

AG GRAD REUNION JANUARY 15-17

The President's Pen

Yes, January 15, 16 and 17, 1993 is when it all happens!

The curling and hockey rinks are booked, and Darryl Reynolds has the Sheraton all ready to feed and water us at the annual banquet and dance on Saturday, Jan. 16.

There will be some interesting happenings before the curling, hockey and dancing take place. Dean Stewart cancelled classes on Friday, Jan. 15, so students in both the degree and school programs will be able to take part in what is now called "Ag Discovery Day". It's a bit like the "Little Royal", of years gone by, and yes it has features of interest to undergrads and grads.

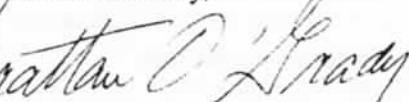
The popular mixer will again be held at The Saskatoon Inn on Friday evening Jan. 15. Convener Raylene Petrachek is expecting a larger and thirstier crowd than last year.

Vice president Bob Tyler is coordinating the reunion years and the Sheraton will serve as the reunion central for the weekend. Sunday brunch at the Sheraton has been a popular ending for reunions in other years.

Many grads will also come in early in the week to attend Crop Production Week activities at the Saskatoon Inn. These include the annual meetings and educational programs of the pulse, seed, canola and flax grower associations. And of course the Crop Production Show at the Jubilee Building on the exhibition grounds. Information on those events as well as the Public Forum and the new Options Program, as well as ag grad activities can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

See you in January!

Yours fraternally,



Grattan O'Grady, President

Ag Grad Events Schedule

Fri. Jan. 15

- 7:30 to 9:20 a.m.: breakfast and milk boat races in the engineering building tractor lab.
- 9:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. - presentations and competitions.
- 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. - lunch in tractor lab.
- 1:30 p.m. - Annual meeting of Sask. Ag Grad Assoc.
- 1:30 to 2:30 - presentations and competitions.
- 1:00 p.m. - hockey games begin.
- 4:00 p.m. - first curling draws.
- 8:00 p.m. - MIXER - Saskatoon Inn.

Sat. Jan. 16

- Curling and hockey during the day.
- 5:30 p.m. - reception/dinner/dance, Sheraton Cavalier.
 - dinner and dance \$25 each.
 - dance only (9 p.m. to 1 a.m.) \$10.
 - music by "Flyte."
- 10:30 p.m. - curling and hockey team auction.

Sun. Jan. 17

- 12:30 p.m. - final curling games followed by presentation of awards at the Granite Curling Club.
- 1:00 p.m. - final hockey games followed by presentation of awards at the Agri-Place Twin Arenas.

Reunion notes

The 1973 school contact is Greg Marshall, Semans, SK S0A 3S0. He can be reached by phone or fax at 524-4523, or by 'phone at 524-2089.

The 1983 school contact is Dan Esquirol, Box 59, Edam, Sk S0M 0V0, 'phone 397-2258, fax 397-2626.

The 1948 college class has postponed it's 45th reunion to Sept. 17 to 19, 1993, to coincide with the university homecoming week at Saskatoon. Roly St. Arnaud, contact for that class, can be reached at 1302 Preston, Ave. S7H 2V4.

If you want more information on class reunions contact Bob Tyler; 'phone 966-5024 or fax 966-8898.

Empty saddles

Donald MacKenzie(Dougie) Barr '40C, died suddenly at Westbank, B.C. on Nov.10,1992. He is survived by his wife Gwen, son Don(Maureen), St. Albert, Alta.; daughters Heather (Hart) Strew, Winnipeg and Candice (Bob) Cherepak, Arborg, Man. and brothers Tom and Ken.

Dougie was born at Mildren and following graduation and service in the R.C.A.F. farmed at Mildren. He served as ag rep with Sask. Agriculture at Delisle and Biggar from 1956 to 1967. He then joined Manitoba Agriculture and served first as ag rep, then as resource agronomist at Arborg until retiring in 1981. Friends may contact Gwen at 3582 Brendalee Road, Westbank, B.C. V0H 2A0.

Stanley R. Brooks '39S, Wynyard, passed away on June 19, 1992.

Don G. Florence '49C, Maymont, passed away on April 30, 1992.

Wendell L. Jensen '64C, Mildren, died on May 18, 1992.

Daniel George Lockwood '54S, Kamloops, B.C., passed away on June 24,1992.

Dan was born at Rose Valley in 1934 but grew up in Nipawin. In 1955 they moved onto a small farm near Kamloops,B.C. He is survived by his wife Pauline, sons Bill(Patsy), Duane(Val), Dan(Sheila), James(Val) and their families; also his brother Sten(Audrey) and sisters Mildred and Beth.

Mary Beatrice Smith(nee Newton), wife of Marshall Smith '47S, Plenty, passed away in Saskatoon City Hospital on August 17,1992. She is survived by Marshall and one son, Newton Kevin, Calgary, a brother and four sisters.

Cecil J. Wilkinson '31C, Chilliwack, B.C., passed away on June 24, 1992.

