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PROFILE OF YOUR PRESIDENT - Phil Thair

Our President, Phil Thair, is a distinguished economist and we are proud to say a Saskatchewan product. He was born and raised in the Lumsden-Regina area and took his high school at Luther College, Regina. In 1937, he obtained his teaching certificate from Regina Normal where he was President of the Student Association.

Phil taught one year near Davidson but decided Agricultural economics held a brighter future. He obtained his B.S.A. '42, and M.Sc. '44, from the University of Saskatchewan and joined the Canada Department of Agriculture as an Agricultural Economist. In 1947, obtaining a Social Science Research Council Fellowship he left for Iowa State College to work toward his Ph.D. which he obtained in 1953.

From 1949 to 1955, Phil was part of the Canadian brain drain serving the U.S. Department of Agriculture as an Agricultural Economist at Fargo, North Dakota, but returned in 1955 to join the staff of the University of Saskatchewan Farm Management Department, where he has contributed much to this business of farming.

Phil and his charming wife, Anita, and their two sons reside at 1228 - 14th. Street East, Saskatoon.

FARM AND HOME WEEK REPORT

Ag Grad Bonspiel

The Twenty-Second Annual S.A.G.A. bonspiel was a tremendous success with the full complement of 48 rinks in the three regular events and 4 in the Veterans Event. A new draw system was used this year where all rinks in the regular events played at 8 and 10 a.m. Saturday. On the basis of their performance in these games they were placed in the Rutherford, Kirk or Skelly Events. Thus, the hoggers, the broom missers and the unlucky ended up in the third event; those with a masterful skip in the second event, while the packed rinks went on to tougher competition. Even though this made competition a little more even, there were many with blistered hands and stiff backs who found Sunday morning came much too soon.

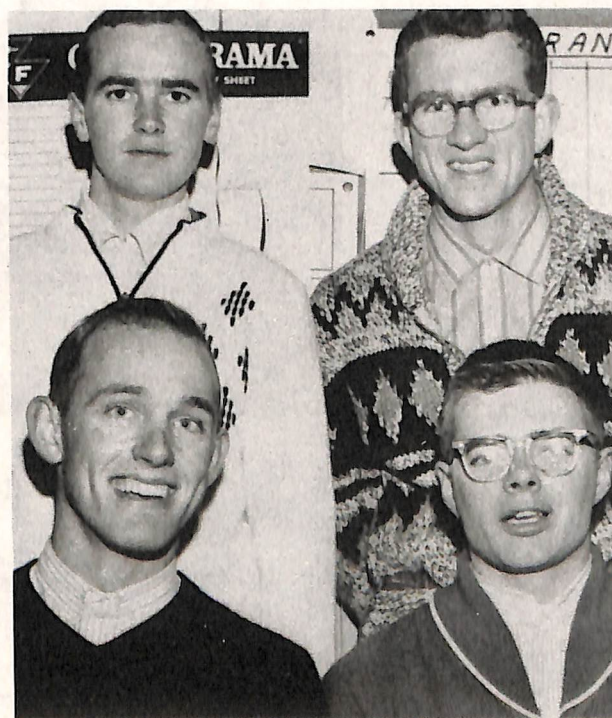
We congratulate the winners and runners-up not only for their fine curling but for the stamina to make it through that last important game.

1st Event - RUTHERFORD Trophy



Bob Dodds, Bob Brack, Bill Copeland
and Stan Smith

2nd Event - KIRK Trophy



Glenn Padbury, Keith Ayres, Dennis Smith
and Art Barth

3rd Event - SKELLY Trophy



Jim Murray, Fred Langley,
Art Bonstrom and Norm Flaten

Veterans' Event - HUTCHEON Trophy



Gus Bell, Gordon Orchard,
Earl Gordon and Tom Acton

Runners-up in each event were: RUTHERFORD - Herb Clark, Garry Stavness, Fred Clark and Don Jackson; KIRK - Don Rennie, Bill White, Eiler Humbert and Hadley Van Vliet; SKELLY - Joe Martin, Don Wallace, Gordon Ross and Jim Dodds; HUTCHEON - Arnold Treble, Bill Ewert, Lorne Barber and Ed. Thompson.

