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FROM THE EDYTUR'S TREE



Dear Ag. Grads.:

My humble apologies to the 1986 Reunion Bonsel winners for not including their photos in the March issue.

Dale Fyke, bonsel chairman, mailed them to me, but they got lost somewhere and no amount of looking was of any avail.

The S.A.G.A. have ordered 1,000 lapel pins and 300 hats with the new logo. The hats at least, will be available in time for the "Homecoming '86" and I hope the pins will be as well.

The announcement of the College of Agriculture Building being approved by the provincial government, is certainly good news that is at least 20 years overdue. Some concern has been expressed as to the lack of a theatre in the new building, and this is being looked into.

The ice for the 1987 reunion has been tentatively booked, and the location for the banquet and dance have been nailed down, as has the orchestra.

As you can see, the S.A.G.A. executive is at work.

The S.A.G.A. is still accepting membership updates from old codgers such as yours truly, who bought their life memberships at \$20 or \$30 many years ago, and which doesn't begin to cover member services at current costs. Printing and postage for the smaller issues of *The Saga* costs us \$1.65 and larger ones \$1.99. At four issues per year even the current \$8 annual fee barely makes it.

Current life memberships at \$80 at 10% interest just makes it, if we can invest at that rate.

Any older grads who haven't kicked in are invited to consider doing so. Updating a \$20 membership to say \$70 would add up to a \$50 touch. This isn't obligatory, of course, once a life member, always a life member. Membership updates should really be mailed to: **Ken Bassendowski, Secretary-Treasurer, S.A.G.A., Box 320, Sub. P.O. #6, Saskatoon, S7N 0W0**. If they're mailed to ye olde ed, I just have to re-mail them to Ken in any case.

Again, my usual plea for news. Most of us don't have any really stupendous things happen to us. If we do, it's most often our families

TILLAGE vs CHEMICAL FALLOW

—effects on soil conservation

"Canada is facing the most serious agricultural crisis in its history and unless action is taken quickly, this country will lose a major portion of its agricultural capability."

This statement, from the Senate Committee on Soil Conservation, in 1984, emphasizes the seriousness of the soil degradation problem throughout the country. The practice of summerfallowing and excessive tillage have been largely responsible for increased salinization and erosion, as well as a loss of organic matter and nitrogen. However, producers in the drier Brown and Dark Brown soils of Saskatchewan feel that summerfallowing to increase moisture reserves is often an essential component of their crop rotation.

Recognizing that a significant fallow acreage will remain, conventional tillage fallow, reduced tillage fallow and chemical fallow were compared at the Scott Experimental Farm as part of a long-term study. In 1985, there was little difference in the amount of moisture retained at the end of the fallow period regardless of the methods used. In fact, with all three methods there was a net loss of moisture from May through October. This loss is attributed to the fact that moisture reserves were excellent in May, followed by an extremely dry summer. Precipitation in June-July was 41% of the long-term (74 year) average.

Major weed problems encountered were wild oats, volunteer barley, lamb's-quarters, wild buckwheat, narrow-leaved hawk's-beard and stinkweed. Two chemical treatment pro-

grams and reduced tillage provided control equivalent to tillage fallow. The first chemical program was Glean applied in October, 1984, followed by Roundup applied as required throughout 1985. The second was 2,4-D amine applied in October, 1984, and a tank mixture of Roundup and Banvel applied as required throughout 1985.

In 1985, the average number of tillage operations on conventional fallow in this area was five. Applying 2,4-D at 0.42 kilograms per hectare in the fall of 1984 controlled the winter annual weeds, and consequently one less tillage operation was required during the summer of 1985. The application of Heritage in early June combined with 2,4-D the previous fall further reduced the tillages required to three. With the two chemical fallow treatments (Glean/Roundup and 2,4-D/Roundup/Banvel) no tillage was required.

The amount of trash remaining on the soil surface at the end of the fallow period (October, 1985) was 1390 kg/ha under conventional tillage, 1429 kg/ha with reduced tillage and 2929 kg/ha where chemical fallow was practiced. With the Conventional and Reduced Tillage systems there was no anchored (standing) trash remaining, whereas with the Chemical Fallow systems 500-600 kg/ha of the total trash remained upright and in a position to trap snow during the winter of 1985-86.

Courtesy of
Research Station, Saskatoon

who have to relate it after we've gone. However, the fact that we're still at the same old job, have the same old address and the same old spouse (that's really news), is news to old friends and classmates. Tell us about yourself or other grads. Please include grad years in news items, or your closest guess. Everyone wants their name and grad year right and it surely saves our unpaid staff of one (me) a lot of looking.

Regards to all and may the weatherman take a liking to you.

Fraternally,

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THE ELECTORATE

- reluctant, this is -



Grant Devine '67, the honorable member from Estevan for the C.C.F. — Liberal — P.C. Party, is just like the rest of us — waiting for spring. How can a guy call a spring election if spring won't come?

A keen ag. grad type reporter from Turtleford, once removed, dropped off the voters list.

Dick Roney '68 and **Marilyn** are raising three tads, plus a whole passel of pigs at Turtleford — conception to consignment. Gainers' only hope of filling a bacon plant.

Tom Brown '70 and **Jan** are trying to make enough on the farm to feed two kids.

Val Matschke-Muller '77 preaches the gospel from the ag. rep. office, and puts the vittles on the table for Gaylord and wee Kyle.

Deb Hauer '79 is provincial 4-H straw boss at Saskatoon. She skied the Sask. 60 during the winter, but chickened out on a bicycle tour through the mountains in May.

Lloyd Proctor '41, first leader of the Mervin 4-H Beef Club back in 1945, spent the winter rounding up former members and leaders for a big 40th anniversary celebration and prairie oyster fry in April.

Stuart MacNab '83 and **Sharon** are sharing a house in Turtleford — what next? They also share W.G.S. payments, etc.

Anne (Picketts) Summach '83 is lab. co-ordinator in the animal science department. Calls the roll of all the mice and rats every morning.

Henry and JoAnne (Bergeron) deGooijer — both '83 college types, spent five weeks touring E.E.C. countries in March and April. Dropped in on Henry's kin in Holland. Henry grovels in soil science and JoAnne talks to the animals in Milt Bell's kingdom.

John '84 and **Kerry (Lowndes) Hauer '83** are still on their honeymoon — left for parts down under after their wedding in October and are now somewhere in Europe.

Arlene Hauer '83 parks her mount in Pincher Creek, and is fixing to tackle some education classes at University of Lethbridge, when the works all done this fall.

Becky (Zenert) Hoehn '84 is still holed up with **Wally '83** at Drake. She commutes to the Pool products development farm at

Watrous, and Wally to Wynyard for Lands Branch.

Dave Blechinger '77 is busy telling a lot of F.C.C. clients at P.A. — "See! I told you so." He raises Charleyhorse cattle as a tax dodge.

Floyd Jorgenson '81 has convinced **Patsy's** old man to buy out his mortgage. Patsy and Floyd are gonna be co-signers come July 26.

Allan Polegi '79 has decided that farming at Jedburgh can be as lonely as being a Maytag repairman. **Juanita Anne Brown's '83** mother is giving her her old washer and dryer as a dowry come November.

Paul McAllister '85 is huckstering for Cyanamid in the North Battleford country, after a spell with Agriculture Canada plant products.

Rob Jones '85 is mongering for Hoechst (pronounced Herkst, mind you) at Unity.

Tom Thorson '84 spent a busy winter on the Top Management computer program at the Agriculture Economics department, and is now back challenging the government and the elements on the farm at Penzance.

John Boyle '84 transferred from F.C.C. at North Battleford to pinch pennies at Wynyard.

Elaine Stenbraaten '85 has taken up sunbathing on The Uniroyal test plots at Saskatoon. Will that be a 'gene' or 'jean' pool?

Ron Jones '85 is now exercising his scale thumb for Cargill Grain at Ituna. Wonder whether one mother at Medstead will worry as much as a half dozen Ituna mothers.

