

Three Inducted into Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame



John Alexander Joseph Buchan
1942 - 2006

John Buchan, a career civil servant, left his mark on agriculture in Saskatchewan by being a promoter of pulse and special crops and an advocate of agricultural research and improved farming practices.

Born in Southey, Saskatchewan in 1942, John was involved with the family farm throughout his career, taking over the farm himself when his father retired.

John obtained bachelor degrees in Biology and Agriculture and an MSc in Crop Science from the University of Saskatchewan. John started with Saskatchewan Agriculture in 1973 as Special Crops Agronomist and played a lead role in the development of the special crops industry, particularly the pulse crops of lentils and peas. His work was recognized by the Pulse Promoter Award from Saskatchewan

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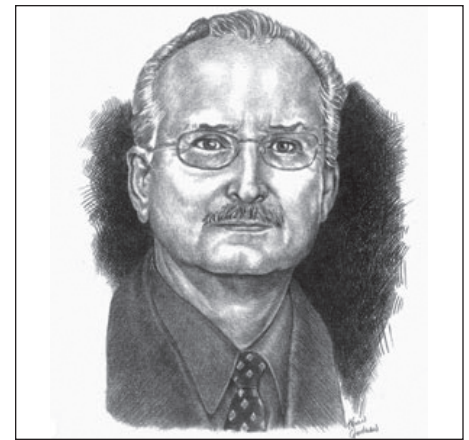
Joseph Sinclair Harrison
1944 -

Sinclair Harrison, in his capacities as President of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities and as chair of the Farmer Railcar Coalition, has had a significant impact on the lives of farmers and the economy of Saskatchewan.

Sinc was born in 1944 in Moosomin. He obtained a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of Saskatchewan. In 1984, he was the recipient of a Nuffield Scholarship to study agriculture and local government in Australia and New Zealand.

His involvement in local government began in 1974 when he was elected to the council of the Rural Municipality of Moosomin. In 1976, he was elected Reeve and served in that position until 2004, a total of 31 years of service.

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Robert Paul Zentner
1949 -

Through his economic analysis, Robert Zentner has had an enormous impact on agriculture and agricultural research in Canada. Born at LeRoy, Saskatchewan, in 1949 and raised on a nearby farm, Bob went on to a long and successful career with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC).

He received his training in agricultural economics through a BSA with distinction in 1972 from the University of Saskatchewan, followed by a MSc in 1975. In 1982, Bob completed a PhD from the University of Minnesota.

Bob started his career in 1974 as a Research Economist with Agriculture Canada in Lethbridge, Alberta. At the time, producers were receiving a considerable amount of agronomic research information, but Bob translated this into its effects on net returns

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John Buchan - from front

Pulse Growers and an Honorary Life Membership in the Canadian Seed Growers' Association.

Other opportunities such as horticulture, apiculture, wild rice and non-timber forest products were also promoted.

He served in a number of capacities with Saskatchewan Agriculture, including Supervisor of the Crop Production Section, Director of the Soils and Crops Branch and Director of the Sustainable Production Branch. He served on the boards of a number of agricultural organizations and was actively involved in the development of the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers and the formation of the Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association.

John took lead roles in the province in the implemen-

tation of the Canada-Saskatchewan Accord on Soil and Water Conservation as well as the Canada-Saskatchewan Agreement on Soil Conservation. A major focus was reduced tillage and direct seeding, practices that are now the norm in Saskatchewan. John also played a key role in the implementation of the Agri-Food Innovation Fund and served on the Board of Agriculture Development Fund, both programs funding and promoting research and development for the agri-food industry in the province.

International activities were an important part of his career. He participated in missions to other countries and represented Saskatchewan as host of incoming international delegations.

John Buchan passed away on November 27, 2006.

Sinclair Harrison - from front

In 1986, Sinc was elected to the board of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) and in 1994 he was elected President. He served in this position for eight years. No other person has served a longer term as SARM President.

Sinc served on SARM's Indian Land Claims Committee and was instrumental in negotiating municipal property tax loss compensation agreements involving the Government of Canada, the Government of Saskatchewan and SARM for both treaty land entitlement and specific land claims. These tax loss compensation agreements helped smooth the way for the purchase of lands by Saskatchewan First Nations to fulfill treaty obligations.

A number of farm organizations were involved in the formation of the Farmer Railcar Coalition in 1996. Sinc has served as chair since the inception. The goal of the organi-

zation was to ensure that the ownership of the federal grain hopper rail car fleet was either retained by the federal government or transferred to producers.

The work of Sinc and the coalition has been instrumental in identifying inefficiencies and overcharging in the grain handling system. The end result has been savings for Prairie grain producers estimated in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Throughout his career, Sinc served on many other boards and committees, including ACRE, the Action Committee on the Rural Economy. In addition, he operated the family farm for 30 years. Sinc and his wife Gail have five children and at the time of Sinc's induction, 15 grandchildren.

Throughout his long history of public involvement, he displayed integrity, tenacity and the will to make the province a better place to live.

Robert Zentner - from front

and risk, essential information for farmers.

After receiving his PhD, he accepted a research scientist position with AAFC in Swift Current, and from 1992 to 2002 served as head of the Soils and Environment section. Since 1985, he has also held an adjunct professorship appointment with the Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Saskatchewan.

Bob's productivity and leadership of multidisciplinary agricultural research has spanned many facets of developing economic and environmentally sustainable farming systems for Western Canada.

His research covered such areas as crop rotations, new crop adaptation, fertilizer and herbicide management, tillage methods, snow and water conservation, soil organic matter, carbon sequestration, forage production and live-stock grazing systems.

Bob's work includes a landmark report often quoted by policy makers summarizing the return on investment from public expenditures for cereal breeding research.

Over his career, Bob has authored or co-authored an incredible number of publications and papers. He has also directed and advised several MSc and PhD students and mentored new scientists.

He has been the recipient of numerous awards. In 2006 he received the highest honour from the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society, and in 2007 he was inducted into the AAFC Hall of Fame.

