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YOUR PRESIDENT SPEAKS

As an alumni organization, the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association is unique in a number of respects. Certainly, it is one of the most enthusiastic college alumni associations associated with the University of Saskatchewan.

The vitality of the S.A.G.A. is largely due to two functions of the association; the Newsletter and the Annual Reunion. For members who are unable to participate in the reunion activities, the newsletters serve as a means of keeping members aware of S.A.G.A. affairs and of news of other members.

The annual reunion highlighting the honouring of 20-year graduates and reunions of ten, thirty and forty-year graduates is the major activity of the S.A.G.A. It is at the time of the reunion activities that at least partial fulfillment can be attained of the association's objective of promoting closer relationship among graduates and between graduates and the College of Agriculture and the University.

This year's Farm and Home Week Program and more particularly, the program of the S.A.G.A. should be stimulating. The educational program of Monday and Tuesday involves quite a number from that outstanding class of '44, as well as other competent people.

The Agro Show is also being presented this year; an opportunity to up-date yourself on what is being done in each department of the College.

Needless to say, your social needs are being looked after by a host of committees in charge of everything from curling to teas. Check elsewhere in this newsletter for a review of the various activities. If your commitments keep you from being with us for the entire program, why not plan to attend at least some of the events? It's time you gave your wife a holiday--either by bringing her with you, or giving her the benefit of your absence.

We'll be looking forward to having you with us. In the meantime, I would like to, on behalf of the S.A.G.A. executive, wish you a Merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year -- Bob Brack.

AGRO SHOW - Every three years the College of Agriculture presents the "Agro Show." This year it is being held in conjunction with Farm and Home Week. I am sure you are familiar with Farm and Home Week and the function of the College of Agriculture.

The show is featuring displays and illustrations of recent advances in every field of agriculture. All projects are related to our theme: "Scientific and Technological Advances in Agriculture." The following are some of the things which will be on display: Living displays of insects and worms, Model of South Saskatchewan River Dam and irrigation projects, Poultry meats display, Processing oil seed crops display, Cheese display consisting of various foreign and domestic cheeses. Lawn clinic, Floral display, Feeder Margin Calculator, Scale model of New University Beef Research Centre, Five or six films will also be shown; two being "Home landscaping" and "Silage Making in North West Saskatchewan." Lunch will be served and raffles will be held.

The show will extend from January 14-18. The show will be open Tuesday afternoon from 2-5 p.m., only for Ag. Grads. From then on it will be held every night from 7-10 p.m., with matinees Wednesday and Saturday from 2-5 p.m.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our show. We hope to see you all here. -- Director, Brian C. McIntyre.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA - The tea for beginning of Farm and Home Week will be held in the Memorial Union Building, January 12th. JoAnne and Bud Smith, conveners, along with Bert and Ben Blacklock, their assistants, will be pleased to see you all there. Time-- 3:00 to 5:00. Remember this tea is for the men, too!

AGROS -- HERE AND THERE - Stanley W. Pettem ('49) reports a visit by the Minister and Deputy Minister of Agriculture for the various provinces through the Drumheller district. Jim Webster ('49) reported a visit by Stan Medland ('49), while he was on a western tour in November. Stan is working in public relations with Swift Canadian of Toronto. Jack Swenson ('56) and his wife, Joan, (nee Whitehead) are both enrolled in Social Welfare studies at the U. Of Manitoba. They will both return to their Social Welfare positions in Brandon after completing studies. Don McKenzie ('51) and Bruce Billet ('63) were recently elected president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the Western Publicity Section of Canadian Agricultural Chemicals Association. Both are with National Grain Co. - Agricultural Department. Don and his wife, Ruth, attended the Grey Cup game--no fines. Thanks to Elmer Tumak ('54) for the above news items.

