

NEW AGRICULTURE BUILDING COMPLETED Grads Invited to Grand Opening

The College of Agriculture University of Saskatchewan

Invites all agriculture grads to attend the official opening on

Friday , October 25, 1991

Schedule of events

- 2:00 p.m. Guests arrive north side of new building.
- 2:30 p.m. Official opening ceremonies.
- 3:30 p.m. Building tours.
Receptions at: Marquis Hall
 Convocation Hall
 Agriculture Building

Saskatchewan Agriculture Graduates Association

invites you to

The new Agriculture Building mixer

Top of the Inn, Sheraton Cavalier

4:30 to 10:30 p.m

Friday, October 25, 1991

Note: Please read The President's Pen, for more information on the official opening and mixer.



Lin Boyes, waxing eloquent.

Passing the pen

For 15 years SAGA readers have chuckled, guffawed, and have been generally entertained by the penmanship and wit of Lin Boyes. We are sad to report that because of ill health Lin has had to pass over the pen to a successor.

What shoes to fill! But there are a depth of resources amongst agriculture graduates. Jack Braidek, College Class of 1951, and currently Farm Management Editor of the Western Producer has come forward to pick up the pen.

Lin, words are not adequate to express the gratitude for the time, the effort and the skill that

you gave to us over all those years as SAGA editor. On behalf of all graduates I can only say a thank you for a job extremely well done. To Jack Braidek, as you said yourself, it will be a hard act to follow. Thank you for agreeing to be SAGA editor. Jack will need help and will be relying on others to assume various tasks. We all can help by sending in information without which SAGA cannot do its job. A final word from all of us in the SAGA ... Thank you, Lin, good luck, Jack!

Gary Storey, president



LAUD AND HONOR

Six members were named Fellows of the Agricultural Institute of Canada (AIC) at that organization's annual meeting at Fredericton, NB in July. This is the highest honor the institute can convey on its members. Three of the AIC members receiving the award were U of S college grads and they are noted below.

Gary Storey '63C, professor of agricultural economics and currently president of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association.

Storey has been instrumental in the extension of grain marketing information to producers. In 1970 he initiated courses out in the country on the use of futures markets and these continue to be given in about a dozen centres each year. He also played a major role in Saskatchewan Crop Prospects, a televised extension program.

Gary is a past president of the Canadian Economics and Farm Management Society and a former executive member of AIC.

James A. Webster '49C, agricultural consultant.

Jim began his career in professional agriculture by taking an Ag Rep job at Tisdale following graduation. Over the years he served as director of that branch, assistant deputy minister of agriculture, acting deputy minister and general manager of AgDevco. Following retirement from the government he started and operates a consulting firm that is active internationally.

Webster is a past president of the Agricultural Institute of Canada and the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrolgists (SIA) and was founding president of the Canadian Society of Extension.

Bruce Owen '61C, a native of Edmonton, took his BSA and MSc degrees in that city and his PhD at the U of S.

Bruce served as professor of animal science at Saskatoon from 1961 to 1977 when he was appointed head of animal science at UBC. He also served as acting dean at the University of Zambia.

Bruce was responsible for establishment of the animal production centre and played a major role in establishment of the Prairie Swine Centre at the U of S. He served as president of both the

AIC and SIA, and held numerous other positions in his profession.

Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame

Five members were inducted on August 10, bringing the total to 110 men and women. The new members of the hall are as follows:

Harold Charles Moss '20S, '24C, immigrated to Strasbourg, SK with his parents, as a young lad of nine, from Wales in 1908.

He began his career as a land inspector for the CPR, then joined the Saskatchewan Soil Survey in 1927. He built a distinguished career becoming a recognized authority on the structure and agricultural potential of prairie soils. He helped to design soil classification systems used internationally and wrote the bulletin,

"A Guide to the Saskatchewan Soil Survey" and the book, "History of the Saskatchewan Soil Survey".

Harold was an honorary life member of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association and was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree by the U of S. The association, soil survey alumni and College of Agriculture, nominated Moss to the Hall of Fame.

John Walter Grant MacEwan was born in Manitoba, received his university training at Guelph and Iowa, then fashioned a long, colorful career in the three prairie provinces.

Grant is known by many Saskatchewan ag grads as a lecturer in animal science, others knew him as the dean of agriculture at the University of Manitoba. He was also an alderman and mayor of Calgary, a member of the Alberta legislature and lieutenant-governor. He was a popular livestock judge and speaker.

Grant MacEwan is a leading writer with 44 titles and has honorary doctorate degrees from six universities including the U of S.

William James White '32C, was born on a farm at Ruddell, SK in 1908, took his first two degrees at Saskatoon and his PhD in plant breeding and genetics at the University of Minnesota.

Bill began his career with Saskatchewan Agriculture but moved to Agriculture Canada Research in 1935 and spent 21 very productive years as a research scientist with that organization. He studied cross-pollination in alfalfa, developed Golden and Nugget, two very good rapeseed varieties, and did the initial work on coumarin-free sweet clover. His research helped to establish sunflower production in Manitoba and he also pioneered the technique of crossing wheat with wheat grasses to secure stem rust resistance.

White served as head of the crop science department at the U of S from 1956 to 1965, then as dean of agriculture until his retirement in 1974. He is an honorary life member of the Canadian Seed Growers Association and a Fellow of the AIC.

Alfred H. Dyck, a premier swine breeder, exhibitor and judge, farmed near Borden, SK.

Alf began showing his Rocky River Yorkshires in 1946 and his successful show career spanned 30 years. His success in showing made him a popular choice for judging swine which he did at the Vancouver PNE, Edmonton, Calgary, Prince Albert, Brandon, Winnipeg and the Royal at Toronto. He served as director and president of the Saskatchewan Swine Breeders Association.

Alf passed away some years ago but sons, **Don '55S, Borden; Gerald '60C, Brandon; Wendell, Borden;** also grandson **Dean Dyck '82C, Rosetown**, and a crowd of other relations were on hand at the Hall of Fame induction.

Alma Helene Ducie made a career of helping others get more out of life through education, music, drama and community work. She was an extension worker at the U of S for 20 years, but before and after that career she taught, advised and organized.

Helene, a graduate home economist, taught courses to rural women across the province, focussing on home management and clothing. She was in demand as a speaker to Homemaker clubs and worked with 4H clubs and farm camps.

Following her marriage in 1949, Helene and Harold Ducie moved to Saskatoon and she served as a consumer consultant for the Saskatoon Co-op.

David Sauder '88C received the top award for best Master of Science thesis from the Canadian Agricultural Economic and Farm Management Society (CAEFMS) and the American Agricultural Economic Association (AAEA).

The Saskatchewan Charolais Association presented **G.A.(Bud) Richardt '49S** with an Honor Scroll, for his dedication and hard work towards the Charolais industry and the Association. Bud served on the board from the founding meeting in April 1963 for the next ten years. He is still farming and in the Charolais business with sons Bill and Brent at Clavet.

