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Kristjanson New U. of S. President

Dr. Leo Kristjanson will take over the duties of president of the University of Saskatchewan, on July 1, 1980, succeeding Dr. R. W. Begg.

A specialist in agricultural policy, co-operatives and economic history, Kristjanson has been vice-president, planning, at the university since 1975. A native of Gimli, Man., he has lived in Saskatoon since 1959.

Dr. Kristjanson is one of the famous five brothers, all economists, who have all risen to prominence with public institutions.

Apart from his academic career, Kristjanson has been prominent in

Leo Kristjanson



agricultural and economic endeavours in the province. He was a chairman of the first public inquiry into the Poplar River Power Project, was a member of a special committee looking at the re-organization of the provincial Department of Co-operation and Co-operative Development, and served as chairman of the province's Natural Products Marketing Council from 1973 to 1979. He is vice-chairman and treasurer of the Meewasin Valley Authority.

He has also been chairman of the university's department of economics and political science and has been a member of many professional associations.

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S.A.G.A. Plunks for Ross Greenshields as Chancellor

Dr. J.E. Ross Greenshields '49 has consented to be a candidate for the office of Chancellor, University of Saskatchewan at the instigation of the S.A.G.A. executive.

The executive urges all red blooded ag grads to mark their ballot for Ross, as being a most worthy candidate to fill the position left vacant by the demise of the Right Honorable John G. Diefenbaker.

Ross was born and raised on a farm at Semans on September 21, 1918 and completed his schooling there before going on to teachers' college in Regina. He taught school at McCord from 1939 to 1941. He served in the RCAF for 3½ years and was attached to the R.A.F. in Britain, India and Burma.

Upon return to Canada, he received his B.S.A. with Distinction, from the University in 1949 and his M.Sc. in 1950. He completed his Ph.D. at Iowa State University in 1953.

He has served with Agriculture Canada from 1950 until his retirement as director of the research station at Saskatoon in December, 1979. From 1950 to 1957 he served as a plant breeder with the Dominion Forage Crops Laboratory at Saskatoon and it

was under his direction that the first coumarin-free variety of sweet clover was developed.

From 1957 to 1959 he was in charge of the plant breeding section at Ottawa, and then as research co-ordinator for forage crops until 1964 when he returned to Saskatoon to become director of the Agriculture Canada Research Station. Under his direction oilseed and bloat research have achieved world wide recognition, more particularly in the case of rapeseed. He has also been a prolific writer of technical and research papers.

In 1972-73 Ross received a Senior Research Fellowship from the New Zealand government to further the development and protection of oilseed crops. As a result New Zealand has become self-sufficient in rapeseed production.

Dr. Greenshields has played a very prominent role in the promotion of the profession of agronomy at the branch, provincial and national level. He has served as Registrar of S.I.A. Honorary Secretary, and has over a 30-year period served on innumerable standing and special committees, of S.I.A. and on the Board of Examiners.



On the national scene, he served as President of A.I.S. in 1969-70 and as Honorary Secretary from 1959 to 1962.

At the community level, he has served United Way, as a Director in Ottawa in 1962, and as Chairman in Saskatoon in 1978. He is a member of the University Senate, the Advisory Committee to the Dean of Agriculture, Advisory Committee of the Crop Development Centre,

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Jack McFaul '44 was named Saskatoon's citizen of the year for 1979. Jack has worked long and hard for the University and has been singularly influential in its growth. In 1970 he was elected to the Board of Governors and was chairman from 1972 to 1974. Included in the developments in which he was actively engaged are the Crop Development Centre; the P.O.S. plant of which he is finance chairman; the Veterinary Infectious Disease Organization, of which he is a governor, and which has recently released the new calf scours vaccine.

He was instrumental in the formation of the University's first development corporation, S.E.D. Systems, which has created agricultural monitoring and control, and satellite communication systems. Jack has been chairman of the board of the company since 1972, which employs 265 people.

In June 1979, Jack was presented with the Distinguished Agrologist Award by S.I.A. He has been very active in United Church Affairs, including St. Andrew's College.

In business life he is an estate management consultant with Manufacturer's Life. He and Muriel, his wife, have a family of four.

Nice going, Jack. With a medal for cheerfulness in the mess, your honour roll would be complete.

Cyril Harold Goulden '21 was nominated to the Canadian Agricultural

A Roll of the Drum

Hall of Fame situated in Toronto, by the A.I.C. He and Flora, his wife, were present at the unveiling of his portrait.

L. A. Gareau '44, **Art Wenharat** '44 and **Ross Greenshields** '49 were all awarded **Honorary Life Membership** by the Canadian Seed Growers Association at their 1979 annual convention. **Gareau** is with the Plant Industry Division, Alberta Agriculture. **Art** is still slugging it out, in the Crop Science Department at the University, while **Ross** has just recently retired as Director, Agriculture Canada Research Station at Saskatoon.

Miller Craig '23, a noted Hereford breeder, and a dedicated proponent of agricultural improvement from the North Battleford area, was awarded the **Order of Canada**. **Miller** is an Honorary Life Member of the S.A.G.A.

Alan Fredeen '78, son of **Hartley** '44 and **Marguerite**, Saskatoon has been awarded the **Wm. A. Stewart Fellowship** from the University of Quelp, where he is currently enrolled in a master's program, as the outstanding student in the dairy option.

The following two grads were awarded **Honorary Life Memberships** by the S.A.G.A. at the 1980 Ag Grad Cabaret.

1. **D.B. [Doug] Wilkinson** '41 of Aberdeen has been active in the S.A.G.A. since it received its charter. He has served as official auditor for many years. 1980 marks the 34th consecutive Ag Grad Reunion which he has attended. He also curled in the bonspiel in each of those years.

A native of Aberdeen, he received his schooling there and since 1946 has maintained an active farming interest in addition to work in soils research and survey. Of late he has worked full time at the University.

He received a B.A. in 1940, his B.S.A. in 1941 and had begun masters program which was interrupted by World War

II, during which he served as a chemist with Defence Industries in Winnipeg. He and Mae have two sons and daughter.

2. **E.P. [Ed] Hudek** '40, was raised on a farm at Hafford, where he received his schooling. Following graduation he served in with B.C. Agriculture in their extensive services for two years, before returning to the home farm at Hafford where he farmed until 1955. From 1946 to 1955 he also taught agricultural mechanics at the University. In 1956 he moved to Winnipeg as head of Agricultural Engineering Services for Manitoba Agriculture. In 1972 he was appointed director of their Technical Services Branch and later served as acting deputy minister before being made associate deputy minister in 1979.

He has served as school board chairman and has been very active in his church. In 1971 he was awarded the Papal Medal in recognition of his work at the parish and archdiocese level. He is a charter member and past president of A.S.A.E. He and Chris have a family of five boys and three girls.

Well deserved, fellows!

Earl Rouatt '34 has striven mightily in achieving academic excellence in the real estate appraisal field, and in improving the service of the Canadian Institute of Appraisers to its clientele, in recognition of which a banquet was held in his honor under the auspices of the institute at the Sands Hotel in Saskatoon in November.

Earl has set up an education program through the University and will be teaching classes in the college of agriculture next term. Appraisal has tended to become urbanized, but as a result of Earl's efforts, rural appraisal will be restored to greater prominence. A task force set up in 1974 under Earl's direction, delved into ways of improving appraisal services to clients, and as a result the institute was able to effectively deal with any shortcomings.

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and executive member of the Institute of Pedology.

He was made a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada in 1967, and received the S.I.A. Recognition Award in 1979, to name but a few of the honors accorded him over the years. In addition to this obviously impressive academic and research achievements, he has vigorously supported the need and role of extension in agriculture.



THE PANEL AT 1980 GRAD LECTURES: (left to right): **Bob Lockwood** '64, **Bob Blakely** '51, **Norm Bray** '56, and **Geo. Lee** '53 while **Ed Baskier**, Man. Grad, prefers to remain anonymous.

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Kim Thorson '54 hez joined the steel rolling business — he's a director of ISPCO. Kim is a former Sask. cabinet minister, having served variously in the Dept. of Industry and Commerce, Mineral Resources, and in other categories as well as being minister in charge of Sask. Power. Kim is a Q.C. and is a law partner in the firm of Griffin, Beke and Thorson. Also chairman of the board, Sask. Centre of the Arts in Regina.

Frank Sosulski '54, a plant breeder of ye olde college of ag, has cum up with a liquid cyclone container to separate the high and low fibre components of canola meal. The meal is mixed with hexane in a one-to-three mix and forced through the cyclone. The fine low fibre

component is pulled from the top of the cyclone and the coarse fibre components settle out the bottom of the cyclone. The fine canola four contains 50% protein and is suitable for monogastric animals — pigs 'n chickens, ya dummy. The course stuff is for bossies. Good going Frank. Commercial processors have shown some interest.

Howard Mattila '61 is still in the appraiser - consultant business up to North Battleford. Is all hepped up about opportunities in the Great North West — chairman of the Economic Development Council up there.

