

FRUM OUR OWN PERCH

Our September issue is a little skimpy, what with the postal strike and harvest operations.

Our grand exalted ruler, **Bob McKercher '54** has been as busy as a hippy with head lice and crotch crickets, and has been out of the country for a spell to boot.

Naturally we're looking forward to whatever action may be taken on the final report of the School of Agriculture Review Committee, which as noted in the June issue is now in the hands of the University Committee.

Carman Berg is ready and waiting to enroll curlers for the '81 reunion. There's always a line-up to get in. There'll be a sign-up sheet in the pre-Xmas issue, of course, but you don't need to wait for that. Just give Carman your name, gradyear and address and whether you want to enter the regular draw or the Hutcheon. Sign up a whole rink or yourself, and the draw committee will match you up with a plugged rink. Just drop a line to the S.A.G.A. post office box in Saskatoon.

We're always looking for members.

We've got 1,800 enrolled now, but could have twice that many with all the living, breathing grads that are out there. Why not sign up yourself, if you're not already a member, or railroad others? Consider a life membership and avoid the annual hassle, memory lapses, etc. Cheap too — you can't beat the price.

We're always looking for news, so just use the back page of the current issue or whatever, and send it along either to us direct, or to the S.A.G.A. — we'll get it in either case. Just because you haven't moved or climbed Mt. Everest lately, is no reason to hold back. The fact that you're still doing the same thing at the same old address is news to friends and classmates. You don't have to be a John Steinbach, just give us the guts. If you are handy with the pen, by all means write it up in your own style.

By the way, it sure helps if you know your own grad year, or of those who you're writing about — it saves us a lot of time trying to match them up with our grad and membership lists. Our grad list is courtesy



of the Alumni Association, but unfortunately isn't as complete as it might be — tighest daydream and run to the john, and sometimes forget where they left off — at the typewriter, that is.

The print shop just changed hands, so please bear with us until they catch on to our queer ways, as I'm sure they will.

We should get some good harvest stories for our next issue — the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Lin Boyes, '48



Frank G. Warder '40, Agriculture Canada Research Station, Swift Current, was presented with the Distinguished Agrolgist Award in recognition of his outstanding work in soils research, at the S.I.A. Convention at Saskatoon in May.

Among those receiving an Honorary Life Membership was **Miller Craig '23** of North Battleford.

POSIES AND PLAUDITS

Bill White '32, dean emeritus, College of Agriculture, was presented with an A.I.C. 50-year membership pin.

Recognition awards went to **Mark Kilcher '49**, Agriculture Canada Research Station, Swift Current, for his long service to the Institute, and to **Jim Martin** and **Bob Sparling AS**, jointly for their role in founding and promoting Sask. Agricultural Youth Institute.

Further at the S.I.A. annual convention, **Gary Alexander Kruger**, Aberdeen, received the S.I.A. Gold Medal as the outstanding agricultural graduate for 1981. He earned 63.5 out of a possible 66 grade points. His weighted class average was 85.11%. He won one or more scholarships in each of his four years in college.

The S.I.A. also recognized retiring registrar **Lloyd Putnam '37** with a gift. **Rose Melville-Ness**, secretary to the registrar, and widow of the late **Tom Melville-Ness, AS FAIC**, was also honored.

Awarded a fellowship in A.I.C. at the national convention at St. Catherines, was **R.P. 'Bob' Forshaw**, formerly professor of animal nutrition at Saskatchewan, 1943-47, and at Guelph, 1948-81.

A.A. 'Art' Guitard, formerly director of Agriculture Canada research station at Swift Current, was also made a fellow of A.I.C. Art is the president-elect of A.I.C.

Keith Downey '50, **Burton Craig '44** and **Milt Bell AS**, along with **B.R. Steffansson**, University of Manitoba, all charter recipients of the CSP Canola Research Award, were presented with trophies at the last annual meeting of the Canola Council of Canada annual meeting, in commemoration of their achievements. The four have agreed to act as the initial advisory committee to nominate future candidates for the award. The award carries a \$5,000 grant to promote research into canola production and utilization research.

SOUP'S ON

The Laird lentil, the first lentil variety to be licensed in Canada, has performed well in laboratory tests of cooking quality.

Developed by Dr. Al Alinkard, AS, of the Crop Development Centre at the University of Saskatchewan, Laird is about 10 per cent higher yielding than the commercial Chilean lentil that has been used in Western Canada.

Lentils are pulse crops — large seeded, edible legumes — which are used exclusively in such human foods as soups and casseroles, and also as substitutes for meat in vegetarian diets. Cooking quality is therefore an important characteristic which, in new varieties, must be proven acceptable to commercial processors in Canada and abroad.

Using specialized instruments in laboratory-scale tests, and checking with a taste panel, Dr. Ron Bhatti, a cereal chemist with the Crop Development Centre, and

Mrs. Marilyn Nielsen, a Saskatoon home economist, found that Laird was equivalent in cooking quality to the commercial Chilean line. An American processing company to which samples of both were sent, reported that Laird produced a highly acceptable soup that was lighter in color, large-seeded and of pleasing appearance. Soup made with the commercial Chilean lentil was similar to that produced with the US No. 1 lentils the company currently uses.

Dr. Bhatti said these findings should encourage greater production of lentils in Saskatchewan, and further diversify the province's agricultural economy. He noted that 12 years ago, Saskatchewan had no land lentils. Last year, it had 70,000 acres for a cash return to farmers to more than \$9 million.

"This dramatic increase in lentil production has been possible partly because of research at the Crop Development Centre, where Laird and an even newer variety, Eston, were developed," Dr. Bhatti said.

He added that additional varieties with

different quality characteristics are being developed at the Centre, "since no single variety can meet the quality requirements of all processors and consumers as home and abroad."

