



Past president **Grattan O'Grady** (left), is shown chatting with **Bob Tyler** at the annual reunion last January, when Bob was installed as president.

Agros inducted into Sask. Ag Hall of Fame

Guy Hunter Beatty '48S, late of Watrous, and **Edward McAlpine Campbell '40C**, Victoria, were inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame on August 8, 1993.

Guy Beatty was an elite seed grower and farm leader. He was a leader and innovator in crop and soil management, one who was interested in improving both seed production and marketing. He was on two missions to Japan to promote the sale of pedigreed seed.

He was the president of the Saskatchewan branch, Canadian Seed Growers Association in 1964-5 and of the national organization six years later. Guy was one of the founders of SeCan Association and its first president. He was also a member of the seed certifying agency and a seed class judge at the Toronto Royal Winter Fair.

Profile of our president

Bob Tyler '76C, the president of the Sask. Agricultural Graduates Association, was raised in the Conquest district, south and west of Saskatoon. He received his PhD in Food Science in 1982.

Bob worked at the Prairie Regional Lab of the National Research Council for ten years. During his stay there the name of the institution was changed to the Plant Biotechnology Institute. His experience at the institute was a very good background for his current job with the College of Agriculture.

As a professor in the Food Science Department, Bob is involved in teaching and doing research on food processing and proteins. He says there is much interest in value-adding processing, making the work exciting even though times are not great in agriculture. Budget reductions, those already in place and others mooted for the future are a concern to him because they could slow the process of increasing the value of the things grown in Saskatchewan. He has collaborated on some crop utilization studies with **Frank Zillinsky '49C**.

Bob and his wife Nancy are kept busy, not only with their full time jobs, but in driving their three youngsters to ball, hockey and other activities. Bob is also a scout leader and long-time Kiwanis member. And of course being actively involved in the ag grads association takes a bit of time too, but its pretty obvious that Bob believes that volunteer work is important and well worth the effort.

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The Thundering Herd



Charlie Hopkins '51S, Melfort, had a bit of spare time last winter so he spent some at Vernon, BC, and nearby points. He visited **Charlie Gibbings '42C** at Kelowna and renewed acquaintance with School of Ag classmate **Bruce Tomlinson**, Golden. Seems that Bruce is in the process of turning the business over to his sons, in part so he can be free to attend the next class reunion. That's the spirit!!

Four ag grad faculty members were recognized by the university for 25 years of service on May 7. They were **Bob Dodds '53S**, who teaches ag engineering each winter; **Les Henry '64C**, who does much of the real work for soil science, and **George Lee '53S, '60C**, who has graduated again, this time from ag economics professor to something called research services. Also **Robert Redmann**, a botany grad from Illinois who toils mightily for Crop Science and Plant Ecology. A reliable but unnamed source says that the lucky four and an armful of other 25 year faculty of the university, dined heartily, enjoyed the juice of the grape and each received a gold watch.

Some time ago, **Ben Ellert**

penned a message for the Sask. Institute of Pedology newsletter, *Pick and Probe*, and it happened to land in the editor's basket. Our guess is that it was written about half a year ago, but it will still be news to many. Here it is.

"After nearly two years of post-doctoral challenges at the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa, I accepted a term position as a research scientist to study carbon cycling at the Agriculture Canada research station, Lethbridge. Karen and I will miss the friends in Ottawa and the beauty of the surrounding area. My postdoctoral experience was enjoyable and rewarding because the people were friendly and talented.

We spent Christmas with Karen's family in Saskatoon, then I travelled to Lethbridge to start my new job, and Karen returned to Ottawa to continue with her journalism program at Algonquin College. Since that time we have been separated and Bell Canada has enjoyed windfall profits from our telephone conversations. Soon I will go to finish up some work in Ottawa and Karen and I will pack up and travel to Lethbridge. At the beginning of March she is scheduled to start an internship at the *Lethbridge Herald* to finish her diploma in print journalism."

