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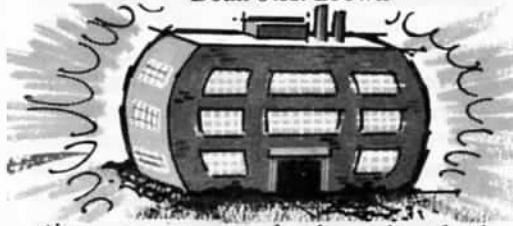
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COLLEGE EXPANSION PLANS UNDERWAY

On August 1 the U Of S submitted a major development and expansion plan for the College of Agriculture to the Universities Commission, for consideration and approval. The Commission will forward it to the Government of Saskatchewan for further consideration.

The plans submitted by the University are based on a projected growth of 21% increase in faculty (from the present 56 to 68), 113% increase in associated research scientists and soil survey staff (from 45 to 96), a modest increase in students at the School diploma, undergraduate and post-graduate levels, and an increase of 14 professional staff for public service and extension. The major new thrust is in research and extension, to help provide a stronger research arm for SDA, and to provide a more effective working relationship with field staff and business operators in agriculture. The expansion will also enable the College to more adequately serve its appropriate func-

Dean J.A. Brown



tions as an academic unit of the University.

It has become increasingly obvious, during the last two decades or so, that the College is inadequate to meet the demands and needs of the Saskatchewan agriculture industry, and to a lesser extent its full and appropriate role as an integral part of the University. It is surprising, that although agriculture in this province is a larger industry, than in virtually every other province in Canada, and in relative terms is a more significant component of the total economy than in all other provinces, we have almost the smallest College of Agriculture in this

country. This was clearly expressed in a Brief to the Government of Saskatchewan by the SIA in February, 1977. The inadequacies have also been revealed by several internal reviews, and more recently by such major evaluations as those completed by Dean L. Shebeski and his Committee, and by Dr. Ross Greenshields and Mr. Ernie Spencer. These major reviews clearly indicate that the situation requires urgent attention and that the solution will require a very major determination to alter the situation and a corresponding major input of additional resources.

We are especially pleased about the indications of support for extra operating funds from the government of Saskatchewan, the support of the University administration, and the indications of additional funds for research from national granting agencies, who are in charge of increasing research funding from the Government

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Letter from a Prairie Chicken

Would you believe that the southwest corner of the desert called Saskatchewan, actually bloomed this year? There are no hay crops to speak of, but the rains came at the end of May, in time to rescue the grain crops and gardens. My portulaca is as virulent as ever. Its beginning to look as though we in this area may just manage to survive the winter after all.

Last May we were all ready to start packing and follow the wagon trains to a damper climate. The dust blew every day, and then to add insult to injury, we had a layer of volcano ash dropped on us. At branding time, corrals had to be sprayed with water, as the wrestlers were losing the calves in the clouds of dust.

Anyway, since then, things have improved considerably, and I now spend my time weeding, pickling, running



back and forth to town and the fields, and having company. We had a nice visit one evening with Klaus '64 and Karen Hoppner, who were passing through on their way home to Ottawa. Klaus works with the Federal Food and Drug Department.

We were all saddened here by the loss of our resident retired Ag. Rep., Ivan Clark '41. He had been just as active, if not more so, since he retired, with his church work, his insurance business, and his studies of his family history. He still took a lively interest in the 4-H clubs, and was always present at the spring achievement days. It is hard to realize that he will no longer be dropping in for a chat.

We've been kept busy this summer attending Celebrate Saskatchewan functions. It has been great fun meeting old friends, and learning a bit more about the history of our home communities. Now if we can just manage to get our cows through the winter, and have lots of moisture next spring, we'll feel that we'll really have celebrated Saskatchewan properly.

Irene Ahner '65

THEIR MEMORY LINGERS

Diane Louise Bassendowski, beloved wife of **Kenneth '72** and son **Gregory**, of 1035 13th Street East, Saskatoon, passed away in hospital on February 10, 1980 at 28 years.

Diane was born at Melfort to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Boulanger, and lived at Pathlow before moving to Prince Albert where she received her secondary education. She then attended the university in Saskatoon, where she received her B.Ed. degree, majoring in chemistry, and had worked at the U. of S. pharmacy department for some 5 years.

Rev. V. Fix and Rev. A. Grundahl officiated at the funeral mass held at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church on February 14. Burial took place at Woodlawn Catholic Cemetery.

James Ivan Clark '41 died suddenly of heart seizure on July 1 at 71 years, at Maple Creek.

Born at Woodlands, Manitoba, he moved to Meadow Lake, Sask. at the age of two, where he took his schooling. He graduated with a B.S.A. degree from the University of Sask. in 1941. He

served some time in the Canadian Officers Training Corps in Dundurn, following which he served variously as an instructor at the Indian Residential School at Round Lake and under the Dominion-Provincial Youth Training Program, as a supervisor with P.F.R.A., and at the Agricultural Canada Research Station at Brandon, before becoming ag. rep. at Maidstone from 1945 to 1951.

He married **Rae Ann Ball** at Maidstone in 1948 and they moved to Maple Creek in January 1952, following a short time in the farm implement business. He again served as an ag. rep. until retirement in 1975.

He was invested with the Distinguished Agrolologist award by the Sask. Institute of Agrolologists in recognition of his contributions to agriculture in the farming communities in which he served.

Following retirement, Ivan became active in the Cypress Hills Community College, first as co-ordinator and later as an instructor in geneology. He was also a sales representative and member of Pioneer Life and Pioneer Trust. His success with these organizations was recognized in being awarded two holiday trips — one to the Caribbean.

He was very active in the affairs of the United Church, and the Chamber of Commerce, and was a director of the Maple Creek Housing Authority at the time of his death. Gardening was a favorite hobby.



He is survived by his wife; three daughters — Mrs. Ruth Bolton, Mrs. Laurie Schafer, and Carol Clark, all of Medicine Hat; two sons — Charles Hugh of Edmonton and David Ivan of New Jersey; a sister, Dr. Helen E. Clark of Lafayette, Indiana, and four grandchildren.

Services were held in the Maple Creek United Church on July 3 with Rev. Bill Corkum and Marilyn Corkum officiating. Pallbearers were Carson Dowkes, Vern Chant, Garry Horton, Ken Wallace, Cliff Dunwald and Brian Martin.

Murray Cooke '31 died at Edmonton on Monday, May 2, 1977.

After graduation with a B.S.A. with a soil science major, he first worked for Consolidated Mining and Smelting in fertilizer development, and later as a district manager in southern Saskatchewan.

He also worked for a time for Credit Foncier Franco - Canadien before joining the R.C.A.F. in World War II, following which he became an accredited land appraiser in 1946 and served as supervisor for Northern Alberta under V.L.A.

In 1949 he joined the Department of Immigration as superintendent for (Continued on page 3)

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of Canada.

The on-campus net formula space is projected to be approximately doubled by 1987. In terms of current dollars, the gross space to be added could cost up to 70 million dollars. The ultimate cost will depend in large part on such factors as the final plans selected, inflation and rate of development.

The envisioned investment in research and College expansion, relates closely to the further development of Saskatchewan's largest industry which contributes about one-fourth of the \$11.5 billion dollar GPP of the province at the farm level, and accounts indirectly for a large portion of the service sector as well. The combined challenge of conserving our valuable farm resources for future generations, while at the same time expanding the output and efficiency of the agricultural industry at all levels in the shorter run, is a major one. The College is willing and able to provide the work and leadership required, and is hopeful that progress toward the projected growth and development will be achieved in the near future.

