

Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame Inducts Agricultural Graduates

Three distinguished agriculture graduates and three others were inducted into the Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame, on August 9.

The induction program was held at the Western Development Museum, Saskatoon, before a large crowd of relations and friends. Paintings and detailed statements on the achievements of the inductees will hang in the Hall of Fame in a special room in the museum, alongside of the inductees from previous years.

Also inducted were:

J. Harvey Gjesdal, Birch Hills; Harold Greyeyes, North Battleford; and Bernice Norman, Saskatoon.

Clifford Henry Whiting '29S, farm and community leader, now retired in Melfort, was born in a log house on his parent's farm at Pleasant Valley in 1908.

Cliff has been active regionally and provincially in many organizations including serving as a school trustee for 22 years, a rural councillor for 10 years and delegate for Saskatchewan Wheat Pool for 17 years. Whiting took time to serve the province's youth by being a convener at farm camps, a 4H leader, and a board member of the 4H foundation.

In 1955 he was a member of the province's Jubilee committee, then served on the Thompson Advisory committee on medical care, 1959-61. He also served on the board of governors, University of Saskatchewan for 12 years.



Herbert Ross Clark '45C, Saskatoon, was recognized for his long and distinguished career as a youth leader and adult educator. Herb was born at Inchkeith and following graduation worked 43 years for the extension division, University of Saskatchewan. He was a familiar figure at rural youth and other agricultural events, often serving as a judge at livestock shows. Herb served many years as administrator of Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies and director of Farm and Home Week.

Herb has contributed in many ways to the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association - as a participant, on the executive and as a writer. His Historical Review & Register of Graduates has served the organization very well.



William Harold Horner '33C, Regina, was recognized for long and meritorious service to agriculture. Harold was appointed deputy minister of agriculture for Saskatchewan in 1951 and served in that office until 1972, during which time he helped to create or make functional many of the agricultural agencies and institutions we now take for granted.

Horner initiated the Family Farm Improvement Branch; the Economics and Statistics Branch; the Veterinary Services Act and the South Saskatchewan Irrigation Act. He was active in the development of both the Western College of Veterinary Medicine and the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, and was chairman of the Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute for six years.

The Thundering Herd

Fred Townley-Smith '64C sent a note from Winnipeg where he lives and has worked as a wheat breeder for Agriculture Canada since 1988. Fred claims considerable success with the release of Pasqua and Minto varieties but he has to share the honors with colleagues **Ron McKenzie '51C**, **Dave Leisle '56C** and **Ed Czarnecke '69C**. In the days ahead you can bet that new director **Jim Bole '64C** will be pressing the fellows to produce more, better varieties.

Gerry Hertz '84C, says that he is a project officer with SEDCO. Alanna Koch, his wife of 6 years is the executive director of The Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association. Gerry noted that **Grant McDougall '84C** and his wife Twila also live in Regina, where Grant is employed by ACS. They are expecting their second child, a brother or sister for Alyssa.

Wayne Gamble '71C has been appointed executive vice president of Canadian Western Agribition, adding another job to at least three others. Many will know him as the registrar of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists. Also as president of FarmWest Management Ltd. and he also does some farming at Rosetown. Don't be surprised if Wayne drops one or two of those jobs and moves to Regina from Saskatoon. **Mark Allan '79C** has moved from the executive vice president job at Agribition to run the Fieldstone Marketing office in Regina.

Many thanks to **Kendra Pederson '88C**, FCC credit advisor, Humboldt, for sending along a heap of news about fellow grads. Most of her news can be found under the Hitchin' Post label, but here's a sample. Kendra says that **Marion Busch '82C**, currently with FCC in Ottawa, will not be making the big move back to Saskatchewan. She plans instead to stick with husband Ken Olsen, BE, MBA and is busily looking for another job. **Mike Hoffort '88C**, and his wife

Loralee have moved to North Battleford where he continues to work for FCC.

Marcel van Staveren '92C checked in from Medicine Hat to say that he is working with Sandoz Agro, and to update the whereabouts of some classmates. **Jay Gerry** is with FCC in Regina; **Greg Gerry** is with the Royal Bank, Estevan and **Joy Serne** is with FCC at Yorkton. **Brent Fenton** has the distinction of border-jumping- he is with Archer

Tim Hammond '91C is back in Saskatoon with FCC, from Dauphin where he had been with CIBC. **Jim Birch '67C**, wrote from Regina, where he is now coordinator of beef management programs at the Saskatchewan Livestock Association.

Steve '81C and Diana '82C Meister have moved to an acreage north of Regina, where there is enough range for their three kids. Steve continues with Hoechst and Diana is working for Unique Gardens for the summer.

Dale Kushner '91C is now a technical

SAGA Presidents - Now & Then



Grattan O'Grady '69S (left), president of the Sask. Agricultural Graduates Association, chats with past president **Gary Storey '63C**. Grattan operates a grain farm at Allan, on which he grows wheat, durum wheat, canaryseed, lentil and mustard. The youngest of seven children, Grattan and his wife have two daughters and two sons. If you can't reach him on the farm, chances are that Grattan is tending to his responsibilities as a member of the Saskatoon East School board.

Gary Storey was the president of SAGA last year and a faculty member of the agriculture economics department at the U of S. But he was promoted, first to assistant dean of the college, then in June of this year he was named a research fellow to the George Morris Centre, University of Guelph. Gary will continue to work out of his office in Saskatoon.

Daniels Midland, Decatur, Illinois.

