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CROP ROTATIONS SUSTAIN YIELDS AND SOIL QUALITY

Crop rotation is an effective means of managing crop pests, stabilizing income and maintaining soil productivity. The rotation of crops should be based on a number of sound agronomic principles which continue to be evaluated at the Agriculture Canada, Scott Experimental Farm. In general, rotations are planned to provide adequate time intervals between susceptible crops to decrease or interrupt cycles of disease and insect pests. Rotations also allow use of different weed control practices, both cultural and chemical. Inclusion of nitrogen fixing legumes in rotations can reduce dependence on fertilizers. Crop rotations can also be planned to make optimum use of available moisture.

Spring wheats are the principle crop grown in rotations on the prairies. They are well adapted to environmental conditions of the area. Generally, disease resistance is quite good and strategies or insecticides are available to limit losses due to insects. A broad range of herbicides is available for use on spring wheats particularly for control of broadleaf weeds. Production of crop residue by wheat is quite high, relative to other crops. These

residues are effective for erosion control making it a suitable crop to precede summerfallow.

While other crops have increased in popularity it is unlikely that any will displace wheat as the mainstay of prairie rotations. Barley is similar to wheat in most respects except that leaf disease can be a problem under high moisture conditions. This can restrict how frequently the crop may be grown on the same land. Control of volunteer barley in a succeeding crop can often be quite difficult and costly.

Canola, flax and mustard are broadleaf crops that can be grown in rotations with cereals. Weed control options for these crops are more limited than for cereals, but can be used to complement those available for the cereals. Several weed species that are not readily controlled in the cereals can be controlled very effectively in broadleaf crops and vice versa. Crop rotation is a very important factor in limiting yield losses due to diseases like blackleg, sclerotinia and root rot. Canola should not be grown on the same land more than once in four years.

Recently the pulse crops, lentil and field pea have been more widely grown. Pulses do not compete well with weeds and relatively few herbicides are recommended for use on lentils and peas. Emphasis on achieving a high level of weed control in other years of the rotation is essential. Cereal crop yields following pulses are frequently higher than following cereals or oilseeds. The reason for the increase is not well understood but may be partially due to nitrogen fixation by the pulse crop. Crop rotation is an essential component of disease control strategies for the pulses.

Summerfallow continues to be a major component of crop rotations particularly in drier regions. This practice has proven quite effective for weed control while increasing levels of available nitrogen and soil moisture. However, these improvements come at the expense of soil quality. Summerfallow frequently leaves the soil prone to wind and water erosion. No new organic matter is returned to the soil during this period while decomposition of soil organic matter is accelerated.

Overall, developing a crop rotation system that is well adapted to the conditions of a particular farm is essential for reducing crop losses due to pests; making optimum use of inputs; maintaining or improving soil quality and providing adequate returns. Crop rotation studies at the Agriculture Canada, Experimental Farm at Scott are directed towards evaluating the effects of rotation on a wide range of agronomic variables such as yields, moisture use, weeds and diseases as well as economic performance and long term effects on soil quality.

Stewart Brandt '70C Agronomist
Scott Experimental Farm

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



As I write this letter, producers are commencing harvest operations on their 1989 crop. It is not going to be a bountiful harvest, where hot dry conditions during the last month have taken it's toll. However, we are hoping for an average crop and compared to last year, we can be thankful for whatever we are about to receive.

The new Agricultural building is taking shape and in driving by, one can not help but be excited over the enormous size of the complex. The "Partners for Growth" committee is still very active in their efforts to raise the remaining \$1 million as the University's share of funds required for the successful completion of the facility. With the enthusiasm prevalent amongst committee members, I am positive this goal can be reached. However, it will be a challenge as most of the funds will have to come from private donors. This is where I would like to make a plea to all Ag Grads. If you have not already made a commitment to the building fund, we urge you to do so at this time. A donation of any size will be

greatly appreciated. If you know of anyone who would be willing to make a donation, please contact the "Partners for Growth" office or myself, and we would be most happy to have someone call on them. The Agriculture facility will be a WORLD CLASS complex, one that will benefit agriculture for generations to come.

For Ag Grads, and others who are farmers, we wish you a successful harvest and trust the quality and quantity meet with your expectations.

Yours Fraternally,

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

THE PROLETARIAT



Lee Moats '81C has opted for a position (job?) as provincial agronomist for Ducks Unlimited in Regina. Got tired of being the "other" ag. rep. at Moose Jaw. "If they're gonna lower the bag limit you gotta know where the ducks are."

Lorne Hehn '58C le presidente of UGG has been appointed director of the Royal Bank. There'll probably be a new swather on the farm at Markinch -- bought with a prime loan rate.

Adrian Johnston '81C is sporting a new M.Sc. in crop science as of May convocation, and will start on his Ph.D. this fall. He'll be a highly inbred Ph.D. -- all of his degrees at the U. of S. His research committee -- **Brian Fowler '64C**, **Les Henry '64C**, **Kerry Foster '70C** and **Bryan Harvey '60C**, weren't about to turn him loose on another college until he was thoroughly indoctrinated as a Sask. ag. grad.

Adrian visited with classmates **Lee Moats '81C**, now a duck blind specialist with D.U., as noted, and with **Brad Hansen '81C**, who is still incumbent as extension agronomist (ag. rep.) at Estevan, while doing some speechifying to crop clubs this spring.