Bev (Dyck) Dreger '84 is in charge of F.C.C. commodity based loans at Yorkton, while **Jason '80** keeps the bins and corrals full of the stuff at Ebenezer. Bev has a half-interest in a horse with a bum stifle.

Mike McAllister '83 is into pushing Royfarm to the canola barons at Melfort.

Audrey Anderson '84, the incumbent ag. rep. at Strasbourg, has become so confident in the 'Guide to Farm Practice', tripartite, W.G.S.P., crop insurance, etc., that she's thinking seriously about marrying a farm at Medstead.

Deb Hauptstein '80 decided to let dad, **Elvin '58**, do the milking at Weyburn, and took over the dairy rep. job at Yorkton for Sask. Agriculture.

Terry Aldous '71 be livit in Admuntun where he be sellit Avidux end roundup. Killit dem dem wile otes an quek gress rite down to da rotes.

The **Bailey Brothers Grimm, Roy** and **Ralph**, both '79 school grads, are farming up a storm at Mildren — 5280 acres, give or take a hectare, and are heavy into pedigreed seed. They also clean an ocean of seed in their two seed plants and peddle a boodle of chemicals.

They're also into showing their wares at Agribition.

Roy takes his orders from **Connie** who is a lab. tech. at Mildren hospital, and Ralph takes his from **Bev**, who works at Dinsmore school.

They've got no kids, cows, pigs, sheep or other forms of wildlife on the farm.

They're into scouts, R.M. and agriculture committee work, Elks, recreational hockey,

reunion committees and whatever other diversions that Mildren affords.

Ron Luba '79 is heavy into F.C.C. credit advising at Saskatoon. He and **Jan**, his own wife we presume, are expecting a wee bairn come June. Let's have the details, Ron. It's reported he's worried about being able to retain his equilibrium in the delivery room.

Ron Gilmor '83 is agrologizing for the T.D. in Bessboroughville.

Maggie McCrimmon '81 is Velsicol's chief apostle at Yorkton.

Marion Bush-Anderson '82 reports no buns in the oven and nothing on the rise. She is holed up with F.C.C. in Saskatoon while **Les '84** holds down the farm at Parkside — what to grow, oh what to grow. Marion plans to give it her best shot on an M.B.A. program part-time next fall.

Randy Jones '83 is farming at Medstead. He worked for Chemagro this winter.

Audrey Anderson '84 plans to altar his errant ways come July.

Bryan Gillis '81 farms near Debden and spent the winter cooking the neighbor's grain — with a drier, that is.

Mark Odegard '78 is keeping bread on the table for **Pat** and their wee daughter from the avails of Royal Bank agrolgy.

Darryl Reynolds '81 performs in a similar slot for the Royal at Melfort. He's sworn off parties in Rio de Janero (?) for good. Doesn't have either the stomach or the head for it.

Heather Conacher '83 is busy peddling dope to doctors and has bought a house in Saskatoon. A 'high' at Heather's anyone?

Lynn Pardoe '83 has just gotten home from Denmark and is bustin' to return to work for a dairy business. Must be a Great Dane involved.

Shelley Blocka '84 works for Sask. forestry as a surveyor in summer and as a dairy maid on her brother's farm in winter, and hones her curling techniques.

Ivor Bernatsky '86 is pedalling Unifeed at Yorkton. **Deb Duckworth '83** animal nutritionist keeps her eye on him.

Fred Townley-Smith '64 is acting director at Regina research station, after 17 years as a durum breeder at Swift, on a two-year stint.

Alan Klemmer '71C, '75 D.V.M., is extra billing cows, sows and pussycats at Kindersley.

John Gronsdal '60 had son in hockey at the winter games at Yorkton. A chip off the old block — in the penalty box.

Glenn Annand '78 is farming, growing the heck out of a lot of pedigreed seed and custom cleaning the neighbors — seed that is.

Judy Wooff '81 is riding the range for Pfizer in the Great North West. She does her parting and her undies in North Battleford.

John Beckton '70S '73C, is into the farm financial consulting business in Saskatoon, trying to help farmers stay on the farm. He runs a check plot at Maymont — just to see what happens if he takes his own advice.

Lawrence McNabb '65 is still P.F.R.A. in' and farmin'. Just bought himself another

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LETTURS TUH TH' EDYTUR

Greetings Lindsay, from the Land of Sunshine and S.O.B.'s. Lately, we haven't seen all that much sunshine.

The March edition was a welcome piece of mail indeed, and is thoroughly enjoyed from cover to cover. This particular edition makes me realize I was remiss in not making any contribution. However, I hope to make up for last time, this time around.

We both appreciated your mention of our daughter, **Shirley's** wedding in October, albeit the report was a bit garbled, but this was not unexpected. Memories or recall of the event by many attendees were hazy or garbled at best, but understandably so. Incidentally, our new son-in-law is one **Gerry Lutwick** of Lethbridge. Some of the old-timers in the the Soils Department at the U. of S. may remember Gerry's father, **Dr. Larry Lutwick**, who took his Ph.D. in Soil Science under the late **Dr. John Mitchell**, away back in the early 1950's. Dr. Larry spun out his career at the Lethbridge Research Station and he and Millie are now happily retired at Saltery Bay, B.C., just out of Powell River. In mid-March, while acting as a retread for Esso Pete on a short assignment, I phoned **Tracy Anderson, M.S.A. '48, F.A.I.C.**, in Lethbridge. Tracy is retired, still hale and hearty, and plans to be in Saskatoon for both the homecoming and the A.I.C. convention. He mentioned he worked with Larry Lutwick at the Lethbridge Station for close to twenty years.

Just before Christmas we put up with **Chuck Strautman '52S** and **Margaret**, together with their three tads, **Connie (B.S.P. '77)**, **Eddie** and **Bill '82**, and helped them on their way to Barbados over Christmas. Seems like the young 'uns took their parents as a 30th wedding anniversary present — wonder where we went wrong.

In January, **Phyll. (Lab. Tech. '48)** and I went back to San Carlos Bay, Mexico, for a bit of golf, rest and relaxation, and some of that magnificent Guaymas shrimp. It turned

out to be quite a trip in that **Phyll.** canned a hole-in-one first day out, on the 12th hole, Par 3, 118 yards. I lost 3 strokes on that hole alone, and have been trying to live it down ever since. Must learn to hit the green one of these years.

On the golf course, we met on several occasions, a very spry youngster, 82 years of age, one **Dick Handford**. Dr. Handford was a Manitoba grad, B.S.A. 1932. He spent several years as an entomologist in Saskatchewan, mainly at the Scott station, and retired 15 years ago as super of the Kamloops station and now lives in Victoria. In our travels around the links, he recalled many of the old-timers at U. of S. and in the experimental farm service that we once knew. Oh, to have a swing and stride like that at 82!

We taked **Joe Bedford '48** into hanging up his hard hat and grease gun in October of last year, and assisted him in joining the ranks of those eternally on the pogy. Had an enjoyable beer and a bean with **Joe** and **Gordie Haase B.S.A. '44, M.Sc. '46**, the old Wilkie Binder Pilot, just after the New Year. Sometime in February, **Joe** and **Cathy** pointed the station wagon south for Phoenix and were to meet up with **Malc. '48** and **Lucille Rondeau** somewhere amongst the cacti. I gave Joe the address of **A.G. "Bud" Smith**, also of '48 vintage, and **Ossie Lakness '49**, in the greater Phoenix area on the chance they may meet up to tell a few lies and enjoy their cookies and milk.

The March 24 edition of the "Albert Report", probably known as the Western Report elsewhere, contained a delightful article and photo of **Ann "Cactus Caton" Saville '47**, of Maple Creek. We saw Ann and her husband in Edmonton just over a year ago, a most enjoyable meeting even if it was for only a short time. We had not seen Ann since graduation. My Gawd, how time flies.

We have been resting up this last while, waiting for the Links to open. We look forward to a very busy summer, including the Homecoming in July at S.A.C., and expect to meet many of our old friends there.

