

# Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association Newsletter



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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings to all members:

I'm pleased to report that your 1974 executive is already hard at work organizing our efforts towards the next Farm and Home Week and S.A.G.A. reunion. It would appear at this early date that we could have several changes in the reunion format so that more Ag. Grads can be involved in all of the various activities.

We are going to attempt to decentralize some of our efforts so that members in outlying districts can be more active. Our first attempt in this regard will likely take the form of a golf tournament to be held somewhere in southern Saskatchewan. In getting this organized we will be calling on some of our "southern" colleagues for assistance.

The success of any organization rests with its members. I would urge you to support your association through participation but, equally important, I ask you to round up some of those non-members in your area and encourage them to take out a membership.

Best wishes for a successful 1974 from your S.A.G.A. executive.

A. E. Delahey

## THE 1974 EXECUTIVE

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## Student Reps:

School of Agriculture — Gerald Walkeden  
College of Agriculture — Les Voice

## AGROS HERE AND THERE

Henry Friesen (43) of Lacombe, Chairman of Prairie Wild Oat Action Committee, recently presented a cheque for \$20,000 to the Alberta Agricultural Research Trust from the United Grain Growers Ltd. Sure nice to at least have your hands on \$20,000 Hank, even if for a few minutes.

Ted Campbell (40) of Regina retired January 31, 1974 after 31 years with the S.D.A. Ted was poultry commissioner at the time of retirement. The Campbells plan to stay in Regina, with the possibility of an overseas assignment in professional work. We all wish Ted and Mrs. Campbell the very best.

Gordon Shuttle (62) has been appointed agriculture consultant in the Department of Education. Gordon will be living in Regina. We now expect great things to happen to Agriculture education in the schools.

Howard Mattila (61) of North Battleford was recently inducted as president of North Battleford Chamber of Commerce. Now watch the progress of North Battleford with Howard at the helm.

Ross Evans (50) of Regina, formerly Ag. Rep. at Shellbrook and Fort Qu'Appelle is now Agricultural Advisor with SARM.

Bruno Epp (71) of Weyburn is now working for the Saskatchewan Municipal Assessment office.

Lyle Elmgren (71) received a Hantelman postgraduate scholarship for the current academic year to study in the Department of Agricultural Economics.

Wayne Borys (71) is located in Yorkton as district counsellor with Saskatchewan Land Bank Commission.

Charles Rallison (73) of Saskatoon has accepted an appointment with the Alberta Department of Agriculture as assistant Agriculturist at Red Deer.

Our congratulations to Foster Barnsley (60) upon his recent appointment as City Editor, Regina Leader Post.

Wes Nuttall (58) of Melfort, Andy Smith (30) of Tisdale, Harry Lang (53) of Watson and Lorne McConaghy (66) of Beatty are executive officers of the Carrot River Valley Branch, University of Saskatchewan alumni.

Jim Craig (51) of North Battleford was recently re-elected president of The Battlefords Agricultural Society, Howard Mattila (61) was elected vice-president and Graham Wright (46) of Speers was appointed to the executive.

J.W. Laurie (46) of Holbein was appointed to the Board of the Canadian Cooperatives Limited representing Region IV.

Norm Bray (56) of Regina is now agricultural representative for the Bank of Montreal, working out of Regina.

Doug Pettit (63) Alberta Department of Agriculture, Edmonton was elected vice-president of the Canadian Farm Writers Association at their recent annual meeting in Toronto.

Clifford Murch (48) of Lancer was elected to the Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool during the fall elections, 1973.

George Perry (47) of Wishart judged the Aberdeen Angus entries in the Saskatoon Winter Fair.

Bob Ballantyne (68) of Livelong had the grandchampion Gallaway bull at the Saskatoon Winter Fair. Congratulations Bob.

Herb Purdy (32) of Regina retired in August, 1973 after 28 years on the staff of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. Herb was manager of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce for 21 years. Good health and happiness in your retirement, Herb.

Leonard Conklin (58) is now employed with the Department of Public Health in Regina as a laboratory technologist.

Larry Topp (67) of Saskatoon is employed with Boychuk Real Estate Ltd.

Wayne Gamble (67) is working with S.D.A. as Farm Management Specialist at Kindersley.