Gordon Brown '81C continues to coach **Charlie Mayer '64C** on how to carry on as Minister of State for Grains and Oilseeds. He eats oat bran every morning.

Gerry Girodat '64C lost out on his crop insurance this year. Had to buy a bigger combine to take off the crop. He was resting up at Cypress Hills Park for a few days at the end of July before getting at it, when **Allan McDougald '65C** ran into him.

Bob Haller '82S is toiling as an inspector with Ag. Canada in Saskatoon. He farms part-time at Tisdale with his dad and an uncle. Seems he got married a year ago, but he still won't tell us her name.

Audrey (Anderson) Jones '84C, ag. rep., cum teacher, cum farm wife, has ended teaching at Beechy and taken up a similar cause at Medstead. **Randy '83S** is glad to have a live-in wife and a hedge against the effects of free trade on the farming business.

Joan (Whitehead) Swenson '79C, who got her B.S.W. degree in 1964 and M.S.W. in 1965, is working as a probation officer in Brandon.

Ralph Rygh '85C has left the U. of S. chemistry department to become a water quality sleuth for the Saskatoon water and sewage works -- before and after.

Dale Tomaszewicz '79C has left his post as director of the Sask. soil testing lab. to do postgrad work at the U. of M. for his Ph.D. in soils. His replacement is a Ph.D. grad of the College; **R.E. Karamanos**.

Arle Nelson '81S is a devotee of auction sales almost anywhere in the southwest between summerfallow and harvest and after. He farms near Hodgeville in between.

Bert Forbes '82S works for Alberta Agriculture and farms on the side at Senlac.

Robin McNaught '83S is living in Estevan and working for Esso Resources. He claims to have gotten married last year. He helps out on the farm at Climax in the busy seasons -- during insurance assessments and even the odd harvest.

Alex Chavter S(?) is on the family farm at Divide.

The Balfours -- Alan '79C and Bart S (?), farm south of Climax and run a seed business.

Leroy Kluzak S (?) farms with his son north of Canuck.

Dennis Keith '78S and **Bonnie** farm west of Frontier.

Garnet Gilbertson '55S is farming at Frontier with his two sons, or are they farming him?

Mathew Toeckes '81S is still enjoying the single life on the family farm at Climax -- all home cooked meals -- even comes home for breakfast some days.

Barb '77C and **Ralph '70S Larson** have flown the Kamsack country and are living out in Surrey, B.C. Barb is peddling it for Green Valley Fertilizer and buying real estate -- their own house perhaps? -- while Ralph is sawing boards for a living.

Blair McClinton '85C is plant disease research technician for the summer for Alberta Agriculture at Fairview, while **Mark Reed '85C** is Canola Council rep. at Grand Prairie.

Shelia Luther '87C is plugging away on her M.Sc. program at the U. of A. That trip to China for the University of Toronto got put on the back burner and she transferred to the soil science department at Edmonton. She'd only have had to rush home anyway. Oh well, Shelia, you'll go there first class sometime in the future. Shelia was the top college student of the year in '88.

Alan Klemmer '71C DVM '75, has moved to Saskatoon with Agriculture Canada and inspects shoats and dogies at Intercon. **Sandra DVM '80** and the wee family also decided to leave Kindersley behind. The grass is greener in Saskatoon and an easier place to raise young vets.

Derek '67C and **Phyllis Dewar** have finished their new house on the farm at Hazlet. They started right after the reunion and didn't stop for breath. Now they can host passing grads in style -- no more sleeping in the hayloft..

Kurt Sawatzky '66C works for Perry Appraisals in Saskatoon and has gotten his AACI -- new and shiny.

Murray Wood '81S went deer hunting in June -- it only cost \$2,000 to put the Oldsmobile back together. Going without a deer license can be costly.

Ross Johnston '79S has got it made. **Bev** is a C.A. and works for Peat Marwick. She started out doing their income tax but ran out of work when yields and prices dropped. The extra bucks keep the ranch out of the bank's clutches and the kids in birthday presents.

Pete Herd '85S works for the works and bricks department at the U. of S., and dons a uniform as a parking meter sleuth upon occasion. This is all new to him -- they didn't have parking violations at Dinsmore. He learned it all at the School.

Glen McGlaughlin '65C has been appointed executive director, policy and member services for Sask. Wheat Pool. **Allan McLeod '49C** wore out the corporate secretary badge before he retired, so they decided on a new name and a little

bigger gun.

Vonda (Easton) Dunn '85C has been working on sales and distribution for B.C. Artificial Insemination Centre at Surrey for the past year at the B.C.A.I. centre for beef and dairy in Langley. Now she lets someone else put the arm on (in) the bossies. She and **Pete** are now parents -- naturally.

Lloyd Striefel '83C got to Swift Current just in time -- they've got a crop and J.D. combines may just sell. Good way for the new territory manager to start out.

Wes Horvey '74C is peddling Co-op feeds at Edmonton. He found dad **Oliver '41S** living at Swift Current -- **Ralph Bellamy '66S** had lost him according to the last issue of "The Saga."

Sheldon Maerz '86C resigned from Monsanto in May to go tree planting at Prince George for Worchako Reforestation Services for the summer until officers' training for the armed forces starts sometime later this year. He hopes to return to Saskatchewan later in the summer to help reduce the fish population near P.A. When it comes to seeing the world, Monsanto just isn't in it compared to soldiering, sailing or flying. He gets his mail at Holdfast until further notice.