Glenn Annand '78C is growing seed, cleaning seed and raising a family at Mossbank. But there is more. Glenn claims to be a Kinsman and also participates in soil conservation activities, curling, hockey, golf and swimming. Glenn reported that **Phil Burt '78C** and wife **Jill(Annand) Burt** live in St. Albert, AB with their sons Landon (5) and Adam (3). Jill operates a day school and both she and Phil are busy with a direct marketing business.

sales rep. with ICI Chipman at Yorkton. Classmates **Glen Hill** and **Todd Denzin** are also with the same outfit. **Shannon Freeman '90**, is with Ducks Unlimited at Prince Albert.

Bruce Harrison '86C, sent along some happy news from Calgary, now his home city. He became regional sales manager with UGG's Proven Seeds last September and the promotion may have had something to do with his marriage to Darla Saunders 'B.Com.'87 in

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December, 1991. Darla is now an accountant with Shell and the salaries of both are financing a house they bought in March.

Jennifer Mitchell Fetch '79C and husband Tom now live at Horace, North Dakota. Jennifer completed her PhD at NDSU in 1988 and is now waiting for Tom to complete his PhD in plant pathology, so they can both get out and get real jobs. Thanks for the \$20 update on your life membership, Jennifer.

An article in The Brandon Sun provided news on **Norm Hemstad '64C**. (It was passed along to the editor by **Herb Clark '45C**, one of Norm's professors.) Norm, who lives on an acreage near Brandon, is now president of the Canadian Ostrich Association. He notes that ostrich eggs are about 24 times the size of a hen egg, and quips, "It would be awfully big, so you better have some company if you make an omelette."

Murray Westby '53S, sent along a nice newsy letter, all typed very tidy on a neat business letterhead. Yes, Murray has been in the John Deere dealership for 35 years, as a partner for the first 23 and sole owner the last 12. Son Brad and son-in-law Keith Engele do the important jobs like selling and servicing, leaving Murray some of the less pressing jobs, like being mayor of Watrous (since 1980), serving on the executive of the Sask.-Manitoba Implement Dealers Association, the Agricultural Implement Board, PAMI board and AgInsight Foundation. He is now on the S.U.M.A. executive and one of its representatives on the board of the Sask. Assessment Management Agency. Murray and his wife Delilah have been married for 36 years, have a son and daughter and five grandchildren, the youngest of which are twins, a boy and a girl. They were saddened by the recent death of friend and neighbor **Guy Beatty '48S**.

Westby stays in touch with **Bob Young '53S**, Alameda, and reports they spent some time together in Mesa, Arizona last winter. Murray suggests that Bob still has not mastered the game of golf after 40

years of trying, but kept silent about his own score. Bob has been mayor of Alameda for 20 years. He is also a Shriner, a member of the Lion's club and until recently a member of the Souris Basin Authority Board. Bob is still single: the recent addition to his house has not been explained.

Allan Smith '52S, Swift Current, was elected president of the Canadian West Dealers Association in January, 1992. He and Westby served on the implement dealer board in the past. Allan is manager of Jay Dee Equipment Ltd., the John Deere agency, purchased in 1975. He was presented with a Distinguished Graduate in Agriculture award in 1986 and was made an honorary life member of the Saskatchewan Institute of agrologists in 1988.

Larry White '64C, Prince Albert, is one of about 20 grads we asked to send along some news about grads. We must have caught him on a slow day 'cause he sent along a bundle. Thanks Larry.

Bob Sparling '65C, livestock agrologist at North Battleford has been taking treatments at the Royal University Hospital. **Larry Lee '70C**, extension agrologist, Nipawin, was named CKBI Radio Good Guy of the day back in April. He had done a very fine job of coordinating the Lion's Trade Fair at Nipawin.

Peter McLaren '54C, former land rep. and ACS financier, is now a full time consultant and duplicate bridge instructor at Prince Albert. **John Hemstad '63C**, SIAP marketing manager, continues to travel the world persuading people to buy Saskatchewan wild rice. Several record crops in recent years make that a challenge.

Hank Nickel '54C, extension agrologist at North Battleford, is rehearsing retirement and says he will go full time next April. In preparation he meets every Wednesday with **Lyle Darwent '67C**, farm management specialist, and **Eric**

Johnson '82C, soils and crop agrologist, to consider the future.

Phil England '68C, Prince Albert, will coordinate the SIA '93 annual meeting. He hopes that Waskesiu in June will suit everyone's fancy.

Lorne Klein '83C, extension agrologist at Unity, transferred to Weyburn on June 10 as grazing technologist. It may be easier to keep an eye on how his dad is farming the inheritance at Francis.

Dave Cubbon '68C, extension agrologist, Meadow Lake, is always finding new things to do. Since he wasn't elected to town council he has decided to make Loon Lake the saskatoon berry capital of the great northwest.

A major undertaking of Extension last spring was a series of meetings to explain GRIP II. Nearly 300 meetings with over 25,000 producers were resourced by extension staff. **Larry White '64C** was the provincial coordinator of that program.

Brian Harris '71C, lands agrologist, Prince Albert, was off to Alaska in June, leaving his wife at home. There is some speculation about the kind of stories he will bring back for her.

The fishing grads are out and about. **Barry Swanson '72C**, **Larry White '64C**, **Brian Harris '71C**, **Larry Lee '70C**, **John Hemstad '63C**, **Ed Tanner '72C** and **John Gruszka '71C** are said to have enjoyed much success with walleye at Deschambault. Another crew made up of **Orest Mysak '50C**, **Basil Fritz '73C**, **Stew Adam '68C**, **Doug England '63C**, **Pete McLaren '54C** and **Bill Franko**, reported excellent fishing and related (?) activities at other lakes.

