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## DEY KWIT SKOOL



Fifty-two students of the School of Agriculture received their diplomas at graduation exercises held on April 21 in Convocation Hall. **Glen David Payne** of Springside was the top student of the 1989 class, and was awarded the University Silver Medal. **Thomas Raymond Halpenny** of Kindersley received the Scott Prize for combining leadership qualities with high academic standing.

Guest speaker was U. of S. President, **Leo Kristjanson**. Those on the Dean's Honor Roll of Third Year students were: **Wayne Olson**, Quill Lake; **Glen Payne**, Springside, **Nick Remlinger**, Liberty, **Jason Skinner**, Wilkie; and **Keith Yaworski**, Viscount.

Second year students included in the Honor Roll were: **Rocky Boreen**, **Boris Borowitz**, **Bill Cinnamon**, **Brian Dinter**, **Leo Grenier**, **Lloyd Hauser**, **Brent Lowes**, **David Nairn**, **Scott Near** and **Kevin Potts**.

For First year, the Honor Roll included; **Cody Bateman**, **Nancy Hards**, **Greg Howe**, **Kevin McCorriston**, **Greg Olahaver**, **Terry Pylot**, **Mike Scott** and **Carolyn Stevens**.

## US GUYS WON THIS YEAR!



All told, 108 students graduated from the College of Agriculture at the 78th annual spring convocation on Thursday, May 25 in the Centennial Auditorium.

**Reynold David Bergen** of Taber, Alberta, graduated with **Great Distinction** in animal science and was awarded the Sask. Institute of Agrologists **Gold Medal** as the top student. The first time for a guy in years!

Also graduating with **Great Distinction**: **Kelly T. Patzer**, Waldeck; **Leslie J. Pilsner**, Rockglen; **Frederick C. Stevenson**, Humbolt; **Rodney G. Charles**, Stoughton and **David L. Ruschkowski**, Shaunavon.

Graduating with **Distinction** were: **Pak C Ip**, Hong Kong; **Grant C. Churchill**, Wilkie; **Gordon Flaten**, Regina; **William E. Dubbin**, Saskatoon; **David W. Jantzen**, Regina; **Dean G. Smith**, Swift Current; **Cameron J. Seidle**, Medstead; **Jonalyn K. Seimens**, Fiske; **Timothy Slempe**, Castor, Alberta; **Bradley E.**

**Bly**, Saskatoon; **Karen DeMong**, Cudworth; **Partick J. Doyle**, Swift Current; **Karen E. Hyland**, Scott and **Raymond A. Jones**, Saskatoon.

**Reynold Bergen** has been the winner of numerous prizes and scholarships including the **Norman Horace Pearce** prize in animal science this year, and the **Canadian Society of Animal Science** book prize last year.

Other awards include undergraduate scholarships from **Arnold and Emily Robinson**, **Pioneer Grain**, **Pat Toderian** and **Sask. Institute of Agrologists**.

Reynold will enter an M.Sc. program at McGill in the Fall.

Doesn't all this make us non-achieving types ponder over inadequacies?



# GATHERED UNTO HIS FLOCK



**Ernest H. (Mickey) Osler**, Wolseley, passed away in 1987 at 95 years, and was believed to have been the last remaining member of that first diploma class which began in 1912. Mickey didn't finish out his course before he went farming.

He farmed in the same location northwest of Summerberry for 70 years before he and his wife Clara retired to Wolseley.

He and his good friend and classmate, **Pontus Wicklund**, late of Melfort, were the only two of the class of '15 at the 1985 S.A.G.A. reunion.

Mickey was made Honorary Life Member of S.A.G.A. in 1955.

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**Ariel Anne Milne**, beloved wife of **Grant '57C**, passed away in University Hospital on Monday February 27 at 51 years, of cancer.

**Ariel** was born at Outlook on November 8, 1937. The family moved to Mission City, B.C. where she was active in the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, and became B.C.'s first female Warrant Officer.

She received her B.Sc. H.Ec. degree from U.B.C. in 1959 following which she completed her internship in dietetics at the University Hospital in Saskatoon in 1960. She was a dietitian there from 1960 to 1967 and again from 1986 to 1973.

From 1974 to 1977 she and daughter **Moir** lived in Tanzania where **Grant** was involved in a C.I.D.A. wheat project.

She was active in the Sask. Dietetics Association since 1960, and in St. Paul's United Church Women.

**Ariel** always displayed a strong commitment in her endeavours in the community, church, school and youth activities.

In addition to her husband **Grant**, she leaves daughter **Moria** and son **Brad**, all of Saskatoon; her mother **Mrs. Isabel Tyas** of Mission City, and a brother **Andy (Karen) Armstrong** of Port Coquitlam.

She was predeceased by her father **Waverley Armstrong** and a sister **Francis Parker**.

A memorial service was held from St. Paul's United Church on March 2. Memorials to the Saskatoon Cancer Clinic Trust Account, Box 37, University Hospital, Saskatoon, S7N 0W0; St. Paul's United Church, 454 Egbert Avenue, Saskatoon S7N 1X3, or a charity of the donor's choice, are suggested.

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**Douglas Acheson Cooke '50C**, passed away in Victoria General Hospital on January 14.

**Doug** was born on November 10, 1922 and was raised and educated in Prince Albert. He served in the Canadian Army overseas and saw action in the Italian Campaign. While serving in Britain he met and married **Peggy**, a Scottish lass.

On discharge from the armed forces he enrolled in the College of Agriculture graduating in 1950. He obtained his M.Sc. degree from the University of Wisconsin and in 1951 went with Agriculture Canada as head of the forage section at Melfort Research Station, where he remained until retirement in 1977.

While at the research station he was involved in the development and testing of Melrose sanfoin and Dormie Kentucky Bluegrass. He was instrumental in the introduction, testing and promotion of leaf cutter bees in alfalfa seed production in Saskatchewan.

**Doug** was an ardent promoter of forage crops in livestock production, and was involved in many extension activities. He was noted for his common sense approach to forage production and his advice was much sought after by farmers and by other extension workers.

Following retirement he managed the Melfort Golf Club in summer and a resort hotel in the Barbados in winter until moving to Victoria.

**Doug** was an ardent golfer, curler and fisherman, as well as being an accomplished bridge player. He chaired the sponsoring committee for the first North Sask. Brier playdowns, and competed in numerous bonspiels, including those at the Ag. Grad Reunions. He was active in S.I.A. and A.I.C. and was a life member of S.A.G.A.

Many colleagues, farmers and extension workers will remember **Doug** with fondness and respect.

He leaves to mourn his loving wife **Peggy** at Victoria and sons **John** and his wife at Melfort and **Warren** of Calgary, as well as two grandsons, his mother, a sister and a brother.

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**Ernest Leslie Barlow '41S** loving husband of **Betty (Myrick) '43C**, passed away in Mesa, Arizona, following a brief but valiant struggle, on March 18.

He was born near Bladworth and received his School of Agriculture diploma in 1941 and served in the R.C.A.F. during World War II.

After the war he and his wife **Betty** moved to Davidson to farm and resided there until his death.

He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. He served on the board of Davidson United Church, was chairman of the Davidson School Board for several years, a 4-H leader for 15 years and served on the Sask. 4-H Council, a member of the local Sask. Wheat Pool committee for over 30 years, and was chairman for many of those years.

He was formerly an avid curler. His recent activities including South West Indian art, fishing, golfing, reading and laughter.

In addition to his loving wife **Betty**, he is survived by their son **Ross** at Davidson and daughter **Lois (Malcolm) Wilson**, Regina, and grandchildren **Niall** and **Danee Wilson**; sisters **Viola (Bob) Morris**, Cultus Lake B.C., and **Myrna (Ron) Ector**, Calgary; brothers **Mervin (Etta)**, Kenaston, **Harold (Agnes)**, Davidson and **Percy (Ida)**, Regina.

Memorial services were held in Davidson United Church on March 28.

