

## The President's Pen

Thanks to all who filled out the survey form in the last issue of THE SAGA. The results say we are on the right track and radical changes in our objectives are unnecessary.

The first objective of SAGA deals with the social interests of members. We score an average 4.1 out of 5 in meeting this objective and 4.28 out of 5 in continuing to try and meet the objective. The message is clear - members are satisfied with what is being done (reunion weekend) and want it to continue.

Objective #2 is to promote closer relations between grads and between them, college faculty and staff. This objective received the highest approval at 4.21 and at 4.33 the highest score on continuing to meet this objective. However there is concern among the executive that we are not doing a good job of developing relationships with college faculty and staff who aren't U of S ag grads. Any ideas? Most of the credit for this high score should go to the newsletter editors who keep us informed about other grads.

The third objective is to keep graduates informed on recent developments in agriculture. SAGA received 3.21 for meeting and 3.73 for continuing to meet this objective. These were the lowest scores any objective received and the replies were polarized. Some felt this objective was unnecessary: Others welcomed articles in the newsletter on new developments. A related question, whether SAGA should put on a Friday information session, drew a response of 3.47.

The fourth and final objective is helping the Alumni Association promote the university as a whole. Scores of 3.56 and 3.85 says that it is important but not the main reason our association remains together.

The remaining questions dealt mainly with fund raising. A clear message was received that if SAGA raises funds that it be for the betterment of the college. The college fund-raising question received a score of 3.43 and a polarized response.

The membership stated clearly that SAGA should remain in close contact with the administration of the college. Involvement in the School of Agriculture review received a 3.88 approval and proposing policy-making ideas rated 3.84.

Obviously SAGA is on the right track. We may need to 'wordsmith' the third objective to make it clear but overall the survey says we are a strong organization headed in the right direction.

Thanks again for your support.

*Rod Delahey '80C*  
*President*



Merrylyne Dianne Coward of Drinkwater, SK, (above) received the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool plaque at the April 25 convocation. It is awarded to the student in the crop production certificate program who graduates with the highest academic standing.

Laurie Margaret Hooper, Tisdale, received the Farm Credit Corporation Plaque. It is awarded to the student in the farm business management certificate program who graduates with the highest

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# The Thundering Herd



**Lloyd Johnson'71C**, manager of the Alberta Dairy Control Board, Wetaskiwin, sent along a nice note. It seems that Lloyd has more energy than his job demands because he is an alderman of Wetaskiwin, board member of the Aviation Hall of Fame, on the Wetaskiwin Regional Airport Authority and still finds time to do a bit of flying. He and Marlene celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary by cruising the Caribbean this spring. Son Brent was married in May and will live in Calgary. Lloyd made an unexpected stop at the "Eston International" last fall that resulted in a short visit with **Ray'71C** and **May Ryland**.

**Bill Miner'52C**, Nepean, ON, is one of those guys who is retired but still working, so he's being temporarily moved from the Pooped Deck. Bill says he is still having fun as a consultant, working on issues of trade agreements, world food security and canola processing. And he has been involved in international conferences at Belo Horizonte, Brazil; Berlin and San Diego this year. He also spoke at the grain marketing conference organized by **Andy Schmitz'63** at Moose Jaw and enjoyed the 45th anniversary reunion with fellow grads at Watrous in June. The maple sugar bush on the

Carleton Place farm yielded 350 litres of syrup this year and Bill reports a 100% calf crop in his small beef herd.

**Leonard Kobelsky'68C**, Saskatoon, is living through interesting times in his job of Regional Manager with Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA), as the province makes massive changes in property assessment.

**Kim Cunningham'96C**, is now hanging her working hat at the Nature Conservancy of Canada office, 1945 Hamilton St., Regina.

**Rod Merryweather'83C** spends his hard earned pay from AgrEvo to pay for a new house. Still has time for a round of golf or mug of brew with friends. Phone ahead to warn him you are coming.

**John and Lorna Stephen (both'86C)** are still at the Leduc Honey Ranch in Alberta. John still works for Hoechst Roussel Vet in the animal health industry, while Lorna does contract work, concentrating on weeds and dried flowers. The tads - Hayley, Marla and Brett are "growing like weeds." Friends are invited for a visit.

**Gord Roger'84C**, boss of John Stephen, gets lots of unsolicited advice from his staff.

**Craig Martin'84C**, his wife Tracy and children Brett, Alyssa and Cole, Moosomin, visit occasionally with the Stephens. Craig is finally using some of the things he learned in ag mech.

**Lester Pizee'97C** worked as a pasture rider at the Rudy-Rosedale PFRA Community Pasture near

Outlook and finished up his degree with night classes and convoked this spring. He is now manager of the Hazel Dell PFRA pasture: 52 sections of bush, nice country.

**Les Pilsner'89C** was in the 1996 CCA final standings for bareback bronc riding and placed fourth at the finals in Lloydminster. As of April 30/97 he was leading.

**Jeff Bean'89C**, wife Deb, children Taylor and Alexa, left Regina last October for country living at the Rouleau farm. They are currently living in an old farmhouse called "Bates Motel" and hope their new house will be completed by October this year. Jeff continues to be a rep for Rhone-Poulenc and farmer.

**Sean Dorosz'93C** returned to Saskatoon in January to a new job as distribution analyst with New Holland Canada. Wife Valerie'92BED and daughter Miranda decided to join Sean in Saskatoon.

**Syd Pickerell'61C** continues marketing turf grass seed for Dawson Seed Co. in Surrey, BC. He plans to do so for a few more years to be sure that he and wife Janice have enough fun money for retirement. Janice has been testing the retirement waters and still runs out of time to do it all. On weekends Syd helps a local draft horse owner with his six-horse Belgian hitch. They showed at local fairs and the PNE last year and planned to be at the Calgary Stampede this year. Janice and Syd spent Christmas and New Years in Lima, Peru, visiting daughter Kerry and her family. The hostage-taking took place the day after they arrived. They took in the sites and Inca ruins. Their other



Joelle Cecile Paradis, Saskatoon (above) was the top Bachelor of Science in Agriculture graduate, in a class of 105, at the U of S spring convocation. Paradis won the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists Gold Medal and the Saskatchewan Horticultural Association Prize. Leanne Clements-Porter, Wawota, won the William Allen prize in Agricultural Economics and Kristen Nichole Sigfrid, Outlook, the Frank Sosulski Graduation Prize in Crop Science and Plant Ecology.