The study of the comparative cooking quality of Laird and the commercial Chilean lentil, was financed by the Agriculture Development Corporation of Saskatchewan (AGDEVCO) and the Market Development Fund, Saskatchewan Agriculture. The samples used were grown by farmers in 30 locations in Saskatchewan, six in Manitoba and one in Alberta. Although cooking quality was generally identical in the two lentils, it varied for both in certain locations. Investigations are underway to account for the influence of the area of production on cooking quality.

A report on the lentil cooking quality tests will be available shortly and may be obtained from John Buchan, Plant Industry Branch, Saskatchewan Agriculture, Walter Scott Building, Regina, S4S 0B1.

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THE BACK TOWNSHIP



Vic Pouteaux '78 took his shiny new M.Sc. sheepskin — sorry, pigskin — to Winnipeg as a nutritionist with New Life Feeds (Parrish & Heimbecker). Specialized in shitty pigs — more specifically in the effects of nutrition on pig scours.

Dave Christensen '58 spent the month of June in Reading, England, and will be spending a year's sabbatical in the California smog. He also managed trips to Australia and Japan. He met Bonnie Kirkpatrick '76 in Japan, but she claims they only talked about her alfalfa — jest kant cotton onto these modern terms.

Marlene Buchinski '77 is an ag. rep.-in-waiting at Prince Albert since March.

Dale Adolphe '72, Canola Council agronomist at Saskatoon, has moved to Winnipeg as co-ordinator of market development. His old job is up fer grabs.

John Ruschowski '80 is the brand new D.A. at Oyen, Alberta.

Cyril LaForge '72 and Dale Domres '76 are busy trying to incorporate the Indians in S.I.A.P. Don't know what it's all about — something to do with getting S.B.D.B. loans

to make moose milk.

Stan Derenweski '79 has moved from Taber to Medicine Hat as co-D.A. Stan Pettem '49 said it took two guys to replace him.

Norm Bray '56 has added the registrarship of S.I.A. to his quiver and moved Loyd Putnam's '37 old files down to Regina. Norm also farms and runs a consulting business. In his dual role he does a lot of talking to himself. What to do, oh what to do? To farm or not to farm?

Lyle Ballard '74, regional FarmStart regional shylock at Weyburn, has filled us in on a few of the comings and goings of South East types.

Lyle went AWOL for three weeks and redecorated his house. Used nine gallons on himself and three on the immediate surroundings.

It seems Val Townsend-Fraser '76 spent three weeks vacation in Newfie and P.E.I. Took her husband Eric, a Ford mechanic, with her to change oil and keep the gearshift lever polished.

Larry White '64, the wife and tads toured the bejusus outa B.C. in a red van, courtesy of FarmStart.

Randy Vopni '71, farmstead engineer let the family take him to the Cypress Hills for a week or so.

Rick Koller '66, farm management disturber, was a grass widower — for a few weeks while Colleen chaperoned some girl guides on a trip to Austria.

Elaine Moats '76 femme fatale ag. rep. at Weyburn, and Greg Fedusiak '81 agrolgist-in-summer-training, spent a few days counting blackbirds in farm fields. The fact that the blackbirds thought they were scarecrows made the problem difficult.

Arnold Pehl '61, Land Bank inflator has joined the Hell's Angels — all his clients keep their kin indoors when he's around. Feels mighty down in the mouth now that the go-go girls are gone from Westby, Montana.

Bob Klemmer '77, regional range rider, is rumored to have given up on the Williston girls — saving his dough for the Newzie floosies.

Herb '71 and Merle Ganz are contributing to the deficit of the Big Three in the automobile industry. They're busy restoring old cars and living it up at the Weyburn Antique Car Club.

'Jumping Jim' Pollock '74 the agriculchur reptile frum moose milk is still single and looking for a fast woman with faster horses. His nags have taken him to several shows this summer. Con't P.3

What's the College Doing?

Make sure you get a copy of College of Agriculture Highlights '81 — what the college is doing in research and teaching

How can you get a copy?

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- * Write:
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P.O. Box 22,
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Just say Bob Brack '52 said you could have one.

Ken Thompson '74 and family have joined the affluent society at Weyburn — they built a mansion on Nob Hill on the East Side. PFRA is definitely on the 'in' side.

Glen Herndier '70 has been taken into the 'Royal Bank fold where they can watch both him and his chequing account — made him assistant agricultural manager at Regina.

F.A. 'Rick' Holm, chief weed watcher for Plant Industry has folded his tent to move to a new oasis — Federated Co-ops in Saskatoon.

Clarence Peters '71, has given up on killing bugs for Plant Industry — gonna try to grow garden stuff — he's got both feet in one of **Stan Sheard's '51** shoes — supervisor of the horticultural section. He's taking night classes in sarcasm, so the little old ladies will feel at home with him.

Jim Holm '67 associate to **Paul Shukin '63**, the tallest Russian west of the Volga, is reputed to be mending well, after a heart attack in June, at the ag. rep. recovery room on Eight Street in Saskatoon.

Doug Mitchell '63 left the Manitoba egg marketing board to go farming at Stoughton in July — waited until the crop was all in, the crafty sod. Bought out Crossman's poultry farm and egg station. Wasn't lyin' (layin') when he got the Manitoba job — he really does like chikkens.

Eugene Bendig '70 and **Ed Tanner '72** of the diocese of Melfort and Tisdale took the 'black fly case' to the higher courts of the CSE at the AIC convention in St. Catherines. One could say they've been bitten by the 'publish or perish' syndrome.

Keeping them honest were a couple of old warhorses, **Pete Petersen '52** and 'ye old ed'.

