

The President's Pen

In the April, 1994 issue, I wrote about the importance of your association - the things it does besides the reunion weekend in January. My objective was to stress the need for membership and participation in SAGA's many functions.

It appears that membership is becoming an even more important issue when one considers that only a

very small number of recent grads from both the college and the school choose to join. It may be that they are complacent, but most likely it is because the association has not approached them with the benefits of membership.

The executive has developed a plan to address this issue by creating an executive position (complete with

committee) in charge of membership. Headed by Lloyd Striefel '83C, Saskatoon, this committee will develop ways to increase membership, targeting recent grads.

One initiative is to send a SAGA information package to the most recent grads ('93 and '94) and those who are five and ten year grads. This package will contain a brochure on SAGA, a copy of this newsletter and a pep talk letter from me. One policy change is that all participants in curling and hockey at the reunion weekend must be SAGA members. More initiatives and policy changes will be developed by Lloyd and his committee.

So if you're one of the recent grads, who is reading this as a result of our membership drive, stop right now and send in your membership. It's only \$10 for a year, less than you will spend on coffee in a week. (Better still, \$80 for life membership.) If you are a member, see if you can rustle up other members. If you happen to be a bit older and have children who are grads but not members, consider a gift of life membership for them.



Hangar building dismantled: no mourners

The old hangar building, temporary home to classes of 300 students and more, and later of the Drama Department, is no more. The demolition crew had made a good start when this picture was taken in early July, and by the time you read this the job will have been completed. The building was a part of Canada's war effort, then was moved onto the campus to help accommodate the flood of students that came to the University of Saskatchewan after the war ended in 1945.

The Thundering Herd



Tom Lowes '64C sent a note from Quill Lake saying that his farm is now sharing his time with Sask. Pool. That's what happens when you become a director, but Tom says it has been a challenging experience. Fortunately, **son Brent '90S**, is joining the farm and is looking after operations. Brent married Melody Schwanke in June 1992, and daughter Rebecca married Kevin Welsh in October 1993. Another son, Thomas, is taking education at the U of S.

Ron Watson '70C, Avonlea, veteran seed grower and president of the Sask. section, Canadian Seed Growers Association, was extra busy this summer with the convention of CSGA in Regina. Ron is also president of Value Added Seeds, a three year old company that aims to grow, process and sell affordable, high-quality seeds to other farmers.

Leroy Larsen '52S, President of Sask. Wheat Pool, has had his hands full and more trying to move the organization toward greater financial stability, yet retain the loyalty of members.

Jim Robbins '76C, Delisle, was elected to the Senior Grain Transportation Agency in a by-election in March. He is one of nine farmer-members on the 26 member group. Jim has indicated that he will be coaxing the agency to study costs of moving grain from the farm to market, and the environmental impacts of various methods of moving grain.

Bert Garratt '51C, Abernethy, is thankful that he and son Bill reduced their wheat acreage this year, because most wheat fields in that community were invaded by wheat midge and spraying for control cost \$10 per acre. Processing peas, lentils and other special crops has become a big operation for the Garratts.

Jim Morris '70C, manager of SPI, the Saskatchewan hog marketing agency, says that a low exchange rate for the Canadian dollar means more money for farmers. For example, a 105 kilogram hog was recently fetching (U.S.)\$103.50. When the exchange rate is 74 cents that pig is worth (CDN)\$139.72. And with an exchange rate of 72 cents it's worth (CDN) \$144. In addition, as the price of export sales increases, domestic prices tend to rise in order to remain competitive, Morris said.

Irvin Yorga '78C, Flintoft hog farmer and vice president of SPI is working hard toward doubling the hog output of Saskatchewan. It is hard to do simply because you need a lot of money to expand the hog barn - like \$2.5 million or more for a 600-sow operation. You may get up to 60% of that from a bank, but the balance has to come from elsewhere. Irvin's group is working with the Sask. government to set up a pork equity fund that might attract \$20 million; that could fund up to \$100 million in new hog barn construction.

Sinclair Harrison '67C, Moosomin, was elected president of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities(SARM) at the annual meeting in March.

Dale Tomasiewicz '79C is on the move again, this time to Carberry,

Manitoba, where he is agronomist with the Manitoba Crop Diversification Centre. Says he hasn't quite finished his thesis, but started the job anyway. At the time they wrote Danny(3) was doing fine and Terry was expecting another child in late May.