Allan Muirhead, Shellbrook is the new second-vice of the Sask. Shorthorns along with **Dan Murphy**, Neville, as past-president, and directors — **Gerald Alexander**, Goodwater; **Ivan Muir**, Hallonguist; **Bernice Moellenbeck**, St. Gregor; all 1966 types plus **Geo Cooper '46**, West Bend — a past president of both the Canada and Sask. associations; and **Craig Andrew '77**, Qu'Appelle.

Bill Small '48, also a past president from his Shorthorn days, is a director of the Sask. Simmental Association.

George Bacon '45 of Ogema and **Ronald Galloway '48** of Estevan are new honorary life members of the Sask. Agricultural Societies Association.

All these grads are sorta leadin' things, need ya say?

Bob Dyck '70, Weyburn sez he almost had a bumper this year, but Jack Frost got there first. Best field of bran he ever had.

Murray Janis '78 is driving a school bus out Glen Bain way. Farming on the side — Pool delegate, non-contact hockey and on the lookout for grads to say 'Howdy' to.

R. Gordon Moore '68 out Speers way is still tryna find the secret to raise canola bumpers, and get some white-faces out of his feedlot before they lose him money. Looking forward to the 15 year reunion in '83. Sent us some Speers gossip.

Chuck Strautman '53 hez took to livin' in North Battleford and playin with the Old Timers agin the Montreal Canadein Old Timers.

John L. Moore '43 after plugging up the bins, helped son Gordon bring home the dogies from the pasture, and headed for the tall timber to bag a trophy moose. **Roberta Moore '44**, the wife, that is, is postmistressing at Speers since John is usually away hunting anyway.

John Kindrachuk '79 has taken a real interest in crops — wheat at home and grass in Hawaii. Taking some dress-

making classes under the palms. Said it was sum sorta '79 reunion — mostly all forage specialists.

Hugh Foster '71 is busy keeping the Mayfair branch line from abandonment. Farms the hell outa a mixed operation — nuthin but bumpers.

Harry Harder '75 has taken to ag reping at Davidson. Let's hope he has the staying power of **John Kunkel '42** who held the post for nigh onto 30 years, man and boy. Harry hails from Dundurn. He spent almost 3 years in Egypt and Jordan in agriculture development with the Mennonite Con-tron Committee. In 1978 he came back to the University for a post grad diploma in soils. He and Kathe are gonna give'er snuff.

Murray Carson '64 with Fed. Co-ops at Speedy Crick. Got hisself a gold ring for 15 years service. Better than a watch — don't never hev to wind it.

Laurie Tollefson '75 has deserted Saskatoon for Outlook to live off the avails of irrigation as manager of the P.F.R.A. demonstration farm.

Kerry Foster '72 the soils and crops guru, for the mighty North West Region, sez no one hez evir' made a millyun working for Sask. Agric. but they got some grads who 'er gonna give 'er a try.

Gerald Miedema '78 replaced **Tom Boyle** in the ag. rep. slot at Meadow Lake while the latter played musical chairs at Wakaw with **Larry Gramiak '73** who fled to the asphalt of Saskabush. (Continued on page 4)



Gran'tads

Gordon '68 and Kathy Moore weren't all surprised when Karri Lynn's trembling tonsils announced her coming, this October past, at 4.082 killygrams, displacing Bobby, Deanna and Douglas as boss of the family. How's that for a boy-girl rotation. It all happened at Speers.

Tara Jeanne arrived on December 15 last to **Les Voice '74** at Bradwell, unassisted. The wife decided the last one was enough. Les is strictly on his own from now on. Old fashioned girl — lbs. and oz. — 8 plus 1.

Stacey Mary Anne Nunweiler was a day late for Christmas and missed 9 lbs. by a mere ounce. Parents are reputed to be **Glen '78 and Faye**.

Arriving on Oct. 29 all by herself was **Alexis Dawn**, Leader at 7 & 3 to **Chris '76** and **Ella** — a first edition.

Bob Dyck '70 became a father (with an assist from the wife he says) — son **Wayne Robert** broke water at Weyburn, at 8 lbs. 12 ounces, on October 15.

Kristopher Jon Harris at 7 lbs. 4 oz. on October 10 at Meadow Lake — to a bachelor father — **Russel '71?**

Sometime in 1979, **Darcy** reputed to be a girl, at Watrous already — **Murray '75 and Bella Treble**.

Stenson Lavern Loucks is the new straw boss for **Lavern '77 and Dianne '78** as of May 6, 1979 and a brother for **Kendra** (June 17, 1978)

Tyler Hunter Fensom became the first crop for **Kirk '78 and Kathryn** in the duchy of Rosetown.

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Val Matschke-Muller '77 stepped into Dick Roney's shoes, at ye olde extension office at the Ford of the Purple Turtle, so Dick could go raisin porkers under the SHARP program.

Don Fontaine [] is the new agrolgist-in-training for the whole North West, is burning up the ag. short course trail getten hisself edykated and makin' the coffee.

Marilyn Ruszkowski '77 hez took to ag. reppin at the 'Ford while **Ken Pederson '70** is extending extension at the Univ. of Sask. for a year.

Fred Langley '50 and Jean took off for Cuba and the cane break for a wee spell.

Bill Chapman '48 is busy hoeing grass for Hoechst at the 'Ford as chief sales snooper-outer.

Jim Martin '55 and his dad, were both honored at a NW Hereford Association meeting, for their love and devotion of pale face cattle.

Bill Wilmot '72 is fighting his way back to normal after a knife job on a wonky knee.

Larry Lee '70, whuts he doin' up in the North West? Last we heerd he wuz holding Bob Strilchuk's '45 old spot as ag rep at the car 'spiel city of Nipawin. Anyway he's headed for the Barbados to correct his slice.

Boyd Burrell '64 is another 15 year ring bearer for F.C.L. Has moved around a lot with the Co-op, from field service technician at Regina in petroleum marketing, plus several other jobs in the petroleum department, and finally to crop supplies in farm equipment manager, then back to petroleum as bulk director. He and wife Elaine have two tads — Kevin 12 and Andrea 9. He and the 'Generation' band kept the grads in step at the reunion banquet and dance.

Lloyd Kennedy '63 also sports an F.C.L. golden circle. Started with them in '64 as bulk driver salesman at Spiritwood then to Lloydminister Co-op branch at Marwayne, Alta. for 12 years in petroleum, farm supplies and hardware departments, until becoming bulk sales supervisor with F.C.L. in 1977 and currently service station direction — kinda a grease monkey in spots. Carol latched onto him in '70 and they have one daughter, Lana, — too busy for more we guess.

Ken Dean '53, general manager of Dean Distributors, Saskatoon is past president and secretary treasurer for the Farm Equipment Wholesale Assoc.

Lorne Hovdestad '65 left the sheltering arms of the extension service to share the cost-price battle with Darryl Rumble at Rouleau. Success kinda went to his head — the crop was high enough ta swath this year — so he's running fer the U of S senate for District 3 Moose Jaw - Assiniboia.

Alvin Thiessen '78 hez it made — farming at Eyebrow, doing income tax for the naybors and hez the wife, Miriam, doing' enemas an' takin temps at Central Butte.

Walter Doyle '51 is just back from Zambia where he was project director on the Zambia Wheat Development Scheme for 3½ years. Son **Reg '78** is working for FCL in Saskatoon in the livestock equipment division. Walter sends us a blurb on grads he ran into:

While in Zambia we associated with such notable characters as **Jack Braidek '51**, **Dr. Ted Hurd '49** who also worked there. Visited in Langonia with **Bruce McDonald '47** and **Grant Milne**.

Had official visits from **Fred Snell '43**, **Ron Dalgliesh '59**, **Allan McLeod '49**, **Ray Ryland '71**, **Harry Ukrainetz '51**, **George Dion '39** and **Bob Tinline**, as well as graduates from lesser known colleges across Canada. Worked with **Bill Aulak** who is till on the project. Visited in Salisbury, Rhodesia with **E.J. McFadden** and in Cambridge, England with **Jim Rooke '51** who is European Sales Manager for Shell Chemicals.

Richard Gregory '78 is moonlighting and farming out in Biggar country — slinging beer for the neighbors at the

Biggar Hilton. Feeding a few cows and getting ready for bull sales.

Norm Fitt '49 is teaching building construction on a halftime basis at Harry Ainslay Composite High in Edmonton. The other half he shepher students in a work experience program for students hoping for jobs in industry. Norm manages to show up for ag grad reunions as often as anybody, and more than most.

Bob Zentner '72 and **Art LaForge** are both deep in the bowels of Ph.D. dissertations and general all round book pounding at the Univ. Of Minnesota in agric. economics.

We have it on good authority that **Bernie Sonntag '62** and **Hans Kjørven** are somewhere in Saskatoon, still working for the Feds.

