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## STRAW ON BLACK SOILS -- BALE IT AND USE IT

A 30-year study carried out on a Black Chernozem soil, at Indian Head, Saskatchewan, showed that baling and removing wheat straw from the land after harvest, did not affect soil organic carbon nor subsequent grain yields. In fact, they may even be able to supplement their income by selling the straw.

It is a common belief among scientists that all of the crop residue should be maintained on the land

to protect it from erosion and to maintain its fertility. This is still a valid assumption for the drier parts of the prairies, where these residues are required to trap snow and reduce erosion. The problem of too much residues rarely occurs in these drier areas. It is in the Black soil zone of Western Canada, in some parts of the U.S.A., or in European countries, where yields often exceed 100 bu/ac, that residue management presents headaches for producers.

Our results showed that when a fallow-wheat-wheat rotation was grown on this Black Chernozem, with about two-thirds of the straw baled and removed each crop-year, there was about 6% loss of soil nitrogen in 30-years, but no loss of soil carbon occurred. We believe that this indicates that roots are much more important than the straw in promoting organic matter build-up in the soil.

More importantly, these findings suggest that producers who have a problem of excess straw, can remove the straw and use it for feed, for supplementary energy, can sell it for making particle board, or use it in other ways to supplement their income. Certainly we still would not recommend burning it. The heat can cause loss of soil humus and combustion gases contribute to air pollution.

These results were very surprising to us. They have important connotations, not only to producers, but also for scientists, especially those developing mathematical models regarding crop residue decomposition and soil organic matter dynamics.

**C.A. Campbell, G.P. Lafond and R.P. Zentner '72C**  
Can. Agric. Research Station  
Swift Current, Oct. '90

## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COUNCIL S.A.G.A. REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

### Perceptions are Important

There are 13 different specialty options in the College program -- some considerably removed from farming. Yet in the popular vocabulary, "farming" and "Agriculture" are more or less synonymous. There are still plenty of wags, young and old, who repeat the old notion that "anyone can farm", and some who enjoy extending the logic to entrance into the College of "Agriculture" at U. of S. Perceptions like this re-inforce negative reactions on campus and in high schools and other places, where potential Ag. Grads can be found.

Such ideas can only be harmful to the College and to Ag. Grads over time. The fact is that first time - first year Agros have had lower entrance marks than the average for all U. of S. first year students. Note from Tables 1 & 2 that slightly more than one-half of first year Agros come directly from high school with marks that are five percentage points below the U. of S. entrance average.

**Table 1 College Admissions (degree Program)**

	1989-90	1990-91
First Year Students	122	130
First time - first year	41	33
Transferees, within U. of S.	26	42
Transferees, from other Univ.	23	21
Returnees (after absence of years)	212	226
Totals:	212	226

**Table 2: First time - First Year Grade 12 Marks (1989)**

	Agros	All U. of S.
Females	78.4%	80.8%
Males	73.6%	79.5%
Average:	75.1%	80.2%

Other Colleges such as Arts, Commerce, Education, etc., have more applications than their self-imposed first-year quotas allow. This means that they can select first-year students on the basis of higher Grade 12 marks. Because applications are about equal to the quota for Agriculture, the College does not have access to the elitist, but handy, selection procedure used by other colleges.

About one-quarter of first-time, first-year Agros come in with Grade 12 marks under 70%. After the usual 12-13 mark drop from Grade 12, a lot of Agros drop below the 57% requirement for first year. Consequently, the attrition rate for first-year Agros is 2-3 times higher than for U. of S. as a whole (i.e.: 30-40% vs. 10-15%). After the first year problems, attrition rates for 2nd to 4th year Agros are about equivalent to the U. of S. average.

The most practical "solution" to the high first-year attrition rate, appears to be more applications so that the College can select for higher marks like other Colleges do. In the meantime, lower entrance performance levels might be discouraging to some top-end high school students, who choose other colleges, because of more prestige and greater academic challenge. If so, this is not good!

### Job Market Realities

In the real world, the employment potential for Ag. Grads is better than average for the U. of S. grad.

**Table 3: Agro Grads Employment - May 1990**

Permanent Employment	43%
Term Employment	21%
Grad Studies	15%
Farming	10%
No Job or No Information	11%

Good employment prospects are one reason why Commerce will soon be offering an Ag. Economic major in the B. Comm. program. It is unfortunate that our own college could not have been first-off-the-mark with an "Agri-Business" option. Now, Commerce will inevitably be turning out B.Comm. "Agricultural experts" with high scholastic achievement, but with no background in agricultural sciences. In the opinion of your Advisory Council Rep., this will not be in the best interest of the Agriculture Industry, the College of Agriculture, or the S.A.G.A.

**Bob Bens '64C**  
S.A.G.A. Rep. to Advisory Council  
Nov. 1990

P.S.

Next Advisory Council meeting in spring 1991.  
Next Report from Advisory Council Rep. at annual meeting, January, 1991.

**Note:** Advisory Council Rep. **Bob Bens '64C** welcomes (solicits even), views of S.A.G.A. members on all matters relating to operation of College, Degree and Diploma Programs. Please call 948-2846. Also note that a Report and Discussions re: Advisory Council matters will be part of the Annual meeting in January 1991. So attend the meeting and take the opportunity to get a word or two in edgewise!

# THE THUNDERING HERD



**Randy Reed '83S** is doing what comes naturally at Porcupine Plain -- farming -- he likes the challenge.

**Irene (Keay) '65C** and **Derald Ahner's '65C** 25th wedding anniversary kinda got outa hand at the Ahner farm at Sugar Crick on August 25 -- 80 assorted ag. grads, spouses, offspring and adherents were on hand for the corn chompin' and guzzlin'. It was kinda belated -- they were married on May 15, 1965.

The RCMP have just released the guest list. It includes such evaders of law and order as: **Gary '65C** and **Birdine '64 RN Keefe**, Griffin; **Carman '68C** and **Diane '65C H.E.C.**, Berg, Tyner; **Don '65C** and **Norma R.N. (Man.) Connick**, Gull Lake; **Jerome '64C** and **Merle Martin**, Edmonton. **Art '74S** and **Heather '77 B.Ed., Unsworth**, and **Peter '75S** and **Heather (McNab) '81S Hecker**, all of Piapot, and **Darle '72C** and **Eileen Tumbach**, Sugar Crick. **Verna** and **Alexis Ahner**, Irene and Derald's issue, were also on hand to keep an eye on their progenitors.

**Lyle '63C** and **Joanne McNichol** were unable to attend, but turned up in September to share some of the leftovers that were still in the deepfreeze.

Some of the locals mentioned also gathered on the **Ian Bowie's '71C** Piapot, to surprise **Eleanor** on her new life as a 40-year old. The occasion included a torchlight parade, led by the local Elves' and Leprechauns' Chowder and Marching Society tin whistle band, a catcall serenade and monster cake with an appropriate cowboy poem and 40 loonies to help salve the cut of the GST.

**Eleanor** has since gone into show business for her fresh start in life -- she and **Ian** starred in a CTV special "Sand Scape", a documentary on gas well development in the Great Sandhills.

**Joanne Tumbach**, oldest daughter of **Daryl '72C** and **Eileen**, placed second in a national competition for her musical composition "Lullaby", after placing first in her age group in the provincial tune fest.

The **Ahner** girls are in the money again. **Alexis**, first year geology major, was awarded a Canada Scholarship of \$1,000, per term for science students, which rated a congratulatory letter from our grand exalted ruler, Myron Baloney.

**Verna**, fourth year Music Education major, was given a bursary by Saskatchewan Education for a six-week course in French immersion at UBC last summer toward her French minor, and was heard practising cattle calls with a Gallic twist at roundup time.

**Elayna Bowie**, daughter of **Ian '71C** and **Eleanor**, snaffled a Grade XII academic award for girls from Maple Creek Composite High School. She's now enrolled in pre-vet at the U. of S.

**Irene Ahner** is into her second term on the U of S Senate. Her stint on the CBC's agricultural advisory committee has come to an end, due to the emasculation of CBC's budget. **Derald** is back teaching others on "Farming to Win" courses again this winter.

