

# Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association



# Newsletter



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## AGROS HERE AND THERE

**Curby R. Klaibert** (67) has been appointed Region Manager of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Agricultural Department with headquarters in Calgary.

**Ben Blacklock** (46), Vanscoy judged the Aberdeen Angus entries at the Pacific National Exhibition this fall.

**Ernie Spencer** (65) of Regina is the new acting Head of the Animal Industry Branch of the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture.

**Tom S. Phenix** (52) of Saskatoon has been appointed to a newly created position of Coordinator, Regulator Commodities, with Plant Products Division, C.D.A., Saskatchewan District. Our congratulations to Tom on this promotion. Unknown to many graduates Tom is an ardent amateur archeologist, he has conducted several significant archeological studies in Saskatchewan.

**Bob Cooper** (43) of Los Angeles will soon be moving to Kelowna, B.C.

**Kim Thorson** (54) of Regina, Minister of Industry and Commerce has recently appointed **E.L. (Ted) Gray** (58) as the Department's senior Trade Consultant for the Pacific Rim countries. Ted was formerly Trade Commissioner with the Federal Industry, Trade and Commerce Department.

We are always interested in hearing about early grads, please send in news items for us to pass on to fellow graduates.

**Mansel McCreary** (27) is still active in farming in partnership with his son Dale. Cliff has been a member of the R.M. of Flett's Springs for 22 years.

**Laurie Monsees** (66) of Melfort is now Agricultural teacher and farming at Mistatim.

**John Roberts** (47) formerly of Saskatoon has recently been transferred by Massey Ferguson International Ltd. to Calgary where he will be sales coordinator for Western Canada. Congratulations John, nice to see these promotions.

**John Spencer** (73) of Regina is with the Poultry Division of the Canada Department of Agriculture.

**Doug McArthur** (65) of Regina, formerly Deputy Minister of Agriculture was recently appointed Deputy Minister of Northern Saskatchewan. Doug and family will be living in La Ronge.

Another Agro, **Greville Harrison** (44) has retired to greener pastures, Grev was formerly employed by C.D.A. at Swift Current, the Harrisons will be living in Didsbury, Alberta.

**Gerald Arnot** (51) of Saskatoon is now employed with Farm Choring Ltd.

**Art. J. Sawatsky** (47) of Saskatoon who has been with the Saskatoon Coop for the past ten years has accepted a position with the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture as dairy technician. Art previously worked with the Herd Improvement Branch, S.D.A. for 17 years.



**John Kunkel** (46) of Davidson was recently awarded an honorary life membership in the Saskatchewan Horticultural Association at their annual meeting. John's distinguished career in the promotion of better rural and urban grounds, farm shelter belts, judging and work with 4H and other youth were noted at the presentation of the award.

**Henry Zilm** (69) of Regina was recently appointed Director of Statistics Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture. Henry was previously a research economist with the Marketing and Economics Branch, S.D.A.

**John Leask** (36) of Vancouver, Regional Supervisor of Production and Marketing, C.D.A. wrote a newsy letter the other day. John enjoys living in B.C. but wonders how long he can afford to do so, note: he should try living in Saskatoon for a while. John relates on a plane flight from Toronto to Vancouver how he struck up a conversation with the person next to him, who happened to be **Paul Turner** (51) of Victoria. John extracted \$2.00 from him for membership as he felt that Paul as vice-president of Engineered Homes, Vancouver Ltd. could afford it. Nice to hear from you John. Paul visited in Saskatoon during August and your news editor had a chat with him.

**Al Binnie** (46) and Betty of Regina keep in touch with your Ag. Grad Association. Al and Betty are now proud grandparents of their daughter Carole Spencer's twin boys.

**Clement Leidl** (49) formerly of Ottawa and now of Vancouver has been promoted by the Department of Public Works, Ottawa to their Vancouver office and will be in charge of all federal government property in British Columbia and Yukon. Congratulations Clement.

**Don Westlund** (63) formerly of Winnipeg, has been transferred by Chipman Chemicals Ltd. to Hamilton.

**Ross Greenshields** (49) Director, C.D.A. Research Station, Saskatoon, recently hosted a seed mission group from Great Britain.