We were saddened to learn that the Clews family of Pangman is ending its farming career after a 90-year run. **Wayne '61C and Wyn Clews** have sold some of the farmland, rented out the rest and had an auction sale on April 21 at the farm. The auction was actually a mini-agro reunion with **Bob Bullock '62C and Pat**, Maidstone; **Jack Drew '57C**, Regina; **Harvey McEwen '73C**, Francis and others on hand. Wayne isn't sure if they bid but the sale went really well and was described as one of the 'good' spring sales. Wayne went on to say that ending a lifetime of farming is a pretty emotional thing. "We value our many friends who came and made the day one to remember."

Over the years the Clews have built up a successful business in retailing natural air drying equipment for Kehoe. They will continue to do business from Pangman and plan to open a branch in Red Deer, AB.

Kern Clayton '83C, sent a very brief note saying that he is now Eastern Canada Market Manager for BASF Canada, and he now lives in Islington, ON. Congratulations, now you tell the other Saskatchewan grads in the 'chemical triangle' to send their news.

Marcel Dubois '61S,'65C, Rosetown, hosted an open house recently at the Rosetown Gun Club,

for individuals interested in trapshooting. The club's shooting site is located on Marcel's farm south of Rosetown, and it has been there for most of the years since the club was founded before World War II. Emil Dubois, Marcel's father, was an accomplished trapshooter, and Marcel has competed with the best in the world at a number of places, including Mexico, Brazil and at the world championship in Russia in 1990. He is a coach with Canada's trapshooting team.

Things are happening in the ag chem business. **Maurice '69C Delage's** agricultural division of Hoechst, joined forces with Nor-Am Chemical Company effective February 1, 1994 and called the new company AgrEvo. The company has moved **Rod Merryweather '83C** to Regina to take charge of Inter-Ag, distribution arm of AgrEvo. **Robert Sharanowski '87C** has been promoted to senior sales representative with AgrEvo. He is located at Saskatoon and reports to **Craig Rath '86C**, regional sales manager, Northern Saskatchewan.

Jeff Braidek '82C, has completed a year of environmental studies at UBC, Vancouver, and will begin a masters program in that same field in the Geography Department, U of S, next month.

Graham Wright '46S, Richard, received a long service award from the Battlefords Exhibition Association this spring. Graham, a breeder of purebred Herefords, began showing them in the mid-50s, then became active in running the farm camp in 1960 and on the cattle committee in 1961. He was president of the Association in 1968-9 and later on president of the Western Canada Fairs Association.

HOME GROWN

Jeff '89C and Deborah Bean are proud parents of a red headed baby girl named Alexa. She arrived on April 27, 1994 and weighed eight pounds. Taylor, Alexa's two year old brother is very proud of his new sister and helpful to mother. Jeff slugs on as sales rep for Rhone Poulenc at Regina.

Bill '82C and Wendy '81BED Sherk, welcomed Ben, their fourth child on Nov. 26, 1993. He joins John 7, Clare 5 and Greg 3, in the Sherk home. The Sherks say that a move to a bigger house is planned soon, but don't say if it is to provide space needed for the current complement, or to allow for more numbers.

Bill was promoted to sales manager, Alberta/B.C. for AgrEvo, last October.

Shelley Jones '84C had their first child, Zachary Dalton Anderson, on April 27, 1994, a prospective farm hand for husband Tim Anderson, who farms at Keeler. They make their home at Moose Jaw.

Sarah Ann Millar, daughter of **Jane and Kirk Elliott '81C**, Saskatoon, was born on January 24, 1994.

Cindy(Francis) '87C and Chris Thomson, Saskatoon, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Mathew Christopher, on December 15, 1993.

Ken '85C and Karen Greer report the arrival of Justine Catherine, a sister and captive playmate for two year old sister Meghan.

Ken has divided his talents between the farm and as researcher at Soil Science, but the stress of a twice-a-year household move has caused them to make their home in Saskatoon, year 'round.

HITCHING POST

Allen Altwasser '92C, Yellow Grass, admitted to marrying Pamela Lethbridge '93BED on July 3, 1993. Pam teaches English at the local high school, while Allen farms with his father, Rodney Altwasser '66C. They also operate a pedigreed seed farm and seed cleaning plant.

Thanks for your news and membership cheque, Allen.

Bill Strautman '82C, son of **Chuck '53S and Margaret Strautman**, sent a note that says he married Teresa Vandenberghe in October, 1993. Congratulations to both of you.

They live in Regina, where Bill is a freelance writer. He recently completed the book "*Woodlot Management Guide for the Prairie Provinces*", for PFRA and the Farm Woodlot Association of Saskatchewan.