A special thank you to Grant Milne, Bonspiel Chairman, and his committee of Jim Ellis, Elwood Hart, Eldon Norum, Ad Anderson, Bill Chambers, Bill Ewert, Russ Campbell for organizing such a smooth running bonspiel. We liked the new draw system; hope you did, too. See you next year!

Ag Grad Smoker

The smoker this year was, as usual, the place to meet old friends and make new ones, swap stories and win or lose a few pennies. From the activity at the dart board this year, maybe we should initiate a dart tournament for those who have had to forgo the curling. Ken Reid, '49, Smoker Chairman, was pleased with the turn out. It is this function's financial success which makes up the losses in some of our other undertakings.



It is easy to see who won the pot. Starting with the smiling member we have Frank Sosulski, Norm Fitl, Ernie Paynter, Bud Smith, Stu Finlay, Ben Blacklock and Peter McLaren with Gib Wesson and Lorne Glendening looking on.

Ag. Grad Tea



Tea Convenors: Fred and Joan Fulton chat with President Ben and Alberta Blacklock

Over 230 Ag Grads and their wives were welcomed by President Ben, his good wife, Alberta, and tea convenors Fred and Norma Fulton. The honor years were well represented and it was a grand occasion for the 1946 Degree and School Grads to meet and renew old friendships.

The long tea table was centred with white mums and pink carnations, complemented by blue spiral candles in a cluster of baby mums and carnations. Presiding over the tea table were Mesdames W.J. White, A.A. Stilborn, O.B. Young and T.S. Finlay. Serviteurs were Mesdames B.F.P. Goplen, P. Rothery, R.K. Downey, D.F. Acton, Turnbull, J.E.R. Greenshields, H.E. Chapman, F.M. Clarke, E. Silzer, R.B. Hollingshead, G.E. Rouatt, W.G. Milne, B.M. Craig and A. Wenhardt. Tending the register were Mrs. C.F. Patterson and Mrs. J.F. Rayner.

General convenors, Fred and Norma Fulton, were ably assisted by Eiler and Jean Humbert.

Monday Night Social

Hosts Murray and Betty Riddell had a capacity crowd on hand for the Monday Night Social at Kirk Hall. The "Beard and Four", a talented group of School of Agriculture students, entertained the audience with the new sound in music. Don Rennie's talk, "The Soils and Harems of Turkey" was excellently presented and illustrated. Too bad they wouldn't let Don take his camera into the harem! We were pleased to have Mrs. Hutcheon present for the presentation of the Hutcheon Trophy: named in honor of our late Dean. The Trophy, presented by Eric Beveridge, '26, on behalf of friends of the late Dean Hutcheon and the Association, is to be awarded annually to the winning rink in the Veterans curling event.



President Ben Blacklock accepting the Hutcheon Trophy from Eric Beveridge on behalf of the S.A.G.A.



Serious business at the Annual Meeting. L-R Foreground: Steve Burkell, '49, Al McLeod, '49, and Bill Wilson, '40. Who needs a fresh cigar! L-R Second Row: G. Gutheil, '54. Gary Carlson, '61, Phil Thair, '42, and Brian McIntyre, '64.

Banquet and Dance

Everyone in attendance at the banquet in the newly decorated Bessborough dining hall and the dance that followed will agree it was a most successful do. Elwood Hart, '54, and his helpers, John McLoy and Dave Mallough, '47, are to be congratulated on the fine arrangements. President and toastmaster Ben kept things rolling, mostly in the aisles. The members of the reunion years were in fine form, too. The presentation of Honorary Life Memberships to Dean W.J. White and Hadley Van Vliet were long overdue. Congratulations, fellows.



Dean Bill White and Hadley Van Vliet happy with their Honorary Life Memberships

The 1946 Degree Class

Oral Young reports that he and Ben Blacklock, along with their better halves, Louise and Bert, enjoyed renewing acquaintances with several of their class who had not attended a S.A.G.A. reunion since graduating. I.J. (Ike) Vickar of Tisdale and his wife, D. Hluchaniuk of Yorkton and his wife, Muriel Welling (nee Fredeen) and her husband of Edmonton along with Herman Austenson now of Saskatoon and J.W. (John) Kunkel of Davidson with their wives were all back.