The sanctity and tradition of the **Bean Feed**, the annual ASA Awards Night, is being threatened. It seems some of the faculty and students have been complaining about the plainness of the main course -- **beans**. For shame! Would Scotsmen forsake the haggis, Norsks the lefsa, or shepherds the rangeland oyster?

In these times of economic restraint it boggles the mind.

Some 95 students have registered for the Crop Production home study course in the Certificate in Agriculture off-campus program.

**Larry Gramiak '63C** soils and crops agrolgist for Sask. Rural Development has relocated to the college campus for a 1 1/2 year term. He'll be sort of a one-agro royal commission on fact finding and to facilitate technology transfer from the University to country bears.

**Len Pigott '76C** is barnstorming the province, preaching the virtues of Holistic Resource Management. He got his driver's-airframe license last spring, got a western Diversification loan to buy his own kite, and now does his livestock agrolgist consulting from great heights. He has landing rights at Kindersley international airport -- the Merival of the prairies.

**Patty Robertshaw '88C**, lands agrolgist for the west central, is juggling a young family, and a husband (she should be so lucky), who loves hunting, and a provincial government who wants to peddle off its farmland.

**Barry Rapp '83C** extended Agrolgist, is the grand multi Kindersley Kinsmen, a recreational hockey nut (no snapshots, name calling or body-checks) and trying to keep Pigott from dive-bombing the Rural Service Centre.

**Jack Payne '83C** is no longer the D.A. at Taber, he became the soils and crops specialist at the research centre at Lethbridge in February, but he still hangs his hat in Taber. We take it that its the Alberta Agriculture research centre.

**Kevin Olson '84C** is farming in summer and peddles for SeCan in the winter. Got himself married a year ago -- i.e. on November 11, 1989, to **Patsy Senko R.N.** -- now he tells us! She works at the Kindersley and Dodsland hospital. They're expecting in February, March or April.

**Linda (Hughes) MacGregor '85C** is on six months maternity leave from Sask. Pool, as research associate on a biotech research project, in co-operation with NRC in Saskatoon. Husband **Jim** is an advertising consultant for C95 radio.

**Hap Bennett '75C** is still farming at Dodsland, despite GATT, GST, Devine, Mulroney, George Bush, drought, hoppers and malnutrition.

**Janice (McCreary) Cruise '87C** is lab co-ordinator at Animal & Poultry Science at the U of S, while **Kelly '85C** plugs away at his animal science masters program. They and wee **Allyse** still store their summer gear at Liberty.

**Garth Graham '87C** is a lab demonstrator at the animal science lab.

**Sue Markus '90C** is working south of Winnipeg as an ag. rep. -- yes they still call them that in Manitoba, Ontario and the Maritimes. **Virginia**.

**Debbie Kirk '89C** spent the summer working for UGG out of Saskatoon. -- what's the poor girl do in winter?

**Cathy Glatt '88C** is toiling on her M.Sc. in crop science and on the Sask. Pool research farm at Watrous. She's gotten herself engaged to **Chris Hanson** at Watrous. Who's he working for? Cargill?

**David Gadd '90C** is back on the home farm at Moose Jaw.

**Scott Yule '90C** is in training with the TD Bank in Saskatoon. **Janice (Buick) '86C** is working at poultry science (?) until #2 child breaks from cover.

**Blain Fritzler '77C**, our trusty S.A.G.A. secretary-treasurer, tells us that the School of Ag. enrollment for 1990 is as follows:

1st Year: 60 down 40%, but 11 are girls compared to five out of 94 (1989).

2nd Year: 59

3rd Year: 39 with 2 part-time

**Blain** instructs School of Ag students in Agricultural Mechanics -- keeps his mind off farming at Govan.

**Wally Vanin '75C**, the extroverted agrolgist at Kamsack, tells us that he and **Fred Petroff '49C**, a young retired farmer (in winter months only) from Canora, have been chosen to write a chapter in an upcoming book on the Doukhobors in Canada in 1999 -- the Doukhobors, not Fred and Wally. They'd like to hear from any ag. grads of the right ancestry.

Their aim is to highlight the contributions of ag grads to the cause of the betterment of the Sask. agricultural community.

The book, is to be published by the Canadian Museum of Civilization with Koozma Tarakoff as editor.

**Fred and Wally** can be reached at Box 2080, Kamsack. S0A 1S0.

Phone - (306) 542-2523; Fax: 542-3958.

**Terry Wakelin '67C**, North Battleford, is now a voting member of S.A.G.A. He's sales and marketing for Green Acres Fertilizer.

**Leo Nordal '62S** is back in Moosomin. He was at Loon Lake from August 1 to October 15 as administrator for the R.M. up there, but had to pack it in for health reasons.

**Garth Larson '72C** is back at Semans after 16 months on an interchange program at Ag. Canada in Ottawa. Had trips to Poland and the USS&R selling hog meat. Now he's money shooting for the Elite Stock Farm at Outlook - 540 sows -- womb to tomb, and doing the same for himself at Semans -- Quadra Management Services.

**Elton Ash '77S** has moved **Jayne** and four daughters out to Penticton from Saskatoon. He got a Re-Max real estate franchise at a fire sale price. He's got seven sales people beating the bushes for money. He's as enthusiastic as an Ayrah terrorist with a truckload of hand grenades.

**Ron Marquardt '56C**, Winnipeg, is a professor and research wallah at U of M animal science. He's editor of the Journal of Animal Science since January. He's recently back from an exchange trip to China.

Ron got his M.Sc. at the U of A in '61 and his Ph.D. at Washington State in '65. Otherwise things have been dull -- no fishing trips or poker games, and damn-all golf.

**Bill Wilson '70C** left his job as ranch foreman for E.U.R. Ranches at Lake Francis, Man. He's moved to a ranch north of Dawson Creek in Peace River Country -- mile 26 on the Alaska Highway. Lots of big game and close to some powerful fishing. He says the scenery is great -- he means trees, not women. He's met up with **Allan Blair '64C**, the D.A. at Fort St. John, so its not all good on the Peace. If you want more dope on Bill, he gets his mail at Box 139, Farmington, B.C., V0C 1N0.

**Joel Gingrich '88C** Ceylon, is membership chairman for the newly formed Saskatchewan chapter, Soil and Water Conservation Society.

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# THE THUNDERING HERD

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We'd bet that they're out to promote the conservation and sustainable use of land, water and related resources. They're on the prowl for membership, and when things are slack, they're gonna bend the wills and ears of politicians to their cause.

You can reach **Ken** at Box 37, Ceylon, S0C 0T0, phone: 454-2769.

**Sheldon Maerz '86C** has heeded the call to arms -- he's a second looney in C.A.F. at CFB Saint Jean, P.Q. He's in the midst of second language training, so's he can defend the Quebecois in their own patois. In January he's off to CFB Gagetown, N.B. for nine months of K.R.&R., and then hopefully to a posting with the Princess Pats.

He's having a ball -- Quebec City, Montreal, Boston, and Plattsville, New York, etc. Hopes to take in a 'Canadiens' game at the Forum -- a lifelong ambition.

**Clark Anderson '71C** farms in summer at Theodore and instructs women in farm business management at the Parkland Community College in Yorkton in winter. He's also into ADD board business, the local school board and the Pool committee. He's got grain, livestock, and a wife that works -- what more could a guy want?

**Dolores '70 B.Sc.** works half-time at the school office and library. **Lindsay (13)** -- a girl, and **Wes (11)** -- a boy, keep the half-ton hot -- 4-H, hockey, music, volleyball and, etc.

**Gary Sereda '89C** has left the Royal Bank to soar to greater altitudes -- from loans to buy kited stocks, to jet kites at CFB Moose Jaw and pilot training -- from a corporal at the Royal to a second looney at Moose Jaw -- per ardua ad astra.

**Glen Hass '60C** has been elected president of U of S Alumni for a one-year term. Glen is in charge of agriculture and rural disemployment at the extension division, U of S.

