

# Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association



# Newsletter

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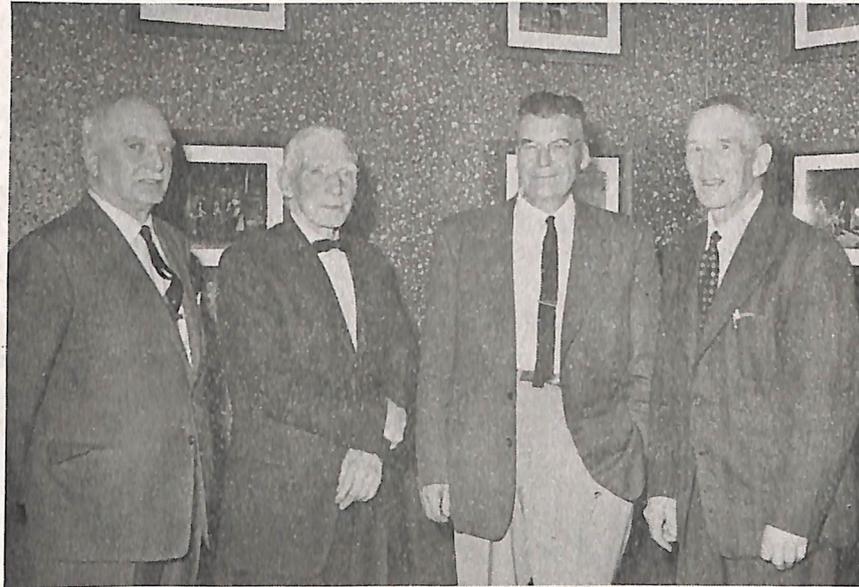
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**28TH**  
**ANNUAL REUNION**  
**JAN. 5 - 8**  
**HONOR YEAR**  
**1943**



Old Grads Meet in Victoria - Tom Brydon, '12, reports a recent dinner meeting which he arranged with Jack Cameron, '12, Harvey Harrop, '12, and Bill Ibbetson, '12, to celebrate 50 years of friendship. Tom writes further, "As you could expect some of the stories told were priceless and it would appear the students now are a well behaved bunch, at least we can hope so. Bill I. hasn't been too well but as good company as ever. Harvey H. not quite so active but looks very well. J. Cameron doesn't change much, yours truly lost a bit of weight but still doing the odd bit of judging at some of the local Fairs. We drank a health to all the 1912 gang still with us (in sherry).



An informal reunion of 1912 grads living on Vancouver Island --  
Jack Cameron, Bill Ibbetson, Harvey Harrop and Tom Brydon.

Jack C. and Harvey look very well but Bill and I are getting to the scraggy stage, of course, we are the senior members of the group, Bill 74, and I am 75 next month.

A Trip to Europe with Lin and Margaret Bolton - Steve Burkell and Bernie Goplen have put the squeeze on me, and even at the risk of being called an expert, I have consented to tell you something of the trip Margaret and I took to Europe last summer.

First of all, who did we see - we saw Don and June Rennie (pre-arranged) in Cambridge, England, and since we had been there two weeks, were able to feel quite superior in acting as guides. Jack Heard and his wife, at the Grassland Research Station, were wonderful hosts and Jack may have plans to return to Canada. Bob Thaine, '52, who many of you will know from Swift Current, is starting work at the Weed Research Institute at Oxford where he will be doing work on plant cytology and anatomy. Jim and Mrs. Harrington entertained us in Rome. They are both leaving FAO and, by now, should be back in Canada. Finally, Sturla and Sigrun Frikrikson took us in charge at Reykjavik and gave us a chance to see and appreciate Iceland which would not have been possible otherwise. I can't recall any others known to Ag Grads here, but we also saw our son, Jim, and his wife, Wilma, with whom we stayed while in Cambridge and with whom we travelled by car to parts of England and for five weeks on the continent. Of course, we also met many other kind, considerate, and interesting people. Even the odd contact with taxi drivers in London and transportation personnel here and there failed to lessen our appreciation of the people overseas.

You may be interested, too, in how we got around and lived. Fortunately, Jim had a new car (Vauxhall station wagon) and we would be hard to convince that it is not the best way to travel. We didn't stay at 4-star hotels (motels are almost non-existent) but we found small hotels and tourist rooms spotlessly clean, comfortable, low priced and

completely adequate. Campsites, where Jim and Wilma stayed vary in quality - some excellent, others not so good. If you are in doubt about accommodation always ask to see it before you take it - they expect you to do so. Restaurants are reasonable, if you pick the right one, and post prices and menus, usually, outside the door. It's a good idea, though, to know something of the local language, or else to carry a phrase book or small dictionary. You can speak English only, of course, but you may have to pay for it by going to high-priced restaurants and hotels. We made no reservations (travelling in June) and found it unnecessary to do so.