Harry Wingrove '39 is farming the bejabbers out of charley horse cattle and is much interested in pioneer activities including the part played in 52 horse hook-ups. Man! I wonder who stooked all those oats.

Stuart Smith '37 does a bit of travelling out of South Allan but likes the feel of home.

Bruce Smith '36 is till in the used
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THE POOPED DECK

handicap deferential be established, so a concession of 1 stroke for every three years difference in age.

(3) If played in Sask., winter rules apply, thus avoiding the bare ground syndrome.

(4) All phenomenal strokes to be framed under glass.

(5) Woolie Bear is not permitted to hibernate between strokes.

(6) All divots to be analysed by the Soils Dept. for gold content.

Joking aside, an invitation is extended to all braggy, and other type, grad golfers for a friendly game of "Ye-olde-golf" if you be passing this way. Tel. 722-8730.

Ross Greenshields '49 threw in the towel with Agriculture Canada as Director of the Saskatoon research station as of December 28, 1979, but he ain't gonna lie down. Ross made a miraculous recovery from a liver ailment that defied diagnosis, but which anchored him to a hospital bed for several months last winter. He's set his face to study the use and financing of the nine research farms, operated by the University, on behalf of the Universities Commission.

Jim Bayes '42 toiled among the returning warriors with V.L.A. fro. 1946 to '58, then took up dirt farming for himself until he quit the business. Moved to Saskatoon so's he could be on time for S.A.G.A. reunions, bean fights and bonspiels.

Hobart Peters '45 is now retired from Agriculture Canada and living (?) in Ottawa. Fortunately he's been able to take on several overseas assignments to make life interesting, as well as some special livestock projects. A far cry from Manyberries and Cattalo, or beefalo, as some call it nowadays. As we recall, Hobart didn't have to resort to the 'pill' to ward off unwanted pregnancies among the female hybrids.

Les Hutchison '27 also living in Ottawa in retirement, hez bin reedin' the 'Pooped Deck' and issues the following memorandum of challenge: In reading from the 'Pooped Deck' I find WOOLIE BEAR STRILCHUK'S challenge intriguing as well as paradoxical, so if circumstances permit let's establish priorities,:

(1) If played in Sask. Wooly Bear will remove all obstructions from greens and fairways, such as cow chips and horse pucks.

(2) In deference to the "Aged" some

THE LAST MILE POST



James B. Harrington '20 passed away in Chatham, Ontario on December 31, 1979 following an illness of several weeks. Many will remember J.B. as professor and head of the Plant Science Department, College of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan.

Born in Chicago in 1894, he was the youngest son of James B. and Sarah Harrington. He came to homestead in Saskatchewan in 1911, and later enrolled in the College of Agriculture, from which he graduated in 1920. Following study towards a doctoral degree at the University of Minnesota, he returned to the College as a professor, and later head of the Crop Science Department. He was an accomplished plant breeder and brought recognition to the college, and to the department in particular. Apex spring wheat, and Fortune smut-resistant oats, both being superior varieties at the time, attest to his genius.

Dr. Harrington was active in the formation of the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists, and later the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrology and the Agricultural Institute of Canada — s successors. He was instrumental in the passing of the Agrologists Act in Saskatchewan in 1946, and in coining the name "Agrologist" by which professional agriculturalists have since become known. Largely due to his dominant spirit, agrology has become recognized in Canada and abroad, as an important part of professional life.

Following his retirement from the Crop Science Department in 1955, he joined F.A.O. to work with developing nations, toward improving their capabili-

ties in food production. He managed a wheat and barley improvement project in the Middle East, after having acted as a consultant in India and Egypt on improving their agricultural operations.

J.B. was the recipient of many honours, among which were a Fellowship in the A.I.C., an honorary LLD from the University of Saskatchewan, the Order of Canada, and membership in the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Dr. Harrington was predeceased by his first wife, Elizabeth Sawyer in 1953. He leaves to mourn his wife, formerly Margaret Hockin of Truro, Nova Scotia, son Dr. James B. Harrington III of Ottawa, daughter, Natalie (Mrs. M.D. Edwards) of Vancouver, daughter-in-law, Helen, son-in-law Murray, and a sister Thelma (Mrs. C.W. Bell) of Knoxville, Tennessee. Also surviving are ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

After a memorial service at Trinity United Church, Bloor Street, Toronto attended by family members and close friends. He will be buried in Saskatoon, his home of so many years.

Mrs. Annie Bayda, mother of **Bill '55** of Edmonton, passed away in Tampa, Florida on Friday, November 16, 1979. Also left to mourn are daughters: Isobel Roberts of Edmonton, Mary (Mrs. Fred) Juranets of Hafford, Sally (Mrs. John) Holowaychuk of Smokey Lake, Alta., and her other son, Julian, of Prince Albert. Also surviving are four brothers: Walter of Tisdale, Michael of

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tractor parts business, out South Allan way as well. Has literally acres of the stuff.

Wm. Chapman '48 is an ordained minister and officiated at **Red Mooney's** funeral at Grace United in Saskatoon. Among the grads who paid their respects were **Art Stilborn '41; Herb Clark '46; Paul Saum '50; Bill [Dean] White '32; Walter Brice '40, Bill Wilson '40; Joe Zeman '44; Harold Horner '39.**

Art Delahey '52 straightened us out on a few things — **Stu McKenzie '51** is working for Surrey Co-op at Abbotsford, B.C. as feed manager. They produce oodles of oodles of feed.

Ray Dyken '62 is now into short line farm machinery making. Has a new combine pick-up attachment they hope to market soon, that'll pick up a swath and never miss a cracked kernel. Plans on letting the forge cool down while he attends the 20th in 1982.

Art arranged for ten of the '60 college types to be deported to Portugal, plus wives — providing they were sober enough to board the plane. Had several cash offers to leave them there. Tryna outdo the Ayaltollah.

Art is in the travel business these past 3½ years. He, Liz and the credit union own Holiday Village — doesn't say when its at. Anyway he's eating off a taller hog, and sleepin' better than he was in corporate days. Ready for wacky type grad excursions to the beyond and back. If they don't get back, their heirs usually pay double.

Bill Hope '51 and **Jessie**, up to North Battleford with Land Bank, left on Jan. 3 to drink with the Kiwis and ride the boomers in the down under. Back April 3 to get the income tax done up.

Jens Stangeland '50 is managing the grain spouts off of country operations for Pioneer Grain in Winnipeg. Jogged 100 miles in 365 days in 1979 but still has callouses on his navel from rubbing on the edge of the dining table.

Cliff Shirriff '53 is living country style — part-time farmer — full-time insurance and estate planning. Still helps with the Regina Ex. on a volunteer basis — he's 1/IC for tractor pulls. Lef the Ex. in 1977.

Fred Homann left the job of farm loans officer, with Manitoba Credit Union Central on January 2, to try his hand with CSP foods. He'll be setting up a nation-wide marketing strategy for all meal and crude oil from the three company plants.

Jack Campbell '41 is still lecturing in horticulture for seminars, and is active in consumers groups for trimmer middles, less moonshine and gaspers. He and **Ted '40** organized a family reunion of the Campbell Mafia on July 1 at Indian Head experimental

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(Left to right): **Les Henry '64** immediate past, **Bob Bens '64** incoming, and **Bob Dodds '53**, past president.

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farm. 100 Campbells arrived after sundown, suitably disguised.

John Slykhuus '42 is still plant doctor out at the Agriculture Canada station at Summerland, B.C. Investigating 'little cherry' disease — at his age! Tut! Tut! John spent many years among the plant viruses at Ottawa, Lethbridge, etc. Likes the Okanagan jiss fine. Had visit from **Dick Merryweather '42**. Surprises him to see how many young 'uns like himself have turned in their forks. Looking forward to swapping his, come 1982 at the 40th with guys like **Phil Thair & John Frizzell**.

Phil 'the Fluter' England '67 from Tisdale way tells us brother **Doug '63** and wife **Marta** have survived jungle fever in Zambia. Plan a cruise on Lake Tanganyika to visit four countries. They're looking for mail from home. So please limber up the old quill and mail the results. **Doug and Marta England, Zambia - Canada Wheat Production Project, Box 78, Mbala, Zambia.** Drop a friendly note to **Frank Miller '42** while you're at it, he's there too.

Roy Button '67 led three other curling bums frum up Tisdale way into the Sask. Northern Curling Playdowns. Almost squeaked into the Provincials.

The following S.G.E.A. scabs spent their backpay on journeys to the sun: **Don and Nancy Lidster '67** to Barbados; **Andy '60 and Olga Sereda** to Portugal; **George '59 and Rose Marie O'Bertos** to Hawaii; **Ed '72 and Kathy Tanner**, with a bun in the oven, also to Hawaii. **Barry '72 and Marlene Swanson** along with **Lockie '67 and Elaine Brackin** to the sugar cane fields in Castroville.

