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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

What is S.A.G.A.'s logo? This question was put to me when the U. of S. Extension Division was making up the brochure for the 1985 Farm and Home Week. Well, we don't have a logo and it seems we need one, to stay in tune with the new style of the Farm and Home Week brochure. Traditionally, we have used the School and the College Crests, but we don't have a single symbol to represent S.A.G.A. So this is an official call for a logo. Send your design to: S.A.G.A. Logo, Box 320, Sub P.O. #6, Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0W0.

As I write this column, your executive committee is getting into high gear to organize the 1985 reunion weekend. **Allan McDougald** and **Carl Lynn** have put together a

topical program for the lecture series. They plan to have a big pot of coffee ready bright and early Friday morning, so do plan to be there. Take note of the new location for the Smoker, where you can get your tickets for the Banquet and Dance on Saturday night. I had one entry for the bonspiel in early November. It's nice to see that kind of enthusiasm.

Around the Campus, we learned this fall that the Administration Building has a crack in the wall and that it may have to be vacated in a few years. The reaction of many Ag Grads was, "Oh No!!". We hope this won't side-track the proposals for a new Agriculture Building. It is a reminder that we must continue our lobbying efforts in support of Agriculture.

It is hard to believe that my term as



president will be completed next month. Time does fly, but it has been a real pleasure. The members of your executive lead active and busy lives, but all have been conscientious in carrying out their responsibilities. Many thanks!!

See you all at Farm and Home Week and the Reunion Weekend. If you haven't planned to attend, just come anyway! Why do so many people come every year? Because that's the Ag Grad Tradition!!

Ron Howarth '62
President, S.A.G.A.

LETTER FROM A PRAIRIE CHICKEN



Boy, what a country! Record high temperatures all summer, no rain, and now blizzards on Hallowe'en! We expected austerity from the Conservatives, but this is ridiculous. Perhaps if **Grant** could manage to get the Weather Office moved back to Regina, or better still, to Swift Current, weather in the Palliser Triangle wouldn't be just one surprise after another. Things could be worse, I guess. We did manage to grow a decent garden last summer, despite the drought and grasshoppers; and we thought we had enough feed put

up or bought for an average winter. Of course averages are only for economists and statisticians, not farmers.

There is an event coming up that should brighten our winter. In January we will be celebrating 20 years since graduation from the College of Agriculture, and I hope all our classmates are planning to celebrate with us.

It is hard to believe that 20 years have gone by since we were suffering through half-class exams, struggling with material for a thesis, and wonder-

ing what was going to happen to us after the University cast us out into the cold, cruel world. By the time we got to 4th year, many of us subconsciously wished that University life could go on forever, as we somehow knew that never again would we experience such a close group relationship, as we had with our classmates and professors. I think that's why we look forward so eagerly to class reunions, so we can try to

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recapture for a few hours that old feeling of comradeship and security among friends.

Of course reunions, especially after 20 years, can be another source of comfort as well. It is a relief to find

out that you're not the only one whose hair is thinning, or greying, or both; or who has gained 20 lbs. in all the wrong places. You can compare notes on your off-spring, your businesses and your health. You can find out who still can sing, and how many still remember the Agro Yell.

Some of us may now be grandparents; some of us may have just started families; some are practical agrologists (primary producers); some

are civil servants; some are politicians; some work in private industry, and some are teaching new generations of Agros, but when we all get together in January, 1985, for a brief while, we will all be 4th year Agros again.

Looking forward to seeing you all,

Irene Ahner '65

THE PROLETARIAT



Barry Rapp '83, assistant Ag. Rep., Tisdale, and **Al Foster '84**, Land Rep., Tisdale are demonstrating the vigor and vitality of youth to the Tisdale crowd. Barry was involved in fastball, touch football, and golf over the summer and fall, and now is playing volleyball and recreational hockey, while Al often sports the bumps and bruises as a sign of his enthusiastic involvement in senior hockey.

Andy Sereda '61, Regional Potentate for Saskatchewan Agriculture in the North East, has had the North West region added to his fold. He assured us that the shotgun he carried this fall was for geese and not for strongarm coordinating tactics.

Joe Novak '84 is headquartered in Hudson Bay, looking after Lands Branch responsibilities in that area, under the periodic supervision of **George O'Bertos '59**. George lays claim to being the oldest, active living Land Rep. in the province, and he is barely past 40. Raised 3 fine boys, with one of them, **Dave '84** is a Land Rep. at North Battleford, following in Dad's footsteps.

Locki Bracken '67 runs Homestead Agencies in Hudson Bay

and sells insurance to all and sundry.

Lorne Hopfner '67 farming at Hudson Bay, was a co-operator on a FarmLab project involving spring applied nitrogen on winter wheat. Winter wheat may be the answer to late springs in that country.

Steven Yelland '83 is busy mining the home farm at Porcupine Plain, while Dad, Harold Yelland, spends most of his time away on various jobs as vice-president of the Sask. Wheat Pool.

Roy Button '67 and family have returned to the Great North East after a 2-year stint abroad. Roy was project leader of the Canadian Wheat Project in Tanzania for a major part of his time over there. On their way back, they stopped to see **Phil England '68** and family in Pakistan. Roy said Phil's golf game has improved, but his curling may be a bit rusty when he returns in June of 1985. It was rusty to begin with--now it'll be positively corrosive.

Ed Tanner '72 has taken over from **Eugene Bendig '70** as Saskatchewan Director of the Canadian Society of Extension. A fringe benefit of the position was the semi-annual Board meeting being held at Toronto at the same time as the

Winter Fair.

Ed's normally not a name dropper, but loudly proclaimed a close school days friendship with the drug addict who testified at the recent Thatcher trial. Ed's addiction is moose hunting.

Ken Bowren '57 is considering retirement, however, is still guarding the few cereal and oil seed plots left at the Melfort Research Station from being over-grazed in the interest of ruminant research.

Cam Wright '49 is on the executive of Saskatchewan Greenhouse Association, and still offers guidance to son Tom on the home farm at Melfort.

Jack Stevenson '60 has made enough money to go into the fertilizer business with brother Jim. Greenland Fertilizers is located west of Melfort.

Lorne Christopherson '69 is feeding cattle and farming at Weldon and is a Director of the "Anti-Crow Gang" of the Saskatchewan Canola Growers Association.

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Vince '73 and **Sharon (Howse) Walker '73** farm the majority of land in the Brooksby area Northeast of Melfort. They grow so much grain that the Sask. Wheat Pool had to build a new elevator in Brooksby.

Ross Richards '50 has retired from the Assessment Branch. After all these years of assessing farmers with millions of tax dollars, Ross is finding financing his retirement to be of no problem.

Andy Laforge '81 is looking after business for **Terry Gates '68** Fertilizer in Carrot River.

Dean Anderson '78 recently hosted a number of North East S.I.A. types to a tour of their Greendale Fertilizer sales outlet at Tisdale.

Jim Caughlin '75 is busy farming in the summer, and instructing computer courses for Wascana in the winter. He still finds time to heave the granite on a regular basis.

Fred "The Solar Powered Sex Machine" Bowditch '64 will be spending time in the P.A. Pen. again this winter. Fred claims he is actually instructing for Wascana and comes home regularly for conjugal visits.

Pete McLaren '58, Land Baron and bridge player extraordinaire, is busy lending and collecting money for A.C.S. in Prince Albert. As well, A.I.C. Council will be enhanced by his directorship for the next term.

Dennis Koch '71 and **Barry Boreen '73** are busy floggin' feed for the Co-op mill in Melfort, while **Ken McGowen '74** looks after mill management and **Karen Durholm '84** is senior feed clerk. Barry is sometimes better known for his now famous rendition of the four McCoy's - the Coke-Sacker, the Cork-Soaker, the Sock-Tucker and the Real McCoy.

John "Wild Rice" Hemstad '63 is heading up a new marketing

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TUK A HUL YEER TA GIT RITE!

company for the Saskatchewan Indian Agriculture Program. John has been travelling the country promoting sales of wild rice - even been talking to some Scandihooovians across the pond, probably in their native tongue. Says they need wild rice to eat at some special celebration they have yearly. It helps to soak up the schnapps.

Adrian Johnston '81, dirt and plant specialist for the SE is still burning up the roads trying to increase the number of soil tests in the Weyburn Desert (formerly Yellow Grass Marsh). He was heard muttering to himself - something about wild rice production. Wonder if the summer heat got to him, or if he wants to fine-tune his production skills before moving closer to home.

Blaine Hjertaas is still trying to keep **Ted Turner '48** and the boys on the straight and narrow at the POOL. The board of directors meet-

ings haven't been the same since Blaine arrived. **Naomi** would like him to stay at home to keep the farm and the boys tuned up, but duty calls.

Larry White '64, Lyle Ballard '74 and company made their annual expedition -- 'to Minneapolis to see the "Twins" play ball, 'is what they tell their wives. From the look of their eyes "The Twins" must play ball day and night. **Pat Gerwing '70** is glad that Larry got a new van for the trip, as he and **Jean** didn't want a 3:00 a.m. wake-up call again this year.

It was rumored that **John Jacques '76** (on leave from the farm at Pangman), along with the other farm management types from the SE & SW, gathered in Moose Jaw on the lee side of 'Big Mac' to indoctrinate the peons (Ag. Reps.) on the finer points of fudging with red ink.

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They worked long into the night. Their eyes were strained from squinting at their calculators, and some eyes must have been close to the grindstone, since they had absorbed some of the aforementioned red ink.

