa, visited the campus in August to renew acquaintances. As many will be aware, Bill is very much involved with GATT and the grain trade.

**Harry-Joe Elder '52**, Fillmore, formerly of Sask. 4-H Council and Sask. Hog Marketing Commission Fame, has been named chairman of the Natural Products Marketing Council.

**Don Rennie '49**, has been named as a member of the federal environmental assessment panel, assigned to delve into Eldorado Nuclear's proposal to build a uranium refinery near Warman, just north of Saskatoon.

**David Weiseth '75**, Scotsguard, was involved in a serious car accident just south of Swift Current on Highway #4. He escaped with minor injuries. Dale Weiseth 22, the driver, was fatally injured.

**John Stevenson '60**, is farming at Ethelton (near Melfort), and digging holes for neighbors — custom soil sampling, ya know.

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## WHO'S THERE NOW?

### STUDENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN



Diploma Students (School of Agriculture)	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	* 1979-80
First Year	189	183	156	150
Second Year	104	123	127	90
Partial	5	5	3	2
TOTAL	298	311	286	242

#### B.S.A. Degree Students (College of Agriculture)

First Year	133	127	144	141
Second Year	111	109	138	125
Third Year	105	113	122	114
Fourth Year	94	96	84	111
Fifth Year	3	2	2	6
Partial and Audit	18	15	11	18
TOTAL	464	462	501	515

#### Postgraduate Students \*\* (College of Graduate Studies and Research)

Master's	81(64)	88(70)	74(60)	67(57)
PhD's	38(35)	34(31)	38(33)	40(35)
Diploma	7(6)	3(3)	10(8)	11(11)
TOTAL	126(105)	125(104)	122(101)	118(103)

\* Diploma student enrollment figures for 1979-80 are estimates.

\*\* The figures in brackets indicate the number of postgraduate students in actual attendance.

## May our memory of them never fade



**W.K. "Bill" Janzen '35**, who worked with Saskatchewan Soil Survey from the mid 30's, until his retirement in May, 1975, passed away at Victoria, B.C., on Tuesday, August 7. He was born William Klaas Janzen on May 14, 1910.

He leaves to mourn, his wife Gwen, three daughters and a son. A sister, Mrs. Frank (Mary) Dewar, resides in Saskatoon.

At his request, his remains were cremated and a private memorial service was held, with only the family in attendance.

Bill was charter member of the S.I.A. and received its Recognition Award in 1975. He had served on S.I.A. Council, and was treasurer of the institute from 1960 to 1967. He was also active in the Canadian Soil Sciences Society.

**Orrin R. "Red" Mooney '33** of 909-10th Street East, Saskatoon, passed away in hospital on November 11, 1979, at 72 years.

He left to mourn his passing, his wife Berneldine (Bee), daughter Shirley, sons John and Barry; three granddaughters and two grandsons; his

sisters Dr. Flora Sifton, Mrs. Grace Wilson and Miss Jean Mooney.

Memorial services were held at McKague's funeral home with Rev. W. Chapman in charge.

A native of Regina, he graduated in agriculture in 1933. He farmed at Tessier until 1946, at which time he became ag. rep. there, and moved to Saskatoon in the early 1950's to become area supervisor of ag. reps. for north west Sask., from which he retired in 1970.

He was a charter member of the S.I.A. and a member of S.A.G.A. He was also a past master of the Masonic order and an ardent golfer.

**J.D. "Don" Neilson '42**, passed away in hospital at Prince Albert, with a heart attack, on Sunday, November 11 last.

His loving wife Lucille, daughters Colleen of Saskatoon, and Maureen of Edmonton, where she is studying nursing science, and a son Douglas, a medical doctor, currently residing in U.S.A., are left to mourn his passing.

Memorial services were held at MacKenzies funeral chapel on Wednes-

day, November 14. Among the pallbearers were **Murdock MacKay '49** and **Cyril Laforge '76**.

Don served in the Canadian Army from 1942 to 1945, following graduation with a B.S.A. degree. In 1945 he returned to the University for a short time. He then joined the C & D Branch, Sask. Agriculture, and left them in the early 50's to become an ag. rep. in the unsettled areas of northern Saskatchewan, working mainly with native people. Through his efforts numerous 4-H clubs were organized among native children, and numerous thriving wild rice enterprises were established in the north. He also strove valiantly to introduce native people to gardening as a means of supplementing their diets. He was also an avid gardener himself. He continued to work with native people until the time of his death.

