

AN INNOCENT ABROAD... In China



Thousands of tourists have taken the opportunity to visit China, since her borders were reopened to the world in 1978. Most of them agree that their experiences considerably exceeded their expectation of this mysterious land.

The simplest means of entering China is by joining an organized tour group. China International Travel Service (CITS), a government body, supervises all aspects of admittance to and travel within China. CITS provides English speaking guides, who are well versed in Chinese history, and are quite open on any subject except the political situation.

On entering the People's Republic of

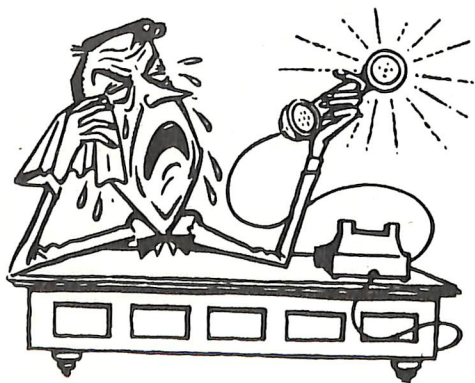
China, you will be asked to declare all valuables (watches, rings, cameras) in your possession, and you must have these articles with you, upon exiting the country. The authorities do not allow any gifting or tipping to the people, and this is one method of control.

Tour groups are first advised of their hotel, upon arrival at the respective airport. The tour operator therefore, has virtually no control over the quality of the hotel being assigned to the group. Generally speaking, all hotels are clean and comfortable, but conditions can vary considerably. All rooms are

twin bedded with private bath, and would classify as budget to tourist by our standards. While, on most occasions, you can expect good comfortable accommodation, be prepared for the odd poor mattress, or only lukewarm water in the morning. The Chinese hoteliers try very hard to please, but often lack an understanding of our expectations, and of the facilities with which to operate. These variances only make a trip to China all the more exciting.

To travel China you must be prepared to enjoy Chinese food and, almost certainly, to eat it with chopsticks. The quality of their food is excellent, and there is always more than you really require. Soft drinks (lemon or orange) and beer are served instead of water, which you should avoid drinking. Lunches and dinners consist of six to ten courses, containing a good balance of meats (chicken, pork, and some beef) with exquisitely prepared vegetables - cabbage, boychoy, peas, beans, sprouts, broccoli and squash to list a few. Soup and fruit indicate the end of the meal. Be prepared for the unusual in food -- sea cucumber, eel, octopus, as examples --

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THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

2(A mailing permit for our Newsletter is not feasible. The postal people require a minimum posting of 2500 copies, and they must always be uniform respecting weight, size, and format (so let's get with it, guys n' dolls!)

3(The School of, Agriculture Review Committee comprised of **Bob Bens '64, Blair Backman '64, Bob Blakely '51 and Eugene Bendig '70**, have sent their final report to the review committee at the University.

4(There are two matters we shall face in the near future. One is a possible sponsorship of an individual to the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame. Potential members should be drawn to our attention along with some supporting evidence.

I thought that since we are now unlikely to meet before fall, it would be useful to update you on a few items.

1(Les McLean, our new secretary-treasurer, has been able to reinvest some matured certificates at very favorable interest rates.

The second is that planning for the building project for agricultural facilities at the U. of S. continues. Eventually the Ag. Grads will be approached for some form of contribution to the project. I intend to introduce the topic at our next meeting, so bring along your ideas please.

Have a good summer.
Bob McKercher '54

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The President's Pen for this issue is really a slightly aberrated reprint of a secret letter to the S.A.G.A. executive -- decoded via ultraviolet light. Bob has been up to knees in radioactive drift ridges, and just didn't have time for an official message to his parishioners.

② FROM THE GOPHER'S LAIR

John Billet '69, and **Murray Fulton '77** -- son of **Fred '50** have taken up the quill to pen articles in the Green and White to recent issues.

Gilbert Robbins '31, after many years in the Clydesdale business at Laura, has taken up residence in Saskatoon, but still has a hand in the business. Gil's brother-in-law, **Gordon Hymers '39**, basks in reflected glory.

Johnny Melynick '59 has forsaken the fleshpots of Montreal to move to Winnipeg with the Industrial Development Bank.

Dan Lockinger '73 grants approval or evokes denial of all viands at Watson Meat Processors, on behalf of Her Majesty's meat inspection service.

Obtensibly **Aaron Mitchell '74**, **Ross Ashford**; **Bob Mc Kercher '54**, and **Brian Drew '74**, **Bill Chambers '31**, **Vic Beck '50**, **Rick Holm '74** and other weedy wallahs attended the Weed Science Society of America annual meeting in Las Vegas. Actually they were revelling in the joys of the city of no night, and in search of sympathetic slot machines, free likker and a fireproof motel.

Jim Harren '65, after many moons with Monsanto in Saskatoon and Calgary, has set himself up as western sales manager for Cyanamid at Calgary

The S.A.G.A. Forever After

A few more inflation conscious grads have dug down into the sock, and aligned themselves to the S.A.G.A., until divine providence doth separate them from mortal toil.

Dale Partridge '60 of the diocese of Winnipeg, writes that **D.M. 'Dougie' Barr '40** has left the employ of Lyon's agriculture to pasture his ponies at 3582 Brendalee Road, Westbank, B.C. -- Gwen went along too.

Russel Harris '71 is the new agro manager with Bonnyville Co-op as of April 1. Marty and the bairns moved out there at the end of April -- a girl 6, and two boys -- 4 and 1.

Ralph Henning '76 is still single and rampant on the farm at Glaslyn -- lots of hits and runs, but no errors.

Jim Shirki '76 hez moved from Windthorst to Lampman as parts manager for Grimes Sales and Service. Don't say whut parts er service er sales fer whut.

Doug Hobman '81 is starting out right -- a gift of a life sentence from the Nadigers -- in-laws er grandfolks? -- Young enuff ta hev both.



-- Greenpeace notwithstanding.

Glen Flaten '56, is the first president from Saskatchewan of the C.F.A., since the late Jack Wesson held the post from 1935 to 1939.

Art Stilborn '41, chairman of the '41 College reunion, reports that one of the sins of omission incurred in the write-up in the last issue of 'The Saga', was failure to mention the name of **Walter Parkinson** who was definitely on deck. Walter retired several years ago from Saskatoon DVA office. He divides his calendar between Saskatoon and Pike Lake.

Gerrit Buitenhuis '48 of Raymore and **Leroy Larson '73** of Canwood, who have stumped the hustings for Sask. Wheat Pool for several snows as sub-district delegates, have now been elevated to the green carpet and the leather swivel chairs of the corporate board room.

Doug England '63, wife **Marta**, and son **Mathew**, their first born, came home on May 11 from darkest Zambia to return July 5. Doug will return to Prince Albert come November to resume his career as resident ag. rep. They were accompanied by four Zambian extension agents, who will view our wheat production and marketing techniques, and return to remake the face of their tribal domain.

Dean Andersen '80, managerial trainee at Tisdale, has moved to Meadow Lake to dispense crop production products and technology from the storehouses of Federated Co-ops.

Doug Jose AS, former agricultural economics type at the University, extends his remembrances to his many former students and confreres. Doug is now ensconced in winter wheat country -- the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Bill Hamilton '50, assistant secretary for C.F.A. at Ottawa, held forth on

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they are foreign to our palates but delicious. One of the best soups, consumed by the writer, was snake soup - most tasty.

The Chinese people are friendly and curious to learn about foreigners. Since there is a very low crime rate, you can move freely around the streets and shops with no concern, other than being stared at. Many of the people who speak English, will address you and carry on a very enlightening conversation - this is one of the pleasant surprises awaiting the traveller.

Transportation for the approximately a billion Chinese is by foot or bicycle, since no individual can own a motor vehicle. Very few families own more than one bicycle, as one represents a sizeable investment from their limited income. A lasting impression has to be the never ending procession of blue - and - green garbed people moving by.

