

Dean John Stewart says bye, bye

Dear Editor:

I wonder if I could use your good offices to send a message to the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association.

It is early April as I write this letter and I have begun clearing out my office - making it presentable for Dean Ernie Barber. I know that Dean Barber's appointment has been well received by SAGA members and if you choose to support him in the same manner as you supported me he will be very lucky indeed.

On June 30 I end my formal attachment to the University of Saskatchewan. I came here for a year in 1964, fresh from having completed a Ph.D. in soil science at Queen's University, Belfast, and looking for more experience. At that time it was my intention to return to Belfast as I had a faculty position there, however, that was not to be. The scope and diversity of work going on in the Soil Science Department under Don Rennie's guidance at that time was such that after a couple of months here I wrote back to Belfast saying that I should stay for more than one year as I had so much to learn. Some 35 years later I am still learning and enjoying this environment.

The environment in 1964 was a very dynamic one and the college had truly innovative and superb teachers and scientists on faculty. I know my memory is poor and I will not attempt to list everyone, but I would be remiss if I didn't mention the contributions

of people like Hadley van Vliet, Stan Rowe, Bob Coupland, Milt Bell, Doug Knott, Eldor Paul, Don Rennie, to name but a few. They set the tone - they were respected nationally and internationally and were dedicated teachers/scholars. More importantly they were also innovators and over the decade 1964-74 the college was instrumental in setting the tone for agriculture in Canada. From my point of view the most significant project I was associated with was as a junior member of Bob Coupland's International Biological Program. This project brought together all disciplines within the life sciences and trained an immense number of young scientists who have gone on to make very significant contributions.

This tradition of innovation, allied to a strong interest and association with Saskatchewan producers, is what the College of Agriculture has tried to maintain and strengthen during my time on campus. We have had wonderful support as evidenced by the building we work from (and the addition currently a building), the partnership that we have developed with Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food, the federal research institutes on campus and our interaction with producers and industry throughout the province and more recently in Innovation Place. If the University of Saskatchewan claims to be a people's university, it has to look no further than the College of Agriculture for

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Agriculture Building Extension



Construction of the sixth floor on the Agriculture building is moving along nicely. The picture was taken on July 22 from the east side, near what used to be the Field Husbandry Building.

The project when completed next February, will add about 2000 square metres of usable space, with two thirds being allocated to animal science, one sixth to bioinsecticide studies and one sixth to a Food Industry Development Centre. The total cost of the project, including construction, equipment, fixtures and other costs will be about \$10 million.

Thundering Herd



Correction:

In the April issue of *THE SAGA* several errors were made in the note about Mike Edwards and his wife Cynthia. It should have read as follows:

Mike Edwards'97C has chosen to move from Greenfield Agro Services Ltd. at Rosetown to Zeneca Agro at Winnipeg. His wife, **Cynthia Kallio Edwards'97C**, is working on her MSc. thesis at the University of Saskatchewan. (*Thank you for the correction, Cynthia. Editor*)

Elwin Smith'76C and Anne are at Washington State University, Pullman, for one year. Elwin is working on cropping systems, Anne on remote sensing and they hope to take back new techniques and analytical methods to Lethbridge. They will also check out the local agriculture and how combines and tractors hang onto the steep slopes farmed in the Palouse region of eastern Washington and western Idaho. There

appears to be an increase in pea plantings this year and some movement into hard red spring wheat (even though soft white winter wheat yields more) with expectations of receiving protein premiums. Elwin and Anne will also be checking out the grass species on the golf course on days that are not too wet or windy.

Diana'82C and **Steve Meister '81C** live on an acreage near Regina, with their three daughters ages 15, 13 and 12 years of age, who are attending French immersion school. They were mighty proud of Steve for completing his Masters in Communications this spring and convocating in May. Steve is Manager of Regional Communications for AgrEvo, North America. Diana is working for Unique Landscape in Regina, where she creates landscape designs. **Charmaine Frehlich'83C** is manager of Unique Garden Centre.

Gary Rault'88C is back in Colonsay and working for FCC at the Saskatoon office, after a short stint running his own business. Says he missed the steady pay cheque and he also wanted to be closer to the family farm at Viscount.

Kevin Steinley'90C has a Rush Lake address but says he is working at Agriculture Canada Research at Swift Current. His brother, **Darren Steinley'93S** and wife Michelle both

work for Wheatland Conservation along with **Bryan Nybo'86C**. Darren and Michelle have bought an acreage next to Mom and Dad Steinley's farm. **Howard Steinley'61S** and Ron Steinley sold Parklane Holsteins last October and are now ranching; Darren and Kevin are looking for ways to join them.

Grant Hale'67S, Kiseby farmer, says he spends a few weeks every summer inspecting pedigreed seed crops in various communities of SE Saskatchewan. Grant says that the teaching of Art Wenhardt helped him to get the seed inspection job. A classmate, **Jim Horn'46S** has been employed for many years as a Canadian Government inspector at Nipawin.

Deanne Belisle'79C and **Eric Gustafson'79C** are now living in Robin Hood country, seven miles from Nottingham and south of Sherwood Forest, in England. Deanne is on leave from PFRA and Eric is manager of Matrix Trading Co., a subsidiary of Sask. Wheat Pool. His job involves looking for opportunities to supply farm inputs from SWP to Eastern European markets. Deanne is doing more gardening and golfing while also managing the household that contains Aaron (15) and Marc (12), both of

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'79 Degree Reunion

Last January when snow and cold invaded Saskatchewan some '79 grads and their partners shuffled off to Cancun, Mexico. The guys have gained some weight, lost some hair and weren't anxious to be photographed. But the gals have retained their youthful figures.

L to r: Kathy Vancha (Jim), Carol Lundquist BEd (Dave), Deanne Belisle'79C (Eric Gustafson '78C), Sharon Bonertz'80C (Ted'79C), Joy SapsfordBEd (Ken'79C), Carol Meister'83C (Bob'79C), Jill Turner'80C (Murray Walker'80C), Karen Schultz BShe (Gary'79C) Joann CarlesBEd (Claude'79C).



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whom are learning the new lingo and getting used to wearing school uniforms. Aaron found a hockey team in Nottingham and Marc is swimming with a local club. They enjoyed a reunion with other '79 grads at Cancun, Mexico and were looking forward to a Canadian visit this summer.

Russell Fersch'95S, Wartime farmer, went on the "Going with the grain tour" to Winnipeg in February, along with **Bob Garland'95S** and **Trevor Waite'95S** (a mini class reunion). Russell described it as a "good learning experience but there was an unusual high rate of scours reported by the end of the week." Russell was reelected to a second term as a Sask. Wheat Pool delegate.

Sinc Harrison'67C lives a busy and public life as a Moosomin farmer and President of S.A.R.M. His organization is seeking ways for Saskatchewan farmers to gain a stronger voice in agricultural politics. A daunting task but one he believes is worth pursuing. A daunting task but one he believes is worth pursuing.

Paul McAllister'85C and **Wayne Cubbon'83C** used clubs to settle a difference of opinion. Wayne, sporting a new set of golf clubs had issued the challenge, but alas, Paul defeated him by two strokes. **Tim Charabin'88C**, also a North Battleford duffer, was a witness to the match.

Darren Dale'90C is the new Agro Manager at Saskatoon Co-op and **Steven Wytrukusz'98C** is the new agronomist at the same firm. Steven grew up in the Kelvington district and upheld his community's reputation as a good hockey town by playing on the Huskie Hockey Team for four years.

Lorne Sparling'58C works for the Department of Education in the post-secondary and skills training area. He is also a member of the Rotary Club of Regina

where **Jim Webster'49C**, **Bernie Sonntag'62C**, **Ted Turner'48S** and **Harold Horner'33C** are also members. **Charlie Gibbings'42C** and **Glen Flaten'50S, '56C** are former members.