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Larry Luka '80C, went on to get his MSc in 1987, then an MS in hydrogeology from Waterloo. He worked as a consultant in Ottawa the last two years and is now a senior hydrogeologist with Cameco.

Hope springs eternal, it seems, especially in the hearts of agros. A new building to house Greenfield Agro Services Ltd., and C.A. Collins Ltd, the PetroCanada bulk fuel agent, was opened at Rosetown this spring. The building will meet the new, higher standards for the storage of agricultural chemicals. Yes, C.A. Collins is **Clarence Collins '54C**. He and past president **Bob McKercher '54C** happened to grow up in the same town and graduated together.

Bryan Gilles '81C continues to farm at Debden, but he is also much involved in trying to get an ethanol plant and feedlot going in the community.

Kendra Mueller (nee Pedersen) '88C and hubby **Gord** are working hard at farming and a business venture called Lisa's Designs at Humboldt.

Barbara Larson (Woolf) '77C is a self-employed consultant that has an interest in turkeys - sort of. She is part of a consor-

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tium involved in cranberries with Ocean Spray: Offices in Richmond, BC. Barbara says, "I don't see many grads here."

Leroy Larsen '53S, Canwood farmer, was elected president of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool this spring. **Ross Evans '50C** recalls that Leroy was much involved in local organizations when Ross was Ag Rep at Shellbrook. At different times he was a 4H leader, president of the district 4H council, chairman of the Shellbrook agricultural committee, chairman of the district board, and a member of other committees and boards.

Craig Martin '84C is now manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Moosomin. (Main branch we presume.) Craig and Tracy report it has been busy because they are now first time home owners, but they are enjoying the new location. This is their seventh address since college, so if you need some advice on moving give them a shout.

Randy McGillivray '75S, has been given a new challenge by Federated Co-operatives Limited, his employer. He has been shifted from petroleum field service engineer to co-ordinator of tire marketing for the FCL system. He will continue to live at Saskatoon and of course, to serve on the Sask. Agricultural Graduate Association executive.

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Spring Convocation

May 28, 1993 was a happy day for 105 young men and women. It was the day 32 women and 73 men received their Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree at the University of Saskatchewan convocation. **Ted Turner '48S**, Chancellor of the university, was there to confer the degrees.

Arlan Vaughn Henry Frick of Melville, SK, was awarded the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists gold medal. He earned great distinction and honors in soil science.

The William Allen Memorial Prize in Agricultural Economics was presented to Brenda Gail Stefanson, Bankend.

Shelley Selene Palmer of Kamloops, BC, and Lori Lynette Schwab of Big Beaver shared the Norman Horace Pearce prize in Animal Science.

The Western Canadian Society for Horticulture Gold Medal and R.K. Baker Memorial prize in Poultry Science were not awarded this year.



The Pooped Deck

Perhaps it is time to change the name of this column because the name implies retirees are not very active. But folks like **Ralph '33C and Irene Stutt** continue to move about and enjoy life long after retirement. Their latest escapade was a 13-day cruise on the S.S. Rotterdam. They flew to Honolulu to get on board, cruised the Hawaiian Islands, then on to Ensenada, Mexico, Los Angeles and Vancouver, just a short hop from home base in Victoria.

Last December **Jens Stangeland '50C** sent along a note and a cheque, both of which got misplaced by ye editor until after the April newsletter went out. Sorry Jens. We can now tell grads that you have sold the house and acreage at Anola and moved to the banks of the Red River at Selkirk, Manitoba. They can now watch the riverboats from their screened gazebo and enjoy the 18-hole golf course also along the banks of the Red near their place. Sounds like a place fit for a retired manager.

Jens also said that their neigh-

bors in Arizona were **Pete '52C and Millie Peterson**, former Ag Rep and #1 Ag Rep Helper at Yorkton. Jens continues to be surprised that Ag Reps are such good golfers - cows and crops must have received second priority.

