

Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As we come to the end of another year in Agriculture we can't help but reflect on the past year and look ahead to the future. 1970 was a discouraging year for certain segments of Agriculture. We will remember it as the year we came to grips with the perennial problem of wheat surpluses and looked into the overall Agriculture industry. I refer here to the task force on Agriculture report, the discussions which have resulted and some of the intentions of Government for changes in policy.

We can't help but be optimistic for the future of Agriculture. In a world increasing in population the time is fast approaching when our agriculture products will be in demand.

Your Agricultural Graduates Association executive has been busy with plans for another reunion in January. This year we honour the classes that graduated in 1951. We are confident the reunion will be a success and hope that not only the 1951 graduates but all of you will endeavor to attend portions of the reunion.

To all Agro graduates and their families, on behalf of your executive, may I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Oral Young

A MESSAGE FROM THE REGISTRAR

Box 500, Sub P. O. No. 6, Saskatoon

A. Before reading any further, would you please check your address to see it is correct. If not, please drop us a line or card and give us your correct address. In addition, would you please help us obtain the correct addresses for the following: R. W. Broadfoot, H.L.M.; T. Brydon, L.M.; J. J. Cameron, L.M.; Ken Ewan L.M.; Norm J. Fisher, L.M.; Laurent Gareau, L.M.; J. R. Harrop, H.L.M.; Terry Henderson, Pd. 72; John Hnatiuk, L.M.; L. A. Quick, H.L.M.; M. Mcconnachie, Pd. 70; A. D. Matheson, Pd. 70; W. M. Middlemiss, Pd. 70; Derryl Peardon, Pd. 70; H. A. Riddell, A. 69; Grant Rogan, Pd. 72; Dale Schmale, Pd. 70; John L. Stein, A. 69; John G. Stephenson, L.M.; Bruce Grimes, A. 69; G. A. Sefton, Pd. 70; Rod Stevenson, Pd. 70; Arnold W. Tremere, L.M.

B. Your Registrar is most anxious to up-date the life membership listing and the mailing of the necessary life membership certificates. We know that a number of the members have paid their life memberships, but have not received the necessary certificates. Would you please write today and let us know whether you have (1) received the certificates or (2) have not received the certificates. We will then proceed with the processing and mailing of the certificates.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The executive give notice of intent to submit the following **constitution changes** to the annual meeting in January, 1971.

a) Article 3. **Membership**

Subsection 2. To be amended to read: "Graduates of Colleges and Schools of Agriculture other than the University of Saskatchewan and staff of faculties at the University of Saskatchewan which have an association with agriculture may be admitted as Associate Members on payment of the regular membership fee per annum. Such members shall be extended the privilege of full membership in the Association, except that of being an officer of the Association."

The purpose of this amendment as underscored is to legalize a practice now in use and to clear up questions concerning curling eligibility in the annual bonspiel.

b) Article 3.

Subsection 4. delete "Section (a)"

This is an error in the present constitution since there is no Section (a).

c) Article 7. **Fees**

Section (b). To be amended to read: "Life membership fees shall be according to fee schedule as follows:

Years Since Graduation	Life Membership
0 - 5	\$ 40.00
6 - 10	35.00
11 - 15	30.00
16 - 20	25.00
20 or more	20.00

The purpose of this amendment is a revision of the fee schedule and a new basis of assessment. The Life fees were not revised at the time the annual fees were raised from \$1.00 to \$2.00 for 1969. Furthermore the present fee assessment basis requires records of fee payment which have been impossible to maintain. Therefore the sliding scale above is suggested as both equitable and simpler to manage.

O.B. Young, President
R.B. McKercher, Sec.-Treas.

REUNION TEA

One of the social events of our annual reunion weekend will undergo a change of revue this year. The Tea, an event which grows in popularity year by year, will be held in Marquis Hall instead of the M.U.B. lounge. Sunday, January 10th is the date and the hours are 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Convenors Glen and Leone Farrell, and co-convenors Glen and Elaine Hass are looking forward to hosting a good turn-out of Agro grads.