Road maps (Esso, Shell, etc.) are available everywhere and every bit as good as here - as are the roads and road signs. Incidentally, United Kingdom, Sweden and Iceland are the only countries in Western Europe that drive left - even that doesn't take too long to master. Custom officials take a minimum of time. Our baggage was never examined. All they were interested in were passports and car insurance - usually a two- to three minute stop. In the large cities, a map is very useful - which can be obtained from any newstand or information centre. Also, unless we had personal contacts, we found guided tours a good way to spend two or three hours and to locate places of interest. In London, of course, the underground will take you wherever you want to go, and at the double. In case you do want to keep in touch with the home folks, you can have your mail sent to the American Express in any large city.

How much does it cost? Well, a return Saskatoon to London will be \$600 or over. In Europe, we were able to live (board and room) adequately for slightly less than \$9.00 a day for the two of us. Car expenses, guided tours, gifts, entertainment, etc., are extra, of course. If you rent a car, we understand it costs between five and ten dollars per day depending on the make of car, size and number of days you have it. Operating expenses are extra and gas is expensive in Europe. Their smaller cars, however, will give you better mileage and the cost per mile will probably be about the same as here. We had lovely weather and ate many picnic meals in beautiful surroundings. Water in certified camps is O.K. and there are plenty of mountain streams in many places if you want to drink water. Beer and wine will often be cheaper than tea or coffee. The food stores are just as good as at home and we had no digestive troubles at any time.

Prominent Sask. Agro. Grad Retires - Dr. Thorvaldur Johnson, '24 - a Brilliant career that spanned 37 years and won international recognition reached a milestone with the retirement on October 19 of Dr. Thorvaldur Johnson, director of Canada Department of Agriculture's Research Station at Winnipeg.

One of Canada's outstanding scientists, Dr. Johnson won acclaim for his research on rust disease of cereal grains which helped make possible the development of resistant varieties. Under his leadership, the Station's plant pathology laboratory -- where he spent most of his years of research - gained a reputation of being the world's leading center for research on cereal rusts.

Born at Arnes, Manitoba, Dr. Johnson attended high school in Saskatoon and took his B.Sc. and B.S.A. degrees at the University of Saskatchewan. He received his M.Sc. and Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota. His education was interrupted by World War I. in which he served with the Royal Air Force.

Dr. Johnson, who was named director of the research station in 1959, previously was officer-in-charge of the Plant Pathology Laboratory which he joined in 1925 as a plant pathologist and where he became a leader in rust research.

Apart from co-ordinating all research projects on rust and mildew diseases of cereals in Canada, Dr. Johnson was directly responsible for studies of stem and leaf rust of wheat, stem rust of oats and for the testing of new wheat and oat varieties for resistance to the disease.

His annual rust surveys, analysis and interpretation of data on the various races of rust were vital in the plant breeding program to develop resistant varieties.

Dr. Johnson's achievements have been acclaimed, not only at home, but in the United States and many other countries where he maintained close liaison with researchers.

His work has also brought him many honors. These include the Elvin Charles Stakman Award in 1958; the 1959 Outstanding Achievement Award of the University of Minnesota, and the 1962 Gold Medal Award of the Professional Institute of the Public Service of

Canada.

Last June, the University of Manitoba awarded him an honorary degree of doctor of science.

Dr. Johnson is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and of the Agricultural Institute of Canada. He has been active in several research groups and has served as chairman of the Associate Committee on Plant diseases. A past president of the Canadian Phytopathological Society, he is also a member of the Scientific Club of Winnipeg.

#### Recent Scholarship Announcements

The College of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan recently announced the awarding of five scholarships and two bursaries.

A Saskatchewan Seed Growers Scholarship worth \$300. was awarded to Bryan Lawrence Sly of Rocanville.

The Saskatchewan Mutual Insurance Scholarship worth \$300 was awarded to Keith Wayne Ayers, Saskatoon.

The Saskatchewan Dairy Association Scholarship worth \$150 went to Cecil Wallace Forsberg, Saskatoon.

The S.N. Horner Scholarship valued at \$300 was won by Orville Lynn Thompson, Wolseley.

The Hantelman Scholarship worth \$500 was won by Charles Wayne Woolfitt of Oxbow and Julian Dumanski of Sheho. The money will be divided equally between them.

Agricultural Research Foundation Bursaries each worth \$250, went to Robert Theodore Gardiner, Lemberg and Edward Hartley Halstead, Saskatoon.