Hovey Reese ('59) and Betty of Milk River took time off their busy schedules to report that: "Dave and Judy Martinson ('59) of Cavalier visited with us after they had attended Mike Smith's ('59) wedding on October 16. Mike married Barbara Dixon of Shaunavon. We had a fine visit with the Martinsons and they told us they had seen Don Gillespie ('59) of Kyle, John Seitz ('59) of Zehner and Barry Raymond ('59) of Aneroid at the wedding. By the way, Barry Raymond is engaged. They had also seen Bruce and Stella Dixon of Val Marie. They have a 4-year-old daughter now. Dave and Judy have a 2-year-old daughter, Jackie. We have heard that Larry and Carol Hainstock ('59)

are living in Weyburn where Larry is working. We also keep in touch frequently with Carson and Jewell Dowkes of Maple Creek. They have been living on the ranch for over a year now and are busy handling it. They have a 1½-year-old son, Joey. As for ourselves, we're kept busy farming in the summer and feeding cattle in the winter. Have just completed the job of being chairman of a Community Recreation Survey for the town of Milk River and area, so perhaps something rubbed off from the School Community Development classes, after all." Thanks for the news, Betty and Hovey. Reports like yours certainly lighten the load for the news editors.

R. F. Mitchell ('62) was employed as Assistant Agricultural Representative at Carman, Manitoba, in May 1962, and more recently as Ag. Rep. of the Starbuck District in Man. Bob also reports a single status, but "that the door is slowly closing." While on holidays in Alberta he visited with Keith Turner ('61), Bill Noy ('61) and Garnet Altwasser ('62). Howard Biehn ('52) recently transferred to Edmonton as Assistant District Representative with the Civil Service Commission. Welcome back, Howard. Don Liepert ('53) is now with CSC in Ottawa. He was in Edmonton and Calgary before going to Ottawa in 1962. Dr. W. K. Smith ('28) of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, visited with old friends in Saskatoon after an absence of 27 years. Dr. W. J. White ('32) was elected vice-president of the Sask. Provincial Council of Boy Scouts of Canada at the annual meeting in Regina. Another graduate, Dr. H. McDonald ('35) was named as a member of the provincial council.

Many Ag. Rep. changes include: John Hemstad ('63) assistant Ag. Rep. from Prince Albert to take over the Ag. Rep. office at Rosetown; Bruce McDonald ('47) from the Experimental Farm, Prince George, to take over the Ag. Rep. office at North Battleford; Doug England ('63) to be the new assistant Ag. Rep. at Prince Albert; Lorne Stalwick ('43) and Red Mooney ('33) attended a course at Arnprior, Ont., on Civil Defence from December 15-20. Ken McPherson ('50) of Saskatoon demolished his car in a collision. Though shaken up, Ken's injuries were not serious - thanks to his seat belt. Howard Matilla ('61), farm management specialist at North Battleford, is spending Christmas in Eastern Canada. . . a girl down there???

Mark Kilcher ('49) reports a busy community schedule for the Ag. Grads in Swift Current: "As in many smaller centres the Ag. Grads in Swift Current wind up playing important roles in civic participations from year to year. Presently we find Dave Heinrichs ('38) on city council, Stu McBean ('38) President of the Lions Club, Frank Warder ('41) chairman of the school board, Don Reed ('50) District Commissioner of Boy Scouts, Doug Grant ('49) Past President of Rotary, Mark Kilcher ('49) chairman, of Parks Board, Peder Myhr ('45) chairman of Exhibition Association and chairman of Horticultural Society, Al Smith vice-chairman of Exhibition Association, Tom Lawrence ('50) and Keith Best ('49) are Scout Masters." John McConnell ('49) chief of the Department of Agriculture, Information Section, welcomes notice of people coming to Regina or Saskatoon who may have reports, statements, or results of research material that would be newsworthy. This information would be used for TV programs viewed on Sundays (CFQC 12:30, CKOS 5:30 and CKCK 12:15). Norm Bray ('56) produces the weekly half-hour TV shows and Gary Carlson ('61) produces the daily radio programs. R. E. McKenzie ('44), Regina, has been named technical adviser to the manager of the country elevator division of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. Mr. McKenzie, director of the plant industry branch of the provincial agriculture department since 1951, will join the Wheat Pool staff Jan. 2. In his new position he will be responsible for advising management and growers on all technical phases of the Pool's farm supplies operation.

We are missing only the 1953 December issue (No. 73) of past newsletters. PLEASE HELP US find a copy so that we will have a complete record of all our newsletters for our Archives.