DON'T MAKE ANY MISTAKES UNTIL I GET THERE



Norm Bray '56 isn't about to be kept out of the argument, that **Bob Bens '64** is tryna get started with **Bob Blakely '51**

(fine head a' snow) and **Bob Lockwood '64**, while **George Lee '53** scratches the ol' cranium for an answer.

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Alberta, and was involved in helping immigrants become settled on farms.

Mr. Cooke became the first personnel officer at the University of Alberta in 1957 where he served for nineteen years, and made considerable progress in improving working relationships between staff and the university. He initiated the hiring of students as part-time staff, and largely through his efforts the university adopted a policy of hiring the handicapped, ex-alcoholics and others whom other employers would normally bi-pass.

He was also very active in many community projects, being a founding director of the Alberta Heart Foundation, and worked closely with the United Way. He was instrumental in the formation of the Edmonton Personnel Association, and the Association of University Personnel Administrators of Western Canada.

Mr. Cooke was involved in arbitrating many labor problems for both the Alberta and federal governments.

Quoting from the "Folio", the University of Alberta staff bulletin, his contribution was summarized: "In all his years of serving the University and the community, Mr. Cooke's main dedication was to people, and his main concern was for how he could help them. He was justly respected and admired, and he made many friends. Murray Cooke will be missed."

John Daugela, of 1106 - 33rd Street West, Saskatoon, father of **George '61**, Vermillion, Alberta, passed away in a Saskatoon hospital at the age of 77 years on February 14. Mr. Daugela was born in Lithuania and came to Canada in 1926 to farm in the Swanson district. In 1942 he moved to the Saskatoon district where he farmed until retirement in 1977.

Surviving are his wife Margaret, two sons, George and Gary both of Vermillion, a daughter Edith of Saskatoon; five grandchildren, a brother Victor in Lithuania, a cousin, Mrs. Annie Gerwing of Swanson. He was predeceased by five brothers in Lithuania.

A funeral mass was held from St. Michaels Roman Catholic Church, Saskatoon, with Rev. D. O'Driscoll officiating. Burial also took place in Saskatoon.

Elizabeth Dougall of Plenty, mother of **Bill '75** of Saskatoon, died on March 19 at 85 years at the Extendicare Nursing Home in Saskatoon.

She was predeceased by her husband

Harry in 1972. Also left to mourn her passing are her other three sons, John of Brooks, Bob of Claresholm and Donald of Plenty, seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren and two sisters.

Funeral services were held in Plenty united Church on March 22 under the direction of Rev. Grant Wyatt. Interment also took place at Plenty.

Mrs. Dougall was born at Limekilns, County of Fife, Scotland on May 28, 1894, and came with her parents to farm in the Paynton district in 1906. After Normal School in Winnipeg, she taught at Winslow School in 1916 and married her husband Harry the following year. They farmed at Plenty until 1947 when they retired to live in town.

She moved to Saskatoon in 1974. Her main interest were her family, church, the Friendship Circle and her garden.

Olena Hetland, mother of **Forrest Hetland '46** of Winnipeg, passed away at the age of 80 at Lutheran Sunset Home in Saskatoon on May 27.

Mrs. Hetland was born at Grafton, North Dakota and came to the Spalding district at an early age. She taught school in the Naicam area where she married Joseph Hetland in 1922. They farmed there until 1949 when they moved to Saskatoon. The Hetlands were prominent seed growers, a tradition carried on by their son, Forrest, who later moved to Winnipeg to serve on the Canadian Grain Commission and currently, the Canadian Wheat Board.

In addition to her husband, Joseph, and son, Forrest, she is survived by a daughter Aileen, Mrs. Wedell Anholt of Naicam, a second son, Donald of Calgary, twelve grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and two brothers, Oscar Brenna of Kelowna and Henry Brenna of Naicam.

Memorial services were held from the chapel of the Lutheran Sunset Home in Saskatoon and conducted by Pastor Gene Grant. Interment Services were held at the Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Naicam, with Rev. Alfred Tysseland in charge.

Marie Jeanne Ladouceur, mother of **Denis '56**, Calgary, passed away on February 2 at the Sunnyside Nursing Home, Saskatoon.

Jeanne was born in Brittany and came to Canada at the age of eight with her parents to St. Laurent, Manitoba. The family later moved to Tisdale. She graduated from St. Paul's School of

Nursing in 1923, and worked in various centres in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

She and Adondi Ladouceur were married in 1927, and first farmed at Hoey and later at Arborfield. She also continued nursing as needed in the community. Her husband died in 1946 and she continued to live in the community until 1952, when she moved to Saskatoon, where she became active in mental health. She was one of the original volunteer visitors at the hospital in North Battleford. She also did volunteer work at the White Cross Centre and Friendship Inn, and spent many hours visiting the sick and shut-ins at hospitals and nursing homes throughout Saskatoon.

She was an avid gardener and bridge player.

Also mourning her passing are a second son, Alex, Saskatoon, eleven grandchildren, one great granddaughter, three brothers, Jack Riou of Arborfield, Claude and Joe of Tisdale, and three sisters, Sister Anne Marie of Winnipeg, Marguerite Lalonde of Zenon Park, and Herveine Hudon of Burlington, Ontario.

The funeral mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Bob Ogle and Rev. Father Blaise Morand on February 5, at St. Phillip Neri Church. Burial took place at St. Lucy Cemetery, Arborfield, following a memorial service.

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Roger K. DeMong '66, his wife and two children were killed in a tragic accident. He was 36 years of age. A district agriculturalist with the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture, he was a member of the Victoria and Islands Branch of BCIA.

James Webster Stewart '49 of Maple Creek was buried on Thursday, August 7, from the United Church there with Rev. Rodney Francis of Regina presiding. He was 51.

Born in Eastend and educated there, he then enrolled in the School of Agriculture at the University, graduating in 1949. He returned to ranch with his father at Eastend until moving to the Stewart Ranch at Maple Creek in 1958.

He married Bernice Hanson in 1951, and they raised a family to two sons, John and David, three daughters, Carol Anne, Kathryn and Mary Louise, all of Maple Creek. He also leaves his mother Mrs. Roy Stewart and a sister, Mrs. Peter Hanson (Anne), both of Maple Creek. He was predeceased by his father Roy, in 1965.

He was past-president of the Maple Creek Oldtimers Association, and through his wife Bernice, had a close association with the Maple Creek Old Tyme Fiddlers, who showed their appreciation by forming an honor guard and playing his favorite hymn, 'Amazing Grace' at the funeral service.

Through his efforts the 4-H Light Horse Association was formed, and he served as leader for many years. He also helped institute the first international 4-H meetings in the region.

Jim was well known throughout southern Saskatchewan, Alberta and Montana, for his intense interest in and

love for his antique tractor museum, which annually attracted hundreds of visitors.

Honorary pallbearers were Gil Cosgrove of Climax; Raymond Glascock, Gil Thorson and Aldon Horning of Eastend; Roy Harrigan, Jack McDougald and Ben Mitchell. Active pallbearers were Frank Gordon, David Winger, Bill White, Tom Anderson, Nelson Schindeler of Brooks and Gordon Ross.

Betty Randine Goplen, formerly of Birch Hills, mother of **Bernie '52**, of Saskatoon passed away in hospital at Rostern on August 23 at 88 years.

Mrs. Goplen was born in Senjen, Norway on July 5, 1892 and emigrated to Leader in 1917.

