

Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association Newsletter



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GRADUATION NEWS

The School of Agriculture graduation exercises were held on Thursday, March 30. Main speaker for the occasion was **Doug Grant '49**, of Regina. Eighty-three diplomas were graded this year. **Steve Pavlik** of Eatonia won the University of Saskatchewan silver medal and the Scott prize, and shared the Smith-Roles prize for Rural Electrification with **Florian Bendig** of Bruno.

The College of Agriculture had 84 graduates receiving "sheepskins" at May 29th Convocation, the largest class in over 20 years. The number of graduates exceeded that of the May 1970 and May 1971 Convocations by 16% and was from 50 to 100 percent larger than in any year in the 1960's. The number of prospective graduates for May 1973 is about 15 to 20 below that of May 1972.

Employment Situation for New Graduates

The large size of the 1972 graduating class created problems in placing graduates in desired employment. Information with respect to employment was obtained from 77 of the 84 graduates at the time of Convocation. Those who had secured off-farm agrolgical employment, were farming by desire, or proceeding on assistantships to postgraduate work constituted 68% of the 77 graduates on whom we secured information. Nineteen graduates had temporary summer work, mainly of an agrolgical nature, two graduates were farming but seeking other employment. Only three recorded that they were unemployed, one of whom was the wife of a graduate who had employment. The seventy-seventh person plans to proceed to another College.

While the above record of employment is far from ideal, it is not really as dismal as appeared to be the case in late March. There is the occasional enquiry still being received from employers and new programs such as the Land Bank may open up opportunities. Hopefully in the next few months permanent full time employment may be secured by a number of those currently employed on seasonal work or unemployed.

REUNION YEAR CHAIRMEN FOR 1973

These reunion year chairmen and their addresses are listed below. Those eligible for activities are all attending either the School or College for two years, whether or not they received diplomas. Normally the fellows partake in the activities for the class year they started with, that is if a fellow would normally have finished in 1943 he is one of the 30 year fellows even though the diploma or

degree was awarded another time. Of course he can have his preference of the reunion year.

- 1923 — **School:** Ernie Paynter, 2175 Retallack St., Regina
College: Gordon Loveridge, Box 124, Grenfell.
- 1933 — **School:** No diplomas awarded
College: O.R. Mooney, 909 - 10th St. E., Saskatoon
- 1943 — **School:** Tom Skogsrud, 1506 Cumberland Avenue, Saskatoon
College: Olaf Turnbull, 406 Ash Street, Saskatoon
- 1953 (**Honor Year**)
School: Bob Dodds, Loreburn
College: Ross Reynolds, Box 635, Lanigan
- 1963 — **School:** Kurt Klein, Dept. of Agric. Econ., U. of S., Saskatoon
College: Doug Mitchell, Poultry Div., 101 - 22nd Street East, Saskatoon
- 1968 — **School:** Dave Bergh, Crop Science U. of S., Saskatoon
College: Elmer DeYong, Agric. Economics, U. of S., Saskatoon

AGROS HERE AND THERE

We see **Gord Plaxton '57** has turned book reviewer. The trouble is that after reading his reaction to an Illustrated Natural History, we aren't sure if he liked it or not, there are so many big words all strung out in a long sentence.

Sham Regan '24 of Fort Qu'Appelle writes in information about **Jim White '24** and if we have space will include a couple of Jim's poems.

Dale Blair '61 is vice-president of the Sask. Simmental Association. **Gib Wesson '49** has returned to Sask. and Regina from Winnipeg and is a land bank planner in the Sask. Dept. of Agriculture. **Al 'Red' McLean '52** wangled himself a paid holiday in April. Red got on a mission to promote meat sales in the Pacific Northwest and part of the deal was a visit to Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Bud Smith '48 just can't keep off executives and as of July 1st is president of the Nutana Rotary Club. **Randy Seivewright '70** is with the Farm Credit Corporation in Regina after a try at farming.

