

# THE SAGA

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## COLLEGE BUILDING PAST \$5 MILLION MARK



The \$12 million campaign for non-government support of the New College of Agriculture Building is gathering momentum each

week. As of November 13th, 1987, gifts and pledges totalled \$5,369,604.81. The campaign should reach its goal by next fall. While support in Saskatchewan has been particularly strong, this is a national campaign chaired by Ted Turner of Prairie Pools Inc. and by Ted Newall, President of DuPont Canada, Inc.

Some impressive major gifts and pledges have been collected so far from individuals and corporations. Mrs. May Beamish from Lashburn has personally given \$750,000 to the new building, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool has committed \$1.5 million and Credit Union Central \$750,000. The Dairy Producers Co-operative, Federated Co-operatives, and S.G.I. have each chipped in \$250,000. Other major corporate contributors from the West include Pioneer Grain, Saskatchewan Insti-

tute of Agrologists, and the Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Growers.

While the canvass of national corporations has just begun, the first results are promising there too. Du Pont Canada Inc. (\$200,000) and the Royal Bank (\$180,000) have already made commitments along with Royal Trust and the Eaton Foundation.

Over the next few months our top campaigners, including U of S President Leo Kristjanson and the Campaign Chairmen, will be making calls on corporations in Calgary, Winnipeg, Montreal, and Toronto. Premier Grant Devine also promised to help out by addressing prospective donors at the Petroleum Club in Calgary.

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Grads of the School and College are doing a great job! Not only are they serving on the campaign committees, they're also beginning to dig deep personally. The total raised from alumni to date is \$314,000 and Agriculture alumni volunteers are just starting to call on their fellow grads. By springtime every grad will have been contacted by phone, mail, or personal visit. So get ready!

**Malcolm Greenshields '75 S**

allowing me to serve the organization in this capacity for the past year. I wish the new executive success in its many important decisions that will have to be made in the coming year. Their job will be easier with your input, so don't be shy.

P.S. If you have not yet made your pledge to the College building fund, consider it a Christmas present to your Alma Mater.

## THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



significant changes to survive, this organization also feels a stirring of the idea pot is also necessary. As I mentioned in previous columns this year, both the concern about needing new young members, and the possibility of Farm and Home week changing dates, are issues that the executive needs your input on.

The annual meeting does not allow a lot of the members to attend and therefore a response form is included in this issue to allow you to quickly let your opinions be known. Whether or not, you have participated in the reunion weekend recently, let us know what you think of the options mentioned.

For those of you wondering about either extending your stay at **Farm & Home Week**, or coming in early to take in the Friday's activities, the lecture series topic should be noted in the enclosed brochure. Leadership during the stressful times that agriculture is in, is considered very important. In whatever the role you are playing in agriculture today, the need to hear about the impact that farmers have on government policy is great. Be sure to mention it to people you work with as well, even if they are not Ag Grads.

This is the last issue during my term as president. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow mem-

I hope this issue of the SAGA permits you to take a pleasant break from all the other heavy reading that is more common place these days. From technical bulletins for the researchers in the crowd on such things as biotechnology, to the many serious policy issues that are being discussed at the many farm organization annual meetings around the province, this newsletter should prove to be a nice break.

As dynamic as many of the issues have been over the years, the SAGA as an organization has remained quite stable. However, as the world around us changes, so must we. Even as many farmers are having to make

**Doyle Wiebe '76C**

President, SAGA

# GATHERED UNTO HIS FLOCK



**Aremia (Burdie) Carlson**, mother of **Gary '61C** and prominent rural educator and longtime resident of the Golburn and Tisdale districts, passed away after a brief illness on October 3 at the Parkland Regional Care Centre in Melfort in her 86th year.

Mrs. Carlson was born in Owatonna, Minnesota on January 12, 1902, and came to the Watson district of Saskatchewan in 1908. She received her early education in Watson and completed high school at Nutana Collegiate. She then went on to graduate from Saskatoon Normal School and taught in the Watson and Viscount districts from 1918 to 1930.

She married **Carl Clifford Carlson** on July 29, 1930. They ran a dairy farm at Viscount until moving to a farm at Golburn in 1941. It was there that she began a long career in volunteer work in rural education.

With her husband's support and encouragement, she has fostered the growth of Homemakers' Clubs (now the Women's Institute) in North-Eastern Saskatchewan during the 1950's and '60's and active in implementing the formation of larger school units. She served as vice-president of the Saskatchewan School Trustees Association, was particularly active in the superintendency, and was president of the Tisdale superintendency for 10 years.

A charter and Honorary Life member of Golburn Agricultural Society, she was an active exhibitor for over 30 years. In addition she served on the Agricultural Extension Board for Tisdale ag. rep. district.

Mrs. Carlson was also active in United Church affairs and sang in the choir both at Viscount and Tisdale.

In recognition of her work in rural affairs and her inspiration to others, she was made and Honorary Life member of the Sask. Womens Institute, the Sask. School Trustees Association, and the Sask. Agricultural Societies Association. Her leadership was further recognized upon being inducted into the Sask. Agricultural Hall of Fame in 1982.

She was predeceased by her husband **Carl** in 1966, and by her two sisters and two brothers. She is survived by son **Gary (Jessie)**, granddaughters **Laurie**, **Cathy (Kim) Rink** both of Regina and **Chandra** of Upsala, Sweden.

Funeral services were held from St. Paul's United Church in Tisdale on October 6, with interment in Woodlawn Cemetery in

Saskatoon.

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**Hugh Robson Douglas '46S** died on June 16 in Rosetown Hospital at 66 years.

He is survived by his wife **Marjorie**, sons **Craige, Daniel**, and **Jack** all of **Saskatoon**, and **Donald** of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, one grandson **Ryan** and stepson **Mervin Lloyd** of D'Arcy, one stepdaughter **Mary Hankewich** of Dawson Creek, B.C., seven stepgrandchildren and one great stepgrandchild.

Funeral services were held from Rosetown United Church on June 20 with interment in Rosetown Cemetery.

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**Thomas John (Jack) Fraser '48C** of Dinsmore passed away at University Hospital, Saskatoon at 67 years on September 23.

Jack was born on July 24, 1920 at Edgeley and attended Donamar School and Fort Qu'Appelle High School. He enrolled in the College of Agriculture, U. of S. in 1939 and joined the RCAF in 1941. He served in Great Britain, North Africa, Malta, Sardinia and Italy.

Jack resumed his university training at the college in 1945, and graduated with his BSA degree in 1948. Upon graduation he served with U.G.G., first as a grain buyer and then as a fieldman before purchasing Morgan's Ltd., a real estate and general insurance business at Dinsmore, which then became known as 'Fraser Agencies', which he sold after 33 years in business. He retired in 1984.

He was very active in community affairs, having served two terms as President of the Dinsmore-Wiseton branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, President of the Dinsmore Board of Trade, Master of Dinston Masonic Lodge, AF & AM and Worthy Patron of the Dinston Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. He also served as District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Jack married **Jean McLaren** of Drake in 1950, and they settled in Dinsmore in August of that year.

He is survived by his loving wife **Jean** son **Maurey (Sharon)** of Red Deer, Alberta, a daughter **Kim (Trevor) Sothmann** of Elrose, and granddaughters **Jennifer, Sharon** and **Melissa**, as well as three sisters **Betty (Ed) Stace** of Montreal, **Margaret (Gordon) Bergman** of Vancouver and Miss **Janet Fraser** of Regina. Jack was predeceased by his father in 1978 and his mother in 1986.

Graveside memorial services were held on September 26 at Dinsmore Cemetery with Rev. Colin Staver officiating.

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**Paul Salmer Saum '50C** passed away at his home at 1842 Arlington Avenue, Saskatoon on October 12 at 70 years.

Paul was born at Webb, Sask. on September 9, 1917. He graduated from High School at Swift Current and farmed at Gull Lake until 1941, when he joined the Canadian army in 1941, and took part in the Normandy invasion with the Regina Rifles.

He was discharged in 1946 at which time he enrolled in the College of Agriculture, graduating with his BSA degree in 1950.

He served as a land inspector for Sask. Agriculture following graduation, became the ag. rep. at Meadow lake in 1954, and then at Saskatoon from 1967 until his retirement a few years ago for health reasons.

Paul was an ardent curler and bowler and was active in the peace movement.

He is survived by his wife **Dorothy (Dawson)**, who was raised at Shauvavon. He also leaves sons **Paul** and **David**. One son **Colin** predeceased him.

Memorial services were held from McKague's Funeral Chapel and conducted by the Rev. Dale Morrison.

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**Mathew Rea Martin** of Herschel, father of **Greg 69S**, died at Parkland Beach, Turtle Lake, on July 25, at 65 years.

Martin was born at Rosetown on December 11, 1921, and received his education at Glenellen and Engen schools. He was a devoted farmer and always strove to better his methods.

He was a staunch supporter of community affairs and always ready to lend a hand to anyone of any walk of life.

Martin was a staunch member of the Masonic order, and of the United Church. He was a member of the Herschel hall committee, the board of the Herschel rink, Sask. Pool committee, and the U.G.G. For many years he served on the R.M. of Mountain View council, and on District 24 agricultural extension board.

He is survived by his loving wife **Margery (Kerr)**, whom he married in 1947, a son **Greg (Karen)**, and daughter **Lynn (Murray) Hollick**, both of Herschel, as well as six grandchildren, and a sister **Ruth (John) Torry** of Rosetown. His parents, two brothers and an infant sister predeceased him.

Funeral services were held from Herschel United Church with Rev. Ronald Sutton officiating, and interment in the local cemetery

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**George Alexander Rankin**, father of **Howard '73C**, died in hospital at Milden on August 2 at 71 years.

Rankin was born at Milden on November 20, 1915 where he received his schooling and farmed there until 1980.