Jim Webster '49C and wife Jean were some proud on June 15 when their youngsters Brenda and Craig were inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame. It is a fitting tribute to a couple of Canada's outstanding speedskaters. Congratulations Jim and Jean for encouraging and helping the kids to succeed.

Bob Brack '52C, retiring director of the Extension Division, University of Saskatchewan, was made an honorary life member of the Canadian Society of Extension. Amongst Bob's many achievements was that of developing the society. The honor was bestowed at a retirement party for Bob and Joyce held at the university's Marquis Hall on September 5.

THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



In the June issue I told you about the two major events for 1991/92: the official opening of the new College of Agriculture Building in October and the development of the new reunion program for January.

We have waited many years but finally the day has arrived! The official opening of the New Agriculture Building will be on Friday, October 25. Although SAGA decided not to sponsor a full university homecoming we will make our presence felt by providing a mixer. We would hope you will be able to attend the opening and the mixer. We also want to see you in January for the new reunion program.

All graduates who contributed to the New Building fund will receive a special invitation to attend the official opening. The University and College of Agriculture extend an invitation to all graduates of the College and Schools of Agriculture to attend.

Information on the Official Opening

Since on-campus parking is limited, attendees are strongly encouraged to park off campus and to use the shuttle bus service from the following hotels: Saskatoon Inn, Ramada Renaissance, Park Town, Holiday Inn, Travelodge, the Sands Motor Hotel, Delta Bessborough and Sheraton Centre. The shuttle buses will depart from the main entrance of the hotels at 1:30 p.m. and return between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m., departing from the south side of the Agriculture Building. Some parking will be available north of the Perimeter Road (accessible from Preston Avenue). Buses will transport guests from the parking lot to

the new building.

The College will arrange seating at the opening ceremony for elderly or disabled guests. Persons who need seating should contact Sharon Anderson at 966-5604 by October.

Not everyone will be able to tour the new building immediately following the opening ceremonies. Guests may have tea at one of the reception centres or visit other campus attractions as they await their turn to tour the new building. Tours of the building before or after the official opening on October 25 can be arranged by contacting the College of Agriculture information kiosk attendant at 966-7881.

Other campus attractions include the Diefenbaker Centre, the Snelgrove Art Gallery, Museum of Antiquities, the Biology museum and Natural Science Museum.

Information on the Mixer

SAGA wanted to make the official opening, a special day for graduates, so we decided to organize a mixer, as a special place for grads to meet and visit following the official opening. Since many of you will be staying in hotels downtown and will likely be going to restaurants for dinner we decided to have the mixer in a downtown location. The Top of the Inn, of the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel is booked for 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The setting should be excellent as the Sheraton has spent a bundle on renovation. Cash bars will be available, as well as non-alcoholic beverages. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. There will be a charge of \$3.00 per person to cover costs.

We hope you come to the mixer, to meet your classmates and friends, to organize your group for dinner and to return and visit following dinner after a long day. We will have table stands to help you gather your reunion years. Glen Hass, Bob Brack and other past presidents of SAGA will be your hosts.

The January reunion

As I reported in the June issue we are developing a new reunion program format for January, 1992. Farm and Home Week is being moved to February but SAGA reunion will remain in its traditional time in early January. We will now be a part of Production Week which will include all farm group programs that have in the past been at Farm and Home Week.

The decision to work closely with the

College (ASA) and School (SVAA) student associations to organize a special event for the reunion weekend is important to the students and thus to the future of SAGA. I can report that in a student survey conducted this spring, college students requested the ASA provide more educational and career oriented activities. Replacing the lecture series on Friday a.m. with an expanded educational program for students, graduates and faculty will help meet this request.

As I reported in the June issue, the remainder of the reunion weekend will follow a similar format *but* with several important changes. The Friday night mixer will include presentations from the morning judging competitions etc. Changes will be made to the Saturday banquet and dance. We will return the more informal setting that we had for several years, a cabaret format with no head table.

We have had one summer meeting for the special event, but the major planning will take place once the students have returned in September (College) and October (School). We still need and want your input. Write to me at the Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, S7N 0W0 or call me at 966-4020.

The December newsletter will have the full information on the January reunion/special event. Given the large number of participants and large number of events going on simultaneously, it will be necessary to register in advance. The registration material for the Friday program and for the sporting events will be included in the December newsletter.

SAGA newsletter

I have reported on page 1, the fact that Jack Braidek is our new editor and that Lin Boyes has passed over the pen. Once again we want to thank Lin for his years of dedication. It is graduates like Lin that make the SAGA the most dynamic U. of S. alumni group. A final plea to assist Jack in maintaining the quality of the newsletter that Lin established.

Fraternally,

Gary Storey '63C
President, SAGA

THE THUNDERING HERD



Ross D. Hutchison '73C, formerly of Naicam, is on the move again. He and his family now live in Wainwright, Alberta, where Ross is district agriculturist. He must have impressed his Alberta bosses 'cause he was on contract at Ryley, Alberta, for the last while.

Warner (Terry) Kabatoff '81S have moved to 1628 Suite A Olive Diefenbaker Drive, Prince Albert. Warner is credit manager for the P.A.Co-op.

Darren Petriew '89C advises that he is now the loans officer at the Royal Bank, Moosomin (main branch, we assume). Also that he was sent there to clean up behind **Gord Bligh '89C**, former loans officer at that branch. Seems that Gord and his wife Patti have moved to Neudorf, where Gord is the officer in charge of the branch.

Lindsay R. Hanson '83C, Saskatoon, is now a grad student striving for an MSc in environmental toxicology. He and wife Elaine had a fabulous trip to 14 countries and at the same time escaped rising gas prices, GST, PST and cold weather. Surprisingly, after that great trip to Europe, SE Asia, down under and back they conclude "Things aren't so bad in Saskatchewan."

Grant Hesje '91C is now a credit officer with the Agricultural Credit Corporation at Meadow Lake. Started there on a frosty February morning this year. Classmate **Ward MacDougall '91C** is reported to be with Esso at Humboldt and **Gord Pearse '90C** has gravitated further north, to Newfield Seeds, Nipawin.

Al Reimer '55C, Calgary, preserved his writing arm yet sent information for this newsletter by getting **Lawrence Klusa '62C** to write a note. Lawrence probably had to buy the stamp too! Lawrence would not admit to being employed, but noted that **Jill Klusa '86C** is registrar, Foothills Hospital, School of Nursing. He said that **Perry Gerwing '85C**, is now a consultant with Jim Lore & Associates Ltd., Calgary, and **Calvin Sonntag '87** is also in the Stampede City with Hoechst. **Clifford Jamieson '87C** is now a grain trader with Albert Wheat Pool in Calgary.