John Bourne of Netherhill didn't make it for the reunion but was in later in the week for some of the Farm and Home Week sessions. The class of '46 enjoyed visiting with Bernie Ward '47, of Aylsham. Bernie who knew all '46 grads quite well shared their reunion fun. Oral had heard from all except one of his fellow graduates. Jack Kyle, Frank Shaw, Steve Klach, Bob Hart and Cec. Haver had all hoped to attend but didn't quite make it. Oral says everyone had such a good time that he is sure they will all be back for future reunions.

The 1946 School Grads

Stu Finlay reports that the '46 School Class was well represented. Several of the fellows were accompanied by their wives to the Sunday Tea and the Banquet and Dance. Those taking in the events were Frank Brennan, Sedley; Charley Chapman, Meskanaw; Alex Johnson, Archerwill; Forrest Hetland, Naicam; Bill Dickie, Melfort; George Staffen, Nipawin; Ernie Hage, Archerwill; and the co-chairman, Stu Finlay, Saskatoon; and Bruce Wray, Regina.

The 1956 Degree Class

Del Blewett reports that although the class of 1956 may have given the Dean a few gray hairs during their four-year reign at the University, we are pleased to report that all the members we have heard from are progressing well in their profession.

President Norm Bray received his Masters Degree and is presently with the Department of Agriculture, Economics and Statistics Branch, Regina. Ron Campbell is a teacher at Port of Spain, Trinidad, B.W.I. Charlie Carlson is with the Family Improvement Branch, Department of Agriculture, Regina. Ray Coutts obtained his Engineering Degree from the University of Toronto and is now Head of the Diesel Department, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, Calgary, Alberta. Clarence Gutheil is an Agricultural Representative with the Department of Agriculture, Moose Jaw. Dale Hardy is farming at Midale, Sask. on the side, and is one of the millionaire oilmen in our class. Henry Hood is presently working towards his Ph.D. at the University in Edmonton so was not able to attend. David Johnson joined the Chemical Division of Shell Canada Ltd., after graduation and has remained with them continuously. He was just recently appointed to the position of Ontario Sales Supervisor for the Agricultural Chemical and Fertilizer Department of Shell Oil. Jim Kidd is with the Livestock Marketing Division of the Canada Department of Agriculture at Winnipeg. Dick Lane is presently residing in Ottawa and employed by the Atlantic Development Board. Doug McRorie and family reside in Regina and he is presently employed by the Department of Agriculture, Regina, with, I believe, a recent promotion to Assistant Director of the Ag. Rep. Services. Dick Protz went on to obtain his Ph.D. in Soil Science in the United States and is presently with the University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario. Russel Wells is a Pedologist with the Department of Agriculture, St. John's, Newfoundland. Denny Ladouceur is a sales supervisor with British American Oil Company and is presently residing at Canora, Sask. I spoke to John Svenson over the Christmas holidays and he indicated that both he and his wife received M.A. degrees in sociology and both are presently at Brandon, Man. Keith Vick resides in Saskatoon and is employed with the Economics Branch of Canada Department of Agriculture. Stuart Whitney obtained his Ph.D. Degree

in a branch of Forest Pathology at Calgary. Russell Zalinko is presently a teacher in the City of Regina and has taken an active part in promoting band work among the various high schools. Glenn Flaten resides just south of Regina and has a large poultry and hog enterprise. Last but not least, the writer is a poor, underpaid lawyer with the law firm of Blewett & Surtees, Saskatoon.

Of the number of persons reporting to us, there were 12 attended the reunion and we expect to have a full turn out for our 20th reunion. It was a pleasure for Norm and I to receive word from the various classmates and we hope to see all of them in 1976.

FROM THE DESK OF DEAN WHITE

Grads Honored

Three Ag. Grads and their wives were honored by the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists at their Annual Meeting in Melfort, May 27-28, 1966. Receiving special recognition at the annual banquet were J.D. MacFarlane, '16, Wes Devine, '24, and Pontus E. Wiklund, '15.

