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A group of 1950 Honour Year Graduates enjoying the Smoker
Left to Right: Fred Fulton, Eiler Humbert, Lloyd Goulden, Ernie Silzer.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1970 will go down as a year of changes for the S.A.G.A. After a very successful reunion in January, when the 1950 graduates had a very successful reunion and entertained us royally at the annual banquet, the Executive took stock of new faces. Roy Crawford retired as our Secretary Treasurer and was replaced by Bob McKercher, then Dave Christensen '58 has left us for 2 years and Tom Homersham '30 has taken over as News Editor in his place.

Caught in the money-squeeze, this will be the first full year in which our Association will be collecting membership fees at \$2.00 per year instead of the \$1.00 in order to stay solvent.

I look forward to the coming year serving as your president and working with the other members of your executive. We plan another enthusiastic reunion next year and look forward to your co-operation in supporting our activities.

Oral Young '46

FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

It is the time of year for University graduation ceremonies. On March 25th, 74 students graduated with the Diploma in Agriculture and since then one additional student has qualified for the Diploma.

J. A. Beckton of Maymont won the University of Saskatchewan Silver Medal for high standing and L. V. Nobbs the Scott Prize for the most distinguished student.

On May 11th, 72 students, the third largest class in the College's history will graduate with Thomas Marshall of Semans the most distinguished graduate. This class is 25 to 30 percent larger than those of recent years and, of course, the employment opportunities are poorer than they have been for some time. Consequently there are some 1970 graduates still seeking employment. If any former graduate knows of an employment opportunity, it would be appreciated if these new graduates could be informed of it through the Dean's office.

The College is entering into a new phase of activity involving the provision of some staff to the Animal Science Department of Makerere University College at Kampala, Uganda. The project is financed by the Canadian International Development Agency.

Dr. Doug Gibson is already in Kampala on an assignment of at least one year's duration. Dr. Dave Christensen and family expect to join Doug in early June.

W. J. WHITE,
Dean of Agriculture

Correction: To correct an error that sneaked into the last issue, - Foster Barnsley '60 is Director of Government Information Services and Ian Bickle is Director of the Publicity and Advertising Department of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. Sorry, Fellows!

The 1930 certificate class had a well attended reunion at the time of the Farm and Home Week.

Those attending were:-

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| Robert Cheston, | Regina |
| Berrill Motion, | Regina |
| Andy Smith, | Tisdale, Sask. |
| Edwin Armstrong, | Rockhaven, Sask. |
| Millen Dunbar, | North Portal, Sask. |
| William Spicer, | North Battleford, Sask. |
| Bill Janzen, | Saskatoon |
| Tom Homersham, | Saskatoon |
| Edwin Sparks, | Rosetown, Sask. |

Andy Smith, the class reunion chairman, also had word from others that could not attend.

Jim Stewart and his wife at Pleasant Valley are kept quite busy running a store and Post Office and also farm.

Bill Stewart also farms at Pleasant Valley and is getting along nicely.

Bill Collins, 632 Vine Street, Preston, Ont. was not able to attend the reunion but wrote as follows:-

"For the past ten years I have been with the Ontario Department of Agriculture as a Milk Commission Fieldman in Waterloo county. We also have a farm at Kincardine and I am hoping to retire there this fall.

As for our family, our oldest girl, Carol, will be graduating in Home Economics this spring and plans on getting married in June. Louise will graduate as a Registered Nurse this fall. Her twin, Lois, is a Registered Nursing Assistant and was married

this past September. Our youngest offspring, Grant, is in first year Agriculture at O.A.C. at the University of Guelph. He thinks he might like to be a veterinarian.

If any of the boys ever come to Ontario we would be very glad to have them come and visit us.

Reunion Tea was co-convened by Trudy and Dave Wooff '59 and Leone and Glen Farrell '59. The tea, held in the Upper MUB, was attended by 261 people. Floral decorations were white mums and blue carnations with gold barley stalks and greenery. Blue candles, blue and white doilies and napkins added much color to the occasion.

Many thanks from the conveners and those attending to: - Mrs. M. Hutcheon, Mrs. P. Van Vliet, Mrs. R. K. Downey, Mrs. E.J. Chatfield, Mrs. Fulton, Mrs. Weiss, Mrs. R. McKercher, Mrs. J. Greenshields, Mrs. W. E. Howell, Mrs. K. G. Shipley, Mrs. G. A. Wilson, Mrs. G. Haas, Mrs. B. Harvey, Mrs. G. Wesson, Mrs. B. Backman, Mrs. E. R. Blakeley.