Jeff Akins '86C has been plugging away at summer school between baseball games with a gaggle of other grads.

Elwin Smith '76C has moved to Edmonton with Alberta Agriculture as a system economist and **Anne** is working in the plant science department at the U. of A. -- more togetherness than with one in Brandon and one in Edmonton. Amazing what some people will do to try and avoid Wilson's G & S tax. Don't know if Alberta is worth it.

Larry Heavin '68C is farming the bejabbers outa Melfort SiC Loam between droughts, along with dad **Grover** and brothers **Harvey '64C** and **Milton '69S**. They're into the seed business and all have select status. After the hunting season is over they pass the winter at their seed cleaning plant. Four successive years of drought has proven conclusively that if it don't rain ya ain't gonna produce nothin' on even the best soil.

After chasing back and forth to town about eight nights a week with kids stuff, Larry gets in the odd curling game and attends the odd Co-op or Sask. Wheat Pool Committee meetings. His wife **Sharon** is heavy into Boy Scouts and attended the Canadian Boy Scout Jamboree in P.E.I. this summer along with their two oldest sons.

Stu Adam '68C extension agronomist (Ag. rep.) at Melfort also used a few EDO's leading a scout troop to P.E.I.

Larry is a proud member of S.A.G.A. by his own confession.

Floyd Jorgenson '82S and his wife **Patsy** spent the winter of '88 in Australia. They toured for three months and worked on a farm owned by a former Swift Current type for a couple of weeks. They enjoyed the experience but found it pricey. They're back on the farm at Mervin counting their loonies.

Howard Mattila '61C is busier than a cat on a tin roof at North Battleford with his Mattila Agencies, according to **Lloyd Proctor '41S**. Gad Lloyd, you don't have to believe all that sales pitch! Lloyd had to wait a week to bid on a section of land that hasn't grown a crop in four years.

Brain McNinch '88S kicked over the traces last November, spent six weeks in Australia and is back at mom and dad's farm at Mervin. Farm help must be hard to find. Gad, but these Mervin types do get around.

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The Proletariat

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Brian Gross '81C lost touch with the Saskatchewan grads after he moved to Alberta right after graduation. Anyway he's up in Fort Saskatchewan. He gives his address as 8130-92A Avenue, so we guess he's not in any real trouble -- unless he's out on parole.

Rod Delahey '80C is holed up in Calgary as of March, as an account assistant-publicity with The Parker Group Communications, who are involved with agricultural advertising and publicity. The principles are all Manitoba grads.

Rod has run into **Brent Difley '80C** and **Bruce Barker '78C**. Brent has a new position with Provel -- Eli Lilly division -- as a sales associate responsible for drug sales to veterinarians in Western Canada. He was formerly with Elanco Animal Health -- another Eli Lilly venture.

Bruce is working with Baker Lovick, an advertising outfit in Calgary.

Rod and **Brent** are planning a 10th year reunion trip to Mexico for the '80C grads. See a block advertisement re this escapade elsewhere in this issue.

Grant McCallum '89S is working as a research technician for the East Central Conservation Project, under **Dave Struthers '85C** as project co-ordinator, for the summer, and has his eye peeled for more permanent employment. He also helps out his dad **Jim** with the family A.I. business, which can be quite a handful (armful?) since it covers the eastern half of Sask.

Brother **Stacy '81S** is still mulling for potash at Esterhazy -- making fertilizer for I.M.C.

Bryan "Crash" Stadnyk '89S is slowly becoming a model farmer at Melville, although torn between Dad's advice and what he learned at the School.

Sam Ivanochko '61S is still plugging away on his mixed farm at Bredenbury -- come drought, hail, low prices and political nonsense.

To ye olde editor of "The Saga" goes the leather medal. In the last issue **Dave Struthers** was depicted as a '42 grad. The lad weren't even born yet in 1942. To whom it may concern, he graduated in the 1985 college class.

Faye (Weiterman) Osiowy '79C is the office manager of two businesses in Saskatoon: (1) Family; (2) **Dave** - chiropractor **BSPE '79** and **D.C. (U. of T.)**. Dave is in his sixth year of bone bending in Saskatoon and then there's **Chase 6, Wendy 4** and **Curtis 2**. Faye also manages a chiropractic supply business for Dave and their associates, and runs his office. The bumper sticker allegation "If a woman's place is in the home, why am I always in the car," fits the situation.

Faye inquires of **Phyllis (Kindratoff) Olynyk '79C**. She lives at R.R. #2, Canora, S0A 0L0, and manages **Ivan '73S** who grows alfalfa for seed, raises leaf cutters and is on Farm Debt Review Board work. Phyllis has been working on contract for SIAP, Sask. Agriculture farm management courses, etc., besides riding herd on **Stephen 3** (?), who doesn't need steroids.

Ray '85C and **Pam (Walker) Elliott '85C** and wee **Ian** have moved for the second time in six months. This time closer to home. They're at Humboldt where Ray is managing a new canola gathering station owned by Canada Packers. All the canola is to be shipped to Alberta Food Products crushing plant at Fort Saskatchewan.

Pam is still a full-time mom for Ian. Both are happy to be back in Sask. -- **Grant '67C** would

be pleased. They're both busy landscaping their new lot and catching up on old friends.