#### HERE AND THERE

##### Ottawa:

The following Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates attended the recent A.R.D.A. Seminar on National Land Capability Inventory in Ottawa: H. Van Vliet, G. Dion, L. Forstad, W.D. Carr, R.A. Stutt, G. Haase, L. Ryan and M.E. Andal.

W. Van Vliet, Washington, was in Ottawa in November to attend the Federal-Provincial Agricultural Conference.

W.F. Ewert is acting as Assistant Director, Agriculture Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics. W.L. Parteous is now Chief, Crops Section of the same Division.

##### Saskatoon:

The entire Saskatchewan Agriculture graduating class of 1963 was entertained recently at a smorgasbord tendered by the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists. Representatives of the various branches throughout the province plus a good representation from the Saskatoon branch provided for a full house. Mr. Sol Sinclair, Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Manitoba, spoke on the agricultural aspects of the E.C.M. He has just returned from a study and tour of the E.C.M. countries.

The purpose of the get together is primarily to acquaint the prospective grads with the S.I.A. and A.I.C. Those responsible are to be commended on a first-rate effort!

Fred McKelvie '49, has recently moved to Saskatoon as a representative for a chemical company. Fred was formerly with P.F.R.A. in Lethbridge.

Bill Copeland '60, is working for the Economics Division, C.D.A., for the winter months. Bill farms at Elrose during the summer.

Al Short '59, is enrolled in the Diploma Course in Education. He hopes to combine a teaching career with his farming operations at Medstead.

While attending the Alfalfa Improvement Conference in Davis, California this past June, Bernie Goplen '52 and family visited with Paul Knowbs '38, Brian Harvey '60 and R.M. Love '32. Dr. Love, who learned his basic cytology from W.P. Thompson, is now chairman of the Agronomy Department, University of California, Davis.

Fred Wilks '42, telephoned Torrie Tollefson '42, while visiting Saskatoon recently. Although Fred was unable to attend the '42 class reunion, he hopes they can get together

in another 10 years. Fred is a United Church minister in Montreal.

R.O. "Pat" Sherwin '49 is presently situated in Shaunavon. He is employed with the Veteran's Land Act.

Norman P. Scharf has been transferred by Canadian Industries Ltd. to Calgary, where he is employed as superintendent of the new Agricultural Chemical Plant. This is to be the first plant of its kind in Canada which will manufacture mercury seed dressings.

Warren Fender (Dip '60) has joined the staff of the School of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan, as Warden of the Residence and Instructor in Public Speaking. Warren replaced Bob Dodds who is now an instructor in the Agricultural Engineering Department, University of Saskatchewan.

Saskatoon people attending the recent course at Arnprior, Ontario for the War Supplies Agency, included Walter Brice and Oliver Symes. They report that Lloyd Rasmusson '36 of Edmonton was also there.

Elsewhere:

Bill Chepil '30, long established at Kansas State College, was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy at the August Meeting at Cornell.

Doug Kent '49, has started building a new farm home at Grenfell. Doug has been busy this year farming, building and working shifts on the natural gas pipeline pumping station near the farm.

Don Webster '52, formerly Agricultural Representative at Outlook is now employed as Technical Sales Representative for Spencer Chemical Company, working on their "Carbyne" wild oat herbicide development program.

Archie Colton, Agricultural Representative at Fort Qu'Appelle has transferred to Outlook to replace Don.

Hugh Kirk, formerly with the Lands Branch in Prince Albert, is now assistant Agricultural Representative at Prince Albert.

A.E. Pungor has recently left the Assessment Branch to accept a position with the Alberta Department of Agriculture in Vauxhall as District Irrigationist.

Foster Barnsley (Dip.'60) is now employed with the Regina Leader Post as an Agricultural Reporter. Rudy Barsness '60, of Frontier is working for Smith-Roles Ltd. as an instructor in rural welding schools.

Art Strautman '48, is living in Edmonton and reports that Joe Zemon and family paid them a visit this past summer and this fall Walt and Joy Doyle of Nipawin paid a weekend visit to Edmonton.

Doug Grant, Agricultural Representative at Swift Current, spent from December 3rd to 5th in St. Paul, Minnesota as a guest at the North Central Weed Control Conference. Doug won the trip as an award for doing an outstanding extension job on Weed Control in 1962.

Jake Brown reports that things are going well for him at the University of Minnesota where he is working for his Ph.D. Degree in Economics.

Kim Thorson '54, hopes to graduate next spring from the College of Law after which he will article with a Saskatoon Law firm. Kim and Myrtle have two children, Eric and Janet.

