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FROM THE DESK OF DEAN WHITE

At this time of year our thoughts are on the harvest on the farms but for the College of Agriculture their main crop was "Harvested" on May 12th when 50 students graduated: An additional dozen or so students were short a class or so. Many of these will qualify for the B.S.A. degree by the November 1969 Convocation.

In general, the employment situation was not buoyant in the spring. In spite of this, to the best of our knowledge, all new graduates seeking employment were placed. Now there are at least a few jobs begging.

Dr. D.R. Knott and Dr. E.S. Humbert each have returned after a year on sabbatical leave. Dr. Knott spent an interesting and profitable year in Australia with side trips to New Zealand. Going by way of Europe, he circled the globe.

Dr. Humbert spent the year at Corvallis, Oregon, in the Food Science Department and gained a very valuable experience in that subject matter area.

This year Dr. Graham Simpson from the Crop Science Department is on sabbatical leave. He will be continuing his research on the germination inhibitor in wild oat seed.

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY SERVICES OVERSEAS

Brian Marson, Director of Asian Programs sent in the following letter:

Canadian University Service Overseas (CUSO) sends agriculturalists with professional degrees or diplomas to serve in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean for two years at local rates of pay. Although not financially rewarding CUSO gives agriculturalists an opportunity to do something practical towards solving the world's food and hunger problems. It is also a great opportunity to learn, both about other countries and about international agriculture.

At the present time, young agriculturalists from various parts of Canada are applying their skills to help countries such as India, Tanzania, Jamaica, Ghana,

and Chile increase their agricultural output and apply modern methods of scientific agriculture to economies which are 80% agricultural. India, CUSO agriculturalist Don Miedema works on a rural experimental farm which is introducing new varieties of Wheat, Maize, and Sugar Cane into the area. In addition, the extension work programme he supervises takes irrigation, seeds, fertilizer, and pesticides to farmers throughout the region. In Jamaica, agriculturalist Jim Bradley is teaching at the Jamaica School of Agriculture, as well as supervising the cultivation of Bananas, Sugar Cane, and vegetables, on the School farm. In Malaysia, Roger Lamont is working at a government agricultural experimental station, developing new grasses and legumes for the pasture lands of Borneo.

Any agriculturalists interested in an exciting two years in a developing country are invited to write to:

CUSO		Dr. C.M. Williams
151 Slater Street	or if in	Dept. of Animal Science
OTTAWA 4, Ontario.	Sask.	University of Saskatchewan.

for further information about the types of assignments available, and conditions of service.

Recent graduates who have or are serving with CUSO include:

NAME	CUSO TERM	PLACE
Lorne Anderson '69	69-71	Tanzania
Ed Reimer '69	69-71	Tanzania
Doug Windsor '68	68-70	Guyana
Harold Fast '67	67-69	Tanzania
Jim Kidd '66	66-68	Tanzania (formerly Jamaica)
George Janzen '64	64-66	India (Agric. Coordinator in India)

Agros Here and There

According to the August issue of MacLeans Magazine, today's fashionable dog is bigger than you are and it's your turn to be his best friend. Not even St. Bernards can be counted on these days. Roy Crawford '55, a University professor in Saskatoon, took four of his St. Bernards and a cat called Dirty Nellie out for a walk on the prairie one night at 40 degrees below, and pretended to drop from fatigue to see if his St. Bernards would try to warm him with their body heat. The dogs took a good look to make sure he was dead, then started chasing the cat which apparently they had always wanted to eat".

Quite a number of Sask. grads took part in the Canadian Forage Crops Symposium held last May in Edmonton. Among them were Alex Johnson '41, C.D.A. Lethbridge; Dave Heinrichs '38, C.D.A. Swift Current, Earl Johnson, Sask. Dept. of Agriculture, Regina; Mark Kilaber '49, C.D.A. Swift Current; Harry Ukrainetz

'51, C.D.A. Saskatoon; Bernie Goplen '52, C.D.A. Saskatoon; Bob Lodge '49, C.D.A. Swift Current; C.R. Elliot '66, C.D.A. Beaverlodge; and Bob Knowles '42, Head of the Crops Section of C.D.A. in Saskatoon. Bob was honored at the Awards Banquet with the Western Co-op Fertilizers Merit Award for his development and improvement of brome and crested wheat varieties.