Al Oliver'62C sent along his new address at Chase, BC and said there was little news. He did mention that he is now the ginseng and new crops specialist for BC Agriculture.

Chris Paterson'91C reports that after three years in Calgary with Tiger Industries he has decided to relocate southward. He is now sales manager for Tiger in Atmore, Alabama. You can contact him at <Paterson@tigerind.com>

Kent Lambdon'93C has been with Agrium for a year and has now joined Tiger in Calgary as Canadian Sales Manager. He is enjoying their new son, who Kent figures will be the next Wayne Gretzky.

Cristel Schmidt'98C worked for Tiger Industries in Calgary until she left for a one year tour in the land down under. At last report she was "jillarooing" (whatever that means) on a farm in the Snowy Mountains.

Terry Grajczyk'83C is an On-farm Quality Assurance Specialist with Sask. Ag's Industry and Development Branch. Recently she moved out of Regina, Zehner way - a country gal has to have room to breathe. Check out our web site, says Terry, at

<http://www.agr.gov.sk.ca/saf>

Jim Harren'65C, Calgary, has finally done it. Yes, he smashed open the piggy bank and bought son **Curtis Harren'90C** a life membership in SAGA. It was really a defensive move on Jim's part - his copy of *The SAGA* seemed to attach itself to Curtis whenever he came to visit. Curtis is with Zeneca Agro, living in Calgary but working in all parts of Alberta. **Janet Harren'90C** (Curtis' wife) has become a full time Mom, raising James Spencer Harren, who celebrated

his first birthday on May 13.

Jim said he enjoyed chatting with **John Harapiak'63C** and **Glen McLaughlin'65C** at the annual meeting of AIA in Calgary. Glen has now retired(?) to Cochrane, AB, but is into agri-business consulting, while John is working and pondering retirement in the not-so-distant future.

Al Hingston'69C slipped out of Regina and will be in Ukraine until October as a beef specialist on a Canada-Ukraine, Beef Forage Development Project. As Ukraine moves toward private farms, the government realizes the farm operators will need a source of information. The project of which Al is a part will help to train a core of specialists, many of whom are now on state farms, as extension specialists in beef production, forage production and farm management over the next four years. Al was enthusiastic about the project and perhaps he will share some of his experiences with you in future issues of *The SAGA*.

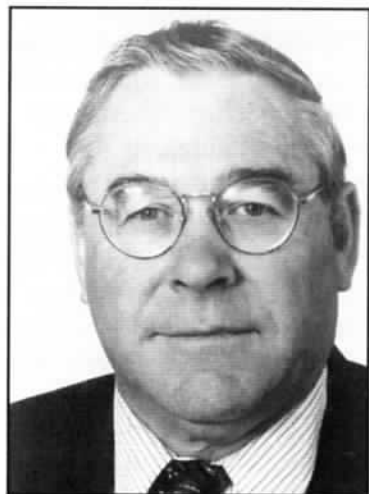
Mickey Graham'81C is now the farm manager for Animal and Poultry Sciences at the University of Saskatchewan. Previously he was a contract officer at the university's office of research services.

Peter Herd'85S, '93C is the principle trainer with Security Services, University of Saskatchewan. The Occupational Health and Safety Act requires that employers provide training to workers who may be exposed to violence, and Peter has just completed a series of training courses relating to that subject.

The BSA Class of 1960 held its 34th annual summer reunion at the Copeland Seed Farm. Attending were grads **Ken Turner**, **Jack Stevenson**, **Andy Sereda**, **Bill Copeland**, **Bill Robertson**, **Glen Hass** and **Howard Barnsley**. At graduation this class had 28 members and has got smaller due to the death of several members in recent years.

Honours and awards

Earned Doctor of Letters



Andrew Schmitz '63C of Gainesville, Florida, was honoured at the May 27, 1999 convocation of the University of Saskatchewan with the degree Earned Doctor of Letters.

Andy is regarded as one of the most imaginative and prolific scholars in the agricultural economics field. His ideas have encouraged research in such subjects as the distributional impacts of technological change, boom-bust cycles and the impacts of environmental regulations. His publications have won him six major research awards and his enthusiasm has inspired colleagues and students.

Andy grew up on a Central Butte, SK farm and he has ownership and operational inter-

ests now in farms at Chaplin, Central Butte and Moose Jaw. He took his M.Sc and PhD at Wisconsin before joining the staff at the University of California, Berkeley, then on to the University of Florida, where he is the Ben Griffin Jr., Eminent Scholar and a Professor of Food and Resource Economics. He is also a Research Professor at Berkeley and Adjunct Professor at the University of Saskatchewan.

Gordon Wilson '48C Receives Triple Honours

Gordon Wilson, won three of five University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association 1999 awards. He received the Alumni Award of Achievement, The Alumni Service Award and Alumni Humanitarian Award, at the May U of S convocation.

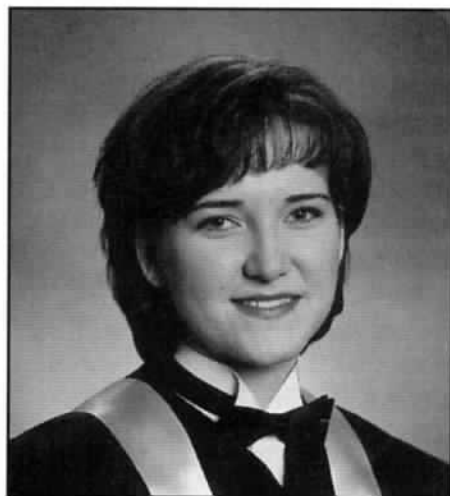
Gordon was the Executive Director of the Western Development Museum from 1964 to 1977, a period of tremendous growth and change in the WDM system. *Sparks Off The Anvil* was started, new buildings were developed at North Battleford, Saskatoon and Yorkton and a new branch added at Moose Jaw in 1976. Gordon was a founding member of the Saskatchewan Museums Association and a long time member of the Canadian Museums Association. He served on the board of Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame from its origin in 1972 to 1995.

BSA grad awards

Brian Joseph Perillat, Duck Lake, SK, received the William Allen Memorial Prize in Agricultural Economics.

Rachelle Lynn Poirier of Landis, SK was awarded the Saskatchewan Horticultural Association Prize.

Top BSA graduate



Gail Ann Dyck (above) of Biggar, SK, was named the top graduate in agriculture at the May 1999 U of S convocation. She was awarded the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists Gold Medal.

Ms Dyck earned great distinction as an environmental science major (soil science minor) and several scholarships and awards during her undergrad years. They include a university entrance scholarship, the Beatrice Murray College of Agriculture Entrance Scholarship, Canadian Wheat Board Scholarship, Zeneca Agro Achievement Award, F.J.Fear Scholarship in Soil Science and Vancouver Port Corporation Scholarship. She was on the Dean's Honour Roll all years.

Lesley Dawn Oakman of Stewart Valley SK received the Frank Sosulski Graduation Prize in Crop Science and Plant Ecology.

Note: See page 14 for a list of this year's Diploma grads. BSA grads are listed on page 15.

All in the family

The life of an Agro or VocAg is often a family affair. When one family member finds out how good it is, others soon follow.

The record for the most Agros from one family goes to the LaForge family of Arborfield. Art, Andre, Cyril and Monique all graduated with BSA, and for good measure Leon is a diploma grad.

The most female degree grads goes to the Oram family of Central Butte, with Judy (MacMillan), Kathy (Martin) and Kim (Harder). Kim was the SAGA president in 1995.

The Oram family has Ag Grad records going back a long way. The girls' grandfather, Len Bryant, was a grad of 1915 and from that date to now 11 kin have passed through the hallowed halls of the U of S.