**Eleanor Mabel Heywood** who became his wife in 1940, survives him.

An active community worker, he was a life

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## LEANERS AND SITTERS



**T.V. (Vic) Beck '50C** is recovering at home after his return from hospital, where he had landed with a severe heart attack.

Vic's ailment was caused by two much salt — lifting two bags at a time. Rumor has it that **Lee** was working him too hard and he went into hospital for a rest. The nurses arranged an early discharge — they couldn't take any more of his jokes.

Lee hopes to have him well enough to hoe onions in the spring. We wish you a speedy recovery, if for no other reason than the vexation of your detractors. He walks 1½ miles every day. He's been swotting for his stress test — actually, he says he'll just have to wing it.

**Mike Oxman '50C** scored a hole-in-one on #5 Hole at York Lake Golf Course. Ye olde ed was a witness, and a consumer of the winnings, courtesy Dan's Pagoda. Mike has been mightily torn between golf, bowling and curling as a result of our mild November weather.

**Grev Jones '47S** reports that he ran into **Jim '48S** and **Betty Wright** at Naviti Beach, Fiji in January '87, and celebrated Jim's escape from law and order at a 'luau'. **Gib '49C** and **Marj Wesson**, who were also on the lam, showed up too. They all left for NZ the next morning.

Grev is wondering if he'll be charged with harbouring fugitives. Cargill has a price on their heads.

**Joe Campbell '41C** and **Sally** got tired of shovelling snow in winter, and swatting flies in summer, and have hied themselves off to Little Sask. (Victoria, B.C.). Joe is still analyzing human hair — better send him the three I have left. His phone number is 1-604-383-3498 — he welcomes an ag. grads with hair to drop in.

**Ernie Booth '21C '23 MSc. H. Life**, has shifted his address again — from Baton Rouge to Delray Beach, Florida. Ernie and Alta took their usual Canadian tour, last summer. They celebrated Ernie's 88th milestone on July 15 with his sister **Evelyn BH Sc. '28** in Montreal. Evelyn lost her husband Chas, in early June, unfortunately.

Ye olde ed had a little visit with some of the Kamanatha-Booth Siding types while on Capital Campaign business in early November. The Booths are at 522 Harbours

Edge, 401 E. Linton Blvd., Delray Beach, Fla., 33483.

**W. Ed. Thompson '38C** has shuffled off to Kelowna — for good, he says. **Howie Rice '50C**, **Phil Polischuk '49C**, **Fred Snell '43C** and **Gib Wesson '49C** took part in a good riddance party for them when they left Regina in June. Actually, Ed's wife says they're the reason they left.

The Thompsons had a harrowing experience with Cyclone Sally in Rorantga in the Cook Islands in the South seas last January. Kinda messed up the place, but not as bad as the T.V. made out.

Ed assessed it several demerit points due to rocks, sand and fallen trees, according to the Sask. Assessment Authority code, after the cyclone's passing.

Ed still recommends the place — this was their second sojourn there — four months of tropical weather.

They're in a one-storey town house development in Kelowna: #50 - 2200 Gordon Drive, Kelowna, V1H 8T7.

**Archie Colton '50C**, the Lord Mayor of Kindersley, and trail boss for the welcoming of Queen Liz and Prince Phil, did a fine job of circling the wagons, by all reports.

**Sham Regan '24S H. Life**, has been asked to move again. He gets more dangerous as he gets older. From Victoria to Nanaimo — 5970 Breonnad — Site 56, V9S 5N7. Phone 758 6671. He dares his old friends to drop in.

**John Dexter '41S** has moved too — from a house to a condo — more time for golf and travel: 222-485 Island Highway, Victoria, V9B 5H7. The Dexters planned a motorhome tour with **Harold '43C** and **Mary Chapman** this fall. Harold and Mary are siblings. John says they visited son **Ralph BE '67** and **Janet** and four grandtads in Ecuador a year ago September.

**Al '49C** and **Mary Walls** are still holed up in Malawi, Africa in the cowboy and milkman business. Al has spent 11 years out there — man and boy, and expects to spend a couple more. When he wrote in July he'd just had a project evaluation by five S.A.G.A. types. **Dave Christenson '58C** evaluated the three farms. **'Red' Williams AL** eyeballed the extension program, **Stuart Garven '74C** checked out the bucks side of things and they, along with **Gunnar Pedersen '53C**, checked it all out via the wet finger method, as to where it all might end up. Mary organized an 11th birthday-in-Africa barbeque for Al. The steaks weren't all that great — 'Bessie' was a failure both as a milker and as beef. The whiskey passed tho.

Daughters **Janice** (plus two grandsons) and **Norma** are teaching in Swaziland.

**Ross Evans '50C** dropped in on **Jim '41C** and **Jean BH Sc. Smith** in August at Moosomin. They had their house up for sale and were getting ready for a lawn sale.

"We've lived in the same house for 40 years and never threw away a damn thing!" They planned to move into a new co-op housing project. Jim suffers from Parkinson's and has his good and bad days. Not a damn thing wrong with his marbles though, and his tomatoes are winners. Jean is as chipper as ever. They enjoy visitors so don't pass them up if you're ever in Moosomin.

**Ossie Dodge '39C** has rented out his half of his land but none of his 50 Angus cows. His wife wants him to take her to Arizona for part of the winter. Hasn't got a chance, poor woman.

**Eric Putt '38C**, sunflower king emeritus, spent 10 weeks in the South Pacific last winter. The highlight was a five-day canoe trip up the Sepik River in New Guinea to view the jungle and its culture. Happy friendly people whose culture may soon disappear with the discovery of oil and minerals.

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**Gail Cathleen Carlson**, daughter of **Gary '61C** and **Jessie**, took **Kimron David Rink** to be her lawful husband to have and to hold from August 21 forth at Sunset United Church in Regina. She imported him from Kamloops — unspoiled by other Regina girls, and unseen by them until after an extended honeymoon in Australia and New Zealand.

**Raelene Anne Allard '85C** of the Department of Animal Science, took unto herself an earthy type, name of **Harvey James Petracek** of the Soil Testing Lab and of similar academic vintage, at St. Theresa's Catholic Church at Rosetown on October 24 last — at 5:00 p.m. — just before supper, dance and buffet.

**Arlene Fiddler** dug up **Randy Drimmie '78S** around the Soil Testing Lab and put him to the acid test on October 24 in Saskatoon. Randy collects his acreage payments at Liberty in summer.

**Garth Patterson '80C** is returning from Khartoum, Sudan to marry **Carol Ann Magnus** on December 29. She'll be going to the Sudan to ride herd on him and keep an eye on Salomi. Garth is an agronomist with an Agdevco on a mechanized dryland farming project. Carol works in the Food Science department.

**Sandra Burton '78C** daughter of **Wilfred (Pat) Burton '53C** got hooked up with **Richard Kabzems '78C** at Olds, Alberta on January 31, 1987, and go their

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# S.A.G.A. NEEDS YOUR OPINION

## — On Proposed Changes For The Annual Reunion

### BACKGROUND

The executive of the Sask Ag. Grad. Assoc. needs your opinion on some changes being proposed for the annual reunion weekend. The changes are due to 2 main reasons:

1. Farm & Home Week is seriously considering moving its activities from early January to mid-February, in 1989 or 1990, during the University mid-term break. This would free-up many more facilities, including parking, and allow more organizations to meet. The crop production show would also change dates to coincide.

Besides the possible problem for some grads to change long standing plans to attend the reunion event in January, the only other possible problem appears to be curling ice availability. Depending on the exact dates from year to year, the end of the week would overlap with a large annual bonspiel in Saskatoon using up all the ice. Having the reunion at the beginning of the week instead of at the end would solve this problem.

On a positive note, several grads, particularly those some distance from Saskatoon, have said that a move to February would make it easier to attend, given the longer break after Christmas and usually better weather.

2. A great deal of concern has been expressed about younger members not joining and participating in the Assoc. Two sug-

gestions have come forward which intend to make the reunion weekend more attractive to younger members. The first is to incorporate an event already taking place outside of SAGA, i.e. and Ag. Grad. hockey tournament. Groups of grads from several major centers have organized teams for several years for exhibition games and a year-end tourney. It is felt that this could be easily expanded to an 8-team tourney during the reunion weekend with only the use of Rutherford rink on campus.

The second suggestion, completely independent of the first, is to designate one of the curling rinks as a Funspiel rink with such things as 4 end games, etc. to enhance the opportunity to socialize between games and provide non-curlers with a place to meet classmates during Saturday daytime.

There is also an option of **not** moving with the Farm & Home Week and having our reunion weekend a **separate activity**. Although this is a distinct break from tradition, it has also been noted that some grads find it difficult to both attend the weekend activities and F&H Week.

Given the above background, we need your opinions. The following questions only require quick answers but you are also encouraged to add any comments you have. A report on the results of the responses will be made at the annual meeting and in future SAGA issues. Thank-you for your response.



Please return to the following address by December 31, 1987:

**Doyle Wiebe — President SAGA**  
**Box 257, Langham, Sask. S0K 2L0**

### Circle the best answer.

1. If Farm & Home week moves to February, SAGA should move with it.  
Agree, Disagree, Neutral
2. Moving Ag grad reunion weekend to mid-February would improve my ability to attend?  
Agree, Disagree, Makes little difference
3. Moving the reunion weekend to the beginning of Farm & Home Week would have little effect on the attendance?  
Agree, Disagree, Don't know
4. Adding hockey to the weekend sports activities would be a good way to attract younger members to participate?  
Agree, Disagree, Don't know, I don't play hockey
5. Dividing the curling into Funspiel and regular categories would improve participation?  
Agree, Disagree, I don't know, I don't curl

### COMMENTS:

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## LEANERS & SITTERS

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Had a family reunion at Winnipeg in July with their five tads, who are scattered from Santa Barbara to Montreal. A side trip to Morden research station was a 'must' to trade lies with old cronies. **Ed Kenaschuk '55C** continues apace in flax breeding.