Grant '79C and **Gaylene Pedersen** have moved from Swift Current to Kindersley with FCC. Grant also has an interest in the farm at Outlook. The FCC pay check helps pay for some of the irrigation water.

Pat Toner '87C has also moved to Kindersley. He and **Barb** are living on her parents farm. **Pat** is involved in the Aberdeen Angus business along with Dad at Kindersley. They have two boys and are expecting a daughter soon.

Brian Healey '88S is the newest FCC credit advisor and the most eligible bachelor in Kindersley and the most dangerous -- with a new Toyota 4x4, what girl could want anything more?

John Spencer '73C, Clavet, is working for the Farm Land Security Board. That oughta help boil the pot a little more merrily. He now has a S.A.G.A. membership and a hat to show for it. No, the hat is \$5 extra.

Pat Flaten '82S, '86C is conservation soil for PFRA at Swift Current, and is heavy into round dancing and golf. We hope she's replacing those divots -- they can create erosion, you know. There's been so many moves on the Extension Service roll in the last year, it looks like a client list for North America Van lines.

Garry Noble '85C is now at Assiniboia, **Glenn Barclay '77C** at Biggar, **Brian Sim '77C** at Canora, **Don Perrault '72C** at Hudson Bay, **Ed Tanner '72C** at Indian Head, **Howie Bjorge '72C** at Lloydminster, **John Ippolito '72C** at Rosetown, **Leroy Bader '71C** at Rosthern, **Bob Rugg '71C** at Saskatoon, **Karl Beaulieu '85C** at Strasbourg, **Morley Ayars '75C** at Tisdale and **Jim Donovan B.Sc. (Ont.)** at Yorkton.

Eric Johnston '82C is soils and crops agrologist at North Battleford -- from Unity, **Cyril Laforge '72C** is farm management agrologist at Prince Albert -- from SIAP, **Phil England '66C** is regional co-ordinator at Prince Albert; **Bill Henley, BE**, is regional co-ordinator at Saskatoon; **Larry White '64C** is regional manager at Prince Albert (same address) as is **Paul Shukin '63C** at Saskatoon (same address) and **Rick Bjorge B.SA (Alta)** at Moose Jaw. **Garry Krause '74C** who was farm management agrologist at Weyburn is regional co-ordinator for the SW & SE regions.

The extension service also has a new assistant director -- **Bob Carles '79C**, a farmer from Radville.

The whole extension service has moved out of Sask. Agriculture to Sask. Rural Development. Everyone is now termed an agrologist, no more ag. rep. or specialist designations.

Brian Sim '77C has been commissioned to de-Ukrainianize and **de-Mysak (Orest '48C, M.Sc.** almost) Canora. **Walter Mysak '39C** has circulated a petition to change Brian's name to **Assimilate ski**.

Barry Petersen, livestock agrologist at Speedy Creek has opted for an ACS credit advisor job at the same address.

Irene (Keay) Ahner '65C, attended a CBC Agriculture and Food Advisory Committee meeting in Vancouver in July. How is **Derald '65C** gonna keep her down on the farm now that she's seen VanDerFlim Flam. **Derald** turns his hand to instructing at beef courses between bale busting times.

Don Connick '65C Gull Lake, teamed up with **Marilyn Zackodnik, BH.Sc.** to baffle "Farming to Win" participants at courses in the Great South West last winter.

Daryl Tumback '72C just can't keep up to the rainfall at Maple Creek -- anywhere from 2" to 12", depending on which coulee you live in.

Ken Pedersen '70C is back ext. agging at Regina after a spell as acting regional guru for the extension service. He was afraid of being privatized while he was away from home.

Gay Holeha '70C has been indoctrinating his kids in the fine art of fitting and showing 4-H beef calves. One of his tads won the reserve championship at the District #10 4-H show and sale.

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POGEY PASTURE

Jean and Eiler Humbert '50C have "broken the sullen bonds of earth" to fly to Europe for a holiday during August -- England, France, Germany and Switzerland.

Pete Petersen '52C, ag. rep. emeritus at Yorkton, and two of his sisters, have returned from a search for their roots in Denmark and Germany, which was a most enjoyable and enlightening experience.

Pete's older sister and he were both born in Germany and forced to leave for Canada at eight years and eight months respectively. Pete was suitably impressed with a cousin's pig farm in Denmark -- 500 sows with about 9,000 market hogs plus sales of breeding stock, plus a co-op packing plant with all the latest in equipment and procedures.

A cousin's glass factory in West Germany and schnapps after meals also impressed the pants off him. Both the Danish and German cousins figure that Adolf's defeat was the best thing that could have happened.

Archie Campbell '35C always keeps up to date on his classmates. He's still growing a little sweet corn on a you-pick basis. He's unfortunately developed an eye condition called "macular degeneration", and can no longer drive his car or read fine print. He has no frontal vision -- only peripheral. Luckily, he can still operate his riding mower and cultivator.

The oldest grandchild, **Karin Campbell**, is now an M.D. with honors at age 22. She'll now specialize in pediatrics. She comes by it honestly from both sides of the family -- Swanson and Campbell, both Saskatoon M.D.'s of note from yesteryear.

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**Pogey
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Bob Anderson '35C, who celebrated his 80th birthday on July 2, still farms a half section at Melfort, plus tending a large garden, an orchard and flowers. Bob was agronomist and later horticulturist at Melfort research station. That, plus committees, keeps him out of bars and pool halls.