Don was the 'flying ag. rep.', since the air was the only avenue of travel to the isolated communities of the north.

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**Murray B. McLelland '70** is the new supervisor of cereal crops in the crops branch, Alberta Agriculture. Started out as a D.A. at Lethbridge, then senior D.A. there, before he received his come uppance.

**Gerald Miedema '78**, who is carrying on as ag. rep. for the Battlefords (while **Ken Pedersen '70** is straightening out the extension division), carries an ice pick at all times, just in case someone mentions jackfish.

**Donna Matolsci** [?] left the Battlefords for greener pasture in Alberta.

**Rollie Brassard '58** is still hanging on to his house at Lloydminster. Houses are worth a fortune up there, but the wife doesn't enjoy tenting. Another Imperial '400' is going up there on the Sask. side. Too expensive for regional co-ordinators meetings.

**Lorne Glendinning '49**, supervisor of Land Bank, suffered a stroke recently. He's reported to be coming along at least reasonably well.

**Dick Roney '68**, is busy filling up his new hog barn at Turtleford. The way hog prices have been lately, he figures he oughta be raising them in his basement.

**Jim Martin '61** has been pushing tickets on a goat raffle for the North Battleford Lions. Managed to avoid winning it himself. Seems a Chinese cook won it. Billy goat chow mein, anyone?

**Kerry Foster '70** agronomist fella up North West way, bought himself an  
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## PROCLAMATION

THE CHIEF, LES HENRY '64 BIDS THAT ALL TRIBESMEN  
TAKE NOTE

Notice is hereby given of a proposed amendment of the Constitution of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association, to be presented to the annual meeting on Friday, January 18, 1980, as follows:

"That the last sentence of Article 6 which reads: 'The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year, January 1 to December 31', be amended to read:

'The fiscal year of the Association shall be November 1 to October 31, inclusive'.

### Explanation:

- 1) The change would place the fiscal year in a better relationship to the normal flow of funds; and
- 2) ending the fiscal year on the new date (October 31), would make it easier to prepare an accounting of the financial position in time for the annual meeting. The short time currently available, between the end of the present fiscal year (December 31) and the annual meeting in early to mid-January, makes it very difficult to gather the necessary documents, prepare a financial statement, and to audit the records.

## ⑥ May our memories of them never fade

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**John H. I. Truscott** (?) died in August at the age of 74 years. Truscott received both his bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Sask. before studying for his ph. D. degree at the University of Toronto.

He retired from the Canada Agriculture horticultural research station at Vineland, Ontario. He was a member of the Niagara Branch of O.I.A.

Some will have heard of the passing of **Ralph Stueck '15** of Abernethy, a famous naturalist and a farmer, on October 2, just ten days short of his 86th birthday.

Ralph maintained a sanctuary for wild geese on Kerry Farm for many long years. Hiawatha, as he was often referred to, dedicated many long years to wildlife conservation. He educated many adults and children as helpmates.

An avid photographer, he gave a great many illustrated lectures on wildlife. His photography of wildlife attracted such notables as Walt Disney. He was also an ardent taxidermist.

His favorite of all wild life was the Canada Goose. However, he was a lover of wildlife in general. He studied and befriended the leeming, the ruffed grouse, the prairie dog, the whooping crane, other prairie birds and the coyote.

Ralph was a member of the first associate class which graduated in 1915.

His memory will long remain among fellow wildlife enthusiasts and friends.

**Hugh McKenzie '50**, a plant breeder at Lethbridge research station, died in a car accident near Broadview on August 22.

Hugh was well known for his research with sawfly resistant wheats.

He was born at Indian Head in 1919. He served with the R.C.A.F. overseas for three years prior to entering the College of Agriculture from which he graduated in 1950. He received his Ph. D. in plant science in 1963 at the University of Manitoba.

He leaves his wife Joan, two daughters and one son.

**Doug Bryson '52** of Outram passed away suddenly in early July of a heart attack.

He led a very active life in farm organization, including that of being a Sask. Pool delegate, a past president of the Estevan Agricultural Society, a director and first vice-president of the Western Canada Fairs Association.