In 1997 he was named to the "Wall of Honour" at the University of Saskatchewan, and in 1998 he received the Distinguished Agrologist Award from the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists.

He has also been named a Fellow of the Canadian Society of Agronomy and the Agricultural Institute of Canada.

President's Pen

The SAGA executive is busy making plans and arrangements for the January 9 and 10th, 2010, 75th SAGA Reunion at TCU Place, Saskatoon. This is our celebration of 75 years!!

This is the single biggest event SAGA is involved in. Dr. Jeff Schoenau is the Vice President in charge of reunion year attendance. His job, among many, is encouraging honor year graduates to Chair the reunion for their class. The honor years for Reunion 2010, for Degree and Diploma, are: 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2005. Please make an effort to assist this process of attendance and participation in the 2010 SAGA 75th Reunion.

A website has been set up for SAGA. SAGA executive member Lisa Horn has been instrumental in creating this website. We expect that you will make good use of the site. The 75th Reunion is featured at the site. Keep up to date and in touch with your events and fellow graduates. Go to: <http://www.saskaggrads.com>

Our new Dean of the College, Dr. Mary Buhr, has met with the SAGA executive and is very supportive of the association and of our objectives. Our objectives over the past 75 years as listed on the website, are the following:

The Objectives of SAGA are:

* To promote the social interests of Degree and Diploma graduates of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources.

* To promote closer relationships among graduates and between graduates and the college, including faculty and students.

* To keep graduates informed of recent developments at the College of Agriculture and Bioresources.

* To co-operate with the University Alumni Association in its efforts to promote the interests of the university as a whole.

The U of S College of Agriculture and Bioresources is our College. It allows each of us to participate in the agriculture industry. Our new Dean has objectives that will become clear to us as we interact with our College.

Our College has challenges to meet in the next decade and onwards. Please participate and stay informed with SAGA and with the College Alumni, and let us together assist in maintaining it for future generations of Agros!

With respect
Carl Lynn 74C

Please Note:

We regret that not all of our subscribers received their edition of the May 2009 SAGA Newsletter. A technical problem somewhere resulted in a mixup of names and addresses. We trust that the mailing process worked correctly this time. **The Editors.**

HEY!!! IT`S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

Time to Sharpen Your Blades & Dust off your Brooms.

PRIZES to be WON!
LOTS of FUN to be HAD!

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(\$30 approx. per player)

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SAGA Reunion Chairs for 2010 Reunion

YEAR	COLLEGE	DIPLOMA
1950	Fred Fulton (Saskatoon) 373-1440 fn.fulton@sasktel.net	Bill Farley (Regina) phone 757-6844 fax 757-3911 wfarley@imagewireless.ca
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1980	Rod Delahey (Saskatoon) 373-6233 rod@marketingden.com Helper: Jill Turner (Saskatoon)	Gerry Stuber (Saskatoon) 955-5100 gerald.stuber@usask.ca
1990	Tanice Babecy (Melfort) 752-2256 tanice.babecy@sama.sk.ca	Scott Near (Kindersley) 463-3486
2000	Chris Baan (Swift Current) 778-0723 cdb661@mail.usask.ca	Jay Dixon (Balcarres) dixon_ent@hotmail.com 334-3005
2005	Chelsea Bulani (Saskatoon) 933-9940 chelsea.bulani@basf.com	Terrance McKee (Moose Jaw) 694-6108 tlm@mail.usask.ca

2010 SAGA Reunion Weekend

January 9 & 10, 2010
Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of SAGA
All Events at TCU Place, Saskatoon

January 9

7 p.m. Annual Meeting
8 p.m. Mixer/Casino Night

January 10

75th SAGA Reunion Banquet
4:30 p.m. Cocktails
5:30 p.m. Banquet
Program and group pictures to follow

Curling and Hockey Tournaments

Reunion Years Degree & Diploma
1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2005

Reunion Chairs contact Jeff Schoenau 966-6844 or
jeff.schoenau@usask.ca

1943 Agro Grads Celebrate 66th Anniversary

The 1943 Agro Grad class celebrated on June 19, 2009, in the Park Town Hotel, Saskatoon

Greetings were received from **Jock Blacklock**, Prince Albert, **Ray Gross**, Costa Rica, **Bill Powell**, Sidney, BC, **Nat Simpkins**, Calgary, **Cliff Simpson**, Unity, **Fred Snell**, Regina, and **Harvey Whitney**, Edmonton. **Walter Van Haerlem**, Concord, CA, passed away during the past year.

The reunion was also attended by **Simone Coffey**, **Joan Fredeen**, **Neita Haraldson**, **Margaret Fredeen** (Hartley), **Alice Turnbull** (Ole), **Vi Hanson** (John), **Herb** and **Fran Dow**, and **Joan Bell**, friend of **Harold Chapman**.



Celebrating their class's 66th anniversary in June were (left to right) **Harold Chapman**, Saskatoon, **Betty (Myrick) Barlow**, **Davidson**, **Vince Coffey**, Regina, **Leah Fedoruk**, recipient of the Agro Class of '43 award, **Howard Fredeen**, Lacombe, AB, and **Jack Haraldson**, Hanley.

Much of the day was spent visiting. Reports were received from **Dr. Graham Scoles**, acting Dean, **Mark Wartman**, Development Officer, and **Leah Fedoruk**, the graduate student who received the Agro Class of '43 award for 2008-09. The group plans to meet again next year.

57C Class Reunion at Echo Lake



Gene Seitz 57C hosted a reunion with 1957 degree classmates at Echo Lake, Fort Qu'Appelle. It was the first time that Gene had seen some of his classmates since graduation 52 years ago.

Ten of the 17 surviving members of this class were present. Back row (left to right): **Harvey** and **Marion Goehring**, **Beth** and **Roy Levee**, **Tom Jackson**, **Bob Middleton**, **Glen** and **Orlynn Lowndes**, **Norm** and **Aggie Bray**, **Debbie Seitz**, **Helen** and **Larry Koturbash**. Front row: **Nan** and **Gord Plaxton**, **Don Acton**, **Lawrence** and **Marie Geletta** and **Gene Seitz**.