Howard '35C and **Audrey MacDonald** sold their home at Sorrento and now live near Vancouver. They visited Saskatoon in July in their Toyota vacation van. **Howard** was formerly head of entomology at Saskatoon research station.

Fred Quinke '35C, retired beekeeper at Star City, still has a hive or two and a yard full of lilies. He visited with **Fred Winisky '35C** at Saskatoon last summer -- bachelor farmer and philanthropist to college students -- retired of course -- from the farm at least.

Clarence Elliott '35C is still consulting for Great West Life Assurance, is a director for five companies and curls. A daughter and family live in Winnipeg.

Archie doesn't like our forays into fractured English. Sorry Arch.

Wes Greenshields '49C, scion of pedigreed rapeseed and the seed cleaning business at Semans, and **Verna** had a visit with **Roger '49C** and **Mavis Gray** at the Qu'Appelle Valley artists art show and sale at Lebrét in July. The Grays, not the Greenshields, had a nice display of their art. Noting artsy about seed bags except maybe the labels and some of the cheques.

Bob May's '49C kids sure take after their mom. Daughter **Bonnie** graduated from Sheldon Williams Collegiate with a 95% average. She's also active in soccer, track and field, softball and outdoor club, has been in drama and was on the year book committee. Her mother was a fullback in the kitchen and Bob was a quarterback in the Animal Industry Branch.

Richard Hopkins '40S is still farming at Dinsmore even though his family thinks he's old enough to retire. **Lorna** wants them to move to Vancouver Island, but then she's from the Lakehead and doesn't know any better. The kids don't say much as long as he doesn't threaten to move in on them.

His kids are all U. of S. grads. His oldest daughter is a computer science grad '80, and works as an analyst with HSSG in Saskatoon. His second daughter is a BSN '89 Grad and works at St. Paul's Hospital, while son **Patrick '85C** finished his M.Sc. program in '89, works as a research assistant at the U. of S. and shows up at the farm when his fridge goes empty.

Dennis Atkinson '62S farms in the Dinsmore district and helps other farmers wait for rain while a classmate **Bob Drysdale '42S** is holed up somewhere in the interlake district in Manitoba.

Oliver Horvey '41S is semi-retired from the farm at Cabri and spends some time in Arizona each winter.

Lloyd Horvey '41S is also semi-retired and living in Cabri. He's a go-fer for son **Laverne** on the farm.

Lloyd Proctor '41S and his life's companion visited B.C. in July and had a Visit with **Bill Bradley '41S**, who fled the farm at Smiley and is retired at Anglemont, B.C. overlooking Shuswap Lake and teaches the locals the Sask. version of bridge.

Roy Ardell '45S has retired from Cominco as sales supervisor after 28 years service. Roy joined the Elephant Brand tribe in 1960 after

having worked for the Oliver Corporation.

His retirement "do" was held last fall in Saskatoon with such animal trainers as **Ed Kowalenko '52C**, **Gary Coulman '67C** and **Allan McDougald '65C** offering him advice on retirement, along with a lot of other staff and dealers who don't know anything about the subject either. Anyway, Roy intends to act as tractor jockey and bin mender on the family farm, which son **Terry '77C** operates at Vanscoy. **Marg** specializes in making cookies and shopping for grandchildren.

Lorne Stalwick '43C and **Vi** were seen at the Norsk pavilion at Folk Festival in Saskatoon

--lefsa, lilies, krum krocka and pickled herring. No lutefisk -- the Norsk now have fridges and only serve the stuff to visiting Swedes.

Helgi Goodman '64C was dancing up a storm on the stage at Folk Fest -- you'd never know he was an Icelander. He's not on pogey, he just acts that way.

Don Driedger '49C and **Eunice** of Regina spent three weeks in Lotusland visiting a daughter, an aunt or two and other assorted relatives.

Mike Oxman '50C and **Joyce** of Yorkton have set up a vacation home for distant grandchildren. It's all added three strokes to Mike's golf game.

Move it or lose it

If'n ye're soon gonna be summ plaise ya ain't at noww, let **Richard Bellamy '66, Registrar, S.A.G.A.** know c/o

**Sask. Soil Test. Lab.,
 General Purpose Building
 University of Saskatchewan
 Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0W0**

Richard wunt tel the muther-in-law er the fynannse cumpanie, he'll just change yer adres labill so's ya kin keap on gittin "The Saga" saim as iver.

GIV A LISSEN!!

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

THE TAB?