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daughter and her family live 10 miles north of Humboldt, SK, where they enjoy the prairie life and the great people of that community. The Pickerells enjoy attending dances, bike rallies and wine tasting events with **Bob '61C** and **Carol Mitchell**.

**Wayne Gamble '61S, '71C**, executive vice-president of the Canadian Western Agribition, is searching for ways to increase and balance the budget, after a small loss last year. The Regina-based Agribition is a world

class show which spent nearly \$2.5 million in 1996 and attracted 522 international guests from 28 countries and 22 American states.

**Lester Lodoen '74S** and his wife Laura are trying to produce better beef on their Fox Valley ranch, using an evaluation system based on traits linked to tender tasty meat. The system is one developed in Australia called Supergene.

**Al Scholz '75C**, Saskatoon, has been elected president of the Canadian Consulting Agrologists Association (CCAC) for a two-year term. He is working to enhance the designation of certified agricultural consultant (CAC) which is added to PAg by consulting agrologists.

**Lorne McConaghy '66S**, Beatty, SK, is as energetic as ever - perhaps more so. After 19 years as a Pool delegate and six years with the government he has 'retired' into an expanded farming operation in summer. Winter is spent running his tour company with many grads travelling with them. Next winter it will be the Panama Canal: Florida in Nov. and Feb. and China in March. "What a way to spend winter - with friends", he says. Lorne plans to see Alex Ritchie '66S, 69C in Australia in January 1998.

**Corey Loessin '86C** leads a busy life. He, his brother, father and uncle continue to expand the farm at Radisson. His winter months are spent at the university coordinating the Certificates in Agriculture Program. And this year he is vice-president of S.A.G.A. Corey and spouse Joan (B.S. He '85 Man.) live on the farm. Joan works for the Sask. Canola Development Commission as member

relations and marketing manager. They have (only) one daughter.

**Jeff Loessin '92C**, is service manager at Bourgault Industries, St. Brieux. Corey says you should feel free to call Jeff day or night if your Bourgault equipment is giving you a problem.

**Brian and Terri Wintonyk '81C** continue to live in Calgary where Terri is mostly a full-time mom and Brian with DowElanco as distributor accounts manager. Terri has started a bit of contracting and volunteers in the kids' school, including some "where - does-it-come-from" bread-making projects. Both are kept busy chauffeuring their three youngsters. They had a great visit with **Brian '81C** and **Barb Gross**, who recently moved to Airdrie. Brian is now working in the Alberta Pool head office in Calgary.

**David Struthers '84C**, Yorkton, has been hired to be the executive manager for the Sask. Winter Cereal Growers. He will be expected to help the organization develop the fall and winter cereals become viable crop choices for farmers.

**Leroy Larson '53S**, Canwood farmer, has been re-elected president of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. **Tom Lowes '64C**, Quill Lake and **Rodney Wiens '87C**, Herschel, were elected as directors.

**Eric Lawrence '67S**, Maple Creek, supplied the yearlings used in the annual Ranch Rodeo competition held at the High Chaparral Arena in Maple Creek on July 5.

**Arnold Petracek '65C**, Esterhazy, represents the Sask. Seed Growers Association on the Sask. Agricultural

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## Diploma and Certificates in Agriculture Graduation address

*The following is the address by Graham Jones, Associate Dean of Agriculture, U of S, to those attending the April 25, 1997 graduation exercise, edited to fit the available space.*

We are gathered to honour 27 graduates who will shortly receive the Diploma in Agriculture and 33 who have earned the Certificate in Agriculture.

This particular graduation ceremony is being held in a noteworthy year, for 1997 marks the 90th anniversary of the establishment of the university by the legislature of the province. So on this occasion it is appropriate to look back at the first graduation. The College of Agriculture had been established in 1912 and courses leading to an Associate Certificate in Agriculture began in the fall of that year. Although the name was not changed until some time later, this was really the beginning of the diploma program as we know it today. It took three years for the initial group of students to complete the program, thus the first of the university's graduation celebrations for agricultural students occurred 82 years ago on March 26, 1915, when certificates were awarded to the first 24 graduating students. Since then 3700 students have completed the diploma program. These graduates have gone on to establish productive careers; they have given exemplary service to their communities, to the province and to the country, and of course continue to do so. Their success reflects the contribution the program has made over the years to agriculture and rural community life.

### **Distance education added**

Throughout its long history the diploma has been an on-campus program, requiring students to spend the winter months in Saskatoon. Like all

other residential programs, it has traditionally been most attractive to recent high school graduates. The university must continue to serve this segment of the population, but as a public institution, as 'the people's university', it also has an obligation to provide for the educational needs of other demographic groups in the province. The College of Agriculture and the Extension Division therefore joined forces in 1991 to offer the Certificates in Agriculture program. This is a distance education program, designed for people who for one reason or another cannot contemplate residence at Saskatoon but who have the will power and determination to make home study a viable alternative. Both the Diploma and Certificates programs are clearly meeting real, though different needs, and on behalf of all those associated with their delivery I congratulate those of you who are graduating today.

No doubt one of the reasons for the expanding popularity for home study programs in general is a widespread recognition that lifelong learning has become a necessity in today's rapidly changing world. This is certainly true in the business of agriculture. Words such as globalization, biotechnology, diversification, sustainability, Internet and precision farming were almost unknown in the agriculture lexicon 10 or 20 years ago, yet today they are in common use. They reflect technological progress and socioeconomic forces which are having a profound effect on agricultural production and how the farm business is managed. We don't see much evidence that the pace of change is slowing down, so today's graduates will have to upgrade their knowledge and skills frequently in the years ahead. Following are some of

the initiatives being undertaken by the university and college to help meet this challenge.

### **Changes being considered**

A review of the Diploma program is underway: There is some agreement that changes are needed and our hope is that the review will have a positive and constructive outcome.

The emphasis on farm business management courses in both the diploma and certificates programs, which is seen outside the university as one of our strengths, is certainly justified when one considers the requirements for the successful operation of a farm enterprise. Since the proportion of diploma graduates returning directly to the farm is now only about 50%, the need to generate income from sources other than farming is clearly becoming more and more important - not only for those who do not return to the farm but also for those who do. Students are keenly aware of the potential employment opportunities offered by a diversified rural economy and of the potential for income generation offered by expansion into small business ventures. We see this as a trend likely to intensify and are taking steps to provide a stronger focus on agribusiness in course work. This year, for example, we introduced a new course in rural entrepreneurship which was well received by students and we are in the process of seeking academic approval for a course in agribusiness marketing.