On June 17 **George Rathwell '53C** was looking good but still living in the Wascana Hospital in Regina. He'd had a stroke in early May but had responded very well to therapy and was expecting to go back to Pat's cooking in a few days.

Don '49C and June Rennie, Leigh '50C and Margaret Crowle, Bob and June Tinline, Allan '49C and Jean Marie McLeod, Ross '50C and Elizabeth Evans, Hulme (better known as Bill) '50C and Dorothy Henley, Stuart '46S and Alva Finlay, Wally '51C and Margaret Baldwin, Wally '51C and Joy Doyle, Jim '51C and Doreen Misfeldt were among the crowd that gathered to celebrate **Jack '51C and Joan Braidek's** 39th wedding anniversary and Jack's recent retirement from *The Western Producer*. The Braideks have bought a travel van and will use it this summer for a trip to Newfoundland.

Les Hutchison '27C had some nice things to say about life in Florida for the April issue, but in a recent letter he listed some of the not-so-nice things that happen there. They include the fact that the marina stunk when the wind was in

the wrong direction and Highway #19 is pretty intimidating to all users. The big storm of March 12/93 raised the water levels in the marina by eleven feet inundating lawns, tearing out trees and causing other damage. And a few disgruntled Americans declared 'open season' on all tourists. Lastly, Les came down with shingles and his doctor prescribed steroid pills causing him to comment, "I understand now how it was that Ben Johnson won the 100 yard dash at the Seoul, Korea, Olympics."

Frank McLeod '48S, wrote the following from Dilke, SK. " Since I am now a senior citizen it seems only fittin' that I pack it in and enjoy some of that pension money before it disappears. We had a farm sale on April 24 and will now let someone else cope with GRIP, closed elevators, Crow changes and the chemical jungle. Beryl and I celebrated our 40th anniversary in June, but jumped the gun in February when we took a Caribbean tour with Holland America. One could soon get addicted to that kind of service and we heartily recommend it. We continue to live on the farm and perhaps I can find more time for hunting and fishing. Looking forward to our 45th year class reunion on July 10-11."

Sounds as if you got the knack for an enjoyable retirement, Frank. Best wishes to you and Beryl.

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Fred Switzer '48S, another of those open plains farmers has decided to retire. Fred and Iris have bought a home in southeast Regina and sold the farm stuff by auction on July 23.

Ellwood Fleming '62C, has retired as a teacher and plans to become a bit more involved in the family farm at D'Arcy, but he's also planning to take more time for relaxing, says a report in the *Rosetown Eagle*. Following graduation in agriculture he obtained his teaching certificate and organized high school vocational agriculture at Wadena. Twenty six years ago he moved to Rosetown to teach agriculture, which he continued to do till retirement, but he has also been the principal since 1986.

Limericks and Laughter

The ag building is finally complete.
A facility which cannot be beat.
Though it cost ninety million,
With the old livestock pavilion
It can't in aura or odor compete.

In the washroom I cannot relax.
I sit there and peer through the cracks.
Was that picture a man
On the door of the can?
Or was it a lady in slacks?

Dental ditty

Teeth are very nice to have
They fill you with content;
If you do not know it now
You will when they have went.

Wit and Wisdom

Stop to think, but don't forget to start again.

You know your luck has taken a turn for the worse, when lightning misses you and strikes a nearby tree — and the tree falls on you.

The zipper was invented in 1893, for use on shoes.

Thomas Widgwood is believed to have taken the world's first photograph in 1802.

The 1923 earthquake in Japan was said to be so strong it shook radishes right out of the ground.

College cheer: Money from home.

Rolling stones: The part of an avalanche that will kill you.

Rudeness: When someone keeps talking when you're trying to interrupt.

Frequent naps will keep you from getting old — especially if you take them while driving.

The trouble with political jokes is that they sometimes get elected.

Before television, no one ever knew what a headache looked like.

Remember when... the whole family would sit and watch a prize fight on the radio.

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Guy was a councillor for the R.M. of Wreford and the town of Watrous, and a director for 27 years of the Sask. Municipal Hail Association including a term as president.