Three generations of grads is not

unknown. Spike Smith'15S, Bud Smith'48C and Keith'77S. And the Rugg family of Barry'48S, Bob'71C and Brian'97C. And the Rugg family also includes Alan Rugg'32C and his son Don'66C.

Two generations of SAGA presidents is also worthy of note - Spike and Bud Smith: Art and Rod Delahey are in that category.

The foregoing are some of the interesting items noted by the editors of the new SAGA History, now being written. If you have some items that you think would perk up the book send it along soon - before Sept. 15. You can mail it to Les Henry, 147 Tucker Crescent, Saskatoon S7H 3H7 or e-mail it to Jack Braidek at <thesaga@home.com>

Barn Raisers Update

At the 1999 SAGA annual meeting a motion was passed to start a Barn Raiser Committee.

This committee is charged with selecting an architectural firm to look at the redevelopment of the stone barn. Serving on the committee are: Ewald Lammerding, President of SAGA, Red Williams, as a liaison with the Animal Science Department, Dave Christensen, as the Dean's designate, Colin Tennant, the University architect, Elaine Cadell, the Alumni representative and myself, Rod Delahey, a SAGA member, as chairperson.

The barn, located on the north side of College Drive, is one of the first university buildings completed in 1912. Although it is now used mainly for storage, it once housed award winning dairy and heavy horse herds. Suggested uses for the barn, if redeveloped, include large meeting or other function space(s), alumni affairs offices, theatre space etc.

The good news is we have selected the architectural firm of Manasc Isaac to do a feasibility study. The bad news is we need to raise another \$10,000 to have the complete study done. (If you would like to contribute, send your cheque made out to the U of S Barn Raisers Fund to: Alumni and Development, Room 223, 117 Science Place, Saskatoon, SK S7N 5C8.)

At this time the committee has suggested undertaking the structural analysis first and if that proves positive we would then move forward. If we do move forward with the required funds in place, the intention is to have design drawings available for viewing at SAGA's annual meeting on January 15, 2000.

Regards,
Rod Delahey'80C

Home Grown



Allen'92C and **Pam'93BEd** Altwasser are tickled to announce that their little boy, Carter Wesley Altwasser, arrived ten days late on September 25, 1998, weighing 8lb., 10 oz. Big sister Justine is mighty proud of her little brother, referring to him affectionately as "Tarter". Proud grandparents are Westley and Elsie Lethbridge of Limerick and **Rod'66C**

and **Faye Altwasser** of Yellow Grass. Carter also has great grandparents in Ed and Esther Altwasser of Yellow Grass and Ruth Busby of Regina.

Lee Melvill'74C of Brooks, AB has another female telling him how to live his life. Kenzie Ciera Melvill was born on March 16, 1999, weighing 7 lb., 15 oz. New Mom Sandra Haberman-Melvill is doing just fine. Kenzie is a sister for big brother Aiden, who turned two on January 4, and bigger brother Wade, who turned 25 in January.

Devin Paul McAllister joined the **Paul'85C** and **Kathy'83HEc McAllister** family at North Battleford on March 28, 1999. He weighed 7 lb., 12 oz, was 20 1/2 inches long and is a brother to Sam (4) and Emilie (2).

Pooped Deck



Don Blackburn'53C, retired in 1995 as director of the Associate Diploma in Agriculture Program at the University of Guelph and extension professor, but finds that retirement hasn't increased his free time. He continues to be the executive secretary of the Canadian Association of the Diploma Programs, portfolio manager of the OAC Foundation and is chair of the 125th anniversary planning committee with its many activities this year. But he still finds time to enjoy their Muskoka cottage, the golf course, curling and hunting with his German Shorthaired Pointer.

Richard Protz'56C lives on three acres outside Guelph. The youngest of their seven children is attending Western University at London. Richard is 65 this summer, but plans to continue his work in soil genesis and imaging at Land Resource Science, Guelph University. He was recently involved in projects in Ecuador and Mexico.

Cliff Acton'58C took leave from Agriculture Canada to go with CIDA projects in Indonesia and Vietnam, then retired on his return in 1994. He now lives on a farm near Erin, ON and specializes in drying hay, fixing fences, curling and attending auction sales.

Ed Kowalenko'52C fell from a six

foot scaffold onto hard soil last autumn and was in the G.F.Strong rehab centre, Vancouver until April, when he and Louise moved back out to the beautiful home they had built a few years ago, along the Shuswap River near Grindrod, BC. Ed is paralyzed from his neck down, though he has some use of his arms and shoulders. That's tough on a guy who has always been physically strong and enjoyed things like riding horses, skiing and boating. Life has changed from a wide range of activities to a few, but Ed has not lost his determination to enjoy life. Grads can write to him at Box 126, Grindrod, BC V0E 1Y0, or call and perhaps arrange for a visit at (250)838-7893.

Hugh Stueck'43S and his wife Wanda of Abernethy, joined **Tom Skogsrud'43S**, Archerwill on a visit to their classmate **Phillipe Marchildon** at Zenon Park. They learned that Phillippe had developed a large market for leafcutter bees in the U.S.A.

David Clark'48C, Surrey, BC, says that he and Ruth are busy but not moving around as much or far as in the past, though they were looking forward to a visit to Saskatchewan this summer. The Clarks attended a gathering of U of S alumni in April, where President Ivany (now past president) spoke to a disappointingly small crowd.

Sam Herman'50C, says that he has retired from most everything but golf. Sam and Ardis continue to live in Lloydminster and have a strong interest in the U of S, with four children graduating there, in arts(2), engineering and vet med. They are also supporting the university financially and looking forward to the class reunion next year.

Archie Campbell'35C, now 87, still keeps in touch with his remaining classmates, **Adam Wininski**,

Saskatoon and **Howard McDonald**, Vancouver. Archie and Vivian are nicely settled into their retirement home and enjoy being in Calgary where they are close to their children.

Cliff Hayes'55C, Saskatoon, has retired after working 19 years for the Potash Company of Saskatchewan. Says he is busy working on the many jobs that accumulated in the job jar during that period. He's also trying to get his golf game in shape and trying to organize a 45th anniversary reunion for his classmates. **1955 BSA grads are asked to contact Cliff.**

Don Murray'46S,'55C and Eloise have decided to reduce the size of their living quarters and moved into a Marian Gardens condo in Regina. But Don vows to keep on farming at Ogema as long as he stays mobile.

Ron DeYong'62S, moved himself and wife Beth from the Punnichy district family homestead after retiring from active farming in 1996 and negotiating an agreement for sale with a young neighbour who wanted a land base. Ron and Beth are living in Raymore for the time being but plan to retire in Regina and spend summers at the resort hamlet of Barrier Ford. They enjoy visitors.

Agro Class of 1940

Ed Hudek'40C of Winnipeg sent a note reporting that his classmates had a reunion in Winnipeg on June 12 to 15. Nine of the class members attended and three others sent regrets. Not a bad showing considering there were only 22 grads in their class 59 years ago. Those attending were Harvey/Freda Dunn, Chandler, Arizona; Maurice/Toby Brounstein, Regina; Norman Scharf, Debolt, AB; Ed/Christine Hudek; Fred Schroer, Unity; Hank/Julia Hudek. Fort Collins, Colorado; Bruce/Grace

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Rough inspection crew



L to r above: **Bill Franko**'46S, **Charlie Peifer**'53C, **Pete Petersen**'52C and **Tom Gordon**'52C got together for a little golf last winter at Mesa, Arizona. Pete said the scores were no hell but the 19th hole was great, with lots of reminiscing about the good old college days.

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Martin, Victoria; Ivar Tollefson, Idaho Falls; Bill/Evelyn Thode, Saskatoon; Gwen Barr (widow of Dougie Barr), Westbank, BC.

The reunion activities included a trip to Gimli, sight-seeing and visiting in Winnipeg. There are no firm plans for the year 2000 but some members are likely to take in some of the U of S activities during the year. Ed and Christine Hudek organized the event this time around, but Ed may have to slow down a bit in future. He spent five days in the hospital after the reunion and is now popping pills to regulate his heart beat.