**Lloyd Putnam '37C** reports that **Jack '37C** and **Ruth Weir** detoured to Saskatoon enroute home from Britain to Lawrence, Kansas in October for the '37 U. of S. alumni reunion. A great time was had recalling college days, as they never were, with **Lloyd and Earla** and **Gordon and Reg Racine**. It really put Earla's Hoover to the test — it took her three days to clean up. Yuh gotta let that stuff dry, Earla. Take it from an ol' cowpoke.

**Walt VanHaerlem '43C** is truly a voice from outa the past for **Lorne Stalwick '43C** and ye olde ed '48C — boyhood days in the Spring Grove — Northern Light district east of Domremy. Walt has retired after 37 years on the Dole — bananas in Costa Rica that is, and wherever else they grow. Retired in the **San Francisco Bay area**: 2689 Pepperwood Crescent. Phone (415) 798-4386.

**Harold Elliott '41C** retired to Medicine Hat in 1981, after a two-year stint in Kelowna. They like the geography, all the favors visited upon seniors, plus church, friends and 'Golden K' Kiwanis.

**Dave Ewart '50C** is looking for a rest from retirement. He farms a bit, is a Legion executive member, secretary-treasurer of the Sask. Dairy Association, and golfs regularly at Craig golf course — raised the creek level two feet with lost balls. His pension cheque comes in handy to keep the farm going. All his activities keep him outdoors a lot, and Birdie says her house is tidier than its been in years.

**Tony Bulani '49C** has become a professional backyard gardener — his wife's idea — easier on her.

**George Rathwell '51C** farms a bit, takes out the garbage on command, babysits three pit bull terriers and goes to Lake Diefenbaker to rest.

**Lorne Glendenning '49C** shivers in Victoria all winter. he and the wife took a sea voyage to Britain via the Queen E. They were so seasick they had to spend three weeks in England and Scotland to recover enough so they could repeat the performance on the way home.

**Jack Rennie '49C** is working part-time for the Dairy Producers Co-op — neither he nor the co-op could stand him working full-time. He's also a Legion executive. He attended a P.O.W. reunion in England this

past summer renewing the acquaintance of old comrades and girl friends.

**Tom '65C** and **Jean Acton** plan to leave the balmy prairies for cool, breezy Victoria. Anyone wanna buy a cheap house in Regina — Ross Thatcher couldn't keep up the payments either. Tom is poppy campaign chairman for Regina Legion. There's a good possibility he may be cashiered from the position. It is suspected that he was selling poppies during the summer and pocketing the money.

**Owen Moen '50C** finally made enough money to retire after four different directorships and a supervisors position with Sask. Agriculture. One of his kids won a Legion bursary. Owen's wife is suspected of having brains. Heredity of maternal attributes is common among ag. grad offspring.

**John Stoyko '49C** has moved to Snob Hill, a new Regina housing development. Couldn't stand being near the Rathwells, Bulani's and Ewatts any longer. Also attended a P.O.W. reunion in England. **Grace** went along so there was no hanky panky except swapping a few lies with old cronies and downing the odd Guinness.

**Pete Petersen '52C** is so busy in retirement that his pension cheque won't cover all the improvements he's making at his Ponderosa — 53 acres of Walker Poplar, American Elm, Velosa Lilac, Cotoneaster and alfalfa. **Millie** is independently wealthy and let's him have a little spending money now and then. He's completely remodelled the yard of their new house, and is calling it Pete's Arboretum — admission \$1/head — .50¢ for seniors and children. Its not much but its a living.

**Orest Mysak '48C** has been remodelling his house. Last time we saw him he was up to his ankles in clay, cow manure and wheat straw. **Mary** is painting all the ceilings beige. Orest is doing a little barter business on the side — two bingo cards and four Nevada tickets for a muskrat skin. They gotta be prime though — he's promised Mary a new coat for her birthday.

Last we heard of **Murdock MackKay '49C** he had lost four of his seven quarters to Indian land claims and the Metis had a caveat on his house. He's still working full-time for S.I.A.P. — **Muriel's** pension and school secretary job aren't quite enough to keep them in oatmeal and meeps.

**Bob Strilchuk '45C** has splurged on a golf car — you can't hit 300-yard drives and walk too. He's been putting Jack Nicklaus to shame in the seniors tournaments. Jack hasn't entered at Canora for at least three years.

**George Richardson '48C** has been on African safaris twice within the last year. George don't agree with Bishop Tutu or the T.V. as to the way things are over there.

**Leroy Larsen '53S** is second vice for

Sask. Pool. He visited China and Korea in June and students have been rioting ever since. He has left Andy to run the farm at Canwood while his assets in Regina. Betty moved to Regina too. Figures Leroy needs more looking after.

**Tom Townley Smith '32C** and **Mary** travelled via Volkswagon camper van to Inuvik last summer. Now they're tryna suck other people into going. The rhetoric is unbelievable.

**Vaughn McLarty '55S** is still trying to keep the R.M. of Ceylon tax roll intact. He financed two weddings — son **Daryl BE** (for shame) who is on a M.Sc. program in engineering (more shame). A daughter was married in October — not to an engineer?!\*

**Bob Benes '49C** lives in Regina but is still stuck with the farm at Eatonia.

**George Easton '46S** is still struggling at Wawota, trying to educate his kids off the farm. Got a daughter through the U. of S. in '86 and married her off to lotus-eater in B.C. She has a job, so she's completely off his hands, he hopes. He still has one at University and one at Moose Jaw Tech. He also has one at home.

**Ray Gross '43C** has dropped nis pruning hook and climbing belt — he'll harvest no more bananas for Pioneer Overseas Company. He's plunked for retirement in Costa Rica on a half-hectare lot, replete with waterfall, oranges, limes, avacodos and other tropical fruits — no chokecherries, high bush cranberries, pincherries or blueberries. How he'll ever avoid scurvy we don't know.

Says he's gonna spend his spare time cultivating ornamental plants. He's aiming for 500 species as a minimum.

Ray hails from the Sask. tropics at Hodgeville. He graduated with his BSA in 1943 and his MSc. in 1946, majoring in soil chemistry. He then hied himself off to Michigan State for a year before heading south to the Central American jungle.

He's travelled all over Latin America consulting for fruit companies. He joined Pioneer in 1971 as general manager of their first overseas subsidiary in Central America, then as general manager for Latin American operations.

He and Norma were married in 1953 and raised eight children.

He'll continue travelling throughout Latin America on behalf of the seed trade. We haven't figured out whether he'll be engaged in overt activities on the side of the Sandinistas or the Contras.

**Ted '41C** and **Pearl Maas** paid them a visit this summer. Anyone on a Sask. government expense account, who's travelling around promoting free trade, can find the Gross' at: Apartado 401, San Pedro Montes Deoco, Costa Rica. Phone 49-25-92

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# AG. GRAD BONSPIEL

*First Rocks — FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1988*  
*Everyone Curls on Friday!*



## Then on to the "MIXER"

**BEWARE!** Some will be on the draw **8:00 A.M. Saturday LAST DRAW, Saturday will be 2:00 P.M.** — annual frolic to follow. SEMI-FINALS, Sunday morning with the FINALS at 12:30 P.M. Granite Curling Club.

**WATCH FOR DRAWTIMES:**  
**Thursday, January 14th edition of the Star Phoenix** for the Friday draws. Also posted at the Annual Meeting and all Saskatoon Curling Clubs.

### THE GEN

- \* Every rink guaranteed 3 games (4 events in Main Spiel, plus Seniors (Hutcheon Event).
- \* All games 8 ends (with exception of 10 end finals)
- \* Ties to be settled by skip/rocks (with sweeping)
- \* Each rink must have at least 3 S.A.G.A. 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 semi-finals.
- \* **ENTER EARLY!** No later than midnight Monday, January 11, 1988.

Limit of 64 regular rinks in the regular draw, and 16 rinks in the Hutcheon event.

### NO LATE ENTRIES

### THE TOUCH?

Curling Fees ..... \$16.00 per person  
 Plus  
 Member Fee ..... \$10.00 Annual  
 (for non-life members)  
 (undergrads no member fee)

### ENTRIES

1. Complete the entry form below and return to:  
**Murray Farmer**  
 1502 Ruth St.  
 Saskatoon, Sask.  
 S7J 0L6  
 Phone 374-0089
2. **Any Life Members on your rink?**  
**Check: below.**
3. **UNATTACHED??** Send in the form with your name anyway!  
 Tell us which position you prefer, you'll be needed by someone!!
4. **PREREGISTRATION** - avoid the last minute rush at the curling rink by prepaying curling fees and memberships of **all** team members. All cheques payable to **S.A.G.A.**
5. **BY WHEN??** **Midnight Monday, January 11, 1988.**

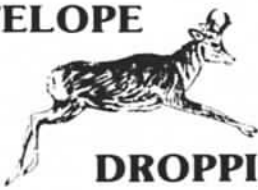
## AG. GRAD BONSPIEL ENTRY FORM

Position	Name	Complete Mailing Address of all team members. (for Newsletter) Street or Box. No., City or Town, Postal Code	Grad Year		LIFE MEMBER	
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SECOND						
LEAD						

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hutcheon Event - Yes  No  Mixed Event - Yes  No

\*Phone Number at place you're staying in Saskatoon

# ANTELOPE



## DROPPINGS

**Corey Loessin '86C** is the new incumbent D.A. at Thorhild, Alberta, and is gorging himself on holopchi and peroghi. He reports that **Bruce Harrison '86C** is still peddling sugar-coated seed out of the Battlefords.

**Mitchel Chileott '85C** was transferred from Shellbrook to Prince Albert last spring by the Bank of Nova Scotia. Farmers say that he left quietly in the dead-of-night in the dark-of-the-moon.

**Maurice Delage '69C** is the new president of the Crop Protection Institute — a lobby group for pesticide companies. He works for Herkst Canada in Regina between golf games and trips to Capital Hill.