Your own travel within China will be by modern motorcoach, complete with excellent drivers and knowledgeable guides. You will be shown royal palaces, temples, museums, carpet factories, jade and ivory carving factories, and will be taken into some of the better communes, where you will enter right into their homes. Through interpreters, you can discuss their family situations, incomes, retirement plans and many other subjects close to our own lives. A notable experience is to visit a commune's medical clinic, where you can walk into the dentist's office, or watch an acupuncture treatment -- one of our group actually had one during our visit.

China has fortunately protected many of the priceless historical artifacts from the various dynasties. Surprising to the Western traveller, is the ability to walk past unguarded vases, large works of gold and jade, and jewel - encrusted statues, within the many temples and museums. Some of the most valuable pieces have been put in their national museums, but a large sampling is open to close viewing by the general public.

A visit to China can be extremely rewarding for the observant and adventurous traveller. You must be prepared for the unexpected, and sometimes the unacceptable, but the minor inconveniences will be greatly outweighed by the opportunity to mingle with the people of this emerging nation.

Art Delahay '52

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trade and marketing at the recent seminar of SAYI. Assisting were Gary Storey '63 of the woolly face, and C.M. 'Red Power' Williams AS.

Bob Mason '65, has been sheep ranching at Kenaston for nigh on these many years. He ran between 500 and 1100 ewes as the spirit moved him. Also been trying the organic farming bit these past 3 years. He has now decided to forsake the hills and dales of Kenaston to take up residence with his new wife and daughter in Moose Jaw.

Hugh Kennedy '42, still living with the same woman -- name of Audrey, we hear tell. Son Peter has set up farming back at Conquest. Dan '68 is helping Hugh farm the old homestead. A daughter took her nursing course at City Hospital, and now resides in Boston, Mass., and gets 'The Saga' secondhand.

Ron Martin '75, agrologist with the T-D in Brandon, reports Tim Howden '75 has been making frequent trips to the doctor. He doesn't look sick, just acts

that way. The doctor is young and 38 - 28 - 36.

Bob Lockwood '64, Outlook, Doug Leask '75, Howard Duncan '65, Norm Ballagh '66 and Bruce Cheston '66, all of Regina, held forth on a speakers panel at the F.C.C. annual meeting in Regina in February. They raised the interest rates anyway. Havin' ye olde ed as M.C. didn't help.

The University senate electoral slate was fair jumpin' wi' Sask. ag. grads this last round - Ann (Caton) Saville '47, Ravenscrag, Donald Bowie '39, Piapot, Lynn Thompson '61, Yorkton, John G. Stephenson '49, Stranraer, and Beth (Bridge) McDonald B.H.Sc. '46 wife of Bruce '47, Kindersley.

Stu Kramer ' , hez tuk over as assistant deputy minister and shortstop to 'Big Mac' MacMurchy.

Bill '66 and Jim '70 Turner are fixing to fill the 1985 grain target by 1981. Bill does income tax consulting and accounting on the side so's he can see how the other guys make all the money.

Cec Jenkins '51 is still farming with old machinery at Strasbourg. Gotta cut down the inventory from the IHC dealership someway.

Les Henry '64, our trusty past president, twice removed, is the president-elected of S.I.A. for '81-'82 by acclamation.

The Saskatchewan branch Canadian Seed Growers Association elected Winston South '61, Melfort, as vice president, Ken Panchuk '76, Regina, as secretary, and Bill Farley '50, Grand Coulee, as board member at their annual meeting. The Rapeseed Growers re-elected Bob Bullock '62, Maidstone, as president, Morris Sebulsky '63, Sheho, was also re-elected at treasurer. Among the directors are Ron Cay '63 Kenaston, Bob Gilmour '61, Carrot River, Ken Goudy ' , Melfort and Lorne Veikle ' , Cut Knife. Kinda makes it look like a backroom job at the teamsters union convention.

Elmer Bittner '65, D.A. at Leduc, has been appointed senior D.A. to ride herd over the boys at Leduc, Strathcona and Stony Plain.

Ralph Schlechte '50, Melfort, hied himself off down under for a 30 day tour of Tahiti, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. The scenery in the bars was delightful, and the females were friendly.

Bob Baker '61 and Joan took a run at the near East and African scene. Spent a week around Athens and took a partially sponsored tour of Zambian Game Parks. Ran into some grad types at a wheat workshop in Lusaka -- Stu

McBean '38, Frank Miller '39, Ted Hurd '50, Doug England '63, Bill Aulakh M.Sc '74, all working on the Zambia - Canada wheat project -- also Bob Bradley '62, who's in Tanzania on a CIDA wheat dealie.

Gordon Wells '66, has forsaken the sheep -- he's now the chief shepherd, general manager er sumphthin', of the Agricultural Development Corporation of Saskatchewan.

Jack Nichols '50 has come in out of the cold. The Frank Bond fund for the (Continued on page 4)

Passing The Buck and the Gavel



Bob Bens '64 turns the helm of the S.A.G.A. over to Bob McKercher '54 for 1981.

The Came Back in '81 ('76 School)

We started out the week of festivities on Wednesday night, with a social for all the grads and their escorts, with about eighty people showing, which would be half of the graduating class. This took place at the Travelodge and lasted will into the morning, when finally a recess was called until the following day. The next gathering was on Friday night at the Smoker. This time the turnout was even better, with some of the people coming in from out-of-town, to make a weekend of it. Saturday night saw the same crowd back again, with just a few more joining in.

One point of interest, that I might mention, is that the people who travelled the farthest was Donna Madder and her husband, David Falkevitch, who came all the way from Brandon, Manitoba, for Saturday evening, then headed home again Sunday morning for work. Most of us had never met David before, and I think that he was as impressed with us as we were with him.

Nothing much else that I can say here now, without going into much detail. I will be forwarding an updated mailing list to each of the grads of my year as a followup, which will include a little plug for a subscription to 'The SAGA,' if they don't already have one.

I believe that the total percentage figure, averaged over the whole weekend, would be about 60% turnout.

Wayne Bird '76

1981 S.A.G.A. EXECUTIVE

Honorary President Stu Harrison
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NE - Barry Swanson, Hudson Bay
 SE - Jim Halford, Indian Head
 SW - Doug Winsor, Kincaid
 NW - Valerie Matschke-Meuller, Turtleford



Sexy Senior Citizens

of Lethbridge. R.P. (Bob) Forshaw AS, dropped in for a visit and brought his own likker. Bob used to teach nutrition for critturs at the animal science department, until he forsook us for Quelph, and now retirement back in B.C., wher he cum frum. Bob was just back from towering over a six week survey for CESO in Somalia.

Tom Rackham '37 has hung out his shingle as an agricultural economic consultant since he retired. The Garden of Eden has been moved to Saanichton, B.C. The March issue sort of shook him -- so few names he recognized. Tom farmed until 1948 and then took to wandering for the next twenty years in the field of farm management extension, teaching and research in such locales as Montana, Iowa, Ontario and Alberta. He has also taken on tasks among the peasantry in such exotic places as Turkey, Egypt, Bhutan, most of S.E. Asia, Nigeria, Brazil and Ecuador.

He still sports a full head -- of hair, that is -- nuthin' Grecian formula won't fix, plus a beard. Despite an artificial hip, he still manages to clamber up Himalayan trails. Since 1978, he and Amber, his second wife, have been running a hotel in Haywood-Kelsey, B.C. -- sold it in January. Amber came with three children, the last just through high school. His own daughter Jean, is at Acadia University; Mona, a '67 U. of S. grad, lives in Ottawa; Charity lives in Edmonton; and son Jay is somewhere in the Alberta oil patch.

Tom would like to hear from or see grad types -- his address is: 8251 Lochside Drive, Saanichton, B.C. V0S 1M0. He's been a life member for lo, these many years.

He finally sold up his last 400 acres at Innisfree, Alberta in December, and plans to spend his capital gains in revellry both by night and by day.