The College is Stronger Than Ever

New building supports education and college spirit

It has been a while since the College of Agriculture students(Agros) have been in touch with the grads through SAGA. As we represent an important part of your roots I feel that it is appropriate to let you know how things are going in the undergraduate world.

As you are aware the new agriculture building serves both the college and degree students. It has been beneficial in many ways, both educationally and socially. It has provided better facilities in which to study and learn, while encouraging an improved college spirit.

I am in my fourth year and recall hearing students say they did not want to trudge up the three flights of stairs to the old lounge in the crop science building. This hurt our college spirit because you know that many great events took place in that lounge. Today the new lounge is often full and we enjoy great participation !

The change to the new building stirred up some new ideas. A survey of the A.S.A members suggested some

changes in that organization's activities. Some traditional activities were modified but the major ones were left untouched. The latter include the sacredness of the Agro jacket and the events during Ag Bag Drag(goose) week. The survey was a significant factor in the expansion of your SAGA event in January to include activities of special interest to undergrads and grads.

The Drag is alive and well and still makes enough money to run the A.S.A. This year we had just over 400 workers and approximately 2500 guests. We will still raise money in other ways, but only to donate to worthwhile charities such as the United Way(over \$4,000) and Telemiracle(about \$2,500).

Attitudes change with changes in the world; our college has proven that it can adapt to those changes. We still lead in some traditional areas while breaking new ground, with the same pioneering drive that was so evident in our predecessors. We are still a group to be proud of.

Chris Hawkins
President of A.S.A. 1992/3.

IMPORTANT NOTICE on MONEY MATTERS

Grads who hold an annual membership in the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association are reminded that their \$10 annual payment is now due. You will not receive the next issue of *The SAGA* if payment is not received before January 31, 1993.

You are encouraged to take out a life membership at a cost of \$80 for those who graduated 10 or fewer years ago; or \$70 if it is more than 10 years since you graduated.

Voluntary payment

Those life members who have a few extra bucks to spare, are invited to send some along to perk up the fading finances of the association. Extra money is needed to offset rising costs, to organize the office in the new Agriculture Building, and to expand our program, especially with ag students. If you and your fellow grads send in enough money it will not be necessary to increase dues or undertake other fund raising activities.

Send funds to: **Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association**
Box 320, Sub P.O. #6
Saskatoon, SK S7N 0W0

The Thundering Herd



Faye Osiowy '79C reports that her husband Dr. David Osiowy (BSPE '79, DC '83) and their family of one girl and two boys moved to Calgary early this year to open a new chiropractic clinic in the NW part of the city. Faye says that although Dave is the chiropractor, she is the real backbone of the operation, because she manages the office and front desk work at least for the establishment period. "We're all healthy and enjoying our new venture", she said.

Lee Melvill '74C, Fairview, AB, continues to attack his position as regional marketing economist in the Peace and Barrhead regions with enthusiasm. Claims he got several welcome calls from classmates after an article about him showed up in *The Country Guide*. Lee reports that Wes Horvey '74C, has a new farm south of Edmonton. It's not large, only 100 acres of good hay land and a well-treed coulee to shelter his Galloway cows. Truly a little bit of heaven on earth and a hell of a lot better than living in Edmonton. Wes still works for Federated Co-op Feeds.

Lloyd Johnston '71C says he now lives in Wetaskiwin, AB and as manager of the Alberta Milk Control Board is doing his level best to keep that industry competitive. But life isn't all work for Lloyd: there is strong evidence of community service. In August of this year he received the Distinguished Lt. Governor award, Kiwanis International, and on October 19 he was elected alderman of the City of Wetaskiwin. Congratulations.

Lloyd says that grads have taken on the important jobs in Lucerne Foods in Western Canada. Jim Hart '62C is at Vancouver; Ed Kells is manager at Edmonton and has recently been joined by Bill Laing '72C. Gerry Coutts '72C also works for Lucerne.

Adrian Johnston '81C relocated from the Lethbridge to the Melfort Research Station in September, and will be a research scientist in the crop production/agronomy area, using a unique planning approach. He will involve extension workers, farmers and research people in planning programs that will tackle farmer problems and concerns.

Dale Winder '67C and his wife Marnie are into mixed farming at Delisle. They'll be heading to the ski slopes near Kelowna, B.C. soon. Classmate Stu Inkster and his wife Laura, are condo owners at the Kimberley, B.C. ski hill, and spend part of each winter on those slopes.

Darold Niwa '78C, his wife Lynn and daughter Kendra, moved recently to Calgary from Saskatoon. Darold is region manager for Cyanamid Canada Inc. and

figures he'll be earning more Aeroplan points now 'cause it's further to the company's Toronto headquarters.

In a recent note George Krenz '55S said he was farming at Eston with his wife and son, raising specialty crops and some cereals. He is also involved with the municipal council and United Grain Growers. George is looking forward to his 40th class reunion in 1995.