There is a demand for high quality home study courses in the livestock area. The Department of Animal and Poultry Science and the Extension Division are currently working with governments, the beef and swine sec-

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## Campus news

### Agricultural research coordination

**Bryan Harvey'60C**, head of horticulture and professor in crop science and plant ecology is the coordinator of agricultural research at the U of S since July 1. **George Lee'53S'60C**, who has served in that capacity the last nine years will return to his role as a faculty member in Agricultural Economic but will remain involved with some aspects of research initiatives.

Harvey will be coordinating research activities on campus with the research of other organizations as well as keeping communication links open with governments, the farming and agrifood sectors. The College of Agriculture, the NRC Plant Biotechnology Institute, the expanded Canada Agriculture and Agrifood research station, together with a number of private research companies in Innovation Place, comprise Canada's most dynamic agricultural research community.

### Book on Soil

Dr. Ahmet Mermut, of Soil Sciences, is the co-editor of *Vertisols and Technologies for Their Management*, published by Elsevier, at \$495.

Vertisols (as every good agro should know!) are one of the 11 established soil orders and covering more than 350 million hectares of land in the world and these clay soils have unusual and interesting properties. This book, volume 24 in a series entitled *Developments in Soil Science* provides comprehensive information about vertisols world-wide.

### Toxicology primer

A new book by U of S scientists Bruno Schiefer, Don Irvine and Shirley Busik explains matters of chemical safety and toxic risk in layman language. *Understanding Toxicology: Chemicals, Their Risks and Benefits*, is published by CRC Press, Baton Rouge, FL, has 140 pages and sells for \$36.20 at the campus bookstore.

The authors have been or are staff members at the Toxicology Centre, U of S.

### Turning the sod

**Darwin Anderson'72(PhD)**, head of the soil science department the last seven years, is turning that job over to his successor, Jim Gerimida, but Jim won't move into the job until Jan. 1, 1998 when he returns from sabbatical.

Fran Walley has been appointed assistant professor in soil science and extension. Her appointment is noteworthy in part because she is the first female professor in soil science and also because the appointment in extension is a move away from the retrenchment of recent years.

**Harold Rostad'64C** and **Bernie Stonehouse'61C**, retired this spring from the Saskatchewan Soil Research Centre. Both had begun working for the federal soil survey group on May 1, 1964. They had primary responsibility for completion of the semi-detailed soil survey of Saskatchewan completed during a ten-year period in the late '70s and early '80s. The area contains 20% of Canada's farm land.

### Graduate school grads

At spring convocation - the university's 90th birthday - Doctor of Philosophy degrees were granted to Dunling Wang and Marife Corre. Those receiving their MSc. degrees were Jeff Braidek, Gavin Sulewski. Michael Potter Solohub and Jennifer Nitschelm.



Peter MacKinnon (left) acting vice-president (academic), congratulates Kelly Darwin Hogg, Swift Current, for being the top diploma in agriculture student at convocation on April 25. He received the University of Saskatchewan Gold Medal. Kelly also received the Fred Fulton prize of \$250 for being the outstanding student in the farm enterprise planning course.

The Scott prize of \$100 was awarded to Ian Richard Mardell, Snowden. He was judged to be the diploma student who best combined leadership qualities with high academic performance.

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tors to evaluate industry needs and develop appropriate responses.

The Prairie Horticulture Certificate program is a new model for institutional collaboration in distance education. It began with leadership from the Department of Horticulture Science and has become quite popular. The agreement under which it operates means that the partnering institutions - two in Manitoba, one in Alberta and the U of S each deliver one quarter of the courses, resulting in major efficiencies in the use of resources.

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## Pooped deck



According to his letter, **Orest Nawrocki'60S** should be retired by the time you read this, the retirement date chosen being July 31. This will end 32 years of employment with Trans Canada Pipe Lines. Orest adds that with all the activity, expansion and new technology its time to turn it over to the younger people who are as eager to accept the challenge as he was years ago. They plan to stay in Regina and learn to live a new life that will include some travel, seeing old friends and doing new things. They invite friends to call in and visit over a coffee.

**Archie Campbell'35C**, Saskatoon, is learning new ways to spend his days after selling the ranch on the southern edge of Saskatoon. He owned the place for 66 years, re-breaking 20 acres in 1932 and planting spruce trees around the perimeter that are now 60 feet high. He developed a mink ranch on the property, raising up to 3000 mink per year until 1975 when he changed to a "u pick" operation with sweet corn, potatoes and raspberries. His wife Vivian is making a good recovery from a broken hip and is expected to be driving the car soon.

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Archie visited classmate **Howard McDonald** in Vancouver recently and was impressed with his beautiful condominium overlooking the Vancouver harbor. Howard's family live out there, so he gets lots of attention.

Archie also stays in touch with **Adam Vininsky**'35C, who continues to farm near the city and is a generous contributor to the college.

**Stewart Given**'50C, Kanata, ON, enjoyed a marvellous golf vacation to Florida the last week of March with seven other "middle age plus" guys that included **Peter Balon**'50C, who lives in nearby Stittsville. Stewart says his middle name is now Wild (not Tiger) and his best club is the tree wood!

**Keith Downey**'50C, Saskatoon, received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the university of Lethbridge on May 31, 1997.

**George Price**'46S, Ottawa, honed his considerable radio reporting skills at CHAB Moose Jaw 40+ years ago. He enjoyed a recent reunion with some of those radio staffers at a Moose Jaw reunion at Victoria, BC. They included Dick Lillico, Jim Cloak, Jay Leddy, Merv Pickford and other Friendly City types.

**Pete Petersen**'52C, Yorkton, sent in the \$10 annual SAGA dues, but he's healthy enough for at least 20 more years and would save a bundle with a life membership. Pete says the 10 years of retirement have whizzed by - enjoyably. He sees quite a few agros at their winter home in Arizona.

**Jim**'48C and **Vera Clarke** moved from Gabriola Island, BC, to Saskatoon in June and in July were still shoe-horning the furnishings from their house into the smaller, Luther Heights quarters. One daughter remained behind on the island, another lives in Edmonton and son David (BSA Man.) recently moved to

Guelph with Ontario Agriculture. They are glad to be back in God's country and looking forward to renewing their prairie friendships.

**Don Lehman**'47C has been retired for 12 wonderful years. He enjoyed attending the alumni reunion in Saskatoon in late June.

**Roberta Clausen**'48BE, widow of **Joe Clausen**'48C still lives in the home they built at Clavet. Her daughter and son-in-law live there too, providing company and help in looking after the acreage.