Ed also noted with regret the death of classmate Stephen Boone on June 25. (more information on Boone in the Empty Saddles section)

BSA class of 1949 Celebrates 50 years

The Class of '49C held a reunion during the last weekend of June in conjunction with the U of S Alumni Reunion Weekend. Some 25 grads plus spouses attended and reported having a great time, with a tour of the Seager Wheeler farm one of the most popular activities. Some members of the class provided information for a history booklet, published by the University Alumni. The following are notes from that publication.

Claire Bailey and his wife live in retirement in the house purchased back in 1967 in Winnipeg. Claire served as an ag rep for six years following graduation, then as a field organizer for the Manitoba Teacher's Society, Federated Co-op, Dept. of Veteran's Affairs, and from 1960 until retiring in 1976 as a teacher. Heart surgery in 1991 has given him a new lease on life. On July 5, 1999 they celebrated 66 years of marriage. Congratulations!

Donald Roy Buchanan was a navigator in the RCAF 1941 to 1945, before graduating with a BSA from the U of S in 1949 and a masters from McGill in 1953. He was employed by three government agencies, the last one in Ag Economics in Edmonton. Barbara, his first wife died in 1988 and he is now married to Edythe Markstad.

Tony Bulani, Regina, worked for a year in the soil mechanics lab of PFRA, on the U of S campus, then for 34 years with Sask. Agriculture in land classification and appraisal. He retired in 1984 and enjoys the opportunity for volunteer work and playing at gardening, carpentry and mechanics. A Stradivarius, presented to him by wife Irma as a 65th birthday gift is a lifesaver whenever company stays too late.

Steve Burkell, Saskatoon, took a job with the Economics Division of Agriculture Canada on graduation and worked there until 1968, when the office closed. He transferred to PFRA until 1980 when he retired. So Steve worked under or alongside **Ralph Stutt**'33C, **Hadley Van Vliet**'34C and **Joe Zeman**'44C on such projects as the economic classification of farm lands, taxation of farm land, irrigation and the economic feasibility of a dam on the South Saskatchewan River. In addition to his job, Steve was much involved with SAGA in numerous offices and as registrar for the SIA. He and Anita have two sons and in retirement they have travelled widely in North America and Europe.

Oliver By'49S took over farming responsibilities at age 17 when his father died. Three years later he decided to take the diploma program and continues to stay in touch with many of his classmates. The 50 years since graduation have seen many highlights. Marrying Yvonne Brown in 1950, raising four children and enjoying 13 grandchildren are high on the list. He also served as a 4H leader, on the FCC appeal board for 10 years and for 25 years on the Kelvington Credit Union Board. He worked for Sask. Crop Insurance for six years after retiring from farming. Oliver continues to enjoy sports, company, reunions, dancing and horses.

Ralph Christenson was born on August 19, 1919 (with identical twin brother Carl). He served four years in the RCAF and following graduation was employed as a grazing land appraiser before becoming an ag rep in 1953 and serving in that job at Assiniboia and Kerrobert until retiring in 1980. Ralph and his wife Doris live in Moose Jaw except for winter, when they are in Mesa, AZ.

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Empty Saddles



Edwin Raymond Blakley '49C of Saskatoon, died on June 11, 1999, at the age of 79 years. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, their five children, spouses and 12 grandchildren; Barry (Patricia), Saskatoon; Brian (Joan), Winnipeg; Diane (Robert) Kalina, Oakville, ON; Leslie Ann (Garry) Frick, Luseland and Janet (Ronald) Hanlin, Saskatoon. Edwin attended Normal School following high school at Indian Head and taught in a country school before spending four years in the RCAF then taking his BSA. After graduation he took his M.Sc. in chemistry at Saskatoon and PhD at Minnesota in biochemistry, joined the NRC (Plant Biotechnology Institute) at Saskatoon in 1954 and worked there until retirement in 1984. In 1964 he was named a Fellow of the Chemical Institute of Canada.

Stephen Reginald Boone '40C, Nanaimo, BC, passed away from cancer on June 16, 1999. He was 82 years old. Stephen was predeceased by his wife in 1986 and is survived by sons Michael (Janet), Saskatoon; Bob (Mary-Jo), Edmonton; Bill (Mary-Margaret), Janetsville, ON; daughter Maureen (Raj) Grover, Regina and nine grandchildren. Following graduation Stephen farmed, then was employed at Indian Head by Farm Credit Corporation from 1961 until he retired in 1982.

Marjorie Burwell of Asquith, SK, born on March 13, 1910, passed away on June 9, 1999. She is survived by her husband Bob, son **Tom '63C (Betty) Burwell**, Saskatoon; daughter Jean Millard, Biggar; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; three sisters and one brother.

Sam Orrin Clayton passed away on March 21, 1999 in Saskatoon at age 90 years. He taught in rural schools for 14 years, followed by employment in building supply stores. He is survived by his wife Edna Marcella (nee Mountford), daughter Adrienne, Saskatoon and **Orrin '58C (Pamela) Clayton**, Ottawa.

Neil Melville Campbell '39S of Wynyard, passed away on June 27, 1999. He is survived by his son **Neil W. Campbell '71S** (Jane); daughter Beryl (**Lloyd '62S**) Near, Kindersley and daughter Cathy Campbell (Wayne Herve), Prince George, BC. Melville had farmed in the Wynyard area and raised registered Hereford cattle.

The death of **Zelma (Hopkins) Ellis** occurred on April 6, 1999 at Saskatoon. She was born in 1909. She is survived by eight children; Joyce (Alex) Clark, Abbotsford, BC; **Martin '52S (Evelyn) Hopkins**, Regina; Gail (**Bill '51S**) **Cooper**, Saskatoon; Hazel (**Bill '52C**) **Miner**, Ottawa; Lois (Omar) Jacobson, Outlook; Faye (Peter) Popowich, Outlook; **Hugh '67C (Janice) Hopkins**, Ottawa; Donald (Irene) Hopkins, Outlook; stepsons William (Patricia) Ellis and Archie (Helen) Ellis, 16 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by George Hopkins, her first husband, in 1969 and by her second husband, Richard Ellis in 1993.

Marvin Lawrence Henderson '58C, Saskatoon, died on July 5, 1999 after a long, hard fight with cancer. Marvin was born in 1933 at Prince Albert and is survived by his mother Francis Henderson; wife Gale; children Tracy (Jack) Clarkson; Doug (Alana) Henderson; Joelle Henderson; Heather (Jason) Doran; eight grandchildren, sister Alandra Taylor; brothers Fred, Ray and Ardel Henderson. Marvin loved to grow plants and this interest led him to develop the popular Cory-Parke Greenhouse.

David Robert (Bob) McClinton '52C of Yellow Grass SK, passed away on May 1, 1999 at 86 years of age. Bob is survived by Eleanor, his wife of 46 years; daughter Eileen (Ron) Elkington, Swift Current; son Lorne (Angie), Yellow Grass and his former wife Carla, Milestone; son **Blair McClinton '85C**, Indian Head; four grand children; sister Isobel Thomas, Hamilton ON and brother Fred (Luella) McClinton, Yellow Grass. Bob began his university career in 1930 but the depression intervened delaying his return to 1949. After graduation he returned to the grain and registered Holstein dairy farm working with his brothers and taking over the dairy operation in 1962. He and Eleanor played an active part in the community, especially in the United Church and 4-H club.