John Beckton '73C, Saskatoon, said that eleven years have now passed since he started Beckton Agricultural Finance and Management Consulting Services. Through that company he continues to advise farmers how to manage the financial side of their operation. And he is still involved in that expensive hobby called "farming." During the last year he ran into Bill Haase '70S, who farms and cleans lentils at Wilkie; in fact they managed to sneak off for a two-day fishing trip last June. They tried to outdo each other in catching fish, but John reckons his best hook was sabotaged the first day so he caught no more fish.

Beckton also reported that Dave Geddes '70S is still cleaning seed and farming up at Paynton. Larry Whitehead '70S stopped by for lunch and most of the discussion centered on why they continue to punish themselves

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News from Nigeria

Maurice Tenkink Jr. '79C, seeks advice from his home in Nigeria. You see, Maurice is employed by the Baptist Mission of Nigeria as an extension agrologist, and his job is to provide crop production advice to the nomadic Fabni herdsmen. Any idea on how to operate a nomadic farm?? (You that experienced the land moving out from under you during the '30s and subsequent windy years, should be able to offer some useful suggestions.)

Maurice will take advice on Guinea corn, maize (field corn), millet, cowpeas and cotton. He said in his note that local prices are \$22 (U.S.) for a 100 kg bag of maize and \$16 (U.S.) for cowpeas at harvest. But cowpeas sell at \$75 per 100 kg bag the following year at seeding time - great for the speculator with some cash and a place to store the grain for eight months.

If you want to send along some agronomic advice or just some friendly words to Maurice and Nancy Tenkink, address your letter to them at Box 102, Billiri, Bauchi State, Nigeria.

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by continuing to farm. **John Spencer '73C** has moved the Farm Security office next door to Beckton in the modest surroundings of Saskatoon Square, to make it easier to keep an eye on him.

Harold Amundson '67C, extension agrologist at Shellbrook, involves himself in some interesting projects. A current one is a study by a local group of a possible feedlot and ethanol plant, perhaps also with co-generation of power, using forest products as the energy supply. The group is now looking at raising about \$100,000 the amount needed for a feasibility study. The complex would run quite a lot more.

Another project is located on the slopes of the Bodmin Hill, just south of Big River. After two years of decision-making under Harold's chairmanship, the towers for the T-bar ski lift are being erected. The deadline for opening the ski slope is Dec. 15. The plush chalet and snow-making equipment are next year projects, but there will be place to warm up and have lunch this year. Harold is twisting arms to add an airstrip next to the Hill. Pretty revolutionary thinking for an old guy who has just received a gold watch for 25 years of faithful service. Way to go Harold !!

Kim Thorson '54C, continues to practice law in his own firm in Weyburn. He is now chairman of the Board of Regents of Luther College, Regina.

James Woodworth '85S, writes that he is now farming at Elrose, following a bit of moving about. Seems that he finished counting soybeans on a CUSO project in Nigeria in May, 1991 and headed back to Canada, stopping off in Ontario. He worked for the Horticultural Research Institute of Ontario at Vineland from Sept. '91 to April '92 and returned to the farm just in time to put in the crop. Welcome home and happy harvests, James.

Derald and Irene Ahner, both '65 college grads attended the AIC convention at Brandon last July, where Irene spoke on a panel on rural development. They renewed many friendships with former

colleagues in Brandon and visited with **Gary '65C and Birdine '64RN Keefe** and daughter Amy at Griffin. They also stopped in to visit **Barry and Elaine (Moats) '77C Good** at Fillmore and to check over some of the Ahner cows that the Good's were babysitting.

Dick '63C and Francis Needham, Piapot, celebrated the marriage of their daughter Catherine to Derek Oram on July 17, 1992, in Houston, Texas. Catherine is a nurse in Houston, and Derek is an engineer in the oil industry.

Art '74S and Heather '77B.Ed. Unsworth and family made a trip to Disneyland in June, and missed the annual branding at the **Ian Bowie '71C** spread at Piapot. While in California they also visited some relatives.

Robert '50S and Betty Mann, Piapot,

are planning a trip to Hawaii before Christmas, so they will be able to appreciate winter when it finally comes. Their daughter, **Patty Robertshaw '79C**, is back at the Lands Branch in Kindersley after taking time off the job to raise children. Daughter **Marjorie Mann '85C**, works for the Alberta Cattle Commission in Calgary.

Annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association will convene at 1:30 pm, Friday Jan. 15, 1993, in room 144, Kirk Hall.

The annual meeting shall consider the following motion to amend the constitution:

That the position of secretary-treasurer be split to create two executive positions, secretary and treasurer. Moved by G.Storey, seconded by K.Sawatsky.

Dalglish reports from Bangladesh

(Our thanks go to Lorence Peterson '65C for letting us share the following letter.)

May 19, 1992.

Dear Lorence:

I received the Ag Grad newsletter today and noticed that you have photos of the 20th reunion of our graduating class. Although I wasn't able to get to the reunion myself, I would like a photo to see what the guys look like. My cheque for \$10 is included.

I've been living in Bangladesh for the last four years and will be here for at least one or two more, working on a CIDA funded policy and planning support unit with the Bangladesh Ministry of Agriculture. Its been quite interesting, particularly because real progress is being made. The country is nearly self-sufficient in food grain production due to policy changes introduced over the last few years.