Geoffrey Bodman '19, has moved from Berkeley to Stockton, California, after 42 years. His hand is still as steady as a nuerosurgeon's.

Sam Beaton '48 left the oatbox at Yorkton, long enough to go back to Churchbridge to the annual co-op annual meeting and banquet, to pick up a plaque in recognition of 13 years on the board. He also picked up a rain guage as a door prize, and volunteered to do a rain dance in return. Much as they needed the moisture, the membership voted for non-performance. He and Iris took off in April for Halifax to visit a daughter and family.

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restoration of alumnae respectability. rose to the sum of \$1, tentatively pledged by **Don Rennie '49**. He sent **Richard Bellamy '66**, our S.A.G.A. registrar a certified coupon for a bag of Sherritt Gordon Jolly Green as a down payment on an annual membership in S.A.G.A. He hasn't much faith in it ever reaching life membership status. Now if he could just find 29 more friends, he'd have it made.

Hank Quam '50 is sniffing water wells for Esso gasoline in Manitoba.

Joe Bedford and **Art Strautman** both '48 have mounted a drive to save the country from separation -- Help Save Western Canada, Drown a Liberal Today.

Les Reid, M.Sc '48, has joined the nineteenth hole club -- he retired this spring.

B.J. 'Barney' Stephanson '50, is off to Trinidad as is **Ken Dormier '50**.

Ron de Yong '62, Punnichy, suffered an anerism on the brain in February. He survived the surgery, and is slowly recovering. **Eliner '68**, took some holidays to help their dad put in the crop.

Stan Medland '50 has joined Agrolgy Consultants of Toronto as vice-president, human resourcing from director of personnel and corporate relations with Swifts.

Dean Brown '50, has let it slip that **Hartley Furtan '72** from out Pebbles way is the new head of agricultural economics, and that **Bryan Harvey '61** will be assistant dean for another year. **Geo. Lee '60** becomes associate dean (research) come July. Sure hope these guys can survive their probationary periods. The dean especially requests no spitballs in class until they've had a chance to prove themselves.

Lee Moats '81, a son of **William '50**, contemporary of **Archie Colton** and **Cam Casswell**, et al, is the agrolgist-in-training in the great unwashed West Central Region. They both feel suddenly old. Cousin **Elaine '77** is the presiding ag. rep. at Weyburn.

Paul Shukin '63 had a spot of stomach surgery at the University Hospital. He's back to eating again and looks great.

Cam Casswell '50 is a brave soul -- took his grandkids to Disneyland.

Al Hingston '69, chief camel driver for West Central, says all sprayer meetings have become prayer meetings. Mt. Arrarat is definitely not where they're at. It was so dry on the home range last year his dad had to borrow a forkful of hay to prime the rake. The

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We're sorry to report that **E.E. Brockelbank '22**, an Honorary Life Member of S.A.G.A., former professor of extension, and former director of the ag. rep. and animal industry branches, is seriously ill in a Victoria B.C. hospital. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Ed Reed '48 says he's more, or less, retired in Kindersley, but keeps busy with this, that and the other -- doesn't want to quite let go. He hopes to visit Australia this month for his old airforce squadron's annual bun and grog fight.

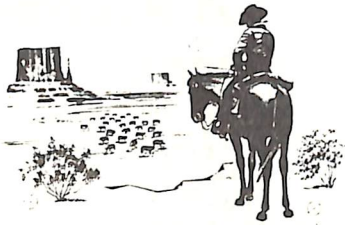
Bob Anderson '35, Melfort, hasn't moved, he's just getting 'The Saga' at the right box number for the first time in 40 years. He retired as crops and illustration station supervisor, come-horticultural specialist some eleven years ago -- grew the best damn tomatoes north of '44 -- still farming and raisin' the Ayrab cayuses. He R40'd and R60'd the bejabbers outa the house he built on the farm -- no solar heating, just triple glazing.

Dave Clark '48 is living in Surrey, B.C. since he retired from the University

All in the Family



Ross Greenshields '49 retired director, Agriculture Canada Research Station, Saskatoon, presents an Honorary Life Membership scroll to **Lloyd Putnam '37**, retired entomologist, one of his former staff members.



Long Furrows

James M. Bayes '42 passed away in hospital in Saskatoon on February 23 at 70.

Born in Irthingborough, England, Jim came to Canada in 1929. He attended the University and graduated with his B.S.A. degree in 1942. He served overseas with Lake Superior Regiment.

Following discharge he worked with V.L.A. for some thirteen years before he went farming at Kelvington, until he retired. He and his wife Trudi moved to Saskatoon in September. Jim was an active member of the Pentecostal Church.

He leaves to mourn his wife; daughters, Jennifer of Calgary and Susan of Saskatoon; a son, Alec and his wife Evelyn of Calgary, and granddaughters, Angie and Allison Bayes; sisters Jean and Betty of Toronto, and Dorothy Bayes in England. He was predeceased by his parents Authur and Mary Bayes, and brother Jeffrey.

The funeral service was conducted from the Chapel of the Saskatoon Funeral Home, and was conducted by Rev. Kerry Moffatt on February 27. Burial at Woodlawn Cemetery following cremation.

Thomas Alfred Homersham '28 died in hospital in Saskatoon on March 22 at 78 years.

Tom was born in the Edenwold district, and attended the School of Agriculture, after which he farmed in his home community until 1954.

He was active in the 4-H movement for 53 years, and instructed at numerous field days and courses sponsored by the Extension Division of the University of Saskatchewan, over his lifetime. He was also well known as a judge at 4-H achievement days and agricultural fairs. He was active in Farm Boys Camps, almost throughout their whole existence. He would do almost anything for children.

Tom left the farm in 1954 to become farm superintendent at the Regina Jail, where he served until 1962, when he moved to Saskatoon to become a community pasture supervisor for P.F.R.A. until he retired in 1967.

He was very active in community life. He was a 55-year member of the Oddfellows, a Life Member of Kiwanis International, a member of the Nutana

Kiwanis, an Honorary Life Member of S.A.G.A., a member of the S.I.A., and an active member of St. Timothy's Anglican Church.

Tom was an active man all his life. Even before his death he was still turning out rope halters for showmen, tow ropes, metal funnels, and other handicrafts, and was as enthusiastic as a youngster on his first job.

Besides his wife Leora, he leaves a son, Wally of Toronto; two daughters, Mrs. Midge Springer of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Mrs. Gail Robertson of Stratford, Ontario; three grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Mary Asherwood of Regina, Mrs. Beatrice Watmore of Merritt, B.C., Mrs. Florence Kezar of Prince Albert and Mrs. Doris King of Regina; and a brother, Jack of Regina.

Funeral services were held on March 25 from St. Timothy's Anglican Church, and conducted by Rev. V. Thomas.

Honorary pallbearers were: Mr. Ed Ireland, Mrs. Graydon Thornton and Dr. J.W.T. Spinks. Active pallbearers were: Mr. Bob Adams, **Dr. Lorne Paul, AS**, Mr. Alex Verishine, Mr. Steve Mantyka, **Mr. Art Stilborn '44**, and Mr. Dennis Morgan.

Interment took place in Regina Memorial Gardens.

Archibald MacIntyre, father of **Alex '72**, died in the University Hospital on April 28 at 81 years.

Mr. MacIntyre was born in Sandbank, Argyshire, Scotland in 1899, and emigrated to Canada in 1923. He worked in the Brandon area for two years before returning to Scotland where he married Anne Fraser. She returned to Canada with him in 1926 and moved to a farm north of Eston which became their home for the past 50 years.

He is survived by his loving wife, Anne; daughter, Betty Pearson of Saskatoon and her husband, Bob; and son, Alex and his wife Gladys of Brock; six grandsons, a great granddaughter and a great grandson.

Funeral services were held in the United Church at Eston. Active Pallbearers were his six grandsons; Brad, Brent and Bruce Pearson, and Jim Ross and Bill MacIntyre. Honorary pallbearers were: Harvey Pollock, Bob Genrley, Bill Calder, Alf Herpestad, Bill Bertram, Greg Lerner, Bert McLean, Jim Duncan and Jim Maxwell.