Friends who wish to do so may make a donation to the College of Agriculture Building

Fund, University of Sask., Saskatoon, S7N 0W0, or to the Sask. Lung Association.

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**Michael Peech '30C** of Ithaca, New York, passed away on October 6 at his home at 79 years.

**Michael Peech** was a renowned specialist in chemical analysis of soils and was a member of the faculty of Cornell University for 30 years.

He was born on a farm at Oakburn, Manitoba, received his B.S.A. degree in 1930 at the University of Saskatchewan, majoring in agricultural chemistry, and his Ph.D. from Ohio State University in 1933.

Best known for his work in the chemical analysis of soils, which included a system of rapid tests for estimating the fertilizer needs of soils, he was also recognized for his study of the oxidation-reduction potential of soils, their electric behavior and ion exchange properties, and the chemical reaction of soil to fertilizers.

**Dr. Peech** was named professor emeritus of soil science on his retirement in 1974. He was a prolific author in the soils field, including a joint publication with USDA which resulted in the standardization of chemical analysis methods in soil fertility studies.

Prior to his joining the faculty in 1941, Dr. Peech served as a soil chemist at the University of Idaho and at the Florida Citrus Experiment Station.

He was the recipient of numerous prestigious awards during his career in the fields of soil and agronomy, including several fellowships.

Surviving are his daughter **Marjorie** of Ithaca and several brothers and sisters in his native Manitoba. His wife, **Sonia S. Stechishin Peech** and his son **John**, predeceased him.

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**William "Bill" Rusnak '51C**, passed away in University Hospital during heart surgery on March 15 at 71 years.

**Bill** was born at Inisinger on January 12, 1918 and served in the RCAF during World War II, following which he obtained his B.S.A. degree at the University in 1951. After a short stint with the Canadian Farm Loan Board at Nipawin, he joined Mutual Life of Canada which he thoroughly enjoyed for some 39 years.

A kind, honest and gentle person, he enjoyed people and was a proud and much loved grandfather.

**Bill** was an avid golfer and always looked forward to spring and the opening of the Riverside Country Club where he had been a member of longstanding.

He is survived by his loving wife **Faye** of 38 years and their four children: **Don (Lynn)** of Ottawa, **Jim (Patty)** of Saskatchewan, **Kathy (Rob) Coho** of Calgary and **Dan (Lily)** of Saskatoon, and his four very special grandchildren, **Christopher, Debra, Heather** and **Andrienne**.

**Bill** came from a large family and leaves five sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services were held from Acadia Drive Funeral Chapel on March 18. Internment was in the Veterans Section of Woodlawn Cemetery. The family would appreciate donations to the City Hospital Foundation, 701 Queen Street, Saskatoon, S7K 4X4.

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## GATHERED UNTO HIS FLOCK

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**Douglas Edgar Pettit '63C** of Sherwood Park, Alberta, passed away on December 22 while undergoing heart surgery at the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria at 47 years.

**Doug** was born at Weyburn on May 16, 1941, raised on a farm prior to graduating with his BSA degree in 1963 at the College of Agriculture. He obtained a diploma in education the following year.

He married his wife **Reta, B.Ed. '64** at Glenavon in 1964 and they taught school at Rosetown until 1966 when they took a year off to travel throughout Europe and North Africa. On their return they taught high school at Gull Lake.

In 1969 **Doug** was hired by Alberta Agriculture as a communications specialist and they moved to Sherwood Park, Edmonton where they began their family -- **Charlene** in 1970, **Krista** in 1972 and **Shawn** in 1975.

During his youth **Doug** was involved in 4-H and now became involved in community activities -- the new community hall at North Cooking Lake, the Sherwood Park United Church, etc. In later years he organized special events for mixed curling.

In 1973 **Doug** became head of the broadcast media branch of Alberta's Agriculture's information services division. Prior to that he hosted the radio program "Call of the Land", then became a T.V. commentator, and later as a supervisor, was involved in film production.

**Doug** was a "people person" and good with staff. He loved life and lived it to the fullest. He enjoyed woodworking, golf, curling and photography. Ag. grad reunion bonspiels were always a special event. He curled with either he, or **John Hemstad**, as skip and **Gary Storey** or **Stan Barber**, as lead or second -- all '63 classmates.

**Doug** had more than his share of difficult and trying situations -- the loss of their infant daughter in 1970, the loss of his mother and father within two weeks in 1982, and his brother **Bob** nine months later in 1983.

He had had open heart surgery on a previous occasion -- in 1979.

Through all his trials and sorrows he maintained his sense of spirituality and his belief in Christ.

A memorial service was held in Sherwood Park United Church on December 28.

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**Ruth Casson (Tyson) Howard**, mother of **Ron '69C** passed away in Saskatoon City Hospital on April 17, surrounded by her family, in her 71st year.

**Ruth** was born on September 8, 1918, and was raised in the Ailsa Craig and Hillview districts. She completed the home economics course at Lutheran College, Outlook, and was then employed by Dr. & Mrs. Mawdsley to manage their household and care for their children. She later worked as a telephone operator in Harris.

She married **Stanley James Howard** in June 1942, and farmed with him in the Feudal district until retiring to Harris in 1980.

She was a devoted mother and grandmother, and was involved in many community organizations. She is survived by her loving husband **Stan**;

daughters **Elaine (Greg) Vogelsang** of Harris and **Neta (Paul) Tildsley** of Saskatoon and son **Ron (Merle)** of Brooks, Alberta; a brother, a sister and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from Harris United Church and interment in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Donations to Harris United Church Memorial Fund would be appreciated.

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**Helena Mildred McDonald**, of Kindersley, and formerly of Stranraer, mother of **Bruce '47C** and grandmother of **Stuart '76C**, passed away in Kindersley Union Hospital on April 29 at 94 years.

**Mrs. McDonald** was born at Boissevain, Manitoba on May 12, 1904. She received her education at Boissevain and at Saskatoon. She received her teaching certificate at Saskatoon Normal School and taught at Viewfair School near Dodsland, and at Mossbank.

In 1917 she married **David Seaton McDonald** and farmed with him in the Stranraer district. They retired in 1958 and moved into Stranraer and in 1980 moved to Dawnview Court in Kindersley. In 1987 she moved to Sunset Lodge and in 1988 to Heritage Manor. **Mrs. McDonald** enjoyed reading, poetry, music and visiting with family and friends.

She is survived by daughter **Doris Leonard** of London, Ontario and son **Bruce (Beth)** of Salt Spring Island, B.C. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren, and a sister **Florence Green** of Lethbridge. Predeceased are her husband **Seaton** and son **John**.

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**William L. Chapman**, formerly of Meckanaw, passed away on August 9, 1988 shortly after his 100th birthday, and was followed by his bride of 74 years, **Gertrude E. Chapman** on November 23 last at 97 years.

They both passed away at Lutheran Sunset Home in Saskatoon where they had lived for many years.

**Mr. Chapman** was born in Roslin, Ontario and came west with his parents in 1899. He farmed in the Floral district for 18 years and then near Meskanaw from 1934 to 1950 -- until retirement.

**Mrs. Chapman** was born at Pinedale, Ontario, coming to Manitoba and then to Saskatchewan at an early age. She and Bill were married in Kisby in 1914 and celebrated their 74th anniversary on January 1, 1988.

They were the parents of **Jack (Phyllis)** and **Harold '43C (Mary)** of Saskatoon, **Glayda (John '41S) Dexter** of Victoria, **Earl '46C (Elsie)** and **Charlie '46S (Yvonne)** of Melfort, **Rev. Bill '48S (Mary)** of Elrose and **Alice (Gene) Bader** of Rosthern.

Both funerals were conducted from Grace Westminister United Church in Saskatoon with interment in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

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**Doris Evelyn (Rhodes) Melsted** of Wynyard, beloved wife of **Ken '53C**, passed away suddenly of a brain aneurism on May 17 at 56 years.