Cam Seidle '89C and Cyndi Jeffery of Weyburn, were married on June 18, 1994. They will live on the farm at Medstead. Cam says that he has worked the past two winters with Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food.

Barry Raymond '59 S, '63C, says their only daughter is marrying Mike Smith, son of a neighbor. Barry continues to farm in the Aneroid community.

Seth Michael Eaton, fourth child of **David '82S and Cindy Eaton**, arrived on May 11, 1994. He joins their three sisters ages 5, 3½ and 1½, in a brand new house in Oyen, AB. (Mom will be busy!) Seth Michael, who weighed over nine pounds at birth, will probably be out helping Dad on the farm at Sibbald, AB, soon.

The Pooped Deck



Bill Till '48C surprised himself and shocked ye editor with a page full of news. It happened during late April - a time when he needed to do something nice to offset all the horrible thoughts conjured up while completing his income tax statement. Bill wrote that after the class reunion last September, he and Gene went back to their home at Lloydminster to continue the strenuous life of retirement. He renewed acquaintance with farming by running a swather and combine for a friend - a fun job when the results are of no concern. After that diversion they got back to their duties as grandparents to three children who happen to live in their town. After Christmas they left the frigid Saskatchewan climate to live in rented quarters at Parksville on Vancouver Island.

Till went on to say, "I have been an amateur radio operator for many years and while attending the regular coffee session of the local hams, I met an old U of S hand and fellow ham operator, **Bill Howell**, professor emeritus of animal husbandry. Bill and Betty have bought a new home near Qualicum Beach, suspiciously close to three very nice golf courses. They spent January in California and

returned in February to Vancouver Island. Bill's current claim to fame is that **Brian Peckford**, former premier of Newfoundland, is a neighbor."

Bill mentioned that they also saw **Art Strautman '48C** and his wife **Jimmie '48BA** several times and played a round of golf at the Mt. Branton club, Chemainus, with Art, **Jim Clarke '48C** and **Wally Doyle '51C** in March. Art keeps in shape by playing Old Timer hockey, with trips each week during the winter to play with a league in Parksville.

Art S. sent along a letter that confirmed and added to Bill Till's letter. He said that **Chuck '52S**, and **Margaret Strautman** of Speers (summer) and Saskatoon (winter), actually drove out to Duncan BC, for Easter week. Their mission was not to smell the flowers, or Easter meditations, but rather for Chuck to play in the Victoria Playmakers senior hockey tournament, in the + 65 age group. Turns out that it was the first time since 1951 and the North Battleford and District Big Four League, that brothers Art and Chuck were on the same team, this time playing for the Parksville Panthers. Art scored the winning goal on a feed from Chuck against Ottawa, and in the final, against Coquitlam, Chuck scored two goals, one on an assist from Art, the other on a feed from playing-coach **Howie Meeker**. They are looking forward to the next tournament in September. Stay tuned !

While in Duncan, BC, Chuck Strautman had a chance to visit **Joe '52S** and **Shirley Kuttai**, formerly of Highgate. Joe is well established as a commercial fisherman and Shirley has operated the local post office for several years. Joe's catch has allowed Art and Jimmie to indulge their appetites, and those of

their guests, for such delicacies as salmon, crab and clams. Kind of beats Sask. Jackfish, eh?

Lloyd Rasmuson '36C writes that he retired from the District Ag service 20 years ago and continues to live in Edmonton with his wife Merle. They have travelled extensively and Lloyd has done some consulting and even a bit of farming in retirement. But their current activities are pretty well confined to their five children, 16 grandchildren, family gatherings, the legion and meetings with fellow retirees. They also enjoy their vegetable and flower gardens. Our thanks to Lloyd for sending along the news about himself and an article about the induction of **Hugh Michael '43C** into the Alberta Agricultural Hall of Fame, elsewhere in this issue.

Gib Wesson '49C, wrote to set the record straight and provide some grad news. Gib is quite sure he graduated from the College, not the School, of agriculture. The records agree with Gib, proving that his memory is still pretty good! Gib and Marg had a great West Caribbean cruise in April and were heading to a reunion of RCAF radar personnel from WW2 in Clinton, Ontario, at the end of August.

Wayne '51 C and **Doris Ingell**, Burlington, Ontario, were on the same cruise as the Wessons.

Harry Ukrainetz '51C, Saskatoon, has finally laid down his spade and refuses to work.

