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1974 REUNION CHAIRMEN

Listed below are the chairmen for the reunion years of 1924, 1934, 1944, 1954, 1964 and 1969. The Honor Year classes are the 1954 School and College groups. Eligibility to participate in the reunions extends to all those attending the College or School for two years whether or not they received diplomas. Those receiving diplomas in years after their class graduated may elect to join the reunion activities of either the original class or those of the year they graduated.

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Everyone should hear from their chairmen this fall. Please give them all assistance possible by correcting addresses, filling in unknown addresses and returning addresses to questions asked in the contact letters. See you all in January, 1974! Details of activities will follow later but general activities are curling on January 11, 12, 13; Smoker on January 12; Sunday Tea on January 13, and on January 14 the reunion Banquet and Dance and start of Farm and Home Week lecture series. A social for the wives takes place at the same time as the Smoker in a nearby location.

AGROS HERE AND THERE

Ed Reed (48) Kindersley, recently retired from his position of administrator of the Kindersley Union Hospital. Ed now spends his time helping his son farm and improving his golf game.

Wilfred Cody (54) formerly with Fairview College in Alberta, has been appointed to the Agricultural Extension Office in Lloydminster by the Alberta Department of Agriculture. Wilf will be working in community development, farm management, animal science and liaison with **Roland Brassard** (58) Saskatchewan's Ag. Rep. at Lloydminster.

Doug E. Campbell (70) has been appointed research director with the Palliser Wheat Growers Association. Doug is presently completing his masters in Agriculture at the U. of S.

Mrs. E.E. Williams (B. McGrath) our dean's secretary of a few years ago (you'll appreciate the "few years ago" reference Bernice) has moved from Winnipeg to Burnaby,

B.C. Nice to hear from you Bernice, hope you enjoy your new surroundings.



Doug Grant (49) receiving the President's Gavel from Art Bennett, Ontario, as the newly elected President of the Canadian Agricultural Extension Council.

John Hanson (43) Ag. Rep. at Moose Jaw was elected to the executive of the Canadian Society of Rural Extension at their meetings in Victoria.

Dick Merryweather (42) formerly director of the Family Farm Improvement Branch S.D.A. has accepted a position as assistant Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce. Congratulations Dick, you'll do a splendid job in your new position.

Olle Turnbull (43) Co-op College, Saskatoon; **Harold Chapman** (43) Federated Co-operatives, Saskatoon; **Terry Phalen** (50) Co.op Union of Canada, recently attended meetings of the Association of Co-operative Educators in Washington D.C. These grads were in attendance when Howard Tyler, Manager of Field Services, Extension Division, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool received an International award for his contributions to Co-operative Education in North America.

Bob Brack (52) of Saskatoon has returned from a sabbatical study at Syracuse University, New York. Bob is now assistant director, Extension Division, University of Saskatchewan.

Elmer Nelson (54) Prince Albert, won the Saskatchewan plowing championship at Melfort this summer. Elmer will compete in the national plowing championships in Ontario this fall and in B.C. next spring. Elmer says plowing is a sport and a recreational pursuit that offers opportunities of travel and meeting people. Good Luck Elmer.

Dean White (32) informs your news editor that the enrolment in the College of Agriculture this fall is 311 compared to 277 last year. Interesting is that there are 60 students who have transferred from other colleges, some with their degrees.

Don Lehman (47) has been appointed supervisor of investigation for the Saskatchewan Agricultural Implement Board located in Regina.

Brian Duck (64) has been appointed provincial beef cattle specialist with the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture, headquarters to be Regina.

Dr. Harry S. Hay (20) was awarded the Rotarian of the Year Award as an outstanding member of the Saskatoon Rotary Club.

Wm. Shevkenek (33) who has retired from the teaching profession for a good number of years, now enjoys world travelling. He has visited over 77 countries on practically every continent. (Bill, you'll have to write a book).

Jack McFaul (44) of Saskatoon, has been reelected for another term as Chairman of the Board of Governors of

the U. of S.

George Pearson (66) has recently joined the market development division, grain marketing office of the Federal Department of Industry and Commerce, Ottawa.

Bob Ballantyne (68) of Livelong is again in the news with his Galloway cattle by exhibiting the grand champion bull at the summer show in Calgary.

R.C. McKenzie who is presently completing his Ph.D. work, has accepted a position as soil and water specialist with the Alberta Department of Agriculture at Brooks.

Hadley van Vliet (34) former head, Agricultural Economics Department, University of Saskatchewan; **Evan Hardy**, formerly head Department of Agricultural Engineering were named to the Hall of Fame, Western Development Museum, Saskatoon.

Jack Braidek (51) Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, Regina was named president of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists at their summer meeting in North Battleford.