**Grant MacDougall '86C** shifted to Lethbridge from Grand Prairie, Alberta with the Tortured Dominion Bank in September.

**Alison (2)** is climbing onto the kitchen counter and **Twyla** and **Grant** are climbing the walls.

**Grant** and **Bruce Mitschke '83C** invite any interested grads to stay over in Lethbridge for a couple wets and a game of Kaiser.

**Bruce** is working for the animal health division of Elanco in Lethbridge.

**Ron Gilmour '84C**, now of the Regina branch of the TD, armtwisted **Grant** outa ten bucks for an S.A.G.A. membership.

**Galen Loy '88C** transferred from SIAP at Fort Qu'Appelle, at the request of the Cree Nation, to be the land rep. at Wakaw.

**Cathy Melling '89C** opened up the spot for **Galen** by following her husband to Calgary.

**Gary Seime '69C**, with Sask. Pool at Wakaw, has both of his daughters at the U. of S. His biggest worry outside of the moola, is that they'll have as much fun there as he did.

**Tom Boyle '75C**, the re-structured ag. rep. at Wakaw, is still raising tads and wheat and diversifying, developing and disturbing rural Saskatchewan in the new Rural Service Centre.

**Shannon Freeman '90C** has flown her job as lady-of-all-work with the new Agriculture College Building. She has been doing all the work with telephone arrangements, new equipment and furniture purchases and general public relations, while **Bob Mc Kercher '54C** has been getting all the credit. She's now trying to straighten out the assessment authority at York-

ton. It's gonna take her quite a spell since **Tom Bolingbroke '63C** has had years to mess it up. Shannon didn't have a lotta choice but to grow up to be an agro -- Dad, **Les '56S** farms at Fleming and Mom is a sister to **Brian Duck '64C**.

**Dale Sudom '67C** has been appointed director of Agriculture Canada Research Station at St. John's, Newfoundland. Dale landed the job in a breeze -- his wife is a Newfie and has been petitioning to get home.

**Lorne Hehn '58C**, the terror from Markinch, and past president of UGG since 1981, is the new chief commissioner of the CWB, come December 1. Seems to us the Canadian Press kinda got his biography mixed up with that of **Forrest Hetland '46S**, former commissioner of the Canadian Grain Commission, and currently a commissioner with the CWB -- he's from Naicam -- not **Lorne**. The C of C from both Markinch and Naicam have filed suits.

It's not so much where you come from as long as you come early. Good show, **Lorne**.

The national conference for Agriculture in the Classroom, held in St. John, New Brunswick in October, drew eight delegates from Saskatchewan, including several ag. grads such as **Bob Mc Kercher '54C**, U of S rep. of Sask. Agriculture in the Classroom, **Edna Gadd (Glenn '60C)**, mom to **David '90C**, of the Sask. W.I., and **Vanessa Headford '85C** of Regina Exhibition Board. **Warren Wismer '58C** was the rep. from Alberta Agriculture, and extended an invite to Alberta for the '92 sessions.

**Ron Gilmore '84C** moved to Regina in September with TD, as we said. Wife **Stella B.Comm '85, CMA '90** has a new job with the accounting department of Sask. Health. They're expecting a wee bundle in the spring of '91, and wanted to be near the expectant grandparents at Craven and Craik. We really should start a new section for expectants, and maybe one for non-expectants, or even the unexpectant.

**Chris Ruschkowski '84C** has recently joined the ADF (agriculture development fund?) in Moose Jaw. He was with S.O.S. in Regina (Save Our Shirts?). **Adelle** is expecting to be made an honest woman in July at Eastend.

**Carla Drew '84C**, is the agrologist with the public trustee's office, Saskatchewan Justice, and **Lyle '80C** is co-ordinator of R&D for the Sask.-Alberta region for Cyanamid at Regina.

**Ron Howarth '62C** has returned from the dungeons of Agriculture Canada in Ottawa to be Director of the Saskatoon Research Station. Now at last he's getting a little respect.

The Canadian Agricultural Marketing Association -- CAMA -- has a passel of ag. grads as members and on its executive. **Jim Morris '70C** is president, **John Beckton '70S, '73C**, is treasurer. **Earl Smith '74C**, the program chairman, has been replaced by **Darryl Renolds '81C**, who's been transferred from Melfort with the Royal Bank. **Earl** was moved from Saskatoon to Regina with the same credit union -- oops, sorry -- bank, bank, bank ..... **Jim**, of course, markets all of Sask's pigs. **Beckton**, well, seems he's in the shylock business too.

The college and school have added some new staff, including some ag. grad types such as **Richard Gray '79C**, assistant professor in agriculture economics, and **Cory Loessin '86C** and **Tim Weins '88S** are lecturer and instructor respectively in the School.

The University has a Centre for Agricultural Medicine -- the only one in Canada with **Dr. James Dossall** as director. It was founded in 1986. A founding Chairs Program was established in October and \$25,000. has been raised to increase and support research into health and safety.

**Mark Odegard '78C** departed for Winnipeg on the last scheduled Air Canada flight outa Saskatchewan. He's now marketing manager of agricultural banking services for the Royal.

**Gerry Miller '69C** is Sask./Man sales-rep for Hi-Hog Livestock Handling Equipment outa Grandora. Also manages the Sask. Angus and Sask. Shorthorn associations, and is Sask. rep. for Calf Manna. **Linda** manages him, a 40-acre spread covered with Charleyhorses, and two teenage sons. She can't quit -- she's in too deep.

## THE HITCHIN' POST



**Sharon Clark** is not one to let economics dictate her choices. She snaffled onto a grain and beef farmer at Turtleford on October 27.

The guests threw wheat bran -- rice is for Orientals. She'll haul grain for **Brian McNinch '88S**, and put Angus calves through the chute at Mervin forever after.

**Cathy** cinched down **Lyle Sandercock '83S** at Southey on June 9, then went home to show him off at the wedding dance at Earl Grey. She'll gofer seed, fertilizer, weed spray and spare parts at Cupar until Lyle starts the fall semester at the School of Business Administration at the U of R.

Keeping both the **RCMP** and **CSIS** on their toes were such '83 School desperadoes as **Jim Sliwka, Glen Ross, Mark Bedwell, Kelly Stevenson, Calvin McDonald, Allan Ritter** and **Randy Reed**.

**Leanne Ife**, daughter of **Gerald '59C**, Prince Albert (Steep Creek) snubbed **Taras Borowetz '86C** to the hitching post at either Prince Albert, Steep Creek or Hudson Bay -- we're not sure which -- on or about September 22.

**Pamela Joy Anne Butala** of Moosomin got her name engraved on the CWB delivery permit (oats exempted) alongside that of **Robert William Copeland '85S** in Elrose United Church on April 21. A hootenany followed in Elrose Memorial Hall. The much relieved and thankful parents of the groom, **Alva B.Sch.Ec '61, B.Ed '71** and **Bill '60C**, held an open house in the quonset on the farm at Elrose the next day. The combine, tractor and truck had to spend three days in the sun -- pity.

**Ada** and **John Stephenson '49C** of Stranraer, celebrated their 40th anniversary on October 12 at a dinner and dance at the Kindersley Inn. Son **Jack '84C** acted as M.C. for the 'do', which included a multi-media presentation of Ada and John's trials and tribulations "How to Survive 40 years of marriage".

**Armin Krohn '64S**, Stranraer, gave the blessing at dinner. Other guests included **George Krenz '55S**, Eston. Son **Jack** and daughter **Margo** were present. Daughter **Dawn (Mark)** of Bangkok, Thailand, was unable to attend.



## 52nd Annual Lecture Series

January 11, 1991

### Are new directions needed in farm stabilization --- "GRIP and NISA"?

Quance Theatre, Education Building, University

**Chairperson: Kelly Cruise**

- 8:15 a.m.** Registration -  
Refreshments courtesy Sask. Wheat Pool, McFaul Consulting and The Travel Connection.
- 8:30 a.m.** Opening remarks - Chairman  
Speakers -  
Prof. **Hartley Furtan**, Dept. of Agric. Economics, U of S  
**Nettie Wiebe**, President, Womens Section N.F.U.  
**Dennis Stevens**, Ass't. Dep. Minister, National Grains Bureau, Ottawa.
- 10:00 a.m.** Coffee break
- 10:15 a.m.** Session continues
- 11:15 a.m.** Question and answer period
- 11:15 a.m.** Closing remarks

**Remember -- Annual Meeting of S.A.G.A. 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Arts Building**



## THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

The bins are full and the first quota should be out by now. Why not allocate a little money from the Cash Advance to firm up your plans for the SAGA reunion weekend on January 11-13, 1991.