Annual Fee	\$10.00
Life Membership:	
0-10 years since graduation	\$80.00
11 years and over	\$70.00

Their name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Grad Year _____ School () College ()

While yer at it, how about some news: _____

Mail it all to:

**Baine Fritzer
 Secretary-Treasurer S.A.G.A.
 Box 320
 Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0W0
 THANKS A LOT!!**

THEY CAME BACK

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE CLASS OF "29"

Ralph Botkin, Doug Miner



SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE CLASS OF "39"



Front Row:

George Dion, S.H. (Stew) Lane, D.W. (Don) Bowie, A.H. (Bert) Scrimshaw

Back Row:

O.G. (Ossie) Dodge, T.W. (Tom) Drever, R.A. (Ron) Schmidt, Bill Thode, R.H. (Bob) Cowan

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE CLASS OF "39"



Front Row:

Gordon Hymers, Ken Virgin, Bob Fleming, Jim Bayliss

Back Row:

Gerald Kernen, Bob Whatley, Alver Johnston, Melville Campbell, Lloyd Hamilton

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
CLASS OF "49"



Front Row:

Ralph Wensley, Phil Polischuk, Bud Morken, Jack Rennie, Clayton Peterson, Vic Beaulieu

Middle Row:

Doug Kent, Norman Fittl, Lorne Johnston, David Enns, Jock Campbell, Murray Riddell, Doug Grant, Doug Treveleaven, Bob Ferguson

Back Row:

Gib Wesson, Arnold Treble, Harold Tangjer, Jogn Stephenson, Don Rennie, Ted Vanebo

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE
CLASS OF "49"



Front Row:

William Heenan, George Gibbons, John Reid, Earl Willer, James Conly, Clifford Nicholson

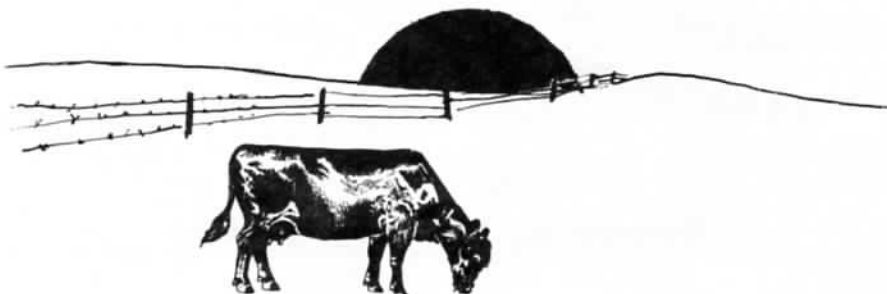
Middle Row:

Lloyd Redick, Edward Jackson, Oliver By, Cecil Hartsook, Groover Richardt, Gerald Crofford, Glenn Graham, Robert Hougham, Siegfried Orthner

Back Row:

Jack Aitken, Don Sutherland, Mervin Madarash, Arthur George, Matthew Sattler, Eric Beamish, Russell, Fisher, Fred Grant, James Smith

SUNSET ON THE PRAIRIES



Raymond Howard Simpson DFC '47S of Unity, father of **Alex '68S**, passed away at University Hospital in Saskatoon on April 28 of Cancer.

Howard completed his first year in the School of Agriculture before enlisting in the RCAF in World War II to serve as a pilot with Bomber Command overseas. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in recognition of bringing his air crew safely home to Britain after their aircraft was severely damaged during a bombing raid over enemy territory.

He completed the diploma course in agriculture in 1947, and worked the home farm at Battleford until becoming a credit advisor with the V.L.A. in 1956, and moving to Unity where he resided until his retirement at age 60.

He and his wife **Agnes (Jiggins) B.A.**, enjoyed retirement and travelled quite extensively.

He also leaves a daughter **Dorothy B.S.H.E.C.**

Wallace Clayton Lawton '50C Ph.D. (Ames) passed away in Minneapolis in mid July after a prolonged illness with cancer.

Prior to enrolling in the College of Agriculture, he served with the Canadian Forces overseas in World War II where he married his wife **Olive**, an English lass.

Classmate **Eiler Humbert '50C, Jim Elliott '51C and Wally** all took the same train south to undertake postgraduate training--all accompanied by their wives -- **Wally** to Ames, Iowa, **Jim** to Madison, Wisconsin and **Eiler** to Michigan State. Dairy majors all.

Upon graduation with his Ph.D. in dairy science, **Wally** worked for the Twin Cities Milk Producers at Minneapolis until his death. **Olive** predeceased him.

Letitia Jane Blacklock, mother of **J.R. (Jock) '43** and the late **B.M. (Ben) '46C**, and grandmother of **John '71C (Connie) '71C** and **Tom '80S**, died at 97 years at Stensrud Lodge, Saskatoon on June 7.

Letitia was born in Goderich, Ontario in 1912, the only daughter of **Charles** and **Ellen Johnston**. She came to Saskatoon in 1904 and attended Saskatoon Business College in 1913, after which she worked in an accounting office until her marriage to **John (J.D.) Blacklock** in 1920 and moved to Maymont.

She and J.D. were a devoted team of community workers and leaders.

Letitia was active in the Homemakers, school board, church board, Sunday School, WMS,

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UCW, CGIT and the Baby Band.

After moving to Saskatoon in 1956, she continued her church activities including the Bethel United Church, Sixty Plus Club and the UCW. She has resided in Stensrud Lodge since 1981.

She is also survived by her daughter **Eleanor (Don) Thompson**, son **Bill (Pearl)**, daughter-in-laws **Mabel (Jock)** and **Alberta "Bert" (Ben)**, by fourteen grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband **J.D.** in 1973 and son **Ben** in 1987.

Memorial services were held in Bethel United Church on June 12 with Rev. Elizabeth Richards officiating. Donations in her memory to the Bethel United Church Memorial Fund would be appreciated.

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Alice Bertha Wilkinson, wife of **Cecil '31C**, of Chilliwack, B.C., passed away at 84 years in Chilliwack General Hospital on May 15 of heart failure.