Two cows discussing winter. One to the other, "I don't mind winter so much - the long cold nights and cold water - what really gets me are those icy fingers." 4

AGROS -- HERE AND THERE (continued)--Another Ag. Grad has entered the political area. Don Wallace ('54) has won the Conservative nomination to contest the Unity seat at the next provincial election. School Grads, Murray Farmer ('58), Dale Whiting ('63) and Don Sanderson ('63) have returned to the campus and are now enrolled in the College of Agriculture. Harold Moss ('24) was recently made a Fellow of the Canadian Society of Soil Science. Gus Peesker ('61) reports that Syl Solar ('62) is now Voc Ag teacher at Birch Hills, working along with Cam Wright ('49). Morris Sikolski ('61) is an instructor in the Ag. Mechanics Department and Gordon Shuttle ('62) is a Voc Ag. teacher at Lloydminster. This past summer J. D. MacFarlane ('16) and wife made a tour of Europe visiting eight countries in all and enjoying themselves very much. They also visited Bill Miner ('52) at the Canadian Embassy, London.

Roy Crawford ('55) tells us that after receiving his Doctorate from the University of Massachusetts in February 1963, he has been doing research on poultry genetics at the Research Station in Kentville, N.S. Roy says he occasionally runs into Doug Munro ('57) and Ab Gorrill ('58) at the Experimental Farm in Charlottetown, P.E.I., and that this year Ab has gone to Michigan to start work on a doctor's degree. George Shepherd ('20), Curator of the Western Development Museum, reminisced a little about the year 1920 in a recent letter. He recalls in that year "Prof. Hardy was a young husky working in the blacksmith class and Joe Griffiths could do 91 push-ups and be ready for more." George is working on the story of his homesteading experiences and hopes to get it into book form in the near future.

Lloyd Proctor ('41) wrote in to renew his membership and also compliment the newsletter editors on a fine job (that's what he said). Last fall Jacob Hamm ('62) became Dean of Men as well as instructor at the Vermilion Agricultural and Vocational College. Dick Merryweather ('42) director of the Family Farm Improvement Branch has just returned from the States with a master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard University. Dick passes along a few notes on some of the men working with him: Duane Bristow ('58), a son in '62, housebuilding in '63; Chuck Carlson ('56) living in Regina, busy with night classes; Bill Franko ('46) stationed in Wadena. Ervyn Griffin ('52) stationed at Yorkton, married Sonia Starchuk in '62, housebuilding in '63; Kris Kristjanson ('47) living in Regina, busy curling; Don Lehman ('47) living in Regina; Jack Park ('51) living in Regina, studying math in evening class. Bill Pope ('50) living in Regina and keeping busy with curling and evening classes.

OBITUARY

The death, in Ceylon, of Professor Evan A. Hardy, former head of the Department of Agricultural Engineering, University of Saskatchewan, will "strike home" to thousands of Saskatchewan farmers. They have personal memories of his leadership in meeting the problems of farm mechanization in an era when the scope of mechanization was expanding enormously. He is remembered for his cheerful helpfulness, given with a sense of enjoyment in the opportunity to serve. He is also remembered for his colorful personality and his highly original methods of attacking a problem. Saskatchewan's debt to Professor Hardy is prodigious.

Professor Hardy spent a large part of each summer in agricultural extension work. He was a popular demonstrator and speaker on farm machinery field days. He quite literally "brought the agricultural college to the countryside."

Because he knew first hand the needs of Prairie farmers for more efficient machinery, he was able to leave his mark in the design of many farm implements. Many of his suggestions for the improvement of some implement, or a change to meet some particular new needs, were adopted by the manufacturers of farm implements.

Vern Degeer of the Montreal Gazette, a student of the University of Saskatchewan several years ago, paid the following tribute to the late Professor Hardy:

"To those of us who have pursued the elusive pigskin in one form or another through the past 35-odd years, there are memories of a naturalized Canadian who was an outstanding contributor to our football development as a player, a referee, and as an executive."

Evan Hardy was a broad-shouldered son of Iowa who joined the faculty of the University of Saskatchewan (agricultural engineering branch), just after the First World War. He had been an outstanding tackle at Ames University and he brought with him his enthusiasm for football as well as his dedication to agricultural engineering."

After Professor Hardy had served in this province for a total of 31 years, the most formative years in his particular field, he served under the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization in Ceylon. Every two years, until last year, he returned to Saskatoon to visit with old friends, and gave interesting accounts of his experiences in Asia.