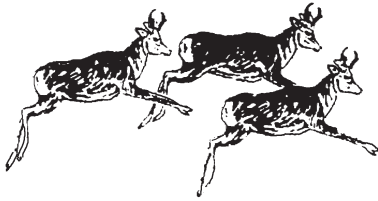
Joan Middleton and **Sylvia Acton** were also present but not in the photo. **Norm Bray** is a

1956 grad but took a lot of classes with the 1957 guys.

Gene Seitz has had a long and successful career in the food industry, with most of his career in the U.S.A. He is currently a senior research scientist with the Sartori Foods Corp. in Plymouth, Wisconsin. Classmates and spouses were treated with one of his recently developed cheeses.

Tom Jackson also introduced the group to the Golden flax product that he helped to develop and is now promoting

Thundering Herd



Heather Macnab 81S, of Piapot, spent a week in July as a vocal coach at Teen Choir Camp which was held in the monastery at St. Peter's Abbey, Muenster, SK. Later in the summer she was a musical theatre instructor at the Summer School for Solo Voice held in North Battleford. She experienced a "small world" moment when she discovered that she was billeted with the parents of **Lucie (Poirier) Baillargeon 82S**, originally from Redvers, who farms with her husband, **Guy 82S**, at Edam. Heather, husband, **Peter Hecker 75S**, and family have set up a bursary fund to raise money for a local girl who has been accepted at theatre school in Los Angeles. There have been several musical variety nights, barbecues and other activities to aid this project. They have had an excellent community response. Heather and crew are now gearing up for the annual musical performed by the teens of Maple Creek and district in November.

Wilf Keller 69C, PhD 72, was recently appointed President and CEO of Genome Prairie in Saskatoon.

Gerrid Gust 98S of Davidson and **Kenton Possberg 98C** of Humboldt were appointed to the agriculture sector team for Enterprise Saskatchewan.

Don Saelhof 72C has focused his business interests over the last five years on "clean and renewable energy". He has implemented this focus through his work with HTC Purenergy. They are commercializing CO2 capture technology on a global basis. The technology is developed and owned by the University of Regina. HTC Purenergy is publicly traded on the TSX Venture. They are also building a hydrogen production plant at Regina. It will use products like crude ethanol and glycerol from biodiesel production as feedstock. Don has kept in contact with agriculture through his activity as the SIA rep to the Uof R Senate. He and Connie continue to live in Regina and are empty nesters now. Connie continues to work for RBC. Dancing is a special activity for them. Their two kids are well educated: Michael with a Masters in Clinical Psychology at Queens and now working on a law degree at Western and Jileon with a Masters in Educational Psychology, living in Regina

and employed by the Prairie Valley School Division.

Jeff Sopatyk 81S, has been named to a position on the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers Board of Directors. He and his wife Patti operate Sopatyk Seed Farms east of Saskatoon, producing seed peas, lentils, chickpeas, canola, barley, wheat and hemp. Jeff is also a Director of Saskcan Horizon Seed Processors in Aberdeen, SK and has served as a director for Farm Pure Seeds. Also on the SPG Board of Directors are **Barbara Podhorodeski 90C**, of Shipman, SK and **Maurice Berry 88S**, of Carievale, SK.

Robert I. Martin 78S, has been named a Farm Implement Inspector by the Alberta Farmer's Advocate Office. Robert was a founding partner and business manager of Deerstar Systems in Stettler, AB., an equipment manager for Agricore United in Winnipeg and is also a member of AIC. He has owned and operated a 2,000 acre grain farm in central Saskatchewan. for 15 years, and has worked extensively with fertilizer and chemical application equipment in Western Canada for more than 18 years.

ASA News

With harvest in full swing and for some finished, students are back to school for another year of their academic career. The ASA has organized many extra-curricular activities to get students back into the swing of things. During Welcome week the ASA hosted a friendly softball game against the Dean's Office and faculty where many of the Agros and faculty came out and had an amazing time. Our Sidewalk Painting was another successful event, Lots of first year students came out to learn many of the traditional chants and the history of EPlant. Later that week we had our annual College Splash against the Engineers and dominated them in numbers and balloons. During this week many of the upper year Agros showed the incoming first year Agros around campus and introduced them to the many clubs and events that will be happening in a few months.

One of our big events coming up is Ag Bag Drag (Goose). On September 23, Drag Director Katie MacMillan and her committee organized Drag Kick Off. The Kick off was located in front of the Agriculture building early that afternoon where burgers and Drag tickets were sold. Ag Bag Drag this year is hosted at The Odeon on October 16 with head liner Kal Hourd, and opening bands, Wrenched and The Barley Boys. Tickets cost \$15. The Ag Grad Pub will be held that day as well at Rodeos from 6:30 to 9pm. All Ag Grads are welcome to come to Drag. Tickets for Ag Bag Drag are available at the Odeon and in the Agriculture Student Lounge. Hope to see you there!

Note from SAGA Editors to SAGA members:

Please note how short the Thundering Herd and Pooped Deck sections of the Newsletter are in recent editions. These sections depend on direct member input.

Tell us about your careers and businesses, your kids, your travels, etc. Let's hear from you for future editions. With your input these sections will be longer than the Empty Saddles section. We can't print it if you don't send it!

Editors - Bernie Sonntag 62C and Ewald Lammerding 88S

Dean Mary Buhr speaks to the Agros

It has been a busy semester already here in Saskatoon! We have lots of excellent students, who are enthusiastically making the place their own. Although official numbers are not yet available, it appears that the number of first year students is up over last year in all our programmes! This is, of course, excellent news as it means that the AgBio story is reaching the school kids, and they understand how we matter to their world.

