

Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association



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Corrections: Before we begin, there were two errors in the last newsletter that were brought to our attention. First, the issue should have been 113 not 112 and second, there was a line omitted in typing on Page 14, paragraph 4. It should have read "Bob McKercher '54 reports that Bob Gardiner '62 is now with Cominco at Trail, B.C., and John Harapiak '63 is with Western Coop Fertilizers, Calgary. We had Bob Gardiner working for the wrong company.

FARM AND HOME WEEK

Now that the crop is off and the kids are back at school it's time to think about those winter activities. Farm and Home Week, January 6 to 12, 1968, should be a must on the list. Herb Clark '45, vice-president of the Ag Grads, is general chairman for this important week and reports that the over-all theme this year will be "The Farm Family in Transition". Topics such as

- The Computer in Agriculture - its use and limitations
- The Effect of Education, Communications, and Government on the Transition
- A.R.D.A. - its projects, implications and philosophy
- The Trend in Farm Equipment
- To Farm or Not to Farm - the social, economic and psychological aspects
- Farm Business Trends in Transition

will be dealt with by outstanding speakers. In addition, Dr. Glen Burton will deliver the A.I. C. Klinck Memorial Lecture on "Food Resources in the Plant Kingdom" on January 10.

Herb also said to mention that a lecture series of primary interest to the homemaker is being put on by the College of Home Economics and the Sask. Home Economics Graduates. These lectures start Monday, January 8, and will continue throughout the week, so there will be lots to interest you Ag Grad wives too.

A complete program of events, listing times, locations, topics, speakers and social functions will be mailed to members in December.

The Ag Grad portion of Farm and Home Week is well in hand. The following reunion chairmen have been appointed and things are shaping up for the biggest and best reunion ever. Chet Piercy '48 reports that as of November 5, 26 of the 1948 class have already indicated they will be in attendance. If you don't hear from your reunion chairman, how about dropping him a line on where you are and what you are doing.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Reunion Chairman</u>
1958	School	Lorne Sparling, Prince Albert Technical High School
1958	Degree	Gary Rice, Head Office, Wheat Pool, Regina
1948	School	Ivan Bowman, Canada Agriculture Research Station, Saskatoon
1948	Degree	Bud Smith, 39 Kirk Crescent, Saskatoon

<u>Year</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Reunion Chairman</u>
1938	School	Frank Spiggott, Outlook, Sask.
1938	Degree	Stu McBean, Canada Agriculture Research Station, Swift Current
1928	School	John Shadick, 810 Main Street, Saskatoon
1928	Degree	Howard Gerrie, 308 Albert Avenue, Saskatoon

Chairmen for the 1918 year have not been located as yet.

AG GRAD CURLING

The Ag Grad Bonspiel will be bigger than ever this year. Russ Campbell '50 and his bonspiel committee have increased the number of rinks that can be accommodated in the regular events to 64 from the usual 48. This change has been necessitated by the increasing participation each year. Last year a number of single entries could not be placed on teams for lack of ice. Russ says that everyone will have an opportunity to curl this year and, in fact, we will need participation from all the membership if we are to have a complete complement of 64 rinks. We are going to need 64 more curlers than we have previously had.

The use of 64 rinks automatically creates another event. At present we have the three regular events: Rutherford, Kirk and Skelly, and the senior Hutcheon event. Russ wants a name and a trophy for the new fourth event. How about using the tear sheet at the end of this letter and suggest a name or perhaps offer to donate the trophy. Entry forms for the bonspiel will be in the next newsletter but don't wait to form your rink. Do it now.

Mark these dates on your calendar now:

Ag Grad Bonspiel	- January 6 and 7
Ag Grad Tea, M.U.B.	- January 7
Annual Meeting and Lecture Series	- January 8
Evening Social, Marquis Hall	- January 8
Lecture Series	- January 9
Reception, Banquet and Dance	- January 9
University Open House,	- evening of January 10

FROM THE DESK OF DEAN WHITE

The May 1967 graduation class consisted of 56 scholars. At the November 1967 Convocation an additional three students graduated.

The S.I.A. Prize for the Most Distinguished Graduate at the May Convocation was awarded to Lorne A. B. Babiuk. Lorne also was awarded High Honours in Soil Science, which means that his average over the four years exceeded 80%. As would be expected he had won several scholarships during the four years in attendance. He is now registered on an M.Sc. program in Soil Science at the University of Saskatchewan.

