

# Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association



## Newsletter



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HONOR YEAR REUNION, JANUARY 1964 (by Burt Craig) - Time is slipping by and January and Ag Grad Reunion are just around the corner. Twenty four years ago, 29 boys and 3 girls joined the Blue and White Brigade at the start of tumultuous times. The war years interrupted the careers of several of our fellows. During the four years, 10 more joined the ranks and 21 graduated in May '44. In the intervening years to now, 2 members of the class have passed on. Seven others have proceeded on to further formal education and hold Ph.D. degrees from a variety of other universities.

Plans are going ahead for the Reunion with talks being lined up by Art Wenhardt. Joe Zeman is looking for 2 rinks from the Honor Year to take over a couple of the trophies. A letter is on the way to the graduates and those who had their careers interrupted. Please let's have one answer to each letter.

FLASH! - First Year Enrolment in the College this fall is 134, plus 27 pre-vets.

AGROS - HERE AND THERE - Gerald Dyck ('60) is now working on his Ph.D. at Iowa State, Ames. His thesis topic is in the field of genetics and swine production. William Ibbotson ('15), R.R. #5, Victoria, visited Saskatoon this summer and he and Spike Smith ('15) spent a day touring around the city and campus to see some of their old haunts.

Travel highlights of Dr. J.L. Bolton's trip to Russia this spring.

Realizing how useful women can be; e.g., at mixing concrete, laying bricks, setting railway ties, etc.

Five little boys accosting me in a Leningrad Park and gesticulating to have their picture taken - and then tearing off like mad as soon as I had snapped them.

Envyng Soviet professional agriculturists their large areas of top notch experimental plots and plentiful labor supply.

Seeing a field of winter wheat that was expected to yield 80 bushels per acre - and I'm sure it did.

Arguing genetic theory at Odessa (nobody won) and having it suggested that maybe my views were not too incompatible with those of Michurin.

Being amazed at the "bottoms up" technique of the Russians. I understand the only way to combat it is to bring your own Scotch.

Observing "slick chicks" especially in Intourist offices - new hair styles, dyed hair, painted finger nails, eyebrows, etc. - very much up-to-date indeed.

Being startled at the excellent service in a restaurant in Krasnodar. Turned out that the manager was a German communist, turned Russian, who was operating with typical German efficiency.

Flying over the deserts of Central Asia. For about 2 hours by jet, we saw little besides dry water courses separating mile after mile of sand dunes.

Seeing a "typical" peasant - complete with work clothes and cap - hob-nobbing with faultlessly dressed comrades at ballet performance in the Kremlin Palace.

Sweating down a street in Delhi at 100°F. and being passed by an Indian in dark suit, collar and tie, and looking cool as a cucumber.

Having to pay about eight dollars for a meal in the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, but feeling it worth it after the last six weeks.

Dean V.E. Graham ('27) is on one year's leave of absence. During his leave, Dr. W.L. Hutcheon ('39) head of the Soil Science Department, is acting dean and Dr. D.A. Rennie ('49) is acting head of the Soil Science Department. Doug Laurie ('44) is now Provincial Service Manager for John Deere and is stationed in Regina. A classmate of Doug's, Les Dean ('44) is at North Battleford with the Star News. Family statistics - 1 and 3, respectively. Congratulations to Wayne Woolfitt ('62) on winning a \$3,000 Scholarship of the Agricultural Institute of Canada. Wayne is currently on post-graduate studies in Edinburgh. Two agro grads figured prominently in recent P.F.R.A. changes: Maurice LaRose ('49) was named regional supervisor of water development for western Saskatchewan and Fred Langley ('50) was named supervisor of irrigation projects in southwestern Saskatchewan.

It was nice to hear from J.D. Campbell ('41) who has recently returned to Canada after an absence of 22 years. He is now an associate professor in the Plant Science Department at U. of Manitoba and his special field of interest is vegetable crops. Lavern Voldeng ('63) of Naicam was appointed assistant ag. rep. of the Saskatoon district to take up the slack while Don Blackburn ('53) is away on graduate studies. A.A. Watkin ('58), an ag. rep. of Ashern, Manitoba, since 1959, was appointed pasture management specialist with the Manitoba Soils and Crops Branch.

