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<u>Constitution</u> - O.B. Young R. Brack E. Humbert	<u>Memberships</u> - D. Acton J. Erfle J. Gronsdahl G. Rice O. Bilokury	

PROFILE OF YOUR PRESIDENT - Ben Blacklock

Ben, a product of a farm at Maymont, graduated in 1946. His first job was Ag. Rep. at Prince Albert. It was here that he was fortunate enough to meet and marry his wife, Alberta. From the Ag. Rep. Service, Ben went to the Western Producer as Agricultural Editor for two years after which he became a partner in "Blacklock Brothers Auctioneering Services". Ben is now a livestock auctioneer on his own and is also farming at Grandora. With this experience to guide him, we are assured of a progressive year with President Ben Blacklock.

FARM WEEK REPORT

AG GRAD BONSPIEL

The "Spiel" was a resounding success again this year. In spite of very cold weather Ag Grads turned out in large numbers to curl in this event.

This year the spiel had a little bit of everything. For instance:

Drama - In their first game the Bill White rink was 6 down after four ends and then came back to win the game.

Tragedy - The same Bill White rink in another game 4 up coming home and losing the game.

Humour - The Dave Mallough rink frantically searching for "Draw Weight" for three games.

Biggest Disappointment - Veterans in the spiel were very disappointed to see Bill Langley come in to curl without his famous "Satchel". Said Bill, "I came to curl" and indeed he did and his rink was in the thick of the race until the end.

This year for the first time the spiel also featured a Veterans Event for curlers 48 years old and older. The event was a success and now will become a permanent part of the spiel. There is a movement afoot amongst some of the Veterans to present a trophy for competition in this event next year.

The spiel also featured some very good curling as exemplified by the winners listed below. We don't wish to imply that these were the only rinks that curled well but I am sure we will all agree that they are worthy winners:

1st Event - Kirk Trophy



L-R: Skip - S. Austman, 3rd - K. Fawcett, 2nd - B. Grimes, Lead - J. Wiens.

2nd Event - Rutherford Trophy



Skip - B. Dodds, 3rd - S. Smith
2nd - Bill Copeland, Lead - Bill
Robertson. Friends of Dean Rutherford
standing - J.D. MacFarlane, T. Bryden,
D. Bracken, Hon. J. Bracken. Sitting-
T. Rowles, J. Strain, P. Wickland, R. Stueck, Spike Smith.

3rd Event - Skelly Trophy



M. Riddell presenting trophy. L-R: H.
Woodcock, (2nd), K. Wilkinson (Skip), H.
Cannon (Lead); D. Wilkinson (3rd).

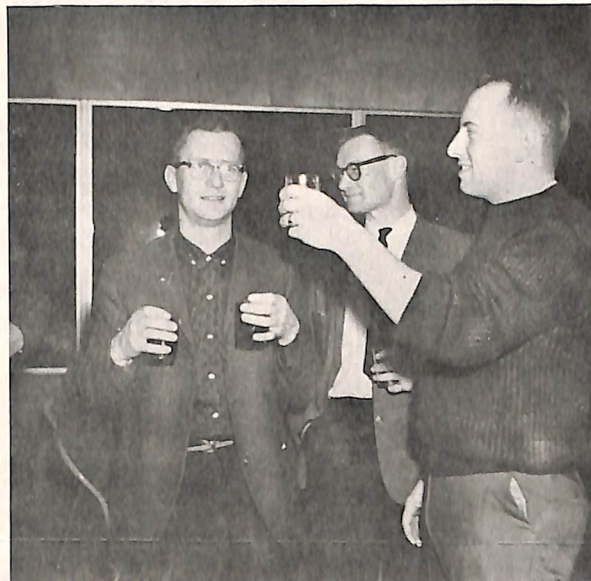
Veterans Event Winners - Eric Beveridge (Skip), Clark Graham (3rd), Ernie Paynter (2nd), and H. Moulding (lead).

AG GRAD SMOKER - The scene of the Smoker was changed this year from the cafeteria at Intercontinental to the Exhibition Stadium. The change was heartily endorsed by the grads since a new attendance was established. Ken Reid, chairman of the hard-working Smoker Committee reports that the event was a happy one financially, too.