He and his wife Rena were the guests of honor at a retirement party on May 26, about the time Harry would usually be setting out soil research plots throughout northwest Saskatchewan.

Harry began employment with Agriculture Canada the year he graduated and retired from that employer.

His valued work was recognized in 1983 when he was presented the Western Co-op Fertilizer Agronomy Merit Award.

Pete Petersen '52C, has a home base in Yorkton, but neighbors with **Jens Stangeland '50C** each winter in a Mesa, Arizona mobile park.

Alice Harper (nee Wall) '44C, Lethbridge, wrote to correct a couple of errors in an article concerning her. Alice was a plant breeder, and her husband was a plant pathologist. She worked for a couple of years at Swift Current, then at Lethbridge at the Experimental Stations. Our apologies.

Archie Campbell '35C, Saskatoon, used up another page of his letterhead stationery to send some news to the editor. We sorted out what he had scribbled on the page over the telephone. (We followed Vivian's P.S. at the bottom of the letter.) Archie said that his classmate **Fred Quinckie** came in to Saskatoon recently, from his home in Tisdale, to have some laser surgery on his eyes.

Fred is 92 years old but still in pretty good shape because he also went out to see the Campbell ranch where he saw the great Percy Wright super red rhubarb selection and asparagus. They also went to the Clarence Avenue place to see the flowers and Fred had lunch with Dean John Stewart. Quinckie has no relations in Canada, so he is giving his estate to the College of Agriculture. During his working career he was employed in research at the university and he also had land at Star City.

Archie had suffered from shingles but \$60 worth of a new medication have done wonders. In mid-June, Archie and Vivian became great grand parents. Oh yes, Archie said that the laser treatment has improved Fred Quinckie's sight considerably.

Bruce Martin '40C, Victoria, says he keeps busy with church and community activities. Thanks Bruce for sending along the obituary for your classmate, Ted Campbell.

Ralph Stutt '33C, another Victoria dweller, says that in April-May he

and Irene flew to Honolulu, then cruised the islands and returned aboard the S.S. Rotterdam. At the annual meeting of the Victoria Masters Curling Club, Ralph was made an honorary life member. Congratulations! Does that mean you are now excused from paying dues, bar bills and vigorous sweeping?

Don '52C and Marie Lambie were kind of busy running the registration desk at the Agricultural Institute of Canada annual conference in Regina in July.

Jack '51C and Joan Braidek are back in Saskatoon after spending February and March in Siberia, April in Ottawa and three weeks of May/June on a trip to B.C. All very enjoyable, but it's nice to be home during the golf season.

George Mueller '47S, says he is now retired, has sold the house in Melfort and bought a condo in Saskatoon. It's at 217-1802 Alexandra Avenue, with a good view of the South Saskatchewan River and Circle Drive.

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tion until retiring in 1975. The farm was acquired by the University of Saskatchewan and is being used for animal and agronomy studies.

John played an active part in the Floral community, Grosnevor Park United Church, Nutana Kiwanis, Masonic Order and Eastern Star. He was a progressive farmer and enjoyed travel, music and photography.

Zelma (Nellie) Ellen Mc Kercher, a long time resident in the Rosetown district, passed away in the Elrose Golden Years Lodge on August 2, 1994. She was predeceased by her husband James Barrie Mc Kercher in 1941 and son James Alexander Mc Kercher in 1934. She is survived

by sons **Bob '54C (Norma)**, Saskatoon, **Stewart (Susan)** also of Saskatoon, and **Edgar (Jaqueline)**, Zealandia, eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Frank Harold Mills '29S, Saskatoon, was born on the family farm at Colonsay in 1909 and passed away in Saskatoon on June 11, 1994.

Frank worked hard and effectively to be a successful farmer and to help his community to be a better place to live. He and his brothers were among the first to try out combine harvesting. He was a founding member of the Colonsay Credit Union in 1943, an active member of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, the Colonsay Co-op and the curling rink committee. Sport activities were always important to

Frank during the time he was farming and in retirement, when he enjoyed curling, bowling and golf.

Frank is survived by his wife Winnie, sons Jim and Gordon, daughter Elaine Wood and granddaughter Erin Wood.

Mary Phipps passed away in Saskatoon on May 12, 1994. She and her husband Arthur farmed in the Laura-Tessier area from 1951 until they moved to Saskatoon in 1976. She is survived by daughters Sheryl (Robert) Kielo, Delisle and Darlene (Joseph) Ehr, Saskatoon; sons Leslie (Barbara), Saskatoon, Murray (Barbara), Saskatoon and **Graham '80S (Brenda) Phipps**, Ottawa; ten grandchildren.