He leaves behind to mourn his beloved wife Marguerite, two daughters and two sons.

**Thorvaldur "Thor" Johnson '24**, passed away in Winnipeg this fall. Sorry no further details at this time.

## A PLEA TO HONOR YEAR GRADS

### THE REUNION BANQUET



Would you please let your **Honor Year Chairman** know whether or not you will be attending the **reunion banquet**, and whether you will be bringing an escort — that's yer wife er current flame (they can't both come).

**There's a good reason for this:**

Tables are reserved at the banquet for the honor year grads. This is a bit of a task since there are 24 different reunion years.

Each **reunion year chairman** must give his estimate of the number of seats required for his year to the Vice-President (who is in charge of the banquet each year) on **Friday**, the day before the banquet.

There were over 300 people from the honor years at the banquet last year, so reserving tables is a task.

This doesn't give him much time, so **please let him know your plans ahead of time.**

## WHITHER THE ANTELOPE

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**Omni**. Not as roomy as the Cordoba, but since he needs a smaller wallet, he's able to manage. **Andy Sereda '60** also sports one. Sez the squaws along the Carrot don't mind it a bit.

**Jim Morris '70**, is building himself a new house (with slatted floors?) out near Floral. In his spare time he exports hogs to Alberta for the Sask. Commission.

**Allan Kohlman '78** is checking over the dogies fer Agriculture Canada out Vancouver way.

**Russell Schreiner '78** hez took to farming at Gull Lake since he got back

from New Zealand in April, and the I.A.E.A.

**W. M. Luther '60**, sent along a life membership so's **Richard Bellamy '66**, our trusty registrar won't be meeting him with a pitchfork at the airport when he shows up for the reunion. Holes up at Bradner, B.C.

**Russ Wells '56** hangs his hat near Frederickton, B.C. Moved there from Edmonton to work on soil surveys for N.B. Agriculture. Figures he's well located — half way between his relatives out here, and the wife's in Newfoundland.

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# WHITHER THE ANTELOPE

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Doug Grant '49, of the executive committee, Sask. Agriculture, was also at A.I.C., apparently made a list of A.I.C. attenders from Sask. but the bugger never sent it to us. However, Bob Mc Kercher tells us he saw Russ Wells '56, Doug McRorie '56, Bob Bradley '58, Bob Soper '53, Gus McKenzie '54 and Frank Payne '47 — all treading the foreign heath of other provinces. Bob tells us that one of the tours around Frederickton was to the McCains' bakery at Florenceville. They all had to don hair nets — a rule strictly adhered to. Even Frank Payne was forced to conform — at the insistence and amusement of his cohorts. As they say, the Lord delights in the heads of men, but some of them are covered.

David Kimber '48, Abbey, is the avowed champion of the woolly breed — was elected president of the Southern Sask. Wool Growers Association at their annual meeting at "The Crick".

John Frizzell '42, formerly ag. rep. at Wynyard, then county agent at Dalles, Oregon, for many years, and latterly county director of extension prior to retirement in 1977, visited with Bob Brack '52, Herb Clark '46 and Phil Thair '42 in October. He's now pounding the pavement for Century 21 out of Dalles. Figgers to attend the 40th reunion in 1982, and looks as chipper as a jaybird. An antecedent of ye olde ed. at Wynyard, who promptly undid all of John's missionary work. Busy looking around fer land for rich yanks up in Western Canada.

Any grad who hasn't read 'One Thing for Tomorrow', appearing in the book

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## MOONLITE an' ROSES



Melanie Dawn Rya of Swift Current took unto herself Randy Wickett '78 of Rosetown, and a passel of Rosetown clay on July 7. She was given in marriage by her father in a grey worsted suit and a fairly clean shirt. The groom and his attendants wore brown tuxedos matching the 'A' horizon of the Rosetown soil association.

That's the only wedding we've heard of all fall. The weather was so good too. Can't understand it.

Rick Blenner-Hasset '75 is still holding out at Wynyard.

Wonder what's going on? Maybe it's Celibate Saskatchewan. The word is supposed to be celebrate ya know.