I went into one of our biggest first year classes, and found out that nearly 90% of the over 170 students found that University was meeting their expectations, and when asked what they enjoyed the most, a huge number volunteered that it was the great people and/or the Agro events and activities. And two-thirds of them even said they were feeling pretty on top of their school work!

The Ag Students Association is off to a booming start. We have initiated a new scheme that means every student in every AgBio programme is a member of the ASA, because we know that making the AgBio family as inclusive as possible here on campus, clearly expresses the commitment of agriculture and bioresources to serve the global greater good.

The excellence of our faculty and

grad students continues to shine! First, we welcome three new faculty to campus: **Anthony Kimaro** in Soil Science joins us to enhance our understanding of carbon sequestration potential of agroforestry in semi-arid regions; **Helen Booker** in the Crop Development Centre in Plant Sciences will be delving into flax breeding and genetics; **Greg Penner** in Animal and Poultry Science will be focusing on ruminant nutrition and rumen function with ultimate application in beef management.

In addition to celebrating the addition of these exciting young researchers to our College, we are happy to mention some of the honours recently heaped on others of our faculty colleagues: **Mike Rogers**, Young Scientist Award, International Union of Food Science and Technology; **Brian Fowler**, Award of Merit from the Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association; **Rick Holm**, Fellow of the Canadian Weed Science Society; **Phil Thacker**, Canadian Animal Industries Award in Extension and Public Service; **Harold Gonyou**, Canadian Society of Animal Science Technology Innovation Award; **George Khachatourians**, American Society for Microbiology lifetime contribution; and **David Natcher** has been appoint-

ed director of the Conference Board of Canada new Centre of the North. And those are just a few!

Our graduate students are also bringing in the honours: **Adam Gillespie** in Soil Science received the top speaking award at the Canadian Society of Soil Science annual meeting; **Brian Innes** of BPBE received the outstanding M.Sc. Award from the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society; and **Amanda Van de Kerckhove** and **Leanne Walter** from APS received awards for their oral and poster presentations (respectively) at the Canadian Society of Animal Science Conference.

The College is clearly a bustling hub of excellence developing exciting new ideas and ways of thriving in a world that desperately needs our stewardship. I am personally awed and excited by the opportunities that this College has to build for the 22nd century and beyond.

Please don't hesitate to give us your advice. We are counting on your wisdom, experience, enthusiasm and patience, so please email, telephone, write or talk to me whenever you feel like it. The strong foundations generated by the work of our past graduates will help us weather the challenges, and keep us true to our mission.

Pooped Deck



The Saskatchewan Forage Council presented the 2009 Forage Industry Innovation award to **Bazil Fritz 73C**. The Forage Industry Innovation Award was developed by the Saskatchewan Forage Council in 2008 to acknowledge exemplary innovation, leadership, service and stewardship in Saskatchewan's forage industry by producers, land managers, agency staff and researchers. Bazil worked as a Forage and Livestock Specialist with the Saskatchewan government for many years with a focus on producers and practical solutions. Bazil also has a passion for international development work. He worked on forage and grazing projects in the Ukraine and China aimed at promoting sustainable livestock and grassland management. He has also hosted many international delegations to Canada to show how agronomic practices are implemented and how extension is conducted in Canada. Baz and Bev are now living in Qualicum Beach on the Island. He is easing into retirement but itching to do some consulting work, preferably in the international development field associated with livestock or extension. He is waiting for your call.

Bernie Ward 72C has cleaned out his desk at AAFC/PFRA in Regina

after 35 years of service.

Bernie 62C and **Mary Sonntag** flew to Perth, Australia, in April to visit their daughter, Cory and hubby, Jeff Solheim. Perth is the most distant place on the globe that you can fly to from Saskatoon on a commercial airline. Cory is a recent PhD grad from the College of Ag and Bio-resources and is on a postdoc appointment at the U of Western Australia. A stop in Brisbane to visit classmate **Bill 62C** and **Marie McLaughlin** added to the enjoyment of the trip Down Under.

Larry White 64C has retired again. The Saskatchewan Forest Centre (ForestFirst) no longer exists. The Saskatchewan Research Council in Saskatoon will take over responsibility for the agroforestry program. Henceforth, Larry can be contacted at nlwhite@sasktel.net.

Ewald Lammerding 88S and wife Traci undertook a marathon trip through the latter part of August and early September. It was all Traci's fault. While making plans to drive to Ontario for a family wedding, she pointed out that after 23 years they no longer have any stress factors needing to attend school. Why not keep on toward the East Coast like they had always wanted to? After literally, a near washout of the wedding held on the family farm, they spent some days with relatives, and then hit the road. They took a couple of days to enjoy eastern Ontario and the Eastern Townships of Quebec. Ontario was disappointing in that there are many abandoned farmyards, and in some the land is not being used. Quebec was the opposite - lots of dairy.

While driving along the Trans Canada in New Brunswick, they stopped in Hartland to experience the longest covered bridge in the world.

As it was better than any hay fort tunnel he ever built, Ewald drove through it 6 times. (Hey! It was a holiday.)

Also in NB, they topped a rise and saw a 10 acre field of white. Not knowing what new crop East Coast farmers may have come up with, Ewald was tempted to stop in and ask. It wasn't until the road led to the front of a large dairy farm that they could see that the white field was really row upon row of high moisture hay bales wrapped in plastic.

They took the Confederation Bridge to PEI, the longest bridge spanning open water in the world. The red soil of the Island is really something to see. Many crops were a write-off for this year due to lousy spring and early summer weather. Sound familiar?

Of the several highlights, the most fun was doing the Tip to Tip tour, which entails driving from North Cape all the way across the Island to East Point. They even have a certificate to prove it. And like Saskatchewan, they farm everywhere in PEI.

Then it was a ferry trip across Northumberland Strait to Nova Scotia. By that night they had made it to the base of the Cabot Trail, the roadway that takes one completely around Cape Breton Island. This was their main objective in going to the East Coast.