Beatty was sponsored for the Hall by the Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Association, Poundmaker AgVentures Ltd, and the Sask. Seed Growers Association.

Ted Campbell, promoter of quality in Saskatchewan's poultry products, was born at Tessier, Saskatchewan.

Ted was appointed assistant poultry commissioner with Sask. Agriculture in 1943, and commissioner ten years later. In total he served the industry for 30 years. During this period he helped organize all three poultry products marketing boards. He initiated a portable grill model that is still being used to stage barbecued chicken dinners at special community events. Broiler production moved from back yard operations to large volume units and fresh frozen packs during his career.

He was active in his professional organization, being president of the Regina branch, Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists in 1955-56 and of the provincial body the following year.

Ted was sponsored for the Hall of Fame by the Saskatchewan Poultry Council.

The Stutt Story

Ralph Stutt '33C, was born to George Albert and Sarah Agnes (Burke) Stutt and raised on their farm in the Brookside district, near Wapella, Saskatchewan. Ralph was the second youngest of a family of three girls and an equal number of boys.

The Stutt farm leaned very strongly to live-stock and the Clydesdale horses of Brookside Stock Farm became well known and highly regarded.

The importance of livestock to the home farm encouraged Ralph to study animal husbandry at university when he entered in 1929, but during his undergrad years he chose to broaden his training to farm management and graduated in 1933 with the combined degree.

Jobs were almost impossible to find in 1933 because that was the depth of the 1930's depression. So Ralph went back to the farm, then in June 1935 he was invited by Dean Shaw to be a member of a farm management study team, under **Drs. William Allen '22C** and **Ernie Hope**, in south-west Saskatchewan. (**Hadley Van Vliet '34C** was one of the crew members.) It also offered the opportunity for some part-time winter work and to take some classes toward a master's degree, obtained in 1938.



Class of 1933, taken in the dairy lab, then located in convocation hall, circa 1932.

Back row (l to r) Prof. A.E.Potts, unknown, Ralph Stutt, Chris Eutenier, Gardiner, Ken Swann, Ted McCurdy, Harold McMahon. Middle(l to r): Dixon Moor, Ted Campbell, Vern Metheral. Front (l to r): Harold Horner, Fred Evans, Red Mooney, Ham Jackson, Lawrence Elderkin, John Klinck.

In 1938 Ralph commenced employment with the Economics Division, Canada Department of Agriculture, under the direction of **Dr. Clarence Spence '29C**. His career with that employer ended with his retirement 35 years later. The first 20 years they lived in Saskatoon and the last 15 in Ottawa. During that career he served under seven ministers of agriculture, **J.G.Gardiner, D.S.Harkness, A.E.Hamilton, J.Greene, H.Hays, H.A.Olson** and **E.F.Whelan**. Also four deputy ministers, **Barton, Taggart, Berry** and **Williams**.

Ralph says he really enjoyed working in the field of agricultural research, and especially on matters

that affected the welfare of farmers on the Prairies. His list of 52 publications following graduation touch on many of the important farm issues of the period. Significantly, an undergraduate paper submitted in 1933 was entitled, "The Leading Clydesdale Sires in Canada."

Ralph was the president of the ag grad association in 1946-47 and was named an honorary life member in 1962.

Ralph and Irene (Earl), were married in 1938, and are now retired in Victoria, but they travel a lot, and stop often to visit their children and grandchildren in Moose Jaw and Ottawa.

Empty Saddles



Geoffrey B. Bodman '19C, PhD (Minn.), a native of Dilke, Sask., passed away at Stockton, California on Feb. 26, 1993.

Rita Florence Colborn formerly of Vanscoy and Delisle, passed away on March 28, 1993. Surviving are sons **Keith '48S** (Norma) and **Clifford** (Marian), of Delisle, and daughters **Joyce** (John) Lorras, Saskatoon and **Jean** (Frank) Saunders, Vanscoy.