Charles Herman Thode, father of **Bill '40**, died at Saskatoon in July 1980. Services

were conducted by the Rev. Gene Grant. Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. J.W.T. Spinks, H. Buckwold, G.A. Atkinson, F.R. Cosford, F.H. Cooper, F. Germaine and M. Krawecki. Active pallbearers were: Pat, Charlie and Tom Thode, Rick and Bob Wilson, and Ron Demers. Burial took place in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Roland Wilte '70 died in a car accident on March 1. He was farm manager for the Palmer Ranch at Pincher Creek Alberta.

William G. McNaughton '61 passed away at Fort Qu'Appelle on September 10, 1980.

Christian P Eutenier '33, passed away on June 19, 1980 at White Rock, B.C.

Sorry we have no further details on any of the last three grads' passing.

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neighbor is trying to do the same thing this year.

Sharon Bucsis '81, has become a D.A. in swaddling clothes at Westlock. She hails from Yorkton, and majored in animal science.

Brad Hanson '81, is going through the same baptism of fire at High River. Brad spent his tender years at Oungre, and majored in agronomy at ye olde Saskatchewan.

Jerry Gramiak '63 is a grassland specialist with the Stalling Lyon's ministry of agriculture at Brandon. Since leaving Saskatchewan he was first the ag. rep. at Minnedosa, and then soil specialist at Brandon. Sort of makes him a farm economist in a grass skirt -- having majored in agricultural economics, Jerry passed on some gen on some dispatriat types in Manitoba.

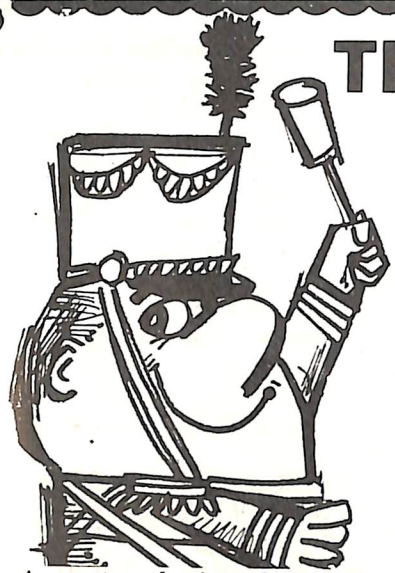
Bob Bradley '62, is on a two year stint of some sort in Tanzania, but hasn't told anybody what it is yet. He may be home sooner than expected -- they've had two armed holdups at their shop and headquarters office, narrowly missed being run over by a herd of elephants, and a rhinoceros has taken a dislike to him.

Old age is catching up to **Norm Hemstad '64** -- his glove and spikes are collecting dust for the second year in a row. He's presently raising hell in the parent pitch section of the Brandon Minor Baseball Executive, and collecting golf nickels from **Bernie Sonntag '65**.

Bernie Sonntag '65, blew into the Brandon Research Station as the new range boss, and the dust hasn't settled yet. The other ranch hands haven't got him figured yet -- all they know he was born, drug up and mostly schooled in Saskatchewan.

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THE DRUMMING OUT PARADE



A great gathering of the serfs and squires of the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture were drawn up in ranks of three on Empringham's Tomain Tavern in the merry month of May, to sever the buttons and all insignia of rank from the persons of **Douglas Haig Grant '49**, **Thomas Victor Beck '50**, and **Stanley Sheard '51**, all of the fiefdom of Regina, capital city of the People's Republic of Saskatchewan.

The crimes of the accused were set forth as follows:

Douglas Haig Grant '49, he being the senior, shall take precedence. He was born at Dinsmore and his parents turfed him out as soon as he was through high school. They hadn't been able to teach him anything at home, so they sent him off to the School of Agriculture. He finished up there in 1940. Fortunately the war was on, so Doug joined up in

1941, and left his folks to farm unmolested. He became an airframe mechanic, but really didn't do any harm, since the pilots refused to fly anything he had worked on. The war being over, which was fortunate, since all the planes he'd worked on were grounded, he entered the University agricultural degree program. He managed this since he got in a long line up to register, and nobody noticed him. Four janitors and an Amway salesman got in the same way.

Fortunately he'd met his future wife Margaret during this time, and she was able to help him with his homework, so he finally graduated in 1949. They were very crowded at the college and needed the room.

He joined the ag. rep. service and was posted to Elbow -- a sort of a compromise between the college and the Sask. Department of Agriculture -- it was a long way from either Saskatoon or Regina. He stayed at Elbow until the locals got up a petition in 1954. It wasn't entirely his own fault, since it was a very wet year, and the farmers down there, not being used to so much moisture, were naturally in an ugly mood.

Margaret felt something had to be done, so she found him a job as ag. rep. at Swift Current. By this time Doug had grown quite evangelical about agricultur-

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A Special Thank You!

To all those who contributed in any way to my 30-year Extension Service Awards Night at the University of Saskatchewan, March 17, 1981, I can say how much I appreciated all the thoughtfulness and kind remarks.

For those who could not be with us, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for your contribution many gifts which were presented to me, and which I will cherish in the years ahead.

Thanks to all. I really appreciate the exceptional co-operation which I have enjoyed during my years in Agricultural Extension in Saskatchewan.

Sincerely,
Bill Cooper '51



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Brian Andrews '65, is still agronomist at Carman, blissful in bachelorhood, slowed down on his fishing, and busy touring the Replublic of Manitoba as District Governor for the Kinsmen.

Bob Rae '65, has just returned from a stint of wild boar hunting in Tanzania. He stirred up the natives for **Bradley**, and is presently looking for water in South West Manitoba, so he can earn his pay as the regional irrigation engineer.

Tom Pringle '61, assistant deputy minister, moved his kit from the Legislative Building to the Woodsworth Building -- the deeper carpets make it easier on the knees -- he's in charge of prayers for rain for all of Manitoba.

Art Domes '55, remustered from ag. rep. at Portage, to become the chief penny watcher for the South Central Region. He upset the grain corn pushers by doing a study which proved that the major gain farmers experience in growing the stuff, is the exercise.

Gerry Glab '76, forsook the municipal assessment branch at Weyburn in March, to throw in his lot with Elanco.

Rick Koller '66, is coaching baseball for the 11 & 12 year olds. He's also been camping out with the Boy Scouts at Dundurn, and at camp west of Calgary.

Terry Caderma '72, also left municipal assessment in Weyburn to become FarmStart agrologist at Indian Head, to try and straighten out **Vic Beaulieu '49**, the longest continuing ag. rep. in captivity.

Garry Flaten '80, has moved in from
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Regina to take up the slack in municipal assessment at Weyburn, when **Cliff Shebeluk '80** was transferred to Yorkton.

Judy Wooff '81, joined the merry-go-round for the assessment branch -- she's moved to Weyburn.

Greg Fedusiak '80, is learning fast as agrologist-in-training at Weyburn -- he's being schooled in dirty tricks on a 5-5-4 kick, as he travels around with S.E. agrologist types.

Reginald Hartness '63, has left Fort MacLeod to become area manager for the soil and water conservation branch of P.F.R.A. at Rosetown.

Ronald Plunz '66, at Stony Plain, Alta. is director, flying operations, Luthern Association of Missionaries and Pilots -- sort of a flying monk.

Laurie Evans '54, is chief floret of the plant science boys out at the University of Manitoba.

Frank Deacon '42, is still farming at Denholm, and getting in shape for the 40th reunion in '82.

Millar Craig '23, North Battleford, tells us that the guy in the '41 school reunion picture is really **Jim Craig** and not **Ian Bradley**. If he's right, **Lloyd Proctor's** memory isn't as good as he thought it was. Millar sez he saw a lot of **Sham Regan '24** in Victoria last winter.

