

Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association



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Ag. Grad. Directory

Enclosed in this news letter is a form we urge you to fill out NOW! The information only you can supply has many valuable uses, not only for the Association, but the University too. PLEASE PRINT. After you have completed the form how about jotting a little news of yourself or your fellow grads in the open space above, then fold the questionnaire and seal it with a 4 cent stamp.

Farm and Home Week

Start Canada's Centennial Year right by attending Farm and Home Week January 9 - 13, 1967. Walter Brice '40 and his committee have laid on an excellent program. Details will be included in the December issue but topics that will be covered by internationally known speakers include - "The Long Range Outlook for the World Grains Economy", "The Role of International Trade Agreements", "Grain and Products Movement - Transportation", and "The South Saskatchewan River Project - Where do we go from Here?"

Girls, you have not been forgotten! Special programs for women will be held on Monday and Tuesday afternoons and all day Thursday. In addition, the Home Economics Department will be holding open house in their new facilities on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

As a special attraction this year is the 1967 Agriculture Show put on by the students. The Agro Show will be produced each evening Monday through Saturday, from 7:00 - 10:00 o'clock in the John Mitchell Building.

The Bonspiel will be held on Saturday, January 7 and with the final draws on Sunday, get your rink together now.

Change of S.A.G.A. Registrar

Don Acton '57, our hard working registrar for the past few years, resigned as registrar to continue his studies towards a Ph.D. at University of Illinois at Urbana. We wish you all the best Don. The new registrar, appointed by President Phil Thair, is Keith Vick '56. We know Keith will do an excellent job but it's a lot easier when you keep those memberships up-to-date and let us know your new address when you move.

Life Memberships Drive

The last news letter contained a cheque already for your signature. If you signed it and sent it in you are now a life member of the S.A.G.A. The response to this suggestion was greater than expected. Over \$3000.00 has been credited to the life membership account to date and more is coming in each day. If you have misplaced the cheque, and don't recall the amount and want to take out a life membership, drop the S.A.G.A. Registrar a note to Box 500, University of Saskatchewan, Sub. P.O. Saskatoon. It has been decided to send certificates to life members. These have yet to be printed so you'll have to wait awhile before you can hang it on your wall.

Agricultural Hall of Fame

The drive to provide funds to have Dean Rutherford's portrait hung in the Agricultural Hall of Fame in Toronto, has now been oversubscribed. Eric Beveridge '26 and his committee of Bill Foster '29, Spike Smith '15, Ben Blacklock '46 and Oral Young '46 are to be commended for their efforts. We hope to have a full report on the unveiling in the next news letter.

From the Desk of Dean White

"Bigger and (just maybe) better" tells the story of enrolment in both the College of Agriculture and the School of Agriculture in 1966-67.

Total registration in the College increased by 9% (total 324) which is the highest rate of gain of any of the older Colleges on the Saskatoon Campus. The gain is almost exclusively in the first year registration. There are 127 freshies at Saskatoon and 14 at Regina compared to 108 and 14 a year ago.

In the School of Agriculture only 125 of the 145 applicants could be accepted into first year because of limitations of classroom space. There are 85 students in second year which is the highest graduating class since the period immediately after World War II.

The ranks of degree graduates were swelled by 40 from the May 1966 Convocation and by 12 from the November 1966 Convocation.

The student having the most outstanding record and thus winning the S.I.A. Graduation Prize at the May Convocation was John Wayne Gates. In his final year Wayne had held the Louis Ware \$1,000 Scholarship. Six of the May graduates attained Distinction.

At the two Convocations 10 former graduates received M.Sc. degrees and one received the Ph.D. degree.

The March Convocation for the School of Agriculture graduated 71 students.

During recent months some noteworthy contributions have been made to the Scholarships and Bursaries available to students in the College. The family of Dean W. Leslie Hutcheon have made available a \$500 Scholarship which does not restrict the option. The Western Co-operative Fertilizer Company in Calgary have provided a \$500 Scholarship for a senior student in the Soil Science option. The Saskatchewan Feed Manufacturers' Association gave a \$300 Bursary for a senior student in the Poultry-Animal Science option. Mr. Ivor Hull of Gray, Saskatchewan, contributed a sum of money from the proceeds of which it is hoped to be able to annually award three Bursaries of \$300 each.

The College is deeply grateful to the donors of these awards.

Agros Here and There



Photo 1 - L to R: Wayne Clews, Ed Halstead and Lynn Thompson have a down to earth chat about soils.



Photo 2 - At the table Bob Bullock spiels a Maidstone yarn to Wayne Clews, Bob Baker, Ron Johnson and Bill Noy. Young Danyl Noy figures he's heard it before. In the background Bryan Bittner checks with Muriel Drew to see if his steak is done and Don Wilkins (back to camera) talks with John Howard.

