

# Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association

## Newsletter



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### NOTES FROM YOUR SECRETARY-TREASURER

The executive would like expressions of opinion on a matter concerning the curling trophies. Both the Skelly and the Rutherford trophies have been in an irreparable condition for a few years and new trophies have been obtained. The question arises as to their naming. All present trophies except the Skelly are named after Deans of Agriculture. Should we rename the Skelly or not? If so what will we call it? If the Deans are retained for naming purposes there are two names available — Shaw and White. Some may feel we ought to break this tradition of naming since some of the Deans' names have no immediate meaning to many present day curlers. Your opinions and suggestions please on this.

In order to encourage participation at the annual meeting in January, the executive have decided on a change of format. Beginning with the next annual meeting on January 10, 1972, coffee will be available from 9 till 10 a.m. and the meeting will then convene. In this respect keep the dates of the reunion in mind, they are curling January 8 and 9, smoker on January 8, Sunday tea January 9 and lecture series of Farm and Home Week beginning on January 10.

A final plea also to forward News Items. We rely on you, the members, to provide us with information for the Newsletter. It helps a lot if the news is accompanied by information on the year of your class.

Reunion years for 1972 are '22, '32, '42, and '62 fellows. The Honor years are the '52 College and School classes and all members of the classes are eligible whether or not they graduated.

### AGROS HERE AND THERE

**Jim Banford '57** manages to keep the wolf from the door with his farm-ranch enterprise at Eastend. Jim and Chris have a family of three whose ages in April were Laurie 10, Donald 8, and Joy 1. Jim claims Joy is thoroughly spoiled by the two older children but we guess a bit of parental indulgence may have its part. **Gary Broker '64** also lives at Eastend and is the principal of the High School there. Gary completed his B.Ed. after his B.S.A.

**Grant Murphy '51** has been transferred from Edmonton to Calgary. He is Manager of Western Division Services of Shell Exploration and Production. **Cliff Larson '50** writes from Ottawa that try as he might his curling team couldn't quite beat out Saskatchewan for the Dominion Post Office Curling Championship.

**Jim Marshall '66** is area manager of Agri Products Dept., Federated Co-op at Yorkton. **Ken Brice '64** is in Yorkton as well with the Assessment Branch. Still out in eastern Saskatchewan, **Walter Mysak '39** is president of the Sask. Urban Municipalities Association. Walter has been on the SUMA executive since 1967 and has 22 years credit in municipal government.

**Abram Hoffer '38** is president of the Canadian Schizophrenia Association. One of the benefits of being such a talented psychiatrist was a trip to New York in April as a guest speaker at the American Society's annual meeting.

**Bob Bens '64** has been appointed an assistant professor of Agricultural Economics and Extension Specialist at Saskatoon. This position is the one formerly occupied by **Bob Lockwood '64** who has removed himself and family to Guelph, Ontario where he has a CANFARM position.

**Tony Kusch '40** retired officially the end of August but had accumulated holidays sufficient to allow him to leave Beaverlodge the end of June. He retires to the Okanagan (205 Gibbs Road, W. Rutland). Tony reports that **Lloyd Darwent '63** is now Weed Scientist at Beaverlodge following completion of his Ph.D. at Minnesota in March. **Ron Plunz '66** is the District Agriculturalist at Fort Vermillion.

**Don Larson '48**, president of Co-operative Implements,

keeps in the news, with the recent signing of an agreement with Volvo of Sweden to sell their combines and with Steiger Tractor of Fargo, N.D. to sell their tractors. **Charlie Gibbings '42** received an honorary doctor of laws degree at the Regina spring convocation.

**Doug Grant '49** is president of the Regina branch of the S.I.A. succeeding **Norm Bray '56**. Amongst the directors Doug has to deliberate with are **Bob May '49**, **John Grönsdahl '57** and **Gordon Parker '64**.

**Don Rennie '49** had the misfortune to sever an Achilles tendon in May while working in his yard at a fence with a power auger. A bit of good news for the Rennie household however, was the success of son, **Rob '71** who was the most distinguished graduate in Agriculture at the May Convocation.

**George Lee '60** and **Bob Bens '64** and others of the Dept. of Ag. Economics spent a good part of their time in May and June attempting to instill knowledge and lore into a group of Agros. Amongst their scholars were **Vic Beaulieu '49**, **Roland Brassard '58**, **Cam Casswell '50**, **Ralph Christenson '49**, **John Hanson '43**, **Jim Holm '67**, **Larry Koturbash '57**, **Harry Lang '51**, **Bruce McDonald '47**, **Gordon Parker '64**, **Richard Roney '68**, and **Paul Saum '50**. With a group like that it is difficult to say who learned the most, Bob and George or their students.

**Rupert Neufeldt '60** writes that he has been back on the family farm near Laird. He had been doing mechanics work in north-eastern B.C. Rupert and Janice have two boys and a girl for a family.

**Herb Dow '50** in addition to serving as a director of the S.A.G.A. has been elected second vice-president of the U. of S. Alumni Association.

The Alberta extension people like our grads. They have recently attracted three more of the '70 grads to their district agriculturist service, **Carter Curran** at Brooks, **Murray McLelland** at Lethbridge and **Tom Brown** at Stoney Plain. Still in Alberta, **Muriel Welling '47** writes from Edmonton indicating she looks forward to receiving the Newsletter.

**George Gerber '64** seems settled in at the C.D.A. Research Institute at Belleville, Ontario. **Ed Dorosz '66** completed his D.V.M. and has started up a practice in Regina, limiting himself to horses only. **Chuck Day '57** has found a lucrative, and reportedly lots of time off for hunting, job as Academic Dean at the Grant MacEwen Community College, Edmonton. He should be able to afford a membership now in the S.A.G.A.