Ernie Spencer '65 has just finished his M.Sc. in Animal Science and has been appointed extension specialist and lab director of the feed testing service that should be in full swing this fall. Brother David Spencer '69 is Assistant District Agriculturalist at Medicine Hat.

Jim Banford '57 was elected to the U. of S. Senate and represents the Maple Creek-Shaunovan District. Don Blackburn '53 was back in Saskatoon this summer to teach a summer school course. Don was Ag. Rep. at Colonsay before he went to Grad. School; he is now in the Extension Department at the University of Guelph. Bob Forshaw who taught Animal Husbandry in Saskatoon in the 1940's is also at Guelph. John Dorgan '61 is Registrar for the Saskatoon Campus; and Murray Riddell '49 is administrative assistant to the Dean of Veterinary Medicine.

Bryon Delarue '68 has left the Saskatchewan Government to work with the Chemical and Fertilizer Division of Cominco at Grande Prairie, Alberta. Zenan Kondra '67 has moved from Plant Science at the University of Manitoba to Crop Science at the University of Alberta. Brian Fowler '64 has just finished his Ph.D. in Winnipeg.

Ross Greenshields '49 is back as Director of the C.D.A. Station in Saskatoon after a year in Quebec polishing his French and curling. Reports indicated that his French has improved. Ross took over in August as President of the Agriculture Institute of Canada for the next year.

Sol Sinclair '32 returned to the University of Manitoba last summer from his assignment as Head of the Development Planning Division of the Ministry of Agriculture in Nairobi, Kenya. Soon after his return, Sol was appointed Director of the Natural Resource Institute, which offers a program leading to the M.Sc. in Resource Management; and has recently been made chairman of the Advisory Committee to the freshwater fish marketing board.

Fred Townley-Smith '64 has received his Ph.D. from the University of Guelph and is now involved with the wheat breeding program at Swift Current.

Dean Bill White '32 organized a midsummer golf tournament for the College Faculty. Bill Howell came in with the lowest gross score and Stu Nelson with the lowest net. Doug Knott was a contender until he encountered a sandtrap on the back nine. There was some debate about the best means of scoring the hole. Cubic feet of sand moved was suggested. The root of the problem lay in Doug's clubs

which were of 1925 vintage and borrowed from his father-in-law. The last time they had been used was in an African jungle course. One of the "clubs" was a 25 inch machette, used for personal protection and improving the lie.

Art Stilborn '41 received a letter from Ramani Laswai '69 who has returned to Tanzania where he is with the Advisory Service of the Ministry of Agriculture, which is undertaking a 5-year development plan to increase food production.

Gordon Wells '66 completed his M.Sc. in Animal Science in Edmonton this spring and has started working as a livestock specialist with the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture.

Rudolph Wolfe '69 is farming at Holdfast.

Does any family have more Ag Grads than the Blairs of Lanigan? Wilson Blair '63 is farming in partnership with his father, J.L. Blair '25; another son Sidney Blair '61 is with Simplot in Brandon. A daughter, Alice (B.Sc. Home Ec. '69) is married to Jim Hammond '69 who is farming in Biggar.

Lawrence McNabb '65 is Ag. Rep. at Eastend and has a family of three girls. Gerald Wilson '67 is working in the Livestock and Feeds Division of National Grain in Winnipeg.

E.G. Booth '23 has returned this spring from Russia, Yugoslavia and Hungary after directing a U.S. Department of Commerce trade mission. He retired July 31 as Director of the Regional Department of Commerce in St. Paul after 42 years in the U.S. government service.

Howie Benjamin '50 graduated from St. Andrew's College this spring and was ordained on June 1; and will be the United Church minister at Ceylon, Sask.

Stu Adams '68 has left Estevan to become the Ag. Rep. at Wynyard. Cam Ross '68 has moved from Saskatoon to Edmonton where he is an Agriculture Sales Representative with Federated Co-op.