# MOVIN'?

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## WHITHER THE ANTELOPE

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section of the November issue of Readers' Digest, should hasten to do so. It's an account of **Bob Brack's '52** wife Joyce's continuing fight against multiple sclerosis. Its an inspiring account of immense courage, faith and determination on the part of Joyce herself, and of the love, patience and understanding of her husband and family, and that of close friends too.

**Leo Nordal '62** is 'Ben Crackett' for Fischer's Equipment out Macklin way. He and Anita have been there since March last year, living in a farm home 3 miles south west of town - only a mile from Alberta. Sez **Jeff Stang**, Primate, graduated this year from the School of Ag. — son of Leo's landlord. Macklin is a long way from the old home farm at Leslie.

Did we tell you that **Ken Bowren '46**, Melfort, was installed as president of S.I.A. at their annual 'do' in June, and **Tom Lawrence '50** is president-elect — all 6'2" of him. Tom is head of the forage section at the Swift Current research station, and Ken and Vera are agronomist and agronomist-in-waiting at the Melfort station.

**Grant Devine '67** is the new leader of

the P.C.'s in Sask. Made 'er on the first ballot. Now if we can find a seat just his size. Mebbe Dick Collver will take the hint.

**Glen Herndier '70**, has left the farm management section to throw in his lot with Canfarm. **Howard Duncan '65** is a likely heir apparent, we think. Couldn't fall to more capable hands. Howard forsook the north west region to become farm business arrangements specialist at Regina last spring. Doing a spot of farming with a brother on the old homestead at Regina.

**Norm Bray '56** is past president S.I.A., once removed. Lef the Bank du Montreal for farming at Maclean, consulting, short course instructing, water divining, etc.

**Rob Rennie '71**, Lethbridge research station, has been to conference in Brazil on associate nitrogen fixation — that is nitrogen fixation phenomenon associated with plants other than legumes. The occurrence in some wheats discovered at Lethbridge by **Ruby Larson** [?] by any chance?

**Harvey Quamme '62**, horticulturalist at the Harron, Ontario research station, won the Carroll R. Miller award of the

National Peach Council of Martinsburg, West Virginia — the third consecutive winner from Harron.

**Ron Galloway '48**, Estevan, has been appointed to the Surface Rights Arbitration Board, and finds the oil drilling activity in the north west keeps him too busy to pay the farm much mind at times. Also being vice-chairman of the Western Development Museum, local community committees, means the wife and kids don't have him around enough so he becomes a nuisance at home, and they can get on with the farming in the way it should be done.

To **Fran Henry**, the better half of the **Les Henrys '64**, we owe a debt of gratitude for the pen drawing of a pronghorn antelope — our college emblem, which graces the headline of this section. Buy ya a drink of the best the grads and ladies smoker offers — mebbe even a double if Les ain't wanting one too.

**Bob Bens '64** and **Wayne Gamble '67** swear on a carload of printouts that 'Grainews' printed a write-up on Farm-West Management Ltd. on a strictly voluntary basis. Ya can't bulldoze Editor **John Clark '54**.

**Don McKinly '72** has got his new seed plant cranked up at Biggar. The crop was kinda puny in 1979, but everybody is out to prove it can't happen two years in a row.

**Jim Hammond '68** still had a clutch of cows, but no feed after a big farm fire this fall. However, the Hutterites had bought up all the land around and had lots of surplus feed. Couldn't let Brother Jim's cows starve in the dark.

**Don Hinz '77** has just come back from a 2 year stint with CUSO in Gambia, West Africa.

**Morris Tenkink '79** left for Thailand in September to work on a CUSO project.

These young sprouts, through their wish to be of service to their fellowman, are making a worthwhile effort in uplifting the economy and lifestyles of people in underdeveloped nations.



We wish you all a

**Merry  
Christmas  
and a  
Happy  
New  
Year!**



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**NEWS:** (Real or imagined): About yerself (new or old), the wife and kids, other grads, old girl friends, inflation, grain quotas, crop insurance, taxes, the price of fishing equipment, or your latest pipe dream.