Some Scenes from the Smoker



L-R: A. Voelmecke, J. Cardiff, and S. Orthner.



The Pepsi (?) Generation. L-R: Bob Bradley, Ron Howarth and Glen Haas.



L-R: H. Van Vliet,
With Van smiling like this, the best
bet is to "check".

THE AG. GRAD. TEA

The "Tea" this year under the direction of Bert and Ben Blacklock assisted by Fred and Norma Fulton was very successful. The tea is fast becoming one of the most popular events at the Reunion. This year a new attendance record of 264 people was established.

The honor years were well represented and some wonderful displays of pictures, year books and clippings were available for all to see. The chairman of the honor years did a marvelous job; they were A.A. (Spike) Smith for the 50th year, Herb Clark 20 year degree; and Hugh Taylor for the 20 year School Grads. It was a grand occasion for all these people to meet and renew old friendships. One of the special guests was the Hon. John Bracken of Manotick, Ontario, who was the first professor of Field Husbandry at the University of Saskatchewan.

The lounge was beautifully decorated with potted plants made available to us by Deiter Martins, the gardener for the University grounds.

Presiding at the tea table, which was centred with an arrangement of gold-tipped white Mums and blue foliage with gold tapers and gold candle stick holders, were Mesdames J.D. MacFarlane of Nipawin, and T. Rowles of White Rock, B.C. (wives of 50-year grads); Hobart Peters, Lethbridge, Alberta, and Gavin Hamilton of Regina (wives of 20-year grads). Serviteurs were Mesdames A. Wenhardt, J.Y. McFaul, J.A. Shields, K. Reid, D. Acton, R.A. Dodds, F. Sosulski, J. Zeman, G. Hamilton, E. Hart, A.E. Delahey and L. Crowle. The register was looked after by Mrs. A. Campbell and Mrs. Phil Thair. Doug McArthur (President of the Students) and his staff (I don't know their names) were very helpful at the door and assisted in the cleaning up; the girls sure appreciated your help, fellas.

The guests were welcomed by President Murray Riddell and his good wife, Betty; also by Ben and Bert Blacklock.

The general convenors, Ben and Bert Blacklock were ably assisted by Norma and Fred Fulton.

Some Scenes from the Sunday Afternoon Tea



The receiving line in the process of greeting E. Beveridge, far left.
L-R: Bert Blacklock, Ben Blacklock, Betty Riddell, Murray Riddell.



The table centrepiece pays tribute to the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1915.



L-R: The Hon. John Bracken and Ernest Jackson enjoy a quiet chat at the Tea.



The Class of '15 out in force to enjoy the Tea. L-R Standing: P. Wickland, T. Bryden, T. Harrop, John Bracken, J.D. MacFarlane, L.A. Bryan. L-R Kneeling: T. Rowles, J. Strain, R. Stueck, A.A. Smith and R.J. Smith.

THE MONDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

This social is proving to be quite an attraction at Farm Week and this year was no exception. The excellent program presented put a severe strain on the seating capacity of the Kirk Hall auditorium.

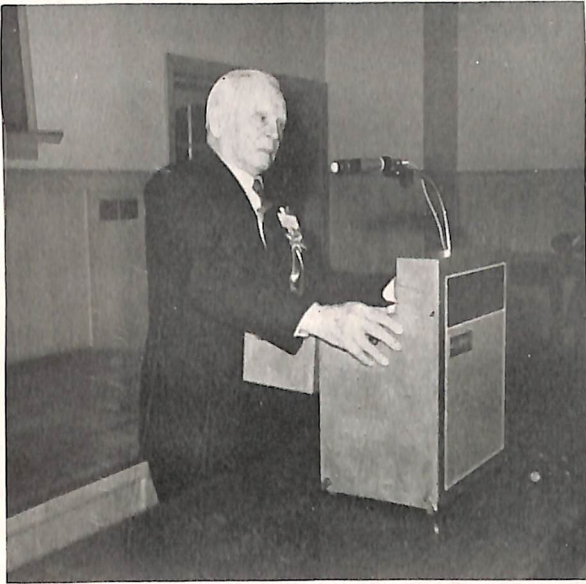
The program featured recognition of the Class of '15, a talk by the Hon. John Bracken and a color slide travelogue of Hawaii by Torry Tollefson.