Maurice Delage '69 is Parks and Recreation Director for the town of Nipawin. Jim McPeak '67 has left Intercontinental Packers to become Canadian Service Manager for the Tripp-Way Hog Corp.

Albert Boyko '65 has gone to Edmonton as a Public Health engineer for the Department of National Health and Welfare where he will set up and direct a lab for the control of water pollution.

Lydal Waddington '64 is farming at Ruthilda.

The College of Veterinary Medicine Building was officially opened on July 3, 1969. The first class which numbered 26 graduated this spring. Terry Church '62, who was the only student to graduate with great distinction, also received the Gold Medal Faculty Award, the first proficiency prize for highest grades in the final year, and the W.G. Stevenson Memorial Award for highest proficiency

in Pharmacology. Terry is going into practice at Lethbridge. Bob Evanson '64 also received his D.V.M. this spring and is practising at Tisdale. Ed. Dorosz '66 is in the Veterinary Medicine class of '71.

Garlin Olsen '48 has left Federated Co-op to do graduate work in Poultry Science. Andy Bunn '54 is with Pay Way Feeds in Saskatoon, having left Federated Co-op.

George Ken '54 sent word that he visited his brother-in-law, Albert Gorrill '58 in the Maritimes last summer. George is with the Farm Credit Corp. in Weyburn. Keith Johnstone '66 is working for Weyburn Mills and Cyril Edwards '65 is with the farm Credit Corp. in Tisdale.

Al Hassett '37 is still in the real estate business where he had a visit from Tom McLeod '37. Al and family spent last Christmas with Tom Brydon '13 at Victoria. Likewise Lloyd Rasmusson '36, from Edmonton arrived in time for the Christmas blizzard.

Vernon Racz '68, Alan Arthur '68, and Grant Royan '67 will start M.Sc. studies this fall in Animal Science at Saskatoon.

Harvey Demorest '51 is with the Plant Protection Division of C.D.A. in Vancouver.

Barry Dodge '69 was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident in June but recovered sufficiently to be released from hospital for his marriage July 5.

Alex Simpson '68 of Unity is with the Municipal Assessment Branch in northern Alberta. Bill Janzen '66 is now with Co-op Trust in Saskatoon, and David Isaak '65 from Medstead is teaching high school at Lloydminster.

Oral Young '46 completed the Rotary Walkathon course of 20 miles around Saskatoon on Sept. 20. His effort brought in over \$300 for the Boy Scouts.

Big plans are underway for the twenty year reunion for the 1950 class. Chairman, Eiler Humbert, reports that a letter will soon be going out to all the grads of that year outlining the details.

Married:

Gorden Wells '66 to Mary Ellen Rogers on April 12, 1969.

Gerald Wilson '67 to Linda Joan Stewart on May 2, 1969.

Gerald Girodat '64 to Helen Jean Ledingham on April 12, 1969.

Richard Nagel '65 to Thelma Kindop.

George Weaver '68 to Brenda Freeman on June 8, 1968.

Barry Hodge '69 to Joyce Sharpe on July 5, 1969.

Keith Weaver '66 in July 1969.

Lorne Crosson '66 to Marge Bowles on June 21, 1969.

Gremlins Again:

The first response to the May Newsletter was from Terry Arn '68 telling us that George Weaver '68 was married to Brenda Freeman -- not Terry as reported in the Newsletter. Our apologies to all concerned!

Born to:

L. McNabb '65 and wife, a daughter, Camille, on December 8 '68

Jim Marshall '66 and wife, a son, Jeffry Waine, on January 13 '69

Jules Larochelle '67 and Paulette, a son, Luc Michel, on March 7 '69

Erven Mackintosh '62 and Gail, a daughter, Michelle Stephanie, on April 24 '69

Harold Rostad '64 and Grace, a son, Douglas Graham, on May 13 '69

Bob Gardiner '62 and Karla, a son, Douglas Jeffrey.

Died:

Howard Gerrie '28, at Saskatoon.

Kasper Aasen '29, at Bladworth, Sask.

Walden Ewert '39, at Ottawa, Ontario.

The S.A.G.A. NEWSLETTER needs news. Births, marriages, deaths, travel, job changes, or just plain gossip about yourself or other Ag. Grads. Send them to:

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