**Marcel Dubois '61S** is still blasting the clay either at summer games shoot-outs, or with a wing cultivator at Rosetown. His record of 192/200 set in 1979 still stands at the Western Canada Summer Games.

He's been in the national team seven times in the last eleven years. His old man **Emil** at 82 years, is the oldest shooter in the province with 80,000 targets registered with the American Trap Shooting Association.

Marcel finished 14th in world competitions in 1979 out of a field of 130 shooters from 35 countries.

**Mickey Graham '81C** is working for Research Services at the university. He's picked up a MBA and is a computer nut. He keeps info updated on research contracts and lends a hand to the associate deans, research — guys like **Geo. Lee '53S, '60C**.

**Lorna (Selinger) Ingram '84C** is working on bioinsecticides for the control of bertha armyworms, as a research assistant in the lab in the Department of Microbiology and Food Science. Remember the bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis*? Didn't think so. It also works on the sunflower and diamondback moths. The stuff ain't field ready yet but it's cookin'.

**Darcy Yergens '87S** is back on the home farm at Estevan toiling for the bank and pesticide and fertilizer companies. With that kind of competition Mike Wilson is whistling in the dark.

**Sheila Luther '87C** toiled in plant pathology at the U. of S. for the summer. Now its off to India for the winter and then grad school next September.

**Wendelynn Elliott '86C** is an agrologist in waiting with N.S.I.A. She's working there but she won't say what at.

**Bob Ford '74C** was still working for the livestock branch in Regina, as of yesterday, at

least. He thinks he's in charge of dairy extension, but he's not sure — could be swine. Anyway they both produce milk.

**Sinclair Harrison '67C** took off a lotta bushels at Moosomin, but it ain't red ribbon stuff. He's an S.A.R.M. director and also on the board of the new Sask. Assessment Management Agency. Wonder what that is.

**Doug '77C** and **Judy '78C** (nee Buck) **McKell** are picking up any odd jobs that will keep them afloat.

**Lee Moats '81C** is holed up at E9, Prairie Oasis Trailer Court at Moose Jaw, when he isn't being the 'other ag. rep'.

**Adrian Johnston '81C** now on the Master's trail was seen suffering extension worker withdrawal at the last zero till conference.

**Bob Dodds '53S** was being held under close arrest at Fort Louisbourg on Cape Breton Island, the last time we saw him back in September. His high school French wasn't getting him any where. Having a beautiful wife was all that saved him from the guillotine.

**Jim '54** and **Ruth Dodds** got the crop off okay at Loreburn this year. Last year the wallowed around in a 10½ inch rain — the dust bowl was fulla water. Their cows are up to their abomasas in ammoniated straw.

**Randy Bjorklund '73C** is still rampant in Lloydminster — as D.A., that is. He runs into **Roly Brassard '58C**, his Sask counterpart at farm courses, stag parties and prayer meetings. Randy is A.I.A. councillor for N.E. Alberta.

**Hal Wright '77C**, director of maintenance for the Sherbrooke Community Centre in Saskatoon, has been flogging the solder and friction tape and will have his journeyman electrician ticket come December. **Michele** was fed up with changing the light bulbs on her own.

**Scott Johnstone '87C** got his Master's in auctioneering and is helping Dad, **Wayne '60** in the sale ring at Johnstone Auction Mart in Moose Jaw, as well as on the farm. That plug will cost you a surcharge of 10% on the life membership you bought last summer.

**Bert Horvey '80C** has been found. He's still chief chop peddler for the co-op feedmill in Wetaskawin — he'd just changed the location of his hat rack is all.

**Terry Karstens '84S, '87C** is one a them converts to ag. science — first the school, then the college. He's been commuting from Wilkie to the Ag. Canada research farm at Scott as a crop management technician and has saved up for an S.A.G.A. life sentence.

**Jim Bole '64C** turned out a lot better than we thought he would — from a 4-H member at Elfros to Director of Ag. Canada Research Station at Morden.

**Derwin Arnstead '78C** moved back from Ottawa to Regina with F.C.C. in June — couldn't see why guys are in arrears from

way down there.

**Randy Pistawka '81C** was transferred to Ciba-Geigy head office in Mississauga as training manager for ag. chem. sales. He's living Guelph — must like driving. His mother-in-law hates him for moving her daughter and grandkids so far away.

**Malcolm Greenshields '75S** is now director of institutional advancement with the U. of S. division of extension and community relations. This is a new position involving co-ordinating the activities of the development office and alumni affairs. One of his tasks is that of shepherding the Capital Fund Campaign for the new agriculture college building. Since graduation from the School, Malcolm has become fair soppin' wi' degrees including a PhD — in history I believe, plus I jest ain't sure whut else.

**Don Acton '57C** is the new president elect of the Canadian Society of Soil Science. He's been associate editor of the Canadian Journal of Soil Science. With his election to office he will have numerous duties to perform over the next three years.

**Ron Howarth '62C**, S.A.G.A. past-president twice removed, is the new program specialist for the western region for Agriculture Canada. Poor boy has to do it all from headquarters at Ottawa.

**Rand McGillivray '75S** is still selling cars for Iacoca in Saskatoon.

**Susan Obermeier '81C** is now in Calgary extension specialist with BASF. She had a quick trip to New Zealand and Australia.

**Ralph Bailey '79S** raises and cleans seed while his assets in town, Mildren that is. **Bev (Bamber) BSH Ec. '84, BEd '87**, works as a teacher's aid at Mildren school.

**Roy Bailey '79S**, the other (better?) half of Bailey Bros. enjoys himself on the farm, while **Connie** slaves as an X-ray technician at the Mildren Hospital. These men! They always reserve the soft jobs for themselves.

**Brenda Haynes '79C** is a Scrooge for farm assistance programs with OMAF in Toronto. Only E.P. Taylor types need apply.

**Gerard Woynarski '77C** moved to North Battleford in August. **Erna, B.Ed. '80** and two bairns, Alicia (3 years) and Adam (3 months), came along in September. Gerard has come full circle — he started there with PCC as a dewy-eyed boy in '77. He's supervisor now and an eater of Peter Puck's subsidized bacon.

**Jack Payne '83C** moved from Claresholm to Taber as D.A. in July. Started with Alberta Agriculture in Claresholm in October '85. Career enhancement they call it in Saskatchewan. Keeps the moving people employed. **Grant Devine '67C** has created 50 new jobs that way.

**Don Flaten '78C** took early retirement from his job as provincial soils specialist for Sask. Agriculture, to become the director of

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the School of Agriculture at the University of Manitoba in October. The S.A.G.A. executive was seriously considering revoking his life membership, but decided against it because they need the money. **Norm B.E. '50**, Don's male parent, still remains on the farm endangering his health to farmer's lung disease.

**Doug Campbell '70C** rode the rods to Montreal to become assistant vice-president of marketing for CNR. Only 10 more years and he'll qualify for a senatorship. Ian Sinclair did it.

**Bill Legge '74C** wrote up his Ph.D. thesis on plant breeding at the U. of M. after only three revisions, and became barley geneticist at Brandon Research Station.

**Bill Hurd '59S, '60C** the incumbent farmer's friend at Outlook, became completely disoriented in July and ended up in Britain and Denmark. **Mary, Sylvain** and **Cathy** went along to run interference with Scotland Yard. Bill spent 8 days pub crawling with his counterpart in the Isle of Man — 35 x 25 miles — 600 farmers and 60,000 Manxmen — 100 bus/acre wheat and nine tons for turnips. Then off to Denmark to visit **Mogens** and **Ellen Povlsen**. Mogens farms and works in a jam factory. Bill had to come home to rescue the corn. It was only as high as a baby's butt after all that rain, and the pigweed had become a cover crop.

**Kim Levee '81S**, Radville, and **Ray Flaten '81S**, Trossachs, along with four other eligible Radville bachelors, went on an extended hunting trip from last November to March — Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Hawaii.

The pickings weren't too plentiful, so **Kim** decided it was cheaper just to buy a microwave (no back talk either) and **Ray** inherited a dog — "Wolf". The dog is being taught a few tricks. If asked whether he'd sooner be dead or married — you guessed it he plays dead. Anyway, they're so enheartened with their success in dog training they are seriously considering giving up on farming the burnouts.

**Phyllis Olynyk '79C** is back with S.I.A.P. at Yorkton trying to teach the natives to eat all that zucchini she sweet talked them into growing — they'd been tanning the skins for mocassins.

**Don Geddes '72C** bumped **Rick Blenner-Hassett '75C** off his throne at the FCC kingdom in Yorkton. Rick has opted to cease his wanderings and flee to the sheltering arms of Sask. Agricultural Credit in the Kuziak Arms at Yorkton.

There are also some new serfs at F.C.C. in Yorkton. Guarding the crown jewels are **Janet Campbell '87 C** and **Laverne Bissky '87C**. **Lindon Carlson '82C** has become an old hand, so to speak, and **Pat**

**Callin '69C** is the patriarch of the scrooge division.

**Duane Gunia '86C** has been transported to servitude at North Battleford and sentenced to the penance of Peter Puck's Pork at least twice daily. Gone are the gourmet delights that he and **Gerald Berscheid '85C** used to dream up in their salad days of unrestrained bachelorhood. Rumor has it that Gerald is thinking of defecting to cook for **Sharon Fedorowich**, come Christmas, groundhogs day or May Day.

**Janet Campbell '87C** has been mooning around the F.C.C. office lately too. Seems she granted a land loan to some young farmer in a distracted moment. **Pat Callin '69C** almost bit the stem off his pipe. Loaning money you ain't got, is a no-no around the FCC kingdom these days. Seems the client was three years in arrears before the appraisal was even done.

**Leonard Malinsky '70S** has been

transferred to the private sector as dairy technician. He still has about 1500 Holsteins as his best friends in the Yorkton area.