Naturally your executive is progressing well toward having all reunion details tidied up. **John Malinowski** has the curling ice all booked, and **Gary Flaten/Ron Gilmour** are ready to take deposits from your hockey teams. We start off first thing Friday morning with our annual lecture series and **Kelly Cruise/Brian Fowler** have more than coffee and cookies lined up for the morning, with some speakers tackling the subject of GRIP and NISA. Anyone making their living around agriculture will want to know more about the proposed safety net programs for farmers. Allocate some time for your association's annual meeting on Friday afternoon and then **Janice Cruise/Barry Mutlow** have promised to make

the leading agro social event, **the mixer**, another full-house success. This is the best time to buy your banquet tickets so that **Neil Ketilson/Barry Hodge** can run a break-even budget.

Thank you to all of you who kindly responded to our survey on the reunion activities. The top favourites of our members are the Friday night 'mixer', and the SAGA newsletter. After we passed on all those nice comments to Lin Boyes, he is surely a "happy editor".

A decision has been made to recommend that we keep our reunion activities in our regular January weekend, and to not follow the new Farm and Home Week to the spring break in February. In order to build our association we need student involvement, and thus their knowledge of what a great alumni group we have in SAGA. The students would not likely be around in spring break.

All other activities of the reunion weekend will remain the same, other than the possibility of some additional sports events. A draft proposal is being developed where Friday will become a full day of activities for SAGA members, agro students and faculty. In reviewing the ideas, one becomes very enthusiastic and I look forward to presenting this proposal to you and to your enthusiastic support.

May you wrap up 1990 on a positive note. I look forward to seeing you at our reunion weekend.

Yours Fraternaly,  
**Allan McDougald '65C**  
President, S.A.G.A.

## EMPTY SADDLES



**J. Bruce Marshall '32C, M.Sc.'34, Ph.D.** (University of London, England), passed away on July 2 in St. Vincent Hospital, Ottawa, after a lengthy illness, at 78 years.

Bruce was born and raised on a farm at Yellow Grass near Weyburn, and graduated with his BSA in soils 1932, and his M.Sc. in 1934 at the University, where he won a travelling scholarship. He continued his studies at Rothamsted Experimental Station at Harpenden, Herts, England, and received his Ph.D. degree from the University of London, England in 1936.

He returned to the Department of Soil Science, U of S, where he was engaged in studies in soil salinity and salt tolerance in crops funded by PFRA, under the late **Dr. John Mitchell '24C**.

In October 1938 he married **Helen Robinson '34 Arts**.

He joined the National Research Council, applied biology division, Ottawa, in 1940, where one of his first projects was the development of a ration kit for soldiers. World War II was a technical war, in which research played a major role.

In 1947 he returned to Saskatoon as assistant director of the Prairie Regional Laboratories for NRC.

In 1950 he was back in Ottawa once again where he became NRC's first awards officer, a post he held until 1968.

Marshall's reputation was built, not so much on his research contributions, but rather on the building of careers of many promising undergraduates through the awarding of scholarships, and in stimulating research among professors through research grants. NRC was a major force in Canadian science in the postwar period, and built a world wide reputation in research.

Bruce Marshall was well known and much respected by scientists and students at Canadian universities.

From 1962 to 1964 he served as scientific liaison officer in London, England, co-ordinating research between Canada and Britain, and served as scientific attache to the Canadian High Commissioner.

In the late 'Sixties he served as a member of the Science Council of Canada on the role of the federal government in support of research at Canadian universities, and later served as executive officer in charge of the NRC extramural activities office.

He retired in 1976. After a few years in retirement he suffered a stroke from which he recovered. Gradually, however, ill health returned and he spent several months in hospital and finally ended his years in a nursing home.

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He is survived by his loving wife **Helen**, their four sons and their wives -- **Joseph, Peter, Ian** and **Keith**, and **ten grandchildren**.

A sister, **Helen Whittaker** of Vancouver and a brother **Gilbert** of Yellow Grass also survive. A daughter **Susan Jean** predeceased him.

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**Bjorn 'Barney' Thorvardur Stephanson, B.Ec. (Ag), M.Sc. (Minn.)**, professor emeritus of the Department of Agricultural Engineering, University of Alberta, brother of **Stephan '51C**, died peacefully on June 20 after an eight year battle with cancer.

**Barney** was born and raised at Elfros in a very successful farming family, and was especially proud of his Icelandic heritage.

He was a graduate in agricultural engineering from the U. of S. -- a disciple of the late **Prof. E.A. 'Boomer' Hardy**, and from the University of Minnesota.

He spent his working career as professor and later head, of agricultural engineering, at the University of Alberta -- from 1946 until retirement in 1983. He loved teaching and was greatly respected by his students and colleagues.

Barney was especially interested in international development and served with CIDA at universities in Trinidad and Ghana for eight memorable years.

He was always active in, and gave generously of his time to the professional, community and church activities. He was active in the A.I.C., A.I.A. and A.S.A.E.

His family was always the most important part of his life, and he was a wonderful husband, dad and grandpa.

He is survived by his wife **Ida**, two daughters and five sons, brothers **Eric** and **Harold** of Elfros and **Stephan** of Mellfort, and sisters **Elin McDonald** of Toronto and **Agnes Cooke** of Calgary.

Friends may make donations to the MacHardy-Stephanson Scholarship Fund, c/o Department of Agricultural Engineering, University of Alberta, Edmonton.

T6G 2P5, or to the United Church Tri-Camp Foundation, c/o Jean Dale, 12328 - 140th, Edmonton. T5L 2C8.

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**Paul Joseph Del Frari, B.E.'84**, beloved husband of **Cathy (McPherson) '84C**, 9408-177 Avenue, Edmonton, died suddenly near Manville, Alberta on July 20.

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**George Eley** of Unity, father of **Joanne**, wife of **Lyle McNichol '63C** of Dauphin, Manitoba, passed away this summer at 86 years. Three daughters and a son survive him.

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**Stan Jackson '41S** passed away at Eston in mid-September. He and **Golda** had planned to attend the '41 School pre-reunion in October.

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**Stanley Wilson Jackson '41S** passed away at his home in Plato on September 16 at 72 years.

**Stan** was born in Eston on April 1, 1918, and lived on the home farm at Plato. He attended school in Plato and received his diploma from the School of Agriculture, U. of S. He farmed at Plato all his life and worked in Saskatoon for many winters, including several for PFRA.

He and his wife **Golda**, wintered in Punta Gorda, Florida for some 12 years. He loved his farm and his golf.

Beside his wife **Golda**, he leaves five children: **Myna (Herscel) Smith**, Elrose, **Peggy (Gerald) Bidwell**, Thunder Bay, **Ken (Celeste)** and **Maureen (Peter) Cumiskey**, Plato, and **Kathy Barnes** of Whitehorse, and eleven grandchildren. A brother **Bob '39S** predeceased him in 1972.

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**Cameron (Cam) Roy McPhadden '41C** passed away on August 30 at the Royal University Hospital at 73 years.

**Cam** was born at Bounty on August 27, 1917. He received his education at Bounty and his B.S.A. degree at the U OF S in 1941. He then worked at Whitehorse before returning to Bounty in 1946 to farm with his father and brother **Keith**.

He married **Caroline (Carrie) Wilson** in 1965 and farmed until retiring to Heritage Heights in Mildred in the fall of 1989.