Mr. MacFarlane, who served in World War I after graduation, was supervisor for the Soldier Settlement Board after the war. He then acquired a farm at Aylsham, expanding and developing it into an outstanding unit. He was a registered seed grower and also had excellent livestock.

Mr. Devine instructed in the Dairy Department following graduation but left to operate a creamery and later became manager of a Co-operative Creamery prior to World War II. After the war he managed the Melfort Co-op. Creamery from 1945 to 1962. Since retirement he and his wife have continued to reside in Melfort.

Mr. Wiklund developed an excellent farm in the Melfort area. In 1940, he moved to the west coast but not finding it to his liking returned in the 1950's and bought a farm at Resource which he still operates.

The Ag. Grads Association add its congratulations for the excellent examples set by you fellows and the leadership you have shown the community.

New Film

The College has been given a film entitled, "Unlimited Horizons," by the Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Co. The film theme is that those with educational requirement have broad opportunity of employment. Although a good deal of agri-business and other agricultural pursuits are depicted the full career opportunities open to Ag. Grads are not fully portrayed or emphasized. It is felt that the film would be suitable as an introduction to a talk or discussion of careers in agriculture. The film may be obtained on loan from the Film Library, Extension Division, University of Saskatchewan.

Farm Leadership Awards

Three U. of S. Ag. Grads and two School Grads were among 25 men and women of Western Canada to win The Bank of Montreal Farm Leadership Centennial Awards. Roger Gray, '49, of Indian Head; Denis Wobeser, '61, of Lloydminster; Bill Morken, '49, of Sturgis; Elmer Nelson, '54, of Prince Albert; and Lorne McConaghy, '66, of Beatty, will each receive a \$2,000 award to undertake travel and, or study projects of their own choosing.

The objective of these awards is to produce better citizens who can assume leadership in developing better rural communities. Roger Gray's project will be in Formal Leadership Training, Elmer Nelson will study Co-op. Marketing and Processing, while Lorne McConaghy will be investigating the place of 18 to 25 year-old youth in today's rural community. The livestock industry will come under scrutiny, too. Denis Wobeser will be studying livestock feeding and management and Bill Morken, the beef cattle industry. Congratulations, and good luck in your projects.

AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME

The S.A.G.A. Executive approved of collecting funds to have Dean Rutherford's portrait hung in the Agricultural Hall of Fame in Toronto. This was suggested at the Annual Meeting by Eric Beveridge, '26, and a committee consisting of Eric, Bill Foster, '29, Spike Smith, '15, Ben Blacklock, '46, and Oral Young '46, was appointed to work on

it. Already Spike Smith has turned in \$30.00 from graduates of his year.

The Agricultural Hall of Fame, for those of you who have not heard, is a building on the Toronto Royal Winter Fair Grounds where portraits of people who have been prominent in Canadian agriculture can be displayed. Eric suggested we have Dean Rutherford's portrait presented to the Hall of Fame and the committee is busy collecting money to do this. The cost will be about \$300, and it is hoped early graduates, faculty members who knew Dean Rutherford and others will contribute towards the cost. Anyone who would like to help out on this project can send their contribution to the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association, Box 500, University Sub. P.O., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

AGROS HERE AND THERE

The Class of '61 take note: Gary Carlson reports that the class is planning a weekend family reunion July 29 to August 1 at Duck Mountain Provincial Park by beautiful Madge Lake. Gary and 1961 President, Jack Drew, are hoping that class members will make the weekend part of their annual holidays. Of the 40 members in the class, 24 are still in Saskatchewan.

Many of our grads are on the move. Henry Enns, '61, has returned from two years in Kenya. Henry will be taking over the sunflower breeding from Eric Putt at Morden Experimental Farm. Eric who has gained worldwide recognition for his sunflower work has been appointed Director of the Morden Experimental Farm. Jim Kidd, '66, has taken on a two-year appointment with C.U.S.O. in the West Indies, while J. Dunanski, '62, will return from Malaysia in August to join the Soil Science Department at the University of Alberta. It is also reported that Bill Miner, '52, will be returning to Ottawa at the end of June and that Dr. J.B. Harrington has been conducting a two-month seminar in Mexico for the Rochefeller Foundation which is assisting in the FAO Near East wheat improvement project. Our world traveller, Norm Hemstead, '64, in a letter from Norway reports that he has visited 16 countries so far and is just getting started on Europe.