Ken Pedersen '70, ye olde ag. rep. at Shaunavon is doin' a lil' braggin' -- had 92 farmers out to a University regional soils and crops course last winter -- a record he tells us.

Alvin Stephens '80, Macklin, has been in New Zealand visiting his sister and uncle since December. He picked up a job counting deer for the New Zealand forestry department during the day, and other dear at night. Mom expects him home at the end of June.

John Ball '69, an assessment type out Edmonton way is trying to keep **Lloyd Johnson '69** from losing his culture -- bought him an annual membership. Lloyd is building a new house at Hendon, and is up to his hammerstrap in blueprints.

Bill Jesse '70, is the new chief industrial assessor with municipal assessment in Edmonton.

Murray Carlson '64, moved from Speedy Crick to be manager of the co-op feed mill in Cowtown, Alberta.

Bob Mann '50, from Piapot let slip that **Jim Mann '80** is no longer foot loose.

Milo Grimsrud '77, is tryna do his bit to keep the rats outa Torquay -- got himself appointed pest control officer for the R.M. of Souris Valley -- rats in not

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al extension, so he started a farm gospel hour which ran for ten years over the local radio until Billy Graham objected, so he moved back to Saskatoon, as ag. rep. in 1965.

While at Swift Current he became obsessed with T.V., and had a weekly farm show -- perhaps one of the first in the province. He and **Murdock MacKay '49**, who was ag. rep. at P.A., are going to have to toss for who was first. He did fairly well on T.V. -- Margaret kept him looking reasonably neat and taught him to watch his language.

Doug always detested weeds, and he made such a stink about it that he won the North Central Plains Weed Control Extension Award in 1962. They don't have any weeds around Swift Current to this day -- **Archie Budd** solved the weed problem by writing a book and calling everything a native species.

After a couple of years in Saskatoon, **Harold Horner '39** who was deputy in charge of broken fork handles at the time, decided farmers had had enough, so he moved him to Regina as assistant director of ag. rep. in 1967. He and **Lin Boyes '48**, who was director at

the time, made such a mess of things that Lin was deported to Manitoba and Doug became director in 1970. He was as busy as a butcher with only one thumb for a few years, until **Ronnie Dalgleish '65** made him executive director of extension and rural development. This thoroughly confused him -- he now had nothing to do, but he didn't know who he was doing it for.

During the time that Doug was head honcho for ag. reps., the branch went through a complete re-organization -- extension co-ordinators were set up in six regions of the province, and eighteen ag. grads were taken on as FarmStart farm development specialists -- now known as agrologists. Since then they'd been spirited out of the rural extension branch, as it is now known.

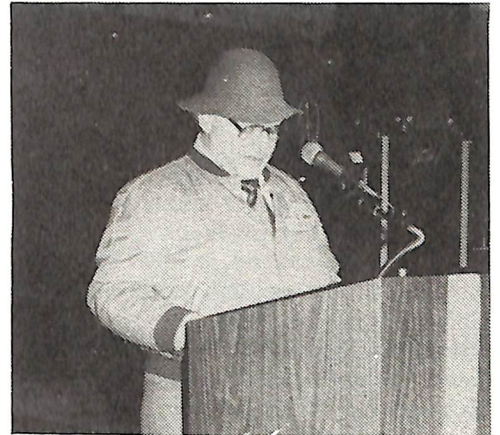
Doug officially retired in May, and has taken on the temporary job of project co-ordinator international projects -- Margaret objected to the term 'bus driver'. Actually his main job is to confuse the Chinese farmers who are running around the province. He's currently taking mah jong by correspondence.

Doug was always a busy fellow, and played an active role in the S.I.A., having been both a councillor and president. As an ag. rep. he was hardly ever home. As evidence of that, his three kids were born six year apart. Margaret was very careful though, they all look like him.

We wish Doug, all the very best in his retirement, he has certainly earned it.

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Heer Cum de Judge



A.G. Smith '48, pronouncing an honorary life sentence on Lin 'Dogsbody' Boyes '48.

SPOCKTOWN

Ron '48 and **Marguerite Galloway**, of the Estevan Constituency are grampa and grandma to a new grandson as of November 9 last born to Kim, wife of Dave Galloway. Both grandparents are doing well.

Lorelei Mason became Little Bo Beep to all them sheep, down on pop's ranch at Kenaston on November 13. First ever for **Cora & Bob Mason '65**.

Aaron Christopher's first cheque was placed in special savings in the T.D. Bank. He signed his signature card on February 27 to **Ron '75** and **Kathy (Oram) Martin '77**.

Drew Murray became a new depositor at the Royal Bank at Brandon on February 17. Collecting the interest are **Glenn '74** and **Gaye Sinden**.

Wesley Dean took over supervision of the farm at Conquest on April 15. Taking orders are **Dan '68** and **Carmen Kennedy**. **Lori Ann 5**, has another new doll. Worshipping their first grandson among all them granddaughters are **Hugh '42** and **Audrey**.

Benjamin Joseph arrived on February 20 to help **Fred '66** and **Joan Wilson** with the seeding at Dundrun. Moving over to make room at the table are **Kathryn, Paul** and **Barbara**.



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Confetti Corner



Cora Greer BA (Sask.) BLS (Alberta), found **Bob Mason '66**, in her author index files on May 23, 1980. Now if she gets him suitably rebound, he may make a reasonably good husband. Had to re-muster him from sheepherding at Kenaston.

Bryan Doig '80, despite the sound advice from the N.E. grad types up Tisdale way and other reputable sources, was due to come up spittin' dirt sometime in May. **Beckie Huegland** tripped him up.

Jim 'Grubby' Mann '80 from down Piapot way has made an honest woman out of **Donna Altridge**, Gull Lake on September 5.

THE DRUMMING OUT PARADE

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Thomas Victor Beck '50 was born and raised on a farm at Mawer -- there's no highway -- they're waiting for a grid road to be built, and its obviously spelled wrong -- I wonder how they spell hay rake? It's due to be removed from the highway map in 1982.

The older Vic got, the farther he walked to school as a boy. Oddly enough he took both his public and high school in Mawer -- the Department of Education, however, has no record of this. In fact, there is some doubt that there was ever a school there.

Anyway, Vic attended normal school in Moose Jaw and taught at kids for two years, until the school inspector discovered he'd never been to school himself.

He joined the R.C.A.F. in 1942, became a navigator and was posted overseas on Bomber Command. He was usually lost, but nevertheless made a significant contribution to the war effort -- he diverted the fighters, searchlights and flak while the rest of the guys went on to their targets. Unfortunately there just weren't any medals for that sort of thing.

Vic's resume says he returned to the University in 1945. This really took some doing as there's no record of his having ever been there before. Anyway, he was always a great scrounger and managed to pick up both a B.A. and a

B.S.A. in 1950, on the condition that he leave university. However he hung on until they gave him a M.Sc. in 1951. He wanted to hang on longer and try for a Ph.D., but Lee, his wife, figured it wouldn't be fair -- Lee has always been the boss around home -- they have four daughters.

Vic is reputed to have farmed during his university days, but the Canadian Wheat Board recalled his permit book, since he wasn't making use of it anyway. He made the honor roll of P.F.A.A.

'Toby' Nollett was minister of agriculture at the time, and being interested in improving farm productivity, he felt a good way would be to take Vic off the farm. He then became the provincial weed specialist, since he was personally acquainted with every weed there was. One of his major accomplishments was publishing a series of leaflets on weed identification. He still has the taxonomists baffled, they've never even heard of half of them.

Vic actually did a commendable job as weed control specialist. He organized a weed supervisory program for control of persistent perennials, and set up annual weed inspector and supervisors courses. He organized the Sask. Aerial Applicators Association, and held courses for them for a number of years. He was never able to get them to employ navigators, for obvious reasons.

He attended many hundreds of weed field days and courses over the years -- he didn't add a lot to weed control, but became famous for his 'Beckisms'--- corny stories about irrelevant topics and events. He was also an accomplished photographer, and compiled a set of slides on outdoor biffies at the request of the Western Development Museum.