The registration in the College totals 343 for the 1967-68 term. This total is distributed among four years as follows: First Year, 143; Second Year 78; Third Year 64; Fourth Year 53; and Partial 5. It is noteworthy that 10 years ago the total registration in the College was 154, which is slightly higher than the current First Year registration. We have grown somewhat over 1966-67 when total registration was 336, including 13 at Regina Campus. This growth is accounted for in large measure by the transfers into the College of 30 students from other colleges, 25 of whom came from the College of Arts and Science. The number in Second Year in particular was substantially increased by these transfers.

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE GRADUATION 1967

On March 23, 1967, 79 graduands of the School of Agriculture were presented with their diplomas by the Hon. Mr. Justice E. M. Culliton, Chancellor of the University of Sask. Gordon South addressed the students, their parents and friends. Gerald Erhardt was the valedictorian and V.F.A. Ermel, the most distinguished student in the graduating class, received the Scott Prize. Charles Entner, with the highest standing, received the University of Sask. silver medal. Dale Winder attained the highest standing in Rural Electrification and the Smith-Roles Prize of \$50. Garry Akins was awarded the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, Saskatchewan Branch, silver medal for the highest standing in the Pedigreed Seed class. The Smith-Roles scholarship of \$150. was awarded to William Weighill, the most distinguished student in the first-year class.

AGROS HERE AND THERE

On the distant scene.

Some of our agros write from far-off places.

Ted and Vera Hurd '50, report from the Plant Breeding Station at Njoro, Kenya, East Africa, that Kenya is a tremendous country in climate, scenery, people, and opportunity. Ted feels that Kenya and Tanzania have the potential to become leading exporters of wheat. The land and the climate are there -- all that is needed are the varieties, cultural practices, and capital investment.

Dave and Ruth Clark '49 are in Liberia for 9 months where Dave is lecturing in Animal Science at the University of Liberia in Monrovia. They expect to return home to Lethbridge early in 1968 by way of Italy, France, and England.

Bill and Betty Howell have returned to the Animal Science staff at the University of Saskatchewan after a year of sabbatical leave in Europe where Bill used the Animal Breeding Research Organization in Edinburgh as home base. Bill reports that he took advantage of ABRO's location on the campus of the University of Edinburgh to audit courses in Genetics, Statistics, Calculus and Matrix Algebra in addition to consulting with faculty and staff of the Genetics Department and the A.R.C. units of Animal Genetics and Poultry Research. ABRO itself has a host of top flight scientists working in virtually every area of livestock breeding with a multitude of interesting projects underway at its several research stations. Visits to universities and research organizations took him all over the U.K., to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France, and the Irish Republic. He took advantage of the proximity and ease of travel to attend several conferences in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Newcastle, Harrogate, Nottingham, London and Paris. "In all," he says, "it was a most stimulating and rewarding year" and he gives due credit to the University President and Board of Governors and to the N.R.C. for making the total experience possible. "I can't think of a better way to broaden one's interest, knowledge, and contacts and to revitalize a person's enthusiasm than to spend a year in new places among new people with new ideas."

Tom Lawrence '50 has taken a leaf from Bill's book and has left for a year's transfer of work from the Swift Current Research Station to the Agricultural College, Aberystwyth, Wales. Phil and Anita Thair '42 attended the 13th International Conference of Agricultural Economists at Sydney, Australia, this summer. Phil reports that Walton Anderson '42, Mel Andal '44 and Sol Sinclair '32 were also in attendance. The Thairs visited New Zealand, Fiji and Hawaii on the way home. Phil says it was a fabulous trip but sometimes confusing with strange money, the seasons reversed, the sun in the north and the traffic on the left. Frank Zillinsky '49 reports that he is off to visit the International Center for Maize and Wheat Improvement in Mexico. Frank says if he hears the weather has turned bad in Ottawa he might just stay for a while.

Agros on the Move.

J. E. (Ted) McCannel '50 resigned his position as President of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange to become Assistant Deputy Minister, Youth and Manpower Division, Manitoba Development Authority. Don Sutherland '52 has resigned as Regional Officer of the Economic Council of Canada and has taken a position with the Federal Manpower and Immigration in Winnipeg. Gilbert Wesson '49 has been made Manager of the Cooperative Trust Company, Saskatoon Region, with offices in Saskatoon. Bill Maxwell '51 has moved from Oxbow to Prince Albert where he continues to teach Vocational Agriculture. Lorne Sparling '58 is now vice-principal of the Technical School in Prince Albert, and Gordon Shuttle '62 is instructing at the Coop College, Saskatoon. Sig Orthner '49 has been transferred from the Kindersley to the Regina Branch of the Farm Credit Corporation.