Mrs. Goplen later made her home in Paddockwood and in Victoria, B.C. She was a resident of the Mennonite Nursing Home in Rosthern for the past year.

In addition to her son, Bernie, she leaves five daughters: Mrs. J. (Elsie) McLeod of Victoria, Mrs. J.M. (Ada) Urton of Duck Lake, Mrs. H. (Betty) Webb of Armstrong, B.C., Mrs. A.I. (Minnie) Avery of Ottawa, Mrs. H. (Jennie) Gjesdal of Birch Hills and son, Axel of Calgary) two sisters: Mrs. S. (Jenny) Sorenson of Rouleau and Mrs. O. (Olga) Nilsson of Tromso, Norway; a brother, Petter Holmstad of Selfand, Norway, 22 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by a daughter, Martha Goplen in 1918, her husband Axel in 1971 and a granddaughter Barbara Goplen in 1976. A private family funeral service was held from Fraser's Funeral Chapel in Rosthern with Rev. R. Sevold officiating. Interment was in Paddockwood Cemetery.

Peter Hogg '35 died February 16, 1980 in Jackson Mississippi. Reported in the Green and White, Summer 1980.

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From a guy with guts

As all S.A.G.A. members will know, **Jake A. Brown '51**, dean of our college, has fought a tremendous fight with cancer of the spine and won. Naturally his health was the subject of much concern to all of us. He is much appreciative of the support he's received. In his own words:

"Thank you, fellow Ag. Grads. for your many expressions of sympathy and support during my recent illness. I'm sure your support has been a major factor in my remarkable recovery. I'm very pleased to be back in harness."

The Neighborhood



Don Lidster '72 hez left the vale of tears of farm management extension at Tisdale, to work for someone he can trust — he's gonna raise pigs. His chief herdswoman, **Nancy '73**, will be leaving SISCO to join him.

Phil England '68 will be following Don's tracks. He's left FarmStart for the farm management specialist spot at Tisdale. The fellas around the 19th hole at Kelvington held a bye, bye birdie party for him.

Mike Pylypchuk '74 followed the sweet scent of money from FarmStart to the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Jim Armstrong '74 chief straw ammoniator for the North East region, also tells us about some younger sprouts. **Paul Marciniak '80** is the new Land Bank counsellor at Prince Albert. **Brian Doig '80** is assistant agrologist in the region. **Larry Balion '80** is the new sales rep for Chemagro and **Dean Andersen '80** is manager-in-training for the Beeline Co-op at Tisdale.

Garth Larson '72, Semans is sure of a market for his pigs — he's the new member of the Sask. Hog Marketing Commission.

Bob Lodge '49 has been appointed to the accreditation committee for range management consultants for the Society of Range Management.

Doug McRorie '56 has been bumped up from director to assistant general manager of agricultural services for the Royal Bank. Just finished a term as president of AIC.

Ralph Berkan '66, formerly associate director of extension, has moved to the regional director spot at Vermillion with Alberta Agriculture.

Doug Campbell '70 is the new director of grain business planning with CN Rail at Montreal. Lives at Beaconsfield, Quebec — 144 Hampshire Road, H9W 3N3. Will arrange visas for visiting grads on a week's notice.

Dave Durksen SA has moved again — now with Prasco air seeders in Winnipeg. Dave says they save soil, energy and labor. Now we'll never know the truth.

Ralph Christenson '49 was presented with a commemorative plaque by District 24 Agricultural Extension

Board, in recognition of services rendered as ye olde ag rep at Kerrobert. It is now proudly hung on the 19th hole.

Marilyn Ruszkowski '77 is the new ag rep in residence at Biggar. They wanted someone better looking than **Hank Nickel '54** so he's been banished to North Battleford — not so far to go in moose season.

Jim Holm '67 has moved in from the duchy of Wilkie to be the second ag. rep. at Saskatoon along with **Paul Shukin '63**.

Dale Domres '76 was the agrologist-in-training in the West Central region but got moved into Regina, along with **Paul Schmidt '80** from the East Central at Yorkton to count hay bales until the fodder policy becomes saturated.

Bill Hurd '63 the ag. rep. at Outlook organized a farm-urban bus tour of his district to promote agricultural appreciation — each farm couple invited an urban couple.

Al Hingston '69 and **Bill** teamed up at Bounty fair to promote balanced meals for bossies. Al is the guardian of the chop bin over to Kindersley — livestock specialist, that is.

The class of '60 had a summer reunion **Bill and Alma Copeland's** farm. The visiting lunch lizards included **Keith and Maureen Blackburn, Stu and Irene White, Ken and Pat Turner, Glenn and Edna Good, Bill and Bev Robertson, Howard and Wally Barnsley, Glen and Elaine Hass** and a whole passel of tads. The general concensus was that the Copelands won't need to sell to Land Bank for at least another year.

Baz Fritz '73 has given up that there ag. rep. business at Fort Qu'Appelle to take **Vern Racz '68** spot, as chief herdsman for the East Central region at

Yorkton. **Bev**, the kids and the family cat moved along with him.

Glen Werner '73, D.A. at Sedgewick has moved up to senior D.A. at Stettler to supervise ag. programs in the Stettler, Coronation and Sedgewick districts.

Murray Woods '77 has been appointed Co-D.A. at Wainwright after a two-year stint as loans officer with the Agric. Development Corporation.

Ken Sawby '57 and brother, **Elwood**, of Skyline Manufacturing Ltd. of 'The Crick' have moved into a new 7200 sq. ft. plant and expanded their line of products — in addition to hoof trimming chutes, they added portable truck ramps and something they call 'Jack-boots!' Ken is a real whiz with a welding torch.

Harvey Goehring '57 is still holding down his spot with Pioneer Grain at Winnipeg.

John Clark and Roger Olson both '54 types are still expanding and turning out 'Grainews' and the 'Grain Grower' for UGG in Winnipeg.

Wes Greenshields, Semans and Geo Hummason, Lockwood, both 49ers, along with **Ross Reynolds '53** were recipients of scrolls marking their years of service with District #20 Agricultural Extension Board, as was **John Frizzell '42** a former ag. rep., current ag. rep. **Stu Adam '67** at an honour banquet and program held at Wynyard to recognize service to the board. Ye old ed. got in on it too.

George O'Bertos '59, land resource specialist at Tisdale, is juggling the old piggy bank pretty vigorously with all three of his boys in the college, as of this term. Bought himself a life membership — figgers he's gonna need

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TO YOU IT SHOULD HAPPEN



Bob McKercher '54 sentences **Doug Wilkinson '41** to Honorary Life Membership forever at the 1980 reunion.

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1961	Bob Baker 51 Kirk Crescent, Saskatoon, Sask. S7H 3B1 and Gary Carlson, 4203 Garnet Street, Regina, Sask. S4S 3H1	Marcel Dubois, Box 1576, Rosetown, Sask. S0L 2V0
1951	Jack Braidek, 301 Assiniboine Dr., Saskatoon, Sask. S7K 3Z1	Bill Cooper, Box 66, West Bend, Sask. S0A 4M0
1941	Art Stilborn, 312 Hugo Ave., Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 1J8	Lloyd Proctor, Box 25, Mervin, Sask. S0M 1Y0
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Drop your year chairman a note as to your reunion intentions.

Bob Mc Kercher '54
General Reunion Year
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it. Anybody top this?