**George Rathwell**'53C, Regina, had two operations recently to solve problems generated by diabetes. In the first one he had a vein transferred from his right to his left leg, causing considerable pain in both, but resulting in much improved circulation. He's coming on fine after a second operation to remove the small toe on his left foot.

**Wally Baldwin**'51C, Saskatoon, has had tremors in his hands most of his life and the condition had progressed to where it made drinking a chore instead of a pleasure. His problem was recently solved by the use of advanced medical understanding, electronics and drilling technology. The good doctor drilled a hole in his skull, shoved in electrodes to a precise spot, then attached the electrodes to a small box that contains a battery and programmable mechanism. It stills the tremors in his right hand for some 13 hours a day - long enough for a pretty good party! Wally says he won't bother taming the left hand. The mechanism is stashed under his skin where Wally can't mess around with it.

#### Signs, signs, signs

Sign in a garden  
"Beware of Vegetarians."

Sign on a cement truck  
"We dry harder."

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#### New Dean honored

Gary Kachanoski PhD, a native of Yorkton, Sk, was inducted into the Soil Conservation Council of Canada (SCCC) Hall of Fame, Ottawa, at the annual meeting of the council held at Truro, NS in March 1997.

He is a graduate of the U of S, where he obtained his bachelor and masters degrees, and the University of California (Davis) where he attained his PhD in soil physics. He has been at the University of Guelph, as professor and department chair in the Land and Resource Science Department during the last 12 years. Kachanoski returned to the U of S as Dean of College and Graduate Studies and Research last fall.

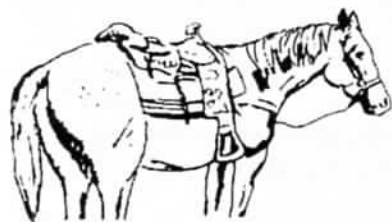
#### Agriculture Building to be expanded

A sixth floor will be added to the Agriculture Building during the next two years, to accommodate the department of animal and poultry science..

This information was in a story in The StarPhoenix on June 27, 1997 and confirmed with the Dean of Agriculture office.

Providing adequate labs and offices for that department in the Agriculture Building has been part of the college plan all along, but economics delayed implementation. A renewed interest in livestock within the economy coupled with grossly inadequate facilities in the animal and poultry sciences has encouraged construction. And some \$10 million oversubscribed for the Agriculture Building, together with interest, is available to pay for it.

## Empty saddles



**Avery Lynne Anderson**, baby daughter of **Shelley Jones '84C** and Tim Anderson, Moose Jaw, passed away suddenly on January 25, 1997 after a brief illness. She was born on May 28, 1996, a sister of Zakary.

The death of **Herman Milton Austenson '46C** occurred on March 27, 1997 at the Royal University Hospital, Saskatoon. He is survived by his wife Dr. Marilyn Steel, son John (Debbie) Austenson, Seattle, daughter Mary (Jim) Jessen, Kirkland, WA, and son Paul of Saskatoon. He is also survived by sisters Gertrude Lenz of White Rock, BC, Bertha Smith, Calgary and brothers Hans, Oliver (Lilly) and Albert of Viscount. He was predeceased by his first wife, Ruth, in 1971.

Herman graduated with great distinction and took his masters in field husbandry and plant breeding at the U of S before going to Washington State to take his PhD in agronomy. He was a forage agronomist there from 1954 to 1965, then served on the crop science faculty at the U of S from 1966 to 1992, during which time he headed the department and Crop Development Centre.

**Robert Winter Bradley '61S** of Stranraer, SK, died at the Rosetown Health Centre on May 3, 1997 at the age of 56 years. Bob leaves to mourn his wife Linda, daughters Susan (Reagan) Dyck, Nancy (Glenn) Murphy, both of Saskatoon, Karen (Daryl) Heit, Bowden, AB, his mother Marjorie Bradley, Rosetown, sisters Verna Demers, Saskatoon, Jean (Blair) Porter, Rosetown, Geri Rea, Victoria and his twin brother Bill (Lynn), Stranraer. Bob was an energetic and exuberant person and played a leading role in many community undertakings including the 4H club, regional park, school unit board, Elks Club, Prairie West Terminal and Twin Towers Ski Area.

**James Oswald Brooks '46S**, Saskatoon, died on December 21, 1996 at age 77 years. Following graduation Jim worked for many years for Farm Credit Corporation, then for the Royal Canadian Corps of Commissionaires.

**Frank Harren**, age 96, died at the Saskatoon Convalescent Home on April 13, 1997. He operated the family farm begun by his father at Penzance in 1905 until retiring in 1975. Frank was predeceased by his wife Mabel in 1988 and is survived by son **Jim Harren '65C** (Jean), daughters Jean (Don) Woepfel and Vicki Gardiner, grandchildren **Curtis Harren '90C and his wife Janet '90C**, Carleen Harren, Patti (Geoff) Badger, Leah (Brent) Andrew, Paul Woepfel, Roy Gardiner and Heather Gardiner.

Frank Harren enjoyed writing poems and the one below was read by his son at the funeral service on April 16, 1997.

### It is March 31, 1984

A long time ago it was 1903  
 A little girl was born, a sister for me;  
 It all happened many miles away  
 At Kirksville, Missouri, U.S.A.  
 We lived on a farm, in slave huts we would play  
 And the tall corn in the field, in a breeze would sway.  
 When with pneumonia our dad was struck down  
 He was advised by his doctor a drier climate be found.  
 So it was Saskatchewan; where Penzance would appear  
 That we settled on a homestead with many rocks to clear.  
 So with fighting mosquitoes, sweating and toil  
 We established a farm on the virgin soil.  
 Our dad was strong until '29  
 When pneumonia hit him for the count of nine.  
 Then in 1950 our mother was taken  
 Three sisters followed; life forsaken;  
 Though through all this time with loss, sorrow and fear  
 As fate would have it we both are still here.  
 But as years go by more birthdays occur,  
 And there is no possible way that we can defer.  
 Now I'll quote Eric Frisk, who once said, and I'll end  
 this rhyme  
 "Who would want to go through life the second time."

*Frank Harren*



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He is survived by his wife Edna, son Wayne, Portland, OR, daughter Janice(Kelly) Arthurs, Burstall,SK, and four grandchildren.

The death of **John Arthur (Jack) Button**, Rosetown, occurred in the Rosetown and District Health Centre on April 14,1997, at the age of 76 years. He was predeceased by his wife Jeannette in 1987 and is survived by sons Murray(Lorraine, Rosetown, **Roy'67C**(Marion), Tisdale and their children.