**Grant Devine** (67) is now enrolled in a Ph.D. program in Agricultural Economics at Ohio State University.

**Bill Henley** (50) of Yorkton and **Wally Doyle** (51) of Mel-fort met for the first time since graduation at a meeting of the S.I.A. council on September 13 in Saskatoon. Saskatchewan is a big area but not that big. We wonder how many other grads have not seen one another since graduation?

**Ted Reed** (48) and his wife, Eve, enjoyed a trip to Tahiti, New Zealand, and Australia in January and February.

**Doug Bryson** (52), Estevan, is president of the Estevan Agricultural Society.

**Garld Malin** (48) is now Director of Training Services in the Local Services Division, Dept. of Northern Affairs, Thompson, Manitoba.

**Hazel Ritchie** (72) of Regina is now back at the Canada Research Station, Regina after a stay in Lesotho, Africa. Hazel sent along her annual membership fee and promises to take out a life membership before leaving on another tour abroad. One gathers from her letter that she really enjoyed living and working in Lesotho. Good to hear from you Hazel.

**Dave Robinson** (28) of Saskatoon is recovering at home following a stint in the City Hospital.

**Walter Brice** (40) of Saskatoon has been granted a merit award from the Public Service of Canada, together with \$1,000. Mr. Brice was chosen to receive the award for his contribution to the management and organization of the Prairie region of the Veteran's Land Administration.

**Steve Burkell** (49) of Saskatoon was awarded the SIA Recognition Award for the ten years he served as the SIA Registrar at the SIA Convention in Swift Current.

**Dr. W.J. White** (32) of Saskatoon and **W.R. Merryweather** (42) of Regina received Distinguished Agrologist Awards in recognition of their contribution to Saskatchewan Agriculture and the SIA. The awards were presented at the SIA Conference in Swift Current.

**Ole Stangeland** (49) of Vermillion has his own construction firm and informs your association that he is very much involved in the building trade.

Congratulations to **Norm Hemstad** (64) of Neepawa on his appointment as livestock specialist for the region. Norm was formerly the Ag. Rep. at Neepawa.

**James W. Clark** (48) of Edmonton has been appointed director-general of the Alberta Export Agency by the Alberta Department of Agriculture. Jim was formerly Acting Deputy-General and assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Alberta. Jim has had a most interesting career in the field of marketing, he brings a wealth of experience into his new position.

**Lorne Buchanan** (47) of Edmonton had a visit with your news editor during his participation in the Automatic-Systems Seminar in Saskatoon in July.

**Bill Craddock** (62), Winnipeg, Professor of Agricultural Economics, University of Manitoba was nominated President-elect of the Manitoba Institute of Agrologists.

**Ted Pritchett** (67) writes from Lacombe, Alberta telling us about his work, thanks for the life membership fee and your interesting letter. Ted's letter reads as follows:

"I am now Editor of the 'Canadian Charolais Banner' (good reading material for all Ag Grads), therefore am still using my skills in photography (like at university). Have taken up flying and have my commercial license and instructor's rating. I instruct on weekends, so if any Ag Grad is interested in learning to fly get in touch. I hope to get my instrument rating this summer and fly charter flights for sales management companies. The Pritchetts enjoy the S.A.G.A. newsletter very much."

In May **Bob McKercher** (54) attended meetings in Toronto where he met a Sask. engineer Bert Elsey who asked about **Grant Miller** (37) diploma, (42) degree. Bert recalls rooming with Grant on 6th Ave. North and the two of them received their third floor accommodation in turn for stoking

up the house furnace each morning. We bet the present day students don't get these deals and even if they could they wouldn't have many notions about firing a furnace with wood or coal.

**Art Stilborn** (41) of Saskatoon has stepped down from his position as Director of the School of Agriculture to devote his time to teaching in the School. Art has been Director since 1957. John R. Peters, Assistant Director of the School of Agriculture, University of Manitoba has been named Professor and Director of the School of Agriculture to replace Art.