Lindsay, ol' buddy, must sign off for now. **Phyll.** says the Geritol is ready. We expect to be at Homecoming as well as in Yorkton during the summer, so sharpen up your irons, and your putting.

Art Strautman '40
Edmonton

Dear Lin,

I guess Sask. ag grads do manage to stray a bit far from home on occasion. In this case, yours truly has landed in Canberra (of which, Hughes is a suburb, see address above). The purpose of the visit is to do a Ph.D. in a joint arrangement between the Centre for Resource and Environmental Studies (CRES) at the Australian National University (ANU) and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO). I figure that if I can just pronounce the names without stumbling I should get honorable mention. The subject is "Salt-scalded Land", if anyone is interested.

The entire family has now settled in quite comfortably. We arrived back in April, '85,

and expect to be here until about the same time in '88.

During the above mentioned period of time, most of the local mail is being routed to my parents farm in Maidstone. The folks travelled down for a visit in January and dumped a suitcase full of mail in our laps. Among the various items was the first issue of S.A.G.A. that I had seen for nearly a year. It was very good to hear all the goings-on that were reported in the December '85 issue. The contrast in seasons is a bit humorous. While everyone in Saskatoon was hunting for a place to plug in the car at the ag. grad smoker, we were hunting for some shade to head off the sunburn.

There is a decided minority of Sask. ag. grads in the vicinity, however, I have it on good authority that **Bob Baker '61** will be doing six months of his sabbatical leave in Adelaide, South Australia. That's a fair hike from our side of the continent (probably something similar to the distance between Saskatoon and Thunder Bay), but we are planning and hoping to drive over and have a visit later this year. Bob and Joan are supposed to be in Adelaide from June until Christmastime. Then they are off to South? North? Carolina for the final six months of Bob's sabbatical.

With the high cost of postage, The Saga can continue to be delivered to Maidstone. The news is a bit late, but it is still good to hear. Besides, newspapers and the like, that get shipped all the way here, sometimes arrive in rather decrepit condition. I couldn't stand to see such a treasured piece of journalism suffer that kind of abuse.

Would you pass on a bit of information to Richard Bellamy for me? The Box Number on my address in Maidstone should be 192 instead of 603.

That is not much to say after an entire year, but I thought it was time to report back anyway. Keep the S.A.G.A. coming and enjoy yourselves at the Homecoming this summer.

Paul Bullock '80
Laureen, Andy and Sarah
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Dear Lin,

It is regrettable that I have not kept up my membership in the S.A.G.A., but in the struggle of getting established and raising a family, these things sometimes get put aside.

My wife, **Carole**, and I have raised four children — the older two have both graduated from University in Saskatoon. The eldest, **Christopher**, is employed with London Life, and the second, **Heather**, is nursing at St. Paul's Hospital. **Duane** is at present enrolled in his second year in the School of Agriculture which is now a three-year course. It is a big improvement over the two-year course in my estimation. **Kathy** is in her last years of high school and intends to follow her brothers and sister by entering University in the field of her choice after graduation.

Looking back on the class of '54, it seemed

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GONGS AND GARLANDS

The University Senate has approved the establishment of the **Dr. William J. White Chair** in the Department of Crop Science and Plant Ecology. Distinguished members of that faculty will be eligible for appointment to the White Chair and to receive a \$10,000 research grant.

While on the staff of the Agriculture Canada Research Station in 1939, he was appointed adjunct lecturer in forage crop production. He later joined the university staff as head of the crop science department, and became dean of the college in 1965, retiring in 1974.

Bill graduated from the U. of S. in 1932. In addition to being holder of other awards, he is a Fellow of the A.I.C. He was also active in the community including that of Sask. Commissioner of Boy Scouts. Bill is a Past Honorary President and an Honorary Life Member of S.A.G.A. Bill has always been very approachable, and displayed a keen interest in his students and ag. grads, in general.

Dr. Stanley Barber '45, a soils scientist at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, was granted an **Honorary Doctor of Laws** degree at the U. of S. 75th Annual Convocation.

Stan was a native of Wolseley and graduated in that illustrious class of '45. He also took his M.Sc. at Saskatoon. His thesis for the latter degree recorded the first field measurements of radioactive phosphorus in wheat. He received his Ph.D. degree in soil chemistry at the University of Missouri in 1949. He then went on to join the staff at Purdue where he became an international authority in plant nutrition and is regarded as one of the world's foremost soil scientists. His work has been of major interest to both soil and crop researchers, since his investigations concern the uptake of nutrients by plant roots, and has developed a computer model to accurately predict this process.

Prof. Y. S. Wu, Director of the Department of Plant Protection at Shenyang Agricultural College in China, was also awarded an Honorary L.L.D.

He was born in China and took his M.Sc. at the U. of S. His thesis on the study of rust resistance in wheat and wheat/grass crosses is still being pursued at the U. of S.

A wheat breeder and plant pathologist, he has carried out extensive research on wheat diseases, and is China's leading authority on wheat stem rust.

The S.I.A. presented their **Distinguished Agrologist Award** to three Sask. ag. grad

types at their annual conflagration held at Cypress Hills Provincial Park on June 12, 13 and 14.

The three recipients are in alphabetical order:

1. **T. V. 'Vic' Beck '50 B.S.A.; '51 M.Sc.** who hails from Mawer, Sask., and was named Thomas Victor by his mother. Vic has had quite a varied career. He put in a couple of years of school teaching, followed by service as a navigator in Bomber Command R.C.A.F. during World War II. After obtaining his B.S.A. and M.Sc. degrees at the College of Saskatoon, he was appointed Saskatchewan Agriculture's first provincial weed control specialist, where he quickly made his mark as an outstanding extension worker. In addition to speaking at numerous field days, meetings and short courses across the province, where he contributed significantly to farmers knowledge of weed control methods, he published numerous extension bulletins, organized weed control supervisory programs for the control of persistent perennials, set up annual weed inspector and supervisory courses, and organized the Sask. Air Applicators Association. In 1970, he became chief of the Plant Industry Division, and later became director when the unit was reinstated as a branch. He then became acting director of the production and marketing division before retiring in 1981.

An ardent supporter of the North Central Plains Weed Control Conference, he was its president in 1978, was made an Honorary Life Member in 1972, and received a long service award in 1982.

A long time secretary of the Sask. Seed Growers Association, he still serves the organization on a part-time basis, and is an Honorary Life member.

2. **P. W. 'Pete' Petersen '52** was raised at Wadena, Sask., and served first as an ag. rep. at Hudson Bay from 1956 to 1962, and then as ag. rep. at Yorkton, until the present. Pete was actually born in Germany, but emigrated to a farm in Wadena while his bones were still soft, and walking was largely accomplished with the aid of chairs, table legs and apron strings.

Pete has accomplished a reputation as a competent, caring and extremely industrious extension worker, first under the very difficult conditions of the then pioneer community of Hudson Bay, and again in a more highly developed district at Yorkton.

On a project and educational program basis, Pete's accomplishments would comprise a formidable list. However, for purposes of brevity, suffice it to say that as an organizer of agricultural education and improvement projects, as a communicator of technical information and as an advisor on production and community problems and concerns, he has few equals.

His keen perception of farmers' needs and problems, his deep concern for their welfare, his keen interest in maintaining competency in his chosen field, and his prompt and unfailing response to all requests for assistance, have earned him a credibility and rapport with his clientele that is unexcelled in his field.

Although his extremely busy schedule al-

lows him little time to engage in non-agricultural activities, he has served variously as a town councillor, credit union board member, church board chairman and university alumni branch chairman, to name a few.

He has been the recipient of numerous appreciation awards from local organizations, including the Agricultural Oscar Award from the Yorkton Lions. He is an Honorary Life Member of the Canadian Society of Extension. As further recognition of his talents, he has served on a number of provincial agricultural bodies, including the FarmLab steering committee.

Pete's contribution lies not in scientific discovery, but in its application to the welfare of the agricultural community. His reward is the high regard in which he is held by his clientele and his contemporaries.