**George Francis Hart'49C** of Regina, died on January 11,1997.

**Cornelius Henry Hood'49C** of Kingston, ON, died on May 25,1996.

**George Lewis Hummason'49C** of Lockwood, SK, died on November 22,1996.

**Leslie James Hutchison'27C**, Ottawa, died on June 1,1997 at age 94. Les was born at Spalding and was one of three agriculture college graduates in 1927, the others being Vic Graham, later dean of agriculture, and Charles Patrick Beach. Following graduation he was employed by the province, serving as director of the Agricultural Representative Service of Saskatchewan Agriculture from 1951 until his retirement in 1967. A kindly, dignified man, Les also had a keen sense of humour and enjoyed following the careers of his friends and associates in the agricultural industry. A very good athlete in his youth, Les retained his keen mind and physique to the end - golfing in Arizona in February, completing his income tax statement in April and driving his car until entering the hospital a month before his death. Les is survived by

his wife Jean, daughter Patricia Hutchison MD, Regina, and six sisters.

**Maria Louise Jeanneau** died at Prudhomme on April 19, 1997, at the age of 90 years. She is survived by her family of four daughters and six sons, the oldest being **Joe Jeanneau'57C**; 23 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

**Leo Kobelsky** died at Wilkie on April 16,1997, after a brief illness. He was 82 years old. Leo is survived by his wife Angela and nine children including **Leonard'68C** and **Brian '74C**. Leo was a dedicated farmer all his life and his optimism about the farming business will be missed.

**Robert Consay Lamb'41C**, 77, noted fruit breeder, died at Geneva, NY on March 31,1997. He was born in Saskatoon and served in the Canadian Army from 1941 to 1945, following which he took his masters and doctorate degrees at the University of Minnesota. He then became a professor of horticultural sciences at the Geneva Research Station, retiring from Cornell University in 1988 but continuing his research as professor emeritus.He is survived by his wife Barbara, their children David, Spokane; Elizabeth, Fayetteville, Arkansas; William, Bellingham, WA; two grandsons and his brother Tom in Saskatoon.

**Evelyn Mary Mitchell** died at the Lloydminster Union Hospital on March 24,1997 at the age of 77 years. She was predeceased by her husband Bill on March 20,1997, his parents and her parents, as well as her brother Tom Turner, sister Winnifred Wilson and her husband Bill, sister Joyce and her husband Bill Evans. Evelyn is sur-

vived by her three sons their wives and seven children and her brother **Ted Turner'48S** and his wife Mel, Regina.

**Wilfred John Lang**, Craik farmer, died on May 30,1997 after a valiant struggle with cancer. He was 63. Wilf was predeceased by his parents, brother **Harry Lang'53C** and is survived by his wife Alice, daughters Erin and Mary, son Brent, brother **Ed Lang'47S**, sisters Carol(Ed) Kreiser and Marilyn(Greg)Petroski.

**Stanley W. Pettem '49C**, died on February 19,1997 at Bow Valley Centre, Calgary, at the age of 81 years. Stan is survived by Helen, his wife of 50 years, sons Don (Sharon) and Murray (Odette) Pettem of Calgary, Barry (Sharon) Pettem and daughter Margaret of Medicine Hat, his brother **Delmar Pettem'49S** (Olive) of Assiniboia and nine grandchildren.

Stan was predeceased by one grandson and his brother Fred Pettem PhD, who died in Bangkok in 1976 while serving with the UN's FAO as Director of Agriculture at Vientiane, Laos. Stan taught briefly before service in the army and RCAF and after graduation worked as a District Agriculturist at Drumheller for more than 30 years, making a very significant contribution to that community.

**John William Prosko'55S**, born at Watson in 1934, died suddenly May 22,1997. Following graduation, John farmed at Chelan, worked at Uranium City and had the hotel at Zenon Park before semi-retiring in Arborfield. John's zest for life and quick wit will be missed. He is survived by his wife Karen, sons Michael(Cynthia) and Aubrey, daughters Melissa (Stewart) Cassidy and Shannon, three grand-

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Hall of Fame. **Bob Rugg'71C**, represents SIA and **Dave Christensen '58C**, the dairy producers.

## Notes from the SW by Irene Ahner'65C, Maple Creek

At the end of July 1996, Unity High School held a reunion of students attending between 1945 and 1965. Some of the main organizers were **Don'54S** and **Edith Wallace, Bob'66S** and **Sharon Cumming, John'67S** and **Lois Gilbert**, all of Unity. It was a fantastic weekend, with over 500 farmer students, their spouses and teachers in attendance. **Irene Ahner'65C** was pleasantly surprised to meet **Stirling McLeod'68C**, whose wife, Donna, was formerly from Unity. They now live in Olds, AB, where they own Stirton Systems Ltd. Among other ag grads present were **Doug Wallace'65S** and his brother **Jim'65C**. Jim is a retired school teacher and lives with his wife Marlene in Red Deer. Doug and Faye are moving from Strathmore, AB, to their retirement home, now under construction on the banks of Lake Diefenbaker. **Doug Sword'65C** put in a brief appearance, on his way to a golf game.

Other ag grads present and/or on the reunion list were **Ray Knowles'52S**, **Brian Simpson'68S**, **Ed Houser'67S**, all of Unity and **Ralph May'69C**, Esterhazy. **Joan McNichol, wife of Lyle'63C**, **Birdene Keefe, wife of Gary'65C**, Bill and Jean MacNab, parents of **Heather Hecker'81S**, are all graduates of UHS and attended the reunion.

Apologies to ag grads who attend-

ed the reunion but were not mentioned.

**Peter'75S** and **Heather'81S Hecker** are now building and addition to their farm house. The addition has a very steep roof and one day Heather happened happened to glance out the kitchen window as a board flew by, followed by a hammer, followed by Peter. She commented that it wasn't every day that you see your husband drop past the window. She gave him an 8.6 for his swan dive. Fortunately for Peter, he landed in a large lilac bush and only sustained a few scratches. There has been no report on the state of the lilac.

**Don'30C** and **Julie Bowie** have recently moved to Medicine Hat. They will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in Maple Creek, October 11, 1997. Their actual anniversary is on Dec. 26, 1997. For further details contact a member of the Bowie family.

The Bowie ranch at Piapot was incorporated 80 years ago by Don's father, J.A. Bowie. The Bowie family celebrated this milestone with a float in the Piapot Pride Day Parade in July.