Direct seeding is one of the hottest subjects now and many grads are involved in moving the idea and technology into mainstream farming. The Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association annual meeting in Prince Albert focussed squarely on that subject and attracted a crowd of 600 farmers. **Barry Swanson**

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'72C, Roy Button '67C and Eric Johnson '82C helped to organize that success. In early June a seminar on direct seeding drew 600 farmers to Watson, and 1500 to a field demonstration that afternoon in the Leroy district. Norm Janssen '79C, extension agrologist at Watson and chief organizer of those events was mighty glad it did not rain that day.

Bill Selleck '50C, checked in from Sri Lanka where he is now an agronomist with the U.S. Aid funded Mabaweli agriculture and rural development project. Bill headed a country-wide diversified ag research project in Sri Lanka from 1985 to 1991.

Cecil Werner '66C managed to send a note as he flitted from Regina to Japan, Korea, Taiwan and southern Europe marketing processed alfalfa products. He is Chief Executive Officer, WestCan Alfalfa Inc., and also a farming partner in the Grand Coulee-Rouleau district with brother-in-law Vern Day. Cec is still married to Barbara and they have three youngsters.

Jim Webster '49C, EXP Consulting Limited, Regina, involves himself in some interesting projects. He and Ed Spratt '58C will be working together on a 3-year CIDA project in Jamaica. Ed will live in Jamaica and be the project manager and Jim will serve as coordinator, working out of the O & T Agdevco office in Regina and visiting the site a couple of times a year. Bruce Hanson, a New Zealand grad, is CEO of Agdevco and he will be keeping an eye on Ed and Jim to make sure they get things right. The object of the exercise is to improve agricultural productivity in Jamaica through more effective use of fertilizers.

Webster is a long time member of the Regina Rotary Club and he meets regularly with club members Harold Horner '35C, Ted Turner '48S and Herb Dow '50C. Also with Gary Carlson '61C, a member of the Eastview Rotary Club in Regina. Harold, Ted and Gary are all past presidents.

Jim says he is looking forward to the

annual goose hunt again this year. Each October, since 1958, the party of Webster, Harold Horner, Jim Cinnamon '49C, Carnduff, and Gil Banford, an engineer who lives in Vancouver, have enjoyed a five day shoot at the Quill Lakes. Jim claims they continue to bring in as many geese now as they did years ago when the eyes were keener and reflexes a touch faster. Horner is the only member of that group who has never missed a shoot.

Webster is part of a group of Saskatchewan-based consulting agrologist who meet three or four times a year to better market their services. Some of the others involved are Bob Bens '64C, Biggar, Wayne Gamble '71C, Regina; Keith Head '67C, Nipawin; John Burton '51C, Regina; Garth Larson '72C, Outlook; Don Sutherland '52C, Eston; Bruce Hanson, Regina; and Judy Dyck '78C, Walter Gumpich '57C, Alvin Ulrich '78C, all of Saskatoon.

Lindsay Hanson '83C, wrote to us from Ottawa, saying that all is well with him, wife Elaine (B.S.P.T.'85) and Britt Mariah, their first born, who arrived on February 20/92. Lindsay is an evaluator (biologist) in the workplace substances and pesticides division, environmental health directorate, Health and Welfare Canada.

Perry Miller '84C, began a new job as research associate at the Crop Science Department, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, on June 1. He and wife Lesa offer friends a place to crash, free for one night only. But they did not leave an address!

Glen Herndier '70C, manager of ag banking services in SW Sask. with the Royal Bank, says he is moving from Swift Current to somewhere. Our guess is Regina, but we will look for confirmation for the next newsletter.

Congratulations to Jim Ferrie '82C, on being granted a MSc. degree by the U of S. Jim's thesis was "Sulphur fertilization of peas."

The Hitchin' Post



Kendra Pedersen '88C was married to Gord Mueller, Humboldt farmer, on June 13. Friendly folk are invited to stop for a coffee, beer or whatever. Besides the invitation, Kendra also sent along the following:

Kathy Zimmer '89C and Neil Pearson (Barney) are engaged and plan to marry on October 24. Kathy was in Prince Albert with FCC and they succeeded in persuading Sask. Pool to transfer Barney there this summer. Cosy, eh!

Monique Hannotte '88C and Martin Detillieux were married on July 11. Monique is with SAMA (Sask. Assessment Management Agency) at North Battleford and Martin works for Pioneer Grain.

Ray Gilmour '87C and Coralee Clavelle were married in Saskatoon on July 10. So Ray got both of his wishes - to marry a good looking gal, with a steady income. Ray is with FCC in Saskatoon.

Chris Spasoff '89C and Jim Simpson '85S, were married in a nice quiet ceremony. Watch for news of a big party later this year. They plan to live at Lloydminster and make their million farming.

Tim Charabin '88C and Tracy Larose '91C, were married at Corning on April 4, then headed back to North Battleford before seeding. Tim has to put up with other shareholders in the farm, namely his father, well known seed grower Ken Charabin '47C and brother Dale. Tracy works for Pride Seeds.



Congratulations and best wishes go to **Leslie James Hutchison '27C** and Jean Jofre Cooper, who were married on May 29, 1992, in Ottawa. About 45 relatives and friends were in attendance on that beautiful May evening. Dr. Patricia Ann Hutchison, Regina, attended her father, and Tracy Galloway, granddaughter of the bride was bridesmaid.

Les and Jean live at 1480 Riverside Drive, Apt. 2807, Ottawa, Ontario K1G 5H2.