Jim Pollock '74, ag. rep. from the fiefdom of Moosomin, was unimpressed with the whole exercise, even though he managed to add 2 and 2 and came up with 4. He was quoted as saying that "that was as close to becoming an economist as he ever wanted to be".

Sinc Harrison '67, Reeve of the R.M. of Moosomin, left for Australia the day before the snow arrived as a Nuffield Scholar. He hopes to be back for the spring thaw around February. Says he is studying local government, but we all know that he just wanted to get out of supervising the snow removal crews this winter.

Ron Gallaway '48 was seen tramping around Europe in September. The trip must not have been all that tiring, as he still had enough energy to chair the 75th anniversary for the U of S activity week in Estevan.

Elwood Gould '25 was honored as the oldest U of S grad during the U of S Celebration activity week in Estevan.

Colin Beaulieu '78 nephew of **Vic '49**, has a large construction project on the go east of Estevan. Looks remarkably like a hog barn. Wonder if Vic helped with the blue prints? Couldn't have -- it woulda looked more like a beach cottage.

Elaine Moats '77, fortified with rum, put herself in the hands of Air Canada and spent two weeks tasting the lobster in Nova Scotia. FLASH! It was rumoured that she spent the first night storm-stayed in the Regina Airport Lounge -- that's where the rum went.

Pat Gerwing '70 is still looking for some ducks to land in the dry sloughs west of Estevan. Jean doesn't mind, as the usual shotgun shell budget can be used for hockey sticks or Christmas shopping.

Jim Cinnamon '49 gave up on combining his sunflowers in the snow drifts and decided that his time could be better spent hunting geese.

Alan Arthur '68 is counting on lots of snow this winter to fill that jumbo dugout he had dug this fall. That drag line did a dandy job, and they even let him run it for a couple of hours. Looks like a fun toy -- might have to get one of those. **Cathy** is not encouraging it, as she has a heck of a time getting him to do a little carpentry around the house, as it is.

Al Blair '64 is beginning to take an interest in pigs again, after filling **Phil England's '68** shoes as regional farm management joe, since Phil left on a CIDA tour in Pakistan, where he has been busy needling the Sikhs next door. A tidy pig is a good pig, but farm management gets just plain messy at times.

Blair Duke and **Daryll Thomas**, two '78 types are off on a months jaunt to Chairman Mao country.

Dole '78 and **Bev Thomas** and son, Cory took up residence in Calgary in early July. They found the winters too cold in Camrose.

Denise Beaulieu '79 is back from her stint with CUSO in Nigeria. She worked for Federated Co-ops for a spell, but packed it in to work on a M.Sc. in dairy science. Those native cattle must have inspired her.

Jim Peltier '77 is back at U of S taking law after being a Shylock with FCC since graduation. He's already pocketed retainers from a passel of FCC clients -- just in case they face foreclosure.

Ian '71 and **Eleanor Bowie** found out what its like to have good neighbors, when the biggest-ever prairie fire razed their farmstead, along with two others in that Tompkins-Piapot country. It only took an hour to rip through the Bowie Spread,

taking with it 10 buildings including the bunkhouse.

About 60 local folks spent two days helping clean up the mess. A neighbor brought along his backhoe to help put the water and sewage system back together; others took shifts for four nights to guard against flare-ups; 30 men, some taking time off from harvesting, put in five days setting up 2500 new fence posts, while local women kept them supplied with vittles.

Eleanor says that in a crisis such as they went through, really brings out the concern that people have for each other. People are more important than things.

Henry Janzen '80 of Coaldale, Alberta, has taken his new Ph.D. in soil science to the Lethbridge research station, as their dryland agronomist.

Dwayne Mooney '71, a Bengough lad, is the new Agricultural Canada plant health officer for North Saskatchewan. For the past couple of years he's been a plant inspector at Regina.

Mark Willcox '78, from that Grenfell Country, is now a regional pesticide officer for Agriculture Canada at Regina. He gave up five years in the garden centre and landscape business for the servile service.

Grant McLean '71, Carlyle says that the only thing the hoppers didn't attack was the oil well grasshoppers -- probably recognized an ethnic relationship.

We got genned up on the comings and goings-on of the **Avonlea Mafia!**

Ron Watson '70 is farming with family - dad, Lawrence and a brother in-law, Lou Stang. He and **Carol** have two tads, Rhonda 13, and Darren 11. Among his other responsibilities are John Deere, the Royal Bank, Esso and Sask. Pool. He also messes around growing select seed.

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Cliff Petruic '70 is on the home farm. He and brother, Stan are living off the dividends of Golden Plains Farms Ltd. He and **Teresa** claim responsibility for a family of three.

John Petruic '59 is still holding a job and playing lead with the Alberta Pool rink in Calgary. They're still trying to teach him how to sweep.

Doug McRorie '56 is with the Royal Bank in Winnipeg. He's squadron commander of the Avonlea airforce--shoots up the old town, and just grins.

Dale Sudom '65 is a soils (?) specialist down in Newfie. Brothers **Mike '75** and **Blaine** tend more soil on their home farms than Dale sees all year.

Dave '76 and **Gerald '78 Holland** tend the home ground

together--raising kids, cows, wheat and weeds. Dave is head of the local Lions pride.

Ken '70 and **Erica (Hoehn) '75**, farm near Avonlea. They have their own greenhouse and keep the neighborhood supplied with bedding plants and a lot of free advice.

Ken and his father, Eldon, were victims of an electrical accident during harvest. Eldon passed away in hospital, and Ken is into a 10 to 12 week recuperation period in the burn unit at Regina General Hospital.

Ken and Erica have two children. Ken is Lions secretary and chairman of the Coteau Range Community College

Kerry Hubbard '79 is out selling chemicals to the proletariat for some company, somewhere. Even 'Greenpeace' doesn't know where he is.

Doug Campbell '70 has the ear of the C.N.R. president on grain transportation. He's got an Air Canada plaque saying he's travelled over a million miles with them and never been airsick or set fire to a washroom. Schenley plans to present

him with an award for consumption beyond the call of duty.

Bob Bradley '62, an Esterhazy lad, has voted with his feet -- left the ag. rep. job at Minnedosa, Manitoba to become area soil conservationist with PFRA outa Brandon. His old job as soil specialist had disappeared by the time he came back from a CIDA stint in Tanzania, so he took on the job of trying to clean up the mess at Minnedosa that **Lin Boyes '48** left behind. A couple or so other guys had also given up the task in between.

Bob made it into PFRA a week before the Mulroney sweep.

Took the wife and tads to Denmark last July to visit some old contemporaries from his Tanzania experience.

'Stormin Norman' Hemstad '64 is carryin' on as regional stockman in the outback at Brandon. **Trudy** is back 'home ec'ing' part-time to pay the golf and curling fees and keep the kids in shoes.

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RESCUE THE PERISHING

With all the news in Canada this last while on the famine in Africa, and the reports of large funds going for aid, the Canadian Hunger Foundation invites interested Canadians to support their development work in Africa.

The Canadian Hunger Foundation is working in 18 countries with more than 70

projects. Their thrust is self-help, appropriate technology and training of people to improve their agriculture and food supplies. A \$30 membership is matched by CIDA on the basis of 3 to 1, making a total of \$120 going overseas for each \$30 membership (less a very small percentage for administration and management). Your membership is tax deductible.

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Thank you!



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Jerry Gramiak '65 is the groom specialist with Manitoba Agriculture at Brandon. He hasn't yet completed his aim in life -- he's only succeeded in growing one blade of grass where one grew before. The second leaf is still in the cotyledon stage. At least he's not slipping back.

Alden Oliver '62 is still making ground with regional horticultural extension for B.C. Agriculture & Food at Kamloops -- since June '82. Moved to 1559 Southview Terrace -- the other place got too weedy.

Thom Weir '76 and **Marilyn** are on the lam too. They've moved to 16 Eastman Crescent, Newmarket, Ontario. He's product manager with Cyanamid for new products at head office. Daughter, Janessa has decided she would go along to see if it works out.

Al Scholz '75 has forsaken the agronomic services job at CSP Foods, Saskatoon, to move back to the farm at Churchbridge and proselytize for Hoechst Canada from there. They moved in July so **Lendy** is being nice to the mother-in-law -- doesn't have her own garden.

Velsicol is working -- for some Saskatchewan ag. grads. They got taken on a Caribbean cruise in October, which was called a 'meeting' for tax purposes. Lining up for their daily rum ration were: **Garry Schultz '79**, Regina; **Rod Delahey '80** Saskatoon; **Maggie McCrimmon '81**, Yorkton and **Alvin Stephens '80** Edmonton.

Don Saelhof '72 has moved from Winnipeg to Saskatoon, in the interests of prevention of cruelty to wild oats -- Monsanto style. He reports seeing **Bill Laing '72** and **Brenda**, Bills' the ice cream wizard for Safeway outa Winnipeg. He also caged milk and cookies offa **Sherry** and **Jerry Coutts '72** awhile back.

Randy Pistawka '81 has been leaning into the wind at Lethbridge for Green Cross for the past three years. Kinda likes the place though. Sez that two kids are all he can afford.

The story on **Maurice Tenkink's '79** marital status is gradually coming to light. Seems his in-laws just work in 'apartheid country'. He and his new jailer sashayed down to South Africa to visit them and got hitched down there -- Bishop Tutu? The bride is still nameless, but perhaps time will reveal her identity. Anyway, Maurice took time to look over May & Baker down there, and decided he'd best keep on peddling Bucril M in NE Saskatchewan, but moved from Humboldt to Saskatoon in the process.