**Cam** was a Mason for many years and an avid baseball fan. He had a special love for children, especially grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Besides his wife **Carrie**, he leaves stepsons **Dwayne (Elaine)** of Saskatoon, and **Gerry (Lois)** of Estevan, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters **Katherine (Roy) McKimmie**, Kamloops and **Myrtle Roots**, Vancouver, brother **Stanley**, Saskatoon, and sisters-in-law **Mary** and **Mabel McPhadden** of Mildred. He was predeceased by his parents, one sister and four brothers.

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**George John Daugela '57S, '61C, '64 B.E. (Ag.)** of Spruce Grove, Alberta, passed away on June 7 -- as per the Green & White fall issue, as many have noted.

**George** was a pioneer in grain drying methods and equipment. He was the inventor of the Vertec dryer and the original manufacturer at his plant in Vermillion.

Sorry that we have no further details.

## THE DOWNHILL RUN



Eighteen '41 School of Agriculture grads turned up in Saskatoon on October 2 for a preamble reunion to give the snowbirds in the class a chance to meet and greet their classmates. For the rest who plan to show up for their 50th

class reunion in January it served as a warm-up for the real thing.

Early in the afternoon, a lineshoot was held wherein the grads gave resumes of their careers.

**Norm Roebuck** was M.C. and presented a video depicting one hundred years of the Yorkton agricultural society and their annual fair.

Most had returned to the farm after graduation while the rest had continued at University degrees and pursued their majors as a career. All were deeply concerned with the plight of agriculture -- increasing input costs and decreasing markets and prices, the loss of hard-won concessions such as the Crow Rate, the two-price system for wheat, removal of oats from the board, rail line abandonment, and loss of postal service, to name a few.

A banquet was held in the evening at which a moment of silence was observed for departed classmates. The swapping of tall tales continued in the wee hours and were resumed the next morning.

Only two of their class instructors are still extant -- **Lorne C. Paul**, Saskatoon, and **Grant McEwan**, Priddis, Alberta.

Those attending were: the **Wendell Moores'**, Speers, the **Gust Ojas'**, Shaunavan -- Gust is writing a history of Finnish immigrants, the **Lloyd Proctors'**, Mervin, the **Ian Bradleys'**, Cadillac, the **Willis'**, Regina, the **Oliver Horveys'**, Swift Current, brother **Lloyd** of Cabri, the

**Keith McLaren's'**, Maidstone, the **Norman Roebucks'**, Yorkton, the **Glenn Shantz'**, Oyen, Alberta, the **Jerry English'**, Moose Jaw, the **Don McVicars'**, Colonsay, the **Mitchell Rudolfs'**, Swift Current, **Edgar Mapletoft**, Frenchman Butte, **Ronald Rackham** and daughter, Lloydminster, **Peter Cline**, Zelma, **Bill Darcovich '44C Ph.D.**, Edmonton, **Wilson McIntyre**, Saskatoon.

**Ted '48S** and **Mel Turner** lived it up in Ireland and the USSR in June with a U of S alumni tour with 30 other U of S grads, including a six-day cruise down the Volga. The Turners broke out of their wallets for a reception for those involved -- the only sober ones were the Turners -- someone had to collect the heels.

The Turners celebrated their 40th on July 7 in Regina. Friends and family from all over the Devine Dominion attended -- the heels from the Russian tour came in handy.

**Jim '48C** and **Betty Wright** came home to Tisdale from Arbutus Ridge, Vancouver Island for a reunion in August, then visited with family in Regina and celebrated their 45th.

**Betty** looked positively gorgeous and **Jim** was his usual frumpy self -- ugh! Those wide lapel suits and wide ties, and those loud checks!

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# AG. GRAD BONSPIEL

First Rocks — FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1991  
Everyone Curls on Friday!



## Then on to the "MIXER"

**BEWARE!** Some will be on the draw **8:00 A.M. Saturday. SEMI-FINALS, Sunday morning with the FINALS at 12:30 P.M. Granite Curling Club.**

**Achtung** - the earlier you enter the less chance of being on at 8:00 A.M.

### THE GEN

- \* Every rink guaranteed 3 games (3 events in Main Spiel, plus Seniors (Hutcheon) Event.
- \* All games 8 ends (with exception of 10 ends finals)
- \* Ties to be settled by skip/rocks (with sweeping)
- \* Each rink must have at least 3 S.A.G.A. members. A non-member must play lead.
- \* **Hutcheon Event** only ... members of rink age 50 or over -- 3 games by points -- top 8 point-getters meet in semi-finals.
- \* **ENTER EARLY!** No later than midnight Monday, January 7, 1991

Limit of 32 regular rinks in the regular draw, and 16 rinks in the Hutcheon event.

### NO LATE ENTRIES

### THE TOUCH?

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

### WATCH FOR DRAWTIMES:

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

### ENTRIES

1. Complete the entry form below and return to:

**John Malinowski**  
77 Churchill Drive  
Saskatoon Sask., S7K 3X2  
Phone: 374-8149

2. **Any Life Members on your rink?**  
**Check Below**

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

4. **PREREGISTRATION** - avoid the last minute rush at the curling rink by preparing curling fees and memberships of **all** team members. All cheques payable to **S.A.G.A.**

5. **BY WHEN?? Midnight Monday, January 7, 1991**  
All Hutcheon Event teams curl Fri. 4:30 p.m. at the Granite.  
All Regular Event teams curl Fri., either at 3:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. at the Exhibition

## AG. GRAD BONSPIEL ENTRY FORM

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

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

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

# THIRD ANNUAL AG. GRADS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



**January 11, 12 & 13  
Friday to Sunday**

**1991**

**BLUE-LINE ARENA  
next to SaskPlace  
Saskatoon**



**TEAMS:**

- Maximum of 12 teams
  - Minimum roster of 10 players must be registered by **Fri. Dec. 21, 1990** on a team basis
- Tournament entry forms from:

**Gary Flaten**  
1416 - 425 - 115 st.  
Saskatoon, Sk.  
S7N 2E5  
Ph. 249-4343

**RULES:**

- Team roster must include at least 75% School or College grads or undergrads
- Student teams to be a mixture of talent
- Teams may be organized on regional, grad year etc. basis
- Non-contact, non-slapshot rules will apply. S.A.H.A. officiating. Specific rules supplied in advance.

**ENTRY FEE:**

- \$390 per team in advance (ice rental has increased \$10/hr.) plus officiating
- Grad participants must be S.A.G.A. members. Memberships will be sold before each team's first game.

**GENERAL:**

- All Teams will play a minimum of three (3) games. Championship and Consolation finalists four (4) games.

**GAMES SCHEDULE:**

**Friday 2:00 - 8:15 p.m. (6 games)**  
**Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (12 games)**  
**Sunday 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. (2 games)**

- Championship game to be played Sunday 11:45 a.m.
- Consolation final 11:30 a.m.
- Grads who are not registered with a particular team, but wish to play, should contact **Gary Flaten** at above numbers, and he will assign them to a team of "Have Nots".

Sociable S.A.G.A. members who play hockey:

- Bill Hetland**, Naicum, 874-5694
- Tim Howden**, Edgeley, 699-2944
- Ken McPherson**, Grenfell, 697-3262
- Jim Mann**, Hodgeville, 955-0608
- Rob Jones**, North Battleford, 446-2227
- Ray Gilmour**, Saskatoon, 995-9943
- Grant McCallum**, Yorkton, 786-1404
- Kevin Brost**, Regina, 779-1288
- Dennis Wagner**, Kelvington, 327-5370
- Doug Higgins**, Regina, 586-6508
- Darryl Reynolds**, Saskatoon, 933-3735
- Ron Gilmour**, Regina, 545-6433
- Gary Gale**, Tistale, 873-2185
- Dave Struthers**, Yorkton, 783-2088
- Glen Annand**, Mossbank, 354-7637
- Kern Clayton**, Saskatoon, 249-2947
- Kevin Olson**, Plenty, 932-2015
- Mark Woodsworth**, Elrose, 378-4056
- Dwayne Simmons**, Fort Qu'Appelle, 332-5681
- Gary Flatten**, Saskatoon, 249-4343



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**Archie Campbell '35C** had an article in "Fur Rancher" about his days in fox farming -- 1930 to 1955. Archie shipped pearl and pearlina foxes to Scandinavia and imported Norwegian platinums. The business carried on even when Archie was in the R.C.A.F. in England in 1944-45 with the tactical airforce and bomber command. He didn't succeed in getting the RCAF to adopt fox trimmed flying suits.