Prominent recognition was accorded 2 of our graduates in the spring convocation of the U. of Saskatchewan. Dr. J.B. Harrington ('20) former head of the Crop Science Department, U. of S., and C.H. Whiting ('29), prominent farmer and agricultural leader, were presented with the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws (LL.D.). Our sincere congratulations to you both. During Dr. Harrington's visit to Saskatoon this spring, his wife (the former Dr. Margaret Hockin) who had worked for the FAO as director of the Home Economics Branch, addressed a meeting arranged by the Saskatoon Home Economics Association.

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When white man discovered this country, the  
Indians were running it. There were no  
taxes, there was no debt. The women did  
all the work. And white man thought he  
could improve on a system like that!

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Congratulations to Earl Johnson ('51) on his election as president of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists for 1963-64. Jake Brown ('51) is still busy on his Ph.D. program at the University of Minnesota and is the recipient of a \$3,000 A.I.C. Scholarship. Elmer Walter ('51) obtained his Ph.D. in Poultry Nutrition from Washington State in 1963. Elmer was formerly at Brandon, but is now at the Research Station, Lethbridge. The Walters doubled their output in the U.S. and now have 2 children. Bob Bradley ('62) is Soils Specialist with the Manitoba Department of Agriculture at Brandon. J.H. Strain ('49) obtained his Ph.D. from Iowa in 1961 and is now Poultry Geneticist at the Experimental Farm at Brandon. W.S. Ferguson ('50) obtained his Ph.D. in 1962 and is now in charge of Soil Fertility at the Experimental Farm at Brandon. Wilf is an M.I.A. Councilor for the 1962-64 term. Another Sask. Grad, Hugo Gross ('52) is in charge of Forage Crops at the Experimental Farm, Brandon. Bob McKercher ('54) left for Aberdeen, Scotland, in September to begin a 3-year graduate Ph.D. program at the MacAuley Institute. Watch those Scottish lassies, Bob!! Don Sutherland ('52) resigned in September from Federated Co-operatives, Saskatoon, to become Western Regional Officer, Economic Council of Canada. Ralph Wensley ('49) wrote us and passed on his best wishes to many of his old friends and classmates.

R.H. Cooper ('43) is now employed by United States Borax and Chemical Corporation at Anaheim, California. His field testing work on all herbicides takes him to many points in United States and Canada. Keith Robertson ('60) has accepted a position as stationary engineer with Silverwood Dairies in Regina. Ken Campbell ('56) is currently helping his dad build a new house on their farm in Lumsden. Apparently two houses will be needed on the farm soon!! We were pleased to hear from Les Krasa ('45) of Dorval, Quebec. He enjoyed seeing pictures of former classmates in the last Newsletter. He also reports Cec Haver ('45) is living at Hudson, Quebec, and teaching at Macdonald College. Lloyd Goulden ('50) reports that he was recently transferred to Edmonton as Credit Supervisor, Farm Credit Corporation. Ag. grads in the Yorkton area will be able to keep up to date with the TV program "Markets and Farm News". This program is produced by Norman Roebuck ('41) over the four channels of CHOS. Norm may be absent from TV in October when he will be tour leader of the "Saskatchewan Farmers' Tour of Europe". Walton Anderson ('42) has resigned as professor of Agricultural Economics, University of B.C., to become first Director of Research of the newly formed Agricultural Economics Research Council of Canada.

C.A. Rowles ('36) completed a year's assignment as Technical Officer, FAO. In this capacity he acted as an advisor to the Department of Co-ordination and Development, Government of Venezuela, South America. Congratulations to Eiler Humbert ('50), elected President of Saskatoon Kinsmen for 1963-64. Another honor to School grad Isaac Vickar of Tisdale. At a Lions Club Convention in Waterton, South Dakota, he was elected a district governor. Norm Bray ('56) has received his Master's degree in Agricultural Economics from Nebraska University. He returned to Regina in August and is now with the Information and Radio Division, Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture.

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POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS - The \$1500 Agricultural Research Foundation Scholarship was awarded to Andrew Shmitz ('63), Central Butte, for studies toward an M.Sc. degree in agricultural economics. Arnold W. Tremers ('62), Scotsguard, was awarded a \$500 Agricultural Research Foundation Scholarship. The L.H. Hantelman post-graduate scholarship was awarded to Robert B. McKercher ('54), Rosetown, and James W. Halford ('63), Indian Head, won the S.N. Horner postgraduate scholarship of \$300. Harvey Douglas Voldeng ('63) received the B.S.A. degree with great distinction, standing highest in his class in each of his four years at University. Harvey won the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists prize.