Juanita Brown '83 has gone from milking Swedish cows, on an international exchange safari, to shepherding Ukrainian 4H kids at Yorkton. She's the new E.C. regional 4H rep.

At last -- Leonard Malinsky '70 takes his time trading cars and picking girlfriends. Took him over a year to decide between an '83 Cordoba and an '85 Parisienne--cry your heart out, Iacocca.

Baz Fritz '73, spends most E.D.O.'s tryna start his IH 560 so he can haul out the last of his winter wheat.

Mark Heebner '79 land baron for E.C., is sure glad he isn't selling crown lands on a commission basis.

Ken Brice '64, chief floor walker for Lands Branch at Yorkton, has been re-appraising the stuff so they can have a garage sale next spring.

Grant Devine '67 has had to resort to selling coal mines instead, to keep the pot boiling.

A lotta School types have come in from the cold to analyze soil samples until spring. **Rory Bogner '79**, Dinsmore; **Randy Drimmie '78**, Liberty; **Jim Hornford '80**, Elfros and **Jim Miller '81**, Perdue. Full-time mudpie specialists at the soils lab are: **Richard Bellamy '66S** as special analyst, and **Ted Morrison**

'82 Gull Lake, in receiving.

Some college grads toiling among the cations are: **Jason Fradette '84**, Radville, agronomist; **Dean Shier '83**, Colonsay, receiving; and as mentioned last month, **Dale Tomasiewicz '79**, Outlook is chief of all the Shawnees.

Bob Ehr '82, Elanco; **Ron Kehring '84** and **Gerry Hertz '84** with Sask. Assessment; and **Harvey Hill '84** agrologist-in-waiting, have hunkered down in Speedy Crick. They're on a stones throw from **Bill Sherks '82** bay window.

Bill moved to Speedy with Allied Sales. Figures 'Sabre' is now fit to sell -- he spent a coupla years in Calgary with Elanco researching the stuff. He's also closer to Saskatoon. He's sharing his condo with **Kevin Hartley '82**.

Several West Central extension types were seen in top form at the recent SIA update "Optimum Tillage Challenge" held in Saskatoon November 6, 7, 8. Never have so many West Central types been gathered any place at once, and this time it wasn't for a regional staff meeting. Wonder if it was because they don't have regional co-ordinator in their midst?

Keith LePoudre '76 Davidson, was last seen trying to drain Elanco's hospitality bar in the Saskatoon Inn. He figures they owed him a few after all the Heritage problems he experienced this past spring.

Lee Moats '79, Rosetown, has moved into new office headquarters in Rosetown. I guess it pays to come from "True Blue" country.

Bill Hurd '63 Outlook, won a local pie eating contest. He ate the prize. He says a 13-year old boy that won an age-class pie eating contest could have beaten him hands down.

Archie Colton '50 has moved up in the world. He is now 'your worship' in Kindersley as of this past summer.

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Vern Racz '68 is the new director of the Sask. feed testing lab at the U. of S. No more curry in the livestock rations.

Sask. Agriculture has recently been asking for transfers to the Ag. Rep. position in Kindersley. Guess they decided it's time they had somebody there to straighten out the misleading advice farmers have been getting from Archie's Agrology Services since April 1984.

Cam Casswell '50 still can't quit coming to the Kindersley office. Old habits are just hard to break, we guess he just wants to see how much the new ruler, **Bob Middleton '56** plans to change things.

Don Surminsky (Man. grad), Kindersley, is being particularly observant of the East Central region these days. Guess it has something to do with his imminent transfer as Farm Management Specialist. We hope he knows that coffee breaks over there usually include some locally distilled products that don't mix well with cream and sugar.

Len Pigott '76, regional range rider at Kindersley, is beginning to wonder if he has B.O. Since he arrived in Kindersley last April, **Archie**

Colton '50; Cam Casswell '50 and **Nestor Hawrysk '50** have all retired; ACS moved their personnel to Saskatoon; and a secretary resigned. If **Don Surminsky** moves to Yorkton, Len will be left with one secretary and **Patty Mann '83**, Land Rep. They may have to hire The Ghostbusters around that office pretty soon.

Brian Sim '77, Kerrobert, says he hasn't planned any mid-winter holidays paid by Sask. Agriculture Extension Service this year. Last winter Brian chaperoned **Jack Peck '51** at the Winter School of Extension in Arizona. It was a tough job, but somebody had to do it.

Larry Gramiak '73, Saskatoon, is taking partial credit for the successful Tillage Conference. Approximately 250 people attended and they even attracted about 75 farmers.

Paul Shukin '63 and **Jim Holm '67**, Saskatoon, have been quieter than usual these days, since the West Central inherited an acting Regional Co-ordinator. I guess they adopted the policy of "Don't Attract Undo Attention Unto Yourself" and life will go forward smoothly.

Marilyn Ruszkowski '77, Biggar, has been having trouble keeping clerical help due to her secretaries taking maternity leaves, etc. Maybe a male secretary is the answer. At least she wouldn't have to worry, about him taking maternity leave. Marilyn says she is planning on

7 taking a Caribbean cruise later this winter, but needs a roommate to avoid paying a single supplement. Maybe she should put an ad in the personal column of The Western Producer.

Larry Hiles '77 found things were getting a bit warm at 'the Commerce' in Regina, so plunked for a move to Saskatoon. **Faye** now hangs her tea towels at 703 Kingsmere Blvd., S7J 4E8.

Ed Plohr '76 rented another seven sections (?) of land in light of his new family responsibilities. **Randy Bohn '83**, Southey, has been in charge of breakdowns, sprayer misses and grade losses. They're waiting for the crop insurance cheque. If Mulroneys cuts out the family allowance it'll be the last straw.

The money crowd have taken over the Yorkton branch of SIA. **Rick Blenner-Hassett '75** is the grand exalted ruler, **Kevin Werner '83** is the chancellor of the exchequer and **Pat Callin '69** is recruiting officer.

Bev Dyck '84, credit advisor, is really 'shining' in floor hockey -- that's not eye shadow she's wearing -- she always keep her eye on the ball. Nothing but blind dates during convalescence.

The early snows caught **Paul Beaulieu '83** with his appraisals down. He's been doing some of them by stoneboat.

Relief vs. Joy?



Wonder if **Glen Hass '60**, past president of S.A.G.A. and **Ron Howarth '62**, president are on the same wavelength?

'Les ever look that good?



Les Henry '64 is wondering if he'll look as good at his 60th reunion as **Sham Regan '24** did at his.

WEDDINGS AND COHABITATIONS

Carol Clark latched onto **Brent Flaten '80** in North Battleford, on July 21. Carol is taking quite a chance, since there is some dispute as to his parentage and his grad year. He claims to be the son of **Norm '50 B.E.**, and **Vi Flaten**, and that he graduated in 1980.

He also claims to be representing Allied Chemicals in North Battleford. We haven't heard a word from Norm, Vi or Allied.

Don Flaten '78 had to go outside the province to pick up **Tanis Minish**. It all happened at Selkirk, Manitoba on June 9. Don is hanging out his shingle as a soils specialist with Sask. Agriculture in Regina.

Two sons married in a dry year, and a daughter **Pat '82**, enrolled in the degree course, and you think you got it tough.

Grant Greenshields '81 didn't just pick up a diploma when he went up to Saskatoon. **Callie Spratt** wasn't secretary at the School of Agriculture for all those six years for nothing. Gad! She's choosy, though! Anyway, she made Grant's decision for him on October 20 at Davidson.

The place was jumpin' with School types. Callie was toasted in song by School of Ag. staff with "Beautiful, Beautiful Redhead". The cultural revolution was set back 20 years.

Fred Fulton '50 gave the toast to the bride and groom, and **John Peters AS**, presented Callie with an honorary diploma.

They're gonna live it up in a new house on the farm at Semans.

Callie has her work cut out for her. Her new mother-in-law is a tremenjus cook. Have you seen **Wes '49** waist-

line lately?

That seed plant is gonna hefta pay now, er else.

Debbie Slater, a teacher at Windthorst, who hails from Balcarres, called a recess on **Brian Highmoor's '76** wandering ways on July 7. They live in the same yard as Brian's brother, Larry, who got hitched in April.

Tobe Sather '76 is no longer footlose at Gull Lake. **Gail Mizagha**, a medical receptionist, judged him healthy enough husband material on August 12. She hails from Gronlid, and is a cousin of **Ed Plohr '76**.

Commercial: Highmoor and Webb are shareholders in Farmfax. Check with Ed Plohr '76 on advertising rates.

Kelvin '83, chip off the **John**



Stevenson '60 block, will be forever carefully coiffured, since **Yvonne Beauchesne** of Kindersley clamped a hairdryer hood on him on August 11. She's a hairdresser at St. Brieux. Triangle Farms at Melfort will have to change their name to Rectangle (Kelvin's dad, and uncles), if Kelvin can work the 'angle'.

Ardith Seibel, a lass from Speedy Crick, forced her in-laws to move into Kindersley, when she laid claim to **Gordon Webb's '76** folks' farm at Major on June 23.

Evan Michael Stumborg staked out bed and boarding rights at Naicam on July 11. **Chantel Marie** says he can have the old crib - she wanted a youth bed anyway. **Harry '79** and **Faye** are busy trying to keep the grub coming. Harry's farming a section for recreational purposes. He's also a full-time salesman for Cropper Motors.

Gordon Graham Sword has taken over the farm at Unity. He hired on on June 2. **Lee '79** and **Sherry** will be reduced to foreman and general manager until new help can be engaged.