Glenn Padbury '66, Keith Head '67 and Ray Button '67 received ARDA appointments and will be working with the Saskatchewan Institute of Pedology in the northern fringe area. Lorne Crosson '66 has been appointed to the Canada Agriculture Research Station, Saskatoon, and will be involved in soil survey work under the Sask. Institute of Pedology. Howard Ball '64 will be with the Department of Soil Science this winter instructing labs and doing fertility work. Dennis Szafran '67 is presently training as production and marketing officer with CDA. Dennis has worked in many provinces in Canada during his training and is now stationed in Saskatoon.

Steve Burkell '49 resigned from the CDA Economics Branch to join P.F.R.A. at Saskatoon as Program Administrator for the Community Pasture Branch. Steve replaces Tom Homersham '28 who retired this year.

Red Mooney '33 tells us that up at Tisdale Harry Lang '53 has been elected District Governor of Lions Clubs and doesn't have much spare time this year. Viv Holmes '31 has been named Supervisor of Field Crops for the Sask. Dept. of Agr.

The changes and moves are coming fast and frequent in the Saskatchewan Agricultural Representative Service. In the last few months several senior Ag Reps resigned to join the Manitoba or Alberta Departments of Agriculture. The latest to make the move are Dougie Barr '40, formerly Ag Rep at Biggar who is now Ag Rep at Arborg, Man. Clarence Gutheil '56 who moved from Moose Jaw to become Ag Rep at Minnedosa, Man., and Dave Enns '49 who has gone teaching horticulture at the Fairview School of Agriculture in the Peace River area. Within the service Doug Grant '49 was moved from Saskatoon to Regina to become Assistant Director of the Ag Rep Service. Paul Saum '50 has moved from Meadow Lake to Saskatoon to take Doug's place. John Hanson '43 moves from Hudson Bay to become Ag. Rep. at Moose Jaw to take Clarence Gutheil's place. Lyle Darwent '67, formerly assistant Ag. Rep. at Rosthern has been appointed Ag. Rep. at Hudson Bay. Harold Amundson '66 has been moved from Melville to become Ag. Rep. at Wilkie and Murray Shanks '66 from Estevan to Rosetown. Finally, Ed Gosselin '66 has been moved from Saskatoon to Kindersley to take over Art Domes '55 former district. Art left earlier to become Ag. Rep. at Portage la Prairie. Paul Shukin '64 has taken Paul Saum's place at Meadow Lake. Other changes within the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture are the appointment of John Gronsdahl '61 as supervisor of the farm management division and J. A. Gillies as agricultural research engineer with the Family Farm Improvement Branch.

Herb Clark reports that Bud Geddes '53 of Imperial Oil, Edmonton, was on the campus recently. Bud wished to be remembered to his many friends and also brought good wishes from Gavin Hamilton '45, also with Imperial Oil at Edmonton. Your news editor had the pleasure of attending an Amy family reunion in Grenfell recently and collected memberships from Doug Kent '49 and Gerry Fitzgerald '49. Also present at the reunion were Carmen Kent '51, Dean Bill White '32, and Edwin Amy '50.

Joe Zeman '44 says he is now officially retired from the Economics Branch of the Canada Department of Agriculture. Joe took a number of education classes at the University last winter and put in a busy summer with extracurricular activities. He was elected president of the Northern Sask. Baseball League this spring and spent June and July as manager of the Canadian Baseball team which was entered for the first time in international competition at the Pan American Games in Winnipeg. Joe says "we didn't win but at least they knew Canada was there". The latest word has it that Joe is teaching school at Leroy, Sask. Bob McKercher '54 reports that Doug Munro '57 of the Charlottetown Research Station, CDA, visited Saskatoon in October with his wife and daughter. Bob says he recalled batching with Roy Crawford '55 at one time but wouldn't say if that's what convinced him to get married and Roy to stay single. President Eiler Humbert '50 reports that Al Myhr '49 of the Dairy Science Department at Guelph was recently elected President of the International Association of Milk, Food and Environmental Sanitarians at their annual meeting in Florida. Russ Rollins '49 has taken up new duties with the Parks Board at Jasper, Alta. At the CDA Economics Branch, Regina, Jake Wiens '49 has returned from graduate studies at Ames, Iowa, and W.L. Oddie '49 and J.E. Elsom '62 have joined the staff for the winter months.