John Keay '31 retired from the Dept. of Industry, Trade and Commerce in November, 1971. John intends on remaining in Ottawa — is on the same street as **John Booth '19**.

Don Scott '46 sends along news of a Farm and Ranch tour of Australia, New Zealand and other South Pacific islands. **Spike Smith '15** was also along and Don says

he added to his insulator collection and didn't have to climb any poles to do it. On the tour they saw **Hugh Templeton** '30 at the Wagga Agricultural College, Wagga Wagga, N.S.W.

Tom Pringle '61 is now the north-western director of extension services in Dauphin for the Manitoba Department of Agriculture. **Al Watkins** '59 is the Interlake director working out of Arborg.

Ron Shapka '68 is farming near Macklin and wondering why he can't irrigate with all his excess slough water. **Terry Gates** '68 is going to sell fertilizers in Nipawin beginning in the summer of 1972. **Alex McKean** '23 sent in an address change from Texas to Lebret, Sask. but didn't tell us what he was going to spend time doing.

John Paterson '42 is off to Santa Maria, Brazil for a couple of years to try agricultural mechanization under an FAO contract. **Lloyd Hammond** '48 is now Manager of the Standard Life Assurance Co. in Winnipeg.

Bob Staples '54 remains in Chapel Hill, North Carolina doing human medicine work, a big change from wrestling Bob! **Kim Thorson** '54 was a successful politician in the recent provincial election and now is in the provincial cabinet as minister of industry and mineral resources.

Ted Maas '41 has been transferred from Saanichton to Agassiz all in B.C. Ted will continue research work on organic soils. **Al McLeod** '49 is president-elect of the Agricultural Institute of Canada.

George Gerber '64 has been transferred from Belleville, Ontario to Winnipeg where he continues as an entomologist for C.D.A. **Jim Morris** '70 completed his M.Sc. and has been appointed a research economist with the Sask. department of agriculture.

Bruno Friesen '60 is now Secretary of the Alberta Wheat Pool. **Gus Peesker** '61 is managing the crop programs for C.I.L. in the agricultural chemicals division, London, Ontario. **Lorne Crosson** '62 returned to Saskatoon from Guelph in May. Lorne was on educational leave and now resumes duties associated with the Sask. Soil Survey.

Harry Gullett '51 has been promoted to full time research assistant with the Municipal Assessment Commission. He will join **Bill Ewert** '43 in the office on the University Campus. **Dave Hryhor** '72 was hired by the assessors in May.

Olaf Turnbull '43 has had his duties at the Western Co-op College changed. He is now executive director after being program director since 1967. **Gerald Girodat** '64 is farm management specialist with the Sask. department of agriculture in Swift Current. We also see **Ed Shultz** '64 is now with the Alberta Hog Producers Marketing Board.

Bob White '72 was the most distinguished college graduate at the 1972 Convocation. Another of the '72 fellows, **Don Saelhof** assumed work for pay with Federated Co-op in Melfort in June.

Al Stirton '47 of Moose Jaw keeps active in curling and is now the areas zone representative for the Sask. Curling Association. Al couldn't be otherwise than interested with such good curlers for daughters as Dorenda and Cheryl who were half the women's championship team in the Dominion a couple of years ago.

We see in the papers that **Murray Shanks** '67 has joined the Royal Bank in Regina. Now Murray send us along an address that is reasonably permanent so we can get the newsletters through. **George Price** '46 sent along a Life Membership cheque and demands his certificate. If registrar **Art Wenhardt** '44 gets around to it we will get them out to all the recent life members.

W. Harold Horner '33, after over twenty years as Deputy Minister of Agriculture has become head of a

committee to review grain handling and rail rationalization in Saskatchewan. He is succeeded as Deputy Minister by **Doug McArthur** '65, who headed the planning and development group in the Department. **Al Reimer** '55 is now regional director of Extension, Alberta Dept. of Agriculture, in the Peace River area.