Charles R. Parsons '27C, passed away at Saskatoon City Hospital on June 4, 1999, six days before his 94th birthday. Charlie moved with his family to the Girvin district in 1914 and married Catherine McNeil in 1933. They farmed at Girvin until 1944 when they moved to Saskatoon, where he was employed with the Crop Science Department, U of S until retir-

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Announcing: Crops 2000+

Crops 2000+, an international agriculture conference and one of the first agricultural events in the new millennium, will be held at Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition, Jan. 8 & 9, 2000. Fittingly, it is a new event, for a new millennium - a significant addition to The Western Canadian Crop Production Show and Crop Production Week that follows.

"Crops 2000+ will bring farmers together from around the world," says Lorne Christopherson, Weldon, Saskatchewan farmer, who is also an organizer of Crop Production Week and Crops 2000+.

Rick Holm, U of S weed scientist and chair of Crops 2000+, notes that four farmers from different countries will be featured speakers and they will be complemented by other speakers on agricultural markets and emerging technologies in such things as farm equipment and production inputs.

Ag grads are invited to attend this event, stay on for Crop Production Week and the Ag Grad Reunion weekend on January 15, 16, 17.

More information on Crops 2000+ will appear in the December issue of *THE SAGA*. Those who want more information sooner should contact Rudy Friesen, Agriculture Manager of Prairieland Exhibition at (306) 931-7149 or Rick Holm at (306) 966-4999 or 5006.

Honors and Awards Special Recognition

Orrin Clayton'58C, officer in Charge of Pedigree Records, Canadian Seed Grower's Association (CSGA), Ottawa, was awarded Honorary Life Membership in the International Association of Seed Certification Agencies in June 1999. The CSGA was one of the founding members of the association in 1919 with Manly Champlin, U of S, representing Canada. Orrin is the third member of CSGA staff to have received this honour.

Grant Hale'67S of Kisbey, received a certificate from the Canadian Food Agency recognizing 30 years of service in providing food to the needy. The presentation was made by Larry Gown and **Dennis Jeannot'78S** of the Agency.

Warren Kaeding'85C and his wife **Carla'85BComm** of Churchbridge were named Saskatchewan's outstanding young farmers for 1999, at the Western Canada Farm Progress Show on June 18 at Regina. They operate the Wagon Wheel Seed Corporation which produces pedigreed seed on 2800 acres and process and sell pedigreed seed from 3000 acres grown by other farmers in the area. **Roger Kaeding'47S**, Warren's father continues to play a supporting role at Wagon Wheel.

Geoff Hughes, crop scientist at the U of S since 1969 has been honoured for his contribution to baseball. The pee wee diamonds adjacent to the Holiday Park Golf Course in Saskatoon, have been renamed Geoff Hughes Baseball Complex, to recognize his decade of coaching followed by many years as president of the league. Good show for a guy who grew up in Australia in a cricket culture.

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evidence of this taking place on all fronts. It is my belief that therein lies our strength and one that must be maintained as we move into the next century.

This letter gives me a chance to thank all our graduates and the many SAGA executive members who have devoted themselves to making this College of Agriculture what it is today. I thank you sincerely for your support of my initiatives. I am sure that the college will go from strength to strength under Dean Barber and I wish you all well.

Sincerely,

John Stewart

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ing in 1970. Charlie and Kay enjoyed retirement through travel, gardening and other activities, until her death in 1994. They are survived by son Donald (Joyce) and two grandsons.

James Robert Dale Partridge'60C, Largo, Florida, died on May 29, 1999, age 60 years. Dale was born and raised in the Carnduff community and worked for Saskatchewan Agriculture, Lands Branch, following graduation until 1969 when he moved to Winnipeg. There he took his Masters in Agriculture and worked for Manitoba Agriculture from 1971 until retiring in 1994. They moved to Florida, where he was employed with First Union National Bank and with his wife as a realtor with Century 21. Left to cherish his memory are Caroline, his wife of 40 years; son Kevin (Kathie), Winnipeg; son Scott (Donna), Winnipeg; daughter Clarise (Russell) Waddell, Texas; daughter Michele Partridge-Lane (Mark), Virginia; eight grandchildren; his parents, Bob and Virginia Partridge, Carnduff; sisters Carole (Joe) Burton, Newfoundland, Sharon (Walter) Chrest, BC and brother Ralph (Iris) of Newfoundland.

Olive Margaret Spigott, wife of **Frank Spigott'38S**, Outlook, SK, died on April 9, 1999 at the age of 79 years, after a long and difficult battle with Alzheimer disease. She is survived by Frank, her husband of 52 years, their children Barrie (Sharon) Spigott, Outlook; Brian (Joan), Outlook; Maureen (**Garth'78C**) Weiterman, Outlook; Laurie (Randy) Riopka, Outlook; Tom (Maria) Spigott, Ajax, ON; daughter Jessica; nine grandchildren.

Mary Spinks passed away on April 24, 1999 at the age of 89 years, at Royal University Hospital, Saskatoon. She was predeceased in 1997 by her husband Dr. John W.T. Spinks, former professor and president of the University of Saskatchewan for 17 years. She is survived by her brother Peter (Pauline) Strelieff; sister June (Harvey) Dryden, Regina, nieces and nephews.

Ralph Albert Stutt'33C, Victoria, BC, passed away on May 11, 1999. He was born in the Brookside district, Wapella, in 1908 and following graduation was employed with the Economics Branch, Agriculture Canada, at Saskatoon, Edmonton and Ottawa until retiring in 1973. Ralph was a builder and strong supporter of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association, serving as the second secretary (and the treasurer, registrar and news edi-

tor!), president in 1946 and 1947 and until recently a regular at the annual ag grad reunion. He is lovingly remembered by Irene, his wife of 60 years, his daughter Grace (Malcolm) Wake, Regina; his son Earl, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Edward Harold (Ted) Swanston'53S, Welwyn, SK passed away on April 23, 1999 at Moosomin. He was 66 years of age. Ted is survived by his mother, one sister and four brothers.

Ottar Peter 'Art' Bristol'41S, '45C of Regina, passed away on June 3, 1999. He was 78 years old. Art is survived by his wife Muriel, sons Bill (Annette) and Jeff; daughter Brenda (Ken) Chisholm and six grandchildren. Art was retired from Saskatchewan Agriculture, where he had been employed as a soils specialist in the Lands Branch, then later in the irrigation branch of Conservation and Development. Art was a figure skater and served for many years as a figure skating judge.

Elna Marguerite Howell (nee Larsen), Rosthern, passed away at the Saskatoon City Hospital on June 23, 1999, at the age of 76 years. Marg is survived by her husband **Forest Howell'47C**, daughters Debbie Jegen of Calgary and Penny (Bruce) Kinvig of Renfrew, ON; four grandchildren; sisters-in-law Bernice Larsen and Eleanor Larsen of Regina and Bea Larsen of Rouleau. She is also remembered by Forest's family, Lorraine (Doug) Williams, Calgary; Grace (Chuck) Davis, Falun, AB; Maxine (Ken) Glenn, Moose Jaw; nieces, nephews and friends.

Hugh MacDougall Kennedy'42C of Outlook, and formerly of Conquest, died in the Outlook Union Hospital on May 31, 1999 at the age of 80 years. Hugh is survived by his wife Audrey, daughter Lynn (Charles) Raeburn, Lexington, MA; sons **Dan'68S (Carmen) Kennedy** and Peter (Barb) Kennedy of Conquest; four grandchildren; sisters Katharine (Bob) Nagus, Saskatoon and Jean Switzer of Victoria, BC; nieces and nephews. Hugh's father pioneered the use of field shelter belts to stop wind erosion and improve the productivity of the land; Hugh expanded the use of trees on the farm and hosted countless farmers interested in the concept.

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Jim Cinnamon married Marie Kernaleguen of St. Brieux in August 1948. After graduation they returned to farm full time at Carnduff and to raise a family of four daughters and a son, who now farms. Jim started out raising beef cattle, hogs poultry and grain, but the livestock part was dropped after many futile attempts to develop a reliable winter water supply. He concentrated on cereals, pulses and oilseeds for the past 27 years. Jim has played an active part in his community, as a 4-H leader for seven years, 35 years as RM councillor, 37 years on the Carnduff Co-op board, the last 17 as chairman and 25 years on the Gainsborough Hospital Board. He has served as president of the agricultural society, been defeated as a political candidate, has held most offices in Freemasonry and taken an active part in the Legion.