1940 Diploma Class Reunion

by Maurice Taylor

In 30 years people tend to become distributed far and wide. This has been true of the class of 1940 for, although most of the surviving graduates still are in Saskatchewan, others are scattered from Washington state to Newfoundland and from Washington, D.C. to northern B.C.

Only 5 grads were able to make it to the reunion but enjoyed getting together and talking of old times. These included Clifford Dyck who farms and is active in community work at Borden. His son Murray, following in father's footsteps, graduated from the School of Agriculture in 1970. Leonard Weber who farms at Vawn and, like many other farmers, has more wheat on hand than he knows what to do with. Leonard is a Wheat Pool Director. Doug Grant has been agricultural representative at Elbow, Swift Current and Saskatoon and is now Director of the Agricultural Extension Branch at Regina. Harry Gullett is a land assessor with the Municipal Assessment Branch, Saskatoon office, and Maurice Taylor is information officer at the Agriculture Research Station at Saskatoon.

Replies were received from a few other grads expressing regrets that they were unable to attend the reunion owing to distance or other commitments. Burton Taylor operates an Esso service station at Muncho Lake, B.C. which is at Mile 456 on the Alaska Highway. He is always happy to see Ag. grads who happen to be travelling that way. Howard Spencer operated an implement dealership and garage until 1960 and since then has been a trade instructor at the Saskatchewan Technical Institute at Moose Jaw. Herbert McWhinney sold his farm at Empress, Alta. in 1966 and moved to Saint John, N.B., where he enjoys growing flowers and doing odd jobs. Would be happy to see Ag. grads that come down to New Brunswick. Warren Benedict recently moved from Saskatoon to St. Johns, Newfoundland, where he is with Newfoundland Co-operatives. Gordon Haase is an Economic Advisor with the Department of Communications, Ottawa.

March 30, 1970
Box 500, Sub. P.O. 6,
Saskatoon, Sask.

To: Agricultural Graduates

Re: Hadley Van Vliet Memorial Fund

The Hadley Van Vliet Memorial Fund now stands at \$8,500,00; another \$10,000,00 is needed. Contributions have been received from 255 individuals and 10 organizations. The Board of Trustees met this month to discuss ways of obtaining more contributions, particularly from agricultural graduates. The number of College and School of Agriculture graduates is over the 3,000 mark. With the exception of the early graduates, very few Agricultural Graduates did not know the late Hadley Van Vliet.

A 1,000.00 award is to be made in the 1970-71 academic year. This award will go to a graduate student who plans to study in the area of Agricultural Economics.

The active campaign for funds is to close on December 31, 1970. However, the fund will remain open indefinitely.

Would you please consider making a contribution to the Hadley Van Vliet Memorial Fund. Use the handy counter cheque at the bottom of this letter for this purpose.

Thank you kindly.

Yours truly,

H.R. Clark, Chairman
Board of Trustees

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Box 500, Sub, P.O. No. 6, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada. Official Receipts will be mailed to you.

The 26th annual bonspiel this year was entered by 68 rinks and the bonspiel committee with Bryan Harvey '60 as chairman, and Art Westland '66 as assistant are to be congratulated on a job well done. They will be quick to acknowledge a great deal of assistance from others to make the bonspiel so successful.

It seems the practice of having the first games of the bonspiel played on Friday Night, to reduce the number of games played on Saturday, is well received. Interest in the Hutcheon event for those over 48 years of age is increasing.

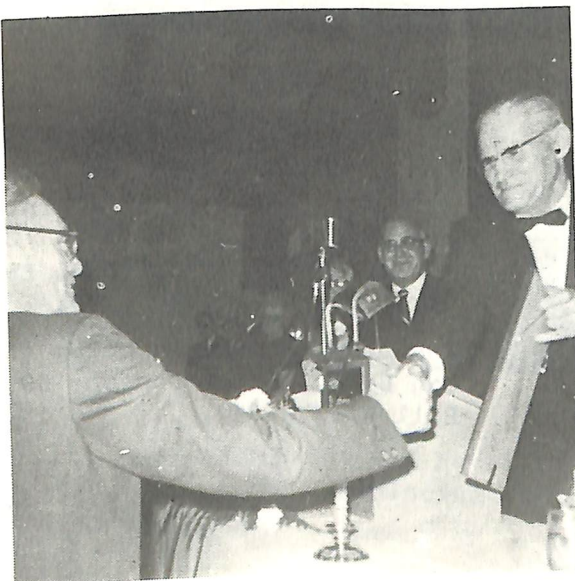
The order of events for the bonspiel this year was Rutherford, Kirk, Graham Skelly and Hutcheon events.