I think of the fellows quite often although my travels have not allowed me to get back to the reunion for many years now. I do look forward to making it sometime, but they may have to move it from January to July so those of us from the semi-tropics will be able to survive!

Thanks and best wishes,

Ron Dalglish '65C

We suspect that Ron would appreciate a letter from friends and acquaintances. His address is:

House 6/9, Block-F, Lalmatia,
Satmasjid Road,
DHAKA-1207,
Bangladesh.

Letter from a prairie chicken

November 17, 1992

Dear Jack:

Grads have reminded me that I either produce another letter, or stop introducing myself as "The Prairie Chicken." Seeing as how I became the SW rep on the SAGA executive in 1991 by not being present to defend myself, I'd better make some contribution before I get fired for dereliction of duty.

It is hard to realize that Lin is no longer with us. He was part of our lives since we were in Animal Science in the '60s, and we fought over who would read his ag rep letter first. When we lived in SW Manitoba, Lin became ag rep at Minnedosa and became the life of every party, bonspiel and bun fight that he attended. We followed his columns in *Grainews* every month. He was responsible for putting new life into the old ag grad newsletter and as far as I know coined the name SAGA. The reason we've had such weird weather this year is probably because St. Peter and all the angels have been too busy listening to Lin's stories to pay attention to business.

Speaking of weather, why are the rest of you living anywhere but Maple Creek? Last winter there was very little snow and when we did get some a chinook would come and it would go. It was 18 degree C - shirt sleeve weather in January! The only problem with such lovely weather is that no one was able to enjoy it for worrying that we were on our way to another drought. And drought did threaten us briefly last spring, but cold and damp soon took over, topped off by snow in August. Any above-ground crop such as tomatoes or wheat was a total disaster, but potatoes and carrots did very well. Perhaps our scientists could begin research on adapting tomato plants to duck underground when the temperature drops down.

My term on the university senate has only a few months left to run, so it will soon be time for Godfather **Bob McKercher '54C**, or his successor, to find another agro to take my spot.

One of the things that concerned the senate last winter was the announcement that the federal government would close the student employment centre on the campus in spring. This put the Student Union in a real snit, because it had spent \$1 million a few years ago to build space for the centre under Marquis Hall, on the understanding it would be operated by the federal government. The office in downtown Saskatoon simply could not handle 6000 grads every spring and the centre at the university had done a good job.

We were pleased that an eight-month lobby paid off, with the centre being reopened with a \$342,000 settlement from the feds. Doug Rain, former USSU president, is now the director of the employment centre with responsibility to develop a long-term funding base for the centre.

Having had a member of our family go through the job interview process last year, I can vouch for the worth of such a centre.

Yes, we have finally reached the stage in life where one child is gainfully employed. I can now assure parents of college students that there does come a day when the long distance calls are no longer collect.

Well, Jack, must run. There are cows to sort, bale strings to cut pails of pellets to pitch, meetings to organize and governments to yell at; besides the bare minimum of housework that gets done around here.

Sincerely,

Irene Ahner '65C

Home Grown

Ray '78C and Lorna McVicar had an extra precious item to look after on their move to Regina and Ray's new job with Sask. Agriculture. Benjamin Knudsen McVicar, weighing 8 lbs. 6 oz., arrived in late October in Edmonton to join brother Mark.

Kurt Althouse '89S and his wife Tonya will spend the winter changing diapers and cashing crop insurance cheques. Their daughter, Rebecca, arrived before the frost on August 19; she weighed in at 8 pounds, 7 ounces - about the same as a bushel of frozen feed wheat. Kurt continues to operate a 2000-acre mixed farm at Kelvington, with 1200 acres in cereals, oilseeds and field peas and a 120 head cow/calf operation. His father Vic helps when he is home from parliament.

Eric '82C and Trish '83C Johnson, Battleford, want you to know that their second son, Michael Jeffrey, was born on October 15. He will be company for 2 1/2 year old Stephen. Michael weighed in at 9 pounds 4 ounces, and his delivery was described as less smooth than his mother's curling delivery. Trish will take a few months off from her job with the Farmland Security Board, but Eric will carry on as soils and crops agrologist.

Shane Alexander Kruger, a smallish lad at 6 pounds 7 ounces, was born to **Gary '81C and Roberta Kruger** on October 1, 1992. Gary is employed at the soil test lab at the U of S. Roberta is the daughter of Al (pulse crops) Slinkard.

Jim '80S and Donna Mann, who ranch with **Robert '50S and Betty**

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Mann, Maple Creek, added son Riley James to their family on Sept. 18, 1991, a brother for Shanna, Rory and Sharlee. The older two are already in school.

Sally and David Struthers '84C are pleased to announce the arrival of Sarah Isabel on May 20, 1992, a sister to Kersten. Sarah tipped the scales at 10 lb, 7 oz and measured 22 1/2 inches lang. Between daughters, diapers, toys and a home-based consulting business, Dave says they have outgrown their current home in Yorkton. Sally continues to teach at St. Paul's school to finance Dave's dream of owning a farm.