EMPTY SADDLES

Sidney Alexander (Sandy) Blair, Drake, Saskatchewan, passed away on June 11, 1994 at the Lanigan Union Hospital. He was 84 years old.

Surviving are his wife Ida, three sons and two daughters. They include **Dale Blair '61S**, his wife Janet and family of Drake; and daughter Betty '64HEc, her husband **Jack Shields '57S**, '61C and their family in Ottawa, Ontario.

Roy William Blake '35C, was born in King's Langley, Herts, UK, in 1906 and died on July 11, 1994 at Victoria, BC. Roy immigrated to Canada in 1926 and was a farm hand in the Biggar district before graduating in agriculture. Following graduation he worked for a meat packing plant before serving in the Saskatoon Light Infantry.

After the war Roy joined the Department of Trade and Commerce and served as Agricultural Trade Commissioner at Ottawa and in England, Australia, Trinidad, Jamaica, Germany and Italy.

Roy is survived by his two sons, Roger of Perth, Australia and Ian of Waterloo, Ontario, their wives and children.

Ralph D. Botkin '29S, Regina, passed away on February 4, 1994, after a year of illness. Ralph had been a grain farmer in the Rouleau district and had served as councillor in the Rural Municipality of Redburn No. 130. He also participated enthusiastically in other community activities.

Ralph is survived by his wife Margaret, son Bob and his wife, daughter, Sherry Crumley and her husband and four grandchildren.

Edward McAlpine (Ted)

Campbell '40C was born at Tessier in 1909 and passed away in Victoria, BC, on July 18, 1994.

Ted was employed by Saskatchewan Agriculture for 31 years, serving as poultry commissioner from 1958 to his retirement in 1974. He was a valued member of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists, the Agricultural Institute of Canada and of Westminster United Church, Regina. In 1993 Ted was inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Ted Campbell is survived by his wife May and five children, James (Janice), Evansburg, AB, Grant (Marilyn), Grand Prairie, AB, Marilyn (Rod) Gardiner, Regina, Glenn (Eloise), Edmonton, Betty Ann (Claude) Smith, Calgary and eleven grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters, Olive Mitchenson and Ruth Bursaw and brother **Joseph D. Campbell '41C**, Victoria.

Magnus Emil Christensen, father of **David Christensen '58C**, and grandfather of **Katherine Retzlaff (Christensen) '86C**, died on August 10, 1993 at age 89 years. He and two brothers all attended the School of Agriculture for one year, and his nephew, **Ray Christenson, Young, is a 1959 school grad.**

Magnus was a strong supporter of the School and College and made good use of the ideas and leadership skills acquired in his association with them. He worked with Bill Howell in organizing the Saskatoon AI unit, the first in Western Canada, was a director of the Merrill telephone company and trustee and chairman of the Moon Lake school board for many years. He was a member and strong supporter of the Sodbuster club, initiated by Leo Kristjanson to get the new College of Agriculture building underway.

Geoffrey Allan (Al) Cushon '48C,

grew up in the Oxbow district and died at Winnipeg on May 6, 1994. He is survived by his wife Evelyn, daughter Joan and sons Bob, Jim and Geoff.

Following graduation Al was employed by Saskatchewan Agriculture's extension service, then for a number of years he worked in the agricultural chemicals field with Interprovincial Cooperatives Limited at Winnipeg. He concluded his work career selling real estate.

Austin Andrew Dryden '44S, died at Creston, BC in July 1994 at age 71.

Austin was raised at Tuffnell and farmed there until 1955 when he moved to Calgary and worked for Bird Construction, later for Western Co-op Fertilizers. He retired and moved to Creston in 1984.

Austin was predeceased by Rose, his first wife, and is survived by his second wife, Violet, daughter Michelle, her two children, Edmonton, and son Spencer, Calgary. The Drydens also provided a home for six foster children.

Carrie Tomina Ekstrand (nee Odegard), Melfort, passed away on April 20, 1994. She is survived by her daughter, Elvina (Ernie) Hirsch, Melfort, and sons Aldon (Maxine) Ekstrand and **Gordon '64C (Judy) Ekstrand**, all of North Battleford; 10 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, four sisters and one brother.

John Goodale '26S, age 87, passed away in Saskatoon on March 28, 1994. He was predeceased by his wife Doris in 1982, and is survived by his son Terry (Dianne) and their three children, Saskatoon; sisters Janette Schnell and Margaret Venne, Saskatoon; brothers Robert and Gilbert (Margaret), Toronto.