Home Grown

Jeff Bean '89C and his wife Deb announce the birth of their son Taylor on March 21. Good sized fellow at 8 pounds 11 ounces and most of two feet long. Possible Roughrider or replacement for Jeff who is sales repping with Rhone-Poulenc.

Larry Nelson '76S, Trossachs farmer/rancher and wife Susan (McCosh) B. Mus/Music Ed '77 have been busy looking after twins Alana Alice (6 lb 14 oz.) and Robert Henry (8 lb 2 oz.), born on Feb. 22. Their siblings are Hilary, Mallory and Spencer.

Allan '79S and Juanita '83C (Brown) Polegi are pleased to announce the arrival of Murray Emil Joseph on April 17, a brother to daughter Justine. Allan farms near Jedburgh and Juanita finances that operation by working as soil conservationist at Yorkton.

SAGA Laud and Honor

J. Lorne McVicar '36S, Colonsay, was presented with a Distinguished Graduate in Agriculture Award at the School of Agriculture graduation exercises on April 24, 1992. Lorne has had a long and distinguished career raising Hereford and Simmental cattle and Percheron horses, as well as service on several livestock organizations. Locally he distinguished himself as a 4H leader and organizer. He has made a significant impact through service on the Agricultural District Board and agricultural committee and in many community activities.

Bernard (Ben) Gaudet '69S, Bellevue, received a Distinguished Graduate in Agriculture Award on April 23, 1992. Ben operates a very successful family farm that produces hogs and grain. He is recognized as a leader in both his farming practices and in service to his community. He plays an active part in community organizations and more recently as a director of the Saskatchewan Pork Producers Marketing Board.

John George (Jack) Braidek '51C, Saskatoon, was made a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada. This is the highest award conferred by the Institute to a member. The presentation was made at the AIC annual meeting in Brandon on July 8.

Jack has been employed in extension with Saskatchewan Agriculture, in the farm supply area with Saskatchewan Wheat Pool and for the last 14 years as a journalist with The Western Producer, where he is now managing editor.

He is a past president of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists and also served as vice president of AIC and chairman of its 1986 annual conference committee.

Donald Findlay Acton '57C, was installed as a Fellow of the Canadian Soil Science Society, at the annual meeting of the society in Edmonton on August 11. The fellowship recognizes outstanding contributions to soil science and to the

society.

Don grew up on the family farm near Lemberg and became a full time employee of the soil survey group following graduation. He became head of the survey group in 1967.

Over the years Don has been involved in many special projects, including chairmanship of the national committee on land-form classification and national leader of the soil quality evaluation program.

Don married Sylvia Harrison of Balcarres in 1960 and they have a family of two.

1957 College Party

The college class of 1957 had a 35 year reunion last January and Don Acton sent along the following comments on those attending.

Gordon Plaxton, superintendent of schools, Calgary, attended: So did **Roy Levee**, farmer at Radville and chairman of the board of Weyburn Inland Terminals. **Glenn Lowndes**, who farms at Kelvington and **Tom Jackson**, Golden Seeds Farm, Fort Qu'Appelle, turned over the chores to hired help in order to attend. **Larry Koturbash**, Porcupine Plain and **Bob Middleton**, Saskatoon, a couple of ex Ag Reps, took time off from soil conservation duties to party.

Of course, **Don Acton**, probably an instigator of the event was there, temporarily neglecting the soil research program. So was **Marv Henderson**, Cory Park Greenhouses, Saskatoon.

Some were unable to attend. **Jim Erfle**, Animal Research Centre, Ottawa, was ill. Business commitments kept **T.C. (Chuck) Day**, acting president of Grant MacEwan College, Edmonton and **Harvey Goehring**, Pioneer Grain, Winnipeg at home. While retirees **Joe Jeanneau** and **Larry Gellesta**, Moose Jaw, were sunning themselves in warmer climes.

The Pooped Deck



The three hospitals in Saskatoon have finally provided the kind of therapy **Joe Zeman '44C**, enjoys. Joe won the early bird draw, a 1992 Lexus SC400 Coupe in the hospital home lottery. Says he gave it away - for money.

Gordon Tredgett '47S, has moved from the farm near the shores of Old Wives Lake to retirement on the Pacific shore. His address is Apt. 111, 3969 Shelbourne St., Victoria, B.C.

Jim Wright '48S, Cobble Hill, B.C., reports that he and his wife Betty have built a new house at Arbutus Ridge. (That term 'building a house' really means putting up the bucks for someone else to do it.) Their view across Satellite Channel allows them to keep track of other Prairie farm folk who have settled on Salt Spring island. Their place is one of up to 679 homes in what Jim calls a strata development. The place sounds kind of nice, with a community centre, good facilities, security and an 18 hole golf course. You should also be aware that Jim has been chairman of the council this last year. We mention that in case you get a notion to buy into the development. Jim says he keeps in touch with the prairie situation in part by reading this newsletter and from **Gary Rice '61C**, Tisdale. Gary farms the remainder of the Wright farm.

Ralph Miner '42C, does things a bit different than most agros. He retired to

the home farm at Speers in 1978 after working with co-operatives for 40 years. Ralph says that he and two neighbors work together, sharing equipment and labor. For example, he doesn't have a combine but spends a lot of hours on his swather cutting his crop and that of the others. The Miners have two daughters who live in Moncton, New Brunswick. One of their sons lives at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, the other at Cranbrook, B.C. Ralph says that he was in hospital for five weeks last winter and missed the 50th anniversary of his class, but he's feeling better and going about the farm work.