**Doris** was born at Duck Lake and educated at Moose Jaw. She attended the University of Saskatchewan where she studied home economics and education. She and Ken were married on October 28, 1953.

**Doris** was a very dedicated community worker and excelled as an organizer of community activities.

Over the years she had been a very active member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and her passing was Worthy Matron of Wynard Chapter #114, as well as a member of the Daughters of the Nile, the Lioness Club, Wynard Chamber of Commerce and the Wynard United Church, to name but a few. She was an accomplished and frequent hostess to her many friends and visiting dignitaries alike. Her prowess as a cook was unsurpassed.

She loved her grandchildren, gardening, dogs, bird watching, knitting, crocheting and travelling -- she and Ken had visited over 50 countries, some on more than one occasion, during off-seasons on the farm.

She was predeceased by her father. **Doris** is survived by her loving husband **Ken**; daughter **Patricia (Don) Morrison**, son **Bruce (Roseanna)** and seven grandchildren, all of Wynyard, her mother **Rita Gould** of Regina and Ken's parents, **Leo and Anna Melsted** of Wynyard.

Funeral services were held from the Wynyard Civic Centre on May 19, which in addition to her many Wynyard friends, was attended by numerous members and dignitaries of organizations in which she had played a very active role.

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**Kenneth Charles Hipkin '71S** of Rosetown, was killed recently in a single vehicle accident near Rosetown.

Ken was farming with his father. He had at one time spent a tour of duty in Tanzania on a C.I.D.A. wheat project along with **Roy Button '67C**, regional agronomist at Tisdale.

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**Earl William McLeod '51C**, beloved husband of **Ethel**, passed away at his home in Calgary on May 1 at 60 years.

**Earl** was born at Dodsland on August 18, 1928. He went to school at Ruthilda and Saskatoon. He graduated with his B.S.A. degree from the College of Agriculture in 1951 and was hired by Palm Dairies Ltd. on his graduation. He had a most successful career with the company of which he became president, a position he held on his retirement in 1981.

He was also active in other facets of the dairy industry, having served as a director and president of both the Alberta Dairy Association and the Canadian Dairy Association.

He was devoted to his family and friends. His wisdom, humor, caring nature and his love of life, endeared him to all who knew him.

In addition to his loving wife he is survived by sons **Bill (Sharon)** of Calgary, **Blaine (Lynn)** of Toronto, and **Lyal (Kirsten)** of Calgary; and daughter **Brenda (Bob) Cardinal** also of Calgary; four grandchildren; a brother **Alan** and a sister **Verna Richards**, both of Ruthilda.

Funeral services were held on Friday May 5 at Hillhurst United Church in Calgary.

If they so wish, friends and relatives may donate to a fund in **Earl's memory** at the University of Saskatchewan, that will be used to provide a bursary in perpetuity.





## LAUD AND HONOR

At the annual meeting of S.I.A. held in Yorkton in April, two August ag. grads were presented with much deserved awards.

The **Distinguished Agrolologist Award**, the highest honor conveyed by S.I.A. to an outstanding member, was presented to:

**Gordon Erling Parker '64C** information officer for Agriculture Canada Research Station at Swift Current, formerly Ag. Rep. and later regional agronomist, was cited for his being one of the top extension workers in Western Canada. Gordon is held in high esteem by farmers, extension personnel and researchers alike.

During his career, Gordon has been a staunch proponent of soil conservation and weed control practices; has vigorously promoted the production of lentils and winter wheat in the South West, and was highly involved in the Organization and furtherance of the South West Forage Association.

He is currently editor of the tabloid "The Range Rider" which focuses on forage production and pasture management.

In recent years Gordon served as an extension agent with C.I.D.A., in Pakistan.

**Donald Andrew Rennie '49C**, who is retiring as Dean of the College of Agriculture, was recognized for his many outstanding contributions in soils research, teaching and extension. In addition, **Don** has been a staunch supporter of S.I.A., which he had served in various ways, including that of the promotion of S.I.A. membership among college faculty.

Don has also been a loyal supporter of S.A.G.A., of which he is also a past president.

**Honorary Life Membership** in S.I.A. was conferred upon U. of S. President **Leo Kristjanson**, who is also retiring, in recognition of his outstanding service to the College in particular, and to the University and to Sask. Agriculture in general.

Dr. Kristjanson was born and raised in Gimli, Manitoba. He received his B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees at the University of Manitoba and his Ph.D. in agricultural economics at the University of Wisconsin.

He first came to the University of Saskatchewan in 1959 to the Centre of Community Studies. He

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later joined the Department of Economics and Political Science of which he became head in 1968. In 1975 he was appointed Vice-President of the University and President in 1980.

During his tenure, he championed the modernization and expansion of health sciences and services of the University, the building of the Geology Building, Innovation Place industrial and research park and the much needed College of Agriculture Building. His innovative ideas and passionate promotion of the latter, and the ensuing fund raising activities associated with it, contributed immeasurably to its realization.

He will be remembered as a staunch and unfailing friend to agriculture on the campus.

**Murray Edward Smith '65S** was honored by the School of Agriculture at their annual graduation, with the presentation of the **Distinguished Graduate in Agriculture Award** in 1989.

The award is made each year to an alumnus of the School in recognition of outstanding achievement and as an expression of high esteem. It consists of a framed certificate signed by the president and the chairman of the Board of Governors of the University.

**Murray** graduated from the School in 1956 and has taken a leading role in the management of a large grain and livestock farm at Swift Current. During the past 30 years he has participated in many trials involving innovative farm practices in co-operation with the Agriculture Canada Research Station at Swift Current. For many years he has taken part in farm machinery testing and evaluation with the John Deere Company. More recently, he has been a director of the Wheatland Conservation Area which is devoted to soil conservation.

He has served as a director and president of Pioneer Credit Union of Swift Current, and as chairman of Council, and a member of the planning Committee, of the First United Church.

You may recall that Murray was previously presented with Honorary Life Membership in S.I.A.

To all award recipients, "Good Show", guys.

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## THE BACK FORTY



**Becky (Zenert) Hoehn '84C** is housebound with Alissa 2 and strongly suspects another child may arrive soon. No more commuting to the Pool Research Farm at Watrous. She's got little green things growing in a small greenhouse she's running at Drake. **Wally '83C** is still trying to unload Crown assets as land rep. at Wynard.

**Betty Bergen '87C** moved from P.A. to Wynard on May 1 with F.C.C. Musta had an inkling of those forest fires.

**Paul Beaulieu '83** got himself an MBA from Western University, London, Ontario, and now he's banker at Exeter with My Bank, to 999,999 Canadians -- Montreal, of course -- **Mary** works there too. He and **Karl '85C** are off to England -- on a bicycle holiday this summer.

**Jim Lowe '64C**, regional director of agriculture development at Regina has been seconded for three years to the Canadian Co-op Association to head up its new agriculture and trade section. Gotta beat free trade one way or another.

**Garth Larson '72C** has left the pigs at Semans for a one-year contract with the Agricultural Stabilization Board with Agriculture Canada in Ottawa, under the Interchange Canada Program. Says he's not sure what he'll be doing, but he won't be alone. The family will follow him when school's out.

**Pat Beaujot '81C** is the new manager of U.S. and Canadian national sales for Simplot. Gonna peddle fertilizer from the Brandon plant to the rest of Canada and the U.S.

**Milo '77S** and **Wanda B. Ed '80 Grimsrud** spent March touring Northern Europe and the U.K. Most of these folks had never seen anyone from Torquay before.

**Rand Luhning '75C** is peddling gas for Sask. Energy, the almost crown corporation, as manager of market development and policy from superintendent of industrial business at Sask. Power -- pumping irrigation water.

He's built the farm up to two drought-ridden sections and is building a new farm site.

**Mark Odgaard '78C** transferred from North Battleford to Regina as Sask. manager of Agricultural banking services with the Royal.