**Baz. Fritz '73C** spends so much time running to hockey and speed skating practices with his young ones he's forgotten who their mother is. **Bev** thought he was some stranger when he tried to get fresh with her in the kitchen one day last week. He's pretty pleased with the beef calves on R.O.P. this year. According to the computer one unborn calf gained over two pounds from birth to weaning.

Ludlow seems to have it made, now it must be Fillmore's turn.

**Ken Melsted '53C** is expanding his holdings at Wynyard. Says he doesn't have any money to spare to play the stock market with. He even farms a bit himself between world tours, riding herd on grandchildren, provincial and local masonic activities, and coffee row. He's not sure, but he doesn't think the farm made him any money this year.

## AG GRAD HONOR YEAR CHAIRPERSONS

YEAR	SCHOOL	COLLEGE
18	Renunion Committee	
28	Renunion Committee	
38	Fred Bird	R. A. Hutton
48	Jim Wright	Gordon Wilson
58	Tony Sander	Lorne Sparling
68	Lewis Reeve	Jim Gorrill
78	Mark Gimby	Glen Annand
83	Daniel Esquirol	Kim Harder

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## LAUD AND HONOR

**Norman Roebuck '41S** was inducted into the **Sask. Agriculture Hall of Fame** this past August, in recognition of his leadership in agricultural improvement activities. He was born and raised at Waldron where he became a noted pedigreed seed grower and was involved in the establishment of Northeastern Seeds, which proved to be of great service to growers and farmers in the Yorkton area. He was an active promoter of the 4-H movement and prominent in the affairs of the Yorkton Exhibition Association, and the U. of S. alumni association. The formation of the Western Development Museum in Yorkton benefitted from his enthusiasm and remains of consuming interest to him. He was also farm director with CKOS - T.V. for many years.

The late **Oliver Symes B.A. '41, B.E. (Ag.) '49**, former head of the Department of Agricultural Engineering, who died November 22, 1986, was also inducted into the Sask. Agriculture Hall of Fame. He was a school teacher in the depression years and an RCAF instrument mechanic in World War II. He was involved in international farm equipment sales for Ford Motor Co. following graduation in agricultural engineering, and prior to returning to the U. of S. as a professor. He was dedicated author and extension worker and an expert on the history of farm mechanization. His favorite hobby in retirement was in restoring antique clocks.

He was an Honorary Life member of S.I.A., and a member of A.I.C. and A.S.A.E. He served on boards of the Agricultural Engineering Administration, Farm Safety Council and the Western Development Museum.

Others inducted into the Hall of Fame included the late **Prof. Bertha Oxner**, an original staff member of the College of Home Economics, **Bert Porter** pioneer nurseryman of Parkside, who exports lilies around the world and has developed varieties of hardy fruits; and **Boyd Anderson**, a rancher from Wood Mountain, a leader in rural municipal affairs, stock growers association and numerous agricultural organizations.

**The Distinguished Agrolgist Award** was conferred on two Sask. ag. grads — **Doug Grant '40S, '49C** and **Jack Peck '51C**, as well as on **Joe Moran '50 (Alta)**.

**Douglas Haig Grant** was born and raised at Dinsmore, and graduated from the School of Agriculture in 1940, and served in the RCAF as an airframe mechanic (rigger in

Limey terms) and graduated from college in 1949. He served as ag. rep. from 1949 to 1967 in the Elbow, Swift Current and Saskatoon districts respectively. He became assistant director of extension services, Sask. Ag. in 1967, and director in 1970, and later served as executive director of rural extension and production and marketing divisions. He was serving as acting assistant deputy minister at the time of his retirement in 1981.

Doug was cited for his high level of professional competence in his career in agricultural extension. He pioneered the T.V. program 'Farming Today' while at Swift Current, and earned an "Outstanding Extension Award" by the weed committee of the prairie provinces and north central states. Other activities for which he was recognized included his assistance to the rural community in grasshopper control, promotion of forage crops, brucellosis control, shelterbelt planting and leadership in the 4-H movement.

Doug is an Honorary Life Member of S.A.G.A. and holder of the U. of S. Distinguished Graduate in Agriculture Award.

Doug has been very active in S.I.A. affairs at both the branch and provincial levels, and is currently Honorary Secretary.

**John Allen Peck** was born and raised at Lang and graduated from college in 1951. He farmed for a couple of years before becoming the farm mechanics specialist with the Ag. Rep. branch. He later became assistant director of the Family Farm Improvement Branch and masterminded the highly successful farm water and sewage program, and later Mexabition .

He then organized and directed the Agricultural Implements Board and the Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute (PAMI).

As director of the extension service Sask. Ag. he laid the groundwork for the installation of computers in extension offices.

Upon his retirement, he assumed the role of co-ordinator of a dairy, forage and soil improvement project in China.

Jack was cited for his work as an outstanding extension worker and administrator in agricultural mechanics. He has been active in professional organizations at the branch, provincial and national levels.

Jack as assisted in the publication of numerous technical bulletins and wrote a column in 'Farm Light and Power' for 17 years.

Jack was the recipient of the Queen's Silver Anniversary Medal in 1977.

**Patrick Joseph Moran** grew up in Alberta and received his BSA degree from the University of Alberta in 1951. He was cited for his work as an outstanding leadership in developing the Wascana Centre Authority in Regina. He has been a landscape consultant to the University of Ottawa. From 1962 to the present, he contributed a weekly column to the Regina Leader Post.

We probably aren't getting these awards in order of heirarchy, but since we work cheap, ag. grads. will just have to accept our idiosyncrasies. That being said we'll press on.

**Thomas Lawrence '50C, M.Sc. '52, Ph.D '55**, the biggest of the clan ever to leave Colonsay, head of the forage breeding section of Ag. Can. Research Station at Swift Current since 1976, was elected a **Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada** at the A.I.C. annual meeting in London in August.

Tom was recognized for the development of grass cultivars and for research on the productivity and longevity of grasses under damn dry conditions. Having to put up with **Mark Kilcher '49C** all those years that he was forage extension specialist, should have won him a bar to his F.A.I.C. medal.

Tom has always been active in S.I.A. affairs and is past president.

Two other Sask. residents active in agricultural circles known to many Sask. graduates were also made Fellows of A.I.C.

**Bob Phillips**, retired editor and publisher of the Western Producer, was honored for his leadership and long service in agricultural journalism. Bob is an economics grad of the U. of S.

**Al Slinkard**, professor of Crop Science was honored for his contributions to the development of pulse crops in Western Canada. He is president-elect of the Canadian Society of Agronomy, and holder of their Outstanding Research Award. Al is one of those boat people — he came to Sask. from the north western U.S.A.

**Orest Mysak 48C MSc** (almost) was made an **Honorary Life Member** of the **Canadian Society of Extension** at their annual meeting in August. The award recognizes dedication and achievement in agricultural extension and marks Orest's outstanding career of 35 years as the ag. rep. at Canora, his dedication to the promotion of extension methods and philosophy, his promotion of soil conservation, pedigreed seed production, the 4-H movement, and his overall extension program. Orest has also served on provincial veterinary, extension and other committees as Sask. Ag's representative.

**James Osborne Wright '48S** was named **Honorary Life Member of S.I.A.** in recognition of his input into government policies on behalf of Sask. farmers, while serving with Sask. Wheat Pool, first as a delegate from 1948 to 1957, while farming in Tisdale, then as district fieldman at Moosomin, as superintendant of the country organization department, and assistant and corporate secretary for some 19 years until retirement in 1986.

He also served as a director of the Western Transportation Advisory Council and Great

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Lakes Waterways Development Association.

He was a recipient of the U. of S. Distinguished Graduate in Agriculture Award in 1980, and more recently he received the Co-operatives Order of Merit from the Hon. Graham Taylor, Minister of Tourism, Small Business and Co-operatives.

Inducted in the Sask. Baseball Hall of Fame this past summer as builders, were **Joe Zeman '44C**, Saskatoon — who was manager of the Pan Am team in 1967, and **Chuck Strautman '53S**, Speers. On the following day Chuck took to the field as a player in an exhibition game.

**Joe Zeman** was also made an **Honorary Life Member of the Sask. Amateur Hockey Association** on the occasion of their 75th anniversary.

Six of the ten CN's Outstanding Young Farmer Award candidates at the Western Canada Farm Progress Show, were ag. grads. In addition to award winner **Brett Meinert '75S** of Sahunavon were: **Garry Gheysen '68S**, Benson **Tom Mann '70S**, Drinkwater, **Bill Rudolph '75C**, Gull Lake, **Greg Simpson '76S**, Moose Jaw and **Harvey Wagner '72S** of Hague.

Each year S.I.A. presents a \$500 scholarship to the top college student completing each of the first, second and third years. Winners for 1987 were: **First year: Barbara A. Jones**, Snedley; **Second year: Reynold D. Bergen**, Taber, Alberta; **Third year: Lori E. Werdal**, Aylesbury.

Ag grads are forever being honored for something or other it seems. Just when you think you got them all taped your hear about some more.

**Bill Farley '50S** of Grand Coulee has been farming up such a storm in the seed growing business that the Canadian Seed Growers Association have conferred the **Robertson Associate Award** on him.

Bill has been in the business for 26 years, and a director of Sask. Seed Growers for nine. He was involved in the organization of the pedigree seed show at Western Agribition, and has been chairman of the show and a director of Agribition for three years. He was the founding president of the Western Flax Growers and is still a director. He's also involved in the organization of the Western Grain Research Fund.

He received the Distinguished Graduate in Agriculture Award in 1986. He and Lil have three children.

**Geo. Morris**, president and founder of Morris Rod Weeder at Yorkton, who was a seed grower for over 40 years, also received the award.

George is well known for his philanthropy to such groups as the mentally and physically handicapped, senior citizens and his church.

He has had many honors conferred upon him over the years, including Honorary Life Membership in A.I.C., induction into the Sask. Agriculture Hall of Fame, the Order of Canada and Honorary LLD from the U. of S.