He was away from home a good deal mainly because Lee implored the ag. reps. to keep him out of town, and as a result she was always able to keep the house quite neat.

In an effort to clean up farmer's morals, the provincial censor complained to the minister of agriculture, so they promoted him to chief of the Plant



A '66 grad came home to find a strange man in bed with his wife -- probably an engineer. He went for his gun and ordered the guy to march stark naked through the snow to the machine shed, clamped his manhood in the vice and welded the jaws shut. Then he laid the farriers' knife on the work bench by the vice. "You wouldn't do that to me would you!" protested the engineer, as the ag. grad took off. "No, of course not. I'm just going to set fire to the shed".

Industry Division in 1970 to get him off the road. They upgraded the division to a branch in 1973, and he became the director, after **Stan Sheard '50**, **Earl Johnson '51** and **Chris Holm '48** had exercised the right of first refusal.

Vic was an ardent supporter of the North Central (Plains) Weed Control Conference, and was its president in 1978 -- international relations were quite strained for a number of years after. He was awarded an Honorary Membership in 1972, and a long service plaque in 1981. Vic says a plaque is something that goes on a wall.

He was made acting executive director for the production and marketing division for about a year, so Doug Grant would have someone to match for coffee, while he was acting assistant deputy minister.

All in all, Vic made a lot of friends among farmers and extension workers alike. He'll be sorely missed.

Lee is resigned to having to relax her housekeeping standards now that he's home all of the time.

Stanley Sheard '50 -- a rose by any other name would have no bearing on the case.

Stan was actually a 'displaced person' before they coined the phrase. He came to Canada from England in 1929 at the age of 10 to help share in the 'Dirty Thirties'.

He and his folks first settled in Rockglen -- even the gophers were having a hard time, never mind a bunch of green Englishmen. They finally decided to move to Elfros so they could eat regularly.

His resume doesn't presume to say he went to school -- one thing you could always say for Stan, he's at least honest.

He joined the Canadian Armoured Corps in 1940, and spent the next five or so years as a tourist -- England, Italy, North Africa and Europe.

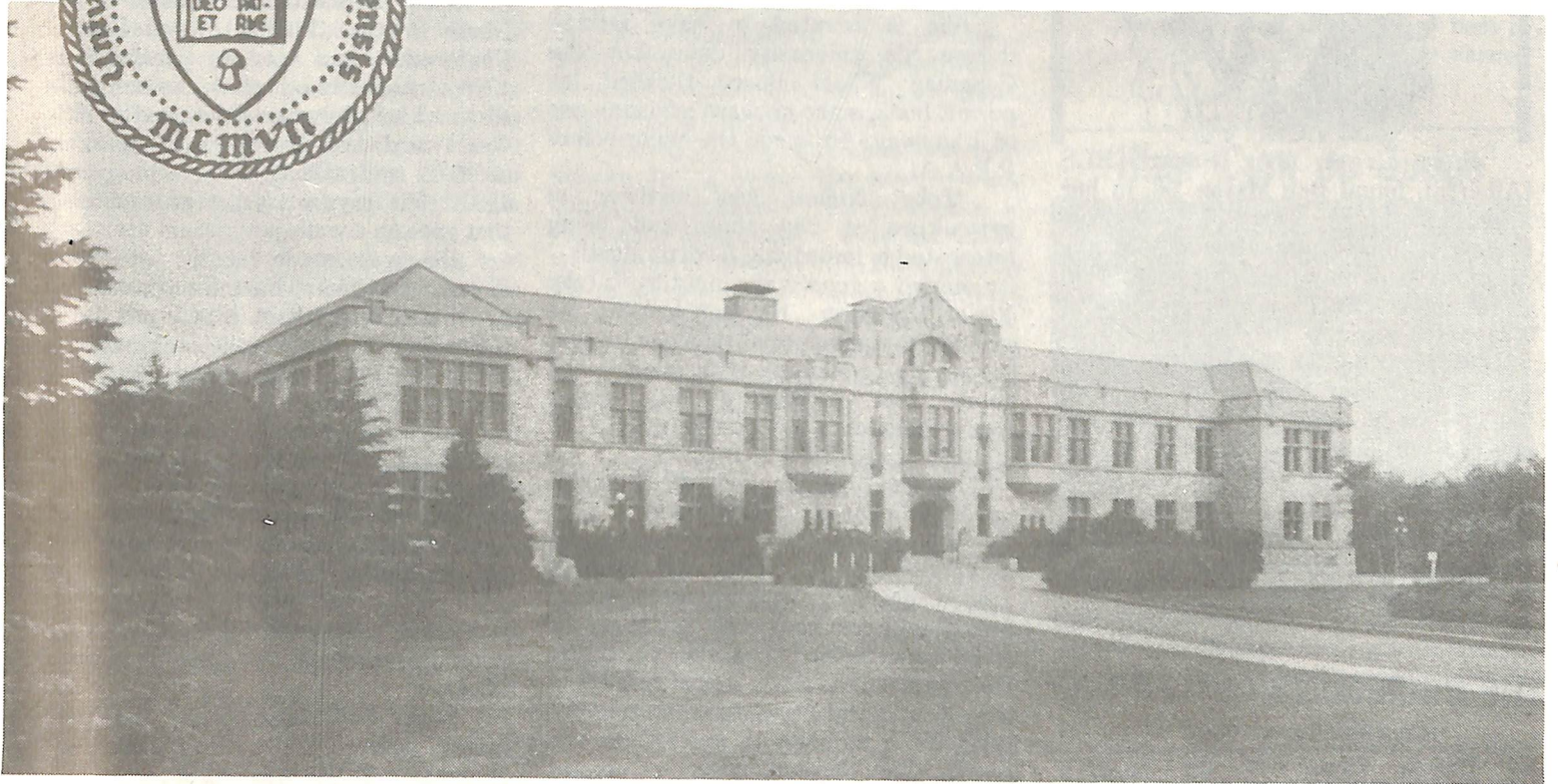
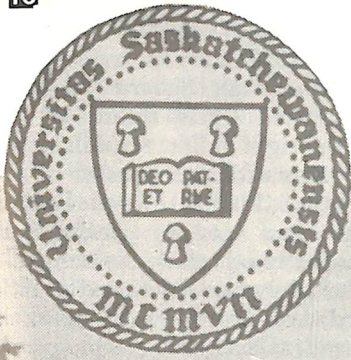
Farley Mowat doesn't mention Stan in his book on the Italian campaign, but he didn't say he wasn't there either. He dined sumptuously on army rations for nearly six years, and didn't contact trench mouth. The United States army awarded him the Bronze Star in 1944 -- although it could have been for some other reason.

He'd grown so used to lining up at the field kitchens he entered the University in 1947 and lined up at the cafeteria.

He became smitten with Maggie Young while at college, and ended up majoring in horticulture. He stood in line again and gave his name, rank and 'last three' and signed for his B.S.A. in

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1951. Since **Vic Beck** was heading for Regina, Stan figured he must be onto something, so he went along too. As Kay, Stan's wife, had the reputation of being a good gardener, 'Toby' Nollett, the minister, agreed to try him out as provincial horticultural specialist, a position he held until May, 1981, when he retired. No one else in the department knew anything about gardening either.

Stan was always a very hard worker. He managed to produce a case of ulcers, and was very largely

responsible for the many miles of roadside and field hedges that have been planted in the province. He was determined to replace the prairie lily as Saskatchewan's provincial floral emblem. People are still wondering, whether or not if he'd chosen something else besides caragana, that he might have succeeded.

Farmstead landscaping also became one of Stan's pervading interests. He had a little difficulty at first until Stu

Nelson, head of the university horticulture department, convinced him that the biffy was no longer an appropriate focal point in a farmstead landscape.