The Class of '15 were honored in a special way at this function. Each member received an official scroll commemorating the 50th year after their graduation. The group received a standing and truly deafening ovation. It was a magnificent moment and very nice to see so many of this class on hand to receive this honor. The man playing the major role in bringing the class together for this occasion was Spike Smith. The class as a whole officially recognized his efforts in this regard with a presentation.

The talk by the Hon. John Bracken covered a wide range of history. Mr. Bracken traced the development of the university starting with the purchase of land to the early twenties when his association with the university ended. Mr. Bracken included many references to his experiences on the national scene. His talk was a wonderful blend of wit and wisdom, climaxed by his remark that "I am not retired just unemployed at the moment."

Torry Tollefson's ('42) presentation of color slides on Hawaii was a high light of the evening. Torry had a complete record of his trip with many beautiful scenes. His commentary added to the pictures and for many of us as the ad. says, "It was the next best thing to being there". Many of his slides were so well done as to be in the work of art category.

Scenes from the Social



The Hon. John Bracken relates the early history of our university.



L-R: - R. Stueck makes a presentation to Spike Smith on behalf of the Class of '15.



Some of the Class of '15 enjoying the proceedings at the Social.

BANQUET AND DANCE

Elwood Hart '59, chairman of this event reports a new record attendance which is the surest measure of success. Two innovations featured this function this year. A social hour with refreshments was held before the banquet and refreshments were available in the ballroom during the dance. This all added up to probably the most enjoyable banquet and dance in recent years.

Presentations and Awards at the Banquet



President Ben Blacklock receives the gavel from retiring President Murray Riddell.

Honorary Life Memberships - were presented to the Hon. John Bracken and Eric Beveridge. Making the presentations on behalf of the Ag. Grads were Dean Hutcheon to John Bracken and Prof. Hadley Van Vliet to Eric Beveridge.



John Bracken accepting his Honorary Life Membership.



Eric Beveridge receives his Honorary Life Membership from the hand of H. Van Vliet.

THE HARDY LABORATORY

The unveiling of a plaque in honor of the late Dr. Evan Hardy was one of the highlights of Farm Week.

The laboratory, a recent addition to the Engineering Building was named "The Hardy Laboratory" in honor of Dr. Hardy. To mark the event the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association presented a bronze plaque to be placed high in the foyer of the building.

Presiding at the unveiling was Dr. L.E. Kirk, chairman of the University's Board of Governors and former Dean of Agriculture at the U. of S. Also present were Dr. Spinks, President of the University, and Mrs. Hardy to receive the dedication on behalf of her late husband.



L-R: Dr. Spinks, Mrs. Hardy and Dr. L.E. Kirk view the plaque following the unveiling ceremony.



A large crowd is on hand to witness the unveiling proceedings.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAN

Dr. W.L. Hutcheon,
Dean of Agriculture.

He was our Dean only long enough for us to recognize his great promise.

Visitors to Farm Week were stunned at the sudden passing of Dr. Hutcheon. He had taken an active part in the proceedings without apparent sign of illness, until the time of his death, Wednesday afternoon. The remainder of the program was carried on under a strain; everyone aware of a great loss.

Dr. Hutcheon was born and raised on a farm in the Rosetown district and graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 1939 with a degree in agriculture. He obtained his master's degree in 1941, then enlisted and served overseas with the Canadian Artillery in the Second World War.

Following the war, he took a deferred scholarship and obtained his doctor's degree from the University of Minnesota. On obtaining his doctorate, he joined the soils department staff at the University of Saskatchewan and became head of the department when Dr. John Mitchell, the incumbent, died in late 1955.

On the retirement of Dr. V.E. Graham as dean of agriculture in 1963, Dr. Hutcheon was made acting dean and the appointment was confirmed in 1964.

Dr. Hutcheon had a long and distinguished career in soil physics which was his specialty. He did much theoretical research in soil physics and soil moisture. He made a major contribution as director of the Saskatchewan soil survey.