Joe Campbell '41C, Victoria, reports that he is now retired from managing his own business, and enjoying life in his chosen city. Also, that his brother Ted '40C, former poultry commissioner in Sask., lives out that way and is doing well following another hip operation. Ted enjoys visitors; so call around when on the island.

Archie Campbell '35C, Saskatoon, sent some news in March and somehow the page got shuffled out of sight, then emerged this time around. Archie wrote that he and Vivian, his wife, had visited Howard McDonald '35C and Audrey in their new condominium in Vancouver. They have a beautiful view of the harbor and mountains and are also close to family. Bob Arnold '35C lives nearby but they were not able to contact him.

Campbells had a call from **Fred Quinke '35C**, when he was in for a cataract operation. Fred still grows lilies on his Star City property, but he now lives in an apartment in Tisdale. He used to winter in Texas but stayed home again this year.

Archie spoke recently to **Adam Wininsky**, another of those hardy '35 college grads. Adam is happily retired at the southern end of Clarence Avenue where he does a little farming and figures out ways to further support the college.

Christmas in 1991 turned out to also be an 80th birthday party for Archie, celebrated at their daughter's home in Calgary. They were joined by their sons and their families who live in Calgary and Vancouver. They then went on an Eastern Caribbean cruise on the *Norway*, followed by a week in Vancouver. So you can see that despite Archie's sight problem they still set a pretty good pace. They continue to grow fruit and vegetables on the farm south of Saskatoon and Archie stays active in Lions, five pin bowling, the Writer's club and genealogy.

Jack Quick '52C says that classmate Don Sutherland continues to farm at Eston but is devoting more time to far-out notions since his election as chair of the Sask. agriculture consultants. Also that he and **Don Lambie '52C** are busy growing ever brighter and more colorful lilies, since retiring from their Sask. government jobs. They are encouraged by **Art Delahey '52C**, who has built up the Patterson lilies acquired 25 years ago. Lambie also sets aside time for golf and travel, while Quicks can often be found at their cottage on Jackfish lake. **Bernie Goplen '52C**, has invited his wife Henrietta to join him at the "back home" Olympics in Norway in 1994. Bernie has concluded that research work will never get finished anyway, so he will retire before long.

Dick Hitchman '52C, retired from the B.C. Institute of Technology (Burnaby) last fall, but continues to live in their North Vancouver home. He visited Sask. in June and was impressed with the new college building, in particular his specialty, the dairy and food science department. They have bought a ski shack (condo) in the Comox area and plan to spend some time there. During his working years the institute encouraged staff to do consultant work, so Dick travelled widely, with Costa Rica one of his favorite spots.

Bob Brack '52C retired from the university this summer, after many moons in the Extension Division and the last year as acting director of development for the university. Many happy days in retirement Bob.

The 1993 Ag Grad Reunion Weekend January 15 to 17

The agriculture graduates of the University of Saskatchewan have the wonderful tradition of reunions every ten years after graduation. The activities vary a bit from one class to the next, but the following is a general sketch of the activities to take place January 15 to 17, 1993. Expect a letter from your class representative or convener with detailed information on your class reunion. (See the list of conveners.) There will also be more information in the December issue of this newsletter.

Friday, Jan.15

Morning and afternoon - lectures and contests.

Late afternoon - curling and hockey.

Evening - smoker. Some reunion years have a dinner this evening.

Saturday, Jan.16

Morning and afternoon - curling and hockey

Evening - ag grad dinner and dance at the Sheraton Cavalier.

(Note: because the Saturday dinner will be held at the Cavalier some reunion years may choose that hotel as the centre for their activities.)

Sunday, Jan.17

Some of the reunion years have a special breakfast or brunch.

Curling and hockey finals and presentation of awards.

Reunion year conveners

Bob Tyler, vice president of the ag grad association has been searching for grads who will serve as class conveners for the 1993 reunions. Following is the list at press time. If your class year does not have a convener consider volunteering or persuading one of your classmates to take on the job. Bob will be happy to hear from you. His office phone number is 966-5024.

'33 college - Harold Horner. Telephone 586-6220.

'33 school - there were no school grads that year. (crop failure?)

'43 college - Hartley Fredeen, Jock Blacklock, Harold Chapman, John Bond and Ole Turnbull are on this power-packed committee. Two reunions are planned: one of these will be in Jan. '93 and another (based at Athabasca Hall) on Aug. 25, 26, 27,

1993.

'43 school - no convener appointed as yet.

'53 college - Ross Reynolds, Lanigan, is the convener. Telephone 365-2591.

'53 school - No convener appointed yet.

'63 college - Garry Storey is the convener. Telephone 966-4020 at the office and 374-1693 at home.

'63 school - no convener appointed yet.

'73 college - Glenn Hanke, Box 42, Beechy, S0L 0C0, telephone 859-4402.

'73 school - no convener appointed yet.

'83 college - Lloyd Streifel, 339 Staigh Crescent, Saskatoon S7N 3T2, telephone 249-2018.

'83 school - no convener appointed yet.

'48 college - This class had so much fun at their 40th reunion that they will get together again in January, 1993 for their 45th. The ringleaders are Roly St.Arnaud, 26 Britnell Cres., Saskatoon S7H 3X8, tel. 373-1854, and Gordon Wilson, 1302 Preston Ave., Saskatoon S7H 2V4, tel 374-7402.

Crop Production Week January 11 to 15, 1993 Saskatoon Inn

For the last 60 years or more, some of Saskatchewan's leading farm organizations have held their annual meetings, lectures and social events in mid-January. Their meetings used to be at the University, but most now meet at the Saskatoon Inn.