Doug 'Cannibal Hunter' England '64 took French leave from the Zambian wheat project in July, to squire four of the native project workers on a tour of top notch farms, golf courses and bars.

The word is that **Les Henry '64** of ye olde soil science department, U of S has fallen prey to the wiles of good old dirt. Bought a

tree infested quarter in the Spiritwood area, and is dazzling the natives with a wonder-product called '11-48-0.'

Barry Swanson '72 has lost all hope of ever being able to see the woods fer trees at the 'Bay' — Mac Blo has shut 'er down — no more tree harvesting.

Rand Luhning '75, has been appointed agriculture energy specialist with S.P.C. Whether he got the job through pull or his dynamo personality, he'll try to make sure we'll know.

'**Travellin' Ted' McCannel '50** wuz appointed Manitoba co-ordinator for Ag. Canada's agriculture and food development activities, but left before his chair was warm to become senior assistant grain transportation co-ordinator. He won't have many hoppy kars to co-ordinate if the grain shovellers union don't pick the scoop.

Bernie Sonntag '62, ayatollah of Pierre's research station at Brandon, sez **Gerry Dyck '60** hez returned from a year of studying the love life of the pig at the University of Nottingham, England. He also sez that **Ed Spratt '58**, chief night crawler of the soils section at Brandon, fer lo, these many summers, has left to savor the fruits of state ownership of non-renewable resources with the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan. **Sid Blair '61**, who left Simplot Corporation last year as a repatriate to the same outfit — must have been convincing.

Bob Bradley '62, returned from wandering on the veldes and in the jungles of Tanzania, returned for a visit to his old haunts at Brandon this summer. Several people mistook him for Albert Schwietzer — beard, bush jacket, elephant gun, etc. He seriously considered hanging around until the '82 reunion in January.

Pat '67 and **Evelyn Clift** have traded the asphalt plains of Regina for Winnipeg — to become executive assistant, research and planning, Credit Union Central of Manitoba, and career manager respectively. Behind every good man there's a good

woman.

Bill Wilmot '72 has escaped from the Walter Scott Building in Regina to be a land rep in P.A. Mebbe he's in charge of Indian land claims.

Garth Nickorick '81 is in the Shylock business — F.C.C. credit advisor at North Battleford. Also at North Battleford are **Bob Laing** and **Geordie McKay**, both brand new grads. They're busy inflating municipal assessments.

David Thompson '80, tried the farming business with Father Bear at Speers for a year, worked on a seed testing project with Sask. Agriculture last winter, and when the summerfallow looked as though it was bound for parts unknown, also went with municipal assessment at the north ford of the raging Sask. River.

Diane Berg, espoused wife of **Carman '64**, hez stuck with him through drought, quotas, bachelor parties and fishin' trips. She's even taken on the task of handling his correspondence — just to make sure he gits it right. She's filled us in on a lotta fellas. **Carman** snuck off to Edmonton in January and she's told us the stuff he was brave enuff ta tell 'er.

Ralph Atkinson '67 is chief dispenser of pig starter pellets and cattle salt fer Federated Co-ops in Edmonton.

Ed Schultz '64 is chief hog prodder for Alberta Pork Producers Marketing Board. **Judy**, his wife, is sorta the distaff **Duncan Hines** — she does restaurant reviews in Edmonton and northern Alberta, and is a joint authoress of a book on the subject. **Carman** armtwisted **Jerome Martin '64** into a life membership in S.A.G.A. **Jerome** left Alberta Agriculture in 1979, to form **Norwest Feed Research Ltd.**, and is

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ALTARATIONS



Karen Smith was thinking about those long winter nights. She chose to share her blanket with **Graeme**, youngest son of **Gib '49** and **Marj Wesson**, on July 4. They're teaching at Pine House about 60 miles northwest of LaRonge.

Kathy Brochu gave up Arborfield to live with **Brian Prefontaine '80** in Rockglen on August 8. Whatever possessed her to do a rash thing like that? Oh well, she can always tell her kids stories about grass and trees and flowers.

Bob Evans '79 the bes pikchur taiker we iver hed at a reyunnyun, got hitched ta **Cheryl Jackle** (not dun skool yet) on July 11 in **Mapel Crik**.

Diana Schmidt [mebbe '82] took for

herself **Steve Meister '80** in **Kindersley** on May 30.

Ted Bonertz '79 hoo werks fer beeg advoortizink cumpanie init **Saudi Albertuh** hed a Ukrainian tipe waddink in **Wynart** wit chikken fer sopper on August 8. **Sharon Korsak's '80** fokes hirit hawl. Awl the bes gurls cum frum **Wynart**.

No more new stuff this issue, so back to the replays.

Gib '49 and **Marj Wesson** made it to their 40th on July 19, 1981. About 70 old friends came to sit with them that day. **Marj** says how come you used to tickle my nose and bite me on the ear. "Okay", **Wes** says, "Turn on the light and find my teeth."

1981 S.A.G.A. EXECUTIVE

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Turtleford

involved in feed analysis, seed testing and consulting. He still pounds the piano on occasion, but only on a solo basis — no band. He offers free use of the coffee maker for grad types brave enough to drop in.

Carman has been working on **Jerome** and **Ed** to get them to take in an S.A.G.A. reunion before their own "Big '20", so's they'll know how it should be done and how they should behave at their's.

Diane also filled us in on some of the other grads in the Tyner neighborhood. **Keith Collins '75**, is also lucky enough to have a wife, called **Diane**, and they've been renovating a two-storey house. A passel of naybors, 44 in all, figgered they were being real slowpokes, so they gave them a housewarming before they were finished to spur them on a bit.

Russell Houstin '69 is busy raising three daughters with a little help from the wife. He helps her with the farming.