**Cliff Cricket '73S** has gotten to be quite a shutterbug -- had his work featured at Hallway Gallery at Rosetown. It ain't quite New York, but a hallway in downtown Rosetown. He's currently enrolled in 4th year photography at the U. of S. College of Art and Art History. One of his pictures will appear in Hans Dominache's book "Prairie Giants."

**Aaron Mitchell '74C** is product development associate for Monsanto in Saskatchewan. He'll be researching chemical weed control on summer-fallow, and biotechnology in weed control.

**Bill McGregor '76 Ph.D.**, one of **Bob McKercher's '54C** proteges, is now a research specialist with Elanco. He's a past chairman of the Expert Committee on weeds and advisor to the Research Council of Canada. He's worked for Elanco on research in Alberta and B.C.

**John and Cecila Ruschkowski '80C** are heavy into cesarian sections at the vet. clinic at Oyen Alberta. John is still D.A. at Oyen. They've bought a spot of pasture and some dogies and do their own cesarians for free. Can't even claim the expense for income tax purposes. Wee **Luke** is two and isn't much help with large animals yet, but can milk standing up.

**Mark Wilcox '78C** is regional pesticides officer for Saskatchewan, and has been seconded to Ottawa from July 1 to Christmas. **Debbie B.Ph. '78**, Jordon 5 and Lindsay 2, will go along.

**Doug Winmill '85C** will carry on in Mark's stead in the meantime.

**Sharon '80C** and **Ted Bonertz '79C** are two incoming it at Richmond, Ontario. Ted is now product manager for Cyanamid and Sharon keeps on horticulture.

**Wes DesRosiers '87C** has a new job at National Cheese Co. in Atwood, Ontario -- no cheez whiz puleeze. Nothing but the real stuff, Wes.

**Mitchell Chilcott '85C** has chucked the banking business for the farm at Rocanville in December '87. He was with Scotiabank in P.A. as assistant credit manager. Now he's loans officer at Moosomin Credit Union and farming part-time. Must have money in his blood.

**Brenda Haynes '79C** is now with the Canadian Association of Exhibitions and Fairs, keeping her eye on 813 fairs and exhibitions across Canada, after 1½ years as a financial officer for farm assistance programs.

**Allan '75C** and **Wendy '80C Scholz** have been living in Jakarta, Indonesia for the last three years where Allan is an Agricultural project officer for the Canadian Co-operative Association. Their wee lad **Luke**, was born there recently.

**Bob Martin '75C** peddled Eagle airseeders all winter for Dutch Industries in Regina.

**Baine Fritzler '77C** is back to the farm at Govan after a winter in U. of S. agricultural engineering department, and is praying for rain. Even a wet snow would be nice. Baine is the new S.A.G.A. Scrooge (secretary-treasurer, y'know).

**Craig Martin '84C** is assistant bank manager for Scotiabank at Spiritwood, tryna make a lotta dreams come true -- mostly for N.S. we'd guess.

The 10th annual bicycle poker derby is slated for Saturday, July 29 at Regina. Anyone interested should contact **Eric Gustafon '80C** or **Rick Blenner-Hassett '75C**. Any ag. grads are welcome. Hangovers are guaranteed.

**Pat Callin '69C** has left FCC at Yorkton to grovel in the dust on the farm at Saltcoats once again. He'll still be working on the odd contract -- for FCC of course.

**Gerald Berscheid '85C** came back to Brylcreem -- from Wynyard back to Yorkton with FCC.

The Yorkton Barley Burners hosted the ag. grad hockey tournament on April 1. Four teams took part -- Saskatoon Rusty Blades, Regina WD-40's and the S.E. Maulers in addition to the Yorkton team, the S.E. Mafia taking home the fork -- barley, that is.

**Jim Birch '67C** is a full-time instructor in livestock production at SIAST in Regina.

**Barney Creech '74C** is busy raising "Commie" cattle at Lloydminster. Got himself a directorship in the "Red" Angus Association.

**Brian McCarthy '70C** is running Spring Creek Simmentals at Moosomin, in company with brother Tim.

**Sinc Harrison '69C** just missed being vice-president of S.A.R.M. at their last convention. Close don't count except in horseshoes and hand grenades. He's still waiting for rain at Moosomin.

**Rick McElheran '81C** is moiling for FCC at Carlyle and collecting his mail on the home farm at Wilmar.

**Dave Hebert '88S** is working at the new Kin-ability Centre in Moosomin.

**Bob Clay '76C** is raising great speckled cattle at Fairlight - Chianina-Angus Cross.

**Bernard McKinnon '89S** is back farming at Moosomin waiting for his ship to come in.

**Dale Smart '77C** divides his time between loans -- his own and others, as loans manager for the Moosomin Credit Union, and farms by the light of the moon.

**Jim Pollock '74C** is one of them new old ag. reps. at Moosomin -- they call him an extension agrolgist.

**Larry Spearing '79C** made the leap from Sask. Municipal Assessment at Yorkton to Land Rep. at Moosomin.

**Lyle Ballard '74C** is the "Little Ayatollah" for ACS at Weyburn. **Tom Glub '74C** is assistant ayatollah for ACS at Weyburn.

**Garth Smith '74C** is still whooping it up as chief guru with Elanco in Regina, and getting used to being a "dad". Trifuralin complaints aren't near as demanding as a wee bairn with soggy drawers.

**Earl Smith '74C** is now working for the Royal Bank in Saskatoon, while **Sharon '74C** holds down the home farm at Eatonia.

**Bill Nussbaumer '74C** is still busy farming at Yorkton in summer and working for Parker & Quine, chartered accountants, in winter. Mostly helping other farmers claim refunds from Mike Wilson.

**Jim Armstrong '74C** is torn between being regional cowpoke at Tisdale and ringette major domo.

**Graham Dorn '63C** divides his time between peddling **Jim Halford '63C** Conservapak seeders and pulling one on the farm at Indian Head.

**Mike "Flipchart" Phylpchuk '74C** is busy "Farming to What" outa Regina; while **Jim Caughlin '74C** tries to spread the gospel around the N.E.

**Lorne Veitch '74C** has moved his lands branch activities from Castle Dreadful in Regina to Swift Current.

**Jim Laturnas '74C** still lives off the avails of Agriculture Canada, but hangs his hat in Pilot Butte.

**Lyle Stavness '74C** is busy trying to translate all that farm management section stuff into basic Norwegian so's his kin at Govan can understand.

Ag. reps. are no more. For some perverse reason they're now known as "extension agrolgists". Sask. Agriculture now has no one representing them in the field on an official basis. Try that on for size! The ivory tower has struck. Shades of Paul Hellyer of old.

Anyway we have it from the files of CSIS that there've been some changes in headquarters.

**Ed Tanner '72C** late of Tisdale will extend agrolgy at Indian Head, while **Morley Ayars '75C** from Melville will fill the pulpit at Tisdale.

**Bob Rugg '71C**, of the diocese of Leader, will proselytise from Saskatoon, while **Brian Sim '77C** is taking basic Ukrainian classes at Canora. He'll be known as the "egg rep" since there's no translation for extension agrolgist.

"Little Pete" **Polegi '83C** is leaving her Yorkton post as an ag. rep., while an Ontario grad, **Jim Donovan**, who was incumbent at Shaunavon, will be at Yorkton come July?

## A PARTING WORD FROM THE DEAN



**Dr. Don Rennie '49C**

In approximately six weeks, my retirement will become effective, and I am looking forward with enthusiasm and excitement to turning into the slower lane, and to see, touch, and enjoy the blessing of once again getting to know my family, which in addition to my wife June, includes six grandchildren and of course, their parents.

Retirement is a time for stocktaking. It is tempting to look backward over the past 37 years and reminisce the excitements of those years. But I am only going to briefly comment here on the past five.