John farmed at Floral from gradua-

'44 School Grads Celebrate

In 1944 21 students graduated from the School of Agriculture: Nine grads and eight spouses returned to Saskatoon in January 1994 to celebrate their 50th year since graduation. It was a happy event convened by **Sam Reimcke**, Leader district farmer.

This class was the first to hold a graduation banquet, so following din-

ner at the Saskatoon Inn, some of the banquet items presented fifty years ago were 'replayed'. **Jack McFaull** read the valedictory speech given by Conway Skelly, 50 years ago. **George Cooper** repeated his toast to the School and **Glen Beckett** his toast to the ladies. After 50 years the speeches seemed to have increased significantly in substance.

Then each grad commented on what the School had meant to them and what they had done since graduation.

It was a wonderful, memorable event, especially for those who had not attended previous reunions.

Note:

The above information, and more, was sent along by **Roberta(Phillips) Moore '44S**. She was pinch hitting for Sam Reimcke, who's wife Sadie broke her hip soon after the event, making it difficult for him to complete and send a report to SAGA. We hope she is now better.

Also, **John Moore '43S** developed some pictures of the party that he and **Doug Laurie** had taken and figures he was overpaid by some \$50 for them - so they sent the \$50 to SAGA. Thanks heaps for the words, pictures and money.

The editor.



'44S School grads at reunion supper

With backs to camera Sam and Sadie Reimcke, Leader.

L to r: Vern Wildfong, Craik, Dora Laurie, Burlington, ON, Walt and Jessie Hyshka, Lethbridge, AB, Helen and Ralph Brown, Hughton, Glen and Mary Beckett, Saskatoon, Roberta and John Moore, Speers, George and Ina Cooper, Foam Lake, Muriel and Jack McFaull, Saskatoon. (Photograph by Doug Laurie)

Honors and awards

Alberta Ag Hall of Fame

Hugh Harry Michael '43C, Lethbridge, was inducted into the Alberta Agricultural Hall of Fame in June for his leadership in canola processing and marketing, in Alberta and Canada.

In the 1950's he promoted rapeseed to farmers as a new cash crop, then founded Western Canadian Seed Processors, now known as Canbra Foods. Michael encouraged the development of a new quality of rapeseed, now known as canola, and encouraged its introduction into crop rotations. In 1961, Western Canadian Seed Processors opened the first edible oil extraction plant in the province at Lethbridge. Today, operating as Canbra Foods Ltd., it is the only fully integrated oil seed processing plant in Canada, producing for domestic and export markets.

In 1976, Hugh Michael received the Distinguished Agrologist Award from the Alberta Institute of Agrologists.

Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame

Five people, three of them grads from Saskatoon, were inducted into the Sask. Ag. Hall of Fame (SAHF), on August 7. They bring to 127 the number honored during the last 24 years. Portraits and a plaque outlining the accomplishments of each, can be seen in a special room in the Western Development Museum, Saskatoon. Visitors welcome; no viewing charge!

Sophia H. Dixon

Sophia Dixon, who farmed with

her husband near Tramping Lake and Unity, was awarded a Governor-General's medal in 1979 for her efforts to improve the status of rural women.

Donald Larry Thomson Smith, DVM

Larry was born in Regina in 1914, studied veterinary medicine at Guelph, Ontario and Cornell, New York, was the first dean of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM), Saskatoon, and passed away in 1983.

WCVM was jointly sponsored by the four western provinces and the federal government, the first time such a joint academic operation had been tried. It is to Larry Smith's credit that it succeeded.

Ronald John Gallaway '48C

Ron, a farmer at Estevan, is a dedicated community worker and super salesman for agricultural fairs and exhibitions.

He served the Estevan Agricultural Society as a board member, president and committee chairman since 1948. He was president of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies Association in 1973-4 and its successor, the Saskatchewan Association of

Agricultural Fairs in 1988. In 1970 and 1980 he was president of the Western Canada Fairs Association. Ron has also been on the senate of both universities in Saskatchewan, on the advisory committee to the College of Agriculture, and on the boards of both the Western Development Museum and SAHF. He has also served on the agricultural district board for 31 years, on the provincial livestock board, the provincial warble control board and many local committees. In 1986 Ron was named Estevan Farmer of the Year and honorary president of the Estevan Exhibition.

Murdock (Mac) MacKay '49C

Northern Saskatchewan farmers have benefited greatly from Murdock MacKay's patience, understanding and innovative approach to agricultural extension.