Vern Houston '48 and **Lyle Minogue '67** are farming at Lacadena and keeping one jump ahead of the prime rate.

Don Sutherland '52 came back to the homestead at Richlea with a new wife this spring. Don't pay ta rush inta things.

Merle '59 and **Glenn Byrnes '63** are also farming at Richlea.

Ed Jackson '49 is still raising cain, seed and whatever else at Eston.

Russ Campbell '50 is working on his second million at Eston — farming, auctioneering and garage sales in the summer, and ag. engineering department in the winter. Sez he isn't "making any money but keeps busy". The bank has assigned him a loans officer of his very own to keep him afloat.

Carman and brother, **Jim, Ag. Eng '63**, an associate and life member of the S.A.G.A., are both trying to wrest a living in the dry belt. The rains are as spotty as a Dalmatian dawg.

Diane sez **Carman** advises curlers that it isn't too early to get their entries in for the '82 bash. Correct address and grad year, please.

A few East Central types did a little catching up on their hobbies.

Jeanette Lewchuk got herself a new super douser rotary. **Zane '74** was able to handle it by himself after a few hours of dual. She pressed **Baz Fritz '73** into a lil' truckin'. **Jeanette's** sort of a retired farmerettee — raising tads and cinnamon buns. She pleads headaches at harvest time — don't know about other times.

'Tokyo Joe' Rakochy '73 is still plowing along tryna promote world trade, a Belarus tractor and a Mazda sedan — front wheel drive and rear wheel payments. It's a toss-up as to who blows the most fuses.

Leonard Malinsky '72 is tryna get White Motor Co. to honor the warranty on a 542 S.P. — did a whole 43 acres in a week.

Ken Brice '64, Land Bank price fixer, wound up his back forty with a flourish and is going around waiting for rain so's he can use his horse laff.

Vera George, manager of **Art '49**, has undergone surgery to replace an artery in

her neck — no more blackouts, hopefully.

Bill '70 and **Brenda Wilson** are farming the hair right off beef cattle down at Carlyle. Now they've put up a silo and hope they can make enough to keep both the dogies and themselves. Tryna turn a 'Blue Tower' into a 'Black Tower' 'steada of a red one? Er mebbe its jes wanna them konkreet wuns.

Bob '71 and **Karen Ivey** took in the 10-year 'ketch-up' reunion at Kenosee and dropped in on Bill and Brenda. Bill figures Karen will be mostly knitting until sometime in October. Brenda hasn't volunteered her estimate — she probably hez the reel gen, but ain't tawkin'.

Pat Ramsay '80, served his internship in the extension business at Peace River and has hung up his shingle as D.A. at Airdrie — a B.C. type who took his degree in the 'real agriculture' at Saskatchewan.

Sask. ag. grad types, in addition to those mentioned, seen wandering lonely as clouds at the A.I.C. conference were **Herb Clark '45**, **Al Slinkard ?**, **Bryan Harvey '60**, **Gary Story '73**, **Pete McLaren '54**, **Don Blackburn '53**, **'Lex' Rutherford '48**, **Norm Hemstad '64**, **Al McLeod '49** and **Doug McRorie '56**. Several gave lectures to the populace, suitably couched in Latin phraseology to confuse their audiences, and to make denials easy if anyone challenged their assumptions — vieled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.

Roger Evert '70, less forsaken the comfy for the rustic. He's leaving Sherwood Park in sunny Alberta as loan review supervisor for F.C.C., to work on a C.I.D.A. water development project in Zambia for two years. Gonna visit the flesh pots of Europe for a month enroute.

Ross Kingdon '55, Saskatchewan Agriculture guru for the undeveloped North West, is the new president of S.I.A.

Ed Schulte '48 and **Eileen** of the Schulte Schultes of Engelfeld called on **Ed Reed '48** at Kindersley. Brought along the mayor of the rock pickin' city — Trent.

They're joinin' younger — **Owen Crawley**

'80 got a two inch rain out there at Harris. Buoyed him up so much he plunked down \$50 for a life sentence in S.A.G.A. Figgered it might bring more — rain, that is.

Richard Bellamy '66, our trusty registrar, hasn't changed his name to Ralph. He's still Richard — the 1981 S.A.G.A. Executive listing in 'The Saga' notwithstanding.

Harry Joe Elder '52, Fillmore, got hissself another ground floor job — he's the new chairman of the Saskatchewan Beef Stabilization program. He was the first chairman of the Saskatchewan Hog Marketing Commission, and if memory serves us right, the first president of the Saskatchewan 4-H Council.

Jack McFaul '44 is a brand new director of Metropolitan Life Insurance. It musta bin thet new ornery dokters degree whut did it. Mebbe he threatened to throw in with the Mutual people.

Bob Brack '52 hez bin pesterin' us to put in advertisement in regardin' the Collitch, Hi-lites '81, so be shure ya reed it.

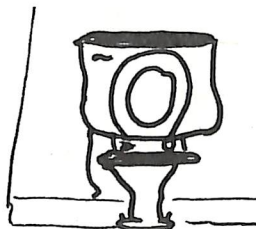
Kate Moen '79 left Monsanto in Edmonton to pursue a degree in education and several fellas in Saskatoon.

Murray Walker '79 is carryin' on at the T.D. bank in Speedy Crik. He's refusin' lones ta the needy, rite and lef. They say he ain't even nice abowtit.

Mary Mysak, dearly expoused wife of **Orest '48**, has undergone surgery at the Yorkton Union Hospital and is on the mend — she's beginning to criticize the cooking. Orest and son, Danny, are managing on frozen perogies, halupchi and sishlaki (?) with the odd glass of chokecherry cordial to maintain their digestion.