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# GRADS REUNION

## JANUARY 18, 19 & 20 — 1980

HONOR

YEAR

CHAIRMEN

Year	School	College
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., Saskatoon, 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 18 —	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 19 —	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. 4:00	Cessation of curling
	5:30	Ag. Grad Banquet and Dance - Centennial Auditorium
SUNDAY, JANUARY 20 —	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 17 —	Individual Class Reunions
	- line shooting contests
	- brass rail polishing
	- pikchur takin'

Sunday, January 20

Rumor only: The entire 1960 Agro class departs on an ecological survey of native Hawaiian grasses



Fred Schroer '40 has left North Dakota State College at Fargo to retire on the farm at Evesham. Some fellas just kin never git farmin outa ther blud.

Ernest G. Booth '21 has just celebrated his 80th birthday, and admits to both work and play. Spent the birthday on a 15-week tour of the Yukon and Alaska.

Visited across the west from Estevan to Vancouver, with a stopover at Moose Jaw to visit Alta's (Metheral) home and check up on the old original seed plant there. Owned by the Sask. Registered Seed Growers where Ernest was the first plant manager. He rant he plant during the winters of 1923 to 1925.

He is writing a history of the Booth Family's homesteading experiences in Last Mountain Valley and in the Kamanatha district, north east of Semans. Ye olde ed wuz the ag. rep. in that area after the great consternation, and, of course, heard the Booth name on numerous occasions. Booth Siding is named after them.

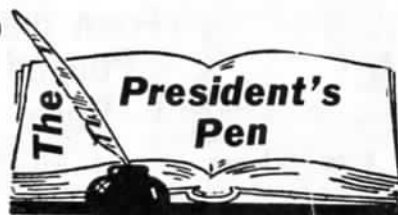
Ernest and Alta live in Boca Raton, Florida, during the winter, and spend some time in St. Paul, Minnesota during the summer. Ernest got his Ph. D. at Minnesota in 1928.

B.J. "Woolie Bear" Strilchuk '45 is alive and well. Sold the house in Tisdale, and he and Nadia are keeping an eye on their investments at Wynyard. David (?) their second son is holding down an ag. chemicals spot for Allied outa Saskabush. Bob swings a mean '3' iron, and is ready for all braggly golf type grads.

Stu Harrison '32 and Dorothea, strung it out for 50 years, as of August 22 last. A reception was held in their honor at St. Timothy's Anglican in Saskatoon. Many will remember Stu as an instructor in the ag. engineering lab. A wizard with a ball nibbed drafting pen.

C.H. Perry Killick '24 — late of the People's Republic of Manitoba, is retired in West Vancouver, B.C. Was the monarch of the dairy scene for the department of agriculture for many years. Has written an account — 'Manitoba Dairying', and sent us a copy for the college library. Sees Frank M. Thorne '25 occasionally. Heads south for Laguna Beach, California, to follow the sun in winter as does Cyril Goulden '21.

John Keay '31 fled the nation's capital and Joe McTeer in June, to live at White Rock, B.C. No freezing in the dark for him, in case Oily Bill gets ornery. Likes it fine out there — good garden, fruit trees and all. Been retired since '71, and plans on attending the '81 Grad Reunion.



Since my last communication in the September issue, the Executive has met on two occasions. Most of our activity has been in the planning for the 1980 Reunion, and I am happy to report that all committees are moving ahead energetically towards a real happy time during the annual ceilagh. Further information on the Reunion Weekend is scattered throughout this Newsletter. (Scattered? Tut, tut, man! Strategically placed, Surely! Ed.)

The Executive has decided that the fiscal year should be changed to be November 1 to October 31, rather than the calendar year as it is at present. The reasons for this change were explained in the last Saga. Bob Bens has worked out the details, and a proposed change in the constitution to accommodate this appears elsewhere in this issue. Please study it carefully and come prepared to discuss it at the annual meeting. In that it involves the constitution change, it will not become fact until agreed to by the entire membership at the annual meeting.

We are still corresponding with CELEBRATE SASKATCHEWAN, in an attempt to obtain funding to assist the project on publication of our history. That project has been set back by about one to two months, due to lack of decision by the Celebrate Saskatchewan committee on funding. We are now told that we should get decisions sometime in early December. Meantime the authors are chomping at the bit and ready to go.

During the 1980 Reunion activities, we would like to encourage all those classes who will be celebrating reunions in 1981, to contact the incoming Vice-President or President to assist them in coming up with Reunion Year Chairman. The Vice-president carries the load, in terms of actual organizing, and the sooner he can get the appointments made the more successful will be future reunion activities.