Closer to home, Dave Mallough, '47, former news editor, has moved to Regina where he will be in charge of the Regina Plant Products office. Stan Campbell, '50, also with Plant Products Division has been transferred from the Nipawin to the Saskatoon office. Gavin W. Hamilton, '50, has moved to Edmonton with Imperial Oil. H.A. Quam, '50, also with the Edmonton office of Imperial Oil was recently in Saskatoon for a nine-day course on fertilizers. Roy Burnard, '54, and family have left Theodore, Sask., and moved to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, where Roy is teaching school. Gordon Hartness, '63, water development officer with P.F.R.A., has moved from Melfort to Hanna. Allan McDougald, '65, who recently joined the Velsical Corp. will be moving back to Saskatoon.

A.W. Laughland, '63, has accepted a position with the Federal Government in Ottawa. R. Skaen, '49, has joined the Land's Branch in Regina and Art Irvine, '50, has joined the Department of Indian Affairs. Dave Rutledge, '63, has returned to farming at Gainsborough. Other moves reported were: Gary Wilson, '65, Lands Branch, from Meadow Lake to Assiniboia; John Singer, '63, to Kindersley; Frank Dunlop, '63, Saskatoon to Regina; Lorence Peterson, '65, Ag. Rep. Service, from Shellbrook to Swift Current. Bruno Friesen, '60, has left the Alberta Department of Agriculture to join the Alberta Wheat Pool and Stu White, '60, has joined the Sask. Wheat Pool.

Ag. Grads working with the Feed Merchandising Department of the Federated Co-operative Ltd. are Jim Harren, '65, in Brandon; Andy Bunn, '54, and Merv Derksen, '53, in Saskatoon; Jim McGowan, '65, in Yorkton; Bud Moar, '48, in Regina; Stu McKenzie, '51, in Edmonton and Ray Dyken, '62, in Calgary. John Kubin, '65, is field man with Canada Packers in Saskatoon.

Darrel Driver, '55, is now with the Farm Management Division of the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture and Joe Bellefleur, '50, has moved to Regina and joined Industrial Engineering Ltd. Tom Burwell, '64, has left the Manitoba Department of

Agriculture for a position as Department of Agriculture Farm Management Specialist at Regina. A number of recent grads have joined the Farm Credit Corporation: Don Rayner, '66, in Swift Current; Bill Janzen, '66, in Saskatoon; Cyril Edwards, '64, in Prince Albert; and Vernon Day, '66, in Regina. Two other '66 grads, Glen Surridge, and Neal Moyse are now with Feedrite Mills in Winnipeg and Carman Conrad, Fred Homann and Leonard Campbell, all '66, are with the Department of Forestry, University of Manitoba at Winnipeg. Edgar Harder, '66, and Rod Harris, '65, have joined the Saskatchewan Family Farm Improvement Branch. Rod is at Prince Albert and Edgar will be working in the beef and sheep housing and mechanization extension program. Five '66 grads, Fred Wilson, Ron Iverson, Hugh McDonough, Richard Guather and Arden Myhr are working in Denmark for the summer under a farm worker exchange program.

Promotions and job changes seem to be coming thick and fast for Ag. grads. Bruce Wray, '46, has been appointed general manager of the Saskatchewan Guarantee and Fidelity Company Limited. Jim Clarke, '48, has resigned as President of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange and will be joining Hedlin, Menzies and Associates as a partner in August. Jim reports his son, David, doing well in Second year Agriculture at the University of Manitoba. Ed Halstead, '63, has obtained his Ph.D. from Purdue University and has been placed in charge of the new Soil Testing Laboratory at the University of Saskatchewan. J.T. Kyle, '46, has been promoted to Deputy Minister of Public Works in Regina. Charlie Gibbings, '42, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool President, has been appointed Director of the Royal Bank of Canada. Ross Ashford, '59, presently with the C.D.A. Swift Current Research Station is leaving to take an appointment with the University of Saskatchewan Crop Science Department and rumor has it that Crop Science Professor Ed. Larter will be leaving to occupy the Rosner Research Chair at the University of Man. Gordon Ekstrund, '64, and Derek Coke-Kerr, '65, are now with the Chipman Chemicals in Saskatoon.