Rutherford Event winners, Jim Murray '47, Norm Flaten '50, Denis Ledouceur '56, and Fred Langley '50 (presented by Spike Smith '15).

Runners-up: Art Delahay '52, Stan Campbell '50, Bill Turner '66, and Don Rugg '66.

Honorary Life Memberships were awarded to Harold Horner '33 and Murray Riddell '49 at the Annual Banquet by Bill White '32 and Phil Thair '42.





Kirk Event winners Bob Dodds '53, Bryan Harvey '60, Stan Smith '55, Bill Copeland '60.

Runners-up: Jim Turner '66, Bob Norman '70, Tom Marshall '70, Darrell Pachal '70.

The Graham Trophy for the third event winners were Eric Moysey '48, Grant Grant Milne '57, Don Acton '57 and Norm Loppacher '68, with runners-up: Dwight Harbottle ' , Henry Schappert '69, Grant Kowalenko '68, and Gary Cooper.

The Skelly Trophy for the fourth event winners were: Fred Bjornson '61, Jim Birch '67, Ken Tuplen '68, and Blair Birch.



Hutcheon Event winners: Arnold Treble '49, W.E. Thompson '38, Bill Foster '29, and Bill Ewart '43 for Ernie Silzer '50.

Runners-up: Jack McCallum '39, Don Bowey, Bruce Dawson '39, and Bill Wilson '40.



Left to Right: Merle White, Lloyd Goulden,
Cliff Larson, Milton Reusch, Fred Fulton,
Terry Phalen



Andy Smith '30 and Berrill
Motion '30 reminiscing at
the Smoker.



Gib Wesson '50 (standing), Ross
Greenshields '49 and Gordon
Orchard '61 concentrating on a
card game at the Smoker.

Agros Here and There

V.B. Holmes retired April 9th after 35 years of service in the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture (Plant Industry Branch) starting in 1935 and rising to head of the Department in 1967, also served as secretary of the Saskatchewan Branch of the Canadian Seed Growers Association and Saskatchewan Advisory Council on Grain Crops.

T.V. Beck '50 appointed chief of the Saskatchewan Plant Industry Branch after serving 19 years as Weed Control Specialist with the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture.

Lin Boyes '48 moved to Minnedosa, Manitoba, as Agricultural Representative after spending 19 years with the Department of Agriculture in Saskatchewan.

William Weighill '68 has been awarded the Nuffeld Foundation Scholarship of nearly \$2,000 living allowance and will spend six months studying agriculture in Britain. Bill is farming at Carrot River.

C.H.P. Killick '24 Manitoba Dairy Commissioner from 1946 to 1964 has been appointed to B.C. Milk Board.

Tom Simmonds '49 appointed Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Fieldman for District 11 at Rosetown.

Maurice Brounstein '39 has been appointed Assistant Director for the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture Extension Branch after serving the Department as an Agriculture Representative since 1947.

H.C. Moss '24 received an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of Saskatchewan Convocation May 11, 1970.

Cecil Stushnoff '64 received a grant from "The Hills Family Foundation" of Minnesota to tour the tropical fruit growing areas of Hawaii, Honduras, Columbia, Brazil and Uruguay. Left January 6th, returned February 28th.

Bob Knowles '42 and wife Pat, Arts '42, returned to C.B.C. in June after spending three years with F.A.O. Farm Broadcasting Services, training broadcasting personnel from 30 countries.

J.F. Booth '19 - LL.D. '48 Cornell Ph.D '26 (Ottawa) and E.G. Booth '21 Minn. - Ph.D - 28 - (St. Paul) and their wives spent Christmas 1969 with their sister Evelyn Booth (Mrs. Auclair) and husband at St. Hilaire, Que., their first Christmas together since 1919.