Bob Bens '64 has come up with an excellent idea that we hope can be put into place for the 1981 Reunion. We are hoping that if Chairmen can be selected early enough, and correspondence carried out early in the year, then we hope to be able to prepare a booklet for the Honour Year School and Honour Year College, that describes the exploits of the members of those classes. This should provide interesting reading at, and after the banquet, and also assist in keeping the program for

## LETTUR FRUM DEPRESSION FLATS



**You wanta check the fence, make shore  
There ain't no place the calves can git out!**

the banquet within manageable proportions.

When **Bob Dodds '53**, Past President, and his nominating committee starts pounding doors for our Executive for 1981, they are doing so with a new mandate. At our last Executive meeting, we decided that we should actively recruit at least one member for the Executive, to pay particular attention to the needs of senior members of our Association, to ensure that we adequately take care of any particular needs or wishes they may have.

One of the most interesting aspects of being President of this grand fraternity, has been the contact with some of our older members. The very real enthusiasm displayed by grads of some considerable years experience, has been an inspiration to me, and I know is an inspiration to new graduates contemplating joining our Association.

It has been a very real pleasure to serve as your President this year. The Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates' Association is a unique and vibrant body of active people. One of the delights of being on the Executive, and particularly of being President, is the willingness with which people jump at doing the chores. Response of the entire membership to what we do, is also encouraging. I have been involved with a number of organizations and associations, where one has to needle and beg to get participation. In the Ag. Grads. Association all we do is put out a notice and stand back to avoid the rush.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Reunion Weekend — January 18 to 20, 1980, and hope that you all have a happy family reunion during the festive season.

Les Henry '64  
President

Howdy Lin;

Since things are slowin down agin on the ranch, I got a little time fer writin and gossipin'.

It seems as so we ere a bit hard on these young guvermint peeples cause they all seem ta head fer Weyburn after a short spell with us. The lastest to leave is Bob Klemmer '77.

Speakin of leavin, Lee Melville '74, hez decided to head west. He's done gone and resigned his persition over to Shaunavon to become the distracted agriculturalist over to Hanna, Alberta.

Say, I also heered that Johnny Hanson '42 over Moose Jaw way hes almost all heeled up. The grapevine has it that he is crackin the whip agin in the office full time. Shore glad to hear thet, danged if I ain't.

Down in Speedy Crick, Bob '57, and Joan Middleton hez therselfs a dotter, Clare Louisa, on Oct. 26 whilst over down to Assiniboia, Wally and Bev Vanin hez brung in Allison, On Oct. 31st.

The grapevine also hez it thet Cal Jackson bilt hesself a fancy barn fer ridin' in whilst the snow flies. Thet way he kin train his purebred nags all year round.

Anyhowsocome, thets the way things are in this country at present. Until I gits the urge to writ agin, y'all behave yerselves.

Gus the Cowhand '70

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# Transferred?

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# AG. GRAD BONSPIEL

**All Systems Go! START — FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1980**  
**with 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. Draws — Everyone Curls Friday!**  
**Then on to the "SMOKER"**



Appear bright eyed and bushy tailed 8:00 A.M. Saturday. LAST DRAW, Saturday will be 2:00 P.M. . . . eating, dancing, carousing to follow. SEMI-FINALS 10:00 A.M. Sunday (groan) with the FINALS at 3:00 P.M. Granite Curling Club. (Bring your own cheering section.)

### NECESSARIES

- \* Every team sure of 3 games (4 events plus Hutcheon event)
- \* All games 8 ends (with the exception of 10-end finals)
- \* Ties settled by skip rocks (with sweeping)
- \* Each team must have at least 3 SAGA members. A non-member must play lead.
- \* Hutcheon event only . . . members of rink age 48 or over . . . 3 games by points . . . top 4 point-getters meet in the semi-finals
- \* **EARLY ENTRIES!** (No later than midnight Friday, January 11, 1980)  
 Limit of 64 regular rinks and 24 rinks in the Hutcheon event.

**NOTE:** Late entries will be out of luck! We have promised the school and college boys that any vacancies left after the deadline will be filled by student rinks!