Mike Oxman '50, the Shah of the Mystic East Central Region, hieth himself to a meeting of all the scribes of the Canadian Agricultural Extension Directors Council in Lethbridge in September.

Also noted in attendance at the AIC Conference were **John Clark '54**, U.G.G. and **Harvey Goehring '57**, Pioneer Grain, both of Winnipeg. **Ed Knash**, Land Bank, Regina, was also noted doing a bit of moseying. —



Laurie Beth Wilson was not to be deterred by the postal strike. She arrived by 'special delivery' to the Wilsons at Carlyle — **Bill '70** and **Brenda BS H.Ec. '71** on July 2 at 4:45 a.m.

A hefty lass at 7 lbs. 5 oz. and 20 inches long. Looks like brother Mark — you mean you can really tell at that age?

Darcy Jones-Spagrud '80 and **Marc Spagrud '80** have been stricken with fertility. **Lara Jennifer** arrived July to help with the farming at Rockglen. Their first —

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they didn't have any before they got married.

Doug '71 and **Bonnie Cowie** welcomed their spring edition at Meadow Lake — **Heather**, on April 8. She's gonna have to hold her own against twin boys.

Marietta Miedema also came to Meadow Lake — Like on June 3. The father is **Gerald '77**. Not sure who the mother is. Probably **Yvette**.

Renise Kathlyn McLean decided Carn-duff wasn't a bad place to say she came from, so she came on August 11 to **Grant '71** and **Royce** — their first. Stuck it out with mom in all that hot weather.

Vic '78 and **Brenda** were waiting for **Preston Walter Pouteaux**, on May 29, and took him to Winnipeg to live on the avails of the pig feed business. —



THE SENIOR SET

Doug Grant '49 is still speaking to us after the June issue — even Margaret is keeping us on her list.

Bob Forshaw AS was viewed as being hale and hearty at the AIC. From his vaunted altitude he didn't miss anyone he knew. Says he believes in making way for the younger sprouts, so he retired. Bob views all his old students with a great fondness.

He's living in the Boundary Country of B.C. — Grand Forks — east of the Okanogan and west of the Kootenany. He's sort of a good natured border guard. His latch string is a mile long — only a few yards (sorry, metres) off Highway #3. His address is 112 S.E. Fourth Street. His phone answers to (604) 442-3325. He's especially interested in Sask. types who took class from him while he was at the U of S 1943-47. Knowing Bob, he'll remember you.

Thirst ye not, A NEW MALT COMETH

Harrington, a two-row malting barley developed at the University of Saskatchewan, has been licensed for sale in Canada. The new variety was developed by Dr. Bryan Harvey, '64, of the Crop Science Department, and Dr. Brian Rossnagel, AS, of the Crop Development Centre. It has been released exclusively to SeCan for seed increase and distribution.

The variety was named in memory of the late Dr. J.B. Harrington, '20, FAIC, who was a member of the University's Field Husbandry Department (now Crop Science) from 1923 to 1956, including five years as head. During a distinguished career he produced a number of cereal varieties for Saskatchewan.

Harrington has outyielded the varieties Klages, Fairfield, Elrose, Norbert and Summit in three years of testing. It matures 2 to 3 days earlier than Klages and has stronger straw. Since its disease resistance is similar to Klages and Elrose, it is best suited to western Saskatchewan and central and southern Alberta.

Laboratory and pilot scale malting and brewing tests indicate that Harrington is superior in quality to Klages. It has better kernel plumpness, extract and enzymatic activity. Its commercial acceptance will be evaluated in plant scale malting and brewing trials in 1982-83.

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He's still serving on a committee of the Ontario Pork Producers Marketing Board, which is chaired by Gordon Bowman '52, and is trying to bring a little order into the pig market so's producers don't have to be forever eyeing their shirts. As per usual he approaches the task with vigor and considerable understanding.

Lloyd Putnam '37 says he's retired and working for the wife. He's given up the registrarship of the S.I.A. after a three-year stint, having served due notice of his intention to do so. Did a ruddy good job while he was in harness — he always does.

Don Kirk '48 hez dun it too — retired after 34 years before the mast of good ship H.M.S. Civil Service — feds, that is.

After toiling mightily for many years as the chief crier for P.F.R.A. information services, he hid himself to Ottawa where he worked for the Department of Health & Welfare in a similar role — instead of dugouts and Texas gates it was all haemorrhoids and breast feeding.

He still keeps his hand in the propaganda business — currently its a study of kids' needs in Lanark County. Marcia is the secretary and she hired Don as co-ordinator.

Like all country boys, the smell of freshly turned soil got to him, so he and Marcia and some Shylock bought a 100-acre farm near Perth, about five years ago. In boasts an

early 1800's log house overlooking a lake. They even have a small lake of their own which is polluted with fish.

He sez they raise mainly groundhogs, each of which is provided with it's own individual rock, on which to perch and whistle to his neighbors. They don't raise a good deal else, but it keeps them busy.

He and Marcia tried commuting to Ottawa for about three years, but the energy crisis got them, so they packed it in. Getting up an hour or so earlier is wearing on the soul.

Don sez George '48 and Letta Murray have a farm just 20 miles away. George is farming seriously, although that doesn't mean it's paying. He's seriously considering bleeding off the juice from his silo and setting up a still — with 50 gallons a month on the blackmarket he should make enough to cover his personal deductions.

Bill 'I did it my way' Carr '48, is still around Ottawa somewhere, although Don hasn't spotted him at the National Press Club lately. Hobart 'Home on the Range' Peters '45 keeps busy on foreign assignments, such as the love life of the water buffalo, and the frequency of rear suspension failure in crossbred wallabies.

Don admits to a real soft spot for S.A.G.A. for keeping old grads in touch.