Arden Hartley Cox '49C, Humboldt, passed away on July 8, 1993, at the age of 85.

Arden was born in Nova Scotia and attended Acadia University for a year before moving with his father to homestead in the Carrot River district in 1928. Following service in the RCAF in World War 11 he attended the University of Saskatchewan and farmed for a few years following graduation, before serving as a field officer for the Veteran's Land Act from 1956 to 1973 when he retired.

Arden married Rosel MacFarland of New Brunswick in 1948 and she predeceased him in 1985. He is survived by his sister Joy Elliott of Spa Springs and Middleton, Nova Scotia.

Melvin Egeland '47S, Kyle, SK, passed away on June 16, 1992.

James David Erfle '57C, Ottawa, succumbed to cancer on September 30, 1992. He was 59 years old.

Jim grew up at Ernfold and was employed at the Animal Research Institute of Agriculture Canada at his death. He is survived by his wife Agnes Hume, daughters Heather (Mark) Erfle-Winnet and Valerie (Gordon) McRitchie, and sons Robert (Wendy) and Douglas. Also by one granddaughter, sisters Doris, Della, Laura, and brothers Charles and Richard.

Eric Given, of Westbank, BC, and formerly of rural Prince Albert, passed away on February 25, 1993 at age 96. He was the father of **Stewart Bond '50C**, Kanata, ON and **Tait Bond '49 B.Eng.**, Vancouver, and is also survived by his wife Margaret.

Eric was well known in the community for his service in agriculture organizations, as a 4-H leader and judge at summer fairs. Family and friends gathered for a memorial service at the Doug Byrne farm, Prince Albert district on July 4, 1993.

John Leask '36C, passed away on May 10, 1993 in Regina, following a long struggle with Parkinson's disease and a shorter one with heart failure.

John was predeceased by his wife Marlo, in 1983. He is survived by his daughters Marj (Doug) Siman, Joan Wittal, Betty (Craig) Kulch, and two grandchildren. Also his brother George, Marcelin and sister Florence (Leo) Rutten, Blackfalds, Alberta.

John was born and raised at Marcelin and was employed with the Agriculture Canada Livestock Division from graduation to retirement except for the years spent with

the Regina Rifles in World War 11. During his work career he was located at Edmonton, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Calgary, Regina and Vancouver. At each location he played a very active role in the livestock industry and community.

George C.B. Murray '48C, Smith Falls, ON, passed away on November 13, 1992.

Dorothy May Silzer, Saskatoon, passed away on January 4, 1993. She was predeceased by her husband **Ernest '50C**, in 1982. She is survived by son **Fred Silzer '55C** and his wife Marion, Saskatoon, and daughter June (Harry) Swalwell, Winnipeg.

The death of **Bertha Sletmoen**, Saskatoon, occurred on July 7, 1993. She is survived by her son **Iver Sletmoen '74S**, his wife Elin and their two children, Saskatoon.

Berneice (Bea) Williams (nee McGrath), died in Victoria, BC, on April 27, 1993. Bea was secretary to Dean Rutherford and succeeding deans until 1962. She is survived by her husband Ernie Williams.

John Hayton Wilson '32S, of Saskatoon, died on July 13, 1993, after a lengthy struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

Surviving are his wife Eileen, daughter Mary (Len) Hart of Rosetown, son Alex (Muriel), of Kenaston, five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

John and Eileen farmed at Kenaston from when they were married in 1939 until 1979, then moved to Saskatoon in 1982.

Saskatchewan Ag Grad Reunion

January 14 to 16, 1994

Yes, it is nearly six months before the next reunion, but we thought you would like to know the dates and to plan accordingly. Most of the details have yet to be decided, but the outline is set out below, and elsewhere on this page are the names of people who will be finalizing plans. Give them a shout if you want more information or have a suggestion. A detailed schedule of events will be in the December issue of *The SAGA*.

Tentative schedule of events

Friday, January 14

Morning - educational program.

Hockey - first game probably at 1p.m.

Curling - first game a 4p.m., maybe earlier.