Marlene (Cochrane) Fehr '71, has come in out of the cold -- she became a mother -- maybe not for the first time, but anyway **Amanda Beth**


BIBS AND BONNETS



Mark David Weiseth arrived ahead of the first snowstorm--born October 11. He'll be 'pamper-ed' all winter by **Irene** and **Dave '75**

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BIBS AND BONNETS

continued from page 8  **Bill** has come along on October 1. **Bill** has been told that he's the father.

Owen Whitney Plohr is the newest Farmfax client at Quinton. He came along at 6 lbs 11 oz on March 6 to **Myrna** and **Ed '76** -- their first.

Ryan William Fraser was the product of a mixed marriage on October 11 at Weyburn. His mom, **Valerie Townsend '76** is the first Canadian female land rep., and **Eric Fraser** is a doctor of motors. His total displacement was 3315 grams -- 7 lbs 5 oz, to those P.C. types. Mom's nose, but fortunately for Ryan, no red hair.

Aaron Daniel Hursh is the first for **Marlene** and we hope for **Kevin '80**, on October 22 at 8 lbs 7 oz -- gad! it's been a long hot summer. CFQC classed the birth announcement as a commercial.

Chelsey Nicole Kramer was last of the harvest at Lashburn for **Barb** and **Dale '72**. She came along on October 3. Good crop -- 8 lbs 7 oz. Tyler and Kaeley were sure tired of waiting.

Collean Elizabeth Little is all agro. She arrived in Saskatoon on September 25 at 8 lbs 13 oz to **Kathy (McKay) '79** and **Ken '77**. She's a second edition Little.

Adam Stewart Malchow put Swift Current on the map on April 20. **Carolyn** and **Roger '76** claim parentage. Sarah preceded him.

Mackenzie Brian Wilson was born on foreign soil -- October 1 at Calgary at 8 lbs 4 oz. He may never forgive his folks, **Shelley (Baugh)**

'78 and **Brian '78**.

Pete '52 and **Millie Petersen** have gone from hoping to expecting -- grandchildren, that is. Grandpa has already made a down payment on a pony.

Blaine Everett Swanson arrived at 'The Bay' on August 20. His mom, **Marlene** was relieved and his dad, **Barry '72** was proud. He was preceded by brother **Jeffry Cardel** who has had his toys all labelled. Dad says they both 'good doers'.

BARGAIN BASEMENT



Some members of the agro family have saved up their family allowance, old age pension or crop insurance cheques, and plunked for the best bargain they could find -- a life membership in ye olde S.A.G.A. -- better than Sask. Oil bonds. Sorry there, **Grant '67**.

Adrian Johnston '81, the dirt and chaff specialist for the whole of the sweet crude country, where the

grasshoppers work all year, donated his poker winnings to S.A.G.A. If the truth were known, probably the whole agriculture staff at Weyburn contributed.

Don McCallum '75 sent us some of that eastern money. He's been account supervisor for Cormar Communications Inc., down at London, Ontario, for the past 2½ calendars. Sez they're a full-service advertising outfit, and that Chipman Chemical and Stauffen Chemicals are their main source of bread.

Lindsay Hanson '83 sent in some co-op dividends for his family

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LOOKIN FER A PLAICE TA STASH YER GOLD?



Name Grad Year

Address

Postal Code College School

Enclosed is a cheque for \$..... to cover a
 () Life Membership (Years since - 0-9 years - \$80.00, graduation - 10 + years \$70.00)
 () Annual Fee (\$8.00)

While You're At It: Send us some news about yerself (new or old), the wife and the kids, other grads, old girl friends, inflation, grain quotas, crop insurance, taxes, your biggest catch, (guys, wimmen, er fish), tributes to the new grain freight rates, lamentations for the crow, etc.



Send Yer Muny To:
 Richard Bellamy, Registrar S.A.G.A.
 Sask. Soil Test Lab
 General Purpose Bldg.
 University of Sask.
 Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0W0

YER STILL TAKIN' MUNY AINT YA, RICHARD?





PLUMS AND PLAUDITS

H.M. 'Chris' Holm '48 and **Carl Carlberg '48** were both awarded **Life Membership** in the formed Saskatchewan Horticulture Committee at their first annual banquet on November 2.

Stan Sheard '51, emeritus provincial boss potato, made the presentation to Carl.

The new organization was given birth very largely because of the urges of **Cecil Stushnoff '63** who, wouldn't you know, has been nailed as chairman. **Clarence Peters '71** is secretary. **Paul Fowler '71** president of the Saskatchewan Greenhouse Growers Association, is also a member.

E.A. 'Ted' Boden '48 and **Paul Kernaleguen '44** were both awarded the Saskatchewan Co-operative Order of Merit by the Government of Saskatchewan at a ceremony on October 15.

Ted was a former president of S.F.A., and has served as a Saskatchewan Pool delegate since 1946. He was first vice-president from 1969 to 1973, and has been president for the past ten years.

He has been a director of CFA, the Saskatchewan Co-operative Growers Association, Interprovincial Co-ops and the Cut Knife Co-op. He was also agent general for Saskatchewan in Britain from 1974 to 1977.

Paul became a director of the St. Brieux Credit Union in 1957 and has attended all of the 270 meetings held since then, and as president since 1962.

He has also been a director of Melfort Co-op, president of the Canadian Lacombe Swine Association, and a delegate to Credit Union Central.

Eric Moysey AS has been

awarded a **Fellowship** in the Society of Agricultural Engineering, in recognition of his being one of Canada's foremost authorities on farm structures and the environment, particularly as regards to the storage, drying and handling of oilseeds. He received the Canadian Sheet Steel Builder's Institute Award in 1979.

Didn't have to blow his own horn to get recognized.

The folks at home didn't think **John Harapiak '63** would ever make it.

'The Father of Deep Banding' was accorded the 1984 **Distinguished Agrologist Award** at the 38th annual meeting of the Alberta Institute of Agrologists.

The award was presented to John in recognition of his research in deepbanding of dry fertilizers, which he began in 1969 on the hypothesis that the superiority of anhydrous ammonia arose as a result of its placement, rather than as a nitrogen source.

The impact of deepbanding of nitrogen fertilizer in particular, which increases its effectiveness in the range 10 to 50%, if universally adopted on the prairies, would by estimate increase its productive value by between \$600 million to \$900 million.

In addition to proving the benefits of the concept, he was instrumental in encouraging the development of fertilizer placement equipment by farm machinery manufacturers.

He was also commended for his extraordinary abilities as an extension worker, as demonstrated by his speaking and writing, which have resulted in a constant demand for his services as a speaker at farmer, dealer and professional meetings, both in Canada and the U.S.

It all happened at Western Co-op Fertilizer of which John is manager of

BARGAIN BASEMENT

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membership. He worked at the crop development centre at the college after graduation, and then switched to Federated Co-ops in January. He's the chemical siccumvisor who looks after polluting Western Canada Co-op retail outlets with pesticides.

Brent Bender '83 diverted some of the FCC distress money from the Rosetown kitty into our coffers. Brent is reputed to be the kindest shylock on the FCC staff.

Reg. Hartness '63 saved himself \$20 on the 'old boys' rate. He's still the area straw boss for PFRA's Soil and Water Conservation Service--dugouts, dams, blowdirt control and golf courses for cows. He does it all at Rosetown.

Lyle Sandercock '83, Markinch, couldn't make enough on the farm for an S.A.G.A. life sentence, so he's doing a stint with the crop science department at the U of S.

agronomic and market development services.

Engrow, Simplot, Cominco and Sherritt wish they'd said that.

Hugh Thompson '67, fire chief and hockey coach extra ordinaire, was made Claresholm Alberta '**citizen of the year**' for 1983.

How come we're just hearing about it now? Good news travels slowly. Guess we need more Saga newshounds out in our sister republics.

W.E. 'Bill' Howell '49 AS, was accorded the CSAS **Certificate of Merit** at their awards banquet, held at Winnipeg during the AIC convention last summer. The award also carries an Honorary Life Membership.

Bill, as you know, is a professor of animal science at the U. of S., who has, among his other endeavours, been closely associated with research and promotion of sheep, and in artificial breeding, the latter of which, did much to promote the adoption and practice in the late 'Fiftes and

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early 'Sixties. The latter fact earned him the appellation 'Cold Hands' Howell back in those days.

Oldtimers will remember **Fred Bentley FAIC**, an Alberta type, who was the most enthusiastic soils prof and promoter of AIC in existence in the early postwar period at the College. Fred moved back to Alberta in later years to head up the soils department in that disadvantaged province, and later became dean of agriculture. He established further fame as a result of his tireless promotion of soil conservation in Canada and world-wide.

The University of Quelp conferred on him an **Honorary Doctor of Science** degree in recognition of his contributions to agricultural science.

Who sez the East always ignores the west? But then again you gotta put out a superhuman effort to get noticed.

Harvey Voldeng '63, a boy from Spalding, has done good. He's been named **Man of the Year** by the Canadian Seed Trade Association.

Harvey is a soybean breeder at Agriculture Canada research station at Ottawa.

Another name for **Laverne '63** to drop. At least, Harvey is a cousin.

WHUT'S GOIN' ON?