He was host of the CKCK garden line for many years, which actually became a very popular program. Kay coached him thoroughly every week, and advised him if he was ever in doubt, to just mumble. Stan, being an outwardly self-confident type, never mumbled. Incidentally he's still carrying on in retirement -- CKCK haven't decided what the hell else they can do. Stan's buggared up the time spot so badly, no else will touch it.

Stan has also maintained a steady hand in the development of commercial horticultural production -- trying to keep the South Saskatchewan irrigation project promoters' feet firmly planted in their rubber boots.

He's a life member of most everything but the elves and leprecauns marching and chowder society -- his racial origins have precluded that. Among the organizations in which he holds Honorary Life Memberships are: Saskatchewan Horticultural Association, Western Canada Society for Horticulture, Sask. Vegetable Growers Association, Saskatchewan Nursery Trades Association, and the Canadian Society of Extension. He's a Charter Member of the Canadian Society for Horticulture Science.

We'll all miss Stan -- the home gardeners, the extension types, the commercial producers, the cocktail waitresses, the CRTC, ----

Good show! Stan! Our guess is that we'll see you around for a lot more years yet.

Bill Cooper '51 was the guest of honor at a good riddance party at the university in March. Actually it was a concensus affair, since the co-operating bodies consisted of the Extension Division, Saskatchewan Agriculture, College of Agriculture, Western College of Veterinary Medicine, College of Engineering, Agriculture Canada, and the Sask. Brewers Association, so we hear.

Bill has spent 30 winters, man and boy, as an instructor, co-ordinator, pervericator, and agitator on courses on all things agricultural. One of his main interests has been the organization and promotion of university regional agricultural short courses. It was a lot easier than instruction -- he could stand around and criticize.

The whole bit was carried out behind drawn shades at Marquis Hall. Bill was the recipient of several gifts

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where its at. **Wilf Davis '59**, has a new boss - Bar 5 Simmental Breeders has been sold to 3MC Stock Farms of Drumheller. Wilf will be the production manager.

Herb R. Clark '45, long time secretary for the Sask. Agricultural Societies has written a history of agricultural societies in Saskatchewan -- 1884 to 1980 -- 185 pages of it -- a Celebrate Saskatchewan project. In the early days the agricultural societies were the primary extension arm of the Extension Department of the University. The price is \$5, down and dirty. Cheques payable to the Sask. Agricultural Societies Association, care of Herbert R., at the Extension Division, as it's now called. Herb has gotten to be quite a Toynbee for agriculture -- wrote the S.A.G.A. history too.

Charlie Thompson '51, director of the animal health division of Hoechst Drugs in Montreal, is making plans for retirement and building a house on an acreage along the St. Lawrence. The kids are all scattered from Alaska to Montreal. Charlie is an accomplished carpenter and furniture maker. **Herb Clark** sez his shop would make a Beaver Lumber store look inadequate, and Herb being heavy into the pre-retirement education bit, was suitably impressed. Charlie & Marian are ardent campers too. Someone took a liking to their trailer and helped himself from their lot. The Friendly insurance company kicked in \$13,000, which helped to ease the pain.

Herb Moulding '42, assistant chief slide rule for Ducks Unlimited outa Winnipeg, has just returned from Mexico -- the land of opportunity and turista he says. The farms are tied together with elevated irrigation pipes. The apple orchards were blooming amid the smoke from smudge pots, sisal was being harvested, as was the cactus -- for food. Inflation runs at 30%. He was sort of in between, among the very rich and

the very poor. Airline travel is precarious due to the delaying action of airline mechanics intent on union recognition.

Rick McElheran '81, is the new agrologist-in-suspension for the East Central region. In between answering the phone calls from demanding farmers when **Pete 'The Great Dane' Petersen '52** is out giving solace to his interest-bound parishioners, he tags along on 'joe' jobs, and tries to pick up the gen on what's cookin' with the other grad types who inhabit the region.

Orest 'Cap' n Bligh' Mysak '48, led a motley crew of grad types - most all of recent vintage, on a safari to Dore Lake last month to trap the mighty jackfish in his lair. Altho' he and **Harry 'George Burns' Lang '53**, came home panting, for breath that is, they shone at Doukobor & Screwie Lewie. While Orest dazzled them with his 'ruby-eye', Harry floored them with his repertoire of barroom tales. **Pete 'Dow-Jones' McLaren '54**, added a more serious note with his prognostications on his stock market experiences. Among those answering the daily roll call were **Eugene 'Margin Call' Bendig '70**, **Phil 'The Fluter' England '68**, **Stew 'Sinkin' Adam '67**, **'L' Gross' Bill Franko '47**, **Baz 'Dip Net' Fritz '72**, and several other trenchermen of less mature years. The 'jacks' were numerous and they've all gone metric, so the fishing stories are even more expansive than usual. The squaws just aren't talking.

Bill Miner '52, of the Grains Group, of the Trade, Commerce and Industry Department of Ottawa, renewed acquaintances on the campus, while in Saskatoon to deliver an address to a public seminar on "High Income vs World Starvation" in March. Bill is quite excited that there at last be some moneymakers in a family of big spenders now that **Bill Cooper '51** will be a brother-in-law.



The Cymbal's Clang

The University of Saskatchewan conferred Honorary Doctors of Laws degrees on two staunch supporters of the university and other public works, at their 70th annual spring convocation.

Gordon South of Melfort, a prominent seedgrower and supporter of co-operative and university endeavours, has made his presence felt on the local, the provincial and the national scene over many years.

He is past president of both the Saskatchewan and Canadian Seed Growers Associations, very active in cereal seed production and a pioneer in the production and promotion of rapeseed, and more latterly in Canola production.

His interest in co-operatives has been amply demonstrated by his having been president of the Melfort Credit Union, the Saskatchewan Co-operative Credit Society and the Co-op Trust of Canada. He was instrumental in the formation of Co-operative Implements Limited, and has served in various capacities in the Sask. Wheat Pool, including having been a director for some seven years.

He has taken a very active role in other agricultural organizations, including the Melfort Agricultural Society, the Melfort Agricultural Extension District Board, and the Sask. Institute of Agrologists.

In the education field he has served as school trustee, president of the Melfort Superintendency Trustee Association, and on the provincial level as a member of the Board of Governors and the Senate of the University of Saskatchewan. He has funded a School of Agriculture scholarship for many years.

He is currently a member of the board of Sask. Power Corporation, and has served as an advisor to numerous provincial and national agricultural organizations.

He is an honorary Life Member of the Agricultural Institute of Agrologists, a holder of the Robertson Associate Award, the highest honor of the Canadian Seed Growers Association, and a member of the Order of Canada.

Although not a graduate, Gordon holds a paid up life membership in the S.A.G.A.

Gordon farms in association with his son, **Winston '61** and lives on the home farm in the Whittome district.

A well deserved and overdue recognition of many good works over many years.

Jack Y. McFaul '44 of Saskatoon, an estate management consultant, served on the Universities Board of Governors all during the 70's, including being chairman for two years. Always full of ideas, backed with plenty of vigor, he was instrumental in establishing SED Systems Incorporated, the first University corporation, set up to manufacture and market electronic equipment designed by University researchers. Jack is also chairman of the board.

He also played a leading hand in establishing the POS pilot plant and VIDO and serves on the board of both.

Jack has always vigorously advanced the proposition that University research contributes significantly to the welfare of both the city and the province. He is actively promoting the concept of a research and development corporation on University property, through which private concerns could benefit, and to which they could contribute and have such contributions recognized in terms of tax benefits.

The grad citizenry of World War II vintage will remember Jack as a sessional instructor in farm mechanics classes, and at innumerable tillage field days and demonstrations. Jack also farmed at Zealandia during the postwar period, before becoming a pioneer in estate management. He has also played a lead role in the affairs of his church.

He is an Honorary Life Member of S.A.G.A., and was presented with the Distinguished Agrologist award of the S.I.A. which he received in 1979. In that same year was named citizen of the year by the City of Saskatoon.

Jack approaches all University and College affairs with spirit and imagination -- a true ag. grad.