S.A.G.A. annual meeting - probably at 1p.m.

Mixer - 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saskatoon Inn.

Saturday, January 15

Hockey - all day.

Curling - all day.

Banquet and dance at Saskatoon Inn,
5:30p.m. to 1:00a.m.

Sunday, January 16

Hockey and curling will conclude at noon,
followed by the presentation of trophies to
the winners.

(The best time for individual year functions is
Thursday or Friday evening or Sunday morning.)

Class Reunion Co-ordinators

Class	Name	Address	Phone
1924 school	Sham Regan	5970 Breonna Dr., Nanaimo V9S 5N7	758-6671
1944 school	Jack McFaul	1202 - 510 5th Ave. N, Saskatoon S7K 2R2	652-5241
1944 school	Sam Reimche	Box 264, Leader, SK S0N 1H0	628-3295
1954 school	Bob Bristow	Box 35, Strongfield, SK S0H 3Z0	857-2081
1954 school	Jim Dodds	Box 128, Loreburn, SK S0H 2H0	644-2140
1964 school	Blair Backman	Box 39, Consul, SK S0N 0P0	299-4880
1974 school	Art Unsworth	Box 503, Maple Creek, SK S0N 1N0	558-4810
1984 school	Bruce Elke	Box 231, Jansen, SK S0K 2B0	364-2077
1984 school	Sheldon Cooper	Box 66, Westbend, SK S0A 4M0	675-4513
1989 school	Grant McCallum	Box 59, Saltcoats, SK S0A 3R0	744-2736
1934 college	Earl Rouatt	1114 Spadina Cr., Saskatoon S7K 3H7	242-6798
1944 college	Burton Craig	423 Lake Cr., Saskatoon S7H 3A3	373-0015
1944 college	Joe Zeman	1802 Cairns Ave., Saskatoon S7H 2J1	343-8986
1954 college	Peter McLaren	575 24th St. W, Prince Albert S6V 4N4	922-0115
1964 college	Les Henry	1310 Ewart Ave., Saskatoon S7H 2K6	343-1068
1964 college	Bob Bens	Box 217, Biggar, SK S0K 0M0	948-2846
1974 college	Les Voice	Box 87, Bradwell, SK S0K 0P0	257-4108
1984 college	Ron Gilmour	26 McKell Bay, Regina S4R 6W9	545-6433
1989 college	Leanne Varley	1107 Taylor St., Saskatoon S7H 1W6	343-9017
1989 college	Bryon Zanyk	720 Ave. O South, Saskatoon S7M 2S5	653-4072

Reunion Organizers

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Saskatoon Inn Catering

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Catering manager

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Mark your 1994 calendar

Crop Production Week January 10 to 15, 1994

Saskatoon Inn

Annual meetings, research updates and social events
by the following organizations:

Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Development Board
Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association
Saskatchewan Canola Growers Association
Saskatchewan Canola Development Association
Flax Growers Western Canada
Saskatchewan Ag Grads Association
plus
Options program on January 11
for spouses and other participants

The Western Canadian Crop Production Show

(More program detail in the December issue of SAGA)

The Hitching Post

Tim Hammond '91C reports that he and Darcie Molberg (BCom. '92) were married on March 27, 1993 in Saskatoon. They honeymooned in beautiful Victoria, BC. Tim's other job is dishing out dollars for FCC.

Oyen, Alberta rancher Cal Logan corralled Tracey Mick '89C and she promised to marry him in Oyen on August 14, 1993. Tracey added a DVM to her name when she graduated from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine this spring. She now works in Oyen Vet Services, a mixed animal practice.

Lee Melvill '74C, regional market-

ing specialist with Alberta Agriculture, married Sandy Haberman at Fort Steele, BC on April 10, 1993. Sandy comes from Cranbrook, BC and has a degree in management from the University of Lethbridge. They are making a home in Fairview after a honeymoon in Hawaii.