3. **Harald Tangierd '49** was born in 1920 and raised at Torquay. He taught school for a short time before joining the Canadian army. Upon discharge in 1945 he entered the College of Agriculture from which he graduated in 1949. He then became ag. rep. at Kindersley until 1957, when he became a vocational agriculture instructor at Kindersley.

While serving as ag. rep. he became heavily involved in the organization of community seed cleaning plants and in weed and rat control programs.

He moved to Rosetown in 1958 as a vocational agriculture instructor, and in 1962 he became a consultant to the Sask. Department of Education where he was involved in establishing vocational agriculture courses in rural high schools and in supervising a provincial program of mechanic courses for farmers.

In 1961, while at Rosetown, he was given leave-of-absence to work on a national three-man committee, under the auspices of the Canada Department of Labour, which met with provincial committees across Canada and prepared a report on "The Needs for Training in Agriculture", which was followed by a federal provincial conference.

After studying vocational agriculture training methods at the Universities of Saskatchewan, Minnesota and Colorado, he was granted a professional teaching certificate in 1967.

He later taught vocational agriculture teaching methods for a couple of winters, which proved useful in recruiting agricultural course instructors.

After the formation of the agricultural division of the Wascana Institute, Harald continued to organize farm courses through that organization, which he continued to do in winter months following his retirement in 1982.

Harald was a tireless worker and has made a lasting impression on vocational agriculture training both in high schools and in farm courses, despite the vagaries of educational bureaucrats and politicians.

Frederick Ernest (Fred) Fulton '50, who farms at Kincaid, and is currently associate director of the School of Agriculture, was awarded the S.I.A. Recognition Award for his

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BENCHED

The only retirement we have to report is that of **Orest Mysak '48**, who is throwing in his "Guide to Farm Practice" at the end of May, after some 35 years as ag. rep., man and boy.

Orest was born in that pot-hole country northeast of Punnichy in January, 1925, where he learned rockpicking and gopher drowning at an early age. He finished his high school at Nutana Collegiate in Saskatoon. Because **Dean Kirk** noted a tinge of pasture pudding on his sneakers, and recognized in him the makings of a good extension worker, he allowed him to enroll in the College of Agriculture.

Unfortunately for Orest, he started college with a whole passel of war vets which engendered in him an irrepressible spirit which led him to run afoul of bureaucrats upon occasion. He graduated in 1948 with such renegades as **Ash Smith, Joe Clausen, Chet Piercy, Joe Bedford, Mac Rondeau, Gord Dobson, Bill Carr** and ye olde ed, to name a few that were only a half step removed from permanent detention.

Orest enrolled in the masters program in crop science, but after a couple of years of recording temperatures, rainfall and wind-speed for the late Prof. Manley Champlin, he decided it wasn't for him. He always had trouble understanding the technique of converting snow to its rainfall equivalent. He always figured 10" of snow represented six-foot drifts.

During his college years he became involved in activities of the Shyptykiski Institute, where he met an unbelievably pretty girl from Hartford by the name of **Mary Nykyforuk**, who had decided that her role in life was to keep at least one country boy from falling into a life of complete debauchery — at The Cave, the Queen's Hotel lounge and Fingard's Bowl Arena.

She and Dean Kirk decided that the best course of action was to get Orest away from the city. They approached the Hon. I.C. 'Toby' Nollet, Minister of Agriculture, about an ag. rep. job at Canora. Toby hesitated at first, but when Dean Kirk advised him that Orest took his whiskey straight, he readily agreed.

Orest and Mary set off for Canora by train in the dying days of the winter of 1951. When they arrived they found that housing was in extremely short supply. The locals occupied all the warm, dry ones, so they had to settle for what would hardly pass for a toolshed nowadays. Only the fact that they were newly married, prevented them from death by hypothermia.

Office accommodation, similar to that of housing, was very scarce. Orest had to settle for a space no larger than a walk-in closet that was separated from a chiropractor's office by a Japanese room divider. The screams of the chiropractic patients were horrendous. The chiropractor told everyone that it was the ag. rep.'s clients who were making all the racket. As a result, Orest's only office visitors in the

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that the struggle to establish ourselves on the land and in agriculture, would be a long, hard road, which it was in many ways. But as time unfolds and you watch the generations come after you, it soon comes to light that our generation may have been one of the most fortunate in modern agriculture. As I see it, we were spared some of the economic pressures of size interest rates, marriage pressures, and in our early years, the country enjoyed basic stability in costs such as energy, machinery and land. This gave us a grounding and many of us have used it to the fullest, and should be thankful for.

As I think back to the 30 some years since 1954, I think of the quiet mental strength of older people in our lives of that era. I think first of my father, who was a First World War veteran, and who established himself on the land after the war was over. There was also **Art Stillborn, Hadley Van Vliet** and a young man in soils, **Don Rennie** — all professors at the school. These people and many others, helped mold and shape personalities and lifestyles in that era. As this era moves into the past, it is our job to remember those who made life a little easier for us.

Please find enclosed a Cheque for \$100 for my life membership in S.A.G.A.

Thank You,

David Thompson '54,
Farmer
Box 248,
Kelliher, Sask.

would all know each other already, so there wouldn't be the danger of making new friends of people whose opinions may differ from their own, people who might want to talk of issues facing farmers in other areas but not affecting local people. How simple it would be for our kids to go to college in a place they know, with students they know and profs. they know!

In Piapot they wouldn't have to be exposed to the rest of the University. They wouldn't be tempted by the other colleges into straying from agriculture. They wouldn't have to go on those silly "stomps" and parades to tell the rest of campus of their existence. They wouldn't have to deal with the research or extension divisions that are centered there — they could concentrate completely on their studies.

And, of course, curriculum is the biggest plus. There would be no need, here in the Piapot College of Agriculture, to waste the student's time in learning about heavy soils, canola, pigs, apiculture...no, here in the P.C. of A. we could concentrate solely on raising cattle and dryland farming. This way we could ensure a crop of students who were completely narrow-minded and have no understanding of agriculture in other areas of the province. That'll keep 'em home.

Oh! It would be good for Piapot, too. The folks down at the Hotel are right behind me on this.

Heather Hecker '81S

Box 190,
Piapot, Sask.

LETTER FROM A PRAIRIE CHICKEN



Dear Lin, and fellow S.A.G.A.'s,

I intended to write to you all last winter, but somehow I could never get into the mood, or find the time, on the same occasions. I'm glad now that I waited, because after another very dry and dusty winter and spring, we have finally had RAIN! Seriously, we've had muddy roads, snow in the ditches, lakes in the corrals and everything. Our girls were beginning to think that all our mud stories were just tall tales. There seems to be hope for a hay crop this year, and those with fall rye and winter wheat are smiling.

The men of the community (and several women, too) have attended some very damp and cold brandings in the past week, but nobody is complaining. We have discovered, though, that even after 2 inches of rain, land will still blow 24 hours after the rain stops. There is a lot of land in this area which is rapidly becoming unuseable, due to soil erosion. It is a pity that some of the farmers in this area weren't made to take a course in "Dust Bowl 1930-38", before being allowed to begin farming. As a result, we are not yet predicting that the drought years are finished, nor are we hopeful that all the grasshoppers have been drowned, but we are just a shade more optimistic that the wolf (read banker) will not get us for at least another year.

When I started these semi-occasional Prairie Chicken stories, I didn't know at the

time how I would be relating to other members of the poultry persuasion. This spring, however, has seen the adult members of this family behaving like peacocks. At least, we are feeling as proud as peacocks, since our daughters have been putting in fine performances at school, music festivals and 4-H. They have each acquired 4-H public speaking trophies; and scholarships for blowing real hard on their band instruments. (I could probably have put that more elegantly, but Lin has a habit of making things over, so I thought I'd beat him to it.) When Alexis plays her trumpet, Verna accompanies her on the piano; but when Verna performs with her clarinet, she likes to join forces with **Heather Hecker '76**. It sure is nice to have a registered music teacher for a neighbour and fellow Ag. Grad. (**Peter '75** is okay, too.) Our buttons were really popping, when Verna attended 4-H Selections at Camp Rayner this spring, and was awarded a trip to National 4-H Club Week in Toronto, in November. History is repeating itself, as her mother was a part of the same trip in 1961. I think I'm more excited about it, at the minute, than she is!