Thursday, January 10

- College and School warm-ups
- Check with reunion year chairman

Friday, January 11

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| AM | |
| 8:30 | Ag. Grad Lecture Series |
| 11:30-3:00 | Sask. Ag. Grads Association annual meeting (with break for lunch) |
| PM | |
| 4:00 | Curling commences |
| 8:00 | Smoker - grads, wives, husbands and just friendlies |

Saturday, January 12

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| AM | |
| 8:00-4:00 | Curling continues |
| PM | |
| 6:00 | Ag. Grad Soiree - Centennial Auditorium |
| 7:00 | Sociability |
| 7:00 | Banquet |
| 8:30-1:00 | Musical Gyration with Boyd Burrell '64 and "The Generations" |

Sunday, January 13

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| AM | |
| 8:00 | Curling resumes |
| PM | |
| 2:00 | Trophy presentation |
| 2:30 | General Jubilation |

Banquet and Dance Tickets

Available at Lecture Series and Smoker

GATHERED UNTO HIS FLOCK

Isabel Lane, mother of **Stewart Lane '39**, passed away at Bethany Care Centre in Calgary on October 22 in her one-hundredth year.

Funeral services were held at Grace United Church, Fillmore, on Friday, October 26, and were conducted by the Rev. Don McLeod. The eulogy was given by her son, Stewart.

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R. Gordon Swinton '49, passed away on Sunday August 12, at Richmond, B.C. at 61 years.

He is survived by his wife, **Brenda**; sons, **Paul** of Calgary and **David** and sister, **Doris** at home and brothers, **Ross** of Calgary and **Earl** of Regina.

Gordon was raised at Montmartre. He served as a pilot in the RCAF overseas during World War II.

Following graduation from the College of Agriculture in 1949, he returned to service in the RCAF, and later flew commercially.



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Memorial services were held from Brighthouse United Church, 8151 Bennett Road, Richmond, with Rev. David Cline officiating.

Kathleen Ann Orchard, wife of **Gordon '61** passed away at home at 97 Rupert Drive, Saskatoon, on Monday, September 24.

She is survived by her loving husband, **Gordon**; daughters, **Lorraine** (Jim) **Olinyk** of Borden, Sask., and **Pat** (Dwayne) **Sekundiak** of Saskatoon; son **Keith** (Irene) of Borden; eight grandchildren, a sister, and a brother. She was predeceased by an infant daughter.

Mrs. Orchard was born and raised at Borden where she married Gordon on December 18, 1934. They farmed there until moving to Saskatoon in 1962.

She was active in the Order of the Eastern Star, the Halcyonia United Church and the UCW, and was a very active community worker throughout her life.

Services were held from the Borden Community Centre with services being conducted by Rev. Dr. Frank Myers and Rev. Judith McGillivray, on Saturday, September 29. Internment took place in Borden Cemetery.

Sylvia Louise Turner, beloved wife of **Paul '51**, passed away peacefully in the presence of her family on October 3. In addition to her husband, she is survived by sons, **Cameron**, **Andrew** and **Hugh**; daughters, **Karon Christine Bales** and **Margaret Ann (Peggy)**; and sisters, **Caroline Margaret Moore** and **Phyllis Jeannette Meiklejohn**.

Sylvia was raised in Weyburn and graduated magna cum laude from the University of Saskatchewan in 1950. She lived in Saskatoon for many years, and latterly in Victoria.

Memorial services were held on

Saturday, October 6 at Cadboro Bay United Church.

Dorothy Nell Walls, mother of **Alan '49**, passed away at her home at 101 32nd Street, Saskatoon on October 3 in her 90th year.

Surviving are daughter, **Mrs. Ruth Moody** of Prince Albert; and sons, **Alan** (Marg) of Malawi, Africa, **Victor** (Wendy) of Red Deer, and **Roger** of Saskatoon. Also surviving her are twelve grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and sisters, Mrs. Janet Woodcock of Dauphin and Mrs. Hilda Bailey of Humboldt. She was predeceased by her husband, **Arthur**, and two brothers, Alex and Charles and a sister, Ida.

Mrs. Walls was born in Uttoxeter, England on November 5, 1894. She emigrated to Canada in 1906 with her parents, brothers and sisters, and settled at Carmel, Saskatchewan. Dorothy later moved to Saskatoon and in 1922 married Arthur Walls, who worked at the Saskatoon Star Phoenix for 40 years.

She was active in the Western Development Museum, and was a member of St. James Anglican Church. She was well known for her knitting and weaving abilities, and spent long hours at the loom during Pioneer Days at the museum in Saskatoon.

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46TH ANNUAL GRAD LECTURES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1985

QUANCE THEATRE, EDUCATION BUILDING

A.M.

8:00

Registration

8:30-11:00

Lectures

MANAGING FARM FINANCES

Overview of Farm Finances

Howard Matila '61, Property appraiser and businessman, North Battleford

Panel Discussion - "What's Happening"

Producer: Tom Mann '70 Drinkwater

Farm Supply Credit: **Bob Weese**,

Plenty Farm Sales, Plenty

Bank Credit: Rodney Weber '65, Bank of

Nova Scotia, Saskatoon

Legal: Ron Thorstad of Sherstobitnoff,

Stromberg, Young and Lane, Saskatoon

11:00-12:00 noon SAGA Annual Meeting

P.M.

1:30-3:00

Annual Meeting (continued)

- Room 1004, Education Bldg.

BANQUET AND DANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE

GATHERED UNTO HIS FLOCK



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Rev. Fred Davies conducted the memorial services from McKague's Funeral Chapel on Saturday, October 6.

John Keay '31 of White Rock, B.C. passed away in April. John was raised at Moose Jaw, and graduated from the College with his B.S.A. in 1931. He received his M.Sc. in 1933

He worked for both the Ontario and B.C. departments of agriculture, and for several years was industrial development officer with the food and fisheries branch of the Department of Industry Trade & Commerce in Ottawa.

He retired in 1971 and was presented with a AIC 50-Year Pin in 1981.

Donald Stephen Ward '79 of Vanscoy was killed instantly on October 29 in Saskatoon, when struck by a piece of machinery which was being lifted, fell on him. Don had been working for R & L Electric, Saskatoon for the past four years, as well as farming at Vanscoy.

He was born at Delisle, but spent most of his life at Vanscoy. He attended elementary school at Vanscoy and high school at Delisle.

He had a wide range of interests including playing ball with the Vanscoy Old Stocks, snowmobiling, tropical fish, scuba diving, horticulture, skiing, curling and fishing.

He is survived by his parents, **Anette** and **Elof** of Vanscoy, sisters **Laurie** (Garry) **McNabb** of Estevan and **Janice Ward** of Saskatoon; his grandfather, **Adolph Ward** of Vanscoy; three nephews and a niece; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, November 1 from Westwood Funeral Chapel, Saskatoon, under the direction of Rev. Father E.

Quinn, CSSR.

The eulogy was delivered by **Marinus (Morris) Tenkink '79**, who was also a pallbearer, as was **Harvey Stushnoff '79**.

His college classmates in attendance have made donations to the **Jake Brown Scholarship Fund**. It is suggested that anyone else wishing to honor Don's memory might do likewise.

Helen Margaret Simpson, wife of **Cliff '43** and mother of **Bryan '68**, died very suddenly from a heart attack on September 17.

She was born and raised at Unity,

and took a year of the home economics degree program, before switching to a business course, after which she worked for the Bank of Montreal.

She and Cliff were married in 1943, and stayed on in Saskatoon while Cliff worked on his M.Sc. program. For the following six years they spent the summers on the farm at Unity and the winters in Saskatoon, while Cliff instructed in the agricultural engineering department.

For the rest of their married life they lived at Unity. For the past two winters they spent part of their time in the South.

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Heers the list:

'85 Reunion Chairmen

YEAR

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| 1980 | School | Kern Clayton, Box 77, Maymont, S0M 1T0 Phone: 373-4596 |
| 1980 | College | Jill & Murray Walker 230 Frobisher Crescent, Saskatoon Phone: 934-8104 |
| 1975 | School | John Knudson Box 156, Archerwill, S0E 0B0 Phone: 323-4812 |
| 1975 | College | Art Froehlich 226 Litzenger Crescent, Regina, S4R 7A3 |
| 1965 | School | Jim W. Mulhern Box 126, Meyroone, S0H 3A0 |
| 1965 | College | Marcel Dubois Box 1576, Rosetown, S0L 2V0 Phone: 882-2258 |
| 1955 | School | Howard Matilla & Jim Martin Sask. Agriculture 105 Provincial Office Building North Battleford, S9A 3G7 Phone: 445-6146 |
| 1955 | College | Cliff Hayes 2102 Morgan Avenue, Saskatoon, S7J 2E1 Phone: 374-9363 |
| 1945 | School | Hugh Taylor Vanscoy, S0L 3J0 Phone: 668-2147 |
| 1945 | College | Herb Clark Division Extension & Community Relations University Campus, Saskatoon, S7N 0W0 Phone: 343-5612 |
| 1935 | School | |
| 1935 | College | Archie Campbell 2222 Clarence Avenue South Saskatoon, S7J 1L7 Phone: 343-9205 |

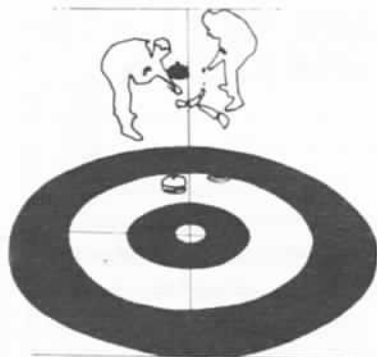
Chairmen for the '25 School, '25 College and '15 School are not confirmed as yet, but there are some real hopefuls!

Morris Sebulsky '61, Chairman
Reunion Years Committee
Summer:
Box 63, Sheho
S0A 3T0

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c/o Department of Ag. Engineering
Room 1A09
University of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon, Sask.
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AG. GRAD BONSPIEL

First Rocks — FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1985
Everyone Curls on Friday!