Dr. Hutcheon was a member of many learned societies including the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrology, the Agricultural Institute of Canada, both the Canadian and the International Societies of Soil Science, the American Society of Soil Science and the American Society of Agronomy. He was a long-time member of various national soil survey committees.

Apart from agriculture, Dr. Hutcheon was interested in his church. He served many years on the Board of Stewards of Westminster United Church and in 1962 was chairman.

Dean Les Hutcheon - Friend of the Student.

REUNION YEAR REPORTS - Class of '15 - Spike Smith, Chairman

Spike reports that the following members of that illustrious 1st class were present: P. Wickland, T. Bryden, T. Harrop, J.D. MacFarlane, L.A. Bryan, T. Rowles, J. Strain, R. Stueck, R.J. Smith. In addition, John Bracken, Head of the Field Husbandry Department in 1915, was able to be with the group. The combined age of this group including himself is 955 years. Hats off to these hardy pioneers celebrating their 50th graduation anniversary!

THE 1935 CLASS - reported by Archie Campbell

After the tea on Sunday, January 10, the Class of 1935 met for supper at the home of Vivian and Archie Campbell. The following came: Clarence Elliott of Winnipeg, Mary and Bob Anderson, of Melfort, and Gwen and Bill Janzen, Audrey and Howard McDonald and Adam Winisky, all of Saskatoon.

Of the twelve who graduated in 1935, six attended the reunion; two, George Gerts and Paul Papove, are deceased; Peter Hogg in Mississippi wrote that he would be in Brazil during January, Fred Quinke of Star City wrote from Texas that he was wintering there, Ed Howe, Ag. Rep. at Altona, Manitoba, was tied up with a welding course, and we were not able to get in touch with Bob Arnold.

During the evening between discussions of college days, each graduate showed slides of his special interests and activities.

The Graduates met again at the Ag Grads Banquet and Dance at the Bessborough on Tuesday, January 12, and following the dance were entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Howard McDonald. Enthusiastic plans were made for another reunion in 1970.

THE 1945 CLASS - reported by Herb Clark

Agros attending the 20-year reunion included Hobart Peters of Lethbridge; Peder Myhr of Swift Current, Art Bristol of Regina, Bill Gilmer of Wilkie, Bob Hedlin of Winnipeg; Keith Spearing of Beatty, and Herb Clark of Saskatoon. Stan Barber of Lafayette, Indianna, Bea Murray of Ottawa, Murdock Nelson of Moose Jaw, Phil Blakely of Lethbridge and Les Krasa of Dorval had written the reunion chairman indicating that they were unable to be in attendance. They all passed on their greetings and good wishes.

The grads of '45 had a rink in the bonspiel under the able piloting of Peter Myhr; others on the rink included Hugh Taylor (School grad of '45), Keith Spearing and Herb Clark. The results of the bonspiel were in no way indicative of the curlers' ability. The team did much better at the Smoker. Art Bristol, Class of '45, also took part in the spiel.

The Grads and their wives were guests at Herb and Marion Clark's home for a dinner and social evening on Sunday.

THE 1955 SCHOOL GRADS - reported by Don Tait

Nineteen Grads attended the 10-year reunion of the '55 Class. The class had 2 rinks entered in the bonspiel. The largest attendance at any one event was at the Smoker where 16 grads turned up. Several of the boys were accompanied by their wives to the Sunday Tea and to the Banquet and Dance. The following grads were able to attend: Richard Barton of Lethbridge, who is sales manager of Oliver Chemical Co.; Roy Blacklaws who is a farmer and seed grower at Tisdale; Erwin Boulton is farming at Battleford; Jake Braun farms and raises horses at Beechy; Pete Brown farms at Quill Lake and lives in Saskatoon during the winter; Bill Clarke is assistant field superintendent with Plains Construction and works in Saskatchewan, Alberta and B.C.; Donald Dyck farms at Borden, Dale Donald is farming at Rockhaven; Janet Graham farms with her father at Log Valley and is living in Central Butte this winter; Dalton Hockley is farming at Yellow Grass; Merlyn Irvine farms and is in the egg business at Lewvan; George Krenz farms at Eston

and is working for the Sask. Research Council during the winter; Dean Lien is head of Information Services for the United Farmers of Alberta Co-op. at Calgary; Stuart Marshall farms at Kyle and races with his G-Kart in his spare time; Jim Martin is fieldman with the Canadian Hereford Digest and works out of Saskatoon. Howard Mattila is Farm Management Specialist with the Sask. Department of Agriculture working out of North Battleford; Trygve Njaa is with the Saskatoon City Police force; Frank Ortt works in Estevan with Petrolite Corporation of Canada; Don Tait farms at Elrose and works with Manufacturers Life.