Dr. Harold C. Moss '20, '24, who has been prominent in soil survey and rating over many years, was awarded a Fifty-Year Pin by the A.I.C. in January at Saskatoon.

Harold was born in England in 1899 and came to Canada with his parents in 1908 to farm at Strasbourg. He served in the army in World War I. He received his diploma in agriculture in 1920, his B.S.A. in 1924, and his high school

teaching certificate from the Saskatoon Normal School. He didn't become a teacher, however. For the younger sprouts -- normal schools were the forerunner of what we now term 'Teacher's College'.

He worked as a C.P.R. land inspector for two years before joining Sask. Soil Survey with Canada Agriculture in 1927, and continued until his retirement in 1959 at 60 years. Following that, he worked with the Soil Science Department at the University until 1973. He literally covered the face of Saskatchewan during his years on soil survey. With his friend, the late Dr. John Mitchell, he prepared soil survey reports 12 and 13. Following this he was engaged in surveying and classifying northern soils.

He gained national and international recognition in soil genetics, classification land forms and mapping, and sat on the Canada Soil Survey Committee. He was a member of the International and Canada Societies of Soil Science, and is a fellow of the latter. Along with other pioneers, he established the rating system of soils which forms the current basis for soil assessment in Saskatchewan. He was also instrumental in developing a rating system for soils for irrigation purposes.

He has written a history of Saskatchewan Soil Survey since his retirement.

Harold has accumulated a healthy array of honors and awards, including an honorary membership of the Land Inspector Association in 1945, honorary life membership in the S.A.G.A. in 1949, and an honorary L.L.D. from the University in 1969. He is a charter member of the S.I.A. and the A.I.C.

Well done, good and faithful servant.

Grant Greenshields '81, son of **Wes '49** and **Verna**, was awarded a \$250 bursary by the Rapeseed Growers Association of Saskatchewan. Grant graduated from the School of Agriculture.

Good going, Grant. Wes & Verna are quietly proud.



Ash Smith '48 was telling **Ozzie Lakness '49** about his bout with hemorrhoids. "First, the doctor put his left hand on my shoulder, and inserted his finger into my rear end -- No, No. It was his right -- NO, No. He put both hands on my shoulder --- Well! The d-i-r-t-y buggar!"

Getting the Hull Out of Canola

Professor Frank Sosulski '54, of the Crop Science Department, has been granted a Canadian patent on a new method of dehulling canola (rapeseed) meal after oil extraction. A Canadian canola processor has been licensed to use the method commercially and is conducting technical feasibility and market studies. Additional patents are being sought in the United States, the United Kingdom and Japan.

The new process, which is also effective with mustard, separates the meal that remains following oil recovery, into high protein flour and fibrous hulls. Frank says the flour, which makes up two-thirds of the meal, is 45 per cent protein, and can compete with soybean as a supplement in poultry and swine rations. The hulls, containing 25 to 30 per cent protein, can be used to supplement cattle feed.

"We've always been able to feed canola meal to cattle. However, because of its high proportion of fibrous hulls, it has been less suitable for monogastric animals like poultry and swine. By dehulling it, we get a more valuable product with high digestible energy that meets the requirements of poultry producers in particular. The hulls provide a cheaper feed for ruminants."

Other oilseed crops like soybean and sunflowers can be dehulled before the oil is extracted. However, with canola some of the oil is in the hull and methods developed to remove the hulls before oil extraction have not been economical.

With Frank's method, the hexane applied as a solvent to recover the oil after seed crushing, is used to make a slurry of the remaining meal. This is pumped through an instrument called a liquid cyclone, which uses centrifugal force to separate the hulls from the flour on the basis of their different densities. The separate fractions are then dried.

"Canola is the most important oilseed crop in Canada and it is desirable to recover as much oil and protein in a hullfree form as possible. Canada produces 100,000 tons of mustard annually, primarily in Saskatchewan. The flour yield is high and the protein content is higher than that of canola," Frank said.

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There once was a monk from Siberior,
Whose life grew drearier and drearier.
He broke from his cell with a helluva yell
And eloped with the Mother Superior. ,

THE DRUMMING OUT PARADE

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including: Dr. Bill Cates presented a set of University bookends - for holding together back issues of the 'Guide to Farm Practice; a most attractive oil painting done by Fran Henry, wife of Les '64, depicting the rolling countryside, and a Canola field; Bob Brack '52 presented a 30 year certificate completely lettered by Stu Harrison '32, bearing the signatures of Herb Clark '45, Extension Division, Keith Downey '50, Agricultural Canada; and John Hanson, '43 Ag. Rep., Saskatchewan Agriculture.

Les Henry '64 presented Bill with a pair of bronzed running shoes, apropos of the fact that Bill has stopped running. His bride-to-be, Gail Hopkins, a sister-in-law of Bill Miner '52, was also on hand -- just in case he tried to get away again.

In case he should ever decide to donate his papers and memoirs to the University, Herb Clark '45 had made a collection of a #14 Rapeseed Kit, filled with old bulletins, fact sheets, overdue rapeseed storage tickets, margin call notice, unpaid bills, producer car applications, etc.

Numerous phone calls and letters were received from ag. reps. and others.

Bill sent along a thank you note, which we've severely edited for obvious reasons. The one we've printed is really quite clean, we think.

Bill will be around in other capacities you can be sure -- so we have by no means seen the last of him. His many friends remember his very worthwhile contributions and will expect more to come.

Philip Edward Polischuk '49 retired as executor director of some division or other of Sask. Agriculture -- we're really not sure which one -- something to do with farm resources development or stuff like that there.

There was a secret retirement party held for Phil in May. It is rumored to have been held in a basement hallway of the SGI building in Regina. The A & W sent over some hot dogs and root beer -- Phil being of a temperate persuasion. They closed all the community pastures that day, and all the pasture managers got to come into Regina at department expense. Treasury Board is still trying to figure out their expense accounts -- some of them ended up going back to the wrong pastures. The pasture fees have all been raised as a precautionary measure in order to balance the budget.

Since the affair was kept such a big secret, we really haven't a lot of details. Anyway, Phil was born and raised at someplace they call Peterson. Actually

it's about the size of Mawer, the place Vic Beck came from. They held a twinning ceremony between the two places to Celebrate Saskatchewan last year, and now they've both disappeared.

Anyway, Phil presumably joined the R.C.A.F., although they deny it officially. He was supposedly known as quite a baseball player in his youth. This has never been authenticated, but he apparently knows a lot about baseball bats and water buckets.

Phil got his degree from the university through some loophole in the constitution -- great distinction or something like that.

He joined the Lands Branch in 1949 as an inspector. He'd done a lot of reading about how the King Ranch operated in Texas, and so impressed the minister with his knowledge that he made him Director of Lands. He was so successful in organizing community pastures with virements from other branches' budgets, that they made him executive director of whatever division it was he was executive director of.

Phil was always interested in sports of all sports of all kinds, but his wife restricted his enthusiasm to golf, football and Saturday night poker. He always managed to come up with a pretty good budget for his branch by losing a couple of golf games to the deputy minister, around about the estimate season.

Thirty-two years is a long time, Phil, and all wish you all the best.

Sieg Orthner '49, Regina, retired as chief real estate appraiser for Revenue Canada on December 31. Fred Switzer '48 also retired from Revenue Canada at the same time. They both headed south this winter to Mesa, Arizona, to avoid being nailed for filing late file returns.

Sieg and the wife bought a mobile home there in an Adult (?) Trailer Court called Sunny Acres.

Fred has gone back farming -- near Regina this time -- he's discovered that capital gains are only half taxable. He may try raising a little crop to cut down on soil drifting.

Some grads may object, but we'll wish them both well anyway.

Doug Gibson, known to many grads as professor and head of the dairy science department, and more recently as Dean of the College of Home Economics -- the sexual revolution works both ways, will retire this month.

Anyone else who wants to retire, will just have to wait until next month, we've run out of space.

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