Now, just in case you are getting tired of me bragging about our kids, I'll tell you about another fowl that I've been feeling like lately. I'm referring to a thoroughly soaked (wet) hen. The mood tends to strike when a Task Force in Ottawa has the nerve to describe the P.F.R.A. as "an anachronism, albeit one with a glorious past" and that "there is no rationale for continued federal involvement in this area", so, therefore, the P.F.R.A. should be phased out. They are seriously recommending that the Indian Head Tree Nursery be either terminated, or turned over to the private sector, as it only fills a minor role! The Tree Nursery has done more for Saskatchewan farmers on the bald prairie than all the Task Forces put together. The use of field shelterbelts has reduced wind erosion, created wildlife habitat, and has trapped much needed moisture in the form of snowbanks. Field shelterbelts, combined with strip farming and minimum tillage, may be the only way of saving this area from becoming the world's newest desert. Farmsteads are no longer exposed to the elements as they were in pioneer days, and most of this has been due to the P.F.R.A. Tree Nursery. At the present time it is being used so heavily that a farmer must place his order nearly 18 months in advance. A minor role, indeed!

Another subject that ruffled my feathers the other day, was a report on the radio concerning Vocational Agriculture. An older woman from northeastern Saskatchewan was pushing the idea that the School of Agriculture should be removed from Saskatoon, and spread around the province, in the same manner as Alberta. She stated that it is difficult for farm youth to go to Saskatoon, and more students could attend if they didn't have to be so far away from their farms. As she said, all Voc. Ags. are just going home to farm after graduation anyway, so they should just be learning about Agriculture as it pertains to their own area.

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This lady has obviously never been a part of agriculture on the U. of S. campus, and has never seen the school spirit generated by these poor homesick farm boys and girls. They make friends with people that actually grew up 400-500 miles away, and discover that kids from Maple Creek don't all have bow legs, or kids from Melfort aren't born with webbed feet. (They acquire them later.) They are exposed to a multitude of professional agronomists, whom they share with the College students, and have access to the same facilities. A great many of these students go on to complete a College degree, and many go into the field of Agri-business. Those who do go home to farm generally wind up being 4-H leaders, rural councillors, S.W.P. delegates, or sometimes all of these at once. The contacts they make during their sojourn on Campus, stay with them for the rest of their lives. It really makes me squawk when I hear about somebody trying to narrow the horizons of young people, rather than expanding

them.

We're looking forward to seeing a good many of you at the S.I.A. Convention in June. At long last, you are going to see the real South West (west of Swift Current and south of Leader). I would advise you all to bring umbrellas and rubber boots. With a theme like "Men Against the Desert", we should be assured of at least a two-day rain, followed by high winds and a dust storm. Thank goodness for Cypress Hills Park — we can use a little high ground.

I guess I'll have to close with a bouquet for our Premier Minister of Agriculture (I won't say what's in the bouquet), for finally announcing the beginning of the long-awaited Agriculture Building on campus. I know that this has been a dream of the faculty and S.A.G.A. for many years, and it is a relief to see something finally happening. Maybe there'll even be room in the new building for all the Voc. Ags.; and a place for old grads like me to come and remember the past.

Sincerely,

Irene Ahner '65,
Maple Creek, Sask.

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outstanding service in promoting the ideals and programs of S.I.A.

Fred has variously served as councillor and president, as well as having almost single-handedly established the agronomist-in-training program, and for having served the institute in countless other ways.

Fred has been a tireless worker on behalf of the S.A.G.A. as well. He was its president in 1976, which in itself, implies that he served as an executive member, vice-president and reunion chairman, and as past-president — all demanding jobs.

They just don't make better agros than Fred.

Donald J. Blackburn '53, a boy from Arborfield, is to be made a **Fellow of A.I.C.** at their national convention to be held at the University July 6 to 10.

Don was ag. rep. at Colonsay from 1955 until 1968. During his years at Colonsay he earned his M.Sc. degree in extension education at Wisconsin and upon leaving Colonsay he returned to Wisconsin for his Ph.D. He later joined the Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension Education at the University of Quelp, and was head of the department from 1979 to 1985. He is currently a professor in the Department of Rural Extension Studies.

He is a past president of the Canadian Society of Extension and of the Association of the Faculties of Agriculture in Canada. He is currently chairman of the Expert Committee on Agricultural Extension, Education and Information.

Don has directed several studies on the effectiveness of agricultural extension and on the comparative effectiveness of various extension methods.

He will be a symposium speaker at the plenary session at the A.I.C. convention, the

theme of which is the Age of Information.

Dr. C. M. 'Red' Williams of Animal Science, will also speak, as will Dr. James T. Bonnen of Michigan State University.

Glen Flaten '56 F.A.I.C., past president of C.F.A., has been elected president of I.F.A.P., and was recently appointed an executive member of the National Farm Products Marketing Council. **Shirley** and the kids raise the pigs and the chickens on the farm at Regina.

To all of the award recipients, please accept our heartiest congratulations, and an invitation to appear on our list of names to be dropped.

Frank Zillinsky '49 was the lead-off speaker at a world triticale symposium in Australia in early February.

In the view of many, Frank became the most outstanding plant breeder to graduate from the college. He took both his B.S.A. and M.Sc. degrees at Saskatoon, and his Ph.D. at Ames, Iowa.

He spent the first 14 or 15 years at the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa before becoming involved as a breeder of triticale at the Simit-Rockefeller Foundation plant breeding station in New Mexico, working with Dr. Norman Borlaug of Green Revolution fame. Dr. Borlaug rated Frank as one of the foremost cereal breeders in the world.

By 1971, Frank was working with 27,000 triticale breeding lines and prior to his retirement in 1982 had charge of some 60,000 test lines. He developed over 100 varieties of triticale suited to different locations.

Since retirement, Frank has published a book on cereal diseases in his spare time, which is rated as the best available of its type.

For the past four or five years he has travelled widely in developing countries as a consultant on crop production. The above is as close to the facts as I can come. **Bob Ferguson '49** assumes all responsibility for errors.

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first six months, consisted of three drunks and an old age pensioner looking for the washroom, which consisted of an old 2,4-D pail and an Eaton's catalog.

Maurice Brounstein '40, was ag. rep. at Kamsack at the time, and coached Orest on the intricacies of Department of Agriculture expense accounts. Orest has been forever grateful, since the assistance has enabled him to become independently wealthy.

Mary took over the secretarial duties at the office until their children arrived on the scene. In the meantime, Orest made himself known throughout his district, which at that time stretched from Canora to Kelvington and Preeceville to Invermay, by putting on gopher drowning and rockpicking demonstrations.

Orest learned to drive a government car over rural roads, which were only discernible from farm fields by the fence-lines which bounded them. He became so proficient at car driving that he could leap Regina boulevard's at a single bound while at half throttle.

Single ag. reps. pay was meager at best in those days, he and Mary could barely make ends meet. Being a woman of action and determination, she decided that if Orest could learn to fish and play poker it would solve their financial concerns. She was able to convince a couple of local farmers who were connoisseurs of the arts to teach him. Orest progressed so rapidly that he soon became the co-ordinator of fishing for the whole North East Region. He also learned to count fillets particularly well on fishing trips. On one particular occasion, **Mike Oxman '50** and **Harry Lang '53** went home shaking their heads and having to buy fish at the local market to appease their wives, who haven't learned to this day the Coho salmon aren't a species native to northern Saskatchewan.

Orest threw himself into his work and soon became involved in 4-H, drainage projects, weed control and registered seed production. He organized veterinary service districts, soil conservation projects, a community seed cleaning plant, and a myriad of short courses, field days and meetings. He also organized warble, louse and rat control programs. At one time he had the fattiest rats west of the Manitoba boundary.