Mac was raised in the Briarlea district near Prince Albert, and he has been in the area ever since except during the period 1941 to 1945 when he served in the Royal Air Force and Canadian Air Force.

Following graduation in 1948, he was hired into the Ag Rep Service, Saskatchewan Agriculture, working briefly at Melfort, then for 20 years at Prince Albert. During this period he appeared countless times on radio and television. He encouraged formation of more than 30 4H clubs in his district and organized major erosion control projects. He was a key worker for the P.A. Exhibition and was president on three occasions.

Mac especially distinguished himself in work with Indian farmers, helping them to adapt to modern agriculture and to improve their economic situation on and off the reservation. He provided leadership in developing the Saskatchewan Indian Agricultural Program (SIAP), and was appointed agricultural specialist by ARDA to work on reserves when he retired from the Ag Rep Service in 1969. He has served as regional coordinator with SIAP from 1984 to now. In 1967 he was made an honorary life member of the Canadian Society of Extension and in 1972 he was named a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada.

Roy Edward McKenzie '44C

Roy McKenzie provided 43 years of effective leadership to Saskatchewan agriculture.

Roy was raised in Alberta and completed his BSA in Edmonton in 1940. He then came to Saskatchewan, took his masters in soil science at

Saskatoon in 1944 and worked in this province until his retirement in 1983. He and his wife Dorothy now live in White Rock, BC.

Roy was employed as a research officer for Agriculture Canada from 1940 to 1951, focussing on forage crops under irrigation in southwest Saskatchewan. He served as director of the Plant Industry Branch, Saskatchewan Agriculture 1951 through 1963. Then as technical advisor and later manager of the Farm Service Division, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.

One of his projects as a research officer was to develop a 20-year plan for the Outlook Predevelopment Farm. With the Plant Industry Branch he developed programs that encouraged farmers to grow more cultivated forages, use pedigreed seed and conserve the soil. The emphasis in the Pool job was on sound information and providing appropriate new products for farmers. An important accomplishment was establishment of the Pool product development farm at Watrous.

Roy was one of nine men, most of

them agricultural graduates, to draft the legislation establishing the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists, and served as president of the Canadian Society of Agronomy in 1956-7. He was also a founding member of the Western Canada Fertilizer Association and a member of the founding board of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame, 1971-78. Roy is an honorary life member of the Canadian Seed Growers Association and the first recipient of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists Recognition Award.

Sask. Grads Honored by AIC

Each year the Agricultural Institute of Canada honors its outstanding members by making them Fellows of the Agricultural Institute of Canada (FAIC). Recipients are selected that are considered to be worthy of national recognition. Their service to Canadian agriculture stems from qualifications such as scientific achievement, scholarship, leadership and breadth of knowledge and experience. The following Saskatchewan agriculturists were made fellows at the AIC annual conference held in Regina in July.

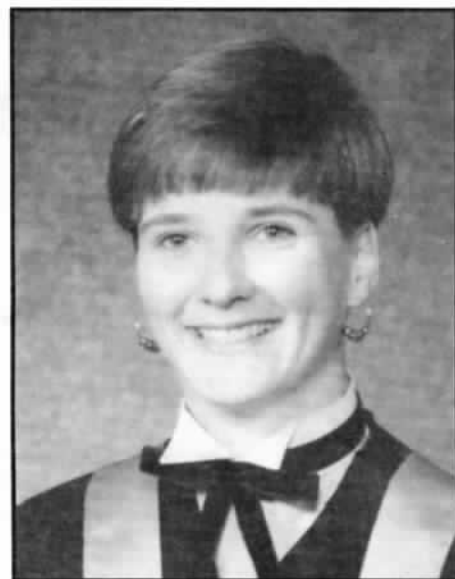
Ronald M. DePauw, plant breeder and leader of the wheat breeding team at Agriculture Canada Research, Swift Current. Ron's plant breeding efforts, coupled with involvement with the Canadian Wheat Board and Board of Grain Commissioners has led to the development of Hard Red Spring, a new class of wheat, and new market opportunities.

The Honorable D. Grant Devine '67C, agricultural economist and former premier of Saskatchewan. As premier, Devine emphasized diversification, income insurance systems and development that would reduce imports and increase exports. Among the latter projects were the Saferco nitrogen plant at Belle Plain and the Buy Saskatchewan program.