Bertha Hull was born on January 19, 1905 in Burris, Ontario. She began her teaching career in Saskatoon in 1924. After exchange teaching in Montreal from 1934 to 1936, she returned to marry **Cecil Wilkinson** of Aberdeen in Regina on August 28, 1936.

After several years on the farm at Aberdeen, and later at Rosthern, Swift Current and Kindersley, she returned to teaching special needs children at Kindersley until her retirement.

She is remembered for her valuable and caring contributions to teaching, especially the mentally retarded, for her active membership in the I.O.D.E., for her love of singing with choirs and community groups, her indomitable faith, her undying graciousness and her love of family and friends.

She is survived by her loving family -- husband **Cecil**, daughter **Leslie Ashcroft** of Victoria, son **Michael (Eileen)** and her son-in-law **Wilf Plosz** of Devon, Alberta, and eight grandchildren. Sisters **Olive Hart** of Winnipeg, **Minnie Hart** of Attens Lake, Sask., and **Edna Seeley** of Regina also survive her.

Donations to the Association for the Mentally Retarded, 3031 Louise Avenue, Saskatoon, S7K 3L1, or the Sask. Heart Fund, 279-3rd Avenue North, Saskatoon, S7K 2H8, or the charity of the donor's choice, are suggested.

Funeral services were held at Chilliwack on May 17, and on May 20 at St. Martins United Church in Saskatoon.

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Emmanuel Lang, father of **Ed '45S** of Swift Current and **Harry '53C** of Saskatoon passed away at Santa Maria Nursing Home in Regina on August 7 at 85 years.

Emmanuel married **Katherine Reichin** 1927 and farmed at Liberty until 1934 when they moved to farm at Aylesbury, and later to Craik. They retired to Craik in 1966 and then to Regina where they spent their last ten years together.

He was very active in the Knights of Columbus, and was a long time supporter of the CCF and NDP parties. He was also the Mayor of Aslesbury and of Craik, a member of the Sask. Creamery Board, and of Sask. Wheat Pool Committees, and served on the Davidson School Unit Board as a member and chairman for many years. He was also a founding member of the Craik Credit Union and generally active in the credit union movement.

Emmanuel was a keen sportsman and often

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KUDOS AND KREDUTS

The Agricultural Institute of Canada (A.I.C.) presented **Fellowship Awards** at their annual convention held in Montreal in July. This is the highest honor A.I.C. confers upon members in recognition of professional distinction worthy of national acclaim for their contributions to science, scholarship, leadership, breadth of knowledge and experience.

Two prominent Sask. ag. grads were among the seven who were honored in 1989.

Bernie Goplen '52C, M.Sc. '55, Ph.D. '58, principal research scientist in forage crops at the Agriculture Canada Research Station at Saskatoon, is a native of Paddockwood, and is head of the plant breeding and agronomy section. Much of Bernie's work is well known to most ag. grads in Saskatchewan at least. His coumarin-free sweet clover was a major breakthrough. He has developed a number of important forage varieties and is a recognized authority on pasture bloat. Among his numerous awards is the **Certificate of Merit** from the American Forage and Grassland Council.

Bernie is a life member of S.A.G.A. and has been active in AIC and SIA. He's a past president and past honorary secretary of SIA, past vice-president of the North American Alfalfa Improvement Conference, and father of a family of speed skaters, a Norwegian by extraction and inclination, and is married to one.

Les Henry '64C, '68 M.Sc. is known far and wide as an extension worker in soils, for his regular columns in "Grainews", and as an expert in soil salinity problems -- he's the original "alkali savage". He acquired his interest in soils while putting a disher behind a '55 Massey at Mildred (he's knocked diskers ever since) and from digging trenches for water lines.

His rapport with farmers, which has been developed over 20 years of speaking at farm meetings, is exceptional. His work on developing guidelines for fertilizer application rates and his research in soil salinity is well known, and he has even helped find a use for the potash that has kept our politicians in turmoil.

Les joined the Sask. Institute of Pedology in 1964 and the U. of S. faculty in 1969, and was made a full professor in 1980. He's a past president of the Saskatoon Branch of S.I.A., and a past provincial president. He's also a past president and **Honorary Life Member** of S.A.G.A.

He was presented with the **Agronomy Merit Award** by Western Co-op Fertilizers in 1986.

To Bernie and Les, our heartiest congratulations on their well deserved recognition. Their names will be placed on the list of names to be dropped in casual conversation at all social gatherings -- formal and informal, at pubs and at teas, and even in learned society.

80 COLLEGE CLASS REUNION

Hear ye', all '80 College grads!!

A reunion trip to Mexico is planned for one week before the Ag. Grad Reunion in January '90.

Return on Wednesday prior to Reunion Weekend.

All interested grads, spouses and friends please contact:

Rod Delahey '80C
84 Armstrong Crescent S.E.
Calgary. Y2J 0X3
(403) 255-2286 - Res.
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THE CLASS OF 2011



Chelsey Kaitlin Streifel was born a loyal subject of "Getty the Great" on August 25, 1988 at Calgary Foothills Hospital -- all 8 lbs. 3 oz. of her. The tide in the affairs of Deere and Company has decreed that she take up residence in Swift Current, where her parents **Lloyd '83C** and **Tracy** have assumed their new mortgage.