Orest believes strongly in the theory and practice of agricultural extension, and has earned the reputation of being one of its most forceful advocates. He has also been a staunch advocate of farmers' welfare and has amply demonstrated his empathy with their aspirations. His credibility among farmers as a counsellor on production and community problems, became firmly established early in his career.

He staunchly defended farmers rights and points of view against all comers, be they bureaucrats, wonder product salesmen or straight con artists.

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quarter with a new house on it, 2½ miles out North Battleford, and is heavy into fencing, corral and building construction.

Blair McClinton '85 is into being district sales honcho for Rite Way Manufacturing at Regina.

Lee '54 and **Ruby Sanderson** are expounding the virtues of beef eating at Consul — you live just as long and smack yer lips while doin' it.

Eric Jorgenson '83 got his B.Ed. in '84 and went pushing Union Carbide at Fairview — that's in Alberta, future home of the Nasty Deposit Party.

Eric '82 and **Pat (Huffman) '83 Johnson** are still holed up in Unity waiting for the election call. Move the ag. rep. office back to Wilke? Pat still holds forth at the Unity Credit Union — sure shook her up to get an arrears notice for their membership in S.A.G.A. — got her own back.

Jim Stadnyk '85 is still doing for Dupont in Yorkton.

Les McLean '71 is the new U. of S. senator for the Dundurn-Delisle district.

Andy Schmitz '63, professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of California at Berkeley is the first **Hadley VanVliet '34 Visiting Professor** at the U. of S. — a two-year term. Andy hails from Central Butte, and is a recognized authority on international trade and marketing. The late **Hadley VanVliet** was head of the U. of S. department at the time of his death in 1938 — truly a man among men.

Cathy '85 and **Gary Gale '84** combined their mortgage paying powers to splurge on a new villa in Saskatoon. Cathy dispenses largesse for the Lands Branch, while Gary moils for Hoescht.

Lyndon Carlson '83 has moved from Regina to become assistant straw boss for the agricultural department of ye olde Bank of Commerce at Saskatoon. Gotta keep shiftn' ta keep yer back to the wall.

Gord Larson '78 has been found — he's lead-hand supervisor with Sask. Assessment Authority in Regina. Lead-hand means he gets to come in later and go to coffee sooner.

Ed Plewes '83 forsook the sheltering arms of Assessment to pitch for May & Baker last August from the family farm at Spy Hill. **Marilyn '83** is peddling for Bristol-Meyers — drugs that is — human dosages.

Coralee (Beeson) '80 and **Mark Beaulieu '79**, noticed there wasn't any pictures of the winners of the ag. grad. bonspiel. Sorry about that. Ye olde ed assumes complete blame. Anyway, Mark's rink did the substitution waltz — **Bob Meister '79**, **Harold Rostad '60** and **Gusty Yaskowich '84** variously filled in for **Richard Gray '79**, who backed out at the last minute in the face of tremendous opposition. Anyway, they won the 'B' Event. The other moilers were **Bob Evans '79**, and **Warren Eilers '74**. Richard has been

granted asylum to touch their curling pins next year. They report on Graeme of 10 months, four teeth, no hair. Mark is D.A. at St. Paul, Alberta.

Barry Rapp '83 has fallen prey to the wheat midge and has moved from Tisdale as assistant ag. rep. to being ag. rep. at Kindersley — traded the midge for grasshoppers you might say. Anyway, he now has his own copy of the Guide to Farm Practice.

Lori Hoskins '82 is holed up at Red Deer since before the big Alberta snowslide. Don't say whut the hell she's doing there tho — either before or after hours.

Larry Hiles '77 missed the ag. grad reunion. He was puttering about down in the Dominican Republic. Anyway his cheque for his annual dues passed **Ken Bassendowski's '72** bite test.

Baz Fritz '73 has got this farming business beaten. He's seeded almost the whole works down to alfalfa — let the leaf cutters do the work. **Bev** is making the farm pay — she brings home the other cheque. Baz keeps busy trying to prevent livestock from becoming an endangered species, as livestock honcho for the East Central republic at Yorkton.

Ken Brice '64 has nearly as much land as Mulronee has deposed cabinet ministers — 5 quarters of his own and a coupla dozen townships of Lizzie's. Ken is chief herdsman for Lands Branch pasture in East Central.

Leonard Malinsky '70 never thought

he'd see a female dairy rep. in **Art George '49** old spot at Yorkton. He's even cleaned up his hunting wagon — a Parisienne hardtop — just in case.

Don McLaren's '53 kids are heavy into bugles, coronets and larynxes — 'Up Witl People'. The only guy in East Central who doesn't have to blow his own horn.

Alan Arthur '68 has become thoroughly acclimatized to rural life at Redvers, having had his share of frost, drought, hoppers and political chinanigans — and snow — 2" rain and 3-4" of snow — all on one day in May.

Alan picked up his M.Sc. in '72 and then worked in Lougheed's Republic for a year before becoming chief ranch foreman for the S.E. region, until '79, when he plunked for going back to jumping his own stubble.

He and **Kathy** have three girl chillun — all in school. He's an R.M. councillor, director of Redvers Co-op and serves on the Redvers Union Hospital Board.

Lawrence Lemieux '67 farms down the road from the Arthurs. He's making zero-till pay in spite of hoppers and drought.

Alan also runs into **Vern Pusch '56** of Kipling at various regional co-op 'do's, and at S.A.R.M. meetings.

Irene '65 and **Derald '65 Ahner** of Maple Creek have survived the drought, hoppers and cattle loans policy, and lived to tell about it. Derald has been asked to do the

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Homecoming

University of Saskatchewan
College and School of Agriculture

celebrating the

75th Anniversary
of the
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Date: Saturday, July 5 and Sunday, July 6, 1986
(Immediately preceding the AIC 1986 Convention)

Main Event: Banquet and Entertainment, Saturday, July 5
-150 graduates from the College and the School of
Agriculture will be honored.
-former faculty members will be invited and honored.

Other Events:

Tours - College of Agriculture and U. of S. campus
Tea - Sunday afternoon

75th

THE POGEY PASTURE



Jack Nichols '49, late of Elephant Brand and Sherrit-Gordon fertilizers, is holed up at Lindell Beach in the Bennett Republic and brags he was out golfing with daughter, **Beverley**, at the end of March at 20°C. So were we, but we've had two snows and three cabinet resignations since.

Andrew Smith '30 was in the Smith Hatchery business in Tisdale for nigh onto 50 years, man and boy. He started out small by gathering eggs. Now it takes four sons and daughter to run Smith Hatcheries with branches in Tisdale, Melfort and P.A. Was Andrew such a real humdinger or have they just expanded the business?

Jock Blacklock '43 has retired from the cattle auctioneering business, except for whatever they can drag into Blacklock Auction Mart at Saskatoon. His last sale was the Calgary Bull Sale, where the highest bid was \$280,000 for a purebred Hereford bull. Hope I got that right Jock. Neither my hearing or my writing ever won any prizes.

Mac Rondeau '48 and **Lucille** boast five grandchildren — four without stems. "Mac", or "Doc", lives off the avails of Midland Agriculture Services — farm land management and consulting as well as Midland Vegetation Control — blazin' trees and scrub with sprays, ya unnerstan.

Mac and **'Cille** holed up at Scottsdale, Arizona, for the snowy months and had **Joe Bedford '48** and **Cathie** spend a couple weeks with them. Any lulls in conversation were amply overcome with Joe's scotch and Mac's gin.

They got so involved in golf they never did get to **Ash '48** and **Joanne Smith's** at Sun Sales.

Joe, Mac and **Don Kirk '48** along with **Bob Martin '47** as housemother, batched and debauched at the House of Hangover, 408-5th Avenue, North, in Saskabush. The scene at Scottsdale was similar, but the girls were considerably different. Anyhow, after a thorough review of all the grad years, they remain firmly convinced that '48 was the most illustrious of the 75 college years.