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Dr. W.J. White ('32) accompanied by Mrs. White and Faye had a special holiday this year attending the International Wheat Genetic Symposium in Lund, Sweden. Special honor was given Dr. White this spring at the National Convention in Banff when he was elected a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada. We extend congratulations to John F. Allan ('28) at North Battleford on his retirement. John started with the department during the Thirties and has been at North Battleford since 1940. Don Blackburn ('53) is working towards a Master's degree in Agriculture Extension at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Don received a \$3,000 A.I.C. Scholarship. Glen Farrell ('59), ex-officio News Editor) is also beginning studies for his Master's degree. We hear Glen and Leone, as well as Don and Joyce are enjoying student housing and are close enough to share the mutual problems of graduate life. Lex Rutherford ('48), Ag. Rep. at Rosetown, has left the Services. He will be a livestock specialist with the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool headquarters in Saskatoon. Thanks for the news from Jim Webster ('49), Assistant Director, Ag. Rep. Services in Regina. Jim reports he attended a meeting of the Canadian Agriculture Extension Council in Fredericton, New Brunswick, in July. He also participated in a 3-day agricultural tour of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia.

Bob May ('49), Regina, Charlie Goode ('43), Regina, and Red Williams of Saskatoon toured Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Montana to glean ideas on beef cattle improvement. In Lincoln, Nebraska, they attended a beef production and marketing conference. Doug McRorie ('56), and his wife, Val, took in the A.I.C. convention and while on holidays visited Jack Drew ('61), and John Gronsdahl ('60) at Corvallis, Oregon. Jack and John are finishing up their Master's degree in Farm Management. They both expect to be back on the job with the Farm Management Division of the Ag. Rep. Branch by Christmas. Leroy Bernard ('53) of Theodore is combining farming and teaching. In the latter position he had the honor of being elected Vice-Councillor of Melville school unit and attended the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation annual council in Saskatoon. Mel Andal ('44) vacationed in Saskatchewan in August, visiting with friends and relatives. Harold Moss ('24), Honorary President of S.A.G.A. recently enjoyed a trip to England. W.M. Miner ('52) was home on leave this summer and visited many friends and relatives in Speers, Outlook, and Saskatoon. Bill has been appointed Agricultural Secretary in the Commercial Division of the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada and is in London, England. William Bayda ('56) is now with the Economics Division, Canada Department of Agriculture at Winnipeg. Hugh McKenzie ('49) of the Research Station, Lethbridge, recently completed the requirements for his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE 1963 GRADUATES GONE? (by Cec. Stushnoff) - It is interesting to note that the largest portion of the class (25%) have returned to university to continue their studies in one way or another. Fifteen per cent of this group have enrolled in the College of Graduate Studies whereas 10 per cent are seeking a degree from the College of Education. Those enrolled in the College of Education are: G. Dennison, W. Redekop, T. Petrieu, D. Pettit, D. Forer and W. Hurd. The following are working towards a Master's degree: L. Darwent, G. Storey, C. Stushnoff, J. Harapiak, W. Rice, J. Halford, L. McNichol, G. Fedak, H. Voldeng and A. Schmitz.

The next major group (16 per cent of the class) have been placed with various business firms across the nation. They are as follows: N. White (Massey-Ferguson, Regina), P. Shukin (John Deere, Winnipeg), M. Billet (Shell Oil Co.), Al Voth (Canada Packers, Edmonton), J. Singer (Federated Cooperatives Ltd., Saskatoon), J. Ellis (Naugatuck Chemical Co., Winnipeg), L. Frisk (Credit Union, Big River), J. Wallace and B. Billet (National Grain in Manitoba), R. Brecht (Intercontinental, Edmonton), L. Hopfner (Rosedale Nursery, California), Dick Needham (Commerce, Medicine Hat).