Carl Singbeil '78C and wife Kathy (Lowe) '81C wrote a letter from the farm at Mossbank. Carl has found a way to make farming pay - he combines it with a job with the Farm Debt Review Board. Kathy looks after Bobby and Corey, 5 and 2 1/2 year old sons and probably a lot of the chores too! They report that **Blaine Canitz '80C** and wife

Jackie Frovarp '81C are back in Saskatoon operating an Esso agricultural dealership. They have a two year old son, Anton.

Shane Henry '88S has resigned from the job of receiver at the soil test lab, to pursue a career as psychiatric nurse.

Ivan Sharp '74S sent along a newsy letter. He and Millie are living in Yorkton and he is working for Wilbur-Ellis, a farm chemical company. They have three children and a mortgage to support. A classmate, **Conrad Raddysh '74S** farms down the road at Theodore, where he raises Herfords and does some judging at 4H shows to make spending money. Conrad and Karen have two children.

Darrell Kostenuk '74S moved Helene and their four tads to Rocanville to manage his father-in-laws farming operation. **Bert deGooijer '76C**, Joy and their three children are enjoying their new house on the farm at Kelliher. Mixed farming must be paying off. Ivan Sharp also reports that **Allan (Blake) Littman '76S** farm near Saltcoats and is on the Yorkton and District Hospital board. Allan and Elaine have four daughters.

Sheila Luther '87C is working on a master's degree in soil science at the University of Alberta, Edmonton. She hopes to graduate soon and has applied for an overseas posting with CUSO.

Carol Martin 'C, has been appointed manager of the Brandon south territory for Cyanamid.

Elvin Haupstein '58C Weyburn, and **Don Russell '70C**, Rosetown, have been appointed to the Saskatchewan Co-operative Advisory Board. Established in 1990 the board serves as a link with government on co-op sector projects, programs and issues.

Carman Read '76C, Winnipeg, field boss for Monsanto, sent along news about himself and assorted others. Carman says his seven year stay in Winnipeg has gone quickly, and he hasn't saved much money but their kids are now 12, 9 and 7, are a happy explanation of the flat purse. He still plays a little hockey but relies more and more on coaching ball and hockey for athletic thrills.

Carman said that **Tom Weir '76C** is now living in Yorkton and working for Westco fertilizers. Tom had spent the previous two years in Winnipeg developing a pump suitable for handling herbicide.

Gary Meier '76C still farms at Ridgedale, but he also heads up the soil conservation program in NE Saskatchewan, working out of Tisdale.

Gord Froelich '77C is glyphosate products manager with Monsanto at Winnipeg. And **Cynthia Martfield '91C**, was hired recently by Monsanto, to work out of Drumheller. We agree with your "hire Sask.grads first policy", Carman.

Patrice Rather (nee Zultok) '84C, has moved from Norecol Environmental Management in Vancouver, to be a special projects officer for the Regional District of Fraser-Cheam, based in Chilliwack, BC.

John Clark '53C, Winnipeg, has been appointed publisher of the UGG-owned publications Country Guide, Grainews, Cattlemen and Grower's Report. Seems like an awful load to dump on one body but we think John will handle it just fine.

Murray Fulton '77C, accompanied by his wife Leona and son Michael, left on June 28 for Australia, where Murray will spend a year on sabbatical leave from his U of S post. The first six months at Perth and the last half year at Canberra.

Fred Fulton's '50C daughter Joan has also become an ag grad in 1990 in a roundabout way. She received a bachelor's degree in economics from Saskatoon and a master's in economics from the University of Western Ontario, before completing her PhD in agricultural economics at Minneapolis. A graduation gift of life membership in SAGA would be most appropriate. How about it Pa, or Uncle **Ross Evans '50C**?

Layne Evans '91S, has been putting some of his 4H training to good use. He was the judge of a regional show at Hanley and assistant judge at the Saskatoon event.

Matt Sattler '49S, Wilcox farmer, says the addition of acres seems to have an inverse effect on profits. But they keep on farming, with some help from sons who pilot planes for Air Canada and teach aerodynamics at Carlton University. (Matt's family caught the flying disease from their Dad). Dorothy and Matt built a lakeshore cottage of natural logs northwest of P.A. and like to spend some time there during the winter. They draw strange looks from friends who head the opposite direction at that time of year..

Matt sees class valedictorian **Gerry Crofford '49S**, Saskatoon, who manages the arbitration section of Sask. Government Employees Union. He vents frustration on fine craftsmanship in furniture building and refinishing.

Matt recalls his 40th reunion in 1989 and the people who made it a great experience. Among them was **John Reid '49S**, Saskatoon, who was much involved in its planning. Also **Lloyd Redick '49S**, Regina, who will be retiring from PFRA soon, and **Art Stillborn '41C**, whose appointment as assistant director in 1947 coincided with the entry to the school by the class of '49.

Bill Heenan '49S farms at Grand Coulee, spends winter months in Arizona and has a nice touch in restoring antique cars. **Earl Willer '49S**, Assiniboia, and **Earl Nicholson '49S**, Morse, have both been chalking up some impressive crop production figures. **Oliver By '49S**, Kelvington, has been farming and active with Sask. Crop Insurance, while **Ed Jackson '49S** continues to be a leading seedsman.

Charlie Hopkins '51S, Melfort district farmer, says that he is kind of easing out of farming, preferring to spend more time drinking coffee and travelling. He and Lil had a nice visit with **Jack '51S and Lil Britton at**

Eston in June and discovered that Jack is easing out of farming too, but with a difference. Seems that he is now the developer and owner of the West Eston Mall (not to be confused with the West Edmonton Mall). The tenants are a dress shop, owned by his wife and daughter, and Britton Agencies, owned by his sons.

Maurice Sebulsky '61C, Sheho farmer, devoted one morning when the grain was tough, to sending news about his ag associates. Since then he has combined many, many bushels, all number one and dry, we hope. But despite near-record rainfall, some of the early crops out Sheho way had low test weight and yield, due he believes to an extra heavy stand, little rain in July and August, and much disease.

George Cooper '44S and wife Iva have retired to Foam Lake and left the farming at West Bend to sons **Jim '83S**, **Sheldon '84S** and **Barry Cooper ' and brother Bill '51S**. But George finds himself reunited with the tractor quite often, especially when the others are away tending to other things.

The Sask. Canola Growers Association was well represented by ag grads at Foam Lake on July 31 and August 1, when a Japanese visit coincided with the local canola days celebration. Present were **Ray Wilfing '69C**, Meadow Lake; **Doug Sword '65C**, Unity; **Ron Schultz '77C**, Langenburg; **Dave Marshall '73S**, Semans; **Bill Hetland '78C**, Naicam, **Mervin Helgason '61C** and **Bill Cooper '51C**. The gang did their best with the Japanese delegation but they were non-committal.

Doug Ukrainetz '69S, Insinger, took up

auctioneering alongside of farming a few years ago. Word is that he now has a GRIP on auctioneering, selling out the bankrupt and tired farmers.