We were pleased to hear from Dick Merryweather who is currently attending the Graduate School of Public Administration at Harvard University. Dick is working for his Master's Degree and is on educational leave from the Family Farm Improvement Branch.

Ernst Van Graevenitz, '62, is a seed inspector with Plant Products at Chatham, Ontario. Ernst says his field crops course should have included field beans, soybeans and tobacco.

Mr. E.E. Brocklebank, reports that he is enjoying life in Victoria. He says he would like to come back and see the Regina and Saskatoon Exhibitions but the weather is so nice at the coast that it is hard to leave.

Keith Slatzer is the Produce Manager at the New Safeway Store, located at Avenue H and 20th Street in Saskatoon.

Dean V.E. Graham recently received a note from Terry Veeman who is registered in Exeter College, Oxford. Dr. Graham recently attended a meeting of Deans of Agriculture from all across Canada. The meeting was held in Guelph, Ontario. At the meeting were Ted McConnell, A.I.C., Ottawa, and Dr. H.G. Dion who is now Dean at McDonald College and Vice Principal of McGill.

Bob Stirling is doing some post graduate work at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

Elwyn Ewart and Maurice Olmstead both of Sintaluta, had some tough luck this fall when their barns burned down. Elwyn apparently lost several sheep and a good deal of feed.

Bob Cooper, formerly of Edmonton has been transferred by his company to California.

Mr. M.J. Fitzgerald '50, has been appointed Director of P.F.R.A. Previous to this, he was Chief of Administration for P.F.R.A. and has been acting director since the retirement of G.L. MacKenzie last spring.

Al Myhr has resigned from the Dairy Department, University of Saskatchewan, and has accepted a position with the Dairy Department at Guelph. Al will be missed by the S.A.G.A. as he contributed a great deal to its success. We're certain all Agricultural Graduates would want us to extend sincere best wishes to Al and his family in their new location.

Congratulations to Dick Beamish on winning an award for newspaper work.

Stan Hannon, Wes McNaughton and Wally McGuire are working for the winter as instructors at the Calgary Technical Training School. These three fellows previously spent their winters as instructors in the Department of Agricultural Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan.

Pat Burton, formerly a winter instructor in the Agricultural Engineering Department, University of Saskatchewan has accepted a permanent position at the School of Agriculture at Olds, Alberta.

Don Sutherland is presently working towards his M. Sc. Degree in Business Administration at the University of Toronto. We had no address for Don so his last newsletter reportedly reached him via the president of the University of Toronto.

Gordon Bowman recently received his Ph. D. Degree in Animal Genetics from the University of Oklahoma. Gordon has since resigned his position at the Research Station at Lacombe, Alberta, and has joined the Animal Science Department at Guelph.

On behalf of All Agricultural Graduates we extend our sympathy to Dr. C.C. Spence, Ottawa, on the recent passing of his wife. Dr. Spence was made an honorary life member of the Association last year.

On behalf of the Executive of the S.A.G.A., may we extend to all members best wishes for a Happy Yule and a Prosperous 1963.

See you at the Reunion beginning January 5!!!

Hon. Pres. .... John Goodale	Sec. Treas. .... E. S. Humbert
Past Pres. .... W. E. Parkinson	Registrar .... M. Riddell
President .... A. G. Smith	News Editors .... G. M. Farrell
Vice-Pres. .... R. E. Brack	B. P. Goplen

Births:

Gus and Evelyn Pusker - a son (Mikel Kevin) October 25  
 Mr. & Mrs. Philip Stilborn - twins (a boy and a girl) November 14  
 Bill and Esther Hamilton - a son (Robert Ian) November 20  
 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Koturbash - a daughter  
 Mr. & Mrs. K.G. McPherson - a daughter (Catherine Ann) March 6  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ernst Von Graevenitz - a daughter August  
 Dorreen and Bill Craddock - a son (Colin Trevor) October

Marriages:

Nick Volk, Revenue and Pauline Matt - May 26, 1962  
 Warren Fender, Congress and Irene Cuchiran, Regina - September 29, 1962  
 Rupert Newfeldt, Laird and Janice Cromartie - January 29, 1962  
 Reg. Gilstorf and Eve Early - July 28, 1962  
 Lloyd Goulden and Helen Andruik - July 21, 1962  
 Bryan Bittner and Carol Legaarven - October 6, 1962

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S.A.G.A. BONSPIEL - JANUARY 5 & 6, 1963

Headquarters: University of Saskatchewan Curling Club

Telephone 242-7671 Local 331

Bonspiel Information Friday January 4th, 7 - 11 P.M.  
 Saturday January 5th 7:30 P.M.