Carman Cooke and Dorothy were married in 1941 and they had a family of five. He worked as an ag rep at Weyburn from 1949 until moving into the Sask Agriculture head office in Regina in 1972 and retired in 1979. Carman had a bout with cancer in 1982 and survived 35 radiation treatments. He has since taken on volunteer jobs with the Wascana Hospital, Marian Centre, Regina Food Bank, VON, Wesley Wheelers and the General Hospital. They spent 12 winters in Honolulu but in recent years they have shortened the cold winters by living some time in Victoria, BC.

Bill Dale was born at Gull Lake, attended Normal School at Moose Jaw, began his College of Agriculture program in 1939 and completed it after serving in the RCAF from 1942 to 1945. He married Pamela Velvick of Torquay, Devon, in December 1945 before returning to Canada. After graduating with a BSA and BEd. in 1949, Bill was hired by Agriculture Canada and worked for in the seeds area until retiring in 1981. During this period Bill was president of the Association of Official Seed Analysts (U.S.A. and Canada). He was elected an honorary member of that organization, the Commercial Seed Analysts of Canada and the Commercial Seed Technologists (U.S.A.) Bill and Pam raised a family of four daughters and one son.

Al Dawson grew up at Neville, SK, completed his BSA(Soils) in 1949 and B.A.(Biology) in 1950. He worked with Agriculture Canada in Saskatchewan for four years, then as pedologist with B.C. Agriculture at Kelowna for 12 years and as Soils Specialist at Kelowna until his retirement in 1988. Al was the guy who occupied the no-man's land between developers who wanted access to good farm land, the owners of that land and the public that wanted the land to remain farm land. He survived. Al and Margaret,

his wife of 26 years, enjoy living in Kelowna and travelling on this continent and in Europe: they are considering other travel possibilities.

Bob Ferguson has farmed at Edgely, SK for the last 60 years - interrupted only by service in the RCAF during WW11, studies toward his BSA and B.A. and temporary absences to do "other things". Those other things, all of a volunteer and leadership nature include being reeve, chairman of Edgely Co-op, President of the Sask. Lung Association, on the Board of Governors at the U of S and Regina Universities and a score of other worthwhile activities, have been recognized in several ways. Bob was awarded a Doctor of Laws by the University of Regina, the Saskatchewan Order of Merit and the Order of Canada and a long list of other awards. Bob and Norma have four children, one of whom is **Martin Ferguson '70C**, and a grandson following in Grandpa's footsteps. Bob and his two sons operate the family farm.

Norm Fitl did a bit of rambling during the first half of his work career and is now retired in Edmonton, home for the last half of his interesting career. Following graduation he spent a year as manager of Huskie Athletics, then to California for six years in the aircraft industry, involved in part in development of the Lear Jet Executive Aeroplane. He returned to Saskatchewan to farm at Stranraer, coupling

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Paul Douglas, B.S.A. '66C
General manager

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farming with instructing in farm mechanics at Kelsey. In 1967 Norm completed his BED at the U of S and moved to Edmonton in 1968, where he joined the Edmonton School System as a teacher of vocational subjects. Later he held positions of department head and coordinator of work experience for Edmonton Public Schools, before retiring in 1987. Norm was married while in California and they have two daughters, two sons and six grandsons.

Gerry Fitzgerald and his wife Peggy live in retirement in Grenfell, SK, spending the odd winter in Arizona and B.C. and serving as an extra hand on the farm at seed time or harvest. Their five children and 14 grandchildren look after the jobs requiring more energy. Gerry was an Ag Rep with Saskatchewan Agriculture for five years after graduation, then flogged fertilizer for Cominco out of Edmonton, before coming back to the community he sprung from and farmed from 1963 to 1992.

Lorne Glendinning grew up at Strasbourg and joined PFRA as a surveyor following graduation. In 1954 he moved to Saskatchewan Agriculture where he served as a land representative, district supervisor for C & D and from 1973 to 1980 with the Land Bank Commission. He retired in 1984 following disability pension. Frances, Lorne's first wife died from cancer in 1991. He and Veryl live in Regina, where Lorne enjoys golf, curling, fishing and flying.

Doug Grant grew up at Dinsmore, graduated from the School of Agriculture in 1940 and served from 1940 to 1945 in the RCAF before taking his BSA. After graduation he served as Ag Rep at Elbow for five years, 11 years at Swift Current and two years at Saskatoon before moving

to Regina. There he served as assistant director and director until his retirement in 1981 following which he spent two years with Ag.Devco organizing and co-ordinating a farm training program for young Chinese from China. Doug was an outstanding extension worker who used radio and TV in collaboration with the Agriculture Canada Research staff at Swift Current. Doug was inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame in 1997. He and Margaret have three children and five grandchildren.

Fred Grant says, "I graduated in 1949 from the School of Agriculture with a positive attitude that in five years I would be established in farming, ready to find a wife, and would live happily ever after." But along the way he decided to forget about his plan to get rich first: He and Holly were married in 1953! They soon realized that the small farm wouldn't support them and his parents, so Fred took teacher training and taught nearby at Glenbush, Sandwith and Medstead most years until 1984.

They raised a family of three; the two girls are teachers and their son is a farmer who persuaded his father to quit teaching and join him in a larger farming operation. Son Dale, together with his brother-in-law, with seasonal help by Fred, farm over 2000 acres, including the stony Oxbow loam quarter Fred's father homesteaded in 1908.

Harry Hill graduated from the School of Agriculture in 1949 and returned to the farm at Flaxcombe. He worked for neighbours until the early 1960's when he had acquired the land and resources to farm on his own. He was active in the co-operative movement in the Pool committee, on the Flaxcombe and Kindersley Co-op boards, 14 years as president at Kindersley and 25 years as a

Federated Co-op board member. Harry got his pilot's license in 1964 and then proceeded to build five aeroplanes in the next 12 years, all of which flew well. In 1986 Harry's path crossed with Doreen, a former girlfriend who he had not seen for 30 years. They married later that year and are semi-retired, spending the winters at the west coast and summers on the farm, which Harry operates with the help of a nephew.

Bob Hougham '49S and his wife Joyce live in Frenchman Butte, having retired from farming and ranching in 1981 and serving as the village clerk at Paradise Hill for 13 years.

Following are excerpts from a tribute to them read at a special event in their honour on May 6, 1998 and carried in Turtleford's *Northwest Neighbours*.

"Bob married the sweetheart of his youth in 1948, and they will be celebrating their 50th anniversary this July. Their family grew to include John, Jerry, Patsy (deceased), Peggy, Linda, Suzanne, Tom and Kenneth, as well as two foster children Elaine and Dorothy Whitestone."

"Over the years, Bob has served on the North Bend and Frenchman Butte school boards, North West Dairy Association, Seed Grower's Association, leader of the local 4-H club, councillor for the RM of Frenchman Butte, director of the Highland Cattle Society, Anglican Church parish council, Frenchman Butte Museum Society, Turtleford Masonic Lodge, Paradise Hill seniors housing complex, St. Walburgh Lakeland Lodge Board." The tribute goes on to tell of Bob's involvement in the health system, lining up pledges for the Terry Fox run and cancer research and riding his horse or driving his miniature white mules in the run. A great community couple.