**Tom Lawrence '50C** has surfaced once again to receive Honorary Life membership in CSGA. Cited were his accomplishments in forage grass breeding, including Sawki, Russian Wild ryegrass, Orbit tall wheatgrass and Prairieland Altai Wild ryegrass — all first varieties of their species.

**Herman Austenson '46C** was similarly honored. His research work has involved pasture management, seed quality and cereal agronomy. His other activities have also included extension and teaching.

Plant breeding progressed greatly during his tenure as head of the Department of Crop Science and Director of the Crop Development Centre, and he gave outstanding leadership in the agronomy of winter wheat.

He is a Fellow of A.I.C. and past president of the Canadian Society of Agronomy. He also grew the finest beard ever seen on the campus.

**Laurie Evans '54C**, professor and head of the Department of Plant Science at the University of Saskatchewan.

Laurie's efforts in research have centered on the cytogenetics of wheat, rye, triticale, sugar beets and related species, and the breeding of wheat, rye, triticale and pulse crops and general crop production and agronomy.

He has been a technical advisor to CIDA, and was a visiting professor at the University of Sydney. He is also a member of several provincial committees and the Western Grains Research Foundation.

**Doug Knott**, professor of crop science at the U. of S. was also made a Life Member.

**Earl Rouatt '34C**, Saskatoon, retired from V.L.A. after many years, and **Viv Holmes**, Regina, former director of the Plant Industry Branch, who served mightily for years and years, were presented with **50-year membership pins** from S.I.A. — 1937 to 1987. How's that for hanging in there?

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE AWARDS

Please submit nominations for Distinguished Agricultural Graduate in Agriculture Award for Diploma Graduates to:

**Fred Fulton,  
Asst. Director,  
School of Agriculture  
University of Sask.  
Saskatoon, S7N 0W0**

by **March 31, 1988.**

## WITH CIDA IN THE SUDAN



Sim Sim Farm  
c/o Box 939, UNDP  
KHORTOUM, Sudan  
June 23, 1987

Dear Lin:

Greetings from the Sudan. We have now been here almost five months and are enjoying ourselves, despite a number of difficulties — such as no radio communication some days, no telephone, rutted roads and temperatures up to 48°C in May. Hope you are all well and enjoying your retirement. How is golfing and fishing? I haven't your address so am sending this to **Pete Petersen '52C**, in hopes you might get it. Not all of our mail, and almost none of the papers we subscribed to, are coming through.

Would you please have our copies of 'The Saga' redirected to c/o **Agdveco, Chestermere Plaza**, 2500 Victoria Avenue, Regina. They will then sky-pac them to us, which is more dependable.

We have six Canadians plus four wives on the project. Two others, **Ted Hurd '50C**, Swift Current, project manager, and **Garth Patterson '80C**, agronomist, are part of the team and are ag. grads. Assistant manager is **Allan Chambers**, who does some writing for Grainews.

We are just ready to start seeding and have about 5,000 feddans pre-tilled. We will seed approximately 5,100 fd. of sorghum, 1,000 fd. of sesame, 300 fd. of cotton and 300 fd. of sunflowers, plus some fallow, and 1,500 fd. in research fields — total 10,000 fd.

We have had many problems. No. 1, about \$1,000,000 of vehicles, equipment and spare parts in Port Sudan customs for a month. A good part of this was absolutely essential equipment to meet the proposed equipment studies, and cost comparisons, so we have had to scrap that part of the program for 1987. There are five new station wagons and half-tons on the ship. At present we have five wornout wagons to serve about 19 supervisory staff, plus about 50 workers. Of about 16 tractor drivers allocated, only about 10 have reported for work, so it becomes a little difficult to operate 18 hour days, which was projected by the experts.

Chambers has one of four crates of personal effects not yet released by Khartoum Airport since December 15. Ours took two months. Caterpillar tractor, a large modern dealer, tells us they have seven tonnes of parts which they can't get released from the airport. We needed valve guides for our power plant and finally got some from Kenya in our luggage to get it operating again.

This appears to be how the country operates. There are, however, many very

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**NOTE:**  
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## HEER CUM da DEAN



### UPDATE ON COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

**D.A. Rennie, Dean**

1. Total student registration in the College has been maintained at very close to 1,000 students for the past four years. The 1987-88 registration includes 215 diploma, 555 degree, and 225 postgraduate students.
2. The need for all students in the College to have access to computer training will in part be met when a new College computer class is introduced in the Fall of 1988. This course is designed to specifically meet the needs of two departments, Applied Microbiology and Food Science, and the Department of Soil Science. If the course is successful, it may be extended to other departments.
3. An extensive reevaluation of the undergraduate curriculum has been completed and a number of significant changes will be implemented in the fall of 1988. In summary, these include moving introductory English to first year and Plant Science to second year. All students are now required to take an introductory class in Computers and to take two half classes from Math and/or Physics offerings. A Business Administration minor and a minor in Plant Protection are in the advanced planning stages.
4. 141 undergraduate and postgraduate

- student awards were made to deserving students. These awards have a total value of \$166,300. Gifts and bequests during the past year will allow us to fund 15 new scholarships and two bursaries in the diploma program, and two prestigious postgraduate scholarships. The total value of these new awards on an annual basis is \$42,650. The College gratefully acknowledges these new bequests.
5. Employer demands for both undergraduate and postgraduate students continues to be strong in spite of the very stressed financial status of the agricultural industry. This is undoubtedly one reason why the number of first year applications exceeded the enrollment quota of 200 students.
6. The College continues to maintain the fine balance between strongly science oriented, and user driven, practical research programs. Neither free or highly practical research is being threatened by the fact that there has been a rapid growth in quantity of funds from agencies interested primarily in practical research. Research grants during the 1986-87 fiscal year totaled \$12.7 Million, a healthy increase over the \$9.5 Million reported a year earlier.
7. A measure of research productivity by College staff is reflected in the some 370 publications, of which 122 appeared in reference journals and books.
8. Three quarter sections of the University Farm EAST of Central Avenue are currently being prepared for urban development by the City of Saskatoon. To offset this loss, four quarters were rented in the general area of the Goodale Farm.

9. The Prairie Swine Centre has completed one full year of operation under the direct control of the College of Agriculture. A full-time director, Dr. John Patience, has been appointed. The long-term financial stability of the Centre still remains uncertain.
10. Both the Termuende and Campus Farms are operating well within budget. This in part reflects improved red meat prices and low feed prices, and in addition, the benefits resulting from an almost doubling of the irrigated acreages on the Campus Farm and the breaking of virgin land on the Termuende Farm.
11. 13 staff members contributed 25 man months of assistance to international development projects in China, Lesotho, Zambia, Brazil, Ghana, Thailand, Japan, Malawi, and Yugoslavia.
12. A growing number of the staff were recognized by a wide range of awards during the past year. These included R.C. Nicholson, Farm Management Award of Excellence; J.A. Brown, Order of Canada; A. Slinkard, Fellow of the A.I.C.; and R. Ashford, Western Award for Excellence in Weed Science and AFAC Outstanding Teacher Award.
13. The Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture has cancelled grants of assistance to both the Soil Testing and Feed Testing Laboratories. As the provincial grant for the Soil Testing Lab represented only 14% of total expenditures, the laboratory, with minor revisions in cash flow, has been able to

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## 1962 COLLEGE REUNION — IN SUMMER?

The **College of Agriculture Graduates of 1962** held a 25-year reunion on July 4, 5, and 6, 1987 at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort in Fairmont, British Columbia. There was a total of 13 members and their wives who attended the reunion.

### The Awful Truth About Some:

**Garnet and Fay Altwasser** - President of Lakeside Farm Industries at Brooks, Alberta

**Bob and Fay Bradley** - PFRA in Brandon. Bob was in Africa during the 20-year reunion and enjoyed this reunion so much that he has volunteered to coordinate the next Grad reunion in 3 years time, during the summer of 1990.

**Clayton and Cheryl Campbell** - Research Scientist working on Buckwheat in Morden.

**Terry and Pat Church** - Acting Director of Animal Health Division, Alberta Agriculture, Edmonton, Alberta.

**John and Sheila Elsom** - Farms near Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan and enjoys curling in the afternoon.

**Al and Elaine Graham** - Is controller for an implement dealer at Beiseker, Alberta.

**Ray and Ethel Harmel** - Farms and raises beef cattle at Maidstone, Saskatchewan.

**Bob and Carol Mitchell** - Bank of Montreal Agricultural Department, in Richmond, B.C.

**Al and Sharon Oliver** - Is regional horticulturist with the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Food at Kamloops.

**Harvey and Sonya Quamme** - Research Scientist with fruits at the Agriculture Canada Research Station at Summerland.

**Bernie and Mary Sonntag** - Director of Agriculture Canada Research Station at Swift Current, and sometime curler.

**Arnold Tremere** - Director of feed technology at the Canadian International Grains Institute in Winnipeg.

**Terry and Michelle Veeman** - Teach at Department of Economics, University of Alberta.

The reunion group enjoyed the get together so much that the next one is planned for the summer of 1990 at Kenosee park, and will be chaired by Bob Bradley. It is hoped that more will attend the next function and I would like to thank Bernie Sonntag and Terry Veeman who helped coordinate this reunion.

**Arnold Tremere '62C**  
Reunion Chairman

## THE BOYS OF SUMMER '62 College Class Who Suffered At Fairmont Hot Springs



Front (L to R): **Ray Harmel, Harvey Quamme, Bob Mitchell, Arnold Tremere, Bob Bradley.**

Back (L to R): **Bernard Sonntag, Garnet Altwasser, Terry Church, Terry Veeman, Al Oliver, Clayton Campbell, John Elsom, Al Graham.**

## WHUT'S COOKIN'?

Thursday, January 14

**College and School Class Warm-ups**

— check with your class reunion chair(wo)man



Friday, January 15

A.M.

**Ag Grad. Lectures - Education Building**

8:00 - Registration

8:30 - 11:45 - Lectures

P.M.