My tenure as Dean can be likened to the icing on an already rich and delicious cake. In the electioneering which preceded my appointment, I clearly enunciated goals that I hoped to achieve. It is gratifying to know that those goals have to a large extent been achieved. Firstly, and foremost of course, last November construction started on the new Agricultural Sciences Building. At the present time, the east module of that structure towers above John Mitchell Building. It is amazing that construction on such a complicated structure can proceed so rapidly.

The last five years have seen sharp downsizing in the budgets of all Colleges. While we in Agriculture have not escaped the outflow of dollar resources, we have been able to retain all faculty. Unfortunately, our goals of increasing staff numbers in certain departments had had to be put on the shelf.

I am happy to report that we are very close to achieving full, or almost full, faculty benefits for the most permanent "soft dollar" research scientists on our staff. As you know, five years ago, all our research scientists were on annual appointments, and this placed them in an impossible situation. To retain out high quality staff, it was absolutely essential to convince the provincial government that the more permanent staff in the Crop Development Centre and Institute of Pedology in particular, had to be given appointments without term.

During the past five years, the academic rigor of the course work in both the diploma and degree programs has been increased. Regretfully, this may have resulted in a somewhat higher failure rate, but against this, we can say with pride that the graduates of this College are still the **BEST IN THE WEST**.

The relationship between the College and the

Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists has improved immeasurably. The controversy of a few years ago is gone -- forever!

And finally, I want to acknowledge with deep thanks and appreciation, the continued and unselfish support that S.A.G.A. members continue to give the College which is of incalculable value to us. This was evidenced in many ways during the past five years. Perhaps it was most visible in the generous giving by the alumni to the Partners in Growth campaign. The average contribution was more than twice that which we were told by consultants we could expect; but your assistance in many other ways is equally as important, and we treasure the strong input that you continue to give us in academic matters through the Advisory Council to the College of Agriculture.

My wife and I plan to remain in Saskatoon. In late June, I am scheduled to become Deputy Grand Master and a year later Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. Our plans beyond two years are fuzzy, except we do plan to take time to enjoy the finer things in Life. Good luck to you all.

**Dean D.A. Rennie '49C**



## LAUD AND HONOR

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**Grant Wood '79C** and **Sara Williams** from the Department of Horticulture Science at the University of Saskatchewan have been named co-recipients of the **1989 Distinguished Extension Award**. The award is given to recognize those members of the **Canadian Society of Extension**, who early in their careers, contribute outstanding work in the field of extension education. Wood and Williams receive their award for their commitment to the field of horticulture and its associated extension activities which are offered by the University of Saskatchewan's Division of Extension and Community Relations.

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## THE POOPED DECK



**Bill Hamilton '50C**, now retired as associated secretary of C.F.A., still keeps his hand in, and his finger on, the agricultural scene in Ottawa. He's executive director of the Western Grains Research Foundation, executive secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Farm Management Co-operative (the outfit who took over Canfarm) and a few other short contracts for national farm commodity organizations.

He sent us a whole passel of gen on ag. grads in the Ottawa area last fall. Space in the March issue so we've held it until now.

Some of the retired types are: **Les Hutcheson '27C**, who keeps on golfing. **Jake Wilner '37C** although retired from Ag. Canada, still does a bit as research associate part-time.

**Walt Anderson '42C** has recently retired from Ag. Canada policy branch after a career in agricultural economics research and teaching at A.E.R.C. and U.B.C. respectively.

**Hobart Peters '45C** has survived Agriculture Canada at Manyberries and Ottawa research stations to retire in Ottawa. He deserved better --but.

**George Price '46S** as we all know, is still "On-the-Hill" with CBC farm news from Doubting Castle in Ottawa.

**Frank Payne '47C** is retired and now manager of Can-Consulting Agrologists Association and breeding off-beat beef cattle at Perth, Ontario.

**Gordon Dobson '48C** is now retired director of the International Trade Policy Division, Ag. Can. Doris keeps on working so as to avoid household confrontations.

**Bill Porteous '49C** is still retired from Census Canada ag. stats division. Summers at the cottage.

**Wes McGugan '49C** hasn't had any urge to come out of retirement.

**Mike Fitzgerald '50C** is retired for the 7th or 8th time. Most recently from C.I.D.A. Tanzania wheat project.

**Stu Given '50C** retired from FCC headquarters before things went "flop-bot" and mostly travels to B.C. and back to visit kin.

**Terry Phalen '50C** quit the publications branch, Ag. Canada for poge. Does some writing on, and for, co-ops.

**Reg Gilsdorf '52C** has retired from D.R.I.E. -- just in time -- Mike Wilson has struck.

**Dick Lane '56C** was appraising the effect of free trade. Now he can study what really happened -- for the Department of Industry, Science and technology.

**Bea Murray '45C** campaigned for the Liberals last fall -- for, or agin Turner?

**Frank Zillinsky '49C** has retired from Ag. Canada, but is involved with C.I.D.A. projects.

**John McIntyre '50C** has retired from FCC to full-time curling and travel. **Don Rawlins '52C** arrived in Ottawa last fall from B.C. to pursue car deals -- somebody, some place, must have the money for new wheels.

**George Dion '39C**, dean emeritus of Macdonald College, U. of S., soils department, etc., etc., is still an advisor to CIDA which takes him around the globe.

**Bill Miner '52C** still keeps on truckin'. He's retired but is Senior Research Associate at the Institute for Research on Public Policy, dealing most with trade policy at home and abroad and farming in his spare (?) time at Carleton Place.

**Peter Balon '50C** is retired to full-time curling. **Em Blake '50C** spends his winters in Florida. **Russ Charanduk '50C** retired from DND and was last seen driving his ball into oncoming traffic two fairways over from where he should have been.

**Jim Johnston '48C** is retired from Plant Products. **L.A. Kelton '50C** was south for the winter.

**John Dexter '41S**, had a heart attack while travelling south in his motorhome and had to be flown home to Victoria from Valencia, California for bypass surgery. He's recovered well and ready for golf.

**Harold '43C** and **Mary Chapman** have moved into a new "life interest" condominium in McLure Place, Saskatoon -- a United Church project. They spend the winter motorhoming in California and Arizona. They were joined by brother **Charlie '46S** and **Yvonne** after brother-in-law **John Dexter** returned to Victoria.

**Herb '42S** and **Ritta Moulding** of Ducks Unlimited fame, spent the winter in Australia. They visited a wheat farm north of Lake Grace where they grow two years of grass and one of fall wheat underseeded to grass -- too hot for spring wheat. Merino sheep make use of the grass.

Rural water pipelines are as common as gas pipe lines are here.

**Don Lehman '47C** spends his winters helping seniors file income tax returns with Community Volunteer Program in Regina, instead of going south. Low income earners and the disabled are also eligible for assistance. There's no pay, but there's usually always coffee. What some guys won't do for coffee! And "pot" is illegal?

**Alex McKean '23C** is likely back at Sandy Beach on Lake Katepwa for the summer by now after another winter in Meca, Arizona.

**He and his wife (John Rogers '23C** sister) are migrant non-workers. On July 15 they'll have been married 66 years. Kind of a one-couple rebellion against the divorce rate.

**Albert Scrimshaw '39C** succumbed to constant lobbying from **Bob Cowan '39C** of Rosetown and bought an S.A.G.A. membership. He and **Elizabeth (Floyd)** live in Calgary. Albert retired from Gulf Canada in January 1, 1982. They have two sons, **Roger** and **Robert**. We don't know where they are, but expect that Albert and Liz do.

**Jake Fehr '49AS** had a ballooning aorta repaired this past winter, which cut his curling short, but he's about to resume golf -- par 3. All this after he'd pared down his volunteer involvements so he could spend more time at the rink and on the course. **Mrs. Ora Bailey** has agreed

to marry up with him, come August. They've bought a condo at 4601 Gordon Road. Jake is gonna move in on June 24. Hope he hasn't messed up the place too much by August.

He plans to attend the '49 Manitoba College reunion at Gull harbour, Hecla Island.