George Haroldson '45 is in the trucking business outa Saskatoon and part-time farming at Hanley. Hasn't seen or heard of any of his old class since the '65 reunion — his own fault he sez, but he'd sure like to hear from them. The newsletter brings back many memories. Feels a bit old at times, but not as old as his address label makes out — '43! Gad! Sees brother **Jack '43** and son **Ed '80** regularly. George's address is R.R. #5, Saskatoon.

Grant Deyenberg '61 is the new marketing director for Morris Rod-Weeder at Yorkton. Grant was formerly assistant to the vice-president of marketing for Massey-Ferguson in Toronto.

Gary Carlson '61 is the new chairman of the university senate and was re-elected chairman of the Sask. Agric. Hall of Fame. Still executive secretary of the Sask. Federation of Agriculture. **Bob Baker and Gary** are co-chairing their 20-year class reunion.

Johnny Roberts '47 appears out of the past. Still with Massey in Calgary. Lives a few doors down from **D.R. 'Bob' MacDonald '49** who is now retired from Tri-Mac trucking. He and Dodie have built a cabin at the old stamping ground at Meota — Jackfish Lake.

Used to run into Johnny and Bob at machinery demonstrations back in the Floating Fifties — both with M.F. then. Johnny received an invitation to the U of S nursing alumni annual dinner. How about that? Wonder how many nurses did?

Cliff Acton '58 has just returned from a sojourn in Nepal. Rumor has it he chased some of those Nepalese girls clear to the top of Everest.

Kerry Foster '70 has forsaken the regional agronomist spot at North Battleford for the Crop Development Centre at the U of S.

Wayne Gamble '67 of Farmwest Management Ltd. at Saskatoon, and **Bob Bens '64** report that **Bill Cooper '51** has become a director of their management mafia. Also **Eldon Brick '74**, Netherhill. Wayne has become quite a name dropper — ag grad names that is. Here goes our reconstruction. **Jim McGillivray '70** is whomping up farm planning packages for some outfit called Homestead Computer Services in Winnipeg and gets in a little dirt farming at Central Butte. **Murray Henderson '71** turned religious during the dry spell. Started praying for rain at Herschel. By the time he got the hang of it, he ended up with a wet

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swath. May not fly down to anymore Roughrider games unless they can get their act together.

Bill Turner '66 was last seen looking at his crop out of one eye and at the plow out of the other. **Winston South '1** is still tryna learn old Gord's farming tricks at Melfort. **Wayne Newport '72** hasn't been in Saskatoon for a coon's age. Got started down a dead furrow at Marsden and can't change direction. **Ken Sapsford's '79** roof was leaking at Perdue — even in a dry summer. Built himself a new house rather than put a new roof on the old one. **Cliff Crickett '73** has been doing a lot of calf ropin' and horseback ridin' just in case he has to shoot some antelope in the Plato hills to make it through the winter. **Tom Burwell '64** is never seen in daylight. Too busy farming and delivering fuel. **Jerry Coutts '72** is busy tampering with the moo juice in Winnipeg.

Bill ' and Gary '74 Dearborn and poppa bear are farming nigh onto sixty-five quarters at Laporte — give or take a township. **Jim Hammond '69** is rumored to have gotten rain at Duperow, while **Frank Lockwood '69** has turned to philanthropy — feeding cattle at Davidson.

Jerry Miller '71 is up to his hocks in Chianinas at Grandora.

Don McKinley '73 and Ken Newman '78 have also got religion — a miracle at Khedive is an inch of rain in July.

Ritz Reynolds '69 outguessed the pig market and emptied the barn before prices hit the bottom of the manure pits.

Les Voice '74 has given up on divine providence — happiness is a pivot sprinkler system.

Bernie and Rudy Weins both '67 and **Greg Martin '69** are four-wheeling it at Herschel. **Harold Fast '67** is living off the avails of VIDO. While **Don Pulfer '1** is also needing the livestock at Weyburn.

Bruce Hodgins '79, Wawota is assistant plotman in the seeds section, Agriculture Canada Research Station at Regina. Figgers he can't go farming until his number comes up in the Western.

Nancy Nicholson '80, Lumsden is D.A. in training at Oyen, Alberta. **Pat Ramsay '80** (Lummy ?), is doing likewise at Peace River and **John Ruschowski '80**, Shaunavon, at Smoky Lake.

Paul Dribnenki '77 is the new assistant DA at Fort Vermillion. Paul has lectured for three terms at the U of S and was a fieldman for Sask. Agric. for a year.

Tom Lawrence '50, Swift Current took over from **Ken Bowren '47**,



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News: About your new job, lack of one, or anything else your lawyer, or the wife, will let you tell us:

Melfort, as S.I.A. president who turned over the gavel which was made by **Hal Lewis '28** from a neckyoke brought west by his maternal grandfather.

Les Henry '64 and Chris Holm '48 both presented papers at the S.I.A. annual meeting at Swift Current on the topic of soil salinity. **Archie Ballantyne '49**, who was recuperating from an illness, had helped in the preparation of Les' paper.

Ab Gorrill '58, Bulyea has apparently developed quite a business in electric fences. Now he's turning to bears — demonstrated how to keep them outa bee yards at the research station field day at Beaverlodge. Bear stories may regain popularity, along with jazz and oatmeal porridge.

Bev Rosher '76 has moved from Colonsay to Saskatoon with Parrish and Heimbecker — only two doors down from **Bob McKercher '54** our most faithful newshound. Wonder whose real estate values will suffer the most.

Judie [Dyck] Kneeshaw '78 has joined Chyz Appraisals Ltd. after a time with Farmwest Management.

Bill '76 and Grant Crossman, Rose-town won a trip to Las Vegas in a draw at Jamboree days in Rosetown. Grant is **Ben '46 and Bert Blacklock's son-in-law**. The dowry was a coupla Ben's best blacks.

Geo Daugela '57-'61, whomper-up of them Vertec grain dryers, is really

going to town. Building a two-storey job for UGG at Dawson Creek, has a subsidiary in Minneapolis, and the Brits are building the dryers on contract and have designs on the European business.

Ivan Olynick '74, Ituna, became the monarch of all that Land Bank surveys at Canora on July 1. He's building a house in Canora and plans to install an Indian maiden. Well maybe not quite that — anyway he and the Indian Agricultural Program horticulturalist, **Phyllis Kondratoff '78**, have been seen rubbing noses.

Gord Gardiner '48 and Don '71 are farming the bejabbers outa the 'B' horizon at Regina — the 'A' is all gone, the neighbors tell us. Ever since they put cabs on tractors, combines, swathers and wheel barrows, Gord hasn't been able to exercise the full range of his vocal cords. Joined the Mel-O-Tones — S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., and has warbled in four provinces and three states. Has been district president and also served on the international board. Dick Collver is tryna sign him up for the Unionest party. Three tads — two married and — two grandtads. Don is farming with Gord, Brian is a banker in Saskatoon and Glenna, B.Ed. '80, teaches in Benson. **Marjorie** keeps the farm going — Sears cash office part-time. Been a dry summer — he threw a gopher into the air every

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First Annual Bicycle Poker Derby

The inaugural run of the annual bicycle poker derby was held in Regina on July 26, 1980. Sponsors of this historic event were **Rick Blenner-Hassett '75** and **Eric Gustafson '79**.

The eleven-kilometer course began at the residence of **Eric '79** and wife **Deanne Belisle**. Seventeen intrepid competitors vied to see who would be the first winner of the prestigious Gustafson-Blenner-Hassett Challenge Cup (Constructed and donated by former puck bunny Maureen Morton). Some others, notably **Art Froehlich '75** and **Brent Kennedy '76**, initially planned on entering but withdrew when they saw the quality of the competition. Art did send his bicycle as a representative, which was capably piloted by **Hap Bennett '75**.