**Roy Blacklaws** (55) of Tisdale is President and **Dale Pulkinen** (69) of Tisdale is Director of Research of the North East Alfalfa Research Association. The research laboratory is designed to maintain quality in dehydrated alfalfa which is exported to Japan. The research presently carried on is to endeavour to develop a process which will retain the components in alfalfa which give the yellow colour to egg yolks. Wonderful to hear of Agros doing this kind of innovative research, keep up the good work fellows.

**John Gilliland** (59) of Regina who was formerly Western Sales Manager for John Deere has been transferred by the company to Hamilton where he is now Manager, Sales Finance-Retail — our congratulations to John, the Gillilands will be living in Campbellville, Ontario. Our congratulations to John and Joan. John is also his company's representative on the Canadian Council of 4H Clubs.

**E.E. Brockelbank** (22) of Victoria writes to tell us that he does not know exactly when the millstones at the east door of the livestock pavillion arrived. He does remember them, not when he was a student but after when employed as a professor in the Extension Department of the College of Agriculture. Nice to hear from you Brock. If anyone knows the story behind the millstones, please write Bob McKercher.

**W.J. (Bill) White** (32) our former dean now has a lily named after him. The Department of Horticultural Science have selected one of Dr. C.F. Patterson's pure white hardy hybrid lilies and called it "William White". **Editor's note:** We do not know whether this will make Bill an easy touch on the curling ice, but a lily is a lily — sure glad we have had some close ones, who knows what the future will bring. We have been told that Bill has been spending his spare time this summer inventing a new curling shoe that has a ski-like sole; it is supposed to prevent Bill from falling on his stomach after delivering a curling rock.

Our congratulations to Bill upon the honour of having a Patterson lily named after him.

**Jake G. Nickel** (52) of Dauphin sends along a \$20.00 cheque for his life membership. Jake is now a Development Coordinator for the newly established Crowns Land Section of the Manitoba Department of Agriculture.

**Denis Ewanus** (70) has recently been transferred from Green Lake to Melfort as Farm Manager.

**Roy Blake** (34) of Victoria enjoys getting the Ag Grad News, Roy has provided the secretary with Drew Davey's new address in Ottawa.

**Barry Hodge** (69) School, (74) College removes himself, wife and daughter from Saskatoon to Edmonton where he will be crop supplies sales supervisor with Federated Cooperatives. In a reversal of the trend **Neil Moore** (71) returns to Saskatoon where he will join the Institute of Pedology and work on the Sask. Soil Survey. Neil has been joined by **Doug Wilkinson** (41) and **Wayne Eilers** (74 - Man) in three new permanent positions with the survey. **Doug Sword** (65) has resigned his position with Agricultural Economics and taken up farming in the Unity district. Guess there is money in this business of farming. Good luck to Doug and family.

**Marcel Dubois** (61) of Rosetown, the best Agro Grad shooter there ever was captured the handicap and all-round honors at the Saskatchewan trapshooting championships.



Marcel cracked 382 targets out of 400, quite an achievement. The Dubois home must now be full of trapshooting trophies. Congratulations Marcel.

**Homersham** (28) of Saskatoon, the grand old man of Farm Boys Camps continues to work with youth. This summer Tom and Mrs. Homersham supervised the 4H members during Saskachimo Exposition. Tom says the youth haven't changed in the past 30 years, they still want to stay up all night and cause a rumpus.

**Doug McBeath** (57) research scientist at Lacombe Research Station, C.D.A. will co-direct a \$60,000 wild oat project along with Dr. William Vanden Born of the Crop Science Department, University of Alberta, Edmonton. The study is directed at finding out more about the integration of fertilizer and herbicide programs leading to improved wild oat control.

**Don Barber** (65) is now Farm Development Specialist, S.D.A. at Outlook. **Doug Winsor** (68) formerly Ag. Rep. at Outlook is now farming at Kincaid and **Les Bohrsen** (71) is the new Ag. Rep. for irrigation at Outlook. **Ross Kingdon** (55) of Kindersley provided the office with this information, thanks Ross.

**Dale Blair** (61) of Drake had to use a canoe to do his farm chores this spring, his buildings were completely surrounded with water. The College will soon have to give classes in canoeing and rice production.