Ed Roher '74S, Hodgeville, sent along some big news. Their new daughter, Nicole Amanda, was born on September 28, 1992 at 3:55 AM. (They hope she doesn't come home that late in the future.) She weighed 8 lb 2 oz and measured 21.5 inches; a darling sister to Allan.

Ed also noted that the wheat froze badly but the wild oats came through beautifully on their farm.

Don ' and Brenda Hopkins proudly announce the birth of Erin Joyce on October 9, 1992, at St. Paul's Hospital, Saskatoon. A husky 9 lb 2 oz sister for Sean.

Nancy and Maurice Tenkink '79C are pleased to announce the birth of Aaron, on May 11, 1992. A brother to Jeffrey and Byron, he's the first to be born in Nigeria.

The Pooped Deck

Dean John Stewart left the gate open on June 30 and three of his valued professors slipped out to pasture. They are **C.M. (Red) Williams**, Animal and Poultry Science; **Herman Austenson '46C**, Crop Science and Plant Ecology and **Ray Nicholson '50C** from the Department of Agricultural Economics. They join **Bob Brack '52C** who we reported retired from the extension division, in the last issue. Enjoy the change for many years fellows!

Congratulations to **Doug '41C and Mae Wilkinson**. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 28.

Phil '42C and Therese Thair moved into a spanking new townhouse condo in Saskatoon on November 15. Phil claims it busted the bank account, so they can't afford Victoria this winter. But it will be more pleasant than their house because outside chores are done by someone else and there are no stairs to climb. Their unit is very close to one that is being completed for **Betty Brown**, widow of **Jake Brown '51C**, in a Heritage Crescent development in the south-east part of the city.

Art Strautman '48C and wife Phyllis are back in their Duncan, B.C. home after prowling the prairies and assorted golf courses this summer. Their trip took them to a celebration of a 40th wedding anniversary of Fred (older brother of Art and **Chuck '53S**) and Helen Strautman at Speers, then Art and Phyllis' 40th at Buck Lake, Alberta. "It was one helluva party - lasted three days and included a family golf tournament," Art said. After recovering, they carried on to Saskatoon, then Lake Kipabiskau to enjoy the Walter Doyle '51C hospitality, then to Yorkton to visit Phyllis' brother and his wife.

Yorkton provided another pleasant visit, this one with **Nettie Boyes, widow of Lin '48C**, former SAGA editor. Art reported that Nettie looked very fit, well

and cheerful. Although she misses Lin a lot, she is carrying on very well.

Strautmans' took a golf tour through the Okanagan in August and visited with **Chet '48C and Millie Piercy** on the golf course and at their Kelowna home. Both were sporting golf course tans and it was obvious that the good life in the B.C. interior agrees with them. Earlier in the year the Piercy's were on Vancouver Island for a short visit and surprised **Walter Doyle '51C** on the golf course.

Walter and Joy Doyle are back in Victoria after their summer at the cottage on Kipabiskau, south of Tisdale. Soon after their return they were seen driving a spanking new Caprice. That trust wasn't a complete bust after all!

Jim Rooke '51C is reported looking very trim and prosperous, as is **Paul Turner '51C**, another of those Victoria stalwarts. Jim's latest toy is a Ford Ranger, transport for him and his clubs to the Gorge Vale golf course, generally three times each week. His wife Sheila was very ill with pneumonia but a phone call on Nov. 7 confirmed that she is back home and very much on the mend. That's great. Jim reported that George Ivany, president of the U of S met with alumni living in the great rain forest by the sea on Nov. 4. The response was great with 140 souls attending.

Bill Till '48C and his wife Gene are reported to have had some trying times. Gene had made a good recovery from a heart attack suffered last December and they spent part of the winter in Victoria before returning to Lloydminster. During the summer Gene fell and broke her hip; mending has taken time but they hope to return to Victoria for most of this winter. Here's hoping for a complete recovery and no more unhappy incidents.

The college class of '48 are planning a 45th reunion in January 1993, but Strautman says it is too cold for him.

Any place, any time other than winter and we would attend, says he.

Joe Campbell '41C, Victoria, described in the previous issue as retired from business, has written to say that simply isn't so. He did retire from the University of Manitoba faculty in 1975, but at 82 years of age he is now busier than ever. Now, instead of analyzing soil and offering fertility recommendations, he analyzes hair, diet and lifestyle. He also has an active mail order business supplying vitamin and mineral supplements.

Ed Hudek '40C, Winnipeg, sent along a nice note and a handsome cheque for the sagging SAGA bank account. Ed noted that he and wife Christine had a family of eight children, not seven, as reported in the last issue. Further, that during his long tenure with Manitoba Agriculture he had worn many hats, including deputy minister, acting, assistant and associate deputy minister.

Ken Smith, a school of ag type who left the farm, served as city commissioner of Yorkton for the last five years, then retired on June 30 and is now living in Regina. Along his career he had also worked for Sask. Urban Affairs at Tisdale and Lumsden.