### DAMAGE TO WALLET

Curling Fees . . . . . \$10.00 per person  
 Plus  
 Member Fee — Annual (for non-life members)

### WHERE TO LOOK??

**WATCH:** Wednesday and Thursday, January 16 & 17 edition of the Saskatoon Star Phoenix for the Friday draws and also posted at the Annual Meeting.

### HOW TO [ENTER]

1. Complete the entry form below and return to:

**LORENCE PETERSON**  
**441 BIRCH CRESC.,**  
**SASKATOON, SASK., S7N 2X2**

2. **ASSUMPTION:** University graduates can fill in forms

**COMPLETELY ACCURATELY LEGIBLY**  
 Thanks!!

- 3. Please check **Yes** or **No**, re: Life memberships for each curler.
- 4. **LONESOME??** Send in the form with your name anyway! Tell us which position you do best at, and we'll almost guarantee to put you on a winning rink!
- 5. **LAST** (but not least). . . . if you want to be **PREREGISTERED** you can enclose a cheque . . . or cheques . . . payable to **SASK. AG. GRADS ASSOC.**, for all curling and membership fees.

**BY WHEN??** Midnight Friday, January 11, 1980

## AG. GRAD. BONSPIEL ENTRY FORM

Position	Name	Complete Mailing Address [for Newsletter] Street or Box No., City or Town. Postal Code	*Phone	Grad Year		LIFE MEMBER	
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THIRD							
SECOND							
LEAD							

Team Name..... Hutcheon Event Yes  No

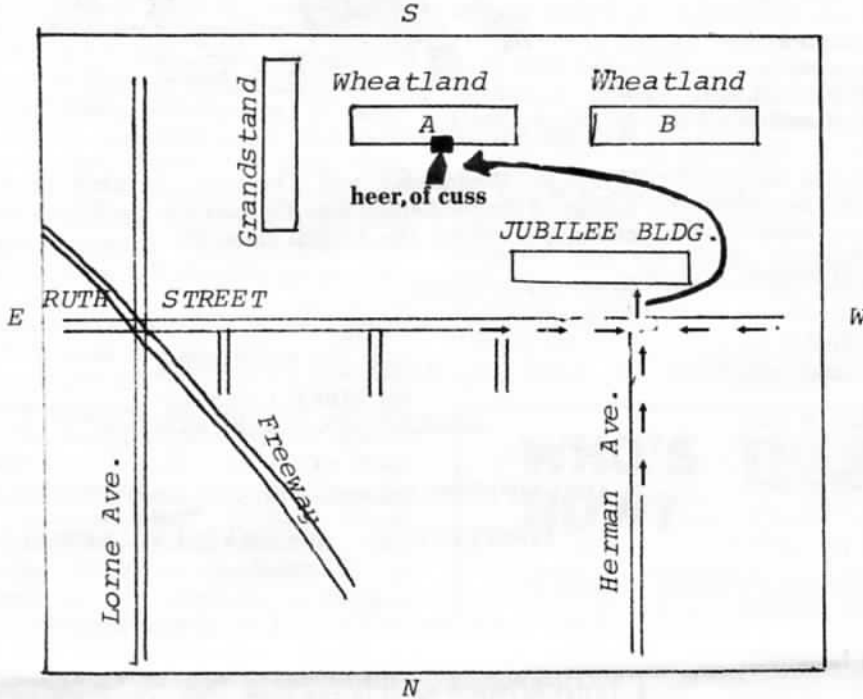
\*Phone number at place you're staying in Saskatoon

# AG. GRAD SMOKEROO

**(SMOKER AND SMOKETTE)**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19  
Wheatland A Building  
Saskatchewan Exposition Grounds  
[same as las yeer an' th yeer before]

— A Map - easily read by a sober taxi driver — so's ya wont be losit.



Use the Herman Ave. entrance and enter through the North door of the Wheatland A. Building.

**THE BEST PART:**

- ( ) well stocked bar
- ( ) open at 8:00 p.m. until 1:00 A.M.
- ( ) lunch (scrumptious ?) at 10:30 p.m.
- ( ) planning for 500 ladies, grads and undergrads
- ( ) Voc. Ags. & Agro - Jackets & caps will be available

## Accident Prone



Erin Lee Stretten can testify to the fertility of Rod '78, and Oralee — that's her mom. She arrived on July 14 — all 7 lbs. 3 oz. of her. The Stretten's are still fighting metrics. A sister for Christopher. Where'd he come from?. They haven't owned up to him before.