Then on to the "Smoker"

BEWARE! Some will be on the draw **8:00 A.M. Saturday.**
EAST DRAW, Saturday will be 2:00 P.M. — annual frolic to follow. SEMI-FINALS 9:30 A.M., Sunday (sorry, no church) with the FINALS at 12:30 P.M. Granite Curling Club (no moaning at the bar).

THE GEN

- * Every team sure of 3 games (4 events plus Hutcheon event)
- * All games 8 ends (with the exception of 10 end finals)
- * Ties settled by skip rocks (with sweeping)
- * Each team must have at least 3 SAGA members. A non-member must play lead.
- * Hutcheon event only ... members of rink age 50 or over ...3 games by points ... top 4 point-getters meet in the semi finals.
- * Men's, ladies or mixed teams welcome.

***ENTER EARLY!** (No later than midnight Monday, January 7, 1985)

Limit of 64 regular rinks in the regular draw, and 12 rinks in the Hutcheon event.

NO LATE ENTRIES

THE TOUCH?

Curling Fees \$14.00 per person
Plus
Member Fee \$8.00 Annual
..... (for non-life members)

WATCH FOR DRAWTIMES

Wednesday and Thursday, January 9 & 10 edition for the Friday draws. Also posted at the Annual Meeting and all Saskatoon Curling Clubs.
of the Star Phoenix

ENTRIES

1. Complete the entry form below and return to:

Cam McLelland '79
#4-204 Lindsay Place, Saskatoon, Sask.
S7H 3E6
Phone: 373-5784

2. **FILL IN THE FORM:**
COMPLETELY, ACCURATELY, LEGIBLY
People get the wife to fill it out!

3. **Any Life Members on your rink?**
Check; Yes () No ()

4. **UNATTACHED??** Send in the form with your name anyway!
Tell us which position you prefer, you'll be needed by someone!!

5. **DO IT NOW** ... if you want to PREREGISTER you can enclose a cheque ... or Cheques ... payable to SASK. AG. GRADS ASSOC., for all curling and membership fees.

6. **PREPAYMENT OF FEES BY SKIPS APPRECIATED**
7. **BY WHEN??** **Midnight Monday, January 7, 1985**

AG. GRAD BONSPIEL ENTRY FORM



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

Team Name _____ Hutcheon Event Yes No

*Phone Number at place you're staying in Saskatoon

BENCHED



There's a whole slather of old agro types who have thrown in the Devine sponge -- early retirement program. Among those who ceased to draw rations and can now gaze at their watches forever after are:

Feed Testing Lab: **Bob May '49**
Irrigation Branch: **O.P. 'Art' Bristol**
F.F.I.B: **Bill Franko '47**

Lands Branch: **Lorne Glendinning '49** **Cal Cibart '55** **'Chet' Piercy '48** **John Lasuita '49 A.** **'Tony' Bulani '49** **Lloyd Gamble '52** **Jack Quick '52**

Agricultural Implements Board: **Don Lehman '47**

Extension Service: **Jack Peck '51** **Mike Oxman '50** **Murdock MacKay '49** **Cam Casswell '50** **Bruce McDonald, DFC '47** **Lin Boyes '48**

Animal Industry: **Jim Jowsey '47** **Wally Baldwin '51**

Conservation & Development: **E.H. 'Woody' Wilson '50**

Lands, Farm Purchase, Farm Ownership, etc etc: **Jim Webster**

Mind you, some of the above have retired and gone on payola (contract) until spring.

We've only got some of the gen on some of the above. Getting anything concrete, out of personnel branches of government, defies the Freedom of Information Act, so some of the hereafter is based on gossip, unfounded rumor and retirement party whiskey.

Mike Oxman '50 was reared on acid soil at Scott, and didn't even know it. He was raised on borscht and Scott experimental farm raspberries until he was eighteen.

He then worked on grain elevator construction, and rose rapidly from scale houses to cupolas, and from 4" spikes to 6". His affinity for great heights prompted him to join the RCAF, where he became a wireless operator, and was generally known as quite an operator -- pubs, girls, fishing, poker, etc.

A young lady from Lady Lake, name of **Joyce Buckle**, who taught school at Scott, put a stop to a lot of his operations when he came home on leave one time. She decided to take a hand in his education, and after he'd spent four years in the service, she got him enrolled in the degree course via special dispensation.

Joyce was good with slow learners, and a tremendous cook, and managed to get him through college without any class repeats in 1950.

After four years on DVA allowances (\$80 per month), Joyce had set her heart on better things, so she lined him up with a job with the Hon. 'Toby' Nollett, Minister of Agriculture, as a veteran settlement officer at Moose Jaw, for a couple of years.

He then got on with the Lands Branch where he served, first at Sturgis, and then at Hudson Bay. After five years of tramping through the bush, fishing, and curling, he moved to Melfort as ag. rep. from 1957 to 1970, where he did well under the guidance and counselling of such notables as **Gordon South**, **Bob Blakely '51**, **Cliff Whiting '32**, and significant others.

The department, being in an expansive mood, promoted him to regional co-ordinator at Melfort in 1970. He then moved to Yorkton in

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1973 to start up the East Central, and keep an eye on **Pete Petersen '52**, **Orest Mysak '48**, **Larry Koturbash '57**, **Cam Casswell '50**, et al.

Joyce wasn't idle when all this was going on. Son, **Bill** is a Sask. grad in arts and science, and has since re-mustered to carpentry at High Level, Alberta. **Bob** is the 'Clarence Darrow' of Pincher Creek, Janet is an audiologist at Trail, and Richard, who came along later (to prove it was still possible), cruises with the navy, as their boilers permit.

Mike and Joyce are retired in Yorkton, where Mike has embarked on a career of golf, curling, fishing, gardening and paternal visits to five grandkids.

Murdock 'Smoking Tent' MacKay '49, was drug up on Shellbrook 'light sandy' at Briarlea, where he snared rabbits and drowned gophers to and from school, until his folks undertook to educate him off the farm by sending him to P.A. Collegiate. Being a kite flying enthusiast, he joined the RCAF, and became a bomb aimer, which took him out to the Middle East, where he helped Bernard Montgomery pluck victory from defeat against the Krauts, Eyties and Ayrabs. Actually, the Ayrabs were on our side, but nobody knew that at the time.

After being sunburned nearly black after so much time in the desert, the Dean of Agriculture didn't realize Mac wasn't a foreign student until he was in his sophomore year.

During his last summer at college he became a roving assistant for the North East region, and bounced from one ag. rep. to the other.

After convincing Dean Graham that it was time he left college to seek his fortune, he edged-out **Benny Blacklock '46**, the incumbent ag. rep., for the P.A. district.

Mac immediately started filling in soil erosion gullies, grading bulls, needling agricultural committee members and organizing 4-H clubs. By

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virtue of a weak bladder, which made him an early riser, and since it was much too early to go to the office, he took to hanging around CKBI as soon as the sun was up, which was the start of the first early morning ag. rep. radio program, which he carried on for nearly 20 years. He thus became the most widely known ag. rep. in the province.

During this time also, he became involved with native Indian farmers, as a result of a tendency to wander around at night without a compass, and so become lost on Indian reserves. Since Cree, and Mac's ancestral Gaelic, have a common root, he became a regular guest at potlachs and pow-wows.

In 1969 he became the first ag. rep. in charge of special projects for Indian and Metis farmers. The project grew by leaps and bounds, and in 1974 Mac was made co-ordinator of Indian programs and took to wearing feathers full-time.

Being both an early riser and a nighthawk, Mac has been able to cover more ground by morning coffee than most people can cover all day. His intense interest in people, in agriculture, and in the plight of native people, coupled with a quiet, patient determination to get things done, have earned him the admiration and respect of both the white and native communities. His accomplishments have been recognized by his contemporaries, at least in part, by his being tendered the S.I.A. **Distinguished Agrologist Award**, being made a **Fellow** of the A.I.C., an **Honorary Life Member** of the Canadian Society of Extension, and various other local accolades.

Mac has also found time to devote to his favourite pastime, farming. He farms the old homestead at Briarlea, plus some other holdings near Prince Albert, along with a partner where he experiments with various crops.

Yes, Mac is married -- to the former **Muriel Mummery**. They have only one child, wouldn't you know -- a daughter Janice, who, among other things, is an accomplished highland dancer and a masters' student in human physiology -- at the U of S, of course.

He and Muriel are retired (?) at P.A. He's now carrying on as co-ordinator on a contract basis -- until?

Campbell Garner Casswell '50 has retired the Buick Electra from government mileage. Cam had his first change of diapers in January 1925 at Ituna, and stayed on there until he finished Grade 10. He took the rest of his schooling at Nutana Collegiate. Cam won the war after only two years in the RCAF. He then entered the College in 1946 and stayed on until he got his BSA in '50 and his M.Sc. in crop science in '51.

He owes his success in life to **Phyllis** (Thomas), who kept him at the books, and also raised five children -- four girls, and then along came Gordie.

Cam used political pull to get the job as ag. rep. at Melville in 1951, and then set up boundary defence posts to keep such meddlesome neighbours as **Jim Smith '45** and **Vic Beaulieu '49** from interfering with the progress of his farmers. He also set up the first fibre optics communication system between Melville and Regina, and thus became the only assistant deputy minister of agriculture with headquarters outside of Regina.

Cam left Melville in 1975 to become commander of the West Central region at Kindersley, and then moved most of the staff to Saskatoon. He thus reigned over the only region with two headquarters. His pay still remained the same as all the other co-ordinators, although the case is still before the courts.