**Jim '45C** and **Jean B.H.Sc. Smith**, have moved into a new housing development at Moosomin --109-401 Broadway Ave., and are home to ag. grads passing that way. Jim was one of those first post war ag. reps. who "stayed not for brake, and stopped not for stone", and swam Moose Creek "where ford there was none."

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## PROFIT CANOLA -- A NEW BLACKLEG RESISTANT VARIETY - No More Lame Crops

A new blackleg resistant variety has been developed for Western Canada by the Agriculture Canada Research Station in Saskatoon. The new variety, **Profit** is an Argentine type (**Brassica napus**) canola with a superior combination of high seed yield, high oil content and resistance to blackleg. Blackleg is a severe disease in Saskatchewan and increasing in Alberta and Manitoba.

**Profit** was tested as strain DN188 in co-operative canola tests from 1985 to 1988. On average over these four years, **Profit** yielded 4% less seed than **Westar**. Most of the Co-op test sites had very little or no blackleg infestations and yield was not affected by the disease. However, under conditions of high disease pressure, **Profit** outyields susceptible varieties such as **Westar** by more than 50% and is therefore recommended for use in blackleg prone areas.

Mean seed oil content of **Profit** was 0.9% higher than **Westar**. **Profit** had the highest seed oil content of all varieties tested in all four years. It will provide high oil content to seed crushers and exporters and thus will enhance crush margins and improve competitiveness of Canadian canola in international markets. Meal protein content of **Profit** was similar to **Westar**.

**Profit** has excellent straw strength, is equal to **Regent** in days to maturity and seed chlorophyll content (green seed count) has been lower than **Westar**.

**Profit** seed is of canola quality. The erucic acid content of the oil is less than 0.5% of total fatty acids, and the glucosinolate content of the meal is lower than **Westar**. **Profit**, therefore, provides to the industry seed with all the oil and meal quality characteristics required by today's markets. **Profit** is widely adapted to all areas in western Canada that are suited for the production of Argentine type varieties.

Breeder seed of **Profit** has been distributed in 1989 to seed growers by the SeCan Association for production of Foundation seed. Certified seed of **Profit** will be available for wide-scale commercial production in 1990.

**Gerhard Rakow**,  
Oilseed Breeder,  
Agriculture Canada  
Research Station,  
Saskatoon

## BENCHED



A drumming out party was held at the University under the guise of the College of Agriculture's spring social in Marquis Hall. Three professors and a dean were stripped of all rank and banished to the legions of the unemployed.

We don't know if women were allowed to attend the ceremonial part of the festivities or not. The language can get a little rough at those things.

Many plaques and platitudes were presented and exchanged. The plaques were probably just xerox copies owing to budget restraints. We now know that a lot of money went to Belle Plain for the new fertilizer plant.

**Roly St. Arnaud BSA '48, M.Sc. Ph.D. FCSSS**, was born and raised at Big river on a homestead near a logging road. He graduated first from Agros bowling at Fingards Bowlodrome, and then with his BSA in 1948, majoring in soils. Since he had no inclination to go to work, he floated on a sea of test tubes and Erlinmeyer flasks for several years until he got his M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees, both in soil science of course, since he obviously had a one-track mind.

He joined the Department of Soil Science in 1955 as a janitor. His wife insisted that he get a job somewhere and since he was a specialist in dirt, she begged **Dean Graham** to find him a job. Dairy science and micro-biology obviously wasn't the place for him, since everything had to be clean or **Dr. Gibson** would have had a fit. Soil science it had to be -- among all those muddy types.

**Terry**, his wife, was ambitious for him and started reading books on what soil specialists do. After a bit of goading she got Roly interested in what went on in soils classes. He got his chance one day when **Don Rennie '49C** had to miss one of his classes because he was in the "fours" at Clavet bonspiel. Roly filled in the breach and got away with it. Don kept on curling and **Roly** kept on teaching and soon had it made. It was only a matter of time before he became an instructor, then assistant professor, associate and finally full professor.

**Roly** has had a distinguished career in research and teaching, most particularly in the origin of soils and their classification. He served as president of the Canadian Society of Soil Science and as an editor of the Canadian Journal of Soil Science. He was coordinator of the studies from 1978 to 1983, which documented the college's space requirements and led to the government's decision to fund the new college building. We can thank his conscientious and methodical approach to the problem.

He was chosen **honorary president** of A.S.A. for the past year.

**Eiler Humbert BSA '50, M.Sc. Ph.D.**, must surely have come from Balgonie -- not Regina, as the history of the S.A.G.A. records.

Anyway, after serving in the Canadian Forces in WWII, he graduated from the college in 1950

with a major in dairy science. He would sooner have had a career in curling, but decided on dairy science as a logical alternative. He joined the dairy and food science department in 1954, and rigged the selection committee's report so as to become department head from 1976 to 1981. Over the years he has served in numerous advisory capacities to the province's dairy industry. During his career on campus he has served as **president of S.A.G.A.**, and as **honorary president of the A.S.A.** In 1977 the students selected him as **Professor of the Year**.

He also served as president of the Saskatoon Kinsmen and the Saskatoon Hilltops -- the latter led to his being disowned by the Regina C of C.

Eiler has tried valiantly to win the S.A.G.A. bonspiel every year with limited success, so has decided to retire earlier than originally intended and go into training.

**J. Milton Bell, BSA (Alberta) '43, M.Sc., Ph.D., D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) O.C., F.R.C.S., F.A.I.C.** Milt joined the animal science department in 1948, for which we can all be truly thankful. He has become widely recognized as an animal nutritionist. He was department head for over 20 years -- 1954 to 1975, was associate dean (research) from 1975 to 1980, and Burford Hooke Professor of Agriculture Science from 1980 to 1984.

Milt is past chairman of the Sask. Science Council, and served on the University Board of Governors for seven years.

After **Keith Downey '50C** started an epidemic of rapeseed and canola production in Saskatchewan, we needed to find a use for the stuff, especially the meal. Milt's research genius in animal nutrition was recruited to the rescue and was instrumental in assuring a market.

In addition to his prowess as a researcher, Milt is a most energetic and determined individual. Over time, Milt's credibility as an animal nutritionist has become well established among contemporaries, livestock producers and extension workers alike, both at home and abroad. As is too often the case, the recognition of his abilities in some cases first came from far afield.

Needless to say, Milt has been showered with honors. In addition to those following his name, a few others include: the first **Agricultural Laureate in Canada** award, the **Rotary Golden Wheel Award** for excellence in science and technology, and the **James McAnsh** award, which was in recognition of his contribution in canola research.

**Dean Donald Andrews Rennie '49C, Ph.D., F.A.I.C., F.A.S.A., F.C.S.S.S., F.C.S.S.A.** Don was born in Alberta and raised at Gull Lake, Saskatchewan. He served in R.C.A.F. Coastal Command, and was discharged with his DVA education allowances intact, after he destroyed at least four aircraft -- three of our own and one of the Hun's. He graduated from the College in 1949 with Great Distinction with a major in Soils. He joined the soil science department at the College in 1952 after completing his Ph.D. at Wisconsin.

Don first made his mark in soils by pioneering the use of radioactive isotopes in soil fertility analysis. He has never avoided controversy in his work. When at Farm Week in 1973, he first decried the soil destroying effects of summerfallow, he drew storms of protest from contemporaries and from farmers. They thought he was nuts! He has since been conclusively vindicated by the acceptance of his thesis.

His late work, with which many are familiar, has involved retaining snow cover through trap strips on stubble fields, and has become a well accepted practice.

Don's accomplishments in research, extension

and teaching have drawn acclaim from many learned societies, as well as from industry and the farm community. He was inducted into the **Sask. Agricultural Hall of Fame** in 1983.

To all the retirees, we in S.A.G.A., say thank you, and wish you many happy and productive years.

You shall remain on ye olde ed's list of names eligible for dropping on opportune occasions.