They spent three adventuresome days there, making it as far north as a vehicle can go on Cape Breton; a spot called Meat Cove. Explanations for the name vary. In the old days many cattle were raised in the valley and it was a whale station, too. In either case, the animals were butchered there and the meat transported by boat to points further south.

They also managed to visit author Farley Mowat. For just showing up on his doorstep, he and his wife were most hospitable. Ewald and Traci had some Saskatchewan artifacts to pass

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on to Mr. Mowat, to remember his days as a boy growing up in Saskatoon.

From there they turned westward with a bit more time spent with Ewald's parents in Ontario. 14,281 kilometers and 31 days later, they made it back to Saskatoon to find the harvest in full swing. All across Canada, it proves that the old adage is true: when it is time to reap what you have sown . . . get at it while the gettin' is good!



Just Another Farm photograph from the Lammerdings.

Ellis 58C and Maureen Cline celebrated 50 years of marriage on May 9/09. Five kids and their spouses and numerous grandkids celebrated with them.

Barry Rugg 48S says that he doesn't have any news for us. He claims that at 85 years of age he has become a 'gopher' on the farm, but at harvest time still becomes pretty handy running the swather and combine.

Glen Shaw 65C, has been appointed by the Soil Conservation Council of Canada as its new Executive Director.

Glen began his career with Saskatchewan Agriculture and later moved to Manitoba, first as a land use specialist, then as a soil conservationist with Manitoba Agriculture.

In 1984 he joined PFRA as a senior soil conservationist in Saskatoon. He also managed PFRA's northern Saskatchewan region and soil resource division.

Glen played a key role in developing a variety of soil conservation and environmental programs including Save Our Soils, Permanent Cover Program, Green Plan and the Greenhouse Gas Mitigation program.

He has also worked with the Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association, Saskatchewan Stock Growers and Sask. Forage Council.

College Development

The more deeply involved I get with the College of Agriculture and Bioresources, the more I realize the vital and profound nature of the research and development work that is being done here. I am convinced that is part of what makes this such a great teaching and learning institution. When students are surrounded by professors and researchers who are engaged in work that is innovative and exciting and has the possibility of helping develop new products and technologies that will address some of the key problems in our world today, they can be deeply inspired and enabled to learn and grow at levels beyond expectation.

SAGA members have a tremendous opportunity, some would say responsibility, to help make the College as successful as possible. Many of you are working in industry or government. Some of you hold key decision-making positions regarding your organizations' investments in research and development. Some of your organizations are very profitable operations as a result of the work being done at the College of Agriculture and Bioresources. Given that reality, isn't it reasonable to expect that you and/or your organizations should make a commitment and invest in this success?

Another significant source of support for the work of the College, which was noted in an earlier edition of the SAGA, has been from bequests and donations by Alumni who were primary producers and non-alumni farmers who clearly understood and valued the work that is being done at the College.

If you are interested in supporting these or other aspects of the work of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources through donations or a bequest, or you know someone else you believe would be interested, please don't hesitate to contact me at the College.

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Letter From a Prairie Chicken

Irene Ahner 65C SW MAL

This has been a summer for attending several functions and meeting Ag. Grads.

Derald 65C, and I were invited to Dog River (Rouleau, SK) on June 20, 2009 to take part in the annual reunion of the Jurelles, our former Agro Orchestra. This is the 5th year that they have gathered to renew old friendships and play for a dance. It was their second year at Rouleau and there were over 200 people in attendance, all eager to dance to the familiar music.

Ag Grads in the orchestra from 64C are **Jerome Martin, Boyd Burrell, Terry Anderson** and **Ed Schulz**. Former classmate **Ted Benedict** and **Cecil Werner 66C** are also members of this group. **Carman Berg, 68C** does not play with them anymore, but is heavily involved with organizing this event. Most of their spouses were present, as was Carman's brother, **Jim 63'BE**. Other Ag Grads we met that night were **Bruce Cheston 66C; Rodney Altwasser 66C** and **Chris Hale 73C**. We hope the Jurelles will be able to continue this tradition for many years to come.

My home town of Unity celebrated its 100th Anniversary from July 1-5, 2009. It was a fabulous event with nearly 1000 people registered. The chairperson of the organizing committee was Sharon Cumming, wife of **Bob Cumming 66S**. Bob kept fairly busy through the whole week as well. Other Ag Grad committee members and volunteers were **Don Wallace 54S** and **Jack Quick 52C**. They organized breakfasts; a tea honoring seniors; Legion Decoration services at two cemeteries; a gala evening with Lieutenant-Governor Gordon Barnhart attending; a fireworks display, a parade; an open air BBQ; a high school reunion; a huge banquet and dance and church services. I think most of the Unity and area residents were involved in some way and they did a marvelous job. Even the weather co-operated.

I remember visiting with **Doug Wallace 65S, Jim Wallace 65C, Gary Keefe 65C, Cliff Simpson, 43C, Bryan Simpson 68S, Stirling McLeod, 68C** and **Doug Sword, 65C**. I'm sure there were many more Ag. Grads in attendance. My apologies to those I have missed. There were people from all over North America, returning to their roots and renewing old friendships. I was accompanied by Jean Macnab, mother of **Heather Macnab 81S**.

Dave Spencer 69C, of Medicine Hat, AB has published a book *The Lands, Brands & Hands of the 76 Ranch*, outlining the history of the many ranch locations created along the CPR line from Balgonie to Langdon, NWT by Sir John Lister Kaye by 1888. Several of these ranches and their satellites were in the Maple Creek area, the chief one being at Crane Lake, just east of Piapot, SK. This book is available at the museums in Maple Creek or Dave can be contacted at ranchhistory@shaw.ca He is always interested in any memories or artifacts to add to this project and would especially like to find some of the old brand books from the 30's, 40's and 50's as the appropriate government departments seem to have not kept copies from this era.