Roy McKenzie (44) Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, Regina, **Mark Kilcher** (49) Research Station, Swift Current and **Harold Horner** (33) Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture, Regina were honored by the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists at their annual meeting in North Battleford.

FARM and HOME WEEK — JANUARY 14 — 18, 1974.

THEME — EQUIPPING THE NOW GENERATION
FARM FAMILY.

George Eckoff (44) of Minneapolis was on campus this summer to renew acquaintances. Sorry we missed seeing you George.



Keith Downey

Keith Downey (49) of Saskatoon. Canada Research Station was awarded the Agricultural Institute of Canada Award at the recent meetings in Victoria. Our congratulations to Keith on receiving this outstanding recognition.

Ervyn Griffin (52) technician supervisor, Rural Water Services program, Manitoba Department of Agriculture, Winnipeg will succeed **Jack Peck** (51) as columnist for Farm Light and Power section on farm water and sewage systems. Jack has accepted a position as director of the Agricultural Implements Board of the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture.

Jim Clarke (48) Edmonton was recently appointed General Manager of the Alberta Export Agency, Jim was formerly Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture for the Alberta Department of Agriculture.

It is almost impossible to keep up to the changes in the appointments and new positions in the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture, here are some. **Cec Werner** (66) director of Marketing and Economics; **Owen Moen** (50) director of Agricultural Engineering Services; **Howard Rice** (50) director of Lands Branch; **Ernie Dehm** (48) director of Conservation and Land Improvement; **Jack Peck** (51) Agricultural Implements Board; **Gib Wesson** (49) director of Land Bank Commission; **Doug Grant** (49) director of Regional Extension Services Branch; **Fred Snell** (43) director of Family Farm Improvement Branch; **Carman Cooke** (49) director of Man Power Programs and **Lyle Minogue** (67) director of planning and Research Branch.

Six regional extension offices have been opened, the co-ordinators are **Bob May** (49) for North Battleford; **Frank Miller** (39) for Weyburn; **Bob Middleton** (57) for Swift Current; **Ross Kingdon** (55) for Kindersley and **Andy Sereda** (60) for Tisdale. Other appointments will be covered in our next news letter which will include Ag. Rep. changes and Farm Start Counsellors.

Russell Horvey (73) of Cabri is now assistant D.A. at Calgary. Your news editor visited Russell while attending meetings in Calgary. While travelling from Edmonton to Calgary your editor also renewed acquaintances with **Bruce Martin** (40) and **Pat Burton** of Olds College.

Bryan T. Drinkle (69) is presently teaching vocational agriculture at the Swift Current Comprehensive High School.

Rick Enns (73) is now with Burns Foods in Saskatoon.

Robert Rennie (71) son of **Don Rennie** (49) is presently enrolled as a Ph.D. student in soil microbiology in the Department of Soil Science, University of Minnesota, St. Paul.

Dr. G.J. Gartner (62) has been appointed to the position of chief planning officer in the planning and research branch of the provincial executive council, Regina.

D. Dale Hardy (56) of Midale; **K.L. Melstead** (53) of Wynyard; **R.H. Anderson** (35) of Melfort were elected by acclamation to the University Senate. **Frank Warder** (40) of Swift Current and **J. Roe Faster** (37) of Regina were contested and won seats for election to the Senate.

Harold Ballantyne who retired from the C.D.A. research station in Melfort is now working for the soils assessment branch in the Northeast area of Saskatchewan.

The Martins, **Shirley** (48) and **Bob** (47) of Westman Equipment Company Brandon have now moved their business to the junction of highways 10 and 1 north of Brandon. Agros should drop in and see the Martins.

Murray Carlson (64) is now feed sales representative in the Swift Current area for Federated Co-operatives Ltd. More Agros should do what Murray is doing and that is to take out a life membership in the Association.

Allan Daku (72) of Calgary is now working with Northern Engineering Services Ltd., Calgary in the position of Environmental Horticulturist.

Clarence Collins (54) is now manager of the Servico Centre in Rosetown. Leave it to Clarence to find a way to stay out of the media publicity. No less a personages than Wayne and Shuster appeared at the official opening of the Servico Center yet not one word of friend Collins appeared in newspaper, TV or radio publicity of the event. We are assured, however, by persons in attendance that Clarence was indeed there in the front row flashing the big smile at the proper moments.

Ed Spratt (58) along with wife Peggy and three daughters left Brandon for India in July. Ed goes to the CIDA project near Hyderabad on the same project **Frank Warder** (40) served with a couple of years ago.

Herbert J. Dow (50) of Regina, was elected president of the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association. **Gordon Wilson** (48) of Saskatoon was elected second vice-president.

Les Henry (64) writes from Tanzania about his work in that country. Sure nice to hear from you Les and the very best in your work. Les indicates that **Michael Pfefferle** (70) is also working in Tanzania. Note: in a more recent letter from Les to our secretary Bob McKercher was enclosed a cheque for \$30.00 for a life membership.