In addition, Saskatoon's Prairieland Exhibition stages its popular Crop Production Show during this week. The following is a preliminary list of the

organizations/events that will be held during the 1993 Crop Production Week.

- Flax Growers Western Canada (tentative)
- Saskatchewan Pulse Growers Development Board
- Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association
- Saskatchewan Canola Growers Association
- Saskatchewan Canola Development

Commission
•Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association

Jan.12 options program for partners of participants (a new feature)

Crop Production Show: Jan. 12 to 15

(For further information on the above telephone the Saskatchewan Canola Growers Association office at 668-2380)

1992 Ag Grad Reunions

Celebrate 40 + 80

On May 30, 1992, some members of the class of '52C invaded the Yellowgrass plains. Their target was the farm of **Bob '52C and Eleanor McClinton** and their mission was to help Bob celebrate his 80th birthday and the couple's 40th wedding anniversary.

In attendance were **Don and Marie Lambie**, Regina, **Don and Colette Sutherland**, Eston, **Jack and Eileen Quick**, Unity, **Bernie and Henrietta Goplen**, Saskatoon.

Bob was the oldest member of the class, having begun classes with **Hadley van Vliet in 1931**, then dropped out for 18 years. Bob did quite well at university, but his classmates believe he would have done much better if he could have deciphered his own notes.

Eleanor and Bob married in 1952 and set about building a dairy herd and starting a family on the farm north of Yellowgrass. Eleanor was well qualified to keep Bob in line, having been the oldest of 12 children and a United Church deaconess. Bob was the eldest of six children, so he too had some understanding of crowd control and family organization.

In 1976 the McClintons sold the dairy herd and turned to grain farming their two section spread. The next step was a move into Yellowgrass this summer, and son Lorne and his family moved out to the farm. Lorne will combine freelance photography and farming. Daughter Eileen and her family live in Swift Current, and their youngest son **Blair '85C** is soil conservationist at North Battleford.

Class of '42 Celebrates



Dinner at the Willows Golf Club

was one of the activities of the 1942 college reunion last January. The members in the photograph (clockwise from left) are Phil Thair, Therese Thair, Howdy McPhail, Ellen Slykuis, John Slykuis, Vera Clarke, Wally Clarke and Mary McPhail. Also attending, but not shown in the photograph were Roy and Betty McIvor, John and Jean Frizzell, Hugh and Audrey Kennedy, Dick and Marguerite Merryweather, Grant and Inez Miller, Torrie and Marg Tollefson, Charlie and Edna Keyes.

1972 School of Agriculture Reunion

A total of 31 class members attended the reunion on January 10 and 11, plenty for a real good party, but not as many as convener Lyle Findlay hoped would turn out.

The Friday night dinner at the Parktown was great with a good supper and opportunity to renew friendships and catch up on the happenings of the last twenty years.

Lyle says thanks to all who attended and a special thank you to Wendy Bates of the alumni office for her advice and help with the reunion.



Some of the grads attending the '72 School of Ag reunion.

Back row: Wade Armstrong, Pat Zentner, Dennis Schlekewy, Malcolm Nisbet, Lorne Carefoot, Dick Ross, Jim Gill, Doug Panter, Les Clayton, Lyle Findlay, Leonard Ber, Robert Lister.

Front row: Ken McPherson, Allan Nelson, Clarence Slater, Jack Savostianik, Hazel Ritchie - MacPhee, Ed Stolar, Steve Pavlik, Harvey Wagner, Ralph Bowditch.

College class of 1940 Meets at Westbank Barr

On June 7 ten classmates and eight spouses met at the home of Dougie and Gwen Barr, Westbank, B.C. for a barbecue. On the succeeding two days they visited, gabbed, golfed, shopped, visited wineries and had a leisurely cruise on Lake Okanogan, home of Ogopogo, the (mythical?) water beast.

The class of 1940 boasted 22 members, of which 17 survive. At their Westbank rendezvous it was decided to hold the next reunion in Saskatoon. The operative message to all class members is "Stay alive for 55 in '95 in June in Saskatoon." Walter Brice and Bill Thode will be making arrangements.

Following are some notes on those who attended this year's reunion and a comment on the others.

Dougie Barr, a native of Milden, married Gwen Forsythe in 1941. Following service in the R.C.A.F. Dougie farmed until 1956, when he became Ag Rep at Delisle, then Biggar. They moved to Arbourg, Man. in 1967 and Dougie was employed by Manitoba Agriculture until 1981 when they retired to Westbank.

Walter Brice, a Wadena lad, married Velma Fee in 1940, then served four years in the R.C.A.F. before taking a job with V.L.A. in 1945. He rose to director for the Prairie and B.C. region in 1969 and retired to Saskatoon in 1975. Walt spent 1975 to 1977 with C.U.S.O. in Papua New Guinea advising on fresh fruit marketing and irrigation. Walter and Velma call Saskatoon home, but you may see them at their Emma Lake summer home or Apache Junction, Arizona, winter home.

Maurice and Toby Brounstein continue to live in Regina, but spend their

summers at Madge Lake. Maurice's 35 year stint as Ag Rep was divided almost equally between the Kamsack and Regina districts. During that time he supplemented his work load and income(?) by managing his farm at Kamsack.

Harvey Dunn worked for Richardson Road Machinery for a couple of years after graduation, and for eight years after three years in the Royal Canadian Navy. In 1953 he went to the U.S.A. and worked for Stearns-Rogers Corporation for 27 years. On retirement in 1980 Harvey and his wife Freda moved to Rusk, Texas, site of the class' 45th reunion in 1985. They plan to relocate to Mesa, Arizona.