Kathy Zimmer '89C became Kathy Pearson on October 24, 1992, when she married Neil Pearson. Kathy continues to be a credit advisor with FCC. They live in Prince Albert.

Layne Evans '91S and Paula Sanderson, both of Kenaston, were married on May 1, 1993. They live on the farm where Layne farms with his father and brothers.

Home Grown



Ken '78C and Bernadette (BSN '78) McPherson, Grenfell, are very pleased to announce the arrival of Anne Aleisha Marie on Jan. 10, 1993. Big brother Douglas approves too.

Monique Detillieux (nee Hannotte) '88C and husband Martin, added Mitchell Victor Norman to their family on March 31, 1993. They live on an acreage outside of North Battleford. Monique continues to work for SAMA.

Bob '85S and Pam Copeland welcomed the arrival of Benjamin William on April 4, 1993. Proud grandparents are Bill '60C and Alma Copeland of Rosetown, and Anne Butala, formerly of Moosomin and now of Rosetown. Ben is already helping at the seed cleaning plant. (Kind of young to be on the payroll!!)

Born to Brock Evans '86C, and Sharon, of Saskatoon, a son, Jonathon Newton Thomas Evans.

More Wit and wisdom

A Canadian soldier stationed at a radar station along the Arctic Circle wrote home, "It's so cold up here the local residents have to live somewhere else."

Bob McKercher Feted

On Friday February 26, 1993, a social function was held at the atrium of the College of Agriculture Building to pay tribute to **Dr. Bob McKercher '54C**, soil scientist and a past president of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association, and to wish him well as he moved into his new career as associate dean, graduate studies.

Darwin Anderson '63C, head of Soil Science was the emcee and tributes were paid by **Dean John Stewart, Terry Tollefson '73C**, School of Agriculture professor, and **Don Acton '57C**, Saskatchewan Soil Survey. These followed a 'rap' during which a group of staffers and their spouses revisited, skit style, some of the interesting happenings during Bob's career with soil science.

Following are some of the comments made by Don Acton. They were extracted from an article carried in Pick and Probe, newsletter of the Saskatchewan Institute of Pedology.

"Well, Bob, that rap line certainly stirred the recesses of my mind and brought back a few memories; didn't it do the same for you? Is it true that you actually built yourself a bit of a platform so that you could go eye-

ball to eyeball with your students, or is it just another one of the myths perpetrated by Jim Ellis?

It's hard to remember what Soil's life was like in those days but it sure seemed simpler. It was Soils 1 and 2 for the Voc Ags and 11, 12 and 13 for the college students. None of this triple or quadruple digit stuff that we now have with Soil Science 470.3.

And remember the dean's office? One dean and a secretary! And, even at that, the secretary had time to plant an extra pair of shoes before she left her office every night and to check the next morning to see if they had been moved so she could determine whether the janitor was doing his job. Dean's and most everyone else's wife were kept busy with domestic chores so you didn't have to worry about them showing off with skits and stuff the way they do nowadays.

Through all this came one Bob McKercher. Some of his fellow students used to call him 'slick.' It's too bad they graduated and left town and the use of the name disappeared with them, as I think it very fittingly describes many of Bob's fine attributes. I dare say they saw

you, Bob, as many of us do today, as a very smart person, with a smooth tongue, capable of saying things in a clever way.

I think it may have been this slickness that got Bob some of his responsibilities over the years. We all admire your extremely efficient approach to liaising between the faculty and the architect in the agriculture building project. I don't think you were given the job because you were available. You had demonstrated over a number of years your capability to work with people for their good and the good of the program or institution they represented.

Bob always thought there was something he could learn in other disciplines. I think he was and is a very keen observer of people as well as inanimate things. He is also very curious and analytical. Understandably, with these skills he became an excellent scientist, and more recently an excellent administrator. While his publication list may not be as long as your arm, or as your proverbial arm, it well may be as long as Bob's arm, every one of those publications is first class. They reflect, I'm sure, those keen analytical talents and good judgment that we've admired in you for so long."

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