Edgar Harder (66) of Regina is on the Regional Extension Services Staff, S.D.A. at North Battleford as Regional Farmstead Engineering Specialist.

Keith Price (63) has been appointed assistant to Bill Lobay, Head of Weed Control and Field Services of the Alberta Department of Agriculture.

Bob Blakely (51) of Whittorne, Bill Cooper (51) of West Bend, and Bob Dodds (53) of Loreburn were elected



to the Board of the Rapeseed Growers Association of Saskatchewan.

The announcement of the establishment of a 3½ million dollar Protein-Starch-Oil pilot plant on the campus of the University of Saskatchewan should be of special interest to agricultural graduates.

**Herb Lock** (68) of Kindersley is manager of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Livestock Division, Kindersley. Although a little late, we have been informed that Herb was married in February, 1970 to the former Grace Woloschuk of Yorkton. Thanks Grace for the news item.

**Reg Adam** (52) is with the Department of Regional and Economic Expansion in Edmonton.

**Spencer Burton** (71) formerly of Moose Jaw with International Harvester Co. has been transferred to Swift Current by the Company.

**Joe Clausen** (48) of F.C.C. Saskatoon informs the secretary that **Pat Callin** (69) with Farm Credit Corporation, Prince Albert was recently promoted by the corporation to the branch office in Regina.

**Doug Watson** (48) of Toronto really enjoys getting the Ag. Grad News. Doug informs the secretary that one of the best training one can receive for future employment irrespective of the ultimate job is a degree in agriculture.

**Andy Smith** (30) of Tisdale informs our Association that he is tapering off his activities in Smith's Hatcheries, Andy's three sons are taking over the business. Nice to hear from you, Andy.

**Cecil Forsberg** (64) formerly with the National Institute for Medical Research, Mill Hill, London, England is now in the Department of Microbiology, College of Biological Science, University of Guelph. Cecil is involved in both teaching and research in the field of Microbial Ecology. Nice to hear from you Cecil, keep us posted on activities of other agro grads. Ontario and particularly your area is full of them.

**Ed Dorosz** (66) of Regina informs us that he has sold his veterinary practice in Regina and moved to Oyen, Alberta to start a new practice. Ed also enclosed a \$30.00 cheque to take care of his life membership. Thanks Ed, we need more life memberships. Ed received his DVM in 1971.

**Dale Kramer** (72) or Lashburn really enjoys getting the Ag. Grad Newsletter with info on the travels of fellow grads. Dale has been employed for the winter months as a Regional Economist in Calgary with the Alberta Department of Agriculture.

**Don Saelhof** (72) of Melfort, has joined Monsanto Company after a stay with Federated Co-operatives. Don will remain in Melfort as Monsanto's second in command for Saskatchewan, Number One man being **Jim Harren** (65) of Saskatoon.

**Bob White** (72) has informed Ag. Grads that while in Australia he stayed with **Larry Turchenek** (68) who is working on a Ph.D. at Waite Institute in Adelaide. Bob plans to return to Saskatchewan in April, travelling via Africa.

**Geoffrey Shepherd** (24) left Iowa State University in January 1974 to spend a year and a half as economic advisor to the Ministry of Agriculture in Paraguay. The Interamerican Development Bank, a branch of the World Bank, has made a loan of \$2.4 million to Paraguay for the purpose of improving agricultural marketing there. Geoff will be the coordinator of a five-man team set up to advise them how to invest the loan in marketing "hardware" (storage elevators, rolling stock, etc.) and "software" (market news, grades, price controls, etc.).

**Larry Lubyk** (65) is employed with S.D.A. as a land bank appraiser stationed in Prince Albert.

Our congratulations to **Ron Campbell** (56) Moose Jaw on his recent appointment as vice-principal at the Central Collegiate, Ron formerly taught in the A.E. Peacock Technical High School in Moose Jaw.

**Dale Hardy** (56) of Midale was elected to the Senate of the University of Saskatchewan representing the Weyburn-Indian Head region.

The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool announced recently that **Dale White** (68) has been appointed Centre supervisor at Rosetown and **Maurice Akister** (72) named Centre supervisor at Yorkton.

**Lloyd Loyns** (74) of Lac Vert, Pool delegate for District 14 was elected chairman of the 49th annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. **Don Wallace** (54) of Unity was one of the vice-chairmen elected.