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THE EBBING TIDE



William Birrell Motion '30 passed away in Regina on June 5 at 71 years.

Birrell was born at Jansen and raised in the Fenwood and Abernethy districts. He graduated from the School of Agriculture in 1930, and also attended courses at the University of Manitoba.

He joined the dairy branch, Sask. Agriculture in 1937 as dairy inspector. In 1953 he bought the Standard Creamery in Yorkton which he operated until 1966 when he moved to Regina to become chairman of the Sask. Milk Control Board.

Birrell was very active in the Sask. Dairy Association. He was a director for some seven years and served as president in 1964. He was awarded a life membership in

1976.

Prominent in United Church affairs he served on the boards of stewards, the session and trustees while a member of St. Andrews in Yorkton, and was a member of session of Lakeview United in Regina.

Over a period of some 25 years he played a major role in the affairs of the Canadian Cancer Society, having been a member of numerous committees, and also served a term as provincial president.

Birrell was an active and distinguished member of the Masonic Order. He was a past master of the Yorkton Lodge #12 A.F. and A.M., and a past presiding officer of King George Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Cryptic Rite and Wascana Preceptory. He was recently awarded the Knight Cross of Honor.

In addition to his other interests he played an active role in the United Commercial Travellers as a member and as a Past Counsellor.

He married Grace Lanigan in August 1937. They had two daughters — Sharon, wife of Galen VanCleave and Dianne of Regina; and son David, married and living in Swift Current. He also leaves four grandchildren, and brothers Bruce of

Colorado Springs and Tom of Saskatoon.

He was predeceased by an infant son in 1940, by his father in 1918, his mother in 1946 and a sister in 1916.

Funeral services were held from St. Andrews United Church in Yorkton on Tuesday, June 9, with Rev. Art Cross officiating. Interment took place at Yorkton Cemetery.

Thomas Gordon John Loveridge, S'20, C'23, passed away in Grenfell on August 15, 1981 at the age of 81 years. The funeral service was held on August 18, with interment in the family plot in the Grenfell Cemetery.

He was predeceased by a son, Russell, in 1959, a sister, Florence Moss, and three brothers: Fred, James Walter (Joe), and William. He is survived by his wife, Tillie, a son Lorne of Grenfell, seven grandchildren, and a sister, Ethel Loveridge of Grenfell.

Gordon Loveridge was born near Grenfell in 1900. He enrolled in the College of Agriculture in 1917 and graduated with an associate diploma in 1920 and a B.S.A. degree in 1923. Following graduation he returned to the farm to give many years of service to the dairy industry. He served terms as President of the Saskatchewan Dairy Association, the Saskatchewan Co-operative Creamery Association from 1946 to 1961, and the Dairy Farmers of Canada. He was made a member of the Saskatchewan Dairy Hall of Fame in 1974.

Mr. Loveridge was a Councillor and Reeve of the R.M. of Elcapo for 21 years, and served on the Board of Governors of the University of Saskatchewan for 6 years. He was active in the Grenfell United Church, the Masonic Lodge, and the Senior Citizens Association. He was a life member of S.A.G.A.

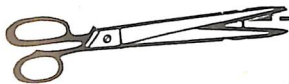
John M. Varey '22, passed away this summer at Victoria, B.C. If anyone has further details of his passing we'd be pleased to hear from them. He was a life member of S.A.G.A.

Allan A. 'Spike' Smith '15 passed away peacefully at his home in Saskatoon on August 12 at 87 years.

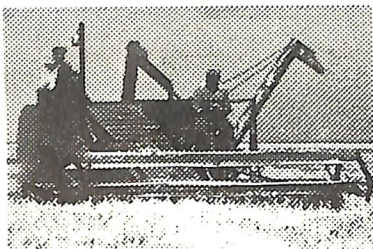
Born on a farm at Minto, Manitoba on May 7, 1894, he received his early education there. The family then moved to Brock where they lived briefly before moving to Saskatoon. 'Spike' completed his high school at Nutana Collegiate, and was in the first class to graduate from the College of Agriculture with a diploma in 1915.

His oldest son, **Ashley 'Bud' Smith**, graduated from the College in 1948, and Bud's son **Keith** graduated from the School in 1977.

He joined the Canadian Army in March
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1916, and returned after service in France to marry Georgina Clinkskill on March 24, 1920. They took up a Soldier Settlement Board farm at Naicam, where they farmed until 1944, when they moved back to

Saskatoon, at which time 'Spike' joined the staff of the V.L.A., retiring in 1959. He worked as a part-time field inspector with the Canada Agriculture Plant Products Division during his farming years.

EVERBUDDY HEZ HIS OWN AGENDA



Bob McKercher '54, the new pres. is dreamin' of the grate yeer weer gonna hev in 1981; Pat Currie is buggin' the Vice Pres. Mel Preston about flunkin her kid; Betty Brown is wunderin if Jake '53 will be sober enuff ta drive; and Bob Bens '64 past pres. is tellin sumbuddy whut a mess he left things in fer McKercher ta straiten owt.

Active in sports, he coached and managed the 'Pats', a ladies softball team at Naicam. He was one of the early boosters of Hilltops football in Saskatoon, and managed the V.L.A. hockey team for several years.

He was an ardent gardener, a past president of the Saskatoon Gladiolus Society, and an accomplished rose grower.

'Spike' was probably the most widely known member of the Sask. Agriculture Graduates Association, of which he was a past president, and was awarded an honorary life membership in recognition of his devotion to the good and welfare of that organization. He rarely, if ever, missed the annual reunion. Seeing him there with his shock of white hair, twinkling eyes and ever-youthful spirit, always lended an air of authenticity to the proceedings. His fame was in a human sense, rather than the more prosiac academia.