1971 AG. GRAD. BANQUET AND DANCE

This year our annual banquet and dance will be held on Monday, January 11th at the Bessborough Hotel. The reception is at 5:30, banquet at 6:30 and dance at 9:30. John Kolynchuk's orchestra will be playing for the dance.

Bring your dancing shoes and we'll see you all on the 11th.

'Bill Turner'

COMPUTERIZED ADDRESS LABELLING

We have switched over to a computer labelling system and we would like to request your assistance in correcting any errors which appear on your address label.

John P. Doe 52
916 - 104th St.,
Annamoose, Minn.
Pd. 70

Your membership status is indicated on the label as life, honorary life, or annual. If annual, paid 70 indicates paid-up membership for the past year; paid 71 indicates membership is paid in advance for next year.

The other figure on the label indicates the year of graduation. If this does not appear on your label, please inform us of the correct year of graduation. Again we apologize for any errors and we request your help in updating our files. We would appreciate having you refer to the year of graduation when sending in news items.

We would also request your assistance in locating the addresses of the following life and honorary life members: R.W. Broadfoot, HLM; T. Brydon, HLM; George Coates, Life; C. Creach, HLM; George R. Kerr 54, Life; J.T. Kyle, HLM; H.I. Quick, HLM; S.G. Raynes, HLM; O.E. Wilie, HLM; Laurent Garneau, Life.

SASK. "AGROS" FORM SIA STUDENT AFFILIATE

In recent months there has been concern expressed for the development of a more professional attitude within the College, as is also expressed in other professional colleges on campus. We have made some formative moves in this direction. The 3rd and 4th year students have received official recognition by the Sask. Institute of Agrologists as a student affiliate, and now represented on Sask. council with voting privileges. We hope that there will be closer liason between the professional body and

the students, and that exchange will take place in both directions. The first activity of the affiliate will be an attempt at coordinating the guidance information and high school visitation within the province dealing with agriculture.

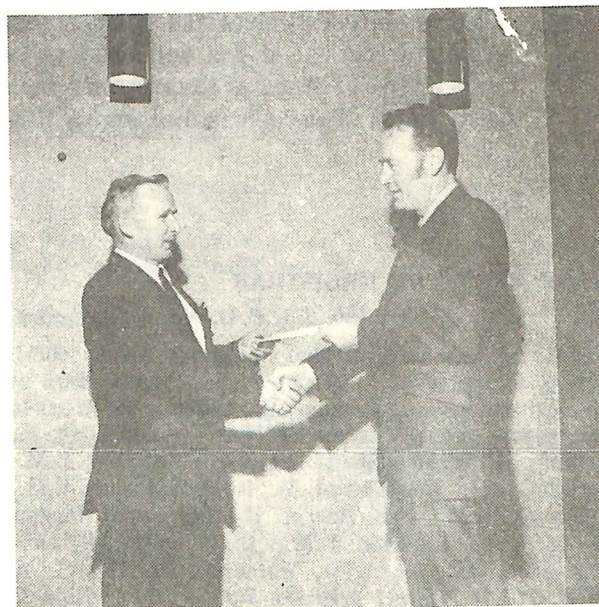
Our Ag Bag Drag took place in November and was again a well attended and successful venture. It is now Saskatchewan's largest annual dance and few who attended would dispute this claim, or were in any kind of condition to dispute anything. "My what a gallant gesture", was the impression of one young lass who watched several industrious Agros douse a small fire with beer, because it was the closest thing to water on hand. Our university student paper, noted for its critical nature, called the Drag "undoubtedly the best social gathering of its kind anywhere".

Jim Spiers
SAGA executive
ASA rep

LOST HONOUR YEAR GRADS

The Honor year chairmen report the following have not been traced. In the 1951 school year, Clifford Bertram Carr, originally of Baldwinton, and Robert Alexander Richardson once of Windthorst. In the 1951 College group Frank W.P. Backman, Calgary; Dale Arthur Browning once of Ponteix; Albert William Green once of Wilkie; David Robert Scobie of Rosetown and Haney, B.C.; James Angus Elliot of Ottawa. We need complete addresses of these fellows if anyone knows them.