Tom Rackham '37C, sent along a delightful note from their new condo in Sidney, B.C., where he lives in retirement with his wife Amber. Rackham, with a PhD in ag economics was a self-employed consultant in that field. Though slowing down at age 77, they still enjoyed swimming in October at a time-share unit in Aruba and scuba diving onto a reef for a half hour. Four hip replacements in 20 years have kept him mobile but tennis is out, as is the exertion of foot travel in the Phillipine jungle or Bhutan valleys (puff, puff). Tom hopes to go again to St. Padre Island, Texas and to make time to write about his experiences. He sends along best wishes to Sask. grads, especially the dust-scarred veterans of the '30s.

Herb Moulding '42S and his wife Reta have moved to Kelowna after living in

Winnipeg for many of the 42 years he worked for Ducks Unlimited. But the move wasn't easy. It took 13 garage sales over a six month period to unload the unwanted before moving on to Kelowna. They finally moved into their spanking new place on September 10, and a week later Herb went to Saskatoon to a reunion of his engineering buddies, so unpacking was still happening in November. Friendly folk are invited to give them a call at telephone 762-0027 as you pass through town.

Glen Shantz '41S, Oyen, Alberta, says he is now a very busy, retired farmer. We judge he is in pretty good health because he is involved in the agricultural society, senior citizen rec. centre, museum, is a handi bus driver and curls. Glen is looking forward to curling in the ag grad 'spiel come January. Says the 50th reunion in 1991 was most enjoyable, with 13 class members in attendance, some he had not seen since graduation. Glen noticed a few familiar buildings on the campus, including the barn, engineering and Sask. Hall - - hm.

Glen Shantz reported that his classmate **Alex Rennie**, Flaxcombe farmer, has a threshing bee every year. He uses a 1917 Rumley to run the rig, a team of Belgian horses on a rack and two other tractors to haul sheaves. There usually are a couple '41 grads about to lend a hand.

Marguerite and her husband Dick Merryweather '42C, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 8, with family and friends in Lakeview United Church, Regina.

Roy Ardell '45S, Saskatoon, says he retired from the sales division of Cominco in 1990 after 29 years. And he's taken up farming with son **Terry Ardell '77C** under the name Ardell Seeds Ltd. Roy has four other children; daughters in Vancouver and Victoria, and two sons who are medical doctors in Prince Albert. The grandchildren number 18.

Hugh Taylor '45S, now lives in retirement in Vanscoy. He had operated a trail-

er park, store and coffee shop in Vanscoy until recently.

"I see my old friend Hutch got hitched again", said **Joe Sparks '28S**, in a note from his Saskatoon home.

He was of course referring to **Les Hutchison '27C**, who was shown with his new bride in the previous issue. Joe went on to say that his main activity is collecting things like salt & pepper shakers, bells, caps, antiques - and he does a bit of buying and selling of those items and even hockey pictures from back in '27, '28 and '29. His son **Joe Sparks '66C**, is in the blacktop and concrete business in Kamloops, B.C. and doing well. He has two boys, a traditional Sparks family.

Grad Honored



Donald Andrews Rennie '49C, former dean of agriculture, University of Saskatchewan was made a Member of the Order of Canada on October 21, 1992.

Don, a leading soil scientist, has been the leading proponent of soil management systems that focus on efficient use of moisture and soil conservation. His research program and public statements played an important role in changing farmer attitudes toward summer fallowing the land.

Don retired from the university in 1989 after 37 years of service during which he was a researcher and teacher, head of the faculty of soil science and dean. Don is well known internationally and continues to play an important part in Soil Conservation Canada.

Crop Production Week Activities

Saskatoon: January 11 to 15, 1993

Saskatchewan farm people have developed the custom of being in Saskatoon every January. The main reason may be to attend meetings of their organizations, but much more happens. They find themselves learning what is new in agriculture and having a lot of fun.

Check out the programs on this page.

The ag grad program is on page 9. Give it a look - and be there.

Crop Production Show

January 12 to 15, 1993

Jubilee Building, Exhibition Grounds

Options Program

Tuesday, January 12, 1993 Saskatoon Inn

9:00 a.m. - How will the new Canada Food Guide change the way you eat? Johanna Bergerman, Public Health Nutritionist.

10:15 a.m. - Iron deficiency: Is the "healthy" diet solving some problems and creating others? Alison Stephen, head, Nutrition and Dietetics, University of Saskatchewan.

11:15 a.m. - Food trend implications for us all. Shawna Berenbaum, Nutrition and Dietetics, U of S.

12:15 p.m. - board busses for a tour of Wanuskewin historical site.

Cost: \$3.75 entrance fee.

\$5 to \$10 for lunch.

Return to Saskatoon Inn by 4:00 p.m.

Agriculture Public Forum

7:00 P.M.

Wednesday January 13, 1993

Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon

"Getting a GRIP on Farm Programs"

Panel members:

Michael Walker, Fraser Institute

Richard Gray, Professor, University of Saskatchewan.