Surviving him are: his daughter Mrs. Marion Markson of Saskatoon and her husband Sam; A.G. 'Bud' Smith '48 and wife Joanne, on the farm at Clavett; J.A. [Jim] Smith and wife Mary, Saskatoon. He also leaves nine grandchildren, two great grandchildren; and two sisters, who live in Vancouver.

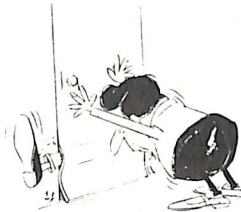
Mrs. Smith predeceased him in December, 1970.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, August 18 and burial took place at Woodlawn Cemetery in Saskatoon. Rev. Arthur Bell officiated.

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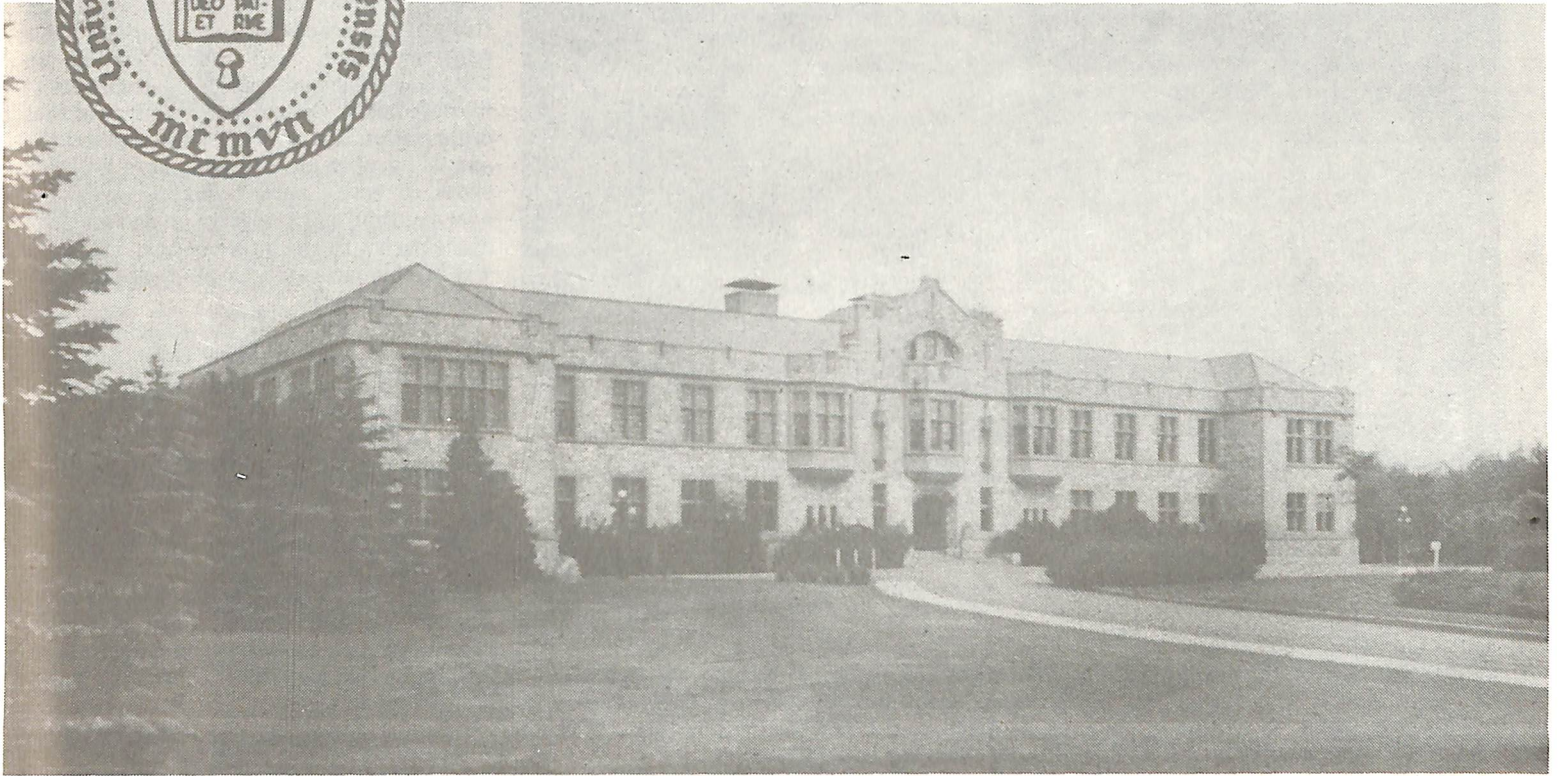
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There was a young miss of Tottenham.
Her manners? She'd simply forgotten 'em,
During tea at the vicar's
She whipped off her knickers
Because she was feeling to hot in 'em!



The old farmer had always wanted to stay at a hotel. At last he made it, but just as he and the missus were ready for bed, he noticed something missing. "Where", he asked the porter, "Is the chamber pot?" The man explained they didn't have such a thing, but that there was a bathroom at the end of the hall. He said he didn't want a bath, so in the end the porter brought him a quart bottle for a buck. "Well Sir, how did you get on?" enquired the porter the next morning. "I was alright myself, said the farmer," but I was up half the night trying to make a funnel for the missus."

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Curriculum for the College of Agriculture

Dr. Harvey acknowledged the addresses of Dr. Clay Gilson and Mr. D. Allen to the 1980 Forum on Education, AIC Annual Meeting at Edmonton, as important sources for the content of his address.