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Harold Johnson says that he has had, "a moderately uneventful 50 years following graduation", but a look at the happenings during that time suggest otherwise. We note that he married Marion Winter, a St. Paul's Hospital trained nurse in 1951 and they raised four children. Sadly, Marion passed away in November, 1998. Harold's intention of being a full-time farmer was modified due to a fairly severe bout with polio in 1952: He combined grain farming with temporary employment at the Credit Union at Nokomis - an arrangement that ended 35 years later with his retirement in 1988. Now he is the best hired help that his farming son can afford. Harold adds, modestly, that he has been involved in most aspects of the co-operative movement on a local basis.

Lorne Johnson got his BSA, married Ruth Hunt and built a house in Saskatoon in 1949. Two years later they moved to the farm at Yellow Grass, then to Regina in 1967 (a Centennial project we presume). Lorne worked for Ag Engineering for two winters after graduation and farmed in the summers. From 1951 to 1972 he farmed full time, then was employed with the Family Farm Improvement Branch (1970 to 1975), Agricultural Implements Board (1975 to 1985) and the last two years before retirement with Consumer and Commercial Affairs. They continued to farm until 1994 when the farm was rented to a neighbour. Lorne and Ruth have three daughters and one son, all of whom are married. Paw and Maw spend some time each summer at their Kenosee Lake cottage and winters in Mesa, Arizona.

Henry Robert Kasmar '49C says he didn't wait around for convocation, he was too busy travelling to seek his fortune. He ran out of money in Toronto,

de Jong retires



Eltje de Jong (left above) and **Bob McKercher '54C** at a recent retirement dinner for Eltje. Eltje grew up in the Netherlands where he also took his BSA, then came to Canada, took his PhD at McGill before coming on staff with the Soils Department in 1964 where he has taught and done research in soil physics. Eltje and his wife Vivien plan to continue living in Saskatoon.

McKercher, who retired a year ago finds there is no shortage of interesting things to do.

so took employment there, briefly with Canada Packers, then with Massey-Ferguson, followed by Foster Advertising. In 1963 his travel to fortune continued, this time to Australia, accompanied by his Australian-born wife and their sons Wayne (5) and Marty (4). A third son, Clayton, was born in Australia. Without former job prospects he was able to relocate into Aussie advertising, followed by the last 20 years before retirement in 1986, in publishing with John Fairfax Co. They have a modest home in Harboured, a northern beaches suburb of Sydney. Kasmar regards himself as a lucky guy - "regrets, I have a few - but too few to mention."

Doug Kent says, "In 1945 I was

one of the fresh from high school kids in a class of recently discharged veterans. Although only a few years older than I was, they were ten years more mature. Meaning they knew a lot more about girls and beer." Doug matured quickly - he got his BSA in four years and married Eileen Hardy a year later, proof that he had learned to hold his liquor while developing courting skills. Over the next ten years they had three sons and a daughter, a pace approaching continuous cropping. There are four girls and four boys in the succeeding generation. The farm, now into its' fourth generation of Kents has been continuously cropped for thirty years and zero tilled for ten. Though farming has been Doud's career, at various times he accepted pay cheques from Trans Canada Pipelines, Sask. Municipal Hail and the government for instructing farm management courses. He has also been involved in 4-H, the agricultural district board, Grenfell Regional Park, curling, the Anglican church and the Legion.

Ossie Lakness '49C was persuaded by his father to come back to the farm at Govan for a couple of years after graduation, but he has no regrets that the two years stretched into 30. Ossie, his wife Reta and son Reg abandoned the farm for a short while - spent it at North Battleford as a Farm Credit Advisor, but couldn't wait to get back to the farm. They turned the farm over to Reg in 1981, spend the summers on the farm and for the last 18 years have enjoyed Arizona in the winter.

Bill Langley worked for Marathon Realty and The Veteran's Land Act for a few years after graduating in 1949, then taught school for 15 years at Richard, Maymont and Landis

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before taking early superannuation and returning to the family farm near Speers. Bill married Helen Foster in 1955 and the union yielded two sons and a daughter. The oldest son now farms two miles from the home farm, the second son teaches in Regina and his daughter operates a guest ranch near Cranbrook.

John Lasuita'49C was employed by the Government of Saskatchewan for 36 years, in Municipal Affairs (Assessment Branch) and in Agriculture (Family Farm Improvement and Lands branches). He and his wife Angella lived in Yorkton, Saskatoon and Regina, had five daughters and the current count is eight grandchildren.

Bob Lodge'49C went on to take his Masters at the University of Idaho, Moscow, in 1952 and his PhD at Swansea, Wales in 1958. In between his educational leaves and until 1973 he was a research scientist at the Swift Current Research Station. In 1963-5 Bob worked for FAO at Lahore, India. Bob, his wife Irene and their three children moved to Regina in 1973, where he was Chief of Land Use with PFRA. He retired from the federal service in 1980 and moved into Saskatchewan Agriculture as an advisor to the Lands Branch. He also taught at the University of Zambia, Lusaka and did consulting work in Saskatchewan and China after retiring from the Sask. government in 1987. Bob was named a Fellow of the Range Management Society in 1989. Bob and Irene now live in retirement in Victoria., where they will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 29, 1999.

Ken MacDonald'49C returned to the farm near Prince Albert after graduation for eight years during which time he married Gwen (Reeves) and they began their family of four boys and three girls. Their oldest family member, son Bill, lost his life in an automobile accident in 1998. The remaining members live and work in Saskatchewan and Alberta. Following farm life Ken worked in the marketing division of Shell Canada Limited until retiring in 1984. They live in Prince Albert and enjoy the abundance of great scenery and recreational opportunities.

Jim Mants'49C had two interesting careers before graduation, the first as a student when he played in an orchestra for dances, operated a trap line and did farm chores in the Wilkie community. The second was in the RCAF as a flying instructor and Mosquito pilot from 1941 to 1945. His work career had three parts: the first from graduation to 1973 with United Grain Growers, starting as a Field Representative in Regina and rising through the ranks to Manager of Country Operations from 1963 for the next ten years. From 1973 to 1981 he worked for government departments or agencies on agricultural policy matters, as Coordinator of Feed Grains Policy, Research Consultant to the minister responsible for the CWB, Chief Administrator, Western Grain Stabilization and other high-profile assignments. He then returned to UGG in 1981, to serve as Manager of Terminal operations, consultant on oilseeds, then on special products, retiring in 1988. Jim has maintained his interest in flying.

Diploma Grads: 1999

The following 56 women and men received their Diploma in Agriculture during a graduation ceremony at the U of S on April 23.

Dennis Stanley Badowski, Swan River,
Neil Robert Banbury, Wolseley
Tara Lea Beckstrand, Eston
Jeffrey William Benson, Raymore,
Phillip Angelo Bertoia, Cut Knife
Geoffrey Alan Bishop, Langdon, AB
Ryan Wayne Black, Tisdale
Daniel Albert Boutin, Alida
Brant Dean Dammann, Stoughton
Wade Trevor Fisher, Shellbrook
Dale Bryan Gee, Bengough
Travis Mark Greenbank, Kelso
Tracy Lynne Guillet, Macrorie

Mathew Russell Hanke, Beechy
Troy Dana Hanson, Hanley
Tyler Verne Helm, Shellbrook
Tyler Dominic Huber, Wilkie
Scott Christopher Klemp, Pense
Kevin John Lefsrud, Viking, AB
Christa Jaclyn Leppa, Macrorie
Erin Lee Lindenbach, Rhein
Gregory Neal Lundsten, Eastend
Leanne Jeannette Maurer, Grenfell
Dacey Correne Metke, Cadillac
Ryan Robert Miller, Shellbrook
Kevin James Mills, Moosomin
Brian Allan Mitchell, Birch Hills
Clarke William Moebis, Demaine
Greg Clarke Moore, Rosetown
Wendy Leanne Niska, Outlook
Christy Lee Nyholt, North Battleford
Sterling James Parson, Elrose