Jim Robbins, National Farmers Union.

Earl Geddes/Owen McAuley, Keystone producers.

Sask. Pulse Crop Development Board

Annual meeting: Saskatoon Inn

Mon. January 11, 1993

1:30 p.m. - Annual business meeting.

7:30 p.m. - Wine and cheese reception, Jubilee building, exhibition grounds.

Tues. January 12, 1993

8:00 a.m. to noon - Pulse management.

1:15 to 3:15 p.m. - Marketing pulse crops.

3:50 p.m. - Pulse research and demonstration updates.

Sask. Seed Growers Assoc.

Annual meeting, Saskatoon Inn

Tuesday, January 12, 1993

1:15 p.m. - annual business meeting.

- panel on marketing the 1992 crop.

5:00 p.m. - cocktails and dinner.

Wednesday, January 13, 1993

8:30 a.m. - continue annual business meeting.

- presentation on new varieties.

1:00 p.m. - educational program.

Sask. Canola Growers Assoc.

Annual meeting, Saskatoon Inn

Thur., January 14, 1993

9:00 a.m. - annual business meeting.

11:00 a.m. - going global: Canola market development.

1:45 p.m. - canola production centres update.

3:00 p.m. - panel on alternate uses/markets for canola oil.

6:00 p.m. - cocktails, dinner and entertainment.

Sask. Canola Development Commission

Annual meeting: Saskatoon Inn

Fri. Jan. 15, 8:30 a.m. to noon luncheon.

Flax Growers Association

Annual meeting: Saskatoon Inn

Fri. Jan. 15, 1 to 6 p.m.

Need more information ?

More detailed program information on Crop Production week will come in an insert in the December 24 issue of *The Western Producer*. Or you can telephone the Sask. Canola Growers Association at 668-2380.

Jan. 15, 1993 - AG DISCOVERY DAY '93 REGISTRATION (Ag. Grad.)

INSTRUCTIONS - Number in lower part of each box indicates capacity limits.
 Make your selection by printing 1, 2 or 3 in the appropriate boxes to indicate your 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice for each of the time periods.

	FOOD	PRESENTATIONS		CAREERS	COMPETITIONS					DEBATES
				15 Minute Presentations by:	Grain Competition	Horticulture & Weeds	Soils & Economics	Livestock Judging	Food Science	
7:30 - 9:20	Breakfast & Milk Boat Races									
9:30 - 10:20	Animal Rights vs. Animal Welfare J. Stookey	Biological Pest Control P. Mason, TBA		• Farm Supplies • Feed Industry • Crop Protection						Student Debates 150 <input type="checkbox"/> 9
10:30 - 11:20	New Crops B. Rossnagel D. Hutchison G. Rowland G. Rakow	Agriculture Underground B. Zettl		• Media • Ag. Consulting • Marketing/Advertising	Grain Samples Judging & Grains Identification	Plant Identification and Weed Identification	Soil Classification Economics Skills (Computerized)	Beef and Dairy	Taste Testing Foods	
11:30 - 12:20	Agriculture & the Environment L. Hepworth	Sustainable Agriculture N. Kettison		• Banks • Farm Credit Corp • Agricultural Producer	Grain Samples Judging & Grains Identification	Plant Identification and Weed Identification	Soil Classification Economics Skills (Computerized)	Beef and Dairy	Taste Testing Foods	
12:30 - 1:20	LUNCH									
1:30 - 2:30	Insight on NAFTA and GATT (Tentative Topic)	PAMI Studies on Direct Seeding G. Hultgreen		• Extension • International Development • Sask. Wheat Pool	Grain Samples Judging & Grains Identification	Plant Identification and Weed Identification	Soil Classification Economics Skills (Computerized)	Beef and Dairy	Taste Testing Foods	

see page 10 for Discovery Day registration.

AG DISCOVERY DAY '93 REGISTRATION (Ag. Grad)

- Jan. 15, 1993 -

Surname _____ First Name & Init. _____
 Address _____ City/Town _____
 Province _____ Postal Code _____ Telephone _____

Degree Grad Year
 Diploma Grad

Breakfast & Lunch - (Fee \$10.00)

I Plan to Attend Yes No

\$10.00 Attached

Confirmed by: _____

Make cheques payable to SAGA

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS IS DEC. 31, 1992

I plan to attend the Friday Night MIXER # attending _____
 I plan to attend the Saturday Night Banquet # attending _____
 The Sat. Night Dance only # attending _____

Return to: SAGA, P.O. Box 320, Sub Post Office #6, Saskatoon, SK S7N 0W0

AG. GRAD BONSPIEL ENTRY FORM

Position	Name	Mailing Address of all team members. (for newsletter) Street or Box No., City or Town, Postal Code	Grad Year		Life Member	
			COLL	Sch	YES	NO
SKIP						
THIRD						
SECOND						
LEAD						

Team Name _____ Hutcheon Event Yes No

Phone number where you're staying in Saskatoon _____

AG GRAD BONSPIEL

When:

Friday afternoon, Jan. 15, Sat. Jan. 16 and Sunday morning Jan. 17. All rinks will have their first game at 4:00 pm on Jan. 15.