Ed Hudek was born at Hafford and he and wife Christine had seven children. Ed retired in Winnipeg after many years with Manitoba Agriculture as agriculture engineer and assistant deputy minister. He also served with CIDA in several countries. Ed has taken on the job of writing a booklet entitled "The contribution of our class of 1940."

Hank (Joe) Hudek, brother of Ed, began his university studies earlier but graduated in 1940. Hank worked in Ottawa for a year after graduation, and again from 1945 to 1948, after three years in the Canadian Army. He migrated to the U.S.A. where he attended university at Iowa State University, then taught economics there, at Auburn and Colorado State until retiring in 1974. He and his wife Julie (Ward) live in Fort Collins.

Bruce Martin returned and obtained his masters in agricultural engineering in 1942, then joined the staff at the experimental farm at Brandon for three years, then the Swift Current station. Bruce joined Allis Chalmers Rumely Limited in 1949 and stayed with them until 1970, when he became a staff member of Olds College, from which he retired to Victoria in 1985.

Norm Scharf joined Canadian Industries Ltd. in Montreal and worked for them for 41 years. His specialty was starting up new chemical plants and getting them to run on time and on budget. Since retirement he has made his home at DeBolt, Alberta, out in the country. Winter finds him migrating to Hawaii or Florida.

Fred Schroer, a confirmed bachelor, farms at Unity in the summer and winters with cousins at Cucamonga, California. Fred worked as an explosives inspector during the war years, then on soil surveys at Saskatoon and Edmonton, before moving to North Dakota State University in 1954. He retired to the farm in 1979 after 25 years of soil research at NDSU.

Bill Thode and his brother owned and operated Thode Bros. Ltd., a farming and construction company till 1945, when Bill took over the farming side. He proceeded to build up a very good registered Hereford herd and Bill served as president of the Saskatchewan and Canadian Hereford associations. He and his wife Evelyn are now retired in Saskatoon and they winter at Pampano Beach, Florida.

Of the other surviving class members of '40C **Stephen Boone** and his wife Elizabeth live at Lantzville, B.C. **Walter Blahey** is believed to be at Melville and **Ted Campbell** is in Victoria. **Morey Gorback** retired in Vancouver from head of the meteorological services at the Vancouver airport. **Bob Harvey** retired to Leisure World, Laguna Hills, California. **Ivar Tollefson** has retired to Idaho Falls after many years with Dupont Chemicals. **Frank Warder** continues to live in Swift Current, the city in which he lived many years while working for Agriculture Canada.

Empty Saddles

Gust Omni Oja '41S, Shaunavon, passed away on March 16, 1992, following a short illness.

Gus was born in the Nummola community 72 years ago and continued to farm there, but lived in Shaunavon the last few years. He is survived by his wife Irene, four step-daughters, and sisters Senja (John) Ligard, Edmonton and Selma (August) Zepick, Regina.

Gus was active in his community, serving as a councillor in the R.M. of Grassy Lake and as a director of S.A.R.M. He was chairman of the Southwest Nursing Home board and a member of the hospital and home care boards. Gus was on the first board of directors of both the Shaunavon Credit Union and Co-op. In recent years he had been gathering information for a book on the Finnish people in Canada.

Albert Reimer '55C, passed away in Foothills Hospital, Calgary, on January 8, 1992.

Al was born at Eston and he farmed at Glidden and operated a hatchery at Kindersley before moving to Alberta where he spent 20 years with Alberta Agriculture as district and regional agriculturist. He also was a consultant with Jim Lore and Associates. In 1988/89, Al was president of the Alberta Institute of Agrologists.

Al is survived by his wife Helen, daughter Judy, and son Orme (Sheila). Also sisters Mary (Cornelius) Fast, Saskatoon and Elizabeth (Henry) Sawatsky, Calgary and brother Neil (Merry) Reimer, Edmonton.

Donald Victor Larson '48S, Frontier, died suddenly at the age of 70 years on April 29, 1992.

Don served as a radar instructor in World War II, and farmed at Liberty on his return from the RCAF. He became a delegate to Co-op Implements, then a director, then president and chief executive officer from 1969 to 1978. Other positions included membership on the board of governors, University of Manitoba and instruction in computers at community colleges.

Don is survived by his wife Luella, son Stewart (Susan Leibovitz) Larson, Falls Church, Virginia and sister Rita (Henry) Peavey, Chicago.

David Ross Hertner '84S, Allan, SK, died accidentally at age 29 near Clavet on December 21, 1991.

David was an ardent curler and was president of the Allan Curling Club at his death. He loved the land, his farm and home and his many friends. He will be sadly missed by his parents Richard and Agnes Hertner, his sister Debra Hertner, Birch Hills, and by his uncles, aunts and cousins.

Jacob Abraham Brown '51C, Saskatoon, a former dean of agriculture and member of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame, died on July 6 at age 65. Jake had fought cancer since being diagnosed with the disease in 1979.

Jake was born at Beechy and farmed for a few years after graduation, but he returned to studies at North Dakota State and the University of Minnesota and in 1957 began a career as farm management specialist with Sask. Agriculture. In 1967 he was appointed associate professor of agricultural economics and dean of agriculture ten years later, a post he held for 10 years.

Jake was named a fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, received the Saskatchewan Order of Merit and became a member of the Order of Canada. He is survived by his wife Betty and their four children, Debbie (Rick) Johnson, Myron (Judith) Brown, Gerrie (Darcey) Brown and Myrna (Doug) Wruck.