Colin John Pattison, Lemberg
Conrad Michael Peterson, Hazel Dell
James Marc Ritchie, Rosetown
Trevor Dean Scherman, Battleford
Eileen Janet Schroeder, Tilley, AB
Troy Preston Scowen, Nipawin
Christal Dawn Shabbits, Canora
Jason Roy Simpson, Rosetown
Aaron Eric Sorenson, Wawota
Carrie Lynn Stainer, Saltcoats
Mark Bartley Steckler, Colonsay
Bryce Stanley Thom, Edam
Aaron Bob Thompson, Regina
Donna Lyn Thorsteinson, Foam Lake
Jason David Trail, Kennedy
Mark Anthonius Johannes van Haastert,
Tisdale
Krista Joy Viczko, Prud'homme
Kareen Virginia Warren, Rockhaven

Agricultural Degrees Awarded

Receiving a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree at the 1999 Spring Convocation on May 25 were the following 128 people:

Neil Ryan Abrahamson, Pelly, Lori Gail Allan, Saskatoon, Kimberly Dawn Artymowicz, Saskatoon, Shereice Renee Avis, Cabri, Blair Edward Bailey, Saskatoon, Lou-Ellen Joy Bartel, Lanigan, Stuart James Barthel, Makwa, James Coulter Beare, Regina (with Distinction), Ryan Jeffrey Beaujot, Langbank (Honours in Agricultural Biology), Rayleen Ann Bender, Neudorf, Andrea Lynn Bergstrom, Birsay, Julie Bernier, Saskatoon, Sandra Lynn Berntson, Outlook, Paul Roy Boatness, Yorkton, Suzanne Mildren Braat, Medicine Hat, AB, Gillian Anne Brown, High River, AB, Kristopher Guy Bryan, Maple Creek, Joelle Lorrie Carlson, Meskanaw, Suzanne Marie Carruthers, Biggar, Melanie Maureen Cey, Scott, Linda Chelico, Melfort (Honours in Applied Microbiology with Great Distinction), Wendy Shauna Cheshire, St., Paul, AB, Jordon Bryce Christianson, Oyen, AB., Daryl Mark Cousin, Bellevue, Grace Yvonne Dauk, Glenbain, Andrea Jill Davidson, Saskatoon, Monte Dale Dobson, Tisdale, Gail Louise Douglas, Saskatoon, Stephanie Kim Dumonceaux, Saskatoon (with Great Distinction), Gail Ann Dyck, Biggar (with Great Distinction), Shahram Ersali Hajiagha, Saskatoon, Catherine Mary Evans, Moose Jaw (Honours in Agricultural Biology), Nancy Erin Evenson, Tisdale, Craig Aaron Fabnou, St. Brieux (with Distinction), Cindy Jane Fedirko, Rose Valley, Lynn Marie Fitzpatrick, Wood Mountain, Rylan Wade Fleck, Lampman, Scott Nelson Forrest, Saskatoon, Kerri Dawn Gilders, Saskatoon (with Distinction), Dwayne Thomas Groves, 100 Mile House, B.C., Shannon Ruth Hale, Rouleau (Honours in Crop Science with Distinction), Wendy Marie Hall, Eyebrow, (Honours in Crop Science with Distinction), Byron Jacob Stanly Hamm, Saskatoon, Darcy Philip Hartl, Raymore, Jeffrey Jacob Terry Hegland, Saskatoon, Janelle Frances Hicks, Boissevain, MB, Jeff James Holzman, Wilkie (with Distinction), Jennifer Sarah Hume, Osage, Robert Allan Hynd, Regina (Honours in Agricultural Biology with Distinction), Craig Jerome Kaeding, Churchbridge, Jody Rae Kaufman, Saskatoon, Kyla Marie Keeping, Christopher Lake, Tara Lynn Kennedy, Prince Albert, Lynette Rene Keyowski, Saskatoon, Curtis Richard Kolibab, Saskatoon, Brent John Kosior, Saskatoon, Galen Paul Kuch, Saskatoon, Mark Evan Kuchuran, Regina (Honours in Crop Science), Lynette Rose Kühn, Langbank, Grant Mattias Kuntz, Grayson (with Distinction), Troy William Glen LaForge, Hanna, AB, Joseph Anthony Larre, St. Walburg, Kevin Michael Larsen, Shellbrook, Jaylyn Eva Lawrence, North Battleford (Honours in Applied Microbiology), Ryder Jay Lee, Fir Mountain (with Distinction),

Kirsten Jennifer Leigh, Fort Qu'Appelle, Crystal Lynette Levesque, Saskatoon (with Distinction), Amie Marie Lowe, Loverna, William Wallace Lowe, Kyle, Kari Ann McCaffery, Nipawin (Honours in Applied Microbiology with Distinction), Kara Dawn McGonigle, Battleford (with Distinction), Sean Edgar Duffie McGrath, Vermilion, AB (with Great Distinction), Mark Eppich Mercier, Saskatoon, Amy Lynn Misko, Yorkton, (with Distinction), Heidi Nicole Moorhead, Maple Creek, Stacey Lauren Moskal, Brooksby, Elfriede Cora Moya, Snow Lake, MB, Bobbi Lynne Munkler, St. Gregor, James Kirk Murphy, Altario, AB (with Great Distinction), Nicole Tara Nesbitt, Saskatoon, Kari Lynn Nicolas, Duck Lake, Dallas Gerald Norek, Gerald, Jacek Jaroslaw Nowak, Saskatoon, Lesley Dawn Oakman, Stewart Valley (Honours in Crop Science with Great Distinction), Robyn Susan Orthner, Raymore, Raelene Stacey Ostrom, Saskatoon, Rachel Lynn Oustryk, Canora (with Distinction), Sydney Dawn Parsons, Weyburn, Brian Joseph Perillat, Duck Lake (with Great Distinction), Rachelle Lynn Poirier, Landis (with Distinction), Carl Innis Potts, Watrous (with Distinction), Craig Charles Price, Gilbert Plains, MB, Lynne Michelle Pritchard, Tisdale, Ryan Michael Regush, Prud'homme, Heather Louise Ribling, Saskatoon, Candace Leane Rise, Saskatoon, Michelle Lee Rudnicki, Smeaton, Ryan Murray Russell, Glenbain, Forrest Patrick Scharf, Saskatoon, Gail Anita Schenstead, Porcupine Plain, James Andrew Kern Schinkel, Jansen, Barbara Heather Schmidt, Unity, Shanna Marie Schroeder, Dundurn, Darcy Harold Shave, Saskatoon, Lana Dianne Shaw, D'Arcy (with Distinction), Kyla Anne Shea, Kindersley, (honours in Agricultural Biology), Mandi D'Lee Simonson, Weldon, Robert Cameron John Spencer, Saskatoon (Honours in Horticulture with Distinction) Melissa Rae Stevenson, Melfort, Robert Gray Stone, Davidson, Michelle Lynn Sulz, Whitewood (Honours in Crop Science with Great Distinction), Tracy Dawn Syrnyk, Lloydminster, AB., (with Distinction), Tanya Patricia Szautner, Humboldt, Colin David Tanner, Grand Coulee, Ryan Keith Thompson, Carnduff (with Great Distinction), Jaclyn Lindsay Waldbauer, Neudorf (with Distinction), Lance Markam Wall, Neville (Honours in Agricultural Biology with Distinction), Melissa Erin Wanner, Codette (Honours in Applied Microbiology with Great Distinction), Robert Evan Warkentin, Tisdale, Tamara Nicole Weir, Perdue, Andrew Simon Weseen, Saskatoon (with Distinction), Patrick Robin Weseen, Saskatoon (with Distinction), Stephanie Grace Wielgosz, Rose Valley (with Distinction), Carolyn Rose Wilson, Assiniboia (with Distinction), Garth William Wruck, Aberdeen, Renaie Lynn Yano, Saskatoon, and Nicole Susan Zatylny, Dysart.