The class of '61 held a successful reunion at Madge Lake in July, where 15 Agros and their families enjoyed a two day get-together. Gary Carlson '61 reports that lots of golf was played and news exchanged. The highlight of the reunion was a beefsteak barbecue pictured above. Those attending were Gary Carlson, Wayne Clews, Ed Halstead, Lynn Thompson, Don Wilkins, John Howard, Bob Bullock, Bob Baker, Ron Johnson, Bill Noy, Bryan Bittner, Jack Drew, Sid Blair, Gus Peesker and Fred Bjornson.

Some of the news exchanged was that Bob Gilmore '61 has left his position as 4-H Specialist in Alberta to set up his own swine enterprise at Carrot River. Lyle McNichol '63 has replaced Bob as 4-H supervisor. Sid Pickerell '61 has been transferred by Canada Packers from Brandon to Winnipeg and John Chuey '61, formerly with the Lands Branch, Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture is now with Simplot Chemicals Ltd. at Tisdale. Sid Blair '64 is also with Simplot at Brandon. Robert Baker '61 who recently received his Ph.D. in Crop Science for the University of Minnesota, has joined the Canada Department of Agriculture at Winnipeg. Gary Carlson '61 has been appointed Research Supervisor for the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Board, Regina. Glenn Flaten '56 who formerly held this position is now giving more attention to his hog and broiler business as well as being Secretary Manager of the Saskatchewan Broiler Marketing Board. Al McLeod '49 is presently on loan from the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool to the C.F.A. Al is doing a survey on beef marketing in Canada.

Gary also reported visiting Gus Peesker '61 in Kelowna and Oliver Green '62 in Brooks. Gus is finding his chemical job in the beautiful Okanogan very enjoyable and Oliver is now the Brooks manager of the world's largest vegetable seed company.

Elmer Tumak '54 reports that Don McKenzie '54 is president of the Winnipeg Branch of the A.I.C. and that Bruce Billett '64 has taken a year's leave of absence from National Grain to travel in Europe. He also tells us that Ted Nicholson '54 has been promoted from National Grain Manager at Speers, Saskatchewan to District Manager working out of Provost, Alberta. A Regina correspondent reports that Bill Brown '48 was in good health when he visited the Queen City this summer.

Herb Clark '45 reports the recovery of a lost member in the person of Gil Binnington '51 when they both attended a course at Cedar City, Utah this summer. Gilbert, who now has his doctorate in Education, is Assistant Professor in the College of Education at Portland University, Portland, Oregon. The Benningtons have 3 daughters, and would welcome a visit from anyone traveling in the Portland area.

Dave Clark '48 reports from Lethbridge that Tracy Anderson '43 spent five weeks touring Research Institutes in Europe last summer and was an invited lecturer at meetings held in conjunction with the International Machinery Exhibition at Moscow, U.S.S.R. Alex Johnston '41 toured Newfoundland this summer determining the range potential in that Province. Dave also noted that Ron Peake '41 has left on a two year assignment in Uruguay for F.A.O. Ron will head the forage crop seed production program. Mrs. Alice Harper (nee Wall) '44 has accepted a position as Assistant to Director of Adult Education at the Lethbridge Junior College.

Speaking of the Clarks, Mr. and Mrs. John Clark of Inchkeith, the parents of Herb, Dave and Fred were honoured recently by the Department of National Resources in naming a peninsula in the La Ronge area "Clark Peninsula". Mr. Clark is still in good health at 93, Mrs. Clark passed away in 1955.

The transfer of the Canada Department of Agriculture's Economics office from Saskatoon to Regina resulted in a number of relocations. Steve Burkell '49 and Mike Ragush '49 have stayed with the Department and moved to Regina. Bernie Sonntag '62, Keith Vick '56 and Joe Zeman '44 left the Department for other jobs. Bernie joined the staff of D.W. Carr and Associates in Ottawa. Keith transferred to the Department of National Employment and is presently Student Placement Officer at the U. of S. Joe has become a student again enrolling in the College of Education. Joe plans to go teaching when he obtains his B.Ed. Jake Wiens '49, on educational leave at Ames, Iowa, came home for a week this summer just in time to see his old department disappear into a moving van.

While we are talking economics we hear that Gerry Gartner '62 has left the Saskatchewan Economics and Statistics Branch to join the C.D.A. Economics Office in Regina and Sandy Hutcheon B.A. '64 has joined the Saskatchewan Department of Agricultural Economics and Statistics Branch in Regina.

Job Changes and promotions are the order of the day for Agro. Grads. Doug Gardner '64 formerly with the Assessment Branch is now employed in the Service Department of I.H.C. Saskatoon. Bill Hunt '64 has joined the Farm Service Department of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in North Battleford. Elmer Bittner '65 left Canada Safeway to take a position in the Dairy Products Division of C.D.A. in Edmonton. David Johnson '56 employed by Shell of Canada, has been appointed manager of Brandford Fertilizer Co., Aurora, Ontario. Bernard Wiebe '62 has been promoted from the Edmonton Office of the Plant Production Branch of CDA to officer-in-charge of the Estevan Office. Bernie reported in a recent visit to the Campus that Garnet Altwasser '62 had left Canada Packers to manage his own feed mill at Brooks, Alberta.