**E.K. (Ted) Turner**

## HIMSELF, THE CHANCELLOR

**E.K. (Ted) Turner '48S**, has become the first U. of S. ag. grad to be elected as Chancellor of the University of Saskatchewan. He defeated Tom Gauley, a lawyer type from Saskatoon.

Ted assumes his new duties on July 1, taking over from **Sylvia Fedoruk** who didn't seek a second three-year term.

He's been a key figure on the farm scene for over 30 years, man and boy. In addition to an 18-year stint as president of Sask. Wheat Pool, which experienced its most rapid growth during that period, and underwent considerable diversification, Ted was associated with a concerted effort to establish national policies for the betterment of agriculture.

He has represented Canadian agriculture on missions to China, India, Australia and Europe, and is a member of the federal International Trade Advisory Committee.

Ted was appointed executive director of Prairie Pools Inc. (upon his retirement as president of Sask. Wheat Pool), which has recently been disbanded for reasons of financial restraint. You can see that Ted needed the new job bad.

Currently he is co-chairman of the Partners-in-Growth Campaign, organized to raise funds for the new College of Agriculture Building.

Ted grew up on the farm at Maymont and graduated from the School of Agriculture in 1948. On the occasion of the College of Agriculture's 75th anniversary, he was presented with the **Distinguished Graduate in Agriculture Award**.

At the 78th spring Convocation of the University, he was made an **Honorary Doctor of Laws**, along with a couple of other fellas we won't even mention.

Good Show! Ted. We of S.A.G.A., are like Pogo, "We is quietly proud!"





## LIL' BRITCHES

**Brittney Marie Yorga** was the last of the harvest at Flintoft -- she landed in the hopper on September 8, 1988. The biggest yielder too -- 9 lbs. 2 oz. **Wendie** and **Irvin '78C** had her listed in their permit book.

**Katlin Louis Raymond Boehmer** is a landed immigrant from Armstrong, B.C. He arrived there on September 20, 1988, and weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. He now gets his Unifeed rations at Innisfail. **Raylene (Cossette) '84C** and **Lyall** are his sponsors.

**Devin Reginald Closson** burst onto the scene at Stockholm on February 16 at 8 lbs. 8½ oz. He doesn't talk any English but mutters a bit in Swedish when his meals are late. **Carol (Banga) '84C** and **Reg** lay claim.

**Adam Selinger** became the first on February 1 at Lethbridge at 7 lbs. 3 oz. where Dad (**Brent**) is working on his Ph.D. Mom (**Lorna (Ingram) '84C**) is on maternity leave from Sask. Assessment.

**Corey Thomas Singbeil** took up residence at Mossbank on January 11 at 8 lbs. 9 oz. **Carl '78C** and **Kathy (Lowe) '81C** are providing drought benefits.

**Clare Lana Sherk** became a sister for **John 2** on February 24 at 7 lbs. 10 oz. in Calgary. **Bill '82C** and **Wendy** admit responsibility. Being second in line is okay -- having experienced parents can be a great help.

**Spencer Lars Nelson** became the first boy on April 5 at 9 lbs. 4 oz. Sisters **Hillary** and **Mallory** were bigger. He nearly missed supper at 18:58 p.m. Trossachs is growing -- thanks to **Larry '76S** and **Susan (McCosh) '77 B.Mus** (music ed).

**Christopher Steven Joseph Kuhar** came to Balcarres on March 1 at 7 lbs. 9 oz. No hand-me-downs for him. He's the first for **Patti** and **Joe '82S**. The living should be easy since Dad's the Royal Bank manager there as of November last.

**Adam Samuel Burt** arrived on April 5 at Misericordia Hospital, Edmonton at 7 lbs. 13 oz. **Jill (Amand) '83C** and **Phil '78C** will provide housing, meals and teddy bears.

**Lauren Beaulieu** arrived on December 16 at St. Paul, Alberta and Mom and Dad couldn't make it to her **Auntie Denise '79C** wedding.

**Grandpa Vic '49C** and grandma **Margot '49 B.Ed** made it though. Dad (**Mark '79C**) is teaching at Blue Quill College in St. Paul and Mom (**Coralee (Beeson) '80C**) is in charge of feeding and maintenance.

**Vic** and **Margot** were also grandparents on January 18 at Hudson Bay on January 18 -- twins **Daniel** and **Heather**. Folks are **Rhys** and **Pat Beaulieu**.



## LOST LAMBS

We don't have new addresses for the following grads:

**Anderson**, Mr Robert Grant '73C  
**Baldwin**, Mr. Walter Raymond '51C  
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**Horvey**, Mr. Oliver Bernard '41S  
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## THE PRESIDENTS PEN



Up until the middle of May, it appeared as if we would be faced with another devastating drought as dry conditions prevailed across the province, giving us one of the driest April's on record. Then the centre of the province, received up to, and in some spots, over one inch of rain. It was like manna from heaven and at no time in living memory do I recall when a moderate amount of

precipitation meant so much to so many. By the time you read this newsletter, I hope the whole province has received a fair share of this most valuable resource.

My wife and I had the honour of attending the 73rd School of Agriculture graduation ceremonies, banquet and dance on April 21, 1989. It made me proud to be associated with these fine 52 young men and women grads. This was an impressive graduating class, as shown by the intelligent remarks and thought provoking comments rendered by the award winning participants and others.

These 3-year graduates depart with training, skills and technology which will be used to launch a new generation of farming for the future.

We know these graduates will have the management abilities to make them successful, whether they are employed in agri-business or operating their own farm. At any rate we wish them well in their chosen endeavors.

In conclusion, with all the negative reports on agriculture over the last two years, I would like to offer a little optimism. The low cycle in agriculture has bottomed out and we are on the rise. Markets are there for the products we produce. Rain, with any kind of luck at all will be sufficient to produce a good crop. Our farmers are amongst the most efficient producers in the world and their hope is eternal. I would ask that every Ag Grad do whatever is in his or her power to ensure that agriculture survives to provide a profitable future for the next generation.

Yours fraternally

**George W. Wilson '63C**  
 President, S.A.G.A.



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**A.S.A.**

**Shawn McGrath**

**Lecture Series;** 316 Hugo Ave., Saskatoon, S7N 1S8

**Banquet & Dance;** Box 460, Asquith, S0K 0J0

**Mixer;** 341 Johnston Crescent, Saskatoon, S7L 5P8

#### Curling

**Banquet & Dance;** School of Agriculture, Kirk Hall, U. of S., Saskatoon, S7N 0W0

**Curling;** 202 Gustin Place, Saskatoon, S7K 6G6

**Mixer;** Dept. of Animal Science, U. of S., Saskatoon, S7N 0W0

**Lecture Series;** #303A - 1505 McKercher Drive, Saskatoon, S7H 5J9

**Hockey;** 230 Gustin Place, Saskatoon, S7K 6G6

Box 156, Archerwell, S0E 0B0

Box 25, Mervin, S0M 1Y0

Box 399 Balgonie, S0G 0E0

Box 1150, Rosetown, S0L 2V0

Lounge 107 Crop Science, University of Saskatchewan, S7N 0W0

Sask. Vocational Ag. Student's Association (S.V.A.A.), Room 142, Kirk

Hall, University of Saskatchewan, S7N 0W0

## '89 GRADS DUG DEEP



This year's agriculture graduates have committed \$63,430 to the College of Agriculture's building campaign. The Partners-in-Growth campaign is aimed at raising \$12 million in private contributions toward a new \$92 million Agriculture Building. To date, more than \$11 million has been subscribed.

The 1989 graduating classes of the College of Agriculture announced their pledges at a meeting in the Faculty Club in March. The total breaks down into \$42,780 from 76.42 per cent of the College graduates and \$20,650 from 96.15 per cent of the School graduates. The average gift was \$455 from the College and \$413 from the School.

**Greg Melvin**, advancement officer, says the contributions are an excellent demonstration of support.

"Graduating agriculture students continue to show a commitment to the future. These students will not benefit directly from the new building, and yet are willing to play a significant part in funding it," he said.