Word was received from several grads who were unable to attend: Bruce Elder is farming at Coronach; Ross Belsher is working for the T. Eaton Co. at Vancouver; George Gilbertson is farming at Frontier; Howard Smallwood is working as a soil surveyor with the Canadian Colombo Plan in Malaysia. He reports that he and his family like the warm climate and that they may visit Australia soon; Don Pearson is farming and ranching near Eastend where he says the winter is very severe; Cliff Rederberg is farming at Benson; John Owen is taking Engineering at the U. of S. after working for some years with the Appliance Service Center in Saskatoon.

HIGHLIGHTS OF REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE ON ADVISORY COUNCIL TO COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE.

Jock Blacklock, '43, the representative last year brought in a very detailed report of council activities. The following are the highlights of this report:
 = Dean Smith, College of Veterinary Medicine, reports a total of 108 students in first year Pre Veterinary and 66 in second year Pre Veterinary, it is hoped that the first phase of the building program will be ready for use in the fall of 1965.
 = Dean Hutcheon reported a sharp decline in the total enrolment in the College of Agriculture. Last year the total stood at 360 and this year has dropped to 285. Of the 134 students in first year a year ago, only 68 students have enrolled in the second year. It was felt that there is a general lack of appreciation amongst high school teachers and counsellors of the wide scope and interest to be obtained from a career within the Agricultural Sciences. A recent report showed that while there is a potential employment in Canada for 15-1600 Agros per year only 800-850 were being graduated.
 = The Research and Graduate training of the College continues to show satisfactory growth. There are 65 graduate students at the present time.
 = Student Recruitment Study -- From discussion arising at the annual meeting concerning the decline of student enrolment in the College of Agriculture, the joint committee decided to undertake a study of the situation. The job was turned over to Walter Brice, '40, and the following is his interim report on his study with some suggestions:

Student Enrolment

At the annual meeting it was brought to the attention of the Agro grads that there was a decline in the enrolment in the College of Agriculture. General meetings have been held with the students, faculty and Agro grads to determine how enrolment might be increased. It is suggested that all Agro grads should help by

- (1) personal contact to individuals, (2) speak at career nights or on other occasions at schools if possible, and (3) by appearance on local TV station to answer questions on the profession of Agriculture.

Agro grads indicated they could not adequately handle this as many were out of date with present requirements. A talk has been prepared on this subject and is available by writing to the Dean of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan. A distribution of this talk is to be made to a number of Agro grads in the province.

Some of the questions usually asked by students when considering agriculture and the answers are as follows:

- (1) What are the entrance requirements? Grade XII academic standing with 65% average or 60% if a year or more intervenes between Grade XII and university entrance.

- (2) What classes will I take the first year? English, Biology, Chemistry, Economics and Mathematics. In the second year some Agricultural classes will be taken and in third and fourth years, you will likely specialize in one of a number of courses available.
- (3) Is there summer employment? Yes, this year all students in Agriculture have jobs for the summer. These are with either federal or provincial government or industry.
- (4) Are there good jobs when I graduate with my bachelor's degree and what salary: There are many jobs available in a wide field and salaries for Agricultural graduates with bachelor's degree are very similar to other college graduates - \$5400 - \$5600.
- (5) What will it cost? The fees are \$265 for list year and \$285 for the next three years. Other costs such as board, clothes and transportation will likely be \$1000.

Agriculture science offers a wide field and there is a growing demand for highly trained specialists to go on to Post graduate training. We want students in agriculture with a good academic standing and personal suitability. While it is usually desirable to have some practical agriculture background particularly for those at the bachelor level for the student going on into research this is not necessary and it is felt more students from towns and cities with good academic records should be encouraged to take Agriculture and go on into research.