He tells us **Fred Quinke '35C**, Star City, won't be heading to Texas this winter -- first time in 20 years.

**Bob Anderson '35C**, hasn't been well lately. He and his wife had to cancel their 50th anniversary.

**Vivian** and **Archie** celebrated their 45th in Vancouver with son **Murray** and **Joanne** where Murray practices law. They visited the **Howard '35C** and **Audrey MacDonald** in Vancouver and on to Victoria, San Francisco and Redding, California and came home via Calgary for Thanksgiving with son **Alex**, daughter **Linda** and families. Had a good sweet corn, potato and fruit crop. Archie's eyesight remains the same but he copes.

**Tom Townley-Smith '32C**, Regina is keeping in fair shape. In the last four years he and the better half have visited Canada from the Pacific Rim, to Inuvik, NWT to Cape Breton in their VW van, and have flown to Tuktoyaktuk (from Inuvik) -- visited all three oceans.

On their return from Vancouver this summer they visited **Bill '33C** and **Emma Shevkenek** at Chilliwack where Bill is heavy into vegies and blossoms and keeps the competition edgy at hort shows. Bill started out with the '32 class, as did **Lawrence Elderkin '33C**, who unfortunately isn't too well and wasn't up to visiting. **Cecil Wilkinson '31C**, is recovering from health problems and keeps cheerful.

**Tom** keeps his hand in with a bit of tractor piloting at seeding and harvest and still square dances.

He attended the sod turning for the new college building and figures to hang around to see what it produces for a first college class in '92.

**Jens Stangeland '50C** left October 27 to spend the winter in Mesa, Arizona. He's now got six grandchildren -- daughter **Judy** with three boys and son **Gary** with two boys and a girl. Wife **Liz** keeps him busy gardening, tending two acres of trees and grass, and golfing. The Stangelands had a family reunion at Gordie Howe Park -- brothers **Ole '48S** and **Ron**, sister **Ruth**, and spouses.

**Jens** and **Liz** spent six weeks in Norway this past summer, including a 12-day cruise north of the arctic circle. Norway is beautiful and boasts a high standard of living (lefsa and lutefisk) and very high taxes.

**Harold Horner '33C** visited Vancouver and Victoria in June with **Opal**, who attended a Daughters of the Nile convention, and still had enough money left to make a nice donation to the S.A.G.A.

They visited **Al Hassett '37C** and **Helen** at South Burnaby. Al is recovering from a difficult arterial operation. They plan to go south again this winter.

**A.D. (Sandy) Hutcheon '60(?)** and **Pat** have moved into a VanDerZalm type house at False Creek, near Vancouver. They're inveterate

hoofers and have planned a hiking trip to Scotland. Sandy haunted the ag. economic branch, Sask. Ag., in the '60's and '70's.

**Al Cusion '48C** and **Evelyn** of Winnipeg split a coffee and some distressed eggs and toast with **Nettie** and **ye olde ed '48C** at Yorkton in October. Things have gotten worse since our discussions on the State of the Union of Confounded Nations. Maybe it'll take a couple of more sessions -- perhaps three, to get shot of Myron Baloney.

They were off to Calgary via Oxbow in November for an 80th birthday celebration for Al's oldest brother -- father of CBC's **Sandy Cushon**. They'll be with daughter **Joan** and sons **Jeff** and **Jim** in Ontario for Christmas. Al says that'll use up their travel dollars for 1990.

**Don Drieger '49C** is still at large in Regina. He almost fell off the wagon after the 'Rider-Eskimo' final. He's not into French immersion.

**Pete Petersen '52C**, Yorkton, got into a tiff with **Millie** and went for a walk one night in early November. A bad fall on an icy patch bruised a shoulder badly and cracked a bone in his wrist. The walk cooled him off rather promptly. It was worth it though -- Millie started speaking to him again in normal tones.

**Art Strautman '48C** and **Phyl** had to take to Kalispel, Montana in May to sharpen up their golf preparatory to the annual Esso Annuitants Tournament held on June 20 in Edmonton. It was too cold, wet and snowy in Edmonton in May for old, creaky backswings. The golf courses and the hospitality in Kalispel were delightful -- they were treated like guests.

Other sandbaggers at the Esso Mulligan Mayhem were **Joe 'Pusser' Bedford '48C**, and **Gavin 'Greaser' Hamilton '46S**.

In early August, **Bill '48C** and **Jean Till** dropped in to the **Strautman's** enroute to their old haunts in Saskatchewan from their Tsawassen, estate via Airstream yet. Its amazing what a Lexus will pull. We're all saddened to hear of the loss of Bill and Jean's oldest son early in the year.

**Don '51C** and **Shirley Gill** have moved from Leader to their new Escandido type mansion at Medicine Hat overlooking the golf course -- just far enough away to avoid any errant drives, but close enough to the clubhouse to walk over for a game.

**Phyl Strautman '48 Lab Tech**, is her busy self. She was off to Salt Lake City with the Edmonton Chorus of the Sweet Adelines -- they won the regional competition in 1989 -- and were representing the Western Region in the International Competition.

She took time off to win the ladies match play championship this summer at the Devon course. Art carries her clubs.

**Joe Bedford '48C** and **Cathy** were in Honolulu for three weeks in October. She wouldn't allow him to take along his grass whip.

**Bud '48C** and **Joanne Smith** had the misfortune to lose their son-in-law this past summer -- daughter **Marion's** husband.

**Dr. Gordon Burton**, Claresholm, Alberta, who was an ag. economics professor under the late **Professor Hadley VanVliet '34C** during the war years and after, and who taught classes in the early post war period, passed away in September. He'd been prominent in commercial beef cattle circles in Alberta for many years.

**Harry Lang '53C** is still kicking in Saskatoon, despite a gimpy knee and diabetes. He maintains that Franz Schubert of Vienna, Austria was prominent in his ancestry -- he was the last of the Lang dynasty to die of a social disease. They've been careful ever since. Harry's three sons and his daughter all have university degrees inspite of him -- none are agros though -- wonder

what that means. Harry is having his teeth all pulled to save on toothpaste.

**Ralph Schiechte '50S** of Melfort has had a rough summer and spent three weeks in hospitals -- Melfort and Saskatoon -- he had a kidney removed. His neighbors, including **Charlie Hopkins '51S** and **Bob Blakely '51S**, took care of the spraying and summerfallow since Ralph was laid up for six weeks.

It wasn't all lost though -- he and **Dorie** became grandparents on three occasions -- all boys. Now who is he gonna leave the farm to?

**Glenn Shantz '41S**, Oyen, Alberta, will help defend the Graham Curling Trophy at the reunion at Farm & Home Week, the EEC and GATT notwithstanding.

**Sam Reimche '44S** has survived 50 years of farming at Leader on the arid plains of South West Saskatchewan. He's done it by not setting his expectations too high, and he 'don't owe nobuddy nuthin'. He seeded 400 acres of spring wheat in April which averaged eight bushels. He usually gets around twenty. He only got about a 1/2 inch of rain all summer on Scetre heavy clay -- not enough to rust a rain barrel.

Sam has his seed all cleaned for next spring with 75 year old equipment, installed in a converted horse barn his father built in 1917. He doesn't use weed sprays or fertilizer -- its too dry for weeds to grow or fertilizers to respond in most years. The country builds tough farmers -- Sam's still pluggin' at 70 years.

Sam, his fanning mill and Carter disc were featured in the Star-Phoenix in the September 8 issue.

**Gib '49C** and **Marj Wesson** have been rambling since February and will probably head for Arizona come next February. They had a 10-day Caribbean cruise with a few days in Orlando, Florida.

Gib had a hip replacement in June, but had recovered enough to help his brother and wife celebrate their 50th in Victoria in August.