Hope Catherine Eaton arrived safely at Oyen, Alberta on March 19 at 7 lbs. 5 oz. to assume her interest in a hog and grain farm, and is proceeding rapidly to market weight. Her parents -- **Cyndy** and **David '82S** are a little green but they're learning.

Benjamin Nicholas Adam Wintonyk arrived in Ajax, Ontario on May 26 on cue, a half hour before Umma's and Awvy's (**Leo Kristjanson** U. of S. president emeritus) plane arrived in Toronto from Saskatoon. He was worth the trip -- 3940 gm (8 lbs. 10 2/3 oz.). **Krista 4** and **Zackary 2** are trying to adjust. **Brian** and **Terri**, both , **hope he'll grow under Elanco auspices.**

Alexander William deGooijer arrived in the very wee hours of June 2 -- 0039 hours, at 7 lbs. 11 oz. at just where we're not at all sure. Anyway, **Joanne (Bergerson)** and **Henry**, both '83C have assumed responsibility.

Gregory Gordon Frank arrived on June 13 at Brooks, Alberta at 7 lbs. 4 oz. He was afraid of starting out in life overweight so he arrived two weeks early and hasn't looked back. We don't know who the mother is, but dad is **Gordon Frank '75C** the D.A. at Brooks, and he has two older sisters to keep him in line. Must be a matter of who owns the embryos.

Alexandra Mary Dunn broke water on July 2 -- 9 lbs. 2 oz. at Surrey, B.C. As far as we can make out, she is of natural birth and has no predecessors. **Vonda (Easton) '85C** and **Peter** have promised to nurture and obey all summonses for attention.

Justin Donna Laine Polegi became a member of the Diocese of Jeddburgh on July 8 at Yorkton, as a result of fetal explosion. Her arrival has been expected for the past 40 weeks by all the extension and support staff at Yorkton -- past and present. **Juanita (Brown) '83C** and **Alan '79S** admit complicity.

Wendi Nicole Harris became a daughter on July 10 at Yorkton, and will live off the avails of the Canada-Sask. Crop Insurance (any maybe some from the farm) in that new house they've built out there. The parents? **Terri (Skelton) '86C** and **Blair '86C.**

'90 CLASS REUNION

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Kern Clayton '80S, 83C, 346 Armstrong Way
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acted as umpire at ball games even in his older years. As a resident of Santa Maria he was active in all their activities.

He was predeceased by his wife **Katherine** in 1987. He is survived by his sons **Ed (Betty)** of Swift Current, **Harry** of Saskatoon and **Wilfred (Alice)** of Aylesbury, and daughters **Carol (Ed) Krieser** and **Marilyn (Greg) Petroski** both of Regina.

Also surviving are brothers **Sebastian (Dorothy)** of Chamberlain and **Joseph (Evelyn)** of Saskatoon; sisters **Mary (John) Ackerman**, **Katherine Wolff** of Regina and **Cecelia Schroeder** of Chamberlain, 21 grandchildren.

Funeral mass was held on August 11 at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Regina with Rev. Joe Deutscher officiating.

Friends who so wish, may make donations to the Canadian Diabetic Association, 1850 Broad Street, Regina.

Harvey A. Clare '38C passed away on April 18 in Calgary.

Forrest F. Hill '23C, LLD'45 Ph.D. (Cor) died on October 20 at Ithaca, New York.

Lawrence S. Kirk '22S passed away on February 1 at Mission, B.C.

Maurice R. Lande '84S passed away on September 30, 1986 at Shellbrook.



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THE TENDER TRAP



A Scottish lass wi' a Ph.D. frae Strathclyde, name of **Anne Mhairi Hinshalwood**, once of East Kilbride, latched onto wee **Elwin Smith '76C, M.Sc. '78** sometime in 1988. It has only come tae light the noo. Seems she was working wi' some weedy types at Brandon research station when he fell under her spell. She was werkin' wi' **Paul Chow** as a post doctoral fellow.

Janet Fung of Hong Kong, China corraled **George Rapley '82S** at Climax on May 20. Poor girl - Climax isn't exactly rice country. Anyway, farming is it. Some of George's councillors and consolors included **Alex Chavter S (?)** as groomsman and **Mathew Toeckes '81S** as ushers. Others who doubled as guests,

bartenders and altar boys were: **Bert Forbes '82S, Robin McHaught '82S, Alan Balfour '79C, Bart Balfour 'C(?)** and **Leroy Kluzak 'S (?)**.

Rhonda Cooney advanced the back to the land movement on July 8 in Saskatoon when she forced **Richard Hards '88S** to share his drought payments. On the farm at Nokomis forever after, but after a honeymoon in Lotusland.

Arlene Hauer '83C has ceased her wandering ways. She done it on August 5 to **Bob Nyberg** at Hillmond.

The wedding was loaded with family grads -- **Deb '79C, John '84C** and **Carrie (Lowndes) '83C** and **Gerald DVM '87**.

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Laurie Schafer '88C is all alone at Leader now that **Bob Rugg '71C** has opted for the ext. ag. position at Saskatoon.

Wes Kehler '70C ext. ag. at Assiniboia has finally learned what quack grass looks like. **Garry Noble '85C** the other extension agrologist at Assiniboia, was forage crops technician at Melfort research station. His next lesson is on spear grass.

Bonnie Blenner-Hassett B.Sc.N. has it all planned out to the day when Junior will arrive --the hour she isn't sure about. **Rick isn't sure how it all happened.**