Cam was always a tireless worker, and his successors at Melville have been trying to catch up ever since -- some of them even resorting to prayer.

Jack Peck '51 was born at

Milestone on February 29, 1928, and has gone short on birthdays ever since. **Jeanne** has always delighted in having such a young husband. He gained an early appreciation of Regina gumbo, and has had a hankering for the real estate ever since.

He farmed at Lang for a couple of years after he graduated in 1951 as an agricultural mechanics major. Following that, he instructed in agricultural mechanics at the U of S for another couple of years, before becoming agricultural mechanics specialist with the old ag. rep. branch in 1954.

In 1960 Jack became assistant director of FFIB, at which time he organized, very probably the most successful department program ever -- farm water and sewage -- no more constipated farm women.

In 1972 Jack became the first director of the Sask. Agriculture Implements Board, and in 1974 became the first director of the Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute (PAMI), with headquarters at Humboldt. While at Humboldt, he became very much involved in community affairs, including the spearheading of the town's \$7 million community recreation complex.

Jack returned to Sask. Agriculture in 1980, resuming his old job as assistant director of FFIB, until becoming director of regional extension services in 1982, from which he is now retired.

As you can well see, Jack was never one to let grass grow under his feet. He picked up a B.A. (Biology and Economics) at the U or R in 1969, and is a qualified journeyman mechanic and real estate consultant.

Jeanne (Johnson) and Jack have raised a daughter and two sons, who are keeping them supplied with grandchildren -- three? They are retired in Regina, at least for the moment, where Jack is endeavouring to drive up the real estate market.

Ross Kingdon '55 drew first breath at Tantallon in August, 1926. As near as we can tell, he didn't

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attend school anywhere until he enrolled in the college.

After graduation he became a department of co-ops field rep., serving first out of Regina and then at Melfort until 1958, when he began his ag. rep. career as an assistant at Yorkton to the late Walter Boucher.

He was ag. rep. at Turtleford for four years before moving to Fort Qu'Appelle in 1963. In 1973 he became regional co-ordinator at Kindersley. From 1975 until retirement he was co-ordinator for the North West at North Battleford.

Joan and their four daughters have managed to keep Ross outnumbered. However, we understand they now have five grandchildren, of which at least three are boys.

Ross and Joan have moved to Langham to retire, where Ross intends to become involved in gardening and municipal politics.

Elwood 'Woody' Wilson '50, turned in his divining rod with the Sask. Water Corporation, but he spent most of his working life with the C & D branch of Sask. Agriculture -- 26½ years.

Woody was construction supervisor with C & D for many years.

He was drug up in that Rouleau country where he was born in May, 1928.

He's been back at work for a few weeks since official retirement, while **Bill Pope '50** recovers from successful eye surgery.

He and **Marvalon** have no definite retirement plans, except the 35th reunion of the '50 class.

Bart Drope '50 retired officially from Sask. Industry & Commerce on October 30, except that he's remaining behind to tie up some loose ends. Had to get Saskatchewan open for business before he left.

A.L.D. 'Al' Martin '49, downed his sickle as head of the crops section, Manitoba agriculture, after

24 years with the department.

Al was born in the dust bowl at Richmond, near Swift Current in April 1921.

He took high school at Swift Current where he became active in the militia, and joined the army signal corps in 1940.

He went overseas in 1941, and served on the continent in what was then called the 'second front'. Upon discharge he enrolled in the college where he asked more questions in class than a small boy at the zoo. He was among that tremendous class of '49, which at the outset had a bigger enrollment than the whole 'first div'. He stayed on for his M.Sc. and also worked as a lecturer and lab instructor.

In 1952 he went to the experimental farm at Indian Head as a cerealist, and moved to Winnipeg as a flax breeder at the Agriculture Canada rust lab in 1956.

In 1960 he moved over to Manitoba Agriculture as crop specialist, and in 1966 became chief of the crops section.

Al retained his interest in the militia and became O.C. of the military police.

He served as secretary of the Manitoba branch of CSGA from 1961 to 1970, and as an advisor up until the present. His activities with the branch included writing its history. He is an honorary life member of the Manitoba branch, as well as of the CSGA.

Al has spent many of his holidays as a tour escort for a travel agency, which has taken him to many exotic places all over the world. He also spent a year with CIDA in Kenya.

He and **Alma** have raised a son and three daughters -- none of them are on welfare or afool of the law.

Retirement plans are indefinite, but travel is on their agenda.

John McConnell '51 was dropped on Dinsmore by a passing stork in 1925. He worked in the communication section of Sask. Agriculture for a number of years before joining Agriculture Canada in a similar capacity.

John was information officer with Agriculture Canada in Ottawa until moving to Saskatoon in a similar capacity, and was more recently attached to the prairie regional headquarters there.

John will be working as a volunteer with World Food Day Association of Canada, and with the Canadian Hunger Foundation. He is currently Sask. co-ordinator for World Food Day.

C.G.M. 'Chet' Piercy '48, who hails originally from Kinistino, if memory serves us correctly, and then Prince Albert, has finally retired after several false alarms of withdrawals from service.

Chet was a baby boomer from World War I. His father was a school superintendent, who covered most of North East Saskatchewan, in the 'Thirties. His mother conceived him during the school holidays, and he was born in May 1924.

He joined the navy part-way through college, partly out of patriotism, but mainly to avoid organic chemistry. He served on corvettes, which were mainly crewed with 'prairie dogs', and has been sort of bent at the knees and bowlegged ever since.

He and several other navy types, such as **Joe Bedford**, **Joe Clausen**, and **Ash 'Bud' Smith** washed ashore in the fall of '45, and took up where they'd left off. **'Ozzie' Lakeness** hadn't had the benefit of prior exposure to college life, so he graduated with the '49'ers. They all made convocation in 1948, except for Ozzie of course, despite the fact that they'd listed to port the whole time.

Upon graduation, **Millie**, a girl from P.A., who was mesmerized by bell bottoms, took him in hand and launched him on a career as a land rep. with Sask. Agriculture. He went on to become the oldest living land rep. in all history.

Chet was an avid hunter, and although he was awarded an honorary life membership in CIL, Millie had

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to get all her Sunday roasts from Safeway. He also loved curling, but the only time he ever crossed the hogline was as a sweeper.

Millie hasn't decided what they'll be doing in their retirement, except that she's been trying to get him to paint the back porch for the last 15 years.

Martin Kaufmann '51 has had more excitement in his life that anyone has a right to expect. He spent 5½ years on army rations, and was wounded and captured by the Germans at Arnhem, while serving with the British Airborne Division.

He retired on September 6 at 65 years, after 28 years as a cereal breeder at Lacombe. Martin was born and raised on the farm at Cavell.

After the war he received his B.S.A.

degree in 1951, and his M.Sc. in 1953 in plant breeding and genetics at the U of S. After graduating with his Ph.D. in agronomy and plant pathology at Wisconsin in 1956, he went to the research station at Lacombe, where he worked as a cereal breeder until his retirement. He was responsible for the breeding of Park wheat, Random oats and Diamond barley, and assisted in the development of three other oat varieties, Cavell, Athabaska and Cascade. Now you know how-come he's been head of the cereal breeding, pathology and forage section since 1972.

He has published over 45 scientific and technical papers, including several on the effect of seed size on plant development and yields. Anyone who isn't convinced of value of plump seed, won't even get a friendly nod from Martin.

He was the first to use the single-seed descent method of plant breeding, which he used with more than con-

siderable success.

He's been a member of numerous professional and scientific societies, and frequently served as chairman of provincial committees on cereals and oilseeds. He was made Honorary Life Member by CSGA in 1981.

Martin has also been active in community and church affairs. He was commanding officer of the Army Cadets for 15 years, and chairman of the sponsoring committee for 10. Among many other offices he's held is that of president of the Lion's Club.

His retirement plans included travelling to Europe. **Ruth** plans to go along. She's also likely to continue being a curling and a golf widow.

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OLD GRADS NEVER QUIT

Mac '28 and **Ruth Collins** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June.

A family dinner was served by the UCW of Old Windham United Church.

Ruth Florence Corrine Hunter of Baldur, Manitoba and **Mervyn Avery (Mac) Collins** of Crichton, Sask. - (anyone guess where that is?) They met at Iowa State, at Ames in the fall of 1932 where they were both undertaking post-graduate studies. Aside from their grad programs, they carried on their own 'chemical research' until they graduated and became engaged in June 1933.

They held off a **whole year** and were married on June 28, 1934 -- at Baldur United Church, of course! They went immediately on their 'honeymoon' to Montreal, where they lived on the avails of the Dairy Corporation of Canada.

From 1934 until 1951, they travelled from Montreal to Vancouver and South to Boston, Mass., living, from three months to six years, at such locations as Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Vancouver, Boston, Mass., and Ithaca, N.Y.

Having become wary of globe trotting and anxious to settle down, Ruth and Mac and three young sons decided to return to Kincardine, Ontario where Mac was born. Norfolk County looked so inviting that they bought a farm between Renton and Jarvis, where they lived for 11 years before moving to R.R. 7, Simcoe, where they built their first home.

Lynn, the eldest son of Ruth and Mac, was born at Morrisville, Vermont. He, Lorna and their three children live at Harriston, Ontario; Clarence, the second son, was born at Norwich, N.Y.; William was born

at Ithaca, N.Y. The youngest son, John was born at Simcoe still lives there, along with his wife Agnes, and two children. Ed is a dentist in Simcoe. Clarence teaches in Toronto and W.H. (Bill) teaches at Valley Heights secondary school.