Mark Willcox '78C, Food Production and Inspection Branch, Agriculture Canada, sent an update on the whereabouts of federal staff in June. It missed the June newsletter, so here goes. Sending along all that news may have been the last good thing Mark did as a Saskatchewan resident because he moved to Ottawa soon after. Wife **Debbie '78BSP** grudgingly agreed to follow and bring the two tads along.

Phil Amundson '76C, wife Vicki and daughters Kara and Kelly are abandoning Regina and moving to Winnipeg. Phil will head up the new Food Production and Inspection Region. Phil was an 11-season member of the Regina Agro hockey team and a prime candidate for playing coach and general manager of a Winnipeg-based SAGA team.

Pat Dickson '70C took a one year leave of absence from FP & I and has now decided to stay in Kamloops with B.C Parks and Recreation.

Bernie Wiebe '62C continues to uphold all laws and regulations in his position as program officer, Plant Protection, Regina.

John Tatarynovitch '74C, transferred from Melfort to Saskatoon last fall, where he works as a plant health inspector. We suspect that John took over from **Don Nakonechny '84C**; because about that time Don quit the feds in Saskatoon and returned to Ruthilda to operate the family farm.

Dwayne Mooney '71C is now working as a program officer with Plant Protection in

Saskatoon.

Bob Mayell '59C, now an inspector with Plant Health and based in Regina, can sometimes be found helping his nephew on the farm near Assiniboia.

Jim Laternas '74C chief poultry rules enforcer with Agriculture Canada, Regina, is working on a Masters in Food Science at the U of Manitoba.

Ken Schmidt '78C has taken a secondment from his position as head meat grader for Ag Canada, to work as a development officer with the Agri-food Development Branch, also in Regina. We suspect that Ken won't be coming back, 'cause **Leslie Gadd '86C**, daughter of **Glenn Gadd '60C**, has been hired to do the things Ken used to do, and she will probably do them better.

Dean Klippenstein '84C, is the new program officer in food inspection at Regina, but he commutes from Moose Jaw.

Don Hepburn '72C is so busy doing his thing as program officer in food inspection, that the last 20 years have whizzed by.

Steve Tomtene '85S, works as a term inspector, plant health, and also farms at Birch Hills.

Hugh Hauser '73S, was recently appointed senior inspector, plant health, Regina.

Ray '85C Elliott was last seen taking in heaps of canola at the Humboldt gathering station, while wife **Pam '85C** was keeping control of the growing family and landscaping the yard. Her parents and brother **Dan Walker '78C** are providing plants from their gardens. No word on the survival rate.

Class of '51C reunion

Forty years ago a young, enthusiastic group of men and women graduated from the college. They met again in Saskatoon on August 15 to 18 to renew their friendship and revisit the events of the last 40 years. Twenty seven members of the 71 graduates attended, along with 21 significant others.

There were similarities and differences to past meetings. Some faces were easily recognized, others were at least a momentary puzzle. The gang drank about as much in the four days as they would have in a single session 40 years ago. But there was much more serious(?) visiting.

The first event was a barbecue at the home of **Art and Dawn Bevan** on August 15, one of those beautiful, warm, summer evenings. Golf, tours, visiting and sampling of Saskatoon's multicultural celebration followed on Friday. The group was most

impressed on a tour of the new college building on Saturday afternoon(what a marvelous facility), and with the dinner that evening. It featured a humorous talk by **Milt Bell**, one of the promising young profs way back then. The class was so impressed that they made Milt an honorary life member of the class of '51. Classmates **Wally Baldwin**, **Wally Doyle** and **Jim Rooke** also took their turn entertaining the group and **Harry Ukrainetz** led a sing song. **Art Wood**, ASA and SRC past president, served as MC.

The reunion was planned by the Saskatoon group of **Jack(Joan) Braidek**, **Wally(Marg) Baldwin**; **Art(Dawn)Bevan**, **Jake(Betty) Brown**, **Jim (Doreen) Misfeldt** and **Harry (Rena) Ukrainetz**. Wendy Bates at the alumni office did an excellent job of sending out letters and preparing registration materials. And **George Lee '53S**, '63C provided commentary on the tour.

The class was dissappointed that **Jake and Betty Brown** were not able to attend, but they enjoyed visits by many classmates at the University Hospital, where Jake has been resident most of the summer. A video tape of some of the reunion action has also been reviewed by the Browns. Other class members attending were **John(Zenny) Burton**, Regina; **Don (Shirley) Gill**, Medicine Hat; **Martin (Ruth) Kaufman**, Lacombe, AB; **John (Doreen) McConnell**; Saskatoon; **Gwen(Hooper) and Ron McKenzie**, Winnipeg; **Norm Quick**, Lethbridge; **Keith Thue**, Saskatoon; **Charlie (Marion) Thompson**, Martintown, ON; **Paul (Joan) Turner**, Victoria; **Bruce (Gloria) Wray**, Moose Jaw; **Lorne (Norma) Hextall**, Grenfell; **Jack (Lee) Peck**, Regina; **George Rathwell**, Regina; **Mike (Doreen) Yurkowski**, Winnipeg; **Harry (Lillian) Gullet**, Saskatoon; **Dave Scobie**, Nanaimo, BC; **Alec (Thelma) Palin**, Olds, AB.

THE POOPED DECK



The action in Regina suggests the arrival of a new leg doctor. **Ross Evans '50C** reports that **Phil Polischuk '49C** had his second hip replacement in early July and was walking without a cane two weeks later. We are not supposed to tell doc that Phil strode caneless. **Earl Johnson '51C** had such good luck with his first hip operation that he had a second one done too. He was seen moving about, carefully, at the Sask. Agriculture Hall of Fame clambake in early August.

Carman Cooke '49C and wife Dorothy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 30, 1991 and the event looked like a replay of an Ag Rep conference of 25 years ago. Persistent perennials and earned assistance programs must have been on the agenda because **Vic Beck '50C** and **Harold Horner '33C** were both there along with many other friends.

Gib '49C and Marj Wesson also celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 20 and that drew many guests. **Wally Clark '42C** and **Jim Wright '48S**, both of the Vancouver Island rain forest were there and neither seemed at all concerned about missing the Sacred leadership convention being held in their back yard that very day.

Isobel Fulton, mother of Fred '50C and grandmother of **Murray '77C** celebrated her 90th birthday on May 19. On hand to help her blow out the candles were grandsons **Brian '75S** and **Garth '87S Taylor**.

When **Arnold Treble '49C** wrote from Fillmore on July 1 it was raining cats and dogs. He reported also that some crop could not be sown because the soil was too wet at seeding time. Arnold also reported on a trip to dry Western Ontario in May (which was still dry in July). **Stewart Lanes' '39C** were busy and have sold their summer home at Port Elgin and

bought a lovely new condo on the harbor at Kincardine. But their main base will still be in Guelph.