Murray Eichorst (68) of Prairie View has brought his membership up to date with a \$10 cheque. Murray even has a credit to his account.

Terry Veeman (62) writes our secretary-treasurer, **Bob McKercher** (54) with an enclosed \$30 cheque for his life membership. Terry and his wife Michele are both busy with teaching and research at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. Michele gave a paper at the recent AIC Convention in Victoria.

Robert Norman (70) formerly of Kemptville, Ontario is now living in Saskatoon.

Bill Selleck (50) of St. Louis, Missouri, is in charge of product development, world wide for Monsanto. Bill was one of the 25 persons honoured for increasing public awareness of agriculture's vital role in our civilization. We suggest Bill that you try Environment Canada, Ottawa for information on Canadian Foreign Service on Environment.

Dr. James B. Harrington (20) of Chatham, Ontario sent along a very interesting letter in July. Dr. Harrington really enjoys getting the Ag. Grad Newsletter with its information on many agricultural graduates. Dr. Harrington, who for many years was on the faculty of Agriculture at our University, speaks highly of the place Saskatchewan Grads play in world agriculture. JB, as he was known to many students and faculty, has travelled the world teaching good husbandry and researching for better crops. Not too many people retire from three different jobs. So nice to hear from you Dr. Harrington — (Editors note. I still remember that low C you gave me in Crop Science - how did you expect me to know as much as you?)

Brian McCrum (71) formerly of Winnipeg is now in Ottawa with the fruit and vegetable division of C.D.A. Brian informs us that **Hal Cushon** (71) is with the Economics Branch, C.D.A. in Ottawa — We are waiting for your \$30.00 for life membership and do tell Hal that he will last another 15 years and should also take out a life membership.

Paul Riviere (70) of Radville has been named to the board of directors of ExPork of Canada West, an inter-provincial hog marketing agency formed in co-operation with Manitoba. **Harry-Jae Elder** (52) of Fillmore is another Ag. Grad. on the agency.

Glen and Constance Balzer (73), members of the Nutana Mennonite Brethern Church recently began a three-year term of volunteer service in Bangladesh. Glen as an agriculturist and Constance as an office worker.

Eric L. Reesor (67) of Walsh, Alberta writes to say how much he enjoys the news letter. Eric is ranching and at present is experimenting with cross-bred cattle, pride of the ranch is 60 head of 1/2 cross Tarentaise calves. Eric asks agros to drop in and breeze with him.

Pat Clift (67) is now employed as a research economist in the research and development division of Canada Farm Management Data System.

Pete McLaren (54) has joined Farm Start but remains stationed in Prince Albert.

Roy Button (67) who recently returned to Saskatchewan from Newfoundland, joined the Lands Branch in North Battleford. Roy and Marion have also bought a house.

A recent meeting of soil surveyors brought back a few Ag. Grads. from across the country. Included were **Jack Shields** (57), **Julian Dumanski** (62), from Ottawa, **Richard Protz** (56), **Mac Mackintosh** (62), **Cliff Acton** (58), from Guelph and **Bob Hedlin** (45) from Winnipeg.

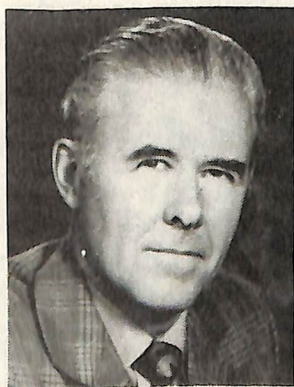
Lorne Babiuk (67) has returned to Saskatoon as Assistant Professor of Veterinary Virology. Lorne will be teaching as well as developing a research program. He spent some time in Toronto at research following completion of his Ph. D. at U.B.C., Vancouver.

Ed Schultz (64) of the Alberta Hog Producers Marketing Board, Edmonton was recent chairman of the AIA conference and annual meeting. Ed tells us **Warren Toles** (71) is with Canada Packers in Calgary.

Gus MacKenzie (54) has been named chairman of the newly created division of renewable resources at Macdonald College.

Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates can be very proud of three of their old timers, **E.E. Brockelbank** (22), **L.J. Hutchison** (27) and **L.W. Rasmussen** (36) each received Honorary Life Memberships in the Canadian Society of Rural Extension at their recent meetings in Victoria. Quite a recognition as these were the only honors given. We are proud of you fellows.

Bob Soper (53) might well be the envy of most of his classmates. Following two years as director of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, Bob and family returned home, sold their old house and bought a palatial mansion. In addition, new cars were the order for both Bob and Margaret. Bob paid for all this alright - with money and a hernia. The new house and two new cars procedure mimicked **Don** and **June Rennie** (49) who were at the IAEA prior to the Sopers. The big question now is how will **Ed** and **Bette Halstead** (61) perform on their return from the same position in 1975? It seems likely everyone is going to want that Vienna job.