Draw times/locations:

Will be in the Thur. Jan. 14 issue of The Star Phoenix.

The Rules:

- * Every rink will play at least three games.
- * All games will be 8 ends, except the finals at 10 ends.
- * Ties settled by skip rocks, with sweepers.
- * Each rink will have at least 3 SAGA members.
- * Non-members can only play lead.
- * Curlers in the Hutcheon event must be 50 years or older.
- * Each curler will pay a fee of \$18. Grad curlers must also have paid an annual or life membership fee in SAGA before curling.

Entries

- * Limit of 32 rinks in the regular draw and 16 in the Hutcheon event.
- * Entries close at midnight on January 11.
- * Entries from individuals are welcome and they will be assigned to teams. Please indicate the position you prefer to play.
- * Enter on the form on page 10 and forward it with your cheque to:

Jack Comeau
602 Nesslin Crescent
Saskatoon, SK S7J 4V5
Phone 242-0231 (office),
or 955-2692 (home)

Fifth Annual Ag. Grads Hockey Tournament

January 15, 16 & 17 1993

Agri-Place Twin Arenas (formerly Blue Line)
 Saskatoon, SK

Teams

- We will again try two divisions, with 8 teams in the competitive division and 4 teams in the ankle-bender division.
- The first 12 teams will be accepted including one student team from the school and one student team from the college.
- Due to limited ice time, only the first 12 teams submitting a \$100 deposit will be confirmed in the tournament
- Minimum roster of 10 players per team to be registered by December 28th, 1992. Individuals interested in playing should contact Craig or Corey (see below).

Entry Fee

Competitive - \$390 per team (Same as 1992) - 3 games minimum
 Non-Competitive - \$260 per team - 2 games minimum

\$100 per team deposit required by December 28, 1992

Grad participants must be SAGA members (\$10/yr or life membership)

Telephone or deliver entries to:

Craig Rath, 614 Sherry Court, Saskatoon, SK., S7M 5S2
 Ph. 384-9136 (934-3375 Fax.)

or

Corey Loessin Ph. 966-4049 (W) or 374-3159 (H & Fax)

Rules: Each team roster must have at least 75 % School or College Grads or Undergrads. Teams may be organized on a regional, grad year or other basis. Student teams are to be a mixture of talent Non contact, No slapshot rules will apply. S.A.H.A officiating.

Game Schedule

- Friday: 1:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 11:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 Consolation Final - 11:15 a.m.
 Championship Final - 1:00 p.m.

Girls Hockey

Once again, if there is sufficient interest, a game between the Agro student girls and an Ag Grad girls team on Saturday. Interested players can call Craig or Corey.

Address Unknown

If you know the whereabouts of any of the following please send a note to Richard Bellamy, SAGA registrar. His address is Box 320, Sub P.O. #6, Saskatoon, Sk S7N 0W0.

Aalbers, Gerald S.
 Amundson, Phillip H. '76C
 Barish, Samuel '17S
 Bohrson, Terry Bernard '71S
 Flynn, Terence Joseph '79S
 Jones, Warren Cathcart '55S
 Knox, James John '50S
 Moody, Roy
 Moor, Thomas Dixon '34C
 Parent, Gil
 Stushnoff, Harvey Wayne '79C
 Van Caesele, Brent
 Wells, Robert James '82S

Voc Ag Report

Dear reader:

Another farming year has slipped by and I am back with fellow students. It is my pleasure to report to you on behalf of the Saskatchewan Vocational Agriculture Students Association (SVAA).

There are 120 students enrolled this year in both the diploma and certificate in agriculture programs. Although our numbers are small we don't lack in enthusiasm: our members have fun and volunteer their services to make all of our functions run smoothly.

Miracle Dance is our big fund raiser for Telemiracle. This project shows that we care about the mentally handicapped, but we care also for other needy people. Three years ago we started Secret Santa; a project in which we buy toys and donate them to needy children through Saskatoon's Santa Anonymous program. This gives us much satisfaction and shows that our association cares about others. This year our toy donation day was December 11.

Upcoming in January is Crop Production Week and especially Ag Discovery Day on January 15. We will be working with the Agros to stage this event. It will take a lot of time and effort and we urge you to attend and enjoy it along with us students and our faculty members.

I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New year, and look forward to seeing you during the ag grad reunion in January.

Yours truly,

Erwin Hanley
 Member-at-large, SVAA

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 MITS OFF!
 ... And Start
 Writing**

Send It All To:
 Jack Braidek, Editor
 The SAGA
 301 Assiniboine Dr.
 Saskatoon, SK S7K 3Z1
 Fax 653-1255

**For the next
 Issue we
 need it by
 February
 15th**

NAME _____

ADDRESS (new?) _____

GRAD YEAR _____ SCHOOL () COLLEGE ()

OCCUPATION _____

EMPLOYER (self or other) _____

MY OWN DOINGS _____

NEWS OF OTHER GRADS (state grad year if known)

(add pages if needed)