Competition was keen for at least the first kilometer, at which point Eric stopped at a local 7-11 to buy cigarettes, while **Cal Kelly '75** and **Patty Szombathy '79** swung into a handy Dairy Queen for burgers. The rest of the crew made it to the first pit stop, the home of Sally and Lorne Schactel (sister and brother-in-law respectively of **Don Wasylyniuk '75**, ace bicyclist and hockey goal tender, whose idea of casual dress is a three-piece suit and a pair of bench-made Tony Lamas).

A round of cold beer provided the strength and inspiration to continue on to Rick's house, in time to meet the stragglers and have another round of cold beer. The procession continued to the homes of **Dave Anderson '79** (more beer) and **Don Saehloff '73** who was in Waskesiu at the time, graciously (and unknowingly) donated his house as a pit



stop. One final round and the race was into the home stretch back to Eric's. At this point **Doug McKell '77** showed his mettle. Driving a 1930's vintage bicycle found in the back of an old barn, Doug jumped into the lead and held it all the way to Gustafson's driveway. An unfortunate last minute miscalculation, perhaps caused by that last round, sent him into a freshly dug flower bed and out of competition.

With all competitors accounted for, festivities continued with a barbecue and presentation of awards. The Skin Award went to Hap Bennett, who wore only a jock strap and an Aussie bush hat. Blenner-Hassett, who was present in the awards, argued that the award should be based on the quality of the skin exposed rather than quantity, and insisted that Deanne was far superior to Hap in this respect. He was overruled. In an outrageous travesty of justice **Marilyn Leask** (wife of **Doug '75**) was awarded a mug as first person to drop out. In actual fact, despite the handicap of being several months pregnant, Marilyn rode further than anyone. She

had to return home early to get the family car and rescue daughter Heather and husband Doug, who was totally exhausted (better get the ol' bod in shape before hockey season, Doug).

Worst Poker Hand was easily won by Maureen Morton, who held cards so dreadful, so utterly useless, as to defy description. In a gracious acceptance speech Maureen advised the organizers just what they could do with their award, but we noted that both Rick and Eric managed to sneak a kiss. Meanwhile Deanne, confident of victory with an impressive three tens, was preparing a spot on the mantle for the Challenge Cup. A brief delay resulted when it was found that the organizers didn't know enough about poker to rate the different hands. After several long distance phone calls to Rick's brothers it was determined that a diamond flush was indeed superior to three tens, and the Cup was grudgingly awarded to **Dave Anderson**. **Doug Leask**, disappointed at not receiving an award, had an ace up his sleeve - he arranged to have his birthday on the same day as the Derby and was presented with a delicious cake.

The second running of the Derby will take place next year on Pile 'O' Bones Sunday in Regina, and will be hosted by this year's winner. All Agros and Friends of Agros are urged to mark their calendars and make preparations to attend.

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morning and if it started digging before it hit the ground, it was too dusty to work.

Al Scholz '75 Churchbridge is back after a two year stint with CUSO in Thailand. **Maurice Tenkink '79**, Biggar, went out to replace him. Al visited the C.I.D.A. wheat projects in Tanzania, Kenya and Zambia enroute home.

Randy Chovin '77, Vanscoy tells us **Morley Sparrow '78** has been leading his donkey around the countryside. Making an ass of himself?

Bob Bradley '62 has taken Faye and the bairns out to Tanzania for a two-year contract on the C.I.D.A. wheat project as a soil management specialist. Back to Man. Agric. in September '82 at Brandon.

John Ippolita '78 has moved to Rosetown as farm service centre supervisor for Sask. Pool.

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The bellicose biker, **Dave Anderson '70** receives the Gustafson-Blenner-Hassett Challenge Cup from donors **Rick**

Blenner-Hassett '75 (Left) and **Eric Gustafson '79**.

FROM THE EDYTURS TREE



The S.A.G.A. confers its highest award, Honorary Life Membership, on deserving ag. grads., from time to time. It is their sincere wish to give credit where credit is due.

The contributions and achievements of many deserving grads may pass unnoticed by their peers, due to their wide dispersion throughout our fair land — and let's face it, we frequently forget the obvious, or take it for granted.

The membership of S.A.G.A., being comprised as it is, of a good many whose lives are devoted to the pursuit of research and scholarly endeavour, and further since society in general, places a high value on science and technology, and the pursuit of material things, we naturally tend to view those, who make such contributions to our well-being, most highly, often to the exclusion of those whose efforts which are more social or general in nature.

The S.A.G.A. award is broader, much more far reaching and all encompassing in its criteria, than most other awards to which ag. grads may aspire. The following are the yardsticks used in the consideration of candidates.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Essential Qualifications

1. Must have significantly contributed to the development of Saskatchewan agriculture through practical or professional activities.
2. Must have displayed strong personal and business morals during his lifetime - have led an exemplary life.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

1. Should have been actively involved in SAGA affairs for significant period of time.
2. Should have experienced a long-standing association with Saskatchewan agriculture.
3. Should be a Saskatchewan agriculture graduate if he or she is to be recognized for contributions to Canadian or world agriculture.

POSSIBLE QUALIFICATIONS

1. May be a graduate of another university who has made a significant contribution to Saskatchewan agriculture.

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Bill Kent '80 is working for Mainline Fertilizers at Grenfell. A new S.A.G.A. lifer. Son of **Doug '49?** Gotta be!

Don Fontaine '79 really is the new land rep at Swift Current.

Garry Schultz '79, Kuroki sez they're back — from Australia that is: **Claude Charles, Bob Meister, Mark Beaulieu and Karen McDonald** all '79 types, as is **Doyle Weibe '76**. All had a great time on the I.A.E.A. tour. The foam is all on the bottom, but Aussie beer is still good.

John Ball '69, Edmonton reports that **Lloyd Johnson '69** has left his district assessment supervisor spot with Alberta municipal affairs at Leduc to raise wheat and honey at Hendon.

Dennis Stuber '67 is the senior maltster with Canada Malting at Toronto. Moved from Winnipeg in 1978. Lives out Oakville way. With all the pre-sprouted barley, his work will be cut in half.

Paul Cann '71 headed south — Edmonton to Calgary as south district manager for the food production and inspection branch Agriculture Canada.

Al Walls '49 is looking for **Dave Mallough's '47** address in Kenya. Al and Mary were headed north to visit friends in Kenya and Tanzania. I hope you got the address in time. We get our mail in a lump after some accumulation.

Had a visit from **Al Martin '49** and an old interlake neighbor from Al's ag. rep. days. They brought along some C.C. which overcame some language barriers.

Al sent us some gen on the Afrika Korps. **Gary Wilson '63** is the farm engineer at Al's project in Swaziland for

It is a general rule that the past president of S.A.G.A. is chairman of the awards committee. **Les Henry '64** thus has the responsibility this year, of the presentation of nominations for Honorary Life Membership for consideration by the executive. Those selected will receive their award at the annual reunion banquet in January 1981.

Please submit your suggestions to Les real soon, like by November 30, and preferably earlier. Even better, would be to include a resume of the contributions and achievements of the potential recipients.

Les gets his mail, either at the S.A.G.A. address, at the soil science department or at his favorite pub.

Lest you forget, drop him a line, phone him or pin a note to his soil auger, like right now.