They visited **Ted '41C** and **May Campbell** there. Ted has had five hip replacements and is pretty well confined to a wheel chair. They're both in fine spirits and live in a really nice condo.

**Dorothy Taylor**, widow of **Ed '49** -- formerly of Sask. Lands Branch, lives in the same complex.

**Marj Wesson** won a 7-day trip and bus tour of Ireland and let **Wes** go along. This is their second trip and they bragged so much about both it's painful -- don't ever ask. On their way home they stopped off to brag to **Wayne '51C** and **Doris Ingells** at Burlington, Ontario. Wes and Marj took off from there on a 6-day bus tour of Cape Cod, Nantucket Island, etc., and came back to Ingells to brag some more.

**Wayne** retired from Chipman Chemicals a year ago, and now mainly sits grandchildren.

**Fred Snell '43C** condescends to have coffee with **Phil Polischuk '49C**, **George Hart '49C** and **Gib '49C** quite regularly. Fred is still trying to decide what's wrong with the world and now fondly remembers Pierre. Phil has nearly completed amassing his second million, but George quit before he'd made his first. Gib tries to get along on Marj's inheritance.

**Nick Rudrick '50C** still keeps busy in Regina at the Marian Centre -- so much so he couldn't attend his 40th year reunion, but is getting ready for the 50th. **Beth** is still with him -- amazing, but true -- must have a healthy pension!

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# HOME GROWN



**Christina Mary Ann Olson** has been born again at Lethbridge. She weighed in at 8 lbs. 4 oz. GVW as was duly recorded on May 22. Seems the information on her parentage was a wee bit wrong. **Edith B.Sc.** graduated frae Aberdeen, not Glasgow, and **Barry '79C** also got his Ph.D. there -- both in soils -- there's nae soils faculty at Glasgow. **Ian** and **Alastair** are still her brothers.

**Sherry Marie Payne** became the first born for **Heather** and **Jack '83C** on July 6 at 6 lbs. 13 oz. at Taber, Alberta.

**Erica Diane Bennett** became a sister to **Jeffrey** (4) and **Shannon** (2) on July 10. In charge of keeping her environmentally friendly are **Lorna B.Comm '78** and **Hap '75C** at Dodslan.

**Thomas Edward Walker** made grandparents of **Ted '48S** and **Mel Turner** -- again, on April 9. **Allison** (3) gave cautious approval -- he invaded her exclusive space. They're also sharing

parentage -- **Jill (Turner) '80C** and **Murray '80C**.

**Kevin Donald John McGregor** became the first born son on September 10 at 7 lbs. 8 1/4 oz. at Saskatoon. **Linda (Hughes) '85C** and **James** share day and night care.

**Janelle Marie Flaten** became a potential telephone monopolizer and a sister for **Eric** (2 1/2) at 7 lbs. 2 1/2 oz. at Swift Current on May 15. Her care staff are **Sharon** and **Murray '83C**.

**Allyse Cruise** became a girl and an associate member of the S.A.G.A. executive on July 9 at Saskatoon. She has a summer home at Liberty. Experimental parents are **Janice (McCreary) '87C** and **Kelly '85C**.

**'No Name' Goldade** became a son for **Tracey** and **Blair '87C** in June.

**'No Name' Saelhof** appeared as a daughter at Strasbourg for **Gail** and **Les '85C**. Biodegradable undies we hear.

**Christine Elizabeth Hecker** waited until the quonset raising bee was over before putting in her appearance at Maple Creek on October 15.

**Andrew** and **Tim** were waiting. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 12 ozs. **Heather (McNab) '81S** and **Peter '75S** are much relieved that both the combine and kids are undercover for the winter.

**Lucy Eveline Catherine Oxman** and her grandparents **Mike '50C** and **Joyce**, were most thankful when she checked in on November 3 at Grace Maternity Hospital, Halifax. They had flown down from Yorkton to be there when she arrived, but had to leave for home the day before. She didn't want anyone to see her in her nightie. Her parents **Ellen** and **Richard** waited around anyway. Her other grandparents are the **John O'Reillys** from Charlottetown.

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# THE DOWNHILL RUN

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**Ernie Booth '21C, 23 M.Sc.** of Delray Beach, Florida is hard onto 92 years and still writing memoirs. He's got his first volume in the U. of S. Archives and Library -- "Touchwood Hills -- Autobiography and Reminiscences of Ernest G. Booth 1987". He's got additional volumes coming out in a hardback format -- mainly concerned with his work in the U.S.A. Most of us don't dare publish an autobiography, we're too lazy anyway.

**Orest Mysak '48C** is still alive and will be until the polls close after the next provincial election. The way he bugged up **Darrel Cunningham's '70C** campaign will then come to light. Darrel will have to go back to growing canola, GRIP and NISA at Lintlaw.

**Walter '39C** and **Bernice Mysak** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September at Canora. Both are in surprisingly good shape. Bernice has the better shape of course.



# KRISMUS BARGINS

## Attenshun

parints, gran-parints, onkles, ants, gurl/er boy frens, sissturs, brudders an benyfakturs  
Giv yer ag grad kin a life mimburship in yer S.A.G.A, er evin an anyul



### Life mimburships:

0 ta 9 yeers sinse gradyashun: 80 looneys  
10 yeers'n ovur: 70 looneys

**Anyul mimburships: 10 looneys**

### Sen Fees ta:

**Richard Bellamy, Registrar S.A.G.A.**  
Box 320  
Sub. P.O. #6  
University of Sask.  
Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0W0

*Maik yer cheks out ta S.A.G.A.*



## S.A.G.A. REUNION SURVEY RESULTS

In response to the questionnaire in the March '90 issue of 'The Saga', results were as follows:

1. Number returned: 17 School, 34 College for total of 3% of members.
2. Years since graduation responding.  
41% of grads over 30 years responded, followed closely by 33% from those 11-20 years since graduation.
3. Average number times that grads attended Ag Grad reunion weekend (of all grads that responded) was 11.
4. Most grads reported a variety of activities attended, but as expected, the banquet and dance and mixer drew first and second place respectively.
5. There was some interest in having a spouse curl with them, as 10 out of 35 indicated the same. Most hockey players were satisfied with the 3 game guaranteed schedule. Seven indicated a host bar at the hockey rink would be in order, while 3 opposed a bar.

On the lecture series, a great majority felt the seminar was of medium interest. Members were asked if the series was of great interest, medium or not interesting. By almost a 2 to 1 ratio, members said the lecture series should be slanted more to S.A.G.A. members than to the general farming public.

### Mixer

Most comments were very favourable towards the mixer, and members liked Marquis Hall as a gathering place. However, lack of parking was mentioned by many as a disadvantage.

### Banquet & Dance

The survey questionnaire expressed concern about the drop in attendance over the last few years from a high of 800 to just under 600 in 1990. Members were asked to rank in order of importance, their thoughts on why attendance has been going down. Of reasons mentioned, 39% of grads felt that the banquet and dance did not rank a high priority in their weekend activities (as a #1 ranking). A further 37% ranked #1 the fact that prices at the Auditorium were too expensive.

Various other comments about the banquet and dance:

- Lack of knowledge by younger grads about activities at the banquet and dance.
- banquet program boring and too costly for younger members.
- program too long for younger grads and they were not much for dancing.
- a lot of other activities to attend and do that weekend.
- not the same loyalty to attend the banquet and dance from the younger members.
- too tired to attend after all the other activities such as hockey, curling, parties, etc.
- banquet and dance should be a priority for reunion year grads.

In spite of the somewhat negative comments about the banquet and dance, several members felt we should not be overly concerned about the drop in attendance. Many felt the reunion program at the banquet and dance, while being a somewhat drawn-out affair, was an essential part

## WHUT'S COOKIN'?

Thursday, January 10

College and School Honor Class Warm-ups

—check with your class reunion chair(wo)man



Friday, January 11

A.M.

Ag Grad. Lectures - Education Building - Quance Theatre

8:15 - Registration

8:30 - 11:45 - Lectures

P.M.