At the Neil [?] and Corrine Shantz's, Saskatoon, a sister for Troy and Ryan. Don't know when she was born. She just showed up for breakfast one day.

Lyle '71 and Verla Elmgren, Saskatoon were definitely expecting twins until Christine Ellen weighed in at 8 lbs. 10½ oz. on April 5. Gad! What a relief! The first one at that. Well, they practiced for eight years.

Bill '70 and Donna Souster '70 — well, somebuddy oughta them. Another son on September 25. That makes three sons and a daughter — so far. Guess they're farming and need the help.

Ed Coulthard [?] now farming at Abernethy, admits to a son weighing 6 lbs. and numerous ounces. No wife? Don't tell us parthenogenesis hez broke out agin?

Clifford Edwin Kramer showed up for work at Lashburn on May 28 well prepared — 8 lbs. 11 oz. His mum and dad are Barb and Dale '72. Their first. He's already had a ride on the tractor.

Ralph '74 and Peggy Wasylyniuk welcomed some farm help. — Kristine Margaret arrived at Raymore at 7 lbs. 5 oz. Ralph is an old 4-h Beef Club member who's come home to roost.

We predict babies will never get the hang of being born in kilograms. Not a metric mite in a tonne of new arrivals.

## LECTURE SERIES PROGRAM

Farm and Home Week · Friday, January 18 — 1980

### FARM FINANCING FOR THE EIGHTIES

Moderator: Bob Bens '64

A.M.

8:30- 9:00 Assembly and Chairmans remarks  
9:00- 9:30 New Trends in Financing -  
H.D. McRorie '56 -Director Agricultural  
Services — Royal Bank of Canada

9:30- 9:45 Questions

9:45-10:15 Land Values and Input Costs for the Eighties  
Dr. G.E. Lee '53 - Head, Agricultural  
Economics Department,  
University of Saskatchewan

A.M.

10:15-10:30

10:30-10:45

10:45-12:00

P.M.

1:15-3:15

Questions

Coffee - etc

Panel - Farmer Reaction -

Robert Blakely '51 - Melfort

Norm Bray '56 - Regina

Robert Lockwood '64 - Outlook

Annual Meeting



# FROM THE EDYTUR'S TREE

by Lin Boyes '48

Some odds and sods.

Doyle Weibe '76 filled in for Irene Ahner '65, our S.A.G.A. representative to the Advisory Council to the College of Agriculture meeting in October. Irene spent a bit of time in the hospital, but is up and at 'em again, we hear.

Anyhow Doyle reported to the S.A.G.A. executive that the faculty are concerned about the reduced School enrollment this year, and the decrease in graduate students. Both are signs of the times it seems. The School enrollment reflects a poor crop.

As for the graduate students, there firstly aren't enough scholarships, bursaries and assistantships, and the ones there are, are frequently too skimpy.

Secondly, salaries for positions open to post graduates are too frequently little, if any, higher than those positions requiring grads with undergraduate degrees. A comparison of salary schedules, open to the latter, with those at universities, as well as in civil service positions, speaks volumes. Our immediate postwar graduates in research and teaching are reaching retirement, and not enough people with post-graduate degrees are available to fill their shoes, let alone fill the needs for a much needed expansion in agricultural research.

Food science and horticulture have not received enough support in the college in past years. However, the college intends to place more emphasis on these disciplines in future funding.

The new Agricultural Research Fund that has been legislated for by the provincial government, to provide a \$3,000,000 foundation for research is not yet operational. The interest the fund earns would be available to support research — not necessarily all at the university. S.A.G.A. has been requested to nominate a representative, and has done so. Four producers will sit on the board, in addition to University, federal research and government representatives.

The S.I.A. have proposed to the college faculty that the general option be reinstated at the bachelor's degree level. The rationale being that many positions open to grads, require a more overall basic knowledge of agriculture than current specific options provide. The recommendation is that a fairly rigid regime of classes be required.

The S.I.A. also proposed that minor and major options in extension and communications be instituted, with required classes that are specific to the needs of practitioners in the field.

Our thanks and apologies to corres-

pondents who submitted news items that didn't reach us because of the civil servants strike (\*\*!!/!).

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