HADLEY VAN VLIET MEMORIAL FUND



Jim Wright (48) Secretary — Saskatchewan Wheat Pool presenting a cheque for \$500.00 to Herb Clark (45) chairman of the campaign for funds for the Hadley Van Vliet Memorial Fund as the Pool's Contribution.

This donation was made on the part of the Saskatchewan Pool in view of the high regard the Pool had for the outstanding work done by the late Professor Hadley Van Vliet for Western Agriculture.

Herb Clark

AGROS HERE AND THERE

Jim Findley '69, is apparently making up for the present depressed farm economy as we see his name announced with the winners of the October Cosmopolitan Bingo.

Bob Norman '70, is now Assistant Agricultural Representative in Grenville County, Kemptville, Ontario.

Lin Boyes '48, in his new position in Minnedosa with the Manitoba Ag. Rep. Service, reports seeing such famous types as **Art Domes '55**, **Dougie Barr '40**, **Don Webster '52**, **Bob Bradley '62**, **Brian Andrews '65**, **Jerry Gramiak '65**, **Clarence Guthiel '56**, **Donald Ahner '65**, **Bog Rae, Ed Hudek '40**, **Bill Lambert '55**, **Bob Mitchell '62**, **Al Walls, Norman Hemstad '64**, around from time to time not to forget **Terry Oatway, Orlie Friesen, Tom Pringle '60**, **Ken Steele**, and **Jake Nickel '52**.

Bob Lockwood '64, has accepted a position with CAN-FARM in Guelph. He will continue his duties as Agricultural Economic Extension Specialist at the University of Saskatchewan until April.

Roy Blake '34, is now Council General for Canada in Milan, Italy.

Syd Pickerell '61, is now Sales Manager for Shurgain — Canada Division, Canada Packers for Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Vic Rea '48, retired from the teaching profession in June, now working with the Federal LIFT program; expects to attend Farm and Home Week.

'Mac' Collins '28, reports that he is instructing eight hours per week in the Norfolk Agriculture School in Simcoe, Ontario.

A. E. Sefton '67, reports meeting Dr. Japp '29 at Poultry Science meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee. Dr. Japp was the recipient of the Poultry Science Association Teaching Award.

John R. Gilliland '59, moving from Winnipeg to become Manager of Agricultural Sales for John Deere Ltd., Hamilton, Ontario.

Ted Hurd '50, nice to hear from you Ted, give us more news about yourself the next time you write.

Jim Turner '70, now in Africa as Agricultural Economist to the Tanzania Sisal Corporation, Tanga, Tanzania.

Wayne Pander '66, has accepted the position of Development Officer for Central Plains Inc. a corporation promoting diversified agricultural tourism and industry in southern Manitoba.

Hovey Reese, who is farming at Milk River, sent news of several other grads. **Carl Culler '60** rented his farm and now lives at Champion, Alberta, where he is teaching piano and other instruments. **Roy Swanson '58** is farming and ranching at Milk River and has a family of two girls and three boys. **Robert Kuhl '63**, **Bob Laackmann '63**, and **Larry Madge '63**, all are farming at Milk River. **Hans Seitz '59** has built a new dairy barn on his farm at Zehner.

Ernie McKenzie '36, retired from the provincial Agriculture Department in November after 25 years of service.

Bob Soper '53, left for Vienna this fall to assume directorship of the International Atomic Energy Agency. This is a two year position.

Foster Barnsley has left the government information services for the Regina Leader Post.

Alex Palin '51, wants to train some women mechanics at Fairview and wonders if anyone will hire them. 'That Depends Alex!'

Frank Deakin '42, has been elected president of the Battlefords Ag. Society. His first and second vice-presidents are **Jim Craig '51** and **Howard Matilla '60**.