1:00 - 3:00 - **S.A.G.A. Annual Meeting**

4:00 - **Curling** Commences

8:00 - **Mixer** - Marquis Hall

*grads, wives, husbands and special friendlies...*

Saturday, January 16

A.M.

8:00 - Curling continues (until 4:00 p.m.)

P.M.

**Ag. Grad. Soiree - Centennial Auditorium**

5:30 - Sociability

6:30 - Banquet

9:00 - 1:30 - Soft shoe shuffle

**NOTE: Re: Banquet & Dance**

- Cash bar during social hour and dance

- Cash wine bar during banquet

- Prairie Room lounge available

- Picture taking room available after banquet

- Parking — Midtown Plaza — underground, until 2:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 17

A.M.

8:00 - Curling resumes

P.M.

2:00 - Trophy presentation

2:30 - Tears and Jubilation

**On Sale: S.A.G.A. Pins \$3, Caps \$5**  
(no mail orders)

# REUNION GOINGS ON



## 20-Year Reunion

**Jim Gorill** says that things are shaping up for the '68 College Class. They'll be having a 'do' on Saturday afternoon and brunch on the Sunday. There were 53 in the '68 class and they're looking for a 200% turnout — spouses plus grads.

## 40-Year Reunion

**Gordon Wilson** is range boss for the '48 College Class. He and his committee of **Joe Clausen, Chet Piercey, Ken Reid, Bud Smith** and whoever else he's been able to lasso, have planned a Thursday nite social with special events (?), and a hospitality room at the Saskatoon Inn.

**Art Strautman** is compiling a special commemorative booklet. If Leo thinks the 'Sheaf' and the 'Red-eye' had problems — wait until he sees this.

Out of class of 44, four are deceased and two are lost (no address). So far 32 have indicated they'll be there. Art is short of current pictures, so any grads who haven't sent theirs to him will have to be satisfied with likenesses of other notables in their stead

Bissonette, Mulroney, Reagan, Col. North, Rasputin, Sinclair Stevens and Grant Schmidt.

**Frank Dunlop '63C**, vice-president of S.A.G.A. and Reunion Convenor, has pressed many ag. grads into service as class reunion chairmen (chairpeople?) — whatever.

He's personally contacted ag. grads from the 1918 and 1928 classes. **Floyd Young '18S**, Kinley, has written to say that at 92 years he doesn't think he's up to coming.

In Frank's own words: "Grads from the Honor Years — now is your opportunity to again visit the old Alma Mater. To visit with classmates of yore and find out what the hell has been going on during the years since last you met.

Make a banner year by starting it off with a visit with you Agro/Voc. Ag. classmates."

Any grad of 1918, 1928, 1938, 1948, 1958, 1968, 1978, 1983 who have not contacted their chairman should do so P.D.Q.

See the list of honor year chairman in this issue.

Grads from the honor years who have some time to spare, could be of great assistance to their class chairman — he can use all the help he can get.

# HEAR CUM da DEAN

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continue its traditional high quality service to the farmers without any fee adjustment. The loss of the provincial grant to the Feed Testing Laboratory, which represented approximately 75% of the total operating cost, required major reorganization. The laboratory has, with significant but temporary funding from the livestock groups in the province, been able to offer a somewhat reduced series of analyses at an increased cost per sample.



## THE BURPER PARADE

**Brad Andrew McKell** upset the '77 class 10 year reunion because he arrived on January 15 at Indian Head, at 9 lbs. 8 oz. His father **Doug '77C** has just gotten over missing the reunion, so he has only now gotten around to telling us about Brad's arrival. It is to his mom's **Judy (Buck) '78C** and **Doug's** credit that they don't hold anything against the wee lad — he was 16 lbs. 2 oz. and 28 inches long at 5 months.

**Clinton Robert Unsworth** burst onto the scene at 6 lbs. 14 oz. on February 18 at 3:00 a.m. at Medicine Hat — cheaper booze. Attending the celebrations were the notorious 'down north' drunk — **Peter Hecker '75S** and **Ian Bowie '71C** and numerous others, who's names are withheld.

The time of birth was held back to allow Clint's mom, **Heather B.Ed. '74** to check out the heifers, seeing as how she was up in any case. **Clint's** home to his friends and kinfolk at Twin Bridge Ranch, Maple Creek.

**Nicole Francis Huffman** arrived on Sunday, June 21 — mom's day off — at 7 lbs. 11½ oz., and 21 inches, at just where we're not sure. Her folks — **Carole** and **Kim '81S** dint lef no forwarding adres — Aberdeen? Saskatoon?

**Stephanie Dreger** occurred on October 2 at Yorkton, the second accident for **Bev (Dyck) '84C** this year. The first was with a car — she was rear ended — **Jason '80S** takes responsibility for the latest.

**Eve Elizabeth Vaughn Wright** arrived on March 1 at 8 lbs. 2 oz. A sister for **Leah** and **Iain**. To **Michelle** went the pain and to **Hal '77C** went the glory.

## 49th ANNUAL GRAD LECTURE SERIES Friday, January 15, 1988

### QUINCE THEATRE, EDUCATION BUILDING

#### "FARMERS IN POLITICS: DO THEY STILL PLAY A ROLE?"

Moderator: **Murray Fulton '77C**,  
University of Saskatchewan

- 8:00 A.M. —Registration
- 8:30 A.M. —Opening Remarks
- 8:45 A.M. —Farmers in Politics: A Historical Perspective  
Dr. David Laycock, University of Saskatchewan
- 9:15 A.M. —Farmers and International Politics  
Otto Lang, Pioneer Grain Limited
- 9:45 A.M. —Coffee
- 10:15 A.M. —Farm Organizations: A Current Overview  
Barry Wilson, *The Western Producer*
- 10:45 A.M. —The Role and Influence of Farm Organizations  
in Canadian Agriculture — Panel of Reps.
- Canadian Cattlemen's Association,
  - Canadian Federation of Agriculture,
  - National Farmers' Union,
  - Prairie Pool,
  - Western Canadian Wheat Growers' Association
- 11:45 A.M. —Lunch
- 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. —S.A.G.A. Annual Meeting  
Room 1004 Education Building

**BANQUET & DANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE**

## GATHERED UNTO HIS FLOCK

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member of Mildens Elks Lodge, a member of the Anglican Church, served as councillor for the R.M. of Mildens for 21 years, was chairman of Mildens Hospital Board, and of the Mildens Housing Authority.

He also served on the boards of the Outlook and District Pioneers, the Mildens Community Development Association, the Mildens Rink Association, and the Goldorama Seniors. He was a member of the Rosetown Dance Club and actively supported 4-H and the Boy Scouts.

In addition to his wife **Mabel** and son **Howard (Anne)** of Mildens, he is survived by a daughter **Gloria (Vernon) Scadden** of Regina and sons **Keith (Sharon)** of Prince Rupert, **Ken (Judy)**, of Regina, nine grandchildren, two great grandchildren and a brother **Bill (June)** of Outlook. His parents and a sister had previously passed away.

Funeral services were held from Mildens Alliance Church with interment also at Mildens. Rev. Garry Parker officiated.

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**Mary Jeannette Button** of Herschel, mother of **Roy 67C** of Tisdale, died in Rosetown Hospital on April 29 at 66 years.

Mrs. Button was born at Rosetown on January 19, 1921, and attended boarding school at Biggar and later, Daisy Hill School. She married **Jack Button** in 1943 and they farmed in the Wiggins district throughout her life.

She was an active curler, and also enjoyed gardening, sewing, quilting, and fishing. She was also secretary of the Herschel Hall committee.

In addition to her husband **Jack** and son **Roy (Marion)** she leaves son **Murray (Lorraine)** of Rosetown, five grandchildren and brother **George (Ann) Frechette** of Stranraer. Her parents and a brother **Roland** predeceased her.

Funeral mass was held from St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church on Friday, May 1 with Rev. Fr. P. O'Driscoll and Rev. Fr. Alvin Pich celebrating. Interment followed in Herschel Cemetery.

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**Ulrica Mildred Gorr**, grandmother of **Sherry '82C** and mother of **Roland**, field superintendent of the Kernan Crop Research Farm, died in City Hospital, Saskatoon, on June 20, 1987 at 75 years.

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**Lilly Tollefson**, mother of **Torri '36C '42C** and **Ivar '40C**, and grandmother of **Terry '76 M.Sc.**, **Laurie '75C** and **Tim '84C**, passed away at 93 years on September 15, in the Lutheran Sunset Home, Saskatoon.

Born in 1894 in Derbyshire, England, she

came to Canada in 1911 with her parents who homesteaded in the Ettington district. She married **Lars Tollefson** on December 8, 1915. They had resided in Saskatoon since 1948. Lars passed away January 6, 1985.

Mrs. Tollefson was a longtime member of Second Street United Church, and of the UCW.

She also leaves sons **Edwin** of Ottawa, **Roy (Fern)** of Mossburn and **Eric (Jean)** of Calgary, twelve grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the chapel of Saskatoon Funeral Home with Rev. Carlton Miller and Pastor Gene Gran officiating. Burial in the family plot in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

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**Denis Gilbert LeFrancois '73S**, died of cancer at University Hospital in Saskatoon on August 18 at 37 years.

Denis was born on March 22, 1950 at Prince Albert. He graduated from the School of Agriculture in 1973 and farmed at Marcelin throughout his life.

He was always active in campus activities, and worked at the Department of Soil Science during winter months for a time.

He was a most ardent and successful farmer, and much involved in local and unit school board affairs. He valued education most highly and wished that others might share in its benefits to the fullest.

Surviving him are his wife **Arlene** and daughters **Holly**, **Collette**, and **Cristin**. Also surviving are his parents **Marcel** and **Blanche**, brother **Ron (Linda)** of Saskatoon, and sisters **Melva (Leo) King**, Saskatoon, **Eva (Hank) Syberden**,

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interesting features and plenty of potential for production.