Arnold Schroeder '50 didn't make it thru all the festivities at the 30 year soirie. Curled the first game in the Grey Haired event, and took in the smoker. Took ill in his motel room and ended up in the hospital early Saturday morning where he spent several days. He asked us to pass on his sincere thanks to all who sent cards, expressed concern or joy, or who cluttered up his sick room. **Arnold** is an auditor for the tax revenooers in Regina.

Howie Rice '50 and Dorothy haven't ceased their wanderings. **Howie** is currently director, international projects with **Agdevco**, a provincial crown corporation interested in promoting market for Sask. products. Has been round the globe once.

Bob Penrose '78, down Watrous way is a new life member — a gift from one of the family — nice gesture, don't you think? **Bob** has spent the last couple of summers on the farm and the winters as a dairy technician with Sask. Agric. — North Battleford last year and in Saskatoon area at present.

Ron Martin '75 has joined the money boys — Toronto-Dominion in Regina,

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prince Albert, Edward of Saskatoon and Isidore of Winnipeg, as well as twelve grandchildren.

Born in the Laniwei district in April 1914. She married her late husband in 1929, where she farmed until moving to the Prince Albert district, where they also farmed.

Services were held in St. Georges Ukrainian Catholic Church under the direction of Rev. Father John Worona.

A. Bruce Dawson 39 of Empress, Alta. passed away very suddenly of a heart attack in July 1959, at the age of 62 years. He leaves his wife Doreen, son Bruce, and a daughter Cheryl to mourn his passing.

Bruce was raised in Maple Creek and graduated from the School of Agriculture in 1939, following which he ranched at Atlee, Alta. until moving to Empress in 1968. He raised Brangus cattle for the last 30 years of his life. He was a charter member of the International Brangus Breeders Association, and was a director of many years.

James Glen Davidson '24 passed away this past summer at the age of 90 years. He obtained his B.A. degree in 1921 and went on to complete his B.S.A. in 1924 at Saskatchewan and received his M.Sc. at McGill the following year.

Most of his working days were spent at the Dominion Experimental Farm at Indian Head, where he became assistant superintendent in 1928, and was later superintendent, from which position he retired in 1953.

He was a charter member of the S.I.A. and was a life member, an interest which he maintained in retirement at North Vancouver, B.C. His life membership spanned the period from retirement to his death — a total of 26 years.

Stanley L. Tallman '37 passed away peacefully at his home in North Vancouver at the age of 65 years. He

assistant manager, Agriculture Services for Sask. from F.C.C. This guy must have a nose for money. Still in Regina. The Regina Agro hockey team are having a 50:50 season. Two rookies on the roster **Art 'Flash' Froelich '75 and Rick 'Lighting' Blenner-Hassett '75** — a pair of head turners. Voluntary? or involuntary?

Mina 'Motorcycle/Mini' Schmidt '79 is another one of our young lifers. Good going. **Mina** ended up with a wonky knee after a spill with her horse on wet straw. She's recuperating by pitching bales to the bossies down on the home range.

Joe Jeanneau '57 has forsaken the pulpmill city where he was executive

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had previously lived at Sidney, B.C.

Surviving are his loving family — his wife, Dorothy, daughters, **Bonnie Bail** of Winnipeg and **Sheri Richmond G.** Vancouver, and son, **Stanley** of North Vancouver. He also leaves brothers, **Dick** of Pender Island, **Gordon** of West Vancouver, his sister **Lillian Stephens** of Scarborough, Ontario and his grandchildren. Memorial tributes may be tendekred to the Salvation Army.

Editors Note: I believe **Stanley** was raised in the Wynyard-Kandahar area and followed a career in the farm machinery industry. We are grateful to **B. [McGrath] Williams**, who was the Dean's secretary for many years, for passing on an account of **Stan's** death, through **Ben Blacklock '46**.

John Zadd '50 passed away suddenly of a heart attack in December while doing what he loved best — deer hunting. He was accompanied on the hunting expedition by **Howard Mattila '61 and Lyle Darwent '67**.

John was born on March 28, 1920 in the Yorkton area. He graduated from Yorkton Collegiate, and served in the RCAF overseas as an armorer, following which he enrolled in the degree course, graduating in 1950.

After a brief time at the Agriculture Canada Research Station at Melfort he served as V.L.A. settlement officer at Peace River in '51 & '52. He then became land representative with Saskatchewan Agriculture in 1953, and served in that capacity until he became a land resource specialist in 1975. **John and Nancy** resided at North Battleford for 25 years.

John's life was spent doing what he loved best — as a friend to man and every living thing. He gave whole hearted effort to pasture development, with the belief that all creatures great and small could live in harmony. He was a perfectionist in all he undertook, be it land use, hunting, fishing, photography, outdoor cookery and whatever he turned his mind or hand to. All whom he ever worked with became his friends.

Besides his wife **Nancy**, he leaves to mourn, a daughter **Joan** in Vancouver.

We wish to acknowledge the passing of the following grads, of which we lack further details:

Mervyn A. Collins BSA '28, M.Sc., Ph. D. (Iowa) passed away on January 10, 1979 at Simcoe, Ontario.

Alan B. Cumming '72 passed away Adanac on November 4, 1978.

Employer: "I'm sorry we can't hire you, but there's just not enough work to keep you busy."

Applicant: "You'd be surprised how little it takes."

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director of the centre for Training Research and Development (CENTRAD) to DREE in Saskatoon as senior development officer. Ain't seen Joe since he left the old farm management section, years back, to try his luck at consulting.

Don Flaten '78 one of them D.A. types out to Claresholm — another life member. Sez he likes the way the S.A.G.A. is doing things.

Lorne Klein '78 has cum in from the cold at Francis to spend the winter in Saskatoon.

Cliff Hayes '55 has flown the co-op movement. Moved from being crop supplies manager of FCL to market research analyst with our very own potash mines — all done with mirrors — never left Saskatoon.

Garry Meier '76 is farming up to Tisdale and promoting Farmfax in his spare time. Dropped in the other day to compare printouts.

John Hudek '76 snuck outa the Souris, Man. ag. rep. spot for the bogs of Eastern Manitoba, and the East Man Regional Development Corporation, who have a hot contract with Stallin' Lyon's boys, to find ways to get the bogs into crop. Hand his hat at Beausejour.

Jim Bole '64 is on a two year leave of absence from Agriculture Canada at Methbridge, to work with the Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna. Visitors are welcome. Jim is an old 4-H member of mine. Jim says **Bernie Sonntag '62** failed to win the branch bonspiel, for the third consecutive year, and was asked to leave for Saskatoon.

Elton Ash '77 is just one step ahead of the government and his creditors. Showed some beasties at Agribition and is feeding cows on the home spread — Tall Pine Ranche — never heard Russian thistle spelled that way before. Got himself betrothed to the fair Jayne — sister of **Gerry Surine '77**. The gun goes off on June 7 next at Unity. Elton sez Gerry is running a lunch counter for cows. **Blair Cummins '77** bought a few shoots to feed over winter — gonna get rich quick.

Eric Gustafson '79 is thumping for the wild oat people — Monsanto covering the SouthWest. The wife **Jean [Belisle] '79** is teaching at Wascana Institute. They moved indoors — bought therselves a house.

Doug Froehlich '78 is keeping the wolves from the door teaching courses for continuing education for the winter. Back to the farm at Marquis cum the meadow larks.

Frank Deakin '42 and **Howard Mattila '61** got themselves elected to the finance committee of the Battlefords' Ag. Society after a hard fought campaign.

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Where have all the young' uns gone?



Ted Bonertz '79 thoughtfully provided us with news on the whereabouts of the 1979 class of degree graduates:

Although I'm not sure which grads are members of S.A.G.A., I thought it would give you a brief on as many of the 79 grads as is possible.

Gerard Aldridge is farming in the Moose Jaw area.

Alexander Anderson has taken on a job with the Farm Credit Corporation.

Al Balfour is farming near Climax during the summer and has found winter work in Saskatoon so he can be with his wife Gail. They were married in June.

***Angela Beaulieu** is in New Zealand on the IAEA exchange. She left in November for six months. IAEA -

International Agriculture Exchange Association

***Mark Beaulieu** also left for Victoria, Australia in November on the IAEA exchange.

***The above two students** are the twins of **Vic Beaulieu '49**, Ag. Rep. at Indian Head.

Deanne Belisle and husband **Eric Gustafson** are living in Regina. Deanne is working for Wacana Institute instructing Agriculture classes and Eric is working for Monsanto Chemical.

Ted Bonertz is working for Allied Chemical Services Ltd. out of Melfort.

Jane Byra is out of Saskatoon for Municipal Assessment.

Ron Campbell is working out of Lethbridge, Alta. for Allied Chemical Services Ltd.

Rick Cannon farms near Kindersley during the summer and is working at a ski resort in Kimberley, B.C. for the winter.

Claude Carles is farming in Radville but has taken the winter off to go to Australia with IAEA.

Bill Chapman was married in August to Donna Simmons of Prince Albert and is now working for Canadian Hoechst in North Battleford.