Born in Iowa in 1890, Professor Hardy was one of the most valuable American mid-westerners ever to come north to the Canadian prairies. Though an Iowan, he was at home in Saskatchewan, and doubtless again in Ceylon. The secret of his personality was a broad humanity which, once experienced, was unforgettable.

MARRIAGES:

Gordon Silverthorn ('56), Ardath, and Noreen Siebert of Rosthern.
Alfred Wieler ('57), Saskatoon, and Elizabeth Nickel of Borden.
Terry Stokke ('59),
William Noy ('61), and Vivian Shierer
Mike Smith ('59), and Barbara Dixon.

BIRTHS:

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Garrett ('58), a son, Kevin Todd, on August 4th.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jed Koester ('50), a son, on August 6th.
 Dr. and Mrs. Bill Howell , a daughter, Elizabeth Clare on Nov. 6th.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jackson ('49), a daughter, Nancy Laurine, on August 2nd.
 Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wismer , a son, Warren Davison, on September 6th.
John and Joyce Noble ('51), a son, Garry Scott, on January 11th.
Lloyd and Helen Goulden ('50), a son Robert Gordon, on September 22nd.
Glen and Elaine Hass ('51), a son, Darryl Glen, in November.
Cliff and Enid Acton ('58), a son, Daniel Wade, on November 9th.
Syd and Marlene Blair ('61), a son, Patrick Lindsay, on November 5th.
 Mr. and Mrs. Larry Koturbash ('57), a son, in November.
 Mr. and Mrs. Duane Bristow ('58), a son, Kevin, in 1962.
Jim and Thelma Martin ('60), a daughter, Karen Maureen, on October 5th.
 Mr. and Mrs. Doug Munro ('57), a recent addition.
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lang ('51), a daughter, Catherine Jean, on April 16th.

DEATHS:

Mac Campbell ('58)
Dr. Manley Champlin, Head, Crop Science Department
 Pat Kohlert, wife of Bob Kohlert ('63).

S.A.G.A. BONSPIEL - JANUARY 11 and 12, 1964

Headquarters - University of Saskatchewan Curling Club (North of Rutherford Rink)

Telephone -- 242-7671 Local 331.

1. Enter immediately and avoid disappointment. Entries restricted to 48 because of limited ice available on Saturday.
2. Eligibility - "for purposes of eligibility in the S.A.G.A. Bonspiel, a rink must consist of at least three members of the Association and that one of rink may be a non-member and that person must play lead, and, for purposes of the Bonspiel, second-year School of Agriculture students and fourth year College students may be considered as eligible."
3. Skips - Use attached form for entry, giving complete information, if possible. If only partial rink available, enter anyway; the Bonspiel committee will assign people who have entered singly.
4. Team entries are preferable, but if you want to curl and cannot form a team, send in your name, address, etc., and the position you curl and we will do our best to get you on a team.
5. First games in the First Event (Saturday morning) will be eight ends only -- remaining games all 10 ends.
6. Entry deadline - 12 Noon Thursday, January 9, 1964.

(SKIPS - please indicate if your team will be available for a Friday night game (January 10), since games will have to be played Friday night to accommodate 48 rinks in the 'spiel).

AG GRAD REUNION ACTIVITIES - 1964

January 11 and 12 - Ag. Grad Bonspiel - Headquarters at U. of S. Curling Rink

11 - Smoker at 8:00 P.M. - Cafeteria, Intercontinental Packers

12 - Ag. Grad Tea - 3:00 - 5:00 P.m. -- Upper Lounge, M.U.B.

13 - Lecture Series - Convocation Hall

8:30 A.M. Registration

9:30 A.M. "International Agricultural Outlook"-Dr. M. E. Andal, Acting Director, Economics Division, Canada Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

"Livestock Production at the Crossroads"--

Dr. J. M. Bell, Head, Dept. of Animal Science, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.

"Collaborative Agricultural Research" - Dr. B.M. Craig, Senior Research Officer, Prairie Regional Laboratory, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

12:30 Noon Lunch - Kirk Hall Cafeteria.

1964 Bonspiel Entry Form

Please forward to Jim Ellis, Box 500, University of Saskatchewan

Telephone - 242-7671 Local 365.

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

Rink Name - (For draw purposes): _____

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