**Jack Clayton** (32) spent three months in Thailand last winter, then returned home through Britain where his relatives live. Jack and Nellie ended up in their Pike Lake cottage in August and will spend the winter in their Winnipeg home.

How pleased we were to receive a long letter from **Harold Wilson** (22) of Regina. Harold gave us the address for **Ralph Botkin** (29) who now lives in Regina. Harold remarked how pleased he was when **George Shepherd** (22) received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from the University of Saskatchewan this spring. In his letter Harold said "I enjoy hearing of fellow graduates in the newsletter — we soon get separated from our classmates upon graduation, the newsletter helps to keep us in touch with one another, especially if we send our address to the secretary." Thanks Harold for your letter, so nice to hear from you.

**Lin Boyes** (48) of Minnedosa, Manitoba provided the secretary with Jake Nickel's new address at Dauphin and also informs us that **Jerry Gramiak** (65) of Brandon has just come back from a trip to Wales where a group studied grass-land research projects. Lin's remark was "needless to say, Jerry came back reeking of leeks".

**George Pearson** (66) of Regina was recently appointed Director of Policy Development and Planning for the British Columbia Department of Agriculture.

**Lloyd Rasmusson** (36) of Edmonton who recently retired from his position with the Alberta Department of Agriculture provides Bob McKercher with missing addresses for **Melville C. Stav** (47) of Edmonton and **Donald Reeken** (35) also of Edmonton who operates a plant nursery farm and makes mechanical installation part time. Donald says Lloyd was pleased to receive news of the S.A.G.A. and is looking forward to more information on their class 40-year reunion in January, 1975.

**Murray Shanks** (67) of Halifax, Nova Scotia is now Manager, Agriculture Department, Royal Bank of Canada. Murray will be establishing an Agriculture Department for the Royal Bank in the Atlantic Provinces. Our congratulations to Murray in his new work. Murray writes, Bob McKercher in reply to Bob's information on life memberships as follows:

"Dear Bob: Thank you very much for the prompt reply to my letter. Certainly the sign of a good executive member. Under the assumption that I'm going to be around for at least another 17.5 years I am enclosing a cheque for \$35.00 for a life membership in S.A.G.A.

I will take it upon myself to keep track of any Ag

Grads in this part of the country. **Wayne Woolfitt** (62) is raising sheep in the Malagash area of Nova Scotia. I haven't seen him yet, but hope to in the near future. **Merlyn W. White** (50) whom I don't know personally is the Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, P.E.I. **Ted Sefton** (67) is located in Truro and teaches at the Nova Scotia Agriculture College and I believe has a working agreement with the Nova Scotia Dept. of Agriculture. There may be more grads in the area who I haven't met yet, so I will keep you informed."

We hope more Ag Grads would do what Murray is proposing. It would help make your Association truly the greatest!

**Al McLean** (48) of Southey, Manager and owner of "Isle of Skye" farm sends in his \$20.00 life membership fee. As Bob McKercher says "It pays to be persistent", as he has been after Al for a life membership for a number of years. Thanks Al, hope the Yorkshire business continues to prosper.

**W.G. "Bud" Morken** (49) of Sturgis, a Director of the U.G.G. is also a Director of the Hudson Bay Association.

**Bernie Goplen** (52) of Saskatoon was elected President of the Saskatoon Lions Speed Skating Club for the current year. Gordon Goplen, son of Bernie and Hank Goplen received the Clarence Downey Speed Skating Trophy as the clubs most outstanding skater for the past season.

We were saddened to hear of the sudden death of Father Bob. McGrath of Ottawa, brother of Bernice Williams, nee McGrath, who for many years was Dean Kirks and Dean Graham's secretary. Bernice holds a special spot in the hearts of many Agro grads.

#### NEWS FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

This past summer, Registrar Richard Bellamy (66) and I have carried out some revisions to our membership listings. The changes were, for the most part, to accommodate postal code information for both our Canadian and Foreign addresses. Computer cards allow a maximum of 80 letters or numbers inclusive of the necessary spaces. Our labels are arranged into four lines, the top line contains the members name and class year. The second line contains local address, the third the location and postal code and the fourth the membership status. On occasion the code is shifted into another place due to space limitations, for instance North Battleford addresses will find their code on line two since we cannot get the city, the province and the code all on one line. We have no option other than to shorten long business addresses.