Brenda Haynes and **Dave Christopherson** were married in July. Dave is farming near Weldon, but is working for the winter for the Ag Econ Dept. (Univ. Of Sask. Brenda is working with a bank in Prince Albert.

Garth Cole is farming near Grenfell. **Stan Derenewski** is with A.D.A. in Peace River, Alta.

Glen Donald, son of **Dale Donald**, Cutknife is with Canadian Hoechst in London, Ontario. He married **Judy Kindrachuk**, an education graduate, in August.

Bob Evans is still farming part time in Langbank, but his main line of employment is with Ag-West Industries out of Saskatoon (son of **Ross Evans '50**, Sec. of SARM).

Al Haman is working for Velsicol out of Regina. He too was married in July and his bride is **Anne Creurer** of St Brieux.

Don Fontaine is an Agrologist in Training with S.D.A.

Rick Frederickson is ranching just outside Saskatoon with his father **Fred Frederickson** on F. Mendel Holdings Ltd.

Karen Gilje is working part time as a lab technician in the Animal Science Dept. of the Univ. of Sask.

Richard Gray is taking his Master program with the Ag. Econ. Dept. of the Univ. of Sask. and is also farming during the summer near Indian Head.

Deb Hauer is working with 4-H programs through the Extension Dept. of the Univ. of Sask.

Phyllis Kondratoff is with Municipal Assessment out of Melfort.

Monique LaForge is with Allied Chemical Services as a Technical Assistant out of the head office in Calgary.

Jason Leader is a Marketing Representative with Cyanamid of Canada in Calgary.

Ron Luba is working for Imperial Oil in the Ag. Services Division and is based in Saskatoon now.

Dave Lundquist is working out of Brandon for Elanco, but is soon going out to run a custom floater business near Maidstone. Rumour has it that he and **Carol Carduff** intend to tie the knot.

Karen MacDonald is on the IAEA exchange in Australia.

Kathy McKay is working part time for the Poultry Department at the Univ. of Sask.

Robert Meister is in Australia on the IAEA exchange.

Jennifer Mitchell is working on her Masters in the Crop Science Department at the Univ. of Sask.

Kathy Moen left in November to
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Frank got himself a plaque from the society in recognition of outstanding and extended service.

E.M. Ell '62 moved to Regina with F.C.A. as loan admin. officer.

Doyle Wiebe '76 is way down under — Tasmania, the 'Holiday Isle' — for a 6 months stint with the International Agricultural Exchange to learn farming as it should be done. Would you believe he's running a binder and had to stook the result. That'll teach him to keep the knotter in shape. **Claude Charles '79** near Victoria, Australia has been running a 760 MF combine. There's a whole passel of young uns down there all '79 types: **Gary Schultz** in Tasmania, **Mark Beaulieu** also in Victoria, **Bob Meisler** in Queensland, **Kathy Moen** and **Angela Beaulieu** are both in New Zealand.

Doyle says Australia is harvesting an excellent wheat crop. Shoulda sent him some matches — we don't need the competition.

Dave Mallough '46, head of the seed section, Agricultural Canada Research Station, at Regina has left to join the Tanzania Agronomic Project as a wheat breeder for a two-year stint along with seven other Canadian agrologists. The project is funded by C.I.D.A. and managed by Agric. Canada.

Roy Crawford '55 poultry geneticist at the old U of S has been stying Eskimo sleigh dogs for inheritance of coat color. Their wide gene pool is about 2000 years old — not subject to the highly refined choices of man, such as not biting the hand that feeds you, tails that are too small to wag the dog, etc.

Art George '49 and **Vera** have just returned from the land of aloha, poi, hibiscus and oscillating female posteriors. Haven't really seen him since, so can't recount any tall tails, except that he wonders why our dairymen insist on making all that skirt

A SPECIAL WORD OF APPRECIATION TO ALL OF THE REUNION YEAR CHAIRMEN

Each year 15 or 20 Ag Grads answer the call from the Vice President to help organize the special reunion years. These Ag Grads spend many yours (and some of their own bucks too) on the task. They get left pretty much on their own and their efforts go a long way toward making the Ag GRAD REUNION WEEKEND what it is.

All the Chairmen did a great job this time around.

Much appreciated fellows!

Bob Bens '64

material into silage.

Orest Mysak '48, Mary and exemptions had a tour of Disneyland and environs over the Christmas season.

Pete 'The Great Dane' Petersen '53 and **Millie** took the wayward bus on a tour to Las Vegas, and the fleshpots of the California coast, right after Christmas.

Joe Rakochoy '68 took his family on a tour of the Hawaiian islands and tried their hand at baiting the tuna. Wee Jamie caught the only chicken of the sea.

Len 'Aquafer' Cameron '68, the friendly farmstead technician at Yorkton, plans to leave us to live off of the avails of water diving and well boring, come spring.

Cryil 'Cereal la Porridge' La Forge has been seen around Yorkton a lot lately. Trying to get his Indian farmers through the energy crisis that seems to occur each year just at seeding and harvest time.

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participate in the IAEA exchange in Southland, New Zealand.

Randy Muderewich is farming in Stenen but is also looking for a winter job.

Linden Nilsen is with Municipal Affairs out of Yorkton.

Barry Olsen is working on his masters program in the Soils Department at the Univ. of Sask.

Judy Oram was married in October to the untrappable but easily tricked **Ian MacMillan '76**.

Grant Pederson is farming in the irrigation area near Outlook.

Doug Peters is ranching near Hanley, Sask.

Guy Pulvermacher is a fieldman for the feed mill operation of Hillcrest Farms Ltd. near Bruno.

Cameron Rennie is working with Safeway's Lucerne Food Division in Winnipeg.

Dan Ringrose is with a Chartered Accountant firm in Melfort.

Frank Robinson is with the Poultry Division of Canada Packers out of Saskatoon.

Albert Running is farming in the Swift Current area.

Ken Sapsford is working with a new Farm Management group out of Saskatoon for the winter, and plans to farm in the summer at Perdue. Ken married the former Joy Senior from Vancouver in early November.

Gary Schultz is on the IAEA exchange in Tasmania, Australia.

Gwen Sheppard, after working for the "Big Green Machine" Company (John Deere) in Grimsby, Ontario for

Vern Racz '68 our East Central ranch forman, keeps a nervous hand on the phone. Is the beef seminar gonna make it or not? Farmers have been staying away from short courses like a small boy from a wash cloth.

A number of Ag Grads were working for Wascana Institute Ag. Division on a part time basis again this winter. It is rumored that **Hugh Kirk** has replaced his Rape-Hawaii rotation with a permanent caragana cover. Explains he fixes more nitrogen that way. The old pro, **Tom Skogsrud '43**, was last seen trading in a green sheet of paper for a white one. **Al Kuhlman** has been reported to have lost interest in farm management, and has taken to selling chemicals. Has something called an I.H.I.H. discount. **Fred Bowditch** was overheard trying to rent his farm to an unidentified southerner. It was a productive year for **Ralph Bowditch '72**, **Neville Wohlbert '65**, and **Clark Anderson**. They didn't grow much

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six months, decided to take a job with a dealership in Outlook.

Dwayne Simmons is an Agrologist in Training with S.D.A.

Gil Smith is on the IAEA exchange also.

Glen Snyder is with the Farm Credit Corporation.

Norm Sparrow is flying full time for Norcanair, working towards logging enough hours to be able to fly a DC-10.

Larry Spearing is working in Saskatoon for Farm Credit - Indian Agriculture Loans.

Jim Strayko is working for Pioneer Grain out of Winnipeg after a 6-month training period in Saskatoon.

Harvey Stushnoff is working for Melroe equipment out of Saskatoon.

Patty Szombathy, after working for the summer at the Horticulture Research Station in Brooks, has a job in Melfort at the C.D.A. Research Station.

Dale Tomasiewicz is in his masters' program in the Soils Department of the Univ. of Sask.

Mike Turley has a job with Co-op Dairy Producers in Saskatoon.

Jim Vancha is a Marketing Rep. for Velsicol out of Edmonton. Jim married Kathy Alexander in Weyburn in early August.

Faye Weiterman married a Phys. Ed. grad, Dave Veschoy, in September and they have moved to Ontario.

Grant Wood after a short time with Wascana Institute, he has now decided to go with Farm Credit.

Sharon Redlick is also working with Farm Credit.

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wheat but increased their personal tax deductions with increases in their work forces. **Blaine Hjertaas** apparently got enough from crop insurance to finance a new wife and a honeymoon to Cuba. He has been overheard to say he is changing his rotation from sweet clover to sunflowers - crop insurance.