**Ian'71C** and **Eleanor Bowie's** annual branding went off reasonably well with the usual gathering of neighboring ag grads and other friends. The only thing they plan to do differently for Branding '98 will be to have an ambulance standing by throughout the occasion. For further details you'll have to ask Ian and Eileen.

**Elayna Bowie'94C** has a summer appointment at Animal Science, working for Dr. John McKinnon '86MSc.

**Derald'65C** and **Irene'65C Ahner**, Maple Creek, have been reading the history of the Animal Science department Hoofprints to Reprints, by Dr. Milt Bell and published by the College of Agriculture. This should be required reading by all all former animal husbandry/science majors, especially if you had Milts a lecturer. The book is written in the style as his lectures - calm, low-key and serious, with puns and funny stories sneaking in when you least expect them.

Ahners had a long, cold winter like everyone else; lots of runoff and a reasonable calving season. The hay crop is about average. Daughter **Alexis Dahl'95BEd**, Saskatoon, received a BSc. in chemistry, with distinction, at the '97 spring convocation and is working for the summer at the Chemistry Department.

**Gary Lockhart'73S** sold the farm at Golden Prairie last year. He now divides his time between Royal LePage Castle Realty in Medicine Hat and his Cypress Electronics business in Maple Creek. His wife, Patricia, is the program coordinator for the Healing Lodge for Women located in the Cypress Hills. Son Sean recently graduated from Maple Creek Composite High School and will be entering the College of Engineering, U of S this fall. Daughter Erin will be in grade 12 at MCCHS in September.

**Ken'57S** and **Pauline Sawby** still farm at Golden Prairie. Ken and his son Jason operate High Desert Enterprises, right on the farm, manufacturing such things as the Skyline Hoof Trimming Chute. Pauline works at the Cypress Lodge in Maple Creek.

## Home grown



Congratulation to **Dwayne'94C and Bonnie'94BE** Pshyk on the arrival of their daughter Chantelle Elizabeth on March 7, 1997.

**Tim'88C and Tracey'91C Charabin**, Charabin Seed Farm, North Battleford, welcomed son Timothy Daniel on Dec. 17: Two weeks late and weighing 8lb, 13oz. Daniel is a little brother for Eric, who has gradually grown accustomed to him being around. Eric's standard statement when asked, was "Me no like him." Tracey will be joining the guys at the farm now that her maternity leave is done, rather than going back to her previous job.

Charabin friends, **Ward'89C and Lorraine Headrick**, welcomed a son on April 7, 1997. Taylor James Wayne weighed just about ten pounds and is a brother for Kaetlyn. The Headricks moved to Moosomin in December, where Ward took charge of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

**Linda (nee Hughes)'84C and James McGregor** were pleased with the arrival of Nicholas on July 27, 1996. He joins brother Kevin and sister Christie in the McGregor home in Saskatoon.

## U.S. - based Mycogen Relocates to Saskatoon

Saskatoon continues to strengthen its position as a world centre for agricultural biotechnology with the recent announcement that Mycogen Corporation has moved its canola research division to Innovation Place, the large research park located on the north side of the U of S campus.

Mycogen, based in San Diego, California, is a leader in agricultural biotechnology, with particular expertise in genetic engineering and its application to seeds and biopesticides. DowElanco Canada recently acquired a 52 percent equity in the company.

Mycogen is noted for its extensive work with *Bacillus Thuringiensis* (Bt), a microorganism which acts as a natural pesticide. John Oliver, president of DowElanco notes that, "Some of the newest developments in Brassica research are coming out of Saskatoon. We intend to be at the forefront of those developments, and to do that we need to be here."

Peter McCann, president of Ag-West Biotech Inc., a non-profit organization responsible for initiation and support of Saskatchewan's biotechnology community, is pleased to see Mycogen here. He said, "Their expertise in plant breeding, oil modification and insect control will add to the critical mass of research that is the key to producing innovative products and technologies for the future."

(From the Innovation Place newsletter, February, 1997)

## Beef centre established

A Beef Development Centre (BDC) has been officially established at the University of Saskatchewan. This strategic partnership of the Canadian beef industry, government and the University of Saskatchewan, will focus on enhanced profitability in the beef industry through the creation of new markets, new products and improved performance. Activities will include innovative research, knowledge transfer and building linkages for a sustainable industry.

The BDC will be governed by the 14 member board drawn from industry, the university and government. At present, facilities will include existing feed lots at the university and the Termuende site at Lanigan. Funding will be sought from various sources with a goal of self-sufficiency within five years.

Dr. Ron Clarke, an associate director of VIDO, has been appointed president of BDC. (Source: on campus NEWS, Nov. 29, 1996.)

## College on line

You can use your computer to learn about the College of Agriculture.

Just call up the Overview-about the College at:

<http://www.ag.usask.ca/cofa/overview/about>

So if you are curious about the mission and priorities, departments and centres, the faculty and staff, students and other things that happen there, give them a call.

**Lyle Elmgren'71C**, administrative assistant to the dean, is pleased with the number of people who have taken a look at the page. They plan to keep the information up to date.

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children, mother Lena, two brothers, four sisters.

**Earla M. Putnam** died at her home in McClure Place, Saskatoon, on June 4, 1997. She was born at Unity in 1916 and attended the U of S College of Home Economics before marrying Lloyd Putnam '37C in 1941. She is survived by Lloyd, daughter E.Lynne Robertson, son Robert, five grandchildren and her sister Eunice Fogg.

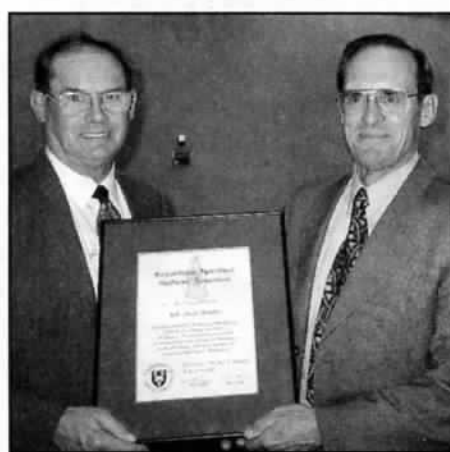
**Edward E. (Ted) Sparks**, Rose-town, passed away on March 21, 1997. He is survived by his wife Jeanette, five children, 25 grandchildren, 44 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. He is the father of **Louis (Darlene) Sparks '56S** and brother of **Joe Sparks '28S**.