Murray Magee '70 won the C.N.I.B. Provincial public speaking finals in Saskatoon on May 31. **Allan Ball** '71 is employed as a Canfarm technician in Edmonton. **Art Sawatsky** '47 has been reappointed secretary-treasurer of the Saskatchewan Branch of the Canadian Holstein-Friesian Association. **Don Larson** '48 has been returned as president of C.C.I.L.

Art Delahey '52, was recently appointed manager of the Bulk Products Division of Federated Cooperatives Ltd. **Ted Youck** '59 is now 4-H supervisor, Alberta Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation.

Roy Button '67 was runner up on a rink in the Newfoundland Brier curling competition. The Buttons live in St. Johns now, so Roy will get a longer trip as winner next year. **Glen Farrell** '59 did, however, make it to the Brier on the Saskatchewan rink which made a third place showing. **Ken Kirkland** '70 has been appointed lecturer in Crop Science and Extension Specialist from July 1, 1972.

Tom Homersham '28 spent a pleasant hour with **Art Strautman** '48 in Edmonton talking over old acquaintances and ancient happenings. Art still maintains his old steam.

H. Doug McRorie '56 has been named a director of Agricultural Services for the Royal Bank of Canada. **C.E. Gutheil** '56 received the Royal Bank appointment as Manager of the Agricultural Department for the Winnipeg district.

Tom Acton '65 has been appointed A.I. supervisor with the Sask. Dept. of Agriculture. **Vince Coffey** '43 has been appointed supervisor of the Canada Agriculture Livestock division in Saskatchewan. He succeeds **John Leask** '36 who moved to the post of Livestock Division Supervisor in B.C. late last year.

Norman Flaten '50 won the Liberal Nomination for the Assiniboia Constituency. **Bruce Cheston** '66 reports that he is presently employed with the Sask. Crop Insurance Board at Regina — also "Club 1221" is planning a reunion this coming summer — **Art Westlund** '66 of Brownlee, Sask. has the details.

Herb Dow '50 reports enjoying a visit with **Ken Gronsdahl** '51 who is now with City Parking Canada Ltd., Toronto. Some old times were reviewed in a short space of time.

We are hearing more and more about Community Colleges and the Province of Manitoba, in a recent announcement, indicated their Community Colleges operate now under a new organizational structure. **J.E. 'Ted' McCannel** '50 is the new Director-General of their three community colleges, with the status of assistant Deputy Minister. The release indicated their three colleges have an enrolment of more than 25,000 students a year and surpass their Universities and public schools in rate of growth.

J.D. MacFarlane '16 now of Nipawin, wrote an interesting letter recently. He is enjoying retired life, from a successful life of farming at Aylsham, as a Farm and Finance Consultant. While farming he was very prominent as a registered seed grower, active in Agricultural Societies work and for 21 years was Director of the U.G.G. He was also MLA for his constituency from 1934-1938 and was a Commissioner of the Transport Board recently.

Harold C. Wilson '22 wrote to give us more details of the '22 reunion. Their reunion, held last January 10 here in Saskatoon, had 8 classmates out to it and 7 wives of graduates were in attendance.

The following item was taken from the Regina Leader

Post-Graduates of the 1922 class in agriculture of Saskatchewan Agricultural College held their 50th anniversary and reunion in Park Town Motor Hotel, Saskatoon.

In attendance were W.C. Wood of Guelph, Ont.; Dr. S.N. Wood of RR 1, Ganges, B.C.; Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson, Mrs. and Mrs. George Shepherd and Mrs. Howard Gerrie, all of Saskatoon; Mrs. Orville Barlow of Melfort, Mr. and Mrs. A. Blair of Lanigan, Erald Barnard of Theodore, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Renwick of Milestone and Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Wilson of Regina.

Unable to attend were Mrs. Rupert Ramsay and Roy McGregor, both of Victoria; Lawrence Kirk of Mission City, B.C.; Andrew Meikle of Calgary; Allan Cherry and Jim Lyon of Regina; John Davidson of Wolseley and Wendell Fenton of Waterloo, Iowa.