The class of '89 fund drive was conducted by student committees.

There are few more worthy causes than agricultural research and education for our industry and our youth. Think about it.

For further information write of phone:

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**College of Agriculture**  
**226 Kirk Hall,**  
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**Saskatoon S7N 0W0**  
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If this sounds like a pitch for our alma mater, it is, but we're not pointing any fingers.

Yours fraternally,

**Lin Boyes '84C**  
 Ye Olde ed.

## FRUM THE EDYTUR'S TREE



Dear Folks,

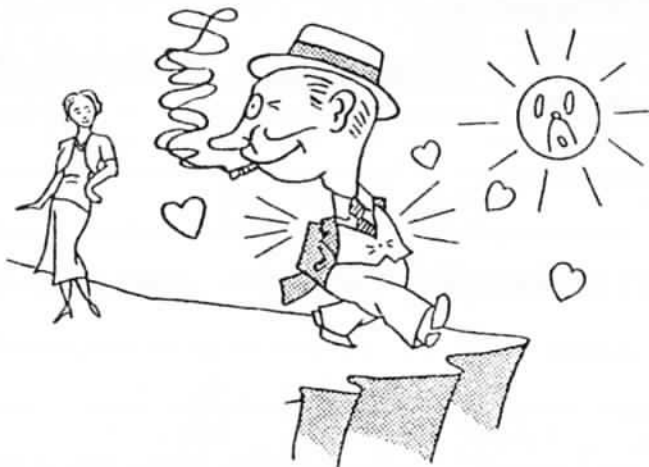
The fund drive for the new College of Agriculture building has been generously supported by those ag. grads who've contributed. According to professional fund raisers, the average contribution is about double that which could normally be expected. This is particularly gratifying in the light of a troubled farm economy beset by low farm prices and a most soul destroying drought.

Many ag. grads no doubt feel that they'd like to contribute but that they're just not in the position to do so to the extent they would like, and have therefore declined.

Donations -- which are tax deductible, if that's any incentive -- can be pledged over a five-year period, which if circumstances so dictate, can be deferred until if, and when, they are more favorable. Pledges aren't a life and death commitment, chargeable against our estates. Nor are the amounts pledged open to public or private scrutiny.

A pledge of \$50 or \$100 per year say, for five years mounts up, but eases the pain of giving. "Mony mickles mak a muckle". To each according to his/her ability is the real determinant of generosity.

## OFF THE DEEP END



**Tom Schülen '84C** succumbed to the charms of **Robbie Trautwein, B.Ed** (Lethbridge), Burstall once removed, on April 15 at Medicine Hat. We gather that Tom was actually looking for a place to do a Ph.D.

**Denise Beaulieu '79C** also got side-tracked a bit on the way to a Ph.D. (in animal science) at Ohio State. Met up with a budding lawyer **Mark Ballenger**, and got a judgement on him on December 17 in Columbus, Ohio. **Vic '49C, Margot '49 B.Ed, Karl '85C, Carol, Paul '83C** and **Wanda**, all went down and helped corner him for her. They'll be living in Wooster (?) Worcester (?), Ohio. Denise is on campus there.

By the time "The Saga" hits the type, **Craig Martin '84C** will be anonymous. He's marrying **Tracy Weisner** at Unity on May 20.

Kelly Bennett '82C fell prey to the charms of **Marilyn Pachal, B.Ed.** of Yorkton -- she of a soft drink bottler, hockey and golfing family, and he, a Treflan sleuth, T.V. real estate ads performer and Yorkton Barley Burners Hockey.

It occurred suddenly at St. Andrews United Church in Yorkton on March 18, followed by vituals and libations at the Holiday Inn in Yorkton, concurrent with Easter break.

All the Bennets from Richardson rejoiced including Mom and Dad (**Bill '53S**), brothers and others.

**Dave Struthers '42C** also bit the dust at Yorkton under the hand of **Sally Brkich, B.Ed.**, also of the duchy of Yorkton. She of the teaching sorority and he a regional soil conservation specialist.

It all happened on February 11 at the St. Andrews United Church -- a fatal spot. Celebrations, gift gathering and a festive board were laid on at the Yorkton Agriplex Auditorium. Nothing was conserved to speak of.

Other weddings are pending, rumored or threatened. Can't count them until they happen. We only publish genuine rumors.

## THE POOPED DECK

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**Chet '49C** and **Millie Piercy**, he having been the longest reigning land rep. until he threw down his spade and acid bottle some four years and a bit ago, are forsaking the balmy climate of Saskatoon to move to a retirement village in Kelowna and suffer the wintery blasts of the Okanagan.

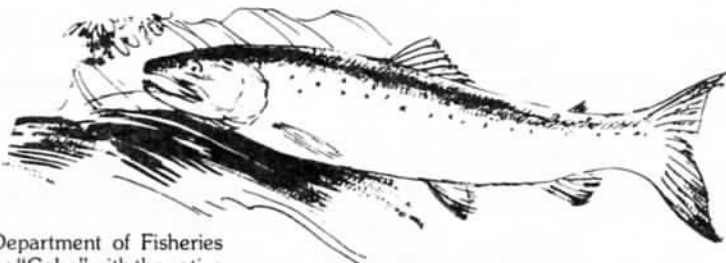
A make-haste-and-begone party was held on May 26 at the **Clausen** spread on Highway 5 East with **Joe '48C** and **Roberta B.Ed.** acting as hosts. Several gallons of Joe's chokecherry cordial were consumed by such co-conspirators as **Ash '48C** and **Joanne '49 B.Ed. Smith, Gordon '48C** and **Marion Wilson, Ossie '49C** and **Rita Lakness**. Also **Murray '49C, Dick Strayer B.E. and (A.S), Mason Simmonds '46S**, who were reputed to be accompanied by their own espoused wives, and numerous other much relieved guests. **Art '48C** and **Phyl '48 Lab Tech., Strautman**, Edmonton arrived late, for which all the other guests were most thankful.

On the following day at least eight of the above dodged the cow patties on Wildwood Golf Course for nineteen holes of what passed for golf, but was more reminiscent of a bunch of farmers picking rocks with a barley fork, -- a form of recreation in their youth. **Ossie** cranked his drive across three fairways and put the lives of a foursome of their own wives in considerable peril. **Rita** has grounded him until spraying time.

The group split into male and female foursomes to save embarrassment just in case someone stepped on a duck! A few ducks were injured by the men. Women are usually more kind.



## COHO SALMON EXPERIMENTS IN OTTER LAKE SASKATCHEWAN



The "Coho" not being a native of the Otter Lake, Sask. waters, has experienced difficulty in surviving. The female, when going up the Otter Lake feeder streams, has been losing her roe on the rocky bottoms, and when she got far enough upstream in the small pools and inlets, had great difficulty getting back into the mainstream over the sand bars, etc. In fact, as high as 90% were dying in the upper reaches of the Otter Lake tributaries which created pollution and odor problems.

The Saskatchewan Department of Fisheries decided to crossbreed the "Coho" with the native "Walleye" (for two reasons (1) The "Walleye" had the strength and knowledge to get through the Otter Lake tributaries, and, (2) was not prone to lose the roe while going upstream). This new species was named "CoWall". However, in crossbreeding, the fight that the "coho" was noted for had been lost to the more sluggish tendencies of the "walleye".

To combat this sluggishness, the experiment

went further. The "Cowall" has been bred with the greatest freshwater fighting fish in North America, the "Muskie". This creates a hybrid, double crossbred and introduces a new top North American game fish. The hybrid has been named "CoWallSki", and great results are expected if we can teach the dumb son of a bitch to swim.

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**WE NEED NOOS**

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**FOR THE FALL ISSUE**

**we need it by  
AUGUST 15**

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

GRAD YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL ( ) COLLEGE ( )

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER (Self or Other) \_\_\_\_\_

MY OWN DOINGS \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ADD MORE PAPER!!! We need all the news - good, bad or ugly!**