**John W.T. Spinks** was born in England in 1908 and died at the Royal University Hospital, Saskatoon, on March 27, 1997. A graduate of London University and a distinguished scientist, he joined the University chemistry department staff in 1930 and became head of the department in 1948. He became dean of graduate studies in 1949 and served as president of the U of S from 1959 until his retirement in 1975. He was involved in many pioneering projects, including the use of radioactive isotopes in agricultural and chemical research. He is survived by his wife Mary (nee Strelieff), two sisters, nieces and nephews in England.



**Bob Blakely '51S** (right above) was named an honorary life member of the Sask. Agricultural Graduates Association (SAGA) at the annual dinner on January 11, 1997. He was presented to the audience by **Al Short '59C** (left). Bob has farmed for 52 years at Melfort and for most of that time he has been a seed grower and for 18 years taught at the Kelsey Institute during the winters. He has been a valued member in many local and provincial agricultural organizations including SAGA. Bob was named a Distinguished Graduate in Agriculture in 1986.

**Jacob Bernhard Wiens**, Saskatoon and formerly of Herschel, died at age 89 on May 17, 1997. He is survived by his wife Margaret, children Louise (Gerhard) Klaassen, Aurora, ON; Peter (Leona) Wiens, Herschel; Theo (Deanna) Wiens, Winnipeg; **Berny '67C** (Cheralyn) Wiens, Herschel; Marlene (Jim) Gulay, Fisher Branch, MB; Ruby (Bob) Tretiak, Arbourg, MB; 25 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.



**Jack Braidek '51C**, Saskatoon (left), was named an honorary life member of the S.A.G.A. on January 11. He was introduced by **Art Delahey '52C** (right). Jack's work career included being an agricultural representative, technical services representative with Sask. Pool, writer and editor with The Western Producer. He conducted research in Zambia and consulted in Russia on two occasions. He has been the editor of The SAGA since 1991, served as president of the Sask. Institute of Agrologists and is a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada.

**Murray Douglas Thomson '55C**, Winnipeg, died on March 26, 1997 at 62 years of age. Doug was predeceased by his parents Wallace '19C and Euphie Thomson, Pense, SK, and is survived by five children, Gordon (Joanne); Leanne (Robert) King; Scott (Karen); Jolene (David) Webster; Darrell (Yvette); sisters **Margaret** (Leigh '50C) Crowle and Jean (Bill) Strath. For most of his work career Doug worked for McMillan Bloedel.

## Fifty year grads celebrate



**Muriel (nee Fredeen) Welling '47C**, Macrorie (left); **Ann (nee Caton) Saville '47C**, Ravenscrag and **Forest Howell '47C**, Rosthern, enjoyed a visit at their 50th year reunion during the 1997 Alumni Reunion in June. Classmates Ken Bowren, Don Lehman and Art Sumner also attended the reunion.

The University of Saskatchewan printed the Class of 1947 History Book. It has pictures and comments about many grads, some of them in agriculture. The following notes were taken from that book.

**Ken Bowren '47C** was with the Canada Agriculture Research Branch at Melfort from 1947 until retirement in 1987, but the days weren't all spent on the farm. He was in Australia in 1977, Pakistan in 1979 and Brazil 1985-87. He also served as president of the Saskatchewan Curling Association 1969-70 and in retirement is on the Sask.

Agricultural Hall of Fame board representing the ag societies and shows.

**Ian Boyes '47S** returned to the Kelvington farm and became an excellent seed grower and provided much leadership to the seed growing

industry and his community. If you stop by to visit you will likely find him at the golf course - their two sons look after the farming. Ian and his wife Buna spend some winter months in Texas.

**Ken Charabin '47S** began growing seeds in 1954 and has been joined by sons Dale and Tim in Charabin Seed Farm Ltd. at North Battleford. Ken and his wife Dorothy have built a successful farm and have done considerable travelling, yet they take time to be involved in agricultural organizations and other projects, including a school and sheltered workshop for the mentally and physically handicapped.

**Norman Cornish '47S** lived in Alberta since graduation, working at a variety of non-farm jobs, the last one before retirement with Nova Corporation. Their five children all live in Calgary.

**Abram Hoffer '38C**, Cert/ Med '47 has had a very distinguished career in psychiatric research, his chief interests being in the treatment of schizophrenia and other medical diseases, especially cancer, using orthomolecular methods. He lives and still practices in Victoria, BC.

**Forest (Dusty) Howell '47C** lives in retirement with his wife Marguerite at Rosthern, where he was an ag rep from 1971 to 1987. Forest worked for Plant Products from 1947 to 1951, then farmed at Dummer, SK, for 20 years. He is active in the Seager Wheeler Historical Society and they winter in Arizona.

**Grev Jones '47S** returned to the Tisdale farm on graduation, with war bride wife Kathleen, then ten years later was hired by VLA then FCC for the balance of his work career at Rosetown and Saskatoon. They had five girls and two boys and a nephew



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Bill Earl, Sylvan Lake, AB, George Perry, Wynyard and Del Hickling, Acton, ON, 1947 graduates of the diploma in agriculture program, enjoyed their 50th year reunion. They were joined at the celebration by classmates Ian Boyes, Kelvington, Ken Charabin, North Battleford, Grev Jones, Saskatoon, Roger Kaeding, Churchbridge, Don McKay, Regina, George Mueller, Melfort, George Perry, Wynyard, John Salkeld, Yorkton, Art Sawatsky, Saskatoon, Frank Seidle, Medstead, Cliff Shepherd, Florida, Marshall Smith, Plenty, Glen Stewart, Kelowna, BC, Howard Thomas, Grandora, John Trawin, Melfort, Ralph Viekle, Cut Knife. Also on hand were Jack Braidek, Saskatoon, Bill Boklaschuk, Saskatoon, Bob Erb, Yellow Grass, Harvey Just, Mike Melnyk and Walter Ruzesky, Saskatoon, all of whom had taken one year of the diploma program in '45-'46 but had not returned for the second year.

One of the highlights was a tour of the College of Agriculture building, with Dean John Stewart as tour guide.

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## Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame Inducts Six Members

**Lin Boyes'48C, Bud Morken'49C, Jerome Bechard, Bill Cram, Olaf Friggstad and Rose Jardine**, were inducted into the Sask. Agricultural Hall of Fame on August 10, 1997.

**Lindsay John Boyes**, had a talent for providing farm families with good advice on farm practices in an interesting, understandable way. Following service in the RCAF and graduation he served as agricultural representative at Wynyard, SK for 19 years. During this period Lin helped to establish the first weed control unit in the province, encouraged field shelter belt planting, and started an annual 4H fair. His ag. rep newsletter was informative, entertaining and widely read. He served as director of the Saskatchewan Ag. Rep. Service, agricultural representative at Minnedosa, MB, as founding managing editor of *Grainews*, then in 1976 Lin and his family moved to Yorkton where he served as farm management specialist. Lin was an active participant and popular member of every community in which he lived. He served on the Wynyard town council, the Legion, chamber of commerce, the credit union and church. He also served as editor of this publication, *THE SAGA*, for 15 years. He died in 1991.