Hans Seitz '59 Zehner, received a full page spread in the February issue of Farm Light and Power on his modern farm dairy establishment.

Ken Gronsdahl '51 has been appointed Vice-President and Director of Marketing of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

At the University Convocation on May 11 and 12, it was noticed that Reuben Wiens '65, Glenbush, was awarded the B.Ed. degree and Alex Ritchie '66, Zealandia, Kurt Klein '63, Canwood, and Tom Ward '62, Vanscoy (now Saskatoon) were granted the B.S.A. degree.

At the School of Agriculture graduation exercises on March 26th, seventy-four new graduates were presented their diplomas by Chancellor John G. Diefenbaker. John A. Beckton, Maymont, was awarded the University of Saskatchewan silver medal for high standing; Lavern V. Nobbs, Lancer, won the Scott Prize and Larry C.J. Whitehead, Viscount, received the Smith Roles prize for Rural Electrification.

David R. Milne '70, brother of W. Grant Milne '57, Balcarres, won the S.A.G.A. Student Achievement Trophy.

E.G. Booth '21 reports a Christmas family reunion in Montreal at his sister, Evelyn's home, the first time that the family has been together since 1919 at the Family Farm at Semans.

Eric L. Sweatman '40 farming at Kelliher, has been very active in Community affairs.

Barry Rugg '48 is enjoying working 3400 feet underground at the Allan Potash Mine. especially when the cold winds are blowing above.

J.D. McFarlane '16, retired, now living in Nipawin after many years of service to his Community, Province and Country, The Best for a Happy Retirement J.D.

W.E. Benedict '40 Managing Director Nfld. Co-op Services would welcome visits and inquiries from tourists, particularly Agro Gang.

Patrick E.J. Callin '69 with Farm Credit Corporation being transferred from Regina to Prince Albert, would welcome Ag. Grad callers.

George Price '46 was recently awarded the "Cowhide Trophy" for the best Farm Broadcast item on the CBC's National Radio and Television Network.

J.W. Wally Hamm of U. of Man. graduate and holder of a M. Sc. degree from Manitoba is the new Officer-in-Charge of Soil Testing, U. of S., as of January 1, 1970. Ed. Halstead '61 has been appointed full time to the Department of Soil Science, U. of S., where he will do fertility investigations and teaching.

E.E. 'Mac' MacKintosh '62 has been appointed Assistant Professor of Soil Science at the University of Guelph as of January 1, 1970. Mac and Gail left Saskatoon in early January to take up the new appointment. They had been in Saskatoon most of 1969 following their return from Australia. Mac had been a Special Lecturer in Soil Science at the U. of S. in 1969.

Bill Copeland '60, the Rosetown farmer who keeps Ag. Econ. going in the winter time, spent a few weeks in California in January and February.

Don Sanderson '63, left for Australia in late January to inspect a few Australian sheep farms. Since it is summer in Australia Don may spend a bit of time inspecting the beach scenery as well. Enroute he visited Hawaii, Fiji, and New Zealand.

Terry Veeman '62 and wife, Michelle, who are both completing Ph.D.'s at Berkeley were on a job searching expedition through Saskatoon in early April.

Jim Kidd '66, 1105 McMillan Ave., Saskatoon, has just completed 3 years of International work with CUSO in Jamaica and Tanzania. Jim worked as a Dairy Supervisor on a boy's farm in Jamaica and as a Regional Livestock Officer in Extension in Tanzania. Jim visited with Herb Clark and Art Stilborn while on the Campus.

Bob Brack '52 Associate Professor, Extension Division, U. of S. has been appointed a director of the Canadian 4-H Foundation.

A number of agrologists from the University at Saskatoon have volunteered their services for overseas work, mostly for a 2 year term. Dean White already referred to Dr. Doug Gibson and Dr. Dave Christensen '58 going to Kampala, Uganda. Dr. Gibson will be head of a new Department of Animal Science and Dave will be a professor under him. The following 1970 agriculture graduates are accepting overseas appointments for 2 year duration through Canadian University Students Overseas: Ken Miller goes to India, Mike Pfeferle to Tanzania, A. Ritchie '66 to East Africa and J. Turner '70 to Nigeria.