Doug Winsor has been overheard advising the exchange of Westward shares for gold. Also says the farmers in the southwest got their seed back again this year. **Stu Inkster '67**, was caught sucking his pipe on weedless Wednesday. Claims ignorance, as he thought it only applied to cigarettes. Weed courses got a new viewpoint from **Dianne Belisle '79**. She claims she gets inside information from Monsanto. **Ken '79** is also involved in weed control. Apparently quoted as a reference the fact he had such a good crop of them on the home farm in the eastern weed belt. **Ray Harmel '62** left everything at home in hands of the hired man again this winter. That's dedication! Most of the goings on at the annual updating session held in Regina in January are not available for print. The maid at the Ex-Lax Inn apparently threw out the minutes of all the meetings.

OVERHEAD DURING THE AD GRAD WEEKEND . . .

Don Swenson was seen with the girl that finally caught him — and she wouldn't sklay how!

Carman Berg '68 couldn't pay his chemical bill last year and had to go to work for Niagara chemicals.

Maruice Delage '69 did such a fine job of selling hoegrass he didn't have, they gave him a promotion.

Shirley Barker '79 has been doing such a fine job with Wascana Crops and Soils instructors that her new husband is moving her to Winnipeg.

Bill Cooper '51 denies that he is running for the President of the N.F.U.

Grattan O'Grady '69 rated the Palliser convention in Calgary a success. He's not running for N.F.U. President either!

Fred Bowditch is going to run for N.F.U. President in 1981.

Bryan Harvey '60 got a motion passed that all beer at the smoker next year must be made from Elrose barley.

Jim Hammond '69 was last seen heading for the slopes at Banff. "There's just enough time left for a broken leg to heal before seeding".

Ken Wasylyshen '70 is still practicing law but was surprised to learn some of his friends are involved in more litigation than he is.

Wayne Gamble '67 is thinking of

TRIBUTE TO A PASSING FRIEND

By Jack Quick '52

Agrologists and cattlemen throughout the North West lost a true friend in the recent passing of **John Zadd '50**. For 25 years he had been "Mr. Lands Branch" in this Region.

John was above all, an outdoorsman — he lived and died in the outdoor cathedral where he worshipped. The Story of Creation is a most suitable theme for John's life, as he had a real sense of the Natural Order of the Universe.

This man could be generous and unselfish to others, but did not ask any favors for himself — when asked to come for a chicken dinner who else would say, "I will come if I can bring the chicken!". John indeed had a big heart, but it was not as strong as his friends had thought.

John enjoyed food, but was able to curb his own large appetite. His wife, Nancy, was mistress of the kitchen, but when it came to outdoor cooking, John was in his element and any barbecue would find him over the coals. He loved to see others eat and on his last day made sure that the other 'boys' on the hunt would not go hungry.

Here was one veteran who was able to make us of his military training — airforce armaments — throughout his life. He loaded his own shot, and it was a real education and treat to hear him

LOST TRAILS

Our doughty registrar **Richard Bellamy** has been searching for the following life members to no avail:

Ken A. McLeod '76C

Sterling G. McLeod '68

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Reward? We'll know where our lambs have strayed, that's whut.

purchasing the Bessborough and has hired Dick Colliver to do the negotiations.

Gord Tomtene '70 got his seed back. It was even a better grade than what he seeded this year!

Leroy Bader '71 was seen at the banquet with his "sister" again this year.

Bill Farley '50 was advising everyone to seed flax this year.

Garry Meirer '76 is looking for financing (or was it refinancing) a large fertilizer

hold forth on "muzzle velocities" and "trajectories".

If there was any new subject that interested John, he would become deeply involved and learn all he could on the subject, becoming very knowledgeable — photography was an example of this. John loved gadgets and could not resist them — a sonar depth finder was a great new find — "If I can outsmart a goose, I can sure catch those fish!"

John was one who believed that wildlife could co-exist with domestic animals, and all his pasture improvement programs had the welfare of both in mind. He was an authority and spokesman on good land use, in both prairie and bush pasture improvement, and participated in meetings and conferences on the subject in Western Canada and the Western States. Even on a holiday "down under", John took time to visit ranchers to see how they handled their resources. A card from New Zealand states, "Very productive volcanic soil, grass is green, rivers are flowing, sheep everywhere!" This could well be John's description of heaven (maybe fewer sheep!).

He had the ability to communicate with all people. He could be down to earth with a farm audience one day and give a professional lecture the next. He was unfailingly courteous and did not resort to profanity. If he showed some annoyance at any time, it would be followed within a few seconds, by his great infectious chuckle which was usually directed at himself.

John's public life was an open book, but he also treasured his own "quiet times" and his friends did not intrude on this.

He had reached the stage of life, where he was thinking of his own retirement, and how he and Nancy might spend their time when there were no more deadlines — as usual he was bubbling with ideas.

What is the measure of a man? If it is by the deep feeling of personal loss among his many friends, then **John Zadd** stands tall indeed.

Editor's Note: While we don't make a practice of publishing eulogies, this one is so expressive and well written it merited an exception. Without the worker in the vineyard, the wine-maker's genius would be in vain.

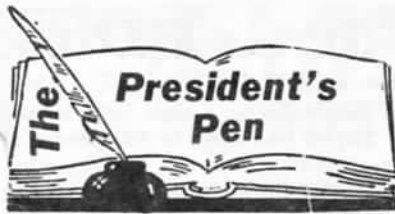
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A man walked into a federal building and asked, "Is this the headquarters for the war against poverty?"

"Yes, it is," replied the receptionist.

"Good," he said. "I've come to surrender."

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One day three years ago **Bill Cooper '51** started a tradition. Since then the President's Pen springs to the page for each issue of the SAGA. So here we go again!

But there are more longstanding traditions in the S.A.G.A. and I'll do all I can to uphold the high standards set by those who have gone before. This year we are all fortunate to have an executive long on ability, experience and enthusiasm. My main responsibility is to keep a steady hand on the rudder.

Now that another successful reunion weekend is behind, we can pause to reflect on some of the highlights. As expected, the Class of '15 led the way with their 65 year celebration. The Class of '15 has always had a special place in the membership of the S.A.G.A. **Spike Smith** and friends were all made honorary life members many years ago. This year there was also a good representation from the 1920 and 1930 classes. Seeing the turnout from those years gave all of us a renewed feeling for the real spirit of the association.

This year's reunion helped to emphasize the timeliness of the "Official History" project. **Art Stillborn '41** and **Herb Clark '46** have promised to put the finishing touches on the history booklet this year. **Bob Mc Kercher '54** has agreed to review the manuscript. The S.A.G.A. has a \$3,000 grant from the province to help cover the printing costs, and **Honorary President Walter Brice '40** has agreed to keep track of the budget and other administrative details. The history should provide an opportunity for younger members to see how the association got started, and to understand why it means what it does to the Ag Grads.

Turning out thoughts to the present, we should note that attendance at reunion festivities has about doubled in recent years. The lecture series plays to a full house, the smokerette had over 500, and the banquet over 800 in attendance. The momentum is certainly there — the Centennial Auditorium and Wheatland A Building are already booked by the association to 1985!

So maybe we should pause to consider all of the changes in the reunion weekend over the years. There's a time — in fact up until several years ago, when the Ag Grad reunion weekend was at the start of Farm & Home Week. Grads came to town to curl on Saturday. The smoker and smokette were on Saturday night and the banquet was on Monday. In those

days the smoker was the main event (the first one I went to, made the Ag Bag Drag look like temperance league tea by comparison). The objective for the weekend was to curl, drink, and wake up somewhere on Sunday. Some grads stayed in town for the tea on Sunday afternoon and the Monday night banquet would draw about 250 people. Then the weekend was switched to the end of Farm & Home Week and the banquet was changed into a Saturday night affair. About that time the .08 rule helped dry up the old smoker and we all became respectable, and the ag grad weekend became a real social event for both grads and spouses.

It looks like the reunion weekend appears to have found a successful format. Now the smokerette is a casual get-together for both men and women, and the Saturday night banquet and dance is the formal event.

Judging from the overall reaction this time around it looks like the present format should stay in place. There is some indication that some members would like to see some changes in the spiel however. Maybe it would be more in keeping with the social nature of the whole weekend to have more of a "fun spiel". The executive is always looking for feedback and any verbal reactions or letters would be more than welcome. The bonspiel committee in particular would like to hear suggestions from S.A.G.A. members.

While the S.A.G.A. objectives have always been mainly social ones, there are other items of interest to the association, and to me as your president. First of all, the association has asked **Dr. Ross Greenshields '49** to stand for University Chancellor and he has accepted. We think that Dr. Greenshields is an excellent candidate, and it would be to the benefit of agriculture and the university to have him elected Chancellor. Watch for your ballot coming in the mail soon from the university.

One area of concern to the association is the current decline in School of Agriculture enrolment. I have contacted the college and school administrations to inform them of our concern. There may be a role for the S.A.G.A. to play in finding causes and solutions. I hope to pursue this on behalf of the association and will have a report for a later newsletter.

To summarize — I can see that it looks like an interesting year ahead. The executive is primed and ready to go. **Vice-President Bob Mc Kercher '54** has most of the reunion year chairmen lined up already. So mark Friday and Saturday, January 16 & 17 on your 1981 calendar right now! And keep sending in the news

Bob Bens '64

Something Borrowed (?) and Something Blue (?)