Wally '51C and **Joy Doyle** arrived at their cottage at Kipabiskau Beach on June 6 and will rough it there until after Labor Day, travelling to Saskatoon to visit the kids and bath occasionally. Wally has added a room to the cottage to accommodate an expanding family. He golfs 4 or 5 times a week at Tisdale - practicing up for a challenge match with **Art Strautman '48C** when he and wife Phyllis show up. Wally reports visiting with **Bob Warner '53C** and wife Marie, of Melfort, also with **Keith Head '67C, Nipawin**.

Stuart '37S and **Elsie Smith** attracted quite a crowd, including several grads, to their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday July 14, at the Elk's Hall, Saskatoon. Signing the register were **Grant '37S, '42C (Ina) Miller, Perdue; Jim '37S (Katherine) Anderson, Outlook; Archie '35C (Vivian) Campbell, Saskatoon; Lorne '36S (Gladys) McVicar, Colonsay; Karsten '72C (Shirley) Frydenlund, Allan; William '40S (Marie) Bitz, Allan; Bruce '36S (Wilma) Smith, Saskatoon; Barry '48S (Betty) Rugg, Elstow; Herb '36S (Lucille) Wilson, Hanley; Earl '42S (Jean) Lawrence, Colonsay; Gratton '69S (Barbara) O'Grady, Allan; Grev '47S (Berna) Jones, Saskatoon; Gordon ' (Brenda) Koshinky, Allan. A fine gathering to celebrate with a fine couple!**

Our thanks to **Harold Horner '33C** for an update on self and fellow grads. Harold attended the district Rotary convention at Regina in June and chatted with **Jake Nickel '52C**, Dauphin, Manitoba. Jake is retiring to Saskatoon, closer to his early stamping grounds. Helgi Austman, Gimli, Manitoba, incoming Rotary district governor, told Harold that the former U of S president Leo Kristjanson was happily carpentering on a house: a favor to one of the several brothers Kristjanson. Harold met with **Ralph '33C** and **Irene Stutt** when they were in Regina visiting their daughter. **Jim '50C** and **Monica Banting** also stopped in Regina recently to attend Monica's war brides' reunion.

Joe Zeman '44C and wife Jessie headed off to Europe on August 8, planning to return in mid-September. Jessie will visit with her sister in Devon, England, while Joe goes on to visit cousins in Czechoslovakia. Joe illustrated his staying power recently, by walking away from an accident in which his car was totalled. They just don't build vehicles like they used to!

Our thanks to **Jean Smith, Moosomin, wife of Jim '41C** for sending along information on her sister **Bea Murray '45C** and an update on

hubby. Jim broke his hip in a fall last Christmas and was recovering nicely when slowed down by a another fall in May. But those little problems do not stop him from doing things like raking leaves at the Moosomin Lake cottage, or visiting with friends, especially the latter. Call around, Jim and Jean would love to see you.

Herb Moulding '42S, Winnipeg, and wife Riita, have enjoyed travelling since he retired from Ducks Unlimited a couple of years ago. Following a tour of Great Britain and Scandinavia in June, 1990, they visited Africa last winter. Kenya, for a 15 day safari, then on to Kruger National Park and dozens of other interest points. Herb even admitted to sampling some of that country's great Paarl wine. A visit to Churchill this summer will be followed by a visit to Kelowna this winter, to check out the prospects for a retirement home. Why not just keep travelling Herb, the heck with a house.

Ernie Booth '21C, Delray Beach, Florida, is headed for his 92nd birthday and threatens to be around for a while yet. He invites anyone with an interest in his activities as a kid through 1927 to read the first volume of his memoirs entitled "Touchwood Hills: The Autobiography and Reminiscences of Ernest G. Booth", available at the Saskatchewan Archives, University Library. Volumes I, II and III are in the process of reproduction as a hard cover book. They will cover his career in the United States, that began with USDA, first as an extension agronomist, then as executive committee member of the Land Bank, and later director of the state price stabilization programs. He then moved to the department of commerce as regional chief domestic trade office and in 1957 he became manager of the Minneapolis office responsible for domestic and foreign trade. Booth's career was a long, remarkable one, for which he has received many honors. We wish you many more years of happy retirement.

Lin Boyes '48C (ye olde ed), writes that **Vic Beck '50C**, has surfaced again, this time as a herbaceous herald of all things hallucinatory. And gets them published in The Western Producer! He sent along one of Vic's creations, reprinted below for the enjoyment of us with lesser talent. Keep them coming Vic.

*I must send my car in for repairs,
For I'm sure the speedometer errs.
When the speed limits I heed,
And maintain posted speed,
People pass me like hound-hunted hares.*

Notice of reunions

Class of '77 School

This 15 year reunion will be held in conjunction with the January 1992 SAGA event. Letters with details will be sent out to grads. Class members are asked to contact others.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Sheraton Cavalier for the group. Ask for Marilyn Ambler and tell her you are with the School of Agriculture 15 year reunion group for reservations.

Contact Blair Cummins, Saskatoon, 373-4393; Allan Gifford, Glenside, 867-8017 or Mark Woodworth, Elrose, 378-4056, for information.

Class of '72 School

Lyle Finlay '72S, reminds his classmates that a 20 year reunion will be held in conjunction with SAGA events January 10 to 14, 1992.

The Parktown Hotel will be the home base for the reunion.

Lyle needs the addresses of the following persons: Wade R. Armstrong; Phillip M. Bohay; Richard J. Cox; John A. McDonald and Hazel J. Ritchie. If you know the whereabouts of any of them call Lyle Findlay at 524-4409, or drop him a note at Box 279, Semans, SK S0A 3S0.

Home grown



Bruce Mitschke '83C, sales associate with Elanco animal health, admits to working hard, playing lots of golf, barbecuing and getting blown about by the south country breezes. In a footnote he adds that he and wife Katie added **Ryley Justin** to their family on November 2, 1990, a brother to three year old Mathew. Congratulations!

Bob Wacholtz '80C and his wife Rose, welcomed their 8lb, 14oz son **Joseph**, on June 24, 1991. Twenty-one month Stephane is not as keen on the addition as Mom and Dad. Bob is a sales representative for DuPont Canada Inc. at Regina.

Les '86C and Cynthia Fuller, are pleased to announce the birth of their third daughter, **Bethany Katherine**, weighing in at 7 lb. 7 oz., on July 28, 1991.

Colin James arrived in Humboldt on May 15, 1991, and parents **Ray '85C and Pam '85C Elliott** are delighted, but also losing a lot of sleep over the whole deal. Colin arrived as a small package, weighing in at 6lb. 6.5 oz., but is growing faster than the weeds in Mom's garden.

Bill '82C and Wendy Sherk, Calgary, announce the arrival of **Greg William**, brother for John, who arrived in 1987 and Clare, a couple of years later. Wendy says that teaching school was a breeze compared to raising little Sherks. Bill is a sales rep with Hoechst.