H. Fredeen '43 and B. Goplen '52 of Canada Agriculture Research Station, Saskatoon, are also on leave-of-absence. Hartley is going to Northern Ghana for 8 months starting in July to work on control of a black fly which spreads disease amongst inhabitants along three rivers in that country.

Dr. Bernie Goplen '52 will be in Summerland, B.C. for 15 months to help develop an alfalfa that will not cause bloat. He leaves on June 1st.

Among those who received Diplomas in Agriculture in March were Robert W. Allen, brother of Douglas Allen '68, Abernethy; Glen A. Busse, son of Allan Busse '49, Simpson; Jim Colpitts, son of Willard Colpitts '47, Cabri; Murray Dyck, son of Clifford Dyck '40, Borden; Vernon L. O'Connell, brother of Art Russell '64, Zealandia; Neal Torrance, brother of Morton Torrance '64, Elrose; Ken Wright, son of Graham Wright '46; Richard Charlie Stueck, grand nephew of Alex Stueck '15, Abernethy; Clifford Petruic, brother of John Petruic '59, Avonlea.

Douglas Wallace '67 Unity, is now employed as an Airfield Controller at the Saskatoon Airport.

Gordon Parker '64 Agricultural Representative at Leader, Sask., has been transferred to the Regina district.

Among those attending intersession we find the following Ag. Grads:

Lorence I. Peterson '65, Swift Current
Bob Middleton '57, North Battleford
Maurice Brounstein '40, Regina
Sylvester Solar '62, Kindersley
Ross Kingdon '55, Fort Qu'Appelle
Jim Smith '41, Moosomin
Doug England '63, Prince Albert
Lyle Darwent '67, Wakaw
Phillip England '68, Weyburn
Jim Pratt '69, Shellbrook
Harold Amundson '67, Wilkie

Stewart Adam '69, Wynyard
John Hoffort '61, Regina
Don McLaren '50, Ogema

The Crop Science Department, University of Saskatchewan and Canada Agriculture Research Station have scheduled a Field Day, July 16 to show off their experiments on all field crops - cereals, forages, oilseeds and a few new ones. Tours are planned for both morning and afternoon. Premier Thatcher has agreed to speak at noon. Watch for further publicity. Make it a family outing. This is also the week of "SASKACHIMO" (the successor to Pion-era and the Saskatoon Exhibition.)

Marriages

David Bergh '68 and Elaine Willerton of Bjorkdale.

Births

- to Mr. & Mrs. Tom Burwell '64, Regina, a son by adoption in December.
- Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Taylor '45, Saskatoon, a son in October '69.
- Mr. & Mrs. Derald Ahner '65, Brandon, a daughter, September '69.
- Mr. & Mrs. Stan Stroeder '59, Englefield, a son in December '69.
- Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Darwent '63, Moose Range, a son in June '69.
- Mr. & Mrs. Wayne L. Pander '66, Oxbow, a son in September '69.
- Mr. & Mrs. Eric Rusor '67, Walsh, Alta., a daughter in July '69.
- Mr. & Mrs. Don Church '65, Kelliher, a son in July '69.
- Mr. & Mrs. Jim Holm '67, Hudson Bay, a son.
- Mr. & Mrs. Jim Hammond '69, Saskatoon, a son in October '69.
- Mr. & Mrs. Bob McKercher '54, Saskatoon, a daughter in October '69.
- Mr. & Mrs. Les Henry '64, Saskatoon, a daughter in October '69.
- Mr. & Mrs. Geza Racz '61, Saskatoon, a daughter in February '70.
- Mr. & Mrs. John Harafriak '63, Calgary, a son.

Deaths

- Dr. Clarence C. Spence '29 on October 17 at Rimbey, Alta.
- Warren O. Thompson '12 on December 26, 1967.
- Campbell Hackney '23 at White Rock, B.C.

Sympathies are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brice '40 on the death of their son, Gerald, and to Dr. John Truscott '49, on the death of his mother.

Your 1970 S.A.G.A. membership fee was due on January 1, 1970. Unless payment is received by July 1st, you will not receive the next newsletter. Annual membership for 1970 is \$2.00. Life Memberships are \$30. less 50 cents for each year you have paid dues since 1947, and less 25 cents for each year paid before 1947. Mail to Box 500, Sub. P.O. No. 6, Saskatoon, Sask.

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Please send us news about yourself or other grads. Job changes, births, deaths, marriages. Life histories.

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