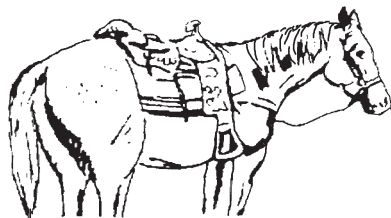
On Aug. 15, 2009, a group including **Dave, Dick 63C**, and **Frances Needham**, along with several others, organized an event called "76 Ranche Round-Up", attended by nearly 300 people from many places in Western Canada. We had a tour of the Crane Lake site, just off the Trans-Canada Highway. From there, everyone went back to Maple Creek where they had two presentations about the history of the 76 Ranch, with displays of maps, letters, branding irons and many pictures gleaned from collections belonging to families whose ancestors worked for the 76. The day ended with a sumptuous roast beef banquet and entertainment featuring local Maple Creek performers. They hope to continue this theme next year at Val Marie.

As far as the Ahner ranch is concerned, we thought at the first of June that we were in for the mother of all droughts. However, it began to rain (and snow) by June third. We have had just enough rain since then to keep the pastures in good condition and provide a reasonable hay crop. The spring crops and gardens are late, as they are all over the province, so we will have to hope for a long, open fall with no heavy frost.

It has been a very interesting and exciting summer.



Empty Saddles



C. H. Vaughn 48S of Eston/ Rosetown passed away April, 2009.

Gosselin, Edward R. 67C passed away on June 13, 2009. Ed was many things to many people: devoted family man, loyal friend, modern gentlemen, natural storyteller, reasoned judge, athlete and coach, avid landscaper and quiet scholar. He was born on August 25, 1942 in Prince Albert. Ed married the love of his life and best friend, Jeannette Brown, in 1969. They were inseparable and an incredible team, eventually settling on an acreage near Melfort, SK where they raised four children. Ed's first career was in agriculture, a love born while helping his father on the family farm near Henribourg, SK. He graduated from the College of Agriculture in 1967 and spent a term working as an agricultural representative in Kindersley, SK. However, his intellectual curiosity and sense of social justice led him to a successful career in law and he graduated from the College of Law in 1973. After five years as Director of Legal Aid in Melfort, Ed was called to the bench as a Judge of the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan in 1979. He served on the bench for 28 years in Melfort and the surrounding rural circuit. Ed's other notable accomplishments include President of the Saskatchewan Provincial Court Judges Association in 1996, the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal in 2005, President of the Melfort Rotary Club in 1993 and Melfort Sportsman of the Year. Ed was passionate about his varied interests. He was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame twice. A creative soul, Ed was as happy playing his guitar and singing as he was landscaping his acreage. An ingenious inventor, he could fix it, design it and implement it. Ed was a devoted reader and spent many enjoyable hours delving into everything from biographies to current affairs to poetry. He found immense joy in life's special moments, sitting on his back deck with a coffee, admiring nature's splendor while visiting with family and friends.

Zeman, Joseph (Joe) 44C was grassroots Saskatchewan. Born February 6, 1914 near Outlook, he grew up on the farm at Kenaston. He died on July 2, 2009. His parents emigrated to Canada from what is now Slovakia. The first time Grade 12 was offered in his hometown he was in the graduating class. He returned to Outlook for his first year of university at the Lutheran college. He graduated from Normal School in Saskatoon, but there were no teaching jobs. In 1937 he entered the College of Agriculture, graduating in 1944. He worked as an agricultural economist for the Canada Department of Agriculture. He met Jessie Shewan. They had four children. Their home in Saskatoon was the hub of the community when he organized sports for his two oldest sons. One winter he coached five hockey teams. Joe managed the first Canadian National Baseball team at the Pan American Games in Winnipeg in 1967. He then started his volunteer board member phase. He and his daughter Brenda wrote a book on Saskatchewan hockey. In the 90s Joe became a fixture on coffee row; five coffee rows, to be exact. Joe was the ultimate volunteer. He gave generously of himself and his pocketbook. He was made an Honorary Life Member of SAGA in 1957.

Douglas Warren Broberg 48S (March 5, 1921 - June 22, 2009) of Spalding SK, passed away peacefully at the age of 88 years at Humboldt Hospital with his beloved wife, Cecilia, and family by his side. He fought a courageous battle with cancer. Doug was born March 5, 1921 in Watson, SK. In 1941 he joined the Postal Corp. After the war, Doug attended U of S and received a Diploma from the School of Agriculture in 1948. In 1949, Doug married Cecilia Sweluk (RN). Together they raised eight children on the family farm. Doug was a loving husband and father. He coached hockey, baseball, 4-H Light Horse, and 4-H Woodworking. Doug enjoyed making fine furniture, music, bridge, square dancing and travel. Some of his artistic hobbies were: painting, leather work, stone work, stained glass and silver-smithing. Doug was instrumental in the building of the Spalding skating rink and the founding of the local Co-op and Credit Union.

Donald Lambie 52C passed away suddenly at home on July 27/09 at the age of 78. Don was born in Dubuc, SK, on October 24/30. After graduation with his BSA, he worked for Municipal Affairs, now known as SAMA, until his retirement in 1987. In retirement his greatest loves were spending time with his four grandchildren, golfing, bowling, curling, puttering in the garden and cheering for the

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Roughriders. He enjoyed travelling with his wife, Marie, to various parts of the world including Scotland and southeast Asia. He also frequented the casino with friends and family and enjoyed meals out with them.

Bernard Wright Linnell 51S died on July 3, 2009. He was born and raised on the family farm at Summerberry, where he farmed all his life. He was a cousin of **Joe Linnell**, Honorary Life Member of SAGA (1998). His family and farming were very important to him. He enjoyed playing and coaching hockey and participated in fastball and curling. He was actively involved in the cooperative movement through the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, Credit Union, local Co-op, and Co-op Implements.