1:00 - 3:00 - S.A.G.A. Annual Meeting - Arts Building

3:00 - Hockey Commences

4:00 - Curling Commences

8:00 - Mixer - Marquis Hall

grads, wives, husbands and special friendlies . . .

Saturday, January 12

A.M.

8:00 - Curling continues until 4:00 p.m. Hockey until 4:45 p.m.

P.M.

Ag Grad. Soiree - Centennial Auditorium

5:30 - Personality adjustments

6:30 - Banquet

9:00 - 1:30 - Soft Shoe Shuffle

**NOTE: Re: Banquet & Dance** Get your tickets by noon Friday

- Cash bar during social hour and dance
- Cash wine bar during banquet
- Prairie Room lounge available
- Picture taking room available after banquet
- Parking — Midtown Plaza — underground, until 2:00 a.m.



Sunday, January 13

A.M.

8:00 - Curling & Hockey resume

P.M.

2:00 - Trophy presentations

2:30 - Cheers and tears

of the activities. Our executive has especially been aware of the length of the program. We have asked banquet and dance speakers to limit their comments to a few minutes. Part of the problem is there are several topics to cover at the program, and even a few minutes by each participant adds up to a 2-2 1/2 hour session.

### The Saga

Members were asked to comment on The Saga publication. Comments were very favourable, as for many The Saga was their only means of keeping abreast as to the activities of its members and associations. Ag grads liked the format and were very commendable towards the style.

**George Wilson '63C**  
Past Pres. S.A.G.A.

## HOME GROWN

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**Sean William O'Connor Hopkins** was born in Saskatoon enroute to Conquest (in the spring?) on September 13. No word on his gross weight or wheelbase. **Brenda '81 M.Sc.** and **Don '81C** are responsible for his genotype.

**'No Name' Risula** arrived in Moose Jaw to become the first of a long line of daughters for **Dale '82** and **Patti**. No news of birthdate or specifications have been released pending notification of the parents.

**Ryley Justin Mitschke** disembarked on foreign soil - Lethbridge, Alberta, in early November. **Mathew** wanted a pony, or at least a pup. Parents are emigres **Bruce '83C** and **Katie**.

**Garrett Clifford Drew** made it as far as Regina at 10:52 a.m. on October 7. He touched down on the runway at 8 lbs. 1 oz. and 22 1/4". Waiting on the tarmac were grandparents **Harold '47S** and **Evelyn Drew, Estlin**, and **Charlie '56C** and **Dorothy Carlson, Regina**. Stewards are **Carle '84C** and **Lyle '80C**.

## PROGRESS IN TOUGH TIMES



### The College of Agriculture Building:

The College of Agriculture Building is rapidly nearing completion. With the exterior of the new College of Agriculture building now finished and pedestrian walkways and roadways for vehicular access all but completed, workmen are concentrating on the interior. It is anticipated that interior work will be finished in January, 1991, and the commissioning of the building in May. The departments will then begin the move into the new facility -- a process which is anticipated to take until the end of July.

With respect to the Official Opening, it is expected that this event will take place early in October, 1991. A committee has been struck, and has begun the work of planning the program. The precise date should be known shortly.

### Class Contributions

Support from alumni has reached a total of \$1,735,485 -- \$1,090,323. from College alumni, and \$645,160. from School alumni.

For the College, alumni from 66 classes contributed. Represented were the classes of 1919, 1921, 1923 and 1924, 1926 and 1927, and 60 consecutive class years -- 1931 - 1990.

For the School of Agriculture, alumni from 63 classes contributed. Represented were the classes of 1920, 1925, 1927 - 1932 (inclusive), and 55 consecutive years -- 1936 - 1990.

The University is appreciative, indeed, of the strong and very broadly-based support of our alumni. We want to thank them both for contributing so generously to the Campaign, and for making it possible for us to point to their example when pursuing private sector support.

We also want to thank our class agents whose efforts made it possible to reach out over the miles -- and the years -- to contact alumni. They were very effective, indeed!

### Jean Forbes-King

Project Development Officer  
College of Agriculture,  
Capital Campaign



## STANDING OVATIONS



**Bryan Harvey '60C**, head of crop science and director of the crop development centre, and **Dean John Stewart** were awarded **Fellowships** by the **American Society of Agronomy** at their meeting in Texas in October. In addition, **Bryan** received a **Fellowship** from the **Crop Science Society of America** and **Dean Stewart** received a **Fellowship** from the **Soil Science Society of America**. Mother-in-law pictures will just have to come off the wall to make room. Wives will really be torn.

**Dr. Leo Kristjanson**, president emeritus of ye olde U of S, has been appointed a member to the **Order of Canada**.

**Dave Christenson '58C**, head of animal

science, has been awarded the **Canada Packers Medal for Excellence in Nutrition and Meat Science** for his work in dairy cattle nutrition.

**Glenn Flaten '50S, '56C, B.Comm.**, past president of CFA and Canada's representative to IFAP (International Federation of Agricultural Producers), was awarded the **1990 Award for Meritorious Services** to the National Farmers Union of Norway and to World Agriculture, at the IFAP Conference in June in Norway.

Glenn's whole family are involved in the agricultural community. Wife **Shirley** teaches English as a second language to children and adults in Ottawa, and taught music in Regina for years. Daughter **Barbara** is executive director of the organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils; sons **Wayne '84C** manages the family farm at Regina; **Murray '83C** is an ACS credit advisor in Speedy Crick; and **Gordon '89C** is with the CWB in Winnipeg.

Glenn has won so many medals and awards, his suits all have narrow lapels, so he can wear all his jewelry at family reunions.

Congratulations to you all from all of us. A few more names to add to our list of names to be dropped on appropriate occasions.



## AG GRAD HONOR YEARS CLASS CONVENORS

*If you haven't contacted your class convenor do so now*

### COLLEGE

1941	Doug Wilkinson	374-0349
1951	Jack Braidek	933-1257
1961	Gary Carlson	586-0211
1971	John and Connie Blacklock	374-1287
1981	Darryl Reynolds	933-3735
1986	Thomas Scott	584-9279

### SCHOOL

1941	Lloyd Proctor	845-2525
1951	Bill Cooper	477-2050
1961	Marcel Dubois	882-2258
1971	Fred Holden	387-6873
1981	Danny Alexander	967-2727



A plea from **Darryl Reynolds '81C** --  
Where are: **Rae Roer** and **Stan Williams**?

**Phone Darryl at 933-3735**

**Gary Storey '63C**  
Reunion Convenor

Home ph.374-1693  
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— And Start  
Writing

**Send It All To:**

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**FOR THE WINTER**  
**ISSUE**  
we need it by  
**FEBRUARY 15**

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
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EMPLOYER (Self or Other) \_\_\_\_\_  
MY OWN DOINGS \_\_\_\_\_  
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NEWS OF OTHER GRADS (State Grad Year, if known, or your closest guess)  
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**ADD MORE PAPER!!! We need all the news - good, bad or ugly!**

## LOST LAMBS

The following ag grads left no forwarding address. They gotta be somewhere -- **if you know, please let me know** -- I won't let CSIS, the RCMP, or Mike Wilson know:

**Richard Bellamy '66S**  
Registrar, S.A.G.A.  
Box 320, Sub. P.O. #6  
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### They are:

**Aalbers**, Mr. Gerald S.  
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**Anderson**, Mr. Robert Grant '73C  
**Argue**, Hon Mr. Hazen Robert '44C  
**Barish**, Mr. Samuel '17S  
**Braaten**, Mr. Warren  
**Cave**, Mr. John  
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**Jones**, Mr. Ronald Alfred '85S  
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**Jorgenson**, Mr. James Todd '87C  
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**Knox**, Mr. James John '50S  
**Kuntz**, Mr. Richard John  
**Lamb**, Dr. Robert Canzi '41C  
**Larson**, Mr. Gordon Earl '78C  
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**Volk**, Mr. William Joseph '75C  
**Varley**, Mrs. L.M.



If you're gonna move yourself, please let me know. If you don't, you won't get The Saga, you could be missing out on a class reunion, a scholarship, or maybe even an Honorary LLD. Let me know at the above address -- I ain't gonna move.

**Richard**