Dr. Gilson had recognized five components of a professional education:

1. The professional component itself, which must include the scientific principles behind the discipline, and their application to practical agriculture. Faculties of agriculture must contribute to the theory and application to the solution of problems; their approach and attitudes should set an example to the students.
2. The liberal education component — graduates must think and communicate, and be trained to contribute to an increasingly complex society. He acknowledged that a weak component in our college curriculum is communication, for which the college of Arts and Science is partly responsible — but attitudes are changing.
3. The "self understanding" component — this is probably obtained through channels outside of course work, it means attainment of maturity as human beings, and of a philosophy of life.
4. The component of continuing education — education, once acquired, does not have a permanent value; knowledge becomes obsolete or incomplete. The role of the SIA and the AIC in this is seen in the recent example of professional development courses.
5. The component of the ideals of a profession — these are needed to achieve greatness; professionals should operate according to professional ideals, and students should learn these ideals by example.

How successful are we? D. Allen acknowledges that our graduates are well trained and knowledgeable, albeit somewhat narrowly, but stated some objections, some of which are often heard:

1. Weaknesses in communication skills, written and oral, in — poor spelling, poor oral presentation, inability to write reports, are commonly seen. Skills in these respects are increasingly lacking. This is really an indictment of the whole educational system.
2. Weakness in problem solving — inability to sort out key issues and solve them; this situation needs a remedy. Suggested that we adopt the "case approach", as used in business administration courses, presenting realistic situations for analysis, and applying stringent judgment and penalties for failure to recognize issues, and for poor writing.
3. The increased numbers of students with urban background have trouble relating on farmers — requires on-farm training. (This was later administer; it is really the job of the College, or should it be that of the employer?)
4. Capacity to deal with "isms" — agriculture is facing increasing pressures from urban groups, opposed to feedlots, pesticides, agricultural land reserves, etc. These social activists freely express themselves in what they perceive as their own interests; agrologists must be able to deal with them.

These criticisms have to be taken seriously.

Dr. Harvey dealt with the matter of College accreditation at some length, mentioning the advantages of the process, chief among which seemed to be, that the faculty to be subject to it is forced, in preparation, to closely examine itself, and that the identification of weaknesses can result in improvements. On the other hand, the process itself is expensive, both in terms of direct cost and the loss of faculty time. There may be other means of obtaining similar ends, i.e. through an internal evaluation, and ongoing dialogue between, for example, an Institute of Agrology and the faculty. Excellence is not legislated; it emerges from dedication and professional conduct.

Dr. Harvey spoke of recent actions of the curriculum committee, describing the nature of the Master of Agriculture degree, still to be finally approved by the Universities Commission. It will require five, instead of the two and one-half courses, required for the M.Sc., and a project instead of a thesis based on research. The agricultural extension option, of interest to the SIA, is not out of the curriculum committee stage and its future

is still uncertain; there is difficulty in assembling appropriate courses. The committee recognizes a need for a chemistry, course, more suited to the needs of agros, then the solid inorganic chemistry now offered in the one course that most agros get.

The conclusion of Dr. Harvey's talk was followed by some discussion.

1. Students are receiving some lectures on professionalization in the first and final years.

2. On a question about law, the College of Law has inquired about how it might serve other faculties — the fields of law, business administration and personnel management cannot be covered in the College of Agriculture curriculum, both Law and Commerce are able to be highly selective, so that it is difficult to get agrologists into their courses.

On a question pertaining to guest lecturers, budgetary restraints now limit these.

Extract from an address by **Dr. Bryan Harvey '64**, Assistant Dean of the College of Agriculture; recently a member of Council of the SIA and its representative on National Council, AIC.

The Role of the University in Saskatchewan Agriculture

The SIA has been concerned for years to press for improvement in the staffing, housing, and facilities of the College of Agriculture to a level commensurate with the importance of agriculture in Saskatchewan, not to mention equivalency to the other colleges of agriculture in the country. Dr. Kristjanson's remarks opened a vista of hope for the realization of the aspirations of agrologists for the college.

Dr. Kristjanson undertook to explain his perceptions, or vision, of the eventual relation of the University to agriculture. In addition to the college, he saw all the agriculture-related groups on the campus, and elsewhere in the province—Agriculture Canada research Stations, the laboratories of the Sask. Research and National Research Councils, the several laboratories in the university's developing research park, the colleges of Veterinary Medicine, Engineering, and Arts and Science — all collaborating on a number of projects in certain areas to serve the rural community.

He was not concerned to create a new institution on the model of Guelph or North Dakota; he saw the University of Sask. as establishing its own model, unique in relation to this province and the Saskatchewan taxpayer. He thought that the agricultural part of the campus should symbolize the importance of Saskatchewan agriculture to the visitor, which it does not now do.

The cost of accomplishing this is currently estimated at 100-125 million dollars,

seemingly a large amount, but not so large in relation to the cost for example of sinking the shaft of a potash mine, at about double the amount mentioned. This may be considered a capital investment, paying off over a period of a century or so, meeting needs that will not diminish. Reasonable as these objectives are, they will be difficult to meet in the face of political pressure to limit spending.

He referred to the unique FarmLab program, to be implemented under a contract recently signed between the University and the Government of Saskatchewan. This program implies work forced by the consideration of needs of farmers. If successful, it should help maintain public support, and improve public appreciation of scientific research.

Dr. Kristjanson's remarks carried the theme of the University as a whole being an agricultural resource. He was optimistic that the atmosphere was currently right for the University to become a significant force in agriculture.

In reply to a question at the close of his talk, he expressed hope that by 1982-83, work will be underway in the planning of the physical facilities, which might have to include temporary quarters if the FarmLab staff is to be accommodated.

Development of the College of Agriculture is now acknowledged as of high priority.

Abstract of the Address of the President of the University, Dr. Leo F. Kristjanson.

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