Al Martin '49, indicates he is off to Kenya for a year with C.I.D.A. Al is taking along his wife and two of their four children. The director of the station in Kenya is **Bill Cormack** who once was the C.D.A. Chief in Saskatoon.

Mike Oxman '50, has been named north-east regional co-ordinator for the Agricultural Extension Branch. He will be stationed at Melfort where he has been located.

MARRIAGES

Robert Kuhl '63, Milk River, married Joan Fleming, November 15, 1969.

Bob Laackmann '63, Milk River, married Faye Smith of Derby, West Australia on December 20, 1969.

BIRTHS

Jim Hammond '69, a son, November 3, 1970.

George Pearson '66, and Lynne, a daughter Tanya Lynette on October 4, 1970.

Hovey Reese and Betty announce the adoption of a daughter, Nancy Elizabeth on April 16, 1970.

Roy Swanson '58, a son David Alexander, March 14, 1970.

DEATHS

Mrs. Gibbings, mother of **Charles Gibbings '42**, in November.

CURLING

The 27th Annual S.A.G.A. Bonspiel will be held January 8, 9 and 10th with a 7:00 and 9:00 P.M. draw Friday night at the University of Saskatchewan rink and a 9:00 P.M. draw at the Exhibition Curling Rink. This Friday night draw is due to lack of ice and we need 40 rinks to curl Friday night. This will let you out of the 8:00 A.M. Saturday game.

As in the past, we have the 4 regular events, Kirk, Rutherford, Skelly and Graham. These events will be limited to sixty-four (64) rinks with the usual guarantee of at least three (3) games.

All rinks in the regular events will be curling in the first two qualifying games of 8 end duration which will be scored on the following point basis, one point per end scored, one-half point for each team per blank end and five points for a win. On the basis of total points received in the first two games the rinks will then be placed in the event for which they have qualified. The remaining games will be of 10 end duration.

The senior Hutcheon Event is open to all grads 48 years and over who desire a less rigorous schedule. Curling in this event will start at 12:00 noon Saturday at the Exhibition Curling Rink.

Curling will be done at the following Saskatoon rinks: Exhibition Curling Club — Bonspiel Headquarters and Bar; University Rink; Nutana Curling Club; Granite Curling Club.

Please stay at the rink where you curl your second qualifying game to receive information on your third game.

Eligibility

To be eligible to curl in the S.A.G.A., bonspiel, a rink must consist of at least three Association members. The fourth curler may be a non-member and as such must curl in the lead position. Fourth year College and second year School students are eligible to enter a rink in the bonspiel or curl in any position. Rinks entered by students must not contain a non-member.

The fees for curling for this year will be six (6) dollars plus two (2) dollars for membership per person.

Send all entries to the following address or phone number no later than 12:00 noon Tuesday, January 5, 1971. Draws will appear in the Thursday, January 7th edition, of the Star Phoenix.

S.A.G.A. Bonspiel
c/o Art Westlund
Box 500 or PHONE 343-2775
Sub. P.O. No. 6
Saskatoon, Sask.

There will be a bar again at the Exhibition Curling Rink upstairs from Noon to 6:00 P.M. Saturday. We need your patronage to ensure a profit.

Correction: A couple of items in the last newsletter made reference to Barry Huffman. This should have been **Barry Hodge '69**, who is now enrolled in the College of Agriculture.

1971 S.A.G.A. Bonspiel Entry Form

Mail to:

S.A.G.A. Bonspiel,
c/o Art Westlund,
Box 500, or phone 343-2775
Sub. P.O. No. 6,
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Position	Name	Address	Grad Year
Skip	_____	_____	_____
Third	_____	_____	_____
Second	_____	_____	_____
Lead	_____	_____	_____

Rink name (for draw purposes) _____

Please indicate if Hutcheon event _____

Please indicate if can curl Friday night _____

If you don't have a rink to curl on, just put your name and address in the preferred position above. Check with Art Westlund for your rink name.

Return Address:
S.A.G.A.,
Box 500,
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Canada.

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