Sometime ago, we shipped about 90,000 bus. of sorghum off the farm all in 200 lb. bags, all loaded on and off large trucks by hand. This, along with bagging about half out of steel bins was accomplished in about 10 days. Mid-day temperatures were 40-45° every day. Six men (not Canadians) could load a truck — 350 bags or about 1,200 bus. in 40 minutes. About as good as an 8" auger, eh? We weighed one bag at 227 lbs. The man who carried it onto the truck on his back only weighed 127 lbs.

We have now had 8" of rain since May 1 — the highest since the project started in 1982, and we're not really into the rainy season yet — 25-35" is about average from June to September, and none for the balance of the year. We'll probably have two months — July and August, when we can't reach the highway — approximately 100 miles of mud.

Thanks and best wishes,

**George '44S & Iva Cooper**

Calgary and **Rita (Bob) Stokalko**, Saskatoon.

Funeral mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Saskatoon by Rev. Fr. Murray Chatlain. Interment was in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Donations in his memory to the Cancer Research Fund, c/o Cancer Clinic, University of Sask. would be appreciated.

Denis was a people person. He loved life and his family, and his friends meant a great deal to him. His acceptance of his illness was an example to all whom he touched.

## LEANERS & SITTERS

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**Walter Wilson Doyle '51C**

After countless years spinning and toiling at a multitude of tasks, Walter finally reached the magic number of 65, and the management of Sask. Wheat Pool mercifully asked him to trade in his grain scoop, snorting pole and moisture meter, and in return, to join the ranks of those ancient binder pilots eternally on the pogy. To celebrate the occasion in a fitting manner, an above average brouhaha took place at Grasswood Esso, Saskatoon, coincident with his last day at work on June 30.

The trough, according to the trenchermen present, was outstanding, and many cups runneth over during the evening. In short, it was one fair dinkum do.

Proceedings were very capably planned by daughter **Miriam**, and together with old Sundani confrere **Art Strautman '48C** at the 'mike', managed to roast Walter to Medium Rare in the course of the proceedings. There was no shortage of old friends and co-workers to tell a few lies re: Walter's career.

Seen at various times throughout the evening, in the vicinity of the groaning board and bar, were such illustrious (nefarious) old Agros as **Jack '44** and **Muriel McFaul**, **Jack '51**, and **Betty Brown**, **Jack 51C** and **Joan Braidek**, **Jim 51C** and **Sheila Rooke** from Victoria, **Jack 51C** and **Jean Peck**, **Lorne 51C** and **Jean Hextall**, **Bob '56C** and **Marie Warner**, **Jim '73C** and **Jean Blyth**, plus a second generation Agro, son **Reg '78C**, brewmaster non-pareil.

Walter was born on a farm near Eldersley Sask., we think in 1922, to a family of eight — four boys and four girls. Walter was seventh in line.

He took his public schooling at Clashmore School, which was a four-mile walk, uphill both ways. According to **Miriam** and **Reg**, the distance gets longer, the hills steeper as the winters colder with each telling. His grade nine was taken at Major, Sask., where his grandfather had a store. He says he was the top scholar in his class, which he was. He was

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also the only one in grade nine. After high school, he spent a year on the farm, and then took Normal School in Saskatoon. In his normal school class there was a young miss from Stranraer by the name of **Joy Hollingsworth**, but they carefully avoided each at that time. Wrong kind of soap, perhaps.

He taught school at Arborfield and Bjorkdale for just over a year, then joined the RCAF, serving for 3 years in various parts of Canada and England.

After turning in his blues, he came back to the farm for a year, then entered University to try dentistry. He soon saw the error of his ways, and switched to agriculture, graduating in May 1951. During his University days he attended a Normal School reunion and finally noticed that former classmate, Joy Hollingsworth. Whether it was a freak of nature, the correct chemistry, or just plain biology at work, Walt and Joy were married in 1950, and celebrated their 37th anniversary just prior to retirement. They wonder where, in this day and age, did they go wrong.

At this time Walter embarked on a most fascinating career. He, together with **Jim Rooke '51C** and **Art Strautman '48C** took on a 3-year grain growing contract in what was then known as the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. This was before foreign aid was heard of, and was done without taxpayers involvement. Returning to Canada in 1954, Walt had a brief fling with Allis-Chalmers-Rumely, but he found the old "Oil-Pull" tractors were not selling too well, so he emigrated to Hudson Bay (Sask.) with the Lands Branch of the Provincial Simple Service.

From Hudson Bay, the Doyle trail led to Nipawin, still with the Lands Branch, until in 1964, when he moved to Melfort to manage one of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool's new Farm Service Centres.

Walter stayed in Melfort until 1975 when he accepted his second assignment to Africa, this time as a member of the Sask. Wheat Pool Team selected to grow wheat in Zambia, under sponsorship of C.I.D.A. In the 3 years there, they lived at Livingstone, beside Victoria Falls, later in Lusaka the capital, and then onto M'bala, far to the north. Walter and Joy returned to Canada, 1979 and settled in Regina back in harness with the Pool.

From 1979 until he pulled the pin, Walter was supervisor of facilities and equipment for SWP. He was forced to spend much time away from home, in every corner of Saskatchewan. To combat Walter's frequent absence, Joy took up bridge rather seriously and was named a Life Master Bridge Player in 1985. Walter says this was a more acceptable alternative to taking in a young, virile boader

in his absence.

Not only did Walter do a creditable job in any assignment given him in his career, he also found time for active community work. Besides serving on town councils, Walter was a keen Rotarian, and served as president in Melfort as well as in Livingstone. During their extensive travels, he always found time to contact the local Rotary clubs. He was a member of Odd Fellows, and served as Noble Grand in Melfort at one time. A number of us suspected that Walter was a bit odd over the years, but it was never mentioned in public until the Trudeau regime, when it became fashionable.

Joy and Walter were blessed with two children, **Reg '78C** following in Walt's footsteps as an Agro, currently in Saskatoon, with Federated Co-ops., and daughter **Miriam (Mrs. Bruce Pyett)** also of Saskatoon. Miriam, together with husband Bruce, presented Walter and Joy with their first grandchild, **Graham Douglans** in September. While Walt and Joy continue to live in Regina, they spent much of the summer on the road to Saskatoon (new grandson, you know) and at their cottage at Kipabiskau. The high esteem in which Walter and Joy are held by their multitude of friends, was obvious from the gathering at Grasswood. We all wish them many years of good health and happy retirement.

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**Art Strautman '48C** and **Phyll '48** Lab Tech, writes and remind ye olde Editor of a pleasant few days in June spent in Yorkton and vicinity, tearing up a few of the local golf courses, such as Madge Lake, York Lake, and Esterhazy. It was obvious that neither Lindsay nor Art have improved since last year, particularly when a greenskeeper with no sense of humor, accused them of taking divots with a roto-tiller.

Art says they had a delightful trip back to North Battleford in August, to see **Chuck Strautman '52S** inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame. It was a rare evening, indeed, to renew old acquaintances with **Joe '44C** and **Jessie Zeman**. Joe was also honored as an inductee for his efforts with Canada's National Baseball Team of a few years ago. Other old Agros present were **Les Dean '46S**, himself a Hall of Fame Baseballer, **Fred Langley '50C** and **Bill Langley '49C**, both old binder pilots of note, and longtime friends.

**Wes Greenshields '49C** and **Grant '81S**, Semans, are up to their grader shells in lentils this year. **Verna**, wife and mother of the pair, has been having a rough time with knee replacement. She's now waiting for a third operation.

**Gerry Buitenhuis '48S** is still farming at Raymore. He's doing so well on Ruth's cooking that she won't let him quit unless he'll agree to take up jogging.

**Jim Jowsey '47C** is enjoying part-time farming and part-time retirement at Salt-coats. He's into antique tractors, threshers, combines, ski trails and white-tail deer, and grows a little winter wheat on the side. He does some farming himself and hires the rest done.

We're sorry to report that **Ted Campbell '40C** was in Pasqua Hospital in Regina having repairs done to his artificial hip joint in late October. We expect he's now back home getting in the wife's way. Ted was provincial poultry commissioner for many years back in the days when the roaster was king.

**Gordon Dobson '48C** pulled the pin on free trade at the end of November after 35 years with Ag. Canada economics division in Ottawa.

**Otto Betker '48C** retired from farming at Souris, Manitoba last year. He's not been in the best of health but plans on attending the '40-'48C reunion.

**Langford Oddie '44C**, Tregarva has had a spot of bother with his ticker lately but is reported to be on the mend.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of **Frank 'M'bala Maruader' Miller '39C** would you please let ye olde ed know. He was doing fine last time we saw him in the summer.

## MOONLITE & DANDELIONS *continued from page 3*

separate ways all week outa Dawson Creek, B.C.

Sandra finished her M.Sc. at UBC and now moils for a farmers co-op while Richard consults all over creation and returns to Dawson to his computer and Sandra upon occasion.

Noticed at the bar were **Marie Boehm '78C**, **Don Flaten '78C**, **Pat Gilje '79C**, **Simone Chatlain**, an elementary teacher in Saskatoon, promised to love honor and pay **Hugh Beckie's '86C** way through an M.Sc. program in soils, and keep the farm from going under at Kenaston, on July 25 in Prince Albert.

Something happened on the soil survey out of the Saskatchewan Institute of Pedology — **Collette Longpre '86C** promised to love, honor and keep both hers and **Rick Stushoff '77C** soil spades shiny forever after on July 25. Musta bin his profile.

These are all of the legitimate cohabitations which we're aware of at the moment.

Oops, missed one.

**Tom Hewson '58S** got tired of fried eggs and hash browns. He met **Mary Szczesny** from Toronto on a trip to Alaska. She was actually anxious to change her name to Smith, but Hewson will do. She even agreed to move to the farm at Langbank. She's turned out so well Tom is building her a new house. Should be ready for their first anniversary on December 16.

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