Fifteen per cent of the class have been placed with the Assessment Commission or the Lands Branch, Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture: A. Laughland, D. Hartall, R. McKinnon and L. Hurd are working with Lands Branch and G.W. Wilson, B. Kohlert, S. Barber, A. Bonstrom, T. Bolingbroke, and F. Dunlop are working with the Assessment Commission. It is surprising to note that only 10 per cent of the class have returned to the farm. These people are: B. Raymond, K. Price, G. Byrnes, D. Rutledge, R. Skinner, W. Blair and A. Michel.

L. Stein and G. Wilson are teaching vocational agriculture, D. Collins is with P.F.R.A., and D. Freed has accepted a position as Assistant Ag. Rep. in Manitoba. J. Hemstad has taken a position with the Sask. Ag. Rep. Service in Prince Albert and L. Voldeng is with the same department in the Saskatoon district. S. Olson has been appointed livestock specialist with the Animal Industry Branch, Sask. Department of Agriculture, and D. Mitchell is a poultry products officer for the Federal Department of Agriculture in Edmonton. B. Linnell (Toronto) and J. Riou (Montreal) have accepted positions with the Dept. of Health and Welfare as Food and Drug Inspectors. K. Turner has been appointed as an assistant with the Department of Horticulture, U. of S. I. Greenberg is working as a research economist assistant with the Department of Industry and Transportation at Regina. D. Macrae was at last report sailing the Seven Seas with the Navy. At the present time R. Hartness, A. Bitner, D. England, D. Westlund, B. Stewart and R. Edwards -- Unknowns. -- Sorry, fellows, but we just don't know what you are doing.

I'm sorry to report that one member of our class was fatally injured in a car accident this past summer. Barry Edwards (Vice-President of the Class of '63) had been working as livestock specialist with the 4-H office in Winnipeg prior to the accident. On behalf of the Class of '63, I would like to express our deepest sympathy to Barry's family and friends. I know his absence from the group will be noticed very much as Barry's congenial character is remembered by his many friends.

MISSING!!! - Three Newsletters to complete our file for Archives:

✓No. 68 - Fall, 1952

✗No. 73 - December, 1953

✗No. 91 - Summer or Fall, 1959.

If you have any of the above copies, we would appreciate them as soon as possible. No, the other fella won't send them in!

MARRIAGES:

Rudolph Barsness ('60) of Frontier and Patricia Styles of Saskatoon - July, 1963.  
Fred Kernen ( ) of Saskatoon and Olha Medwid of Macdowall - June, 1963.  
Bernie Sonntag ('62) of Saskatoon and Mary Ortman - August 10, 1963.  
Andy Sereda ('60) of Kerrobert and Olga Woloschuk - June 15, 1963.  
Orest Naivrocki ('60) of Sylvania and Lucille Labreque of Rosetown - Aug. 31, '63.  
Keith Robertson ('60) of Liberty and Darlene Abrey of Imperial - Nov. 3, 1962.  
John Hoffert ('60) and Florence Jennings at Moose Jaw, May 25, 1963.  
Tony Sander ('59) and Barbara Selinger - 1963.

BIRTHS:

Gary ('61) and Jessie Carlson of Saskatoon, Daughter, Laurie Diane - July 9, 1963.  
Frank ('54) and Irene Sosulski of Saskatoon, Daughter, Rena Francine - June 28, '63.  
Archie ( ) and Mrs. Colton, Daughter, Nancy, July 15, 1963.  
Bill ('52) and Hazel Miner of London, England, Son, Michael Manning - June 1963.

DEATHS:

Mrs. Bruce Macdonald (nee Muriel Riddell), wife of Bruce Macdonald ('47), Prince George, and sister of Murray Riddell ('49), Saskatoon.  
Morley Crowle ( ) father of Leigh Crowle ('50)  
Ralph Jowsey ('19) father of J.R. Jowsey ('47)  
 Mr. Malcolm Haver, father of Cec Haver ('46)  
 Mrs. Carlton, mother of Roger ('51) and Dave Carlton ('58).

REGISTRATION: (Don Acton)

The time for registration for 1963 is almost over, and some members have not paid their dues. Those of you who have not paid your annual membership (\$1.00) for this year will find it so indicated on your newsletter. Since this year is almost over, why not send in an extra dollar for next year; and perhaps another one for the year after. This will save you the trouble of registering every year and will ensure that you don't miss any of the benefits of your society. It will also make the job of your registrar an easier one!



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