W. W. 'Bill' Chambers '31, has heard from **M. A. 'Mac' Collins '28**. Obviously, they're still speaking. **Mac** and **Ruth** have been living in retirement at Simcoe, Ontario, since 1974. After picking up his M.Sc. in '31 and Ph.D. in '33 at Iowa State College, Mac embarked on a very active and diversified career. After returning to Canada in 1951, they settled down at Simcoe where they operated a pet food business and manufactured and distributed sanitation chemicals. They're both in good health except for the odd spot of arthritis. Despite his age, Mac writes a flowing and legible script (maybe ye olde ed's writing will improve with age. At the moment, my scribbling is reminiscent of a geneticologist and a neanderthal cave dweller). Mac Collins is the sole survivor of a class of five, which included **Howard Gerrie, Gordon Kirk, John Maduke** and **Dave Robinson**. After all that, Bill didn't say a

damn thing about himself.

Sam Reimche '44 has wound down to five quarters from 35? 25? 15? at Leader. Just enough to get a 4W Drive up to operating temperature. Sam has been dreaming all his life of a trip to China. He was polishing the wife's teapot one day and sure enough, the genie granted him his first wish. The wife is dyin' to know what the other wishes are, but he won't tell her. Anyway, last October he took part in a 3-week farm study tour of China with the Bureau of State Farms as host. They travelled some 5,000 miles in cereal producing areas, and visited 10 or 12 farms. He's written a seven-part account of his adventures for the Kindersley Clarion, complete with pictures.

Sam found the Chinese have a tremendous thirst for knowledge.

Ed Howe '35, retired ag. rep. from Altona, Manitoba, was the recipient of a **50-year A.I.C. membership pin** in absentia at a joint dinner of Winnipeg branch M.I.A. and the Manitoba Agronomists Conference. Ed was unfortunately unable to attend because of ill health.

Ed received a Diploma in Agriculture from Southeastern Agricultural College at Wye, Kent in 1926, and his B.S.A. degree at the U. of S. in 1935.

After graduation, he taught and conducted research at the college until he joined Manitoba Agriculture in 1938 as an ag. rep., first at Selkirk and then at Altona, where he is now retired.

He is a charter member of M.I.A., and received life membership in 1972.

William and **Gertrude Chapman** celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary on January 1, 1986, in the lounge of the Lutheran Sunset Home in Saskatoon, where they reside, with forty two guests in attendance.

They were married at Kisbey and lived at Lashburn and Floral before farming in the Ethelton-Meskanaw area near Melfort, and retiring to Saskatoon in 1950.

They raised seven children — five sons and two daughters, including **Harold '43C, Earl '46C** and **Charlie '46S**. They also have 14 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Joyce (Mike '50) Oxman has made tremendous progress since having a hip replacement last October. Mike has completely relinquished the position of family chef and housekeeper and returned completely to the role of gardener, curler, golfer and saucpan sniffer.

It is rumored that **Gerry Fitzgerald '49** and **Peggy** returned from Texas in time for seeding at Grenfell. The rumor may be entirely unfounded, however.

Doug Kent '49 spent the whole damn winter at Grenfell. What with the wife's curling and his being on so many boards and committees, there just wasn't time for any tomfoolery. Which was fortunate, since ye olde ed was able to bum supper off of them last winter, plus a few hairs of the dog. Anyway, he looks healthier than I'd hoped to see him.

Bob Ferguson '49 is apparently still farming with **Martin '70** and another son at Edgeley. Fortunately, he's away from home a great deal of the time, so that the boys are able to farm largely unmolested.

Bob is reeve of the R.M. of Fort Qu'Appelle as well as being on the University of Regina board of governors, and is involved in so many other things like school and hospital boards, that Mrs. Ferguson has a hairdresser on a retaining fee just in case Bob suddenly announces that they have some banquet or other to go to, just when she's started supper.

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latter at the S.I.A. annual meeting at Cypress Hills this month.

Derald is still leading the 4-H Beef Club and is chairman of the District 4-H Council.

Irene and **Heather Hecker '76** along with **Eleanor (Ian '71) Bowie**, were among those who steered the first Maple Creek and District Music Festival — it was a réál blast. There's more to culture than agro-culture.

Pete '75 and **Heather '76 Hecker** are still able to keep ahead of **Andrew**, 8 months going on 9, but only just.

The **Bowies, Ian '71** and **Eleanor** have just about gotten back to normal after the big prairie fire of August '84 — all new improved corrals and outbuildings. They're heavy into 4-H, school board and kirk. Their kids are champeen 4-H speakers.

Daryl Tumback '72 ag. rep. in residence at The Crick mudded it out at the Ahners annual calf branding and prairie oyster festival.

Irene Ahner '65 is chairman once removed of the District #10 Agricultural Extension Board and rep. on the South West Regional Extension Council, along with **Les Potter (?)** of Gull Lake.

Irene and **Derald** are still a-buildin' on that new ranch headquarters. They're gonna move in the spring regardless. Derald calls it their retirement project.

Marcel Dubois '61, '65, is the new president of the Rosetown Minor Athletic and Dugout Fumigation Association. **Everett Sanderson '71** also serves on the board and is in charge of push brooms.

Bryan Harvey '60 presented the Hon. John Wise, Minister of Agriculture with A.I.C.'s position paper on Plant Breeders Rights, which called for legislated plant breeders rights and the maintenance of a strong public breeding program. Wise put on a good show and praised the A.I.C. up, down and sideways. Now Bryan's waiting to see how much of what Wise said was mere political droppings.

Gwen (Sheppard) Wensley '79 has been toiling mightily on the new Wiseton Community Centre — curling and hockey arena. It took 6 years and \$350,000 (Can.). It took auction sales, dine-and-dances, a radiothon and a tractor lottery. Draws for three tractors and ten \$1,000 cash prizes — \$200 tickets — netted \$130,000. There ain't but 200 folks in Wiseton when they're all home for Xmas. Good Show, Gwen.

Dave Struthers '84 is the staff on the E.R.D.A. soil conservation project at Yorkton since April.



THE LAST VOYAGE

Nestor John Hawrysh '50 of Saskatoon passed away in March of cancer and diabetes. Nestor was born in Hafford on March 6, 1920. He served in the R.C.A.F. overseas in Britain, and in Tunis and Algeria with 426 and 424 Squadrons, as an aircraft electrician.

On discharge from the R.C.A.F. in 1945, he entered the College of Agriculture, graduating in 1956. He joined the then municipal assessment commission and later became supervisor of assessment at North Battleford. He joined the Lands Branch in 1978, and served until April, 1984, when he retired.

Nestor loved the outdoors and served in the northern part of the province for most of his working life, although he also served the Kindersley area for a few years. He maintained his home in Saskatoon and commuted to work from there. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, as well as placer miner, having a claim near Bakersfield, B.C. He took a keen interest in people and possessed a fine sense of humor. He had many fast friends who will cherish their association with him.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Doreen, four children and five grandchildren.

Dr. Margaret (Londes) Heimburger '36 passed away in Victoria, B.C., on March 13, 1986, and is survived by her husband, **Dr. Carl Heimburger**. The late **Marion Clark**, wife of **Herb '45**, was a sister.

Margaret was raised at Langham and attended Nutana and Beford Road Collegiates in Saskatoon, as well as Normal School and taught in rural schools in Saskatchewan.

She received her B.A. degree from the U. of S. as well as her B.S.A. degree, and an M.A. degree in botany. She later received her Ph.D. in botany from the University of Wisconsin. She worked for the National Research Council in Ottawa during World War II, and then as a professor of botany at the University of Toronto until she and her husband retired to Victoria in 1972.

Edith Maude Stephenson, mother of **John '49**, passed away in the hospital in Vancouver on March 6, 1986.

Edith Hartt grew up in Fredericton Junction, New Brunswick, where she received her early education and teacher training.

She came to Saskatchewan in 1916, and continued her education at the University during the winter months and taught school during the summer. She graduated in 1919, presumably with a B.A. degree. She continued to teach in rural schools, including Noble View in the Stranraer district where she married **John B. Stephenson** on January 1, 1924.