**W.G. "Bud" Morken** was a farmer, farm leader and dedicated community worker at Sturgis, Saskatchewan. After graduation he returned to the farm, was elected as a delegate to United Grain Growers in 1969, a director in 1971 and served on that organization's executive committee and as Sask. vice-president. Bud was chairman of the Western Agricultural Conference of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and a direc-

tor of CFA. He was vice chairman of the Sask. Beef Stabilization Board, a 4H leader for 25 years and judged numerous achievement days. In 1966 Bud received the Bank of Montreal Award for outstanding rural leadership. He was the mayor of Sturgis, a rural municipal councillor and chairman of the Sturgis Hospital Board. He passed away in 1994.

**Jerome Bechard**, farmer-inventor, was born near Lajord, SK in 1911 and helped revolutionize the farm machinery industry on the Prairies.

As a young farmer in the early 1930's he was not satisfied with his father's reliance on horse power or the machines available to farmers. So he set about to modify them. He put dual wheels on his tractor, tires on tillage machines, invented the in-line series hydraulic control system and put a drill fill auger unit in his truck. But his most important achievement was development of the air seeder, where seed is delivered from a caddy cart to the furrow opener. The Bechard System is now used on Bourgault seeders. Bechard also built an energy-efficient house, mostly underground, and found time to serve his community through 25 years on the Wascana Conservation and Development Board and his church. He died in 1991.

**William Hugh Cram**, Indian Head, Saskatchewan, has helped to change the face of Saskatchewan by supervising the production and distribution of millions of farm shelter belt trees. Bill graduated in agriculture from the University of Manitoba in 1939, served in the RCAF, then devoted himself to shelter belts from 1947 until he retired in 1977. He studied and solved propagation problems,

mechanized tree nursery operation and enlarged refrigerated storage for seedlings to permit earlier spring delivery to farmers. Bill was active in his community, Saskatchewan agrologists, the Western Canadian and American horticulture societies and the Canadian Tree Improvement Association.

**Olaf Friggstad** was a farmer, farm machinery innovator and manufacturer at Frontier, Saskatchewan. He and his two sons used ideas they had developed for machinery improvements to form Friggstad Manufacturing Ltd. in 1970. Their main product was a cultivator with the unique ability to follow the contour of the land and give even penetration. The product line gained respect in Canada, the U.S.A. and Australia and the company had up to 280 employees in plants at Frontier, Montana and North Dakota. The advanced machinery designs are available to Prairie and other farmers in Flexi-Coil equipment.

Olaf was active in his community and beyond. He was named an honorary member of Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists in 1981 and installed as a Member of the Order of Canada in 1982.

**Rose Jardine** was raised on the Ducie farm at Dundurn, Saskatchewan, and maintained a rural connection through nearly 60 years of agricultural journalism.

Following graduation from the University of Saskatchewan and secretarial school, she joined the staff of *The Western Producer* in 1937 and was women's editor from 1950 until 1960, when she married and moved

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stayed with them from age 2 to 10. Kathleen drowned in a canoe accident in 1974 and he is remarried to a widow with six children. They now have 21 grandchildren. Grev has donated some of the Tisdale farm to the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation and the Tisdale branch has an ambitious plan to make it a nature reserve and demonstration area. It should open to the public later this year.

**Jim Jowsey'47C** is retired on the farm near Saltcoats after careers of research with Agriculture Canada and as a specialist with Saskatchewan Agriculture. He is well known in other circles as the biologist author of *Wildflowers Across the Prairies* (Vance, Jowsey, McLean).

Tony Koob'47S and his wife Mary now live in Humboldt after farming at Meacham until 1988. Their four children live in Saskatchewan and Alberta. Tony has a passion for older farm machinery, is an honorary member of the Western Development Museum's Pioneer Thresherman's Club and is also a member of the Austin, MB and the Rollag Minnesota show.

Bob Martin'47C recalls the 1946 agro field day in the livestock pavilion, when two female agros stood on a box in the centre of the ring and the guys 'judged calves.' He went on to say that **Ann Caton'47C** and **Shirley**

**Clubb'48S** were too much in demand to bother with him then, but six years later Shirley agreed to marry him, at the urging of her mother. They moved to Brandon where they had a machinery dealership and farm and raised a family of six sons. They are retired in the White Rock, BC area.

**Floyd Melsness'47S** took over his father's Preeceville farm in 1947, then worked for FCC from 1960 until retiring in 1985. Floyd and his wife Ardis now live in Saskatoon and have been wintering in Mesa, Arizona. Their son and his brother-in-law took over the farm in 1978.

**George Mueller'47S** worked at the Melfort Research Station from 1947 until he retired in 1983. He and Viola live in Luther Heights, Saskatoon. Their son **David'80C** graduated as a pastor from the Lutheran Seminary in Saskatoon in 1988.

**John Salkeld'47S** farmed at Gerald, SK from 1947 to 1956, then worked for VLA until 1980 mainly in Saskatchewan but also in Nova Scotia and PEI. He and Leona have four children and live in Yorkton.

**Ann Saville'47C** spent three years working at home and at the Lethbridge Research Station following graduation, then she married Bill Saville, bought a ranch on which they raised Limousin cattle and Belgian horses.

They also raised three sons and a daughter. Over the years Ann has taken on a number of assignments - surveys, 4H leadership, news reporter, U of S senate, editor of the Ravenscrag history book, member of the Farm Debt Review and Sask. Crimestoppers.

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with her husband to Flaxcombe, SK, then Oyen, AB. She wrote the popular column, Garden Chat, in *The Producer* from 1960 to 1996. She was named an honorary life member of the Saskatchewan and Alberta horticultural societies and in 1993 received the 125th anniversary medal from the governor-general of Canada for her contributions to community and country.

The SAHF was formed in 1971 for the purpose of formally and publicly recognizing Saskatchewan people who make outstanding contributions to agriculture and rural living. The 1997 induction brings the total recognized to 144. Portraits and citations of inductees are on display in the Hall of Fame on the second floor of the Western Development Museum, Saskatoon. The Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association helped to form the SAHF and Bob Brack'52C represents ag grads on the SAHF board.



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