Prof. W.J. Rae of the Department of Poultry Science will be retiring on June 30, 1966, and will be residing at 1725 Beach Drive, Victoria, B.C. He joined the Poultry Department in 1929 and was Department Head from 1942 to 1965. He would welcome a visit to his new home from Ag. grads in the Victoria area. Saskatchewan will be well represented at the Tenth International Grassland Congress this summer. Doug Cooke, '50, of Melfort, Eb. Troelsen of Swift Current and Bernie Goplen, '52, of Saskatoon, will be attending and presenting research papers. Hartley Fredeen has left for his second summer at Expo 67. Hartley is in charge of the project to prevent chad flies from disrupting the Big Fair.

Sol Sinclair, '32, Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, University of Manitoba, has resigned as Head of the Department and has been granted two year's leave of absence from the University to accept a position with the Ford Foundation as Program Specialist in Kenya. In that position he will be in an advisory position to the Minister of Agriculture on matters relating to the development of Kenya's agriculture. During his stay in Kenya, Sol's address will be c/o The Ford Foundation, Box 1081, Silopark House, Nairobi. He is extending an open invitation to any Saskatchewan graduates who may be there, to visit him. Bill Howell and family have left for a year's sabbatical at the University of Edinburgh. Your editor had a short visit in Winnipeg with Ted Vanebo, '49. Ted is quite proud of the new fibreglass, corrosion proof Northwest fertilizer attachment he has helped develop. Terry Phalen, '50, told us he would be visiting British Guiana this spring to assess the feasibilities of co-operative enterprises in this developing nation. John Frizzell, '42, obtained his Ph.D. in Extension Administration from the University of Wisconsin at the recent convocation. Dr. and Mrs. Frizzell visited in Saskatoon on their way back to The Dalles, Oregon. John has been on educational leave from his work there.

 And then there was the one about the Saskatchewan farmer
 who was described as a man outstanding in his own field.

BIRTHS:

Frank, '54, and Irene Sosulski, a son, David Jon, March 16, 1966.
 Keith, '60, and Edith Blackburn, a daughter, Kim, October, 1965.
 Tom, '43, and Iris Skogsrud, a daughter, Lisa Joan, October 17, 1965.
 Bernie, '62, and Mary Sonntag, a son, Galen John, February 18, 1966.
 Frank, '63, and Jean Dunlop, a daughter, Carol Judy, February 25, 1966.
 John, '61, and Mrs. Hoffort, a son, Michael Jon, February, 1966.
 Jack, '61, and Betty Shields, a daughter, Andrea Jill, April 6, 1966.
 Brian, '61, and Eileen Harvey, a son, James Morgan, April 20, 1966.
 Howard, '61, and Mrs. Matilla, a son, Jonathon Howard, May, 1966.
 Keith, '50, and Edna Downey, a son, Kevin Donald, June 4, 1966.

MARRIAGES:

Darald Marin, '63, to Marlene Harrison, October 9, 1965.
Marvin Morvik, '65, to Kathy Strudivid, February, 1966.
Bill Latrace, '65, to Lorna Hartsook.
Ernie Spencer, '65, to Marilyn Stoffs, May 7, 1966.

DEATHS:

Richard Horsman, '48, Indian Head, November, 1965.
Alfred Newland, '63, Gull Lake, November 20, 1965.
Kay Haase, wife of Gordon Haase, '44, in Ottawa, March, 1966.
J.R. Bunn, B.Sc. '13, Regina, February, 1966.
Mrs. John Logan, daughter of the late Dean Rutherford, in Indiana in May, 1966.