Marilyn Peterson '79, late of the duchy of Sceptre, missed the Ag Grad reunion. 'Pears she got hitched to **Cal Ramsay '78** from Cut Knife, on January 19 at Sceptre. A few of her '79 rejects were drowning their sorrows at the annual beanfeast and sock hop at the Centennial Auditorium

Roy Bailey '79 and **Connie Wensley** of Wiseton couldn't wait — for Christmas that is. They hitched up at Wiseton on December 10. Roy's keepin' **Connie** in Saskatoon while he does a stint at Mohawk Distributors. They'll be headin' for Mildren and the farm cum spring.

Keith A. Smith '77 done it to **Cheryl D. Rudnitski** on January 26. The weddin' wuz at Grosvenor United in Saskatoon. Out to Bradwell on a four-wheeler cum spring — on a Steiger Bear Cat forever? Son of A.G. [**Bud**] **Smith '48** and **Jo Anne**, and grandson of **A.A. Spike Smith '15**.

Joan Kutz took on **Mike McDonald '78** on November 10 — where at or where to? Danged if we know.

Joy Senior trapped **Ken Sapsford '79** in British Columbia — the echo of the rabbit guns are still reverberating through them rocky hills. Big doings at the Perdue Centennial Auditorium the next weekend. Doc Senior's daughter?

Walter Doyle '51 tells us their daughter was hitched up to Melfort last September — incognito — don't know her name or that of her catch. Seems the main event was a grad reunion —

Jack McFaul '44, **Jack Braidek '51**, **J.F. Rooke '51**, **Bob Warner '56**, **Jim Blyth '73**, **Art Strautman '48**, **Reg Doyle '78**, **Keith Head '78**, **Rev. Bill Gilmer '45**.

Lori Louise Collier hez fixed to get hooked to **Rene Wayne Shewkenek '78** in Saskatoon on Feb. 16. The parents are the **Donald Colliers** and the **John Shewkeneks '33**. In these days of equality of the sexes we can't guess which side toted the shotgun.

Cam Husband '77 bit the dust — **Margaret** got him in '77 while he was still virginal. Kinda delayed reporting — mebbe shouldn'ta mentioned here. Farming with dad, **George Husband** at Wawota.

Doug MacDonald '78, Forgan, started drying dishes for **Sandra Bell** as of April 17 last at Elrose.

Ya kin shur tell this is an ag grad news bleat — everbuddy waits till after harvest to maik legil what they bin doin all sumer.

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and chemical bill.

Lorance Peterson '65 was lending money at 19% interest.

Les Henry '64 was telling dirt stories again. Nobody could remember the story the next day, but the punch line was nitrogen.

Ken Rossassen '70 was predicting an increase in durum acreage but couldn't remember why.

Fred Bowditch, Al Harmel and Doug Winsor '68 had a neighbour at the Holiday Inn that objected to not being invited to the party.

Dale Norheim '72 missed the party year — but then he always does!

FROM THE SOUTHWEST . . .

The Department of Agriculture staff at Swift Current has been selling buttons "If it's **Brown**, flush it." They apparently have something to do with a civil rights group. **Al '67 and Cecelia Mulhern '75** were seen boarding a plane for England after the Ag. Grad weekend. Brother Jim was joining them after putting the cows on automatic pilot. **Murray Janis '78** was seen at a Sask. Pool reprogramming session in February in Winnipeg. **Don Connick '65** kept up with the latest information at a Sask. Agric. session in Regina in February. Also seen was **Don Dowdeswell and Jerry Gerodat. Al Kuhlman '70** was reported to be most unhappy with receiving 6c less for his selected barley than he got for elevator barley. That must be the penalty for getting six cars accepted and not having enough barley. **Doug Winsor '68** has been reported to have spent the 23c he got for extra #1 CRSW already. **Blaine Haurick '77** took a work vacation in Saskatoon for the winter but plans to expand the farm operation in the spring. **Don Sloman '68** got tired of travelling for Wascana and took out a winter homestead in Swift Current. Two dirt farmers from the Southwest **Fred Fulton '50 and Dick Ross '72** are reported to have a firm grip on things around the school of agriculture.

If the weather holds their neighbours are thinking of starting seeding without them this year. **Warren Jolly '70, and Ed Bowler '68** have been seen at marketing meetings this winter. An unconfirmed report has it that **Jim Pratt '69** is still alive and well at Swift Current. His name also still appears on Ag. Rep. lists. **Lee Melville '74** apparently couldn't take the sight of the full bins around Shaunavon any longer and emigrated to the Sheikdom of Alberta. **Gordon Parker '64** has not been sleeping as well as he used to, since soil tests from the southwest have started coming back low in sulphur. The latest

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REUNION YEAR REPORT



The way the reunion chairmen saw it.

— Another successful reunion weekend

HIGHLIGHTS

- over 200 grads back, from special reunion years alone
- strongest contingent of old-timers ever
- first time ever for a 65th reunion
- three tables at the banquet for grads 50 years and more

HONOUR YEARS

1975 AGROS - Rick Blenner-Hassett and friends turned up 75 strong for the banquet and dance. Naturally, they ran out of reserved tables.

1975 VOC AGS - Craig Andrew reported in with about 50 for the banquet and dance. The '75 Voc Ags did their bit for the overflow too.

1970 AGROS - Ken Wasylyshen and Bob Norman came up with four tables full of 10-year people. None of them got kicked out of the Cavalier either — a big improvement in behavior compared to the 1969 Agros.

1970 VOC AGS - Murray Dyck managed to round up a big turnout of about 25 grads for a private 'do' at the Travelodge on Thursday nite Jan. 17. There were still enough around Saturday night for a sizeable contingent at the banquet too.

1960 AGROS - Glen Hass and friends turned out 20 strong and most of them left on Sunday for a couple of weeks in Portugal. Nice work if you can get it.

1960 VOC AGS - Ron Morningstar and classmates were booked in at the Holiday Inn for a couple of days. Their block of rooms must have taken a while to clean up on Saturday (furnished in contemporary glass). They all looked good at the banquet for 3 full tables plus.

1950 AGROS - THE BIG CLASS turned out in force. **Leigh Crowle and Maury Taylor** had close to 100 people at reunion gatherings at the Faculty Club and at the Holiday House. Everyone at the banquet enjoyed the first class entertainment which they provided. (Maybe they could do that every year!)

1950 VOC AGS - the 1950 Voc Ags had their own get-together at the Cavalier Thursday night. **Bill Farley** reported that there were usually about 25 grads around at any one time throughout most of the reunion weekend.

1940 AGROS - Bill Wilson and Walter Brice report 9 grads and 9 spouses from 1940 returned for the weekend. Everyone enjoyed a Thursday evening get-together at the Wilsons. Nobody seemed to think 40 years was a very long time.

1930 VOC AGS - Andy Smith contacted the classmates once again and sure enough — a full table at the banquet! Congratulations are in order for 50 years since graduation! The class of '30 sure looked young compared to some of the "old - old - timers".

1920 VOC AGS - Harold Moss, Gordon Loveridge and Fred Hextall have been out of school for 60 years! Why not go for 65? By the look of those fellows — they probably will.

THE CLASS OF '15 - What can be say about the class of '15 that hasn't been said before? Those at the class of '15 table were:

'Spike' Smith and granddaughter **Gina** of Saskatoon; **Mr. and Mrs. Wiklund** of Melfort; **Mr. and Mrs. Osler** form Wolseley; **Mrs. Bryan** of Tuaske and her daughter **Mrs. Orum**.

'Spike' brought along the 1915 sign that he had made up many years ago and it made a fitting centerpiece for the banquet table. Spike also brought along his son **Bud '48** and grandson **Keith '77**, both Ag Grads.

THANKS 'SPIKE' - FROM ALL THE AG GRADS **Bob Bens '64**



A.A. Spike Smith '15 takes a bow — they don't make any more enthusiastic ag grad members.

THE 1960 SCHOOL

Ron Morningstar writes:

Out of a class of 35, we had 16 very enthusiastic reunioners. The spirit(s) was high and every one certainly enjoyed themselves. Although 20 years has passed, you'd never know it, the B.S. was just as thick, the stories equally as funny, and the constitutions evidently haven't weakened. The banquet and dance was one of the highlights and the Ag Grads Assoc. must be congratulated on the organization and tremendous success of this function. Our reunion concluded with a class breakfast Sunday morning. Following breakfast a discussion resulted regarding future reunions and Grant Reinhardt was chosen to lead the way for our 30 year blowout.