AGROS HERE AND THERE

Bob Gilmour '61 was recently appointed to the post of Associate Supervisor of 4-H clubs in Alberta; Stan Olson '63 a travelling scholarship by the Nuffield Foundation of London, England. The objects of the scholarship is to promote better understanding between the farmers of Canada and Great Britain and to increase practical farming knowledge. Stan will be away for six months starting last February. Maurice E. Hartnett '34, has retired as general manager of the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede Ltd., a post he has held since 1952. Shortly before his retirement Maurice was named "Canadian Fair Manager of the Year" by Association of Canadian Exhibitors. Wm. "Bill" Wilson '40, has recently been appointed to the new position of Agricultural Extension Director for Federated Co-ops. Ltd. Bob Savage '41 until recently Superintendent of the Experimental Farm at Scott, has been appointed Chief of Seeds Section, Plant Products Division at Ottawa.

Doug Wilde '47, was recently appointed Vehicles and Equipment Manager with the Saskatchewan Power Corporation; Dr. W.J. White has been appointed Dean of Agriculture at U. of S.; Bill Wilson '40 reports a recent visit with Pat Burton '52, and G. Harrison '44, both on the staff of the Olds Agricultural School; Bruce Billett '63 has joined the National Grain Co. Merchandise Department as Fieldman. Bruce will be working out of Dauphin, Manitoba; George Dion '38, recently became a proud grandfather; Dave MacFarlane '32 received a Ph.D. from Michigan State University last Christmas; Cec Haver, '46, between classes, ARDA research and managing his farm is reported to be a very busy man. Phil Polischuk '49, has been appointed Director of Lands in the Provincial Department of Natural Resources.

Hobart Peters, '45, has written a letter in rebuttal of some of the charges made by Herb Clark '45, class spokesman at the banquet. He claimed he worked as hard as Herb in Chem 9b, and that Herb was distracted by the Household Science girls. They both graded C in the class. Hobart didn't say how the girls graded them! Dr. L. E. Kirk '17, leader in the broad field of agriculture has long been recognized both at home and abroad. One phase, however, has so far escaped attention. A short time ago a street in the new part of Greystone Heights was named "Kirk Crescent" in honor of Dr. Kirk. There are now nine Agro grads living on Kirk Crescent. Lindsay Blair '25, with his two sons, Sid '61, and Wilson '63, were in

to Farm Week; Lee Crowle '50 has moved from Scott to Saskatoon. Lee is now with the Forage Section of the Canada Agriculture Research Station.

BIRTHS

Sharon and Roger Laurin, '54, a daughter, Nova Joyce, on February 22, 1965.
 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hartall, '58, a daughter, Catherine E., March 2, 1965.
 Alice and James Hart, '62, a son, Curtis Allan, on December 17, 1964.
 Cecilia and Wilfred Cody, '54, a daughter, Katherine Anna, Dec. 28, 1964.
 Mr. & Mrs. Doug McRorie, '56, a son, Scott Douglas, December 12, 1964.
 Mr. & Mrs. Roy Levee, '57, a daughter, on December 16, 1964.
 Jean and Bill Till, '48, a daughter, Margaret Jean, on February 10, 1965.
 Evelyn and Gus Peesker, '61, a son, Mark Perry.
 Jean and Frank Dunlop, '63, a daughter, Shannon Lee
 Joan and Gus MacKenzie, '54, a son, Kenneth Harry Norman.
 Helen and Lloyd Goulden, '50, a son, Douglas Lloyd, November 10, 1964.
 Bev and Bill Robertson, '60, a son, in April, 1965.

DEATHS

Mrs. A. Graham, mother of Bill Graham, '51, on January 30, 1965.
 Mrs. Ralph Stueck, wife of Ralph Stueck, '15.
 Mrs. Ernest Jackson, mother of Edward Jackson, '49.
 Mr. Leo Parker, father of George Parker, '49.
W.E. Lake, '17 on April 13, 1965.
Eric Koller, Scout Lake, October 20, 1964.

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