Ruth and Mac are members of Old Windham United Church. Both have been actively involved in social, educational and agricultural service in Simcoe and Norfolk County.

Mac is looking forward to the 1988 ag. grad reunion.

William 'Bill' Collins '30 & '36, retired from the dairy branch of Ontario Agriculture & Food in the early 'sixties. He farmed at Kincardine, Ontario, until 1979. He and Frieda are in good health and active in the Bruce County Historical Society. They still reside at R.R. #1, Kincardine.

Arnold '49 and **Margaret Treble** have a cottage on Moose Bay on Crooked Lake in the mighty Qu'Appelle, which they use as a staging point for golf on the Last Oak course.

Harold Chapman '43 wore out the old house in Saskatoon, where he and the missus have been keeping up the lawn for the past 28 years, and moved to Saskatoon Tower in April, when the lawn mower wore out. Nothing but golf and cribbage from now on.

Les Hutchison '27 is still hale in Ottawa, although his wife has some health problems. Les was the scourge of the playing fields back in the twenties. He was one of the 75 athletics honored at the U of S jubilee in the **Athletic Wall of Fame** induction ceremonies. Read all about it in the "Green and White".

A.G. 'Bud' 'Ash' Smith '48 and **Joanne**, have vacated their country estate at Bradwell, turned over the



farm to son **Keith '77**, and have plunked for high rise condominium dwelling in the same tower as the **Herb Clarks '45**, Saskatoon, from April to November. They're still wintering at the Sun Lakes, Arizona with **Ossie '49** and **Rita Lakness** -- they've both got homes down there. Joanne has promised to help on the farm during the summer.

'Bud' has not forsaken his partying ways. Turned up at the **Murray Riddell's '49** uninvited, one night. He thinks he remembers meeting the **Blacklocks--Ben '46 'Bert, Jock '43** and **Mabel; Joe '48** and **Roberta Clausen, Bill Wilson '40**, and **Dick 'Agro Outcast'** and **Doreen Strayer**.

The Smiths have 47/9 grandtads (2 boys, 2 girls and ?) They report that **Chet Piercy '48** and **Millie** have added a new granddaughter to two grandsons.

Take heed all '48 grads! **There's a 40-year reunion coming up in 1988**. Now to find a convener.

Dave '48 and **Ruth Clark** are gradually getting settled in their little house in Surrey, B.C., between travels to Europe, etc. They meet a lot of equally foot-loose grads at airports. They're awash in precipitation, but the CARE packages from the

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Great White Father (now with hair) arrive monthly. They sent a small donation to S.A.G.A. to supplement their life membership.

The cream of the '32 to '34 classes met for a reunion September 13 to 15 at Chilliwack. Gad! Three Days? They get better and tougher every year. **Bill '33** and **Emma Shevkenck** were stuck for the drinks and vittles. Bill, being the class statistician, attests to the fact that a disproportionately high number of the lads who started classes in '28 had gotten their M.Sc by '34. It was therefore deemed appropriate to hold a 50-year reunion. The revellers attending were: of course, **Bill & Emma**, plus, **Jack '32** and **Nellie Clayton**, Saskatoon; **Bruce '32** and **Helen Marshall**, Ottawa; **Alex Bonnor '32**, Carnduff and Regina; **Lawrence '33** and **Ruth Elderkin**, near Chilliwack; and **Bill '32** and **Edythe White**, Saskatoon.

Since ag. grads draw others like magnets, **Erling Gunderson '34**, B.Sc. (chem) and his favourite wife also joined the celebrants. **Sol Sinclair** was the only surviving '32 grad not in attendance. His daughter who lives in Ronnie's America, poor child, had come home to Winnipeg seeking political asylum.

As a sobering-up strategy, the Shevkeneks took their guests on a tour of some local horicultural enterprises, and the local Agriculture Canada research station. Those who demonstrated that they had regained normal olfactory function, and could distinguish between cherries and apples, were judged fit to travel.

Cec Wilkinson '31 had planned on joining in the celebrations, but unfortunately had to undergo some serious surgery. However, all visited him in hospital and wished him a speedy recovery.

Sam Reimche '44 of Leader, being somewhat of a rabble rouser by nature, organized a reunion of the '44 School at the Shady Nook campground in Cypress Hills Park for July 27-29. The Parks and Recreation Department had posted extra staff to guard against ecological damage. The 'grass' smokers in attendance were: **Roberta** (Phillips) and **John Moore '43**, **George** and **Iva Cooper**, **Bill** and **Pat Peasley**, **Norman** and **Marge Wells**, **Vern Wilfong**, and **Art** and **Mary Domes**, who all arrived in trailers, campers, motorhomes and all manner of covered wagons. **Sam** and **Sadie** plumped for an apartment in the lodge -- no mice or ticks.

A picnic supper was catered by a local beanery. **John Moore** organized Sunday breakfast, and had each of the men cook up something in their campers -- **Sadie** gets smarter all the time. **Norman Wells** volunteered to wash dishes. He's sure some even brought dishes from home.

Joe Campbell '41 is still rampant in the health food business in Winnipeg.

Wilson McIntyre '41 has been retired for 3 years and has gotten a little 'fed up' with people asking where he's been, etc. So -- in June he and **Ethel** attended the annual convention of the Canadian Diabetes Association in St. Johns, Newfoundland -- the first ever in our newest province (1949). There's a lot of history been concocted since ol' John Cabot first set foot there in 1497.

St. Johns boasts some of North America's finest Romanesque and Gothic architecture. No other city quite like it. North America's oldest settlement. Wilson says 'ya jest gotta visit 'NEW FUN LAND' and get

screached.

Enroute via Air Canada they ran into **Archie Campbell '35** and the wife, enroute to Toronto to visit one of their illustrious sons, and '**Big Bud**' '48 and **Joanne Smith** enroute to Germany. And here Bud has been complaining about the dust, hoppers and the heat. Musta been talking for **Keith '77**.

Wilson has run into **Norm Olson '50** who's retired in Melfort in summer, but is a snowbird in winter. Also **John Dexter '41**, who's holed up and draws his O.A.S. in Victoria. Ran into **Ross Evans '50**, Regina and his 6'7" son at the Banff School of Fine Arts in October, while attending a United Church men's conference.

Wilson & Ken Reid '48 plan to drop in at Agribition enroute to a retirement party for the last of the old guard. Nuthin but young sprouts at the old stamping grounds--whatever they call it now. Can't even ask your way to the john nowadays--they've changed the name.

Ed '48 and **Nancy Docking** have been spending a lotta time at their Emma Lake cottage with their offspring and grantads (seven). Had to add a lean-to to get them all in. They only spent a coupla days in Saskatoon each week to clean up the Woolco flyers, and ensile the grass clippings.

Spent January to April in their trailer in the Pine to Palm Park in Weslaco, Texas. Also, wintering there were **Bill '46** and **Phyllis Dickie**, who took a motors class from Ed 29 (or 39?) years ago. Just got to Texas after the 'Big Freeze', which ruined all the fruit and vegies.

Visited South Africa last October 15 to November 15, 1983, where they visited a lot of Nan's relatives in Johannesburg -- always thought she was a blonde. Took bus tours to Durban and Capetown -- the 'garden route' -- mountains, fertile plains,

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valleys -- wheat, corn, cotton, vineyards. Visited an ostrich farm -- nice that hats are coming back, Nan.

While signing the register at Kruger, they saw that **Ernie Paynter '23** had been with a tour group just ahead of them.

Art Strautman '48 has kinda renegeed on the retirement bit. He's been back on a special assignment with Esso all summer. He and Phyl have been tooting out to Prince George, B.C. for a week/month for June-July and August. No wonder the price of oil just hadda go up. **Orest Mysak '48**, Ken James (Phyl's brother), **Mike Oxman '50**, **Pete Petersen '52**, and ye olde ed had our annual 'sniff and snort' golf tourney all lined up. We drank it all in his memory.

He says **Joe Bedford '48** is in his wind-up year at Esso. Mandatory pin-pulling comes October 31, 1985. He's in great shape, but mellowed a bit.

Ann 'Cactus' (Caton) Saville '47 and husband, **Bill**, of Ravenscrag, were in Edmonton to visit **Muriel Fredeen '47**. Art says they managed a short visit over coffee in the church basement after the service. Seems hard to believe doesn't it? **Ann & Art** visiting in a **church basement** over coffee? Times have changed! Ann was always a bright spark in any company. He didn't say what **Muriel** was doing. We do hope it's honorable and pays good money.

Mike Oxman '50 and ye olde ed '48 took golf real seriously for a spell back in early October, before the snows. Mike had been presented with a new golf cart and bag, and thus felt inspired to replace his old Canadian Trash niblicks with a new set of shootin' arns, while yours truly also 'won' a set of new weapons. Now we can only dream of spring. Both of

us have also taken on 'dabblers curling' with the Farmers & Oldtimers draw two afternoons per week.

At a 'golden handshake' affair in Regina in September, **Mike, Murdock MacKay '49, Cam Casswell '50, Jack Peck '51, Ross Kingdon '55** and yours truly, were presented with very nice issue watches by **Grant Devine's '67** boys, plus a plaque. The Saskatchewan Extension Association (comprised of ag. reps. and other extension types) also presented us with a really

nice plaque.

In addition to current staff, a lot of our old OAS buddies were on hand.

The East Central regional staff also staged a good riddance party for **Mike Oxman '50, Lloyd Gamble '51** and **Lin Boyes '48** (thas me, ed.) at which was also well attended by a lot of our old buddies, as well as the new. Seeing them all was just wonderful. How do you thank friends when they do things like that?

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