Roy Frey '25 reports he is retiring as Agricultural Advisor for Imperial Oil in Toronto and moving to 28 Wimbleton Road in Islington, Ont. Bob Boyes, President of Federated Cooperatives, is now residing in Saskatoon, and John McFarlane Day '39, Farm Credit Corporation, Regina, has been appointed Branch Manager for Saskatchewan, succeeding W. A. Duncan. Martin Hopkins '52, previously supervisor of Sask. Wheat Pool Farm Service Centers, has been appointed Operations Manager of the Farm Service Division.

Hugh McKenzie '49 reports from Lethbridge that Alex Johnston '41 was one of the authors of the new book "Alberta -- A Natural History". Down at Swift Current Dave Heinrichs '38 reports that Stu McBean '38 has been elected to represent the Swift Current-Gravelbourg district on the University Senate.

Art Stilborn '41 reports that several school grads have enrolled in first year College of Agriculture, including Laurie Lockwood '67, Gordon Reichel '67, Alex Ritchie '66, Wayne Gamle '67, Grant McLean '67, and Kurt Klein '63. In addition three others enrolled in other colleges: Raymond McLennan '67, John Vallance '67, and Reuben Wiens '66.

Several grads are continuing their higher education. Don Acton '57, Pedology Section of Saskatoon Research Station, C.D.A., and family are back at the University of Illinois at Urbana, working towards his Ph.D. Glen Farrell '60 of the U. of S. Extension Division is doing the same at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Tom Burwell '63 is busy finishing up his Masters at Minnesota. Several members of the Sask. Dept. Agriculture are back at the University of Sask. for classes this winter. John Hemsted '63, Stan Barber '63 and Bob Bens '64 are all working toward their Masters in Ag. Economics. Bob May '49 and Ernie Spencer '65 are working toward theirs in Animal Science.

Congratulations to the three grads who received their Ph.D. degrees at U. of S. convocation: Eb Troelsen '60 who returns to the Swift Current Research Station; Ross Ashford '59 who is now on staff at the U. of S. Crop Science Department, and Zenon Kondra '67 who is now a postdoctoral fellow at the Crop Science Department, U. of Man.

BIRTHS:

Bernie '52 and Henrietta Goplen - a daughter, Barbara Lynn, August 18, 1967
Larry '57 and Helen Koturbash - a son
Zenon '67 and Helen Kondra - a son, Alexander, October 17, 1967

MARRIAGES:

Bob Blakely '51 to Donna McKee, July 29, 1967
Brian Afseth '67 to Geraldine Nielsen, October 28, 1967

DEATHS:

Doug Warren '50 in Saskatoon, October 10, 1967
Kenneth McCuaig '64 at Vidora, June 25, 1967
W. E. (Bill)Walker '17 at Regina, spring 1967
Ralph Peterson '53 of Elstow, August 20, 1967

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Joe Zeman '44 on the passing of his father in October 1967.
Hugh McKenzie '49 on the passing of his father in April 1967.
Tracy Anderson '43 on the passing of his mother-in-law in October 1967.
Tom '53 and Joe '51 Dorrance and Carmen Kent '51 on the passing of their father and father-in-law in September 1967.
John Bourne '46 on the passing of his wife.
Murray Riddell '49 on the passing of his mother in November 1967.
Cliff Larson '50 on the passing of his son in June 1967.

Your hard-working Ag Grad secretary Roy Crawford '55 asks us to inform you that no receipts for annual memberships will be issued unless specifically requested. This decision was made to reduce the relatively large clerical work and expense involved in issuing receipts for the one dollar membership fee.

We are sure we haven't heard about all the moves, promotions, marriages, etc., so we have added an extra page for you to fill in. Just jot a news item or two, suggest a name for that new curling event or tell us where some of our lost members are.

We have listed below members for which we have no address. If you know where they are, let us know. To be sure you get your next newsletter send us your new address before you move.

B. Linnell	George Sephton	Terry Wakelin	Russ Torkelson
L. O. Redick	Wayne Isaak	Grant Devine	Dennis Smith
Terry Henderson	Jim Birch	Ralph Atkinson	Neil Cory
Denny Holben	Alvin Barth	Hugh Hopkins	Bernard Wiens
Sinclair Harrison	Norm Ballough	Mark Wilcox	Patrick Clift
Gary Coulman	Howard Giles	Jim Holm	Gary Colley
Hugh Thompson	Eric Reesor	Tom Babiuk	R. J. Monteith

THE AG GRAD NEWSLETTER NEEDS NEWS

Tear off this page. Jot down a news item about yourself or other grads, fold it over, and seal it with a 5-cent stamp. The address is:

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