Reg Doyle '78C and his wife Maureen Miller were blessed with an eight pound daughter, **Meredith Celeste**, on July 6, 1991. Grandparents **Wally '51C and Joy Doyle** are fairly busting with pride.

Irvin '78C and Wendie Yorga, Flintoft, Sakatchewan, welcomed **Jeremy John**, a brother for Brittney.

The Editors corner

Dear folks:

The job came along faster than expected.

Lin had planned to retire at the end of the year, giving you the benefit of two more newsletters edited by him, and giving me a bit more time to get used to the idea of being the editor and even getting organized to do the job. The practical need to get this issue out pushed those and other considerations onto the back burner.

Getting this issue together has had its stressful moments, the kind I like to forget quickly, but also some happy moments, a couple of which I would like to share with you.

One of those happy moments came on a day when I was getting a bit panicky about the lack of material to fill this issue and

feeling a bit like a prospective groom abandoned at the altar. A big envelope of stuff was dropped on my desk and I was delighted to see that it was from Boyes at Yorkton. Inside was a whole wad of news from grads and a note from Nettie, Lin's wife, saying that he was away and had asked her to send it along. Oh happy day.

A few days later a newsy note came from Matt Sattler '49S, Wilcox. It was his response to a request made to him and about twenty other members, for news about them and other grads. It was a thrill to get 'reacquainted' with Matt, after many years, but more especially to get the news for these pages.

I was surprised and flattered to be asked to become your editor and look forward to the job.

Sincerely,

Jack Braidek '51C, Editor

EMPTY SADDLES



Robert Henry Anderson '35C, a 50 year resident of Melfort, Saskatchewan, passed away on August 4, 1991.

Bob was born at Froude, Saskatchewan in 1909, a year after his parents had moved into that district from New Brunswick. The family moved to the Kincaid community in 1911, where Bob grew up in a family of eleven.

Following graduation from the College Bob served as supervisor of illustration stations at Agriculture Canada, Scott, Saskatchewan, until 1941 when he transferred to Melfort. He served as horticulturist from 1948 until his retirement in 1970. His lovely Ardennes Farm, just outside Melfort is a testament to his fondness for horticulture.

Bob was married to Mary Emmerson in 1940 and they raised a family of five children.

Anderson was well known as a judge of horticulture throughout northeastern Saskatchewan, as a member of many local, national and international horticultural organizations, and also for his leadership in many other organizations. He served on town council for eight years and on its planning commission; in Elk's Lodge, the Melfort Housing Authority, Pioneer Lodge, Melfort Credit Union, the Melfort Agricultural Society and the senate of the University of Saskatchewan.

Left to mourn are Mary Anderson, Melfort, and her family of Angela (Glenn) Emmerson, Stonewall, Manitoba; Lenore (Terry) Kuch, Lakefield, Ontario; Sterling (Gail) Anderson, Lacombe, Alberta; Lorne (Gailmarie) Anderson, Melfort, and Kathleen (Alan) Heyhurst, Beaumont, Alberta. Also brothers **Oscar '39C**, Saskatoon and **Lawrence '42C**, Lacombe, Alberta.

Joseph Willard Clausen '48C succumbed to cancer at age 69 on June 11 at St. Paul's Hospital, Saskatoon.

Joe was born on his parent's farm near Govan on March 11, 1922 and served in the Royal Canadian Navy from 1943 to 1945 as a radar

operator on the corvette Riviere du Loup and the frigate St. John, patrolling the North Atlantic.

Following graduation in soil science in 1948 he worked with the VLA in Swift Current; Minneapolis-Moline, CPR lands and the Canadian Farm Loan Board in Yorkton and Farm Credit Corporation at Regina and Saskatoon. After his formal retirement in 1981 Joe appraised land for Deloitte, Haskins and Sells until 1987.

Joe is survived by his wife Roberta (nee Glendinning), who he married in 1951, and by their four daughters, Carol (Brad) Hunter, Regina; Janice of Atlanta, Georgia; Brenda (Huw) Evans, Saskatoon and Patricia (Miles) Muri of Saskatoon. Also by two granddaughters, Kristine and Kathryn Hunter, Regina; his mother, Amanda Clausen of Govan; brothers Alfred Clausen and wife Shirley of Toronto and Norman Clausen of Govan; sisters Elsa Sharp of Toronto and Emma Skogen of Strasbourg; brother-in-law Bob Glendinning of Lloydminster, twelve nieces and nephews.

Joe had many hobbies and an amazing ability to make things with his hands, being active in gardening, landscaping, carpentry, winemaking and several sports. He is also remembered for his kindness, his cheerful good nature, helpfulness and zest for life. He was a popular and valued member of the Rotary Club of Saskatoon Nutana for 25 years, and a member and past president of the Sons of Norway, Brubyen Lodge.

Barton Frederick Drope '50C of Kelowna, BC, passed away suddenly at his home on July 19, 1991, at the age of 63.

Bart is survived by his wife Ruth, son Michael (Katherine), Regina, daughter Colleen (Tim) Rickard, Saskatoon and two grandchildren. Also by brothers Harold, Wallace and Tom, and sisters Marion Knutsen, Irene Williams, Marjory Hannah, Doris Hunt and their families.

Bart was a founding member of the Prairie Implement Manufacturers Association and for many years he was an industrial consultant with the Government of Saskatchewan. He retired 4 1/2 years ago to Kelowna.

Gordon Arthur Elliott, father of Ray '85C, passed away at Rosetown Union Hospital on June 30, 1991, at the age of 61 years.

Gordon was born in Rosetown in 1929, married Haldora Gunnlaugson in 1951 and they settled on a farm west of Herschel, SK. He was deeply involved in the United Church and in community affairs.

Gordon was predeceased by his parents, Garfield and Laura, and by his sister Amy and brother-in-law **Carl Beaton '25S**. He is survived

by his loving wife Haldora, his six children, Douglas (Jeannie), High Prairie, AB; Steven (Pat), Saskatoon, SK; Laura (Mark) McKay, Smithers BC; Eric (Linda), Otterburn Park, PQ; **Ray '85C (Pam '85C)**, Humboldt, SK and Michael (Cheryl), Smithers, BC; 10 grandchildren, and his two brothers, Jim (Marion), Kelowna, BC and Bert (Pat) of Herschel, SK.

Frances Isobel Glendinning, late of Regina, passed away peacefully in the Plains Health Centre on July 31, 1991.

Predeceased by her parents Frances and William Wishart, Frances is survived by her loving husband **Lorne '49C**, of Regina, sister Helen Jordan, and brother James (Ann) Wishart of Prince Albert.

Frances was born in Strasbourg, raised in the Strasbourg-Duval district and attended Normal School at Saskatoon and earned a Bachelor of Education at the university. She taught in the Regina public school system for twenty-five years before retiring for health reasons.

Alexandra Dorothea Harrison, passed away in St. Paul's Hospital Saskatoon, on August 4, 1991.