**David Wooff** (59) of Saskatoon has been appointed a member of the provincial law foundation for the province of Saskatchewan. Dave practices law in Saskatoon.

**Dr. James Elliott** (51) received the 1974 Pfizer Award in cheese research made at the annual meeting of the American Dairy Science Association. Dave received his award for his pioneering research on the use of statistical analysis in flavour research.

**John Drew** (57) and **Bruce Cheston** (66) of Regina are now on the Alumni Council.

**Norman Roebuck** (41) of Yorkton is president of the Yorkton branch of the University of Saskatchewan Alumni and **Doug Pettit** (63) is president of the Edmonton branch. Where there's action you'll find Agros. Note: If there isn't action they will make it.

**Grant Kowalenko** (68) who completed his Ph.D. early in 1973 moved from a post-doctorate in B.C. to a research job in Ottawa in January. Grant and wife Joan have also purchased a house in Ottawa and look forward to visits from agros in their new house. Grant also reports that brother **Albert** (66) has left Federated Co-op to go into a ranching venture near Edmonton.

**Glen McGlaughlin** (65) has joined the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool as research coordinator. Glen was previously Research Officer with the Farm Credit Corporation in Ottawa. Welcome back to Saskatchewan to the McGlaughlins.

**Don Church** (65) of Kelliher, a third year student in the Western College of Veterinary Medicine received the \$300.00 Ayerst Laboratories scholarship for general proficiency as well as a \$1000.00 Colleaux Scholarship. Congratulations Don for these accomplishments.

**Howard Giles** (67) and wife June inform us that they now live in Petrolia, Ontario, 354 Eureka St. Howard is associate Agricultural Representative with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

**Gordon Wells** (66) of Edmonton, Livestock Supervisor with Alberta Agriculture has joined the ranks of home owners and mortgages. The Wells have just moved into a new home, Gordon invites Agros to visit at his place of business, the 7th floor, 7827 - 160th St. Nice to hear from you, Gordon. How about providing us with additional info on other grads in Edmonton? The city is full of Saskatchewan graduates.

**L. E. Johnstone** (49) is supervisor of the farmstead equipment division of the Family Farm Improvement Branch, Saskatchewan Agriculture, Regina.

**Jim Workman** (70) now lives in Hanna, Alberta and is with the Alberta Department of Municipal Affairs.

**Blair Atkinson** (69) is on the school staff in Mission City, B.C.

The 30-year reunion class of 1944 had many grads back on campus, possibly travelling the furthest was **George Eckhoff**, Sales representative, Wyandotte Food Industries Products, Minneapolis.

**J. E. "Ted" McCannel** (49) of Winnipeg is Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations for the Community Colleges Division, Manitoba Department of Colleges and University Affairs. Note: almost trip over that title and address, luckily we have long envelopes. Good to hear from you, Ted.

**Clark Anderson** (71) writes to let us know of a change in employment. Clark is living in Calgary and is merchandising supervisor for Crop Chemicals for the Alberta Wheat Pool.

**Alan Arthur** (74) is regional livestock specialist with Saskatchewan Agriculture with headquarters at Weyburn.

**Dr. Sol Sinclair** (32) retired December 31, 1974 as head and professor, Agricultural Economics, University of Manitoba after a distinguished career which started in 1945 with the University. Sol has travelled extensively, he is particularly interested in cooperative development and organization of farm credit. We wish Sol the very best in retirement. Sol has kept in close contact with your association and has attended a good number of reunions.

Sol tells us that his plans for the future are to do those things he feels like doing in his spare time. He also plans to keep professional contact with a number of National Fishery Boards and Councils as well as administrative matters associated with government policies. Editor's note: knowing Sol and from his letter, I don't really see him retiring in the true sense. Special reference of interest to many grads is that Sol Sinclair has been named professor emeritus in the Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Manitoba.

**Grant Milne** (57) past president, also **Bill Cooper** (51), **Morris Sebulski** (61), **Russ Campbell** (50), **Bob Dodds** (53), **Norm Flaten** (50), and **Bill Copeland** (60) recently attended the National Machinery Show in Louisville, Kentucky. A direct flight from Saskatoon to Kentucky was arranged by Grant. How these professional farmers get around! Several journeyed to Lexington to tour the famous Calumet Farms. From all reports it was a good thing the racing season was not on because Campbell and Copeland would have very quickly left their 1973 grain pool money with Uncle Sam.