Abram Hoffer 38C was born Nov. 11, 1917 on his parents' farm in southern Saskatchewan. He died on May 27, 2009 in Victoria at age 91. He concentrated on agricultural chemistry as a student and graduated with his BSA with Great Distinction. He completed an MSc in ag biochemistry in 1940 and with the help of a scholarship he began to work toward his doctorate at the U of Minnesota. Lack of funds forced him to take a job in Winnipeg in a laboratory at Purity Flour Mills. He completed the research for his PhD while working full time. He and his young family moved to Saskatoon where he entered medical school at the U of S and completed his degree in 1949 and interned at City Hospital in Saskatoon. Here he began his career in psychiatric research. He and his family moved to Regina in 1951, where he was a resident in the psychiatric wing of Regina's general hospital. He and several English co-workers conduct-

ed original research in treatment of schizophrenia. After considerable frustration with what he saw as collusion between the pharmaceutical industry and the medical establishment, he resigned his official positions and went into private practice and eventually moved to Victoria. He protested mandatory retirement rules for doctors and eventually won his appeal. He continued to work in private psychiatric practice until retirement in 2004.

C.W. Gibbings 42C was raised on a farm at Rosetown and graduated from the College of Agriculture in 1942. During his senior year and after graduation, he served the College as a public speaking instructor. He became a Wheat Pool Delegate in 1946 and President in 1960 after serving as a Director and Vice-President. Charlie developed a keen business sense by operating his farm and he brought that attribute to Sask Pool. He was thus able to offer leadership as the Pool grew and undertook expansion into new agriculture-related areas. He was the spark that ignited the stunning growth of the Pool during the sixties. But perhaps his main strength was as an advocate for farmers in the area of public policy for agriculture. He was a highly-respected spokesperson in provincial, national and international forums. He listened well to farmer concerns and was articulate in advancing those concerns to all levels of government. Charlie was a sought-after speaker wherever people gathered to discuss farming and agriculture. He continued to serve farmers when he joined the Canadian Wheat Board as a Commissioner in 1969. He travelled the world promoting and marketing prairie grain. And he was an advisor to Canadian grain and trade delegations on numerous occasions. His dedicated service to Saskatchewan was recognized by

being the recipient of many awards among them an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Saskatchewan and induction into the Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame. Other recognition awards included a Canadian Centennial Medal in 1967, Fellow of the AIC in 1967 and Honorary Life Member of SAGA in 1974. His personable manner and great intelligence created a respect that allowed him to be effective in advancing clearly-defined goals for Canadian farmers. He was a great leader and a faithful servant who inspired people to take joint action to solve their problems. He was a proud native son of our province.

Kenneth Miller Farrer 48S, June 26, 1918 to August 12, 2009. Ken was born in Nash Creek, NB, and moved west with his parents as an infant. His parents were on a harvest crew and ended up in the Sceptre area. He rode to school on a horse until Grade 7, completed grades 8 to 10 by correspondence and grades 11 and 12 in Sceptre. Ken was part of the Sceptre Cattleman's Assoc. and its secretary for 30 years. One of his hobbies was coin and stamp collection. He started this as a young lad and continued it into old age as part of the Medicine Hat Coin and Stamp Club. Ken attended the U of S and took classes in both agriculture and engineering and did some teaching as well. He married Murial Patricia Smalley in 1948 and they had three children.

Tannin Dungey 02C Dec. 16, 1976 - Oct. 2, 2008 Tannin received her BSc in Agriculture from the U of S in 2002. Upon graduation she undertook a journey to save and study animals wherever she could, a trek that took her to Athens, Greece; to the University of Edinburgh in Scotland for her Master's

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in Animal Behaviour; and eventually back to Calgary. Tannin had meant to continue her education in Veterinary Medicine, but realized certain aspects were not for her. She opened an animal behaviour business in Calgary, but kept dispensing free advice, which led her to become a top salesperson in medical sales instead. In her capacity as an Animal Behaviourist, she was a volunteer at the Humane Society assisting in interaction with young offenders. She married Billy Richardson on Nov. 14, 2007. Sadly, after being diagnosed with Stage 4 melanoma in May 2008, she was unable to celebrate their first anniversary.

Albert (Al) L.D. Martin 49C passed away on Dec. 22, 2008 at the age of 87. Left to mourn are wife Patricia, daughters Shirley, Joan, Linda, son Douglas, and step-daughter Larissa. Al was born in 1921 and raised on a farm in SW Saskatchewan. In June 1940 he joined the army. He served overseas, including D-Day, until his discharge in 1945. He obtained BSA and MSc degrees at the U of S. Al was employed at the Experimental Farm at Indian Head and later transferred to the Agriculture Canada Research Station in Winnipeg. In 1960 he became a Crop Specialist with Manitoba Agriculture. He was later promoted to Chief of the Crops Section, where he stayed until his retirement

Cattle and Heritage

Starting in Mexico and ending some four hundred miles north of the USA/ Canada border is the longest contiguous plains area in the world and the area between the Rockies and the Mississippi is highly fertile land. Texas imported Longhorn cattle from Mexico and developed a thriving cattle industry that soon surpassed local demand.

To handle the surplus cattle, enterprising ranchers drove the cattle northward to virgin grazing land, populating new ranches. And they drove some to railhead to be shipped eastward to meet the growing demand for beef by an expanding population in the eastern USA. The Great Western Trail was the main route for this movement and between 1850 and 1885 some 5 to 8 million head of live-stock were herded over this trail. More than 60,000 head of cattle and horses were moved into Canada to be used as breeding stock for ranches and to provide beef and mounts for the NWMP.

The Rotary Club of Regina agreed to assist the Rotary Club of Vernon Texas to complete marking this historic trail. (Texas Rotarians will have placed a concrete marker

in 1985. In 1970-71 Al went to Kenya, under sponsorship of CIDA, where he was stationed near Nairobi. Al was an ardent supporter of his church and a long time member of the Knights of Columbus. He was also active in the formative years of his church Parish Council and served two terms as President. He and wife Patricia loved to travel, touring much of Europe and enjoying 11 cruises on the open seas. They spent many winter evenings square and round dancing with their many friends.