Lin Boyes '48

two years. Trying to keep **Doug McCullough's** (?) cows milking. They both report to the Swazi farm manager. The dairy plant and feed mill are now on a commercial basis after three years. Gasoline is \$3.50 a gallon so **Brian Duck '64** is gonna switch his dairy extension workers to bikes — that way they can peddle (?) their surplus heifers to the Swazis. All the staff are under contract to the U of S and **Doug Gibson**, who hoped to visit them in July.

Vic Beaulieu '49 is back in harness at Indian Head, after a plumbing job on his innards at a Regina hospital. Spent his holidays at Candle Lake. He was peeing freely at last report.

George Kessler '71 dairy technician at Weyburn, has gone from 4x4s to 2x4s — now drives a loaded half-ton. When they're both loaded, he carries an explosive sign on the tailgate.

Larry White '64 is busy reminiscing old cuss words as he restores his 1923 International truck. Caught the old car bug from **Allan Sturko** (Man.) the regional agronomist.

Elaine Moats '77 the prettiest ag. rep. in the wilds has become domesticated — bought herself a house in Weyburn. She's drawn up specifications for a

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Farmin' Counts

There are approximately 360,000 farms in Canada at the present time. Approximately 110,000,000 acres of Canada's land is sown to field crops and pasture, and supports an agricultural industry producing approximately \$9,000,000,000 worth of agricultural products annually. It should be the objective of the farming industry, to have each farm operator achieve at least a "diploma" level of training, from one of the technical agricultural institutions or programs in Canada. In addition, for each farm operator there is a requirement of at least one technician in an off-the-farm job, servicing the farm. Hence, if one assumes that only one-half of the farms are viable, and the average productive life of a farmer is 30 years, the farming industry would require 6000 diploma-in-agriculture graduates per year, plus 6000 for off-the-farm work or a total of 12,000 graduates per year. There are presently approximately 4000 agricultural graduates annually which indicates a high demand for graduates for the years to come.

Careers in Technical Agriculture,
Olds College, Alberta

Standing Ovations



Jake Brown '51, our indefatigable and indestructible dean of the college, was presented with a Fellowship in the Agricultural Institute of Canada at their annual meeting at Edmonton in August.

The award was presented for, among other things, his contributions in agricultural economics, devoted service on innumerable boards and committees and for his contribution in the development of Canadian agricultural policy. He is past president of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society, past chairman of the Science Council of Canada, and past executive director of the Economic Council of Canada.

Earl Johnson '51 was similarly honored for his contribution to the knowledge of Saskatchewan soils and the extension of that knowledge, during his years of service with the Sask. Department of Agriculture, until his retirement in 1978. He continues to be active as a consultant on part-time basis. He was also honored some years ago with the annual agronomy award of the Western Canada Fertilizer Association. In addition to being provincial soil specialist, he has been president of the S.I.A., vice president of A.I.C. and president of the Canadian Society of Soil Science. Molly's great cooking has helped to sustain him through all trials and tribulations.

Joe Zeman '44 never misses a turn at bat. He was named sports volunteer for the month of July by the Saskatoon Sports Council.

Joe has been an executive, coach and manager of innumerable hockey and baseball teams and is a member of the Saskatoon Parks and Recreational Board, chairman of the Saskatoon Baseball Council, a director of the North Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League, a director of the Saskatoon parks and recreation association, a director of Sask. Sport and a director of the Sask. Sports Hall of Fame.

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room-mate: 6'6", horse crazy and with an open quota.

Pat Gerwing '70, Estevan, has thrown away the Guide to Farm Practice and goes by fastball rules. Helped the Estevan Cycle Colonels to the league championships.

Jim Pollock's '74 horse took him over the jumps at the country fairs. Says that **Jim Smith '46** ag. rep. emeritus at Moosomin, is holding his own and doing a little fishing, but keeping out of trouble.

Keith Wilson '72 is chief playboy for the Unity parks and recreation program. Brother **Brian '78** transferred to Calgary from Drayton Valley as manager of a new oil well supply store — National Supply Co. Brian's wife Shelley (Baught)'78 is a research technician at Foothills Hospital.

Bill Selleck '50 is the director of the recently established Asian Vegetable Research and Development Centre at Shan Hua, Taiwan, come March 1981.

Doug McBeath '57 is the new director, Canada Agriculture Research Station at Morden, moving from Lacombe.

Barb [Woolf] Larson '77 divides her time between **Ralph '70**, the pig business, land assessment and the S.I.A. She's the new branch president for the S.I.A. at Yorkton.

Joe Rakochoy '68 and **Zane Lewchuk '67** are learning the swath-turners boogie and praying for long dry evenings — now that's a switch. **Leonard Malinsky '72** and **Ken Brice '67** take a more philosophical view — if it'll

sprout now it should also sprout next spring.

Mike Oxman '50 built a new single car garage. The two new cars will just have to take turns.

Larry Koturbash '56 the flying town councillor, hospital board chairman, ag. rep. and entrepreneur, is offering a bargain on his oil refinery at Kamsack. He's installed a hitching post for camels just to increase his chances. Even has hangar space for Sopwith Camels. He can usually be seen on his knees facing the east at sunrise, noon and sunset.

John Hemstad '54 is the SEDCO's representative on the Plains Poultry Chicken plucking board. All turkey feathers are consigned to S.I.A.P.

Fred Petroff's '49 son Tim is following in his wheelmarks — college in the winter and farm in the summer. Fred says every 5 bushels they harvest this year is 4 bushels more than they expected. He's down to 20 cows at Canora and holding — but not for long.

Pete Petersen '52, the Great Dane of the ag. rep. fraternity was recently elected director of the Canadian Society of Extension.

Gordon Hultgren ?, is holding down the fort at the Sask. Pool research and development farm. Happiness is an airseeder with all the bugs out of it.

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It has been said that "in the business world, an executive knows something about everything; a technician knows everything about something; and the switchboard operator knows everything."

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EIGHT-ENDER CHAMPS FOR 1980



Can they do it again in '81? **Gordon Eckstand** (?), **Clare Philips '56**, **Lyle McNichol '63** and **Jim Mulhern '65**. The

rink they done it to, **Laurence McKnight's '71** crew, hev entered already.

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also been the benefactors of Joe's tremendous enthusiasm over the years and he still keeps an eye on all their activities.

J. Milt Bell A.S., associate dean in charge of agricultural research, has done it again! This time he's been appointed the first Burford Hooke Professor of Agricultural Science. This award is for a non-renewable term of four years with an annual stipend of \$20,000 to be devoted to future research of the recipient's choice.

The award is made in recognition of past scholarly and scientific achievement.

Dr. Bell has made a name for himself in swine nutrition on an international basis. He has been cited for his contributions as a leader and collaborator in a Canada-wide co-operative swine project, for his research into the development of computerization of swine ration formulation, and for research into baby pig response to injections of gammaglobulin from adult swine.

He has been an ardent researcher into, and proponent of, the use of rapeseed meal in livestock rations. His studies of toxic factors in rapeseed have been most instrumental in the development of non-toxic varieties. His research into the development of milk replacers for dairy calves have been most productive, as have his studies on the effect of low temperatures in dairy production.

Among previous awards have been a fellowship in the A.I.C., the Order of Canada, and the first-ever Laureate in Agriculture for Canada in 1969 for his research into the chemistry of rapeseed products and his studies in animal nutrition.

He's a helluva poor golfer — he just hasn't time to practice.

Randal Biensch '80 was this year's winner of the S.I.A. graduating student's medal. The Biensch's have made a real name for themselves in beef cattle, and Randal is returning to the farm to help carry on the tradition.