**Gordon Stephenson** (69) of Calgary informs Ag. Grads that the Class of 69 is going to have a summer reunion at

The 1975 dates for University of Saskatchewan  
Farm and Home Week are January 6-10.  
Ag. Grad Lectures and Reunion — January 10.



one of our Regional Parks. All classmates of Gordon's are to drop him a line at No. 2, 39 Huntley Close N.E. in Calgary and provide him with their present address.

Gordon is presently employed as Secretary-Manager of the Canadian Chianina Association. Editor's Note: Where the money is you'll find Gordon.



**ROSE OLPERT  
OF SASKATOON  
1973-74 Van Vliet**

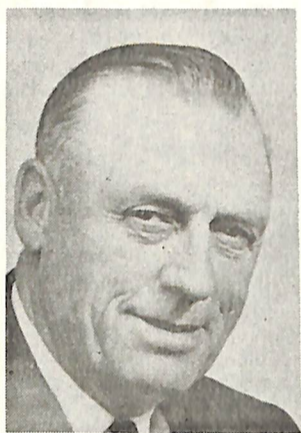
**Memorial Scholarship student**

Rose is working towards a Master of Science degree in the Department of Agricultural Economics. She is a 1972 Arts graduate with High Honors in Economics from the University of Saskatchewan. Rose is a native of Swift Current.

**Special Note**

The Agricultural Graduates Reunion and Lecture program will be on Friday, January 10, 1975 of our Farm and Home Week program. Agro Curling will start the afternoon of Friday, January 10. More details on other events for the reunion weekend in the next Newsletter.

**George Cooper** (23) of Moose Jaw received an Honorary Life Membership in the Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies Association at their recent annual meeting. Our congratulations, George, upon receiving this recognition, you have made an outstanding contribution to livestock and community improvement in Saskatchewan. George, along with a number of classmates, attended their 50 year reunion in 1973.



**George Cooper**

The Thirty year reunion class in the College were out in full force, those in attendance included: Burt Craig, George Eckhoff, Gordon Haase, Bill Hubbard, Alice Harper, Merwyn Johnson, Langford Oddie, Art Wenhardt and Joe Zeman. School of Agriculture students back for their thirty year reunion included: George Cooper, Jack McFaull, Bill Peaseley, Sam Reimche, Vernon Wildfong, and Art Dornes. Saskatoon hosts, the Craigs and Wenhardts and the McFaulls took good care of the old timers.

Don Wallace of Unity reports on their 20-year School of Agriculture reunion as follows. Twenty-two out of a class of 44 were in attendance. Jerrold Barton of Vancouver, John Morland of Wrentham, Alberta, Dean Lein and Richard Barton of Lethbridge were stranded in Calgary because of plane troubles so had their reunion in Calgary. We would like to thank the Ag. Grad. Association for a well planned reunion weekend. The 1954 grads had such an enjoyable time that a summer reunion, possibly at Diefenbaker Lake, is being planned. Those in attendance at the reunions included: Knute Hemstad, Prince Albert; George Kerr, Weyburn; Elmer Nelson, Prince Albert; Wilson and June Russell, Craven; Doug Williamson, Rocanville; Joe and Florence Bayda, Saskatoon; Bob and Ruth Bristow, Strongfield; Jim and Ruth Dodds, Loreburn; Bob and Marge Downey, Elstow; Walter Haberstock, Langenburg; Henry and Hettie Harder, Hanley; Bill and Wanda Hartall, Calgary; Don and Marj Mitchell, Stoughton; Ron and Brenda Munro, Swift Current; Ted and Sally Nicholson, Speers; Alfred Olson, Stenen; Gordon and Helen Ross, Paynton; Lloyd and Darla Spicer, Moose Jaw; Dave and Carol Thompson, Kelliher; Don and Edith Wallace, Unity; John and Jean Wilbraham, Alameda; Gerry and Marie Zimmer, Landis. Really quite an impressive crew.

Don informs your news editor that there was no evidence of balding, grey hair or weight increase in the grads — now that's a tall one! The boys even reached the finals in the Skelly event.