She leaves to mourn **Mark Stuart Harrison '32C**, her husband of 62 years, two daughters, Shirley (George) Haines and Elaine (David) Norwood, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Born in Bristol, England, in 1902, Dorothea came to Saskatoon in 1912, where she attended Casswell School, Nutana Collegiate, the University of Saskatchewan and the Saskatoon Normal School. She taught at a number of rural schools, including Leask, Silvergrove, Spinney Hill and Baljennie and later at several schools in Saskatoon.

Dorothea married Stuart Harrison of Baljennie in 1929. She was an active member of St. James church where she played the organ and taught Sunday School. A serious stroke in 1983 curtailed those and her many other community activities.

Donald Louis Liepert '54C passed away suddenly on August 5, 1991.

Don was born at Burstall, SK in 1931 but his family moved when he was a child to Weyburn. At the College of Agriculture he specialized in economics and farm management, then continued on for a year studying history, philosophy, sociology and psychology.

Don married Delores (Dee) Roberts on December 7, 1957, and they had a family of two sons and one daughter.

Don began a varied work career, beginning as

an assistant social worker at North Battleford, then with the Civil Service Commission at Edmonton and Calgary then to Ottawa in various positions from 1962 to 1968. He was chief personnel advisor in Toronto 1968 -74, then in Saskatoon 1974 to 1981, and back to Ottawa until he retired in 1986. Since retiring Don provided a great deal of leadership to the Eastern Synod of the Lutheran Church.

Don leaves to mourn his wife Dee; daughter Dawn Louise (Ken) Lazorko, Calgary; sons Dr. David John (Susan) Liepert, Saskatoon, and Dr. Douglas Robert (Taimi) Liepert, Edmonton and their children. Also one brother, Bill (Vera) of Moose Jaw and sister Noreen Wilson, Winnipeg.

Edwin (Ted) Victor McCurdy '33C passed away at age 83 on July 2, 1991, at Indian Head, Saskatchewan.

Ted was born at Moosomin, SK in 1907 and following university graduation was employed at the Indian Head Experimental farm from 1933 to 1970. He is remembered by colleagues for the quality of his agronomic studies and his quiet, friendly manner.

Ted believed it was important to serve his community and devoted the time and energy needed to make things happen. He served as president of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists, and as a councillor and mayor of Indian Head. For twenty years he was on the hospital board, much of that time as chairman, and also on the executive of the Saskatchewan Hospital Association. He also represented rural areas on the board of the Plains Hospital and served as chairman of the Golden Prairie Nursing Home and the local housing authority.

Ted was predeceased by his wife Gladys in 1978, a brother Maurice and sister Agnes McCurdy. He is survived by his daughter Pat (Russell) Buglass and their family Sharolyn and David of Saskatoon, also one sister Eleanor Taylor, Willowdale, Ontario.

Alexander Furman McKean '23C, Regina, passed away on June 18, 1991 at 88 years of age. He is survived by three daughters, Shirley (Bud) Laking, Ottawa; Eleanor Finlayson, Mesa, Arizona; Maurine (Stewart) Smith, Rouleau, SK, four granddaughters and six great grandchildren. Also brother-in-law **John Rogers '23C** and sister-in-law Barbara (Harold) Atkinson.

McKean farmed at Rouleau; was a lifelong member of the Rouleau United church and took a very active part in the Masonic Lodge.

Friends so wishing may make a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Mary Ruth Moore of Saskatoon and formerly of Speers, SK, passed away at 97 years on May 16, 1991. Surviving are two sons, **Wendell '41S** (Eva) and **John '43S** (**Roberta Phillips '44S**), five grand children and 15 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Samuel Leroy Moore in 1957, and by four brothers and two sisters.

Mary was born to Sarah and Thomas Adams of Redding, England in 1893 and came to the Ruddell, SK, district in 1919 to keep house for her brother. She met and married Roy Moore that year and lived and farmed at Speers until moving to Saskatoon in 1988.



Dr. Beatrice (Bea) E. Murray '45C (above) passed away at Watrous, SK on May 2, 1991. A memorial service was held in her home community of Young Saskatchewan on May 6, while her friends and associates held a second memorial service for her in Ottawa.

Bea was predeceased by her parents, Alex and Barbara (Davidson) Murray, and one brother Dave. She is survived by a brother Victor (Irene) Murray, a sister, Jean (**Jim '41C**) Smith, Moosomin, SK, and by numerous nieces and nephews.

There were few female graduates in agriculture in the first half of this century and only a very few continued on to a PhD and scientific work. Bea Murray was one of those very few, taking studies in and then devoting most of her career to plant cytogenetics with the National Research Council, Ottawa. She retired in 1986 and returned to live in Saskatchewan in June 1990. She was named a distinguished graduate by the college at its 75th anniversary in 1986.

Bea was a kind and gentle person and also an activist. She took an active part in the Rape Crisis Centre, the Civil Liberties Association and

the John Howard Society. She worked tirelessly with the National Committee for the Status of Women, on environmental and many other worthy issues.

Rose Oscvirk, mother of **Wayne '68C** (Marie), Grandora, SK, Passed away in the Sherbrooke Community Centre, Saskatoon, on July 31, 1991.

The late Mrs. Oscvirk was born in 1908 in Czechoslovakia and immigrated to the Broderick district in her late teens. She was predeceased by her husband Martin in 1963 and son Wilfred in 1990.

She leaves to mourn her children, Martin (Swanie), Richmond, BC; Ruby Kozub, St. Catharines, ON, Theresa (Gordon) Grunerud, Kimberley, BC; Luke (Reg), Broderick; Esther (Ted) Usick, St. Catharines, ON; Deanna Oscvirk, Vancouver, BC; David (Betty), St. Catharines, ON; Wayne (Marie) and daughter-in-law Bess Oscvirk, also sixteen grand children and nineteen great grandchildren.

Peter Turchenek passed away on May 31, 1991, at the age of 85 years following a period of illness at Saskatoon City Hospital.

He leaves to mourn his wife Mary and children: Elizabeth (Walter) Dziadyk, St. Denis, SK; Meron (Eileen) Turchenek, Bankend, SK; Peter Turchenek, Watson Lake, Yukon and **Larry '68C** (Gloria) Turchenek, Edmonton.

Peter was born in 1905 to Dmytro and Frances Turchenek of Smuts, SK, and he worked on their farm and neighboring ones after completing school. He married Mary Hutnick in 1931 and they farmed in the St. Denis district until 1975, but have lived in Saskatoon since 1965.

Hugh Robert Wotherspoon '48S, Melville, SK, passed away at the Plains Health Centre, Regina, on June 1, 1991.

Hugh was born on May 28, 1926, the youngest child of Peter and Mary (McCallum) Wotherspoon. He entered the navy after completing his grade ten, then continued his education at the School of Agriculture. In 1950 he married Ainslie Campbell and they developed a grain and livestock farm north of Melville.