The Stephensons farmed until 1956, retiring in Stranraer, and then moving to Vancouver in 1960.

She was active in a variety of pursuits including hockey, baseball and basketball, while at college.

In her home community of Stranraer she played a leading role in establishing the Wheatland Regional Library. Young people of her time remember her for her reference library and assistance in identifying plants and rocks.

She continued her interests in retirement such as bridge, the community centre and in discussion group activities. She always took an interest in current events and in improving the welfare of others.

She is survived by her two sons, **John (Ada)** and **Bill (Joan)** of Stranraer, daughters, **Doris (Don) Hamilton** of Vancouver and **Jean (Stanley) Davies** of Calgary. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Her husband, **John Bannerman Stephenson** predeceased her in 1966.

Pallbearers at her funeral were her four grandsons: **Jack Stephenson '84** (John's son), Brian and Rodney Chapman and David Hamilton and two of her grandsons-in-law, John Bznade and Mark Marshall.

We also note the passing of two ag. grads as per the 'Green and White'. They were:

William D. Garratt B.S.A. '50 and **B.Ed. '51** at Frenchman Butte on November

4, 1985.

Edward J. Reed '48, School of Agriculture diploma and '65 Certificate of Administration at Kindersley on January 18, 1986.

Mary Herriman's '82, mother passed away on March 6, 1986, as a result of cancer infection.

HAIL '48 COLLEGE GRADS!

Our 40th anniversary is coming up in less than two years — that oughta stop ya right in yer traks.

Art Strautman of the diocese of Edmonton is so damned anxious that such a milestone in the history of the college, and all of us who've survived be celebrated, that he has volunteered to head up a Royal Commission on the Care and Feeding of the '48 Class of College Grads.

He requests two things of each grad.

1. Write a short biography including your specialty or major, employment or career record, locations, family and items of general interest.

Include a current photo of yourself as well as spouse.

2. Give us your ideas as to time and place for the reunion. Art suggests that Farm Week — 40°C doesn't turn him on, but perhaps Hawaii, Phoenix, or even Saskatoon in mid-summer, or whatever, would have some appeal.

Mail the hull thing to **Art** at:

16119-88A Avenue

Edmonton, Alberta T5R 4N5

Art has volunteered to assemble same and present it to the group at the reunion.

He has roped me into helping, but we'll have to call on a few others to pitch in at a later date.

Let's have your ideas.

YA LEF WITHOW TELLIN' NOBUDDY? FER SHAME!

If ya gotta go, ther aint no stoppin ya, but at leese tell us wher to. Ya kin tell us — the mother-in-law neent git ta know. Jes sen yer adres ta Richard. He aint the mouthy tipe.

Have you moved since March? Are you planning to move before September? **Send the address label of your last copy of "The Saga". Ya dint thro it owt?!?!****

TO: RICHARD BELLAMY '66

Registrar, S.A.G.A.

Box 320, Sub. P.O. No. 6

Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0W0



Your Name (Yer ole er Yer noo): _____

Address (wher ya ll be at): _____

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Why'd Ya Doo It?: What did the bank say? Who's idea was it? Who did you see before you left, of after you got there — grads, not the new boss.

LOVE WILL FIND A WAY



Hardly any weddings to report, but lotsa promises.

Sally Jacobson trapped herself another Swede at Prince Albert on April 19, to farm for her at Mount Nebo.

Rick Gunderson '83 has promised to love, honor and cultivate.

The following are threatening legal cohabitation.

Murray Flaten '83 believes in eating well as long as the Royal Bank can afford it. He's promised to **Sharon Tremblay '84 H.Ec.** on October 4 at Radville. She's a dietician at St. Elizabeth's Hospital at Humboldt.

Craig Gatzke '85 has promised **'Big Donna' Kerwan** he'll be at the church in Gull Lake on August 16. **Ted Mortenson '82** is making a list of dancing girls for the stag. **Craig** will be dancing to Donna's tune thereafter.

Other smouldering conflagrations are:

Brenda Wallace '84 and **Don Reiter '84** on June 21.

Laurie Bors and **Lee Moats '81** on July

Audrey Anderson '84 and **Randy Jones '83** on July 12.

Alanna Koch and **Gerry Hertz '84** on July 26.

Linda Hughes '84 and **James MacGregor** on July 26.

THREE BARES



Luke Robert Slater Annand delayed the harvest at Mossbank on Labor Day (September 2). Obviously, the boy has a sense of pun. He weighed 6 lbs. and 3 ozs., despite three inches of rain in August. The father? **Glenn '78**. The mother? We're not sure.

Robert Carl Singbeil stayed on feed until April 14. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 10 ozs. at Regina. He's decided to live with **Kathy (Lowe) '81** and **Carl '78** at Mossbank.

Randi Nicole Dianne Acaster weighed at 8 lbs. 3 ozs. at North Battleford on May 4. Losses out of joint belong to Bryan, Shauntel and Tyler.

Dianne and **David '76** are being held responsible until further evidence to the contrary.

GIV A LISSEN!!



We just gotta git mor mimburs. Thers mebbe 5,000 ag. grads out ther wanderin loanlie as clouds. Ownlie 1,900 a thim is mimburs. If everbuddy whut's a member wud cawler jes wun noo wun, we'd hev 3,800. If Grant Devine cud do that he'd hev'er maid.

THE TAB?

Annual Fee \$8.00

Life Membership:

0-10 years since graduation \$80.00

11 years and over \$70.00

Their name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Grad Year _____

While yer at it, how about some news: _____

Mail it all to:

Ken Bassendowski
Secretary-Treasurer S.A.G.A
Box 320
Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0W0

THANKS A LOT!!

THE 1987 REUNION

Doyle Wiebe '76, '87 Reunion Chairman, has lined up the following class reunion chairpeople.

	SCHOOL	COLLEGE
1937 -	Stuart Smith Saskatoon	Lloyd Putnam Saskatoon
1947 -	Art Sawatzky Saskatoon	?
1957 -	?	Don Acton Saskatoon
1967 -	Wayne Gamble Saskatoon	Lyle Darwent Saskatoon
1977 -	Al Gifford Saskatoon	Murray Fulton Saskatoon
1982 -	?	Larry Brack Regina

Anyone wishing to volunteer to act as class reunion chairperson for those years with (?), please contact:

Doyle Wiebe Phone: Residence - (306) 283-4931, Office - (306) 934-2727
Box 257
Langham, Sask. S0K 2L0 Note: The 1917 and 1927 classes are being contacted by Doyle.

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Orest promoted government programs and policies only when they were in the farmer's interest. He became the best sow teat counter and forage seed salesman in existence when it was to farmers' advantage.

His ag. rep. letters had wide readership as a result of their being topical and because they were written in lighter vein — no sermons. He believes strongly that the message must be in the language of the people you're trying to reach.

Orest also served the community in spearheading fund drives for his church and for community projects. He was involved with the school board, chamber of commerce and

the golf club activities. He also served the wider community on provincial extension and production committees, including that of veterinary services.

The Extension District Boards, of both the Canora and Kamsack districts (the latter of which he also served in the last couple of years), 4-H councils, R.M. councils, agricultural societies and other community organizations, staged a testimonial and good riddance banquet in Canora near the end of April that filled the Rainbow Hall, and at which Orest and Mary were the recipient of many plaques and platitudes, silver trays, mantle clocks and a gold watch. He was honored by his real employers — the rural people whom he'd served so well for 35 full years.

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— **And Start**
Writing

Send It All To:

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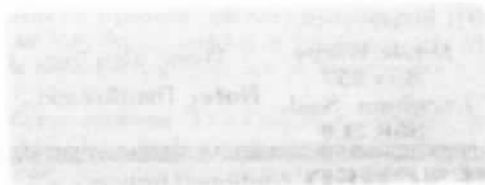
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MY OWN DOINGS _____

NEWS OF OTHER GRADS (State Grad Year, if known, or your closest guess)

DON'T STOP NOW!! We need more news — real or fictitious!

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