According to Don, the main change agreed upon by the grads was that their room mates now are much prettier and more interesting.

**1954 COLLEGE REUNION**

The Honor Year reunion went off quite successfully. Over one-third the class plus their wives returned for one or more days. In addition, we heard from all but two of the fellows prior to the reunion and have an address for everyone in the class of 33 persons.

Those returning for portions of the activities were: Glenn and Shirley Boughton from Regina; Wilf and Cecilia Cody from Lloydminster; Clarence and Darlene Collins

from Rosetown; Ed and Shirley Haid from Regina; Helgi and Shirley Hornford from Elfros; Roger and Sharon Laurin from Vermilion; Bob and Norma McKercher from Saskatoon; Peter and Helen McLaren from Prince Albert; Ted and Eileen Mazurek from Saskatoon; Hank Nickel from Biggar; Lloyd and Jane Sadler from Edmonton; Frank and Irene Sosulski from Saskatoon; and Kim and Myrt Thorson from Regina.

Social evenings were held on Saturday at the McKerchers and Sunday at the Sosulskis. In addition, five of the fellows curled, Cody, McLaren, Laurin and Nickel as a team and Collins on another entry. The Smoker, Tea and Banquet were on the agenda for all present. We look forward to our next reunion and expect more of the class will be able to attend.

**AG. GRAD CURLING**

The annual Ag. Grad. spiel was again held to start off Farm and Home Week this year. A good turn out of rinks was experienced with a good time being reported by all. Curling took place at the U. of S., the Granite, Nutana and the Exhibition with headquarters being at the Exhibition rink where the ladies also held their smokette. The men's smoker was again held in the Exhibition Stadium.

Event winners were as follows:

Graham Event won by Merle Byrnes

Rutherford Event won by Ken Evans

Kirk Event won by the Hemstad rink of John,

Knute and Norm Hemstad along with Elmer

Nelson. We apologize for not having a picture

of these handsome fellows

Skelly Event won by Bob Dodds

The senior or Hutcheon event again proved exciting with the playoff giving the event to the Frank Bond rink.



**Rutherford Event Winners — Jim Turner, Ken Evans, Ken Rosasasen, Harlie Olson. Presentation made by Spike Smith.**



**Graham Event Winners — Glen Farrell, Merle Byrnes, Glen Padbury, Dave Wooff. Presentation made by Dean White.**



**Hutcheon Event Winners — F. Bond, W. Brice, J. Campbell, D.H. McCallum. Presentation made by D. Rennie.**





Skelly Event Winners — Bob Dodds, Bob Brack, Bob Lockwood, Bill Copeland. Presentation made by Wilson McIntyre, extreme left.

#### DEATHS:

Clifford Johnson (72) of Hanley on January 29, 1974.  
Ted Riecken (40) of Regina on January 20, 1974.  
Percy Sherwin (18) of Illinois on October 18, 1973.  
Henry R. Sallans (30) of Victoria, previously Saskatoon on December 20, 1973.

Marjorie E. Dow of Saskatoon, Mother of Herb Dow (50) Regina and Liz Delahey of Saskatoon on December 20, 1973.  
Marcus F. Grimes of White Rock, B.C. father of Eugene (49) and Bruce (57) Grimes on January 24, 1974.  
Robert Foster of Calgary, father of Kerry Foster (70) of North Battleford on January 7, 1974.  
T. I. Jackson of Indian Head, father of Tom Jackson (57) November, 1973.  
G. S. Fyke of Sceptre, father of Dale Fyke (58) December, 1973.  
B. J. Sallans (21) of Victoria, February 16, 1974.  
W. G. Riddell of Saskatoon, father of Murray Riddell (49) on February 19, 1974.

#### BIRTHS:

Keith (66) and Flora Ayres of Saskatoon, a son, Dean Curtis, February 3, 1974.  
Ken (71) and Beth Kirkland, a daughter, Katherine Dorothy, December 16, 1973.

Missing Addresses — Please someone tell us where these grads are living.

Reg Skinner (63), Gunnar Pedersen (62), Allan Ball (71), Jake Nickel (52), Melville Stav (47), Wm. R. Irwin (73), Keith Turner (67), Blair Birch (71), John Hnatiuk (48).

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