Honorary Life Membership

Neil Jahnke, fourth generation rancher at Gouldtown, SK, was made an honorary life member of AIC. The award is made to non-members of AIC in recognition of distinction in any field of agriculture.

Jahnke has maintained a successful operation in an arid part of the province, no easy task. He has also preserved the productivity of the land. In addition, he has provided leadership to livestock organizations, provincially and nationally. He has been president of the Saskatchewan Stockgrowers Association and the Saskatchewan Livestock Association. He has also been chairman of the Beef Information Centre, the Cattle Marketing Deduction Fund and the Horned Cattle Trust Fund.



NEW BSA GRADUATES

Ted Turner '48S, Chancellor of the University of Saskatchewan had the happy job of presiding at the convocation of 82 brand new BSA grads on May 24.

The pick of the bunch was **Jennifer Jane Nitschelm**, Davidson, SK: She graduated with great distinction and honors in soil science and received the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists Gold Medal. She is now busily pursuing an MS in soil science at the U of S.

1995 Saskatchewan Ag Grad Reunion

January 13, 14 and 15, 1995

The 1995 reunion is five months away, no matter, it's time to make some plans. Most of the details have yet to be decided, but the outline below will enable you to start making your plans.

Listed elsewhere on this page are the names of people who will be finalizing plans. Give them a call if you have a suggestion, want more information, or wish to offer to help them with their job.

Tentative schedule of events

Friday, Jan. 13:

Hockey - first game probably at 1:00pm.

Curling - first draw probably 4pm.

SAGA annual meeting - likely at 1:00pm.

Mixer - 8:00pm till you drop - or 1:00am.

Saturday, Jan. 14:

Hockey all day.

Curling all day.

Banquet and dance 5:30 pm to 1:00am

Sunday Jan. 15:

Hockey and curling will conclude at noon followed by presentations to winners.

(The best time for individual year functions are Thursday or Friday evenings or Sunday morning.)

Reunion Organizers

The following persons have been appointed to make arrangements for the various events during ag grad reunion 1995.

Chair: Kim Harder, Clavet

tel. 257-3904

Saskatoon, SK

S7J 2E1

ph (306) 374-9363

Mixer: Jim Ferrie
tel. (Home) 955-4730
(Office) 668-6637

40 yr. Voc Ag: Howard Mattila
1361 100th St.
North Battleford, SK
S9A 0V9
ph (306) 937-2987

Banquet: Randy McGillvary
tel. (home) 373-3075
(office) 244-3119

Curling: David Anderson
tel. (home) 249-0221
(office) 249-2200

30 year BSA: Marcel Dubois
P.O.Box 1958
Rosetown, SK
S0L 2V0
ph (306) 882-2258

Hockey: Ellis Clayton
tel. (home) 374-5385
(office) 966-8477
955-5100

30 yr. Voc Ag: Murray Codidge
P.O.Box 520
Lashburn, SK
S0M 1H0
ph (306) 285-3690

Class reunion Coordinators

Each year a member of the classes that will be having a reunion is asked to be the coordinator for their class. The following have agreed to serve as coordinators for the 1995 celebrations. The Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association will work with those coordinators and their classmates toward an enjoyable reunion.

20 year BSA: Rick Blenner-Hassett
20 Driftwood Cres.
Yorkton, SK
S3N 2P8
ph (306) 782-9607

50 year BSA: Peder Myhr
534 3rd Ave. NE
Swift Current, SK
S9H 2H4
ph (306) 773-5174

20 yr. Voc Ag: John Knudson
P.O.Box 156
Archerwill, SK
S0E 0B0
ph (306) 323-4812

50 yr. Voc Ag: Hugh Taylor
P.O. Box 188
Vanscoy, SK
S0L 3J0
ph (306) 668-2147

10 year BSA: Cathy Jacobson-Gale
3230 Tufts Bay
Regina, SK
S4V 1V2
ph (306) 789-8368

40 year BSA: Cliff Hayes
2102 Morgan Ave.

10 yr. Voc Ag: Scott Near
P.O.Box 2648
Kindersley, SK
S0L 1S0
ph (306) 463-3486

Crop Production Week

Jan. 9 to 14, 1995, Saskatoon Inn

Annual meetings, research updates and social events by

Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Development Board
 Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association
 Saskatchewan Canola Growers Association
 Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission
 Flax Growers Western Canada
 Saskatchewan Forage Council

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Wed. pm: Free trade or fair trade: The Canada/U.S. wheat trade dispute.

Wed. evening: The future of the Canadian Wheat Board.

and

The Western Canadian Crop Production Show

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