1. Entries - To avoid disappointment enter immediately. Availability of ice on Saturday restricts the spiel to 48 rinks.
2. Skips - Fill in the attached "Entry Form" giving complete information if possible. If you enter a partial team only, the Bonspiel Committee will assign players who have entered singly.
3. Single Entries - Team entries are preferable, but if you want to curl and cannot form a team, send in your name, address and position you curl and we will do our best to get you on a team.
4. Skips - Indicate if your team can possibly be available for a January 4th (Friday) 7:00 P.M. or 9:00 P.M. draw. If it is possible to run off 6 or 12 games on Friday, at the University of Saskatchewan Rink, we can accommodate more teams and still improve playing times on Saturday.
5. Eligibility - To be eligible for play in the S.A.G.A. Bonspiel a rink must consist of at least three (3) S.A.G.A. members and one of the rink may be a non-member. The non-member must play the lead position on the team. Further for purposes of the Bonspiel, second year School and fourth year College of Agriculture students will be considered eligible to curl any position on a team.

6. First Games - first games in the first event only will be eight ends. Remaining games all ten ends.

7. Deadline - Entries must be in by noon - Thursday, January 4, 1963.

8. Forward Entries to: E. Silzer, Box 500, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.  
Telephone: 242-7671 Local 365.

Entry Form - Agro. Grad. Bonspiel January 5 & 6, 1963

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Grad. Year</u>
Skip	_____	_____	_____
Third	_____	_____	_____
Second	_____	_____	_____
Lead	_____	_____	_____

Rink Name - for Draw Purposes: \_\_\_\_\_

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AG. GRAD. REUNION ACTIVITIES 1963

- January 5 & 6 - Ag. Grad. Bonspiel
  - headquarters - University Curling Rink
- January 5 - 8:00 P.M. Annual Bonspiel Smoker
  - Cafeteria, Intercontinental Packers
- January 6 - Ag. Grad. Annual Tea
  - 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Upper Lounge M.U.B.
- January 7 - Lecture Series - Convocation Hall
  - 8:30 A.M. - Registration
  - 9:30 A.M. - "Marketing Channels Open to Farmers"
  - "Poultry and Livestock Products" - H.S. Hanna, Director, Animal Industry Branch, Regina, Saskatchewan.
  - "Livestock" - J.R. Blacklock, Blacklock Auction Service Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
  - "Grain" - C. W. Gibbings, President, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, Regina, Sask.
  - "What's Ahead in Marketing?" - A.H. Turner, Director, Economics Division, C.D.A., Ottawa
  - 12:30 P.M. Lunch - Kirk Hall Cafeteria
  - 2:00 P.M. - "Address of Welcome"
  - "The Myth of the Family Farm" - O. Lang, Dean of Law, University of Saskatchewan.
  - 3:00 P.M. - "Agricultural Education in Our High Schools"
  - O. A. Turnbull, Minister of Education, Regina.

4:00 P.M. - Business Meeting

7:30 P.M. - Evening Entertainment, Kirk Hall Auditorium,  
University of Saskatchewan.

January 8 - - - 9:00 A.M. - Business Meeting - Kirk Hall

10:30 A.M. - Symposium - "Crop Production in the Technological Age"

Moderator: B.F. Murphy, Law Office,  
Goetz and Murphy, Regina

D.T. Anderson, Agricultural Engineer,  
Research Branch, Lethbridge, Alberta.

D.S. McBean, Cerealists, Research Branch,  
Swift Current, Saskatchewan.

H.A. Friesen, Head, Crops and Soils  
Section, Research Branch, Lacombe, Alta.

12:30 P.M. - Lunch - Kirk Hall Cafeteria.

2:00 P.M. - Joint Meeting with C.S.G.A. in Convocation Hall.

2:10 P.M. - "The A.R.D.A. Program" - A. T. Davidson, Director  
Agriculture Rehabilitation and Development Act,  
C.D.A., Ottawa.

3:30 P.M. - "Wheat - Through a Glass Darkly" - Dr. J.A. Anderson,  
Director, C.D.A. Research Station, Winnipeg.

6:30 P.M. - Annual S.A.G.A. Banquet and Dance, Bessborough Hotel.

FARM AND HOME WEEK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 7 and 8 - S.A.G.A. Annual Meeting and Special Lectures

January 8 - Canadian Seed Growers Association Annual Meeting

January 9 - Saskatchewan Field Husbandry Association Annual Meeting

January 10 - 11 - Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies Association Annual Meeting

Special Program for Farm Women - January 9, 10 and 11.

Saskatchewan Provincial Seed Fair - January 8 to 11.

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