Ross Ashford, professor emeritus of Crop Science and Plant Ecology, University of Sask., died at his home in Abbotsford, B.C., on July 9, following a heart attack. He is survived by his wife Marjorie, daughter Barbara and sons Derek and Hugh.

Ross was born in Saskatchewan in 1926, then moved with his family to England at an early age, then returned to Canada to attend the University of B.C. Following graduation he worked for Agriculture Canada at Prince George and Swift Current. In 1967 he completed his PhD at

the U of S and joined the faculty of crop science, teaching and doing research in weed control. From then until he retired in 1987, Ross gained the respect and admiration of a wide circle of friends, associates, students and farmers.

Guy Hunter Beatty '48S passed away in Watrous Union Hospital on July 31 at age 71.

Guy was born on the home farm at Venn and in later years developed the farm into a very successful seed operation. Guy also provided leadership in his community and beyond. He served on the the RM and Watrous town councils, the hospital board and Manitou Lodge. He was a past president of the Saskatchewan and Canadian seed growers and the first president of SeCan Association. He was president of Municipal Hail Association at his death.

Guy is survived by his wife Georgina, his daughter Joanne (Ed) Kowalski, son Robert (Terry) and grandchildren Meaghan and Michael.

Margaret Audrey McDonald, died on July 14 in Vancouver, following a brief illness.

Audrey was the wife of **Howard McDonald '35C**, former entomology researcher with Agriculture Canada, Saskatoon. After his retirement they moved to Sorrento, B.C., then to North Vancouver, to be closer to their family.

Audrey is survived by Howard; daughters Gwen McDonald, Seattle, and Peggy McDonald, Victoria; sons Duncan, Murray and Don, Vancouver and Hugh of Lund, B.C.

Sallie (Sarah Eveline) White, Saskatoon, passed away on August 22. She is survived by her husband **Merlyn White '50C** and sons Ian (Janis), Yorkton, John (Gayle), Winnipeg, and **Roydon '75C** (Joyce).

Sallie was born in Mottram, Cheshire, England, and served four years in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force during World War II. She was awarded the Defense Medal and War Service Medal. Sallie married Merlyn in 1942 and came to Canada with him in 1946.

The Editor's Pen

Here we are, at last.

Don't look around for the June issue of SAGA, because there wasn't any. We promised that this one would get out in September, but circumstances conspired against us. But we plan to send out the next issue in early December and it will have detailed information on the grad reunions come January.

The weather was a bit backward for farmers this summer, but some very important advances were made at our university. These could make quite a difference to agriculture in the future.

One of those advances is taking place in the Department of Food Science and Microbiology. George Khachatourians, microbial geneticist and his associates are playing a leading role in discovering biological pest control weapons for use on farms.

As with all weapons there are plusses and minuses. Khachatourians says that at present the killing time of bioinsecticides is slower and they tend to be more expensive than chemicals. On the other hand they are more specific, have less effect on humans and beneficial insects. Pests are less likely to develop resistance and the use of bioinsecticides is not accompanied by residue build-up.

Several chemical companies are now involved in microbiological research, strong evidence that important developments lie ahead.

Soil researchers at the U of S have come up with a dandy. Jeff Schoneau, Institute of Pedology, has developed a Band-Aid size resin strip that can yield a soil analysis. It is buried in the soil, then placed in a baking soda solution, to give a reading of the plant-available nitrogen, potassium, phosphorus and sulphur in the soil. The test is quick and accurate: Each strip costs less than a dollar and may be

reused several hundred times. Sounds like a dream, come true to farmers.

John Stewart, dean of the college, met with his counterparts from Manitoba and Alberta last spring. They noted some program downsizing at all three institutions and more emphasis on sharing resources as well as other economic measures. Exchanging students between universities may be necessary to complete specialized training. There was agreement that greater emphasis was needed on business and legal aspects of agriculture in student training. Options that focus on environmental studies are under review.

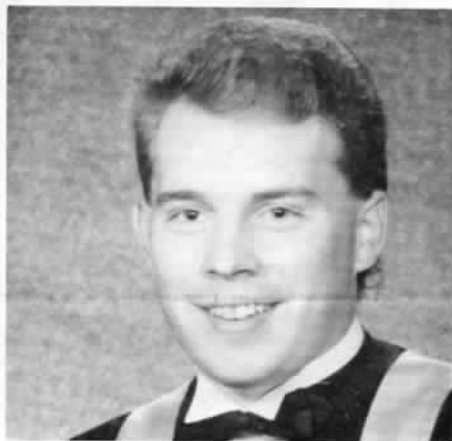
We continue to hear, from the uninformed, that agriculture is shrinking. In fact, world consumption of food keeps rising, placing increasing demand on the world's food production capability. Agricultural scientists and producers are also discovering ways to produce fibres, fuels, oils, medicines and other products that society needs, safely and at a competitive price. It seems to us that this world will need more producers educated at the School of Agriculture and college grads to work side-by-side in meeting the needs of society.

Jack Braidek
Editor

Campus notes

Engineers placed first in alumni donations to the university in 1991/2 with \$322,717. Arts was second at \$234,231. Agriculture was a distant third at \$196,584, slightly ahead of Commerce at \$185,589.

Ninety-five students received their bachelor of science in agriculture degrees last May. Many of them have surnames and home addresses of former grads. Like Altwasser, Yellow Grass; Hougham, Frenchman Butte; Kowalenko, Saskatoon; Leisle, Morse and others.



Glenn David Payne, Springside (above), graduated with great distinction and received both the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists gold medal and the William Allen memorial prize in agricultural economics at spring convocation.

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