Bryan Harvey '60 left the Agronomy Department of the University of Guelph (formerly O.A.C.) to join the Crop Science Department at the U. of S. Bryan will replace Ed Larter as the barley breeder in the Department. Ed left in August to occupy the Rosner Research Chair at the University of Manitoba. Bill Hurd '63 Melfort, has returned home from Tanzania where he taught for two years. Lynn Thompson '61 of Wolsely will be teaching in a Collegiate in Kenora, Ontario this winter.

Ed Halstead '61 was appointed Officer-in-charge of the Saskatchewan Soil Testing Laboratory. During the six month period prior to October 1 opening of the laboratory, he transformed the Chemistry Annex into a modern, well equipped, efficient testing laboratory. The lab is capable of handling up to 20,000 samples per year. Bob McKercher '54 returned from Aberdeen Scotland on September 1 with his Ph.D. to take up his new appointment as Assistant Professor in Soil Science at the U. of S.

Bill Miner '52 with the Trade and Commerce Department has returned from his post in England and will now be stationed in Ottawa. Art Irving '50 now is Community Development Officer with the Indian Affairs Branch at Regina. Clair Shier '61 was home on holidays with his family from Ottawa this summer. Clair is now a computer programmer with the Programmer Services of C.D.A. in Ottawa.

Bill Stother '49 is back in Saskatoon after two years of teaching in Nigeria. Moris La Rose '49 has moved from Swift Current to Regina where he is now Supervisor of Water Development for P.F.R.A. Lyle McNichol '63 has joined the Youth Department of Alberta in Edmonton.

Allan Rugg '66 has left the Ag. Rep. Service to join the Wheat Pool Extension staff. Other Wheat Pool news is that Tom Simmonds '49 has been appointed Saskatchewan Wheat Pool field man in the Yorkton district; Gary Rice '61 has been put in charge of promotion and sales of fertilizer and Charles Leask has been appointed acting manager of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool's Livestock Division. Art Delehay '52 has been placed in charge of the Agriculture Products for Federated Coops at Saskatoon.

Gerald Malin '48 member of Cooperatives Everywhere has moved his family across Great Slave Lake from Fort Resolution to Fort Rae, N.W.T. He will help to strengthen the new Estaredi Co-op at Rae, the home of the Dogrib Indians.

Recent grads that we have had reports on include Wayne Pander '66 who joined the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture, Information Branch, Regina. John Rannie '65 and Edgar Harder '66 are both with the Farm Family Improvement Branch, Regina. Don Church '65 has been transferred from Toronto to Regina with the C.D.A. Livestock Division of the Production and Marketing Branch. Tom Ward '62 and Jim Kidd '66 left for Trinidad for a two year stint under C.U.S.O. Jim Puckett '65 has joined Federated Co-op in Edmonton as an Agricultural Supplies representative and Howard Duncan '65 has been transferred by the Ag. Rep. service from Meadow Lake to Hudson Bay.

Laverne Voldeng '63 obtained his M.Sc. in Animal Science this September and Ross Evans '50 has returned to his Ag. Rep. position at Shellbrook following a years study in Extension at the University of Colorado at Fort Collins. Mike Hicks obtained his Ph.D. '66 in Animal Science this spring and has taken a post doctorate at the University of Alberta.

Several Grads are furthering their education this year. Doug Sword '65 is taking his M.Sc. at Ottawa University, while Brian Duck '64 is studying towards his masters at the Animal Science Department at the U. of S. Gary Storey '63 left the Saskatchewan Department of Agricultural Economics to continue his studies at the University of Wisconsin.

Gary is working towards his Ph.D. in Trade Economics. Tom Burwell '64 is at the same institution taking his M.Sc. in Agric. Economics.

1966 School of Agriculture graduates Ralph Howes, Michael Pfefferle and Ken Stanley, have returned to the campus to enroll in the College of Agriculture. Eric Molise '66 is now attending the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in Calgary.

MARRIAGES:

Derald Ahner '65 to Irene Keay '65 May 15, 1965.
Brian Keefe '65 to Carolyn Galbraith, September 17, 1966.
Jerry Knipfel '65 to Verna Nelson, August 27, 1966.
Laverne Voldeng '63 to Viola Bencze, November 6, 1965.

BIRTHS:

Del '56 and Marge Blewett, a son, Murray, September 12, 1966.
Bill '49 and Pam Dale, a son, Patrick William, October 1, 1966.
Bob '61 and Doreen Gilmore, a daughter, Linda Marie, August 4, 1966.
Clide '57 and Beryl Harris, a son
Lyle '63 and Mrs. McNichol, a son, Lowell Jacob Wesley, April 5, 1966.
Clair '61 and Gloria Shier, a daughter, Cathleen June, February 16, 1966.

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