Al McLeod (49)

A.D. McLeod, (49) Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, Regina, was elected president of the Agriculture Institute of Canada at the Annual Meeting in Victoria.

Ron Dalgliesh (65) of Regina was recently appointed executive secretary of the Production and Marketing Division, SDA.

Ken Mitchell (70) of Saskatoon is now nutritionist and in charge of the feed testing laboratory, University of Saskatchewan. **Ernie Spencer** (65) formerly in charge of the laboratory is now employed with SDA in Regina.

Warren Benedict (40) and wife **Kaye** have moved from Newfoundland to Lantzville, B.C. and are managing a retail paint outlet in Nanaimo for Sidney Paint. According to Warren, their new mobile home and climate appears ideal for retirement.

Ted Gray (58) trade commissioner, Department of Industry and Commerce took part in the recent AIC meetings in Victoria. Ted has been in Malaysia, Tokyo, Los Angeles, Brussels, London and Kuala Lumpur. Join the trade service and see the world is a good move for a young man.

A special report from **Les Henry** in Tanzania should bring a laugh from Agros.

"We are harvesting plots and tillage experiments now (August 1). The tillage experiments are 50 acres in size so we use regular swather and combine for harvesting.

No one here has ever seen a swather before so the operation stirs up a bit of interest. I had the pleasure (or otherwise) of training a Tanzanian driver to operate a self-propelled swather. It was quite a panic. He managed to push over a straw and bamboo hut that the field watchman slept and stayed in. Luckily the watchman was elsewhere at the time. Fortunately our swather was stronger than the hut so it came through unscathed. When we came to the power poles I suggested he rest for a round or two - I didn't think the power poles would be as easy to push over as the watchman's hut." Note. Never a dull moment Les.

Wayne Gamble (67) of Fiske has been appointed Farm Management specialist at the regional extension office in Kindersley, SDA.

Hazel Ritchie (72) of Tessier will be leaving shortly on a 10 month teaching project in Lesotho, South Africa. Hazel has been with the research station, CDA, Regina.

Dave Robinson (28) of Saskatoon, who recently retired from the Extension Division staff, was recognized for his outstanding contribution to horticulture in Saskatchewan by having a D.R. Robinson award in horticulture named in his honour. The Saskatchewan Horticultural Association will make the award.

Bevin Smith (73) is employed as sheep herdsman, University of Saskatchewan.

Curby R. Klaibert (67) has been appointed Agricultural Officer, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Calgary. Curby is presently working on his M.Sc. from our university. Since graduation Curby has worked at Vermillion College as an animal Scientist and also with Agri-business in Alberta.

Tom Dorrance (53) Wawota, will be judging herefords at the Royal Winter Fair in November.

Mr. and Mrs. **George Edwards** of Vancouver, formerly **Markinch**, parents of **Art Edwards** (42) celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary this month.

BIRTHS

Grant (57) and **Ariel Milne** of Saskatoon, a daughter, **Morla Anne**, July 13, 1973.

Francis R. Craddock family of Ottawa, a daughter, **May**, 15, 1973.

Eric Reesors, Walsh, Alberta, a daughter, **May 9, 1973.**

Pat and **Blanche Clift** of Guelph, a daughter, **Elizabeth Margaret**, January 24, 1973.

Gerry (67) and **Cathy Luciuk** of Nipawin, a daughter, **Stephanie Paula**, August 31, 1973.

MARRIAGES

Charles Thomas Craddock (71) and **Jenifer Elizabeth Pidgeon**, July 14, 1973, Ottawa.

Donald Stewart Sanderson (63), Rosetown and **Barbara McDonald**, July 7, 1973.

Donald Gerald Lidster (72), Whitefox and **Nancy Jean Huffman** (73) of Rosetown, July 7, 1973.

Everett Davidson Sanderson (71) Rosetown and **Wanda Gay Snider**, July 28, 1973.

Bevin Smith (73) of Saskatoon and **Janice Wood**, Saskatoon, June 13, 1973.

DEATHS

Michael Harry Harach (Radisson) father of **Ernest Harach** (57), September 17, 1973.

Mrs. Lillian Humbert (Saskatoon) mother of **Eiler Humbert** (50), July 9, 1973.

Sandy Murray (47) of Macrorie, June 30, 1973.

Keith Fawcett (50) of Saskatoon and Penticton, July 9, 1973.

Olive Lillian Francis, mother of **Howard Francis** (51), of Mantario, August 29, 1973.

Maude Jane Phenix, mother of **Tom Phenix** (52) of Saskatoon, August 29, 1973.

Joseph Victor Austman, father of **Stan Austman** (57) of Kenaston, August 17, 1973.