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

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| E.I. Adamko | H.N. McGowan |
| W.F. Barnsley | R.L. Morningstar |
| R.M. Barsness | W.A. Mountford |
| R.J. Bethune | O.J. Nawrocki |
| H.H. Bjornson | R.E. Neufeldt |
| J.M. Brown | J.B. Pedersen |
| K.F. Copithorne | D.E. Penner |
| C.H. Culler | G.G. Reinhardt |
| L.F. Easton | R.K. Robertson |
| J.A. Evans | R.P. Smith |
| W.D. Fender | D.B. Thomson |
| N.L. Harris | S.H. Turner |
| H. Hasel | P.G. Vogt |
| E.L. Hextall | H.J. Wedrick |
| L.A. Hoogveen | J.W. Willett |
| H.C. Jensen | D.R. Wilson |
| R.W. Johnstone | W.L. Wilson |
| F.A. Kingdon | |

THE 1960 COLLEGE

Glen Hass was the class honor year chairman. Affluence reared it's glittering head — a passel of the class took off for a sojourn in Portugal following the banquet and cabaret.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

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| H.M. Barnsley | G.P. Lepp |
| K.G. Blackburn | M.W. Luther |
| B. Copeland | R.R. Matheson |
| G.W. Dyck | T. Milasin |
| B. Friesen | W.F. Nuttall |
| G. Gadd | J.R.D. Partridge |
| A.D.L. Gorrill | W.I. Robertson |
| J. K. Gronsdahl | G.W. Rotzien |
| R.K. Hamilton | A.W. Sereda |
| M.H. Hart | H.B. Sorbier |
| B. Harvey | E.D. Spratt |
| G.W. Hass | J. H. Stevenson |
| G.E. Hleck | B. Stonehouse |
| D. Horkoff | F.L. Wasylyshyn |
| G.D. Jansen | S.D. White |
| M. Lanoway | S. Ying Kuang |
| D.J. Lawrence | E.A. Young |
| G.E. Lee | |

1950 DEGREE CLASS

The '50 class chairman **Maurie Taylor** and **Leigh Crowle** mustered 40 members. Rumor has it they regaled each other with old lies and stories, and that the Faculty Club has never heard such

singing (?). However, they left their mark on the annual meat and potatoes soiree with lusty lungs and even a little harmony, and led the dancing with determination, if not finesse.



The '50 College class gets set for the Anvil chorus at the 'Grand Do'.

1940 DEGREE CLASS

We are fortunate in having a write-up by **Walter Brice**, as follows:

There were 21 graduates of the Degree in 1940. Twenty are still living — spread all over Canada and U.S.A. At the reunion, 9 grads and their wives returned. They were: **Dougie & Gwen Barr**, Arborg, Man.; **Maurice & Toby Brounstein**, Regina; **Ted & May Campbell**, Regina; **Harvey & Freda Dunn**, Arvada, Colorado; **Ed & Chris Hudek**, Winnipeg, Man) **Bruce & Ruth Martin**, Olds, Alta.) and **Bill & Evelyn Thode**, **Bill & Marion Wilson** and **Walter & Velma Brice**, all of Saskatoon.

Reunion Dinners were held at

Wilson's on Thursday and at Brices' on Friday, co-hosted by the Thodes'. We all attended the smoker, and the banquet and dance.

We entered a team in the Bonspiel, with **Walter Brice**, skip; **Bill Thode**, third; **Harvey Dunn**, second; and **Evelyn Thode**, lead. We managed to win one, tie one and lose one.

We heard from all but three members. Had a telegram from **Norm Scharf** in Montreal, and a letter from **Tony Rusek**, Kelowna, regretting being unable to attend at last minute, due to illness — he was to have skipped the rink.



THE 1940 COLLEGE CLASS: Front Row: (Left to right): **Bill Wilson**, **Maurice Brounstein**, **Ed Hudek**, **Harvey Dunn**. Back Row: **Bruce Martin**, **Walter Brice**, **Dougie Barr**, **Bill Thode**, **Ted Campbell**.



ENCOUNTER AT THE HOGLINE

36th SAGA Bonspiel - Jan. 18 - 20



Eighty two rinks competed in the 1980 version of the Ag Grads Bonspiel; eighteen in the Hutcheon event, and sixty-four in the other four events. I would like to thank all those who helped make the spiel go so smoothly. The collecting of curling fees, at the registration desk on Friday morning, helped get things going on time. This will be done again next year.

L. Peterson '65
Bonspiel Committee Chairman, 1980

"A" EVENT KIRK TROPHY
Dean - 1937 - 1948



Walter Brice '40 Honorary Chairman, presents the trophy to (left to right): **John Valance '67, Bob Lockwood '64, Glen Kurmey '70, Ken Rosaasen '70.**

Runners-Up: Myles Marianchuk '77, Blaine Fritzler '77, Dale Smart '77

"B" EVENT - GRAHAM TROPHY
Dean - 1948 - 1963



Lels Henry '64 presenting to (left to right): **Bob Norman '70, Jim Turner '70, Ken Gillies '70.** [Ken Wasylyshen '70 is missing].

Runners-Up: Larry Lee '70, Merlin Lee '77, Eugene Bendig '70, Les Feltis

"C" EVENT - WHITE TROPHY
Dean - 1964 - 1974



Dean Brown presenting to (left to right): **Ian McMillan AS, Garry Meire '76, Grant Crossman '76 and Brent Kennedy '76.**

Runners-Up: G. Wandler, C. Francis '51, B. Kowalenko '68, B. Howell AS

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SWATH HOPPING

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word from the southwest if that everyone is practising for the big rain dance to be held the first week in June.

Brenda & Craig Webster, chillun of **Jim '49 and Jean**, Regina, have no doubt sparked a lot of latent class pride among fellow 49'ers, as they watch their progress through the Olympics.

A second generation of agros is now on the drawing board. **Glen '60 and Elaine Hass**, daughter **Carole** is in first year degree.

Bob Hart '46 with the Seeds Branch, Production and Marketing, Regina says he's found a collection of seeds and grasses dated 1922 that somebody might have if they're interested. When **Bill Wilson '40** asked how Mona was, he said "We have a new pup." Guess what Mona is busy at, in other words.

J.E. Ross Greenshields '49 ceased to draw rations — as Director, Agriculture Canada Saskatoon as of December 28. Not quittin' by a darn sight though. Watch his smoke!

Scraps from Don's Notebook

A bunch of straw, a piece of string,
A brutal weapon is this thing,
A handle and a coil of wire,
It demands respect and cannot fire.
It is shot at more often than birds on wing,
Can you honestly say, "I never missed that thing?"
You possibly doubt when it acts as your guide,
Whether or not, it is on your side,
Believe it or not, if your weight is just right,
You'll find the Skip's BROOM a guiding light.

- By Mr. Plenty and Mrs. Often

**"D" EVENT -
RUTHERFORD ASSOC. TROPHY
Dean 1909 - 1930**



Bob Dodds '53 presenting to (left to right) (Keith Lundgren '72, David Lundgren '80s, Pat Zentner '72, and Lyle Findlay '72.

Runners-Up: Paul Schmidt, Robbin Jacobson, Gerald Bernier, Rick McElhearn

**HUTCHEON EVENT
Dean - 1963 - 64**



Don Rennie '49 presenting to (left to right): Eric Moysey, AS, Ken Bowren '46, Jim Murray '49, and Fred Langley '50.

Runners-Up: Howie Rice '50, Herb Dow '50, Stew Given '50, Bill Pope '50

**FROM THE
EDYTUR'S
KORNER**



Seems like the 1980 gathering was as good as any reunion yet — thanks to a lotta guys and dolls who strove mightily to make it so — not only the committee, but the grads who came from so far away to be there.

Our past president, **Les Henry '64** tells us that we are indeed a unique organization. Manitoba has separate grad organizations of both the school and college, but they meet irregularly and usually only by grad years. Quelph used to have a ag grad organization, but since they have gained university status, it appears to have melded with an overall alumni association.

We have 1733 members out of about 4000 living grads — less than half, but growing nonetheless. Our membership salesmen includes every grad. We, as members, are as responsible as the membership committee in recruiting eligible grads.

The current issue of 'The Saga' was a bit rushed in production, in order that we could endeavour to get it out to the membership in time for them to consider their choice for university chancellor. As pointed out elsewhere, we hope you will support the nomination of **Ross Greenshields '49**, as sponsored by the S.A.G.A. executive.

Again keep the cards, letters, or whatsoever coming in, regarding your whereabouts, activities, and those of other grads — factual or fanciful. Write it your self or send the bare bones to us and we'll write it — either way it's news.

Len Boyes '48.

"We Need Your Thoughts on the 'Spiel"



Should the bonspiel format be changed? A few have indicated that they would prefer a less competitive curling event. Depending on ice availability, it is possible to have more of the curling on a point system, with the four high-point teams curling in the semi-finals. With this in mind, next year's curling committee chairman, **Les McLellan '70** and co-chairman **Carman Berg '68** would like to hear from you.

With this format there would be three regular events, of which one event would be run on a point system, plus the Hutcheon event which is also run on a point system. Each rink would have a minimum of three games with a maximum of five games in the event being run on a point system. Unless we hear from you, we will assume this year's format was satisfactory. Send your ideas to:

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