Hugh leaves to mourn his wife Ainslie, son Ross, his wife Carol and their two children, a daughter Shannon, her husband Norman Pearce and their two children. Also a brother Mervyn (Mildred), Melville; sister Marion McLean, Melville; sisters-in-law Cathie Wotherspoon, Regina and Victoria Wotherspoon, Melville.

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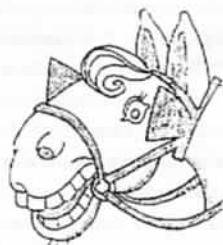
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THE HITCHIN' POST



The word is that **Bob Ehr '82C**, Calgary, finally got married, to a beautiful blond lass named Carol-lee, a U of M grad. The word comes from classmate Bill Sherk, who says

that she will have to endure the infamous Ehr-head jokes. **Kelly Bennett '82C** was the excellent, humorous MC at the wedding.

Gary Kruger '81C and **Roberta Slinkard** were married on August 3, 1991. They will make their home in Saskatoon, where Gary is a research and extension officer with the university soil test lab.

Harley Olson '72C, Saskatoon, and **Linda Haverstock**, were married on July 26, 1991. Harley is the deputy minister of science and technology, government of Saskatchewan, and Linda is the leader of the Saskatchewan Liberal party.

Corrections

Ross Evans '50C, noted an error in the June issue: son **Bob Evans '79C**, is a partner in Gates Fertilizer, Nipawin, and not Newfield Seeds. **Terry Gates '68C** is the major shareholder in the firm that bears his name.

Wilson McIntyre '41S, Honorary President SAGA, advises that his daughter practices her social work skills in London, Ontario, while **Don Allewell '55C** has a daughter who practices dentistry in Edmonton. (correction from June issue)

Genetic marker approach resolves parentage questions

An agreement was signed by six major blood typing laboratories from the United States and Canada in August to combine genetic marker identification capabilities. The agreement will increase the current capacity for resolving parentage questions for the livestock industry across Canada and the U.S.

The agreement also states that the laboratories will coordinate their research efforts and work towards standardization of DNA typing for animal identification and parentage verification.

"We are dedicated to support the integrity of pedigree records," says Dr. Gerry Kraay, manager of the Saskatoon-based Bovine Blood Typing Laboratory and spokesman for the group. "Our six laboratories are working closely together and we fully support

innovations which augment the power of genetic markers for parentage testing."

Laboratories represented at the conference hosted by the Saskatchewan Research Council on August 17 and 18 included Mann Equitest Inc, Guelph, Ontario; Serology Laboratory, School of Veterinary Medicine, Davis, California; Immgen Inc., College Station, Texas; Stormont Laboratories Inc., Woodland, California; the Cattle Blood Typing Laboratory, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, and the Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC) Bovine Blood Typing Laboratory, Saskatoon.

The laboratories are leaders in the genetic marking field and it is based on the testing of over one million animals and more than 200 years of combined service to the animal breeding industry. Professionals from those labs have been instrumental in developing recognized methods for identifying animal genetic markers. Several of the labs have programs investigating the relationships

between DNA markers, economically important production traits and diseases.

Current automated procedures are accurate, powerful and cost effective. Worldwide cooperation among laboratories under the auspices of the International Society of Animal Genetics has resulted in standardization of blood typing nomenclature. This was essential for worldwide trade in animals, semen and embryos. Tests performed by these labs have proven to be extremely effective for animal identification and parentage verification, and the results have been fully accepted in the courts of law.

Representatives from the labs formed a working group that will continue to evaluate new techniques to ensure that Canada and U.S. breed associations have access to state-of-the-art technology and quality assurance on into the future.

(Saskatchewan Research Council news release.)

Less stress equals more beef

Behavior studies begun

Dr. Joseph Stookey, animal behaviorist with the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, has received \$18,000 in funding from the Horned Cattle Trust Fund to support his research. This funding is in addition to a \$250,000 grant from the Alberta Agricultural Research Institute, to be applied over a three year period.

Stookey has aimed his research at improving the productivity and welfare in domestic food animals through the application and investigation of behavioral processes. Recent concern for animal welfare have led behavioral scientists to search for alternative procedures that reduce stress and improve the welfare of livestock. For example he is trying to identify an alternative branding procedure that would cause less stress and minimum discomfort to the animal.

Another research area is the effect of early social experience and



equipment on the temperament and handling of beef cattle. Previous research with other species has shown that animals that have had early social experience with people are less fearful, make better companions and appear more comfortable with people the rest of their lives. Stookey will study the temperament of beef cattle to identify modifications in equipment, handling procedures or early experience, that would improve the human-animal

interactions during handling.

Other research projects deal with ways of increasing maternal response in first calf heifers and in cows requiring assistance during calving. The projects are expected to increase productivity levels and help the animal industry address welfare concerns.

Dr. Stookey joined the herd medicine and theriogenology department of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in February. *(University News release.)*

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The Assistant Dean sez

By Dr. Bob McKercher '54C,
College of Agriculture

Agriculture is an ever-changing science. Researchers at the University of Saskatchewan are constantly working to find better methods of farming and ranching, new crop varieties and safer farming methods. The university's new College of Agriculture building is a concrete symbol of the importance of the study of agriculture to this province's economy, and of the university's commitment to the people it serves.

As the College of Agriculture has grown, its space requirements have also grown. Student numbers have increased steadily, putting a strain on existing resources. The ability of university researchers to attract research money has also increased substantially. While this is

testimony to the excellence of our staff, it also puts great pressure on facilities because of the high manpower component of research. The new building is a major investment in the future of Saskatchewan, and the university is especially thankful to the Saskatchewan Development Fund, Saskatchewan Education, the Partners in Growth fund raising committee, and over 3,000 individual and corporate donors who made the building a reality. National and international benefits will also arise from the college's expanded facilities, especially in the areas of teaching and research. The facility will allow us to build on our reputation as a world-class centre for agricultural studies.

The Swan Song of Ye Olde Edytur

Dear ag grads -

It hardly seems possible that nearly 15 years as editor of The SAGA have come and gone. I hope it has been as much fun for you as it has been for me.

That is not to say that it hasn't involved some hard work at times, and that it hasn't encouraged a few gray hairs. But when work is fun there is no sweat!

I hope my efforts have prompted some smiles and maybe even the odd chuckle.

Many thanks for the odd kind word and for your forbearance in not uttering the many unkind ones that went unsaid.

Thank you for the many, many casual contributions of news; and a special thankyou to the few faithful graduates who contributed items for nearly every issue. Publications such as ours survive on the news items you submit. Our new editor, Jack Braidek '51C will appreciate your continued support and goodwill, and I am sure you will be rewarded with better newsletters.

Our special thanks to the conscientious and hard working SAGA executives, that it has been my pleasure to have served with.

God bless you, the best bunch of guys and dolls it is possible to ever have served. Thank you for having accorded me that opportunity.

Your fraternally,

Lin Braidek, '48C