**Bob Norman '70** is operating as assistant Ag. Rep. out of Kemptville, Ontario. Also in Ontario is **Howard Giles '68** at Petrolia. Howard is mostly doing 4-H work.

**Bill Foster '29**, our honorary president, was the subject of a newspaper article for the recent Saskatoon Saskatchewan Exposition. Bill was chairman of the steam engine circle and must have really won the reporter over (a female) because in addition to two or three columns of print got a nice picture in the paper.

**Larry Lubyk '65** is now living in North Battleford where he is a municipal assessor. **Don Roy '65** has been moved from Assiniboia to Regina. He received a promotion within the Farm Credit Corporation. **Gordon Tomtene '70** has been transferred from Melfort to Saskatoon by Federated Co-op. He is a farm mechanization specialist.

**Art Wood '51** is now head of the department of agricultural economics in Manitoba.

We have a note from **Walter Van Haerlem '43** changing his address from Honduras to Costa Rica. Walter remains with the Standard Fruit Co. but is at Puerto Limon.

**Doug McArthur '65** has been named the head of a new branch in the Sask. Dept. of Agriculture. Doug will be supervising planning and policy research.

**Jack McFaul '44** is now vice-chairman of the University's board of governors.

**Alan Arthur '68** has moved home from Alberta and is a livestock specialist with the Sask. Dept. of Agriculture at Swift Current. **Neil McConnachie '68** is now acting manager of the Wheat Pool's livestock yards in Regina.

John Leask '36 has been transferred to B.C. where he will supervise the C.D.A. livestock division. John was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in our Association last January. Vic Rea '48 has turned voc. ag. teacher in the West Indies.

Herb Clark '44 visited Tom Rowles '22 in White Rock, B.C. during the summer. Tom is an ardent gardener and to aid him in this enterprise had just finished digging a 40 ft. well by hand by himself.

Dr. Walton Anderson '42 has returned from a three year tour as a development advisor for the Centre for International Affairs of Harvard University serving largely in Ghana and has joined the economic policy and planning secretariat of the Economics Branch of the Canada Dept. of Agriculture.

Larry Murray '71 has recently been appointed manager of the PFRA Demonstration Farm at Outlook.

Herb Ford '50 recently qualified as a Chartered Life Underwriter (C.L.U.)

Neil Campbell '71 has accepted a position with the Livestock Branch, Dept. of Agriculture, and is stationed at Melfort.

Doug Sword '66 has been appointed Research Assistant with the Department of Agric. Economics and is working on an Interdisciplinary Research study involving Agricultural Economics and Veterinary Medicine. He is also working on the development of a data bank for Saskatchewan.

Don Gillespie '59 has been working on pipe line construction in Southern Saskatchewan and soon will be moving onto Lynn Lake in Northern Manitoba.

Bernie Goplin '52 recently returned to the Research Station at Saskatoon after spending an enjoyable year on a transfer of work at Summerland, B.C.

Charley Keys '47 formerly Director of the Experimental Farm at Scott has moved to Saskatoon and will be continuing his work with the Dept. of Agriculture from the Research Station.

Cec Haver '46 of Agric. Economics Dept., Macdonald College visited friends and the campus this spring while back to Saskatchewan for the wedding of his niece.

John McConnell '51 and Lex Rutherford '48 visited in Saskatoon while going through for Homecoming '71 celebrations in their home towns. John is now in Ottawa, in the Information Branch of CDA while Lex is with the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture in Toronto.

Newseditor Tom is regrettably laid up in hospital at the moment. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Marvin Nyborg '55 was dragged out to a picture taking ceremony recently in Edmonton. The occasion was a \$1500 research grant. Now we know what inducement is needed to get Marv before the camera.

Bob Knowles '41 was elected a Fellow of the Agricul-

tural Institute of Canada at its Lethbridge meeting in July. The award is for his record of improvement to ~~so~~ses and grass breeding research.

A scholarship for the student standing highest in first year, School of Agriculture, in memory of the late Howard Gerrie '28, has been established by the Nutana Kiwanis Club. Presentation was made by Club President, Tom Homersham '28, at the graduation exercises on March 30. Also participating in the presentation was Stuart Harrison '32.

The most distinguished student award at the School of Agriculture graduation was won by Brian Irving, Kelvington, whose brother Allan shared this award when he graduated in 1956.

#### BIRTHS

V.O. (Bix) Biederbeck '67 and Frances, a second daughter Triela, in April 1971.

H.B. (Bernie) Stonehouse '60 and Tina, a daughter Patricia Anne, in April 1971.

Jim Marshall '66 and Sharon, a second son Carter James, in February 1971.

Bruce Cheston '66 and Linda, a son Scott Patrick, in May 1971.

Ed Doros '66 and Sandra (McLean) a son Sean Edmund in September 1969.

Howard Giles '66 and June, a daughter, Pamela, in June, 1971.

Harold Rostad '64 and Grace, a daughter, Karen Marie, in July, 1971.

Julian Dumanski '69 and Donna, a son in September, 1971.

#### MARRIAGES

Doug Hartall '69 to Sherran Louise Craig in June, 1971 in Saskatoon.

Daryl Maurer '71, Grenfell, in August, 1971.

Ian Bowle '71, Piapot and Eleanor Smith, Saskatoon, on September 18, 1971.

#### DEATHS

Edmund Schallin '44 at Mantor, Ohio.

Mr. R.C. Clarke, father of Jim Clarke '46 at Rosetown.

Dallas Boesch '55 on May 4, 1971 in Regina.

Mr. J.V. Finley, father of Jim Finley '60.

Don Farley, father of Jim Farley '70.

Ruth Austenson, wife of Herman Austenson '46.

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