Membership status is indicated by HL (Honorary Life), L (Life) or two figures for annual members which represent the year fees are paid up to. For instance, 73 indicates annual fees paid to 1973 or 76 would indicate annual fees prepaid to 1976.

We have attempted to obtain postal codes for everyone. If your label has no code, please send the code along to us. You get free cards for address changes at any post office. Please also send along address corrections and changes. Postage charges in our budget cost over \$300 per year and a portion of this comes from returned mail which needs re-addressing.

Missing addresses are as follows:

Herb C. Moulding (42); Don E. Forsberg (49); Cec. Werner (66); Randy Vopni (71); Sol Sinclair (32); Keith G. Turner (67); Mike Schenher (57); John Hnatiuk (48); John Saum (67); and Gunnar Pedersen (52). Anyone knowing these postal addresses would do us a good turn by sending them to us.

Bob McKercher (54)  
Secretary-Treasurer



## AGRO GRAD GOLF TOURNAMENT

Yes! It was a first — under the guidance of Lorence Peterson (65), Stu McBean (38) and Dave Heinrichs (38) history was made as eighteen golfers teed off at the Elmwood Golf Course in Swift Current on June 8, 1974. Bill White (32) had the honor of teeing off first — what Bill said after hitting the first ball really can not be published. A lot of fun was had by all. The following grads and wives participated: Stu McBean (38), Bill White (32), Bill Howell (49), Ted Hurd (50), Ralph Christenson (49), Don Rennie (49), Bill Pope (50), Roy McKenzie (44), Jack Braidek (51), Art Delahey (52), Clint Houston (55), Roy Salmon (56), Herb Clark (45), Dorothy McKenzie (Roy's wife), Edythe White (Bill's wife), Doris Christenson (Ralph's wife) and Muriel Dodds (Murray Dodds wife). A champion was not declared because everyone who participated was a winner. The scores turned in were fantastic!



### HOLD THE PHONE

Have you made plans to attend Farm and Home Week, January 6-10, 1975.

The Ag Grad lectures and reunion begins on January 10. Book your reservations early at the Sheraton-Cavalier Motor Hotel, the headquarters for reunion activities. There are special rates available for the long weekend — January 9 to January 12 for our reunion festivities.

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### DEATHS:

- Mrs. Anna Mary Stock (nee Kusch) Saskatoon, Sept. 3, 1974, Mother of A.G. Kusch (40) Kelowna and Leonard deceased.
- Kathleen N. Jones of Saskatoon, wife of Grenville Jones (48) of Saskatoon, July 28, 1974.
- Mrs. Annabelle Miller of Saskatoon, July 14, 1974, Mother of Grant (47) and Jack (37) Miller of Perdue.
- Mrs. Ingeborg Rostad of Saskatoon, July 15, 1974, Mother of Harold (64) Rostad, Saskatoon.
- Alice Hedlin, wife of Bob Hedlin (45) Winnipeg on May 19, 1974.

### BIRTHS:

- John (73) and Carole Spencer of Regina, twin boys, Robert and Christopher, February 17, 1974.
- The Paul Boutin's (69), a daughter, Cathy, Sept. 28, 1973.
- Kerry Foster (70) and Judy, a son, Shawn Bradley, June 6, 1974.

### WEDDINGS:

- Carman Berg (64) of Saskatoon and Dianne Hancock of Saskatoon on July 11, 1974.
- Jim Moyer (71) of Guelph and Beth Epp, of Rosthern, on August 31, 1974.
- Philip J. Thair (42) of Saskatoon and MME Therese Millette, July 20, 1974.
- Jim Farley (70) and Lynne D. Thompson on August 3, 1974 in Waikanae, New Zealand.
- Murray Shanks (67) of Halifax and Marg Amy of Regina, August 31, 1974.

AG — BAG — DRAG October 25th  
Everyone Welcome

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