Patricia Ann Pryor, third year student in animal science, was the recipient of the S.I.A. undergrad scholarship, providing she returns to college this fall and doesn't meet some rich oil baron and take off for Saudi Arabia.

Ernie Paynter '23, Regina, retired director of wildlife for Saskatchewan,

was honored with the presentation of the Roland Mitchener Award by the Canadian Wildlife Federation at their annual meeting in Ottawa in June, at which Ernie and Mrs. Paynter were guests. This award was given in recognition for an outstanding contribution to wildlife conservation in Canada. Ernie is only the third recipient of the award, which is in the form of a hand carved Canada Goose.

Eric Putt '38, formerly Mr. Sunflower at the Canada Agricultural Research Station at Morden, and now retired at Creston, B.C., was awarded the V.S. Pustovoit Award at the ninth International Sunflower Conference held at Torremolinos, Spain in June. The citation read in part: "In recognition of your outstanding contribution to the development and promotion of sunflowers". Imperial Margarine should send him a crown.

Missing At Roll Call

We've lost a few fellas!

Anyone seen:



Robert A. Fleming '39S
James A. McGillivray '70C
Keith Turner '67C

If you know their whereabouts, or the whereabouts of anyone who knows their whereabouts, please write:

Richard Bellamy, '66
Registrar, S.A.G.A.,
Box 320, Sub P.O.76
Saskatoon, Sask.
S7N 0W0.

Ag grads are too important to lose. The Income Tax Office wants them, the tax payer paid for their education, their wives and kids may even want them, but most of all the, S.A.G.A. wants them.

Potty Warmers



Bob Dyck '70 admits to parentage of a son as of October '79. The wife apparently knows about it.

Donna Anne Wilson knew she could do it if given a chance. Her first child (the father's appellation) was **Rhea Anne** at 7 lbs 13 oz. on April 8. The father? Reputed to be **Keith '72**, who hangs out at Unity.

Gary '73 and **Patricia Lockhart** added a nice wee girlie to the population of 'The Crick'. — **Erin Sharman** on April 24 at 7 lbs. 2½ oz. Brother Sean is a skeptical bystander.

A new dishwasher for **Barbara O'Grady** — **Allison** on January 22, on Barb's wedding anniversary too. **Grattan '69** already has a stonepicker — **Ryan** is two — at Allan.

Iver Sletmoen '74, a proud daughter owner — **Dee Ann** on May 24. **Elin** did her share.

Gerald Gross '74 proved himself worthy of life membership — a son **Kyle Patric** [?] **Charles**, and 700 acres under the sprinkler, at Outlook. **Lil' Amber** thinks he's great. Mom does too.

Marcie Delday is doing her part for **Bill '74** at Netherhill — another girl, **Amy Catherine**, 8 lbs. 5 oz. on March 1. A partner for **Dena**.

Eldon Brick '74 and **Lorna** — a sister for **Barry** — **Bonita Marie** on March 12 at Netherhill at 8 lbs. 14 oz. Should be able to get a good rate from crop insurance — no failures.

Ron Rhea '73 has one crop that won't sprout in the swath. He picked up **Rae Ann Nicole** at 8 lbs. 2 oz. on March 14 at Kindersley. **Marilyn** did all the work. **Kyla** hasn't decided whether she wanted a sister or not.

Blair Dies '73 will be sitting around bragging all winter. **Amanda Diane** weighed 9 lbs on April 4. The pubkeeper at Netherhill has special rates for proud fathers. **Ann** hopes the drinks don't come out of the housekeeping money.

Cathy Tanner is letting **Ed '71** share the honors for a new baby daughter at Tisdale.

Brian '74 and **Barb** welcomed another **Kobelsky** — also a daughter. The land bank — commission, is good.

Debby Cortus is now the mother to three musketeers. The last one arrived in late June. Dad, **Gary '72** lives at Swift Current.

Not a bad crop for a dry (?) year.

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Jack E. McLelland '39, M.Sc. '46, has forsaken the U.S.D.A. in Maryland for the park bench and the bowling green. He comes home to supper at 2815 Fountain Oaks Drive, Morgan Hill, CA95037.

Bob Knowles '42 found a house in Vernon (2101-11th Street, V1T 3S1) that they liked and the price was about the same as Regina. Found **Bob Cooper '43** - he's living at R.R.#1, Long Hill Road, Kelowna.

Eric Putt '38 is paying his own wages. Hangs his toupe at Box 544, Creston, B.C. V0B 1G0. He's still got the bug for sunflowers, and does some consulting work. Took in the International Sunflower Conference in June at Torremolinos, Spain. Saw **Paul Knowles '38** there who's still doing oilseed crop research at Davis, California - safflower, sunflowers and rapeseed, and has a hand in international programs, including Spain. He and Dorothy are considering retiring in B.C. to be near their son Doug - and, of course, the grandchild.

Milt Reusch '50 tells us he retired a year ago - March, 1979. Moved to a new house at Box 288A, R.R. #s, Battle Lake, Minnesota. 56515. Milt was with Cominco for years including at least the first few in the States. Anyway, he stayed with fertilizers. Rumor has it he was home to a family roundup in July.

R.P. 'Bob' Forshaw A.S., turned in his rumen fistula at O.A.C. at Quelp on May 1, and plans to settle at Grand Forks, right on the Canada/U.S. Border. Bob left the animal science department at U of S in 1947, and set back the Saskatchewan livestock industry 20 years

Bob taught for 37 years, man and boy. He first came to Saskatchewan in 1943. Bob says he's taught the sons and daughters of former students. Many were chips off the old block. He says when a student asks you to witness his signature on a passport, so he can go visit his grandfather whom you taught, its time to turn in your hame straps.

The grandson in question was a step-grandson of **Ted Hurd '50**.

Bob Forshaw had to be the tallest animal nutritionist in history. Many '44 to '50 grads will well remember he could make a pigs ration sound like one of

Cesar's banquets.

E.E. Brockelbank '19, of Victoria, **G.L. Art '25** of Regina, **H.C. Moss '20** and **Lorne Paul AS** of Saskatoon and **John T. Rogers '23** of Rouleau were eligible for 50 year pins from A.I.C. this year. Ah-h-h! I've only got 18 more years to go.

John Salkeld '39 has shifted his profile from V.L.A. to retirement on an indexed pension at Yorkton. Busy helping saw boards and generally keep out of trouble in the young lad's woodworking business.

Bob Cowan '39, Rosetown has retired from the farm only. He's into the credit union movement like a bear into a beehive. He's a director of the Rosetown Credit Union and has been elected first vice-chairman of the board of directors of the CUMIS Life Insurance Company, and sits on the executive and finance committees. He was on the first board of 21 directors when the company began operations in 1977. He is also their representative on the Sask. regional advisory board for the Co-op College.

Bob is first vice-president of the Sask. Credit Union Central.

Bob has been active in credit unions since 1952. He was a member of the Grain handling and Transportation Committee from 1975 to 1977. He's also a member of S.I.A., A.I.C., the Knights of Columbus and the Elks.

Frank Miller '39 was home for wee visit from Zambia looking like a million bucks, they tell us. Sez **Doug England '64** and **Marta** are fixing to increase the Zambian population by one - er two. Musta bin the African moon.

Sorry about the oldtimer's column **Marta** - she ain't even 29 yet.

The Saga of S.A.G.A.