A dinner was served and women were presented corsages."

Bill Foster '29 wrote an interesting note from Abernethy. He says he is well and healthy, visited **Gordon Loveridge '23** of Grenfell. Gordon is already busy arranging for their 50th reunion next January. Bill, as we all know, is very interested in the Western Development and Pionera show in Saskatoon and invites all of us for a ride behind the steam engine at the official opening of the New Western Development Museum in Saskatoon on **July 10**.

Archie H. Campbell '35 wrote to tell us of his recent visit to eastern Canada and the U.S. He visited **Ed '26** and **Flo Grest** of Washington, D.C. Ed is now retired from the USDA and keeps reasonably busy as a tour guide. Last year he went to Japan, Korea, Phillipines, etc. Archie has established quite a reputation as a mink rancher here at Saskatoon since 1936 and is always happy to show visitors around his ranch.

MISSING ADDRESSES

Anyone knowing the correct addresses of the following, please send them along:

Wayne Isaak '67 college, **Ron Dalglish '65** college, **John Hnatiuk '48** School, **Paul Boutin '69** School, **Laurence Hurd '63** college, **Ed Schultz '65** college.

UPCOMING EVENT

The Canada Department of Agriculture and the University of Saskatchewan through its Crop Science Department and Crop Development Centre have scheduled a "Crop Development Day", August 3, to display their experiments on all field crops. Tours of cereals, forages, oilseeds, and alternate crops will start at 10:00 a.m. and continue through the day. Agriculture Minister Messer has agreed to speak at noon. This field day is designed for the general farming public and is an excellent opportunity for a family outing. Watch for further publicity.

MARRIAGES

Randy Seivewright '70 to Caron Geysen of Manor in June, 1970.

Karsten Frydenlund '72 in May, 1972.

Reg Larson '72 to Ardath Spence Taylor of Saskatoon in April, 1972.

Allan Ball '71 to Bernice Pozium of Sturgis in November, 1971.

Dale Gibson '70 to Barbara Hunter of Saskatoon.

David Getz '71 to Brenda Grassie in May, 1972.

Bob Stewart '63 of Melfort to Brenda Brenne of Lintlaw on Feb. 18, 1972 at Melfort.

BIRTHS

Don Saelhof '72 and Connie, a son Max Murray, February 17, 1972.

Bob Gardiner '62 and Karla, a daughter, Kathryn Anne, February 16, 1972.

Keith Ayres '66 and Flora, a son Brian Keith, April 5, 1972.

Harry-Jae Elder '52 and Donnett, a son Joel William on February 23, 1972.

Derald Ahner '65 and Irene, a daughter, Alexis Anne, on March 15, 1972.

Jules Larochelle '67 and Paulette, a daughter, Lynne Deanne, August 13, 1971.

DEATHS

James W. White '24 of Fort Qu'Appelle on December 12, 1971.

Thomas E. Anderson '15 of Dorion, Quebec, May 22, 1972.

Robert J. Hutchison '41 of Naicam on May 16, 1972.

Peter F. Petersen, father of **Pete Petersen '52** on May 29, 1972 at Saskatoon.

Mr. Oxman, father of **Mike Oxman '50** in early June, 1972.

Joe F. Acton, father of **Tom Acton '65** in May, 1972 at Lemberg.

MOONLIGHT REFLECTIONS

by James W. White

Your secrets long have caused man's mind unease
As oft he watched your silent arching rides,
And from life's cradle in the primal seas
Knew still the ancient rhythms of your tides.

Earth bound in orbit yet inviolate,
By quarantine of awesome depths of space,
Now man audacious dares to navigate
The void to gaze upon your hidden face,

And view his earth from your own vantage sight
New ventures yet more daring now are planned
Man, not content as lunar satellite
Determined is upon your orb to stand.

Still may you reign in beauty, Queen of Night,
And bless earth's lovers with your kindly light.