From the *Green and White*:

Chasse, Phillip 37S of North Battleford, Feb. 20/08

Boesch, Maurice Dean 53C of Gray and Regina, May 15/08

Clarke, James (Jim) Weir 48C of Saskatoon, June 2/08

Murch, Clifford (Cliff) Ernest 48S of Lancer, Apr. 29/08

Campbell, Joseph (Joe) Dempsey 41C, MSc 50 (McGill), PhD (Michigan) of Victoria, Mar. 24/08

Panamaroff, Edward Victor 64S of Sonningdale, May 1/08

every eight miles from within Mexico to the Canadian border by 2010). This Saskatchewan involvement was achieved by placing a descriptive plaque and marker in Regina, the home of Canadian Western Agribition, and also in Val Marie, the northern terminus of the Trail.

The committee included **Ted Turner 48S** and **Bill Small 48S**. The chair of the Val Marie event was **Sherri Grant HE '74**. Her spouse, **Lynn Grant 73C**, was also involved. This project helps to preserve an important piece of agricultural history in Saskatchewan.

On November 27 2008, **Bill Small 48S** was honoured by the World Simmental Association at a banquet in Regina. The association, which covers 30 countries, presented Bill with the Golden Simmental Book as recognition for his leadership in the cattle industry and for six years as a Director of the Canadian Simmental Assoc. including one year as President. Our Ag Grads show up in leadership roles all over the world. Bill was a founder of Agribition, a one time President and served on its Board for many years.

Agros Everywhere

The Saskatchewan Forage Council extends its sincere congratulations to **Bazil Fritz 73C** on winning the 2009 Forage Industry Innovation Award.

The Forage Industry Innovation Award was developed by the Saskatchewan Forage Council in 2008 to acknowledge exemplary innovation, leadership, service and stewardship in Saskatchewan's forage industry by producers, land managers, agency staff and researchers.

Bazil is a long-time advocate for the forage industry who worked as a Forage and Livestock Specialist with the Saskatchewan government for many years. In this role, he excelled as a leader in the grazing and livestock sector in

the province, as his emphasis was on producers and practical solutions. Bazil's interests focus on the economics of grazing livestock production as he believes that perennial forages play an important role in profitable livestock operations.

Bazil also has a passion for international development work. He has worked on forage and grazing projects in both the Ukraine and China aimed at promoting sustainable livestock and grassland management. He has also hosted many international delegations to Canada to show how agronomic practices are implemented and how extension is conducted in Canada.

Hauling Winter Feed a World Apart



*Hauling winter feed
- Inner Mongolia
(left) and northern
Saskatchewan
(below).*



The Hitching Post

Tiffany Gutzke 08C and **Lane Martinka 08C** were married in Weyburn on July 11. Lane is an Area Marketing Rep for Richardson Pioneer in Wakaw and Tiffany's position is the agronomy specialist for Eastern Saskatchewan for the Canola Council of Canada.

Krista Connick 00C, daughter of **Don 65C**, and Norma, wed Craig Todd, June 20, 2009, in Gull Lake, SK. They reside in Tompkins, SK and ranch nearby. Krista is a Rangeland Agrolgist with Sask. Water Authority.

The SAGA Honorary Life and the SAHF Inductee Awards - a Comparison

The Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates' Association (*SAGA*) may award annually one or two Honorary Life memberships as its means of individual recognition. The Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame (*SAHF*) may induct people annually into the Hall as its main purpose. The number is not fixed but usually is 3-5. Some of the similarities and differences for these honors are as follows.

A major similarity is that both awards are for exceptional, meritorious, and sustained contributions to society with a strong relationship to the agricultural community in the broadest sense. In both cases, the service or contribution has to be continued over a longer period of time. In each instance, the nominee's success is strengthened by showing a breadth of abilities i.e. by having participated in or given support to issues beyond their major interest or strength. Membership on the executive of either the *SAHF* or the *SAGA* is not required criteria for these awards although it is a point, amongst others, when the selection committees make consideration. In each organization, current board or executive members are excluded from consideration for the awards.

The differences in the awards are subtle. One major distinction is that *SAHF* inductees must have made their major contributions in Saskatchewan. The *SAGA* has no restrictions on where individuals earned their nominations.

The *SAGA* selection process is a committee of three, chaired by the past-president, that meets and makes a recommendation to the executive for approval. The executive then takes the recommendation before the AGM for approval. The *SAHF* solicits nominations and votes on nominees at an October meeting. Each director present casts a vote by ranking all nominees numerically, with their top choice as number one. The resulting votes are summed and the highest standing candidate(s) will have the least total. A cut-off is then agreed to on how many of the group

will be inducted the following August. Nominees from the list who fall below the cut-off remain on the list for a maximum of two more years. A person may be re-nominated if they were yet unsuccessful. Experience has shown many inductees have been approved on the second or third vote, whereas re-nominations often fail for lack of additional information coming forward.

The *SAGA* has many non-grads as Honorary Life members. I counted 15 when scanning the current HL list.

Within the *SAGA* and *SAHF*, the awards are taken as serious matters and are backed by information that is verified. Each award requires three people to initiate it. The *SAGA* has a three-member selection committee and the *SAHF* requires three signatures on its nomination form. Neither organization will divulge nominees' names until they are successful so as to avoid embarrassment to unsuccessful nominees. Neither organization accepts direct private personal financial contributions respecting a nominee. Individuals may and do make donations to either organization. The costs of the *SAGA* nominations are borne by the *SAGA*. The *SAHF* has a fee to cover such things as an artist, a biography plaque, a book record of inductees and the display area at the WDM in Saskatoon.

To best understand these awards, it is useful to look at the websites for each organization. The *SAHF* website is www.sahf.ca and the *SAGA* is www.saskaggrads.com - a new website as of December 2008. The *SAHF* website has a nomination form that should be used. The *SAGA* has no form but a nomination should contain all the information one can muster about the person. Thoroughly prepared nominations for either award are much more likely to succeed and thus reward nominators for their efforts.

R.B. McKercher,
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