Les Henry '64, our past, but ever-present, president, dropped us a note on the History Project that the S.A.G.A. has undertaken as a 'Celebrate Sask.' project.

"Our association is preparing a booklet outlining the history of the association. **Herb Clark '46** is spear-heading the writing effort, and **Art Stilborn '41** has gathered up the lists of all graduates, since the College first began in 1912, **Bob Mc Kercher '54** is assisting in editing the publication, while **Les Henry '64** and **Walter Brice '40** run around trying to figure out the exact format, financial considerations and the like.

We were fortunate enough to receive a \$3000 grant from the Celebrate Saskatchewan Fund, to assist us in this effort. The first draft is now prepared, and typing is proceeding on the names of graduates. Our objective is to have the book published some time this year, so that we can begin distribution during Farm and Home Week of 1981.

The fact that we have obtained the grant from the Celebrate Saskatchewan Fund, will mean that we will be able to sell and distribute the publication to members at a very reasonable cost."

School of Agriculture Applications Up 13.5%

Applications to the School of Agriculture as of July 31, 1980 were up by 13.5% over the same date a year ago. This in spite of the poor crop and livestock conditions. This would indicate a first year class of approximately 160 students, which is still 40 short of our enrolment quota. Your continued assistance in promoting the School of Agriculture is therefore solicited and gratefully acknowledged.

In a continued attempt to keep the School of Agriculture program current, the College of Agriculture, as well as the administration of the University of Saskatchewan, have agreed to a request by the School to have a major review of its program undertaken. This review will be guided by a steering committee

headed by Prof. B.A. Holmlund, Director of the University Studies Group, and recently appointed Vice-President of the University. His leadership in the review should assure that all the appropriate questions are raised and dealt with.

A major concern of both Prof. Holmlund and mine, is that outside groups be given an opportunity to voice their opinions and offer their suggestions regarding the School program. The Sask. Agricultural Graduates Association should provide leadership to such external input. I am personally looking forward to receiving your views collectively and individually in the near future.

John R. Peters
Director, School of Agriculture

Advisory Council Report

Irene Ahner '65.

The Advisory Council to the College of Agriculture held a summer meeting "on location" at the Termunde Research Farm, near Lanigan, on July 18, 1980. Besides the council members, several Department heads, the farm staff, local municipal officials and Mr. Reinhold Termunde were also present.

We were taken on a tour of the farm and its facilities by the Farm Manager, **John Nowoselsky**. We viewed the barns and corrals, the two cow herds, the farm land, the feed supply and the machinery. The Termunde barn is of interest, as it is circular, with two stories. There are very few like it in Western Canada. Some of the grain farmers on our tour were very interested in watching of the staff unload a self-propelled bale wagon. One could tell that he'd had lots of practice, as his stack stood up properly, with no bale avalanches from the corners.

After a lovely barbecue dinner, served by the farm staff, we listened to papers presented by Dr. C.M. Williams and Dr. J.M. Bell.

Dr. Williams outlined the animal science research which will be needed in Western Canada in the future, to cope with the unique circumstances under which beef production occurs in this region. He also discussed recent changes in beef cattle management, the current livestock related projects being carried out at the Termunde Farm, and the farm's long term research possibilities.

Dr. Bell presented a physical description of the farm, its history, and how it was acquired by the University. The farm consists of 12 quarters of land, 600 acres of which are cultivated. The rest of the land is in grass, some of which will be broken and re-seeded. One quarter will be left in its native state for ecological research. At this farm in Saskatchewan's parkland, there are heavy stands of poplar, some of which are to be cleared.

At the present time, research is being carried out on cow-calf production. About half of the cows were formerly at the research farm at Lebret.

One quarter section was used by VIDO for the research into calf scours, which resulted in the development of the vaccine.

The Termunde family established this farm in 1909, and it was the home for many years of the Four Square Herefords. In 1974, the remaining Termundes, Reinhold and his sister Frieda, entered into an agreement with the University, where by their land

would be used for agricultural research, with stipulations that the wildlife habitat on the farm would be respected, and that the Termundes would remain in their home. Although in their 80's, they are still active, and take a great interest in all the farm's activities. The only other full-time residents of the farm are the Nowoselskys.

The Council was pleased and impressed with the farm, and felt that the expedition had been worth the effort. Several council members also took the opportunity to visit the Poundmaker Feedlot at Esk — near Lanigan.

The next meeting of Council will be November 3, 1980. If any of you have concerns about, or suggestions for the College, please let me know before that date, so that I may adequately represent you at the meeting.

POWDER BURNS



Gerry Glabb '76 came back to work smiling with bells still ringing in his ears. He and Shelly spent their honeymoon in a tent in B.C. His only complaint is being a little tired. Musta bin the tent pegs.

Dennis Wagner '80, Kelvington, took on Shelly Desrosiers as a farming partner on July 26. Musta bin the June rain.

Judith Slater promised to love, honor and keep an eye on **Glenn Annand's '78** teeth on August 9 at Outlook. Groomsmen were **Carl Singbeil '78** and **Irvin Yorga '78**. **Dick Morken '78** was emcee. Bridesmaids? Ya, there were a couple — the bride's sister, **Joan**, and the groom's sister, **Jill Annand**, a second year agro. Glenn's main occupation is golf. He hills spuds for the vegetable marketing board in his spare time. Judith works full time as a dental assistant.

Garry Anderson '80 from Rosetown was seen wandering around Imperial when **Jannette Anne Baht's** ol' man took a bead on him. Corralled him at the Imperial United Church on April 19. Co-conspirator was Jannette's sister, **Joan**, as maid of honor. **Ken Graham** was groomsman and stretcher-bearer. Jannette took him to Prince Edward Island to dress his wounds — honeymoon they called it. Awaiting grandchildren are Bob and Lois Anderson of Rosetown, and Emil and Anne Baht of Imperial.

Living in Saskatoon we hear.



AGRICULTURE GRADUATES KNOW BETTER

Most of the SAGA Newsletter readers will be aware of the controversy, which Dr. A.A. Guitard created at the recent Agricultural Institute of Canada convention in Edmonton, by suggesting that legislation may be a way of reducing the practice of summerfallowing on prairie farms. Hopefully, an equal number will be able to respond to such a suggestion in a rational and logical way; a way based on scientific fact and not emotional rhetoric.

That the practice of summerfallowing has been harmful to our soils is an undisputable fact. It might be the only economical way to farm, but only because it uses up soil nutrients for yields today at the expense of future yields.

Organic matter content, the prime source of soil productivity, is known to have decreased in prairie soils by 40-50% in just 75 years of cultivation. Summerfallowing, due to its effect on erosion and organic matter decomposition, is largely to blame. A four fold increase of land in Saskatchewan affected by excessive salts, during the past 30 years, is also largely blamed on the practice of summerfallowing.

These harmful effects of summerfallowing do not justify legislation, but they do point out the need for agriculture graduates to provide leadership in finding ways to eliminate these harmful effects, and how to put these ways into practice on an economical basis. You have the ability to do so, because you had the opportunity to acquire a vast amount of knowledge in the art and science of farming in the School or College of Agriculture. However, not all of your neighbours have had or taken this opportunity, and so you need to be in the forefront arguing, on the basis of hard and scientifically true facts, for or against agriculture policies which are being proposed.

I would also suggest that you continue to recommend to your sons and daughters, friends and neighbours that they seriously consider entering the College of Agriculture, either for four years in the degree program or two years in the diploma program, so as to swell the ranks of farmers and agronomists who are able to join you in providing top-flight leadership to the agricultural industry.

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