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The lectures were well attended and these lectures as well as all farm week talks have been printed, as in past years. Since the number printed is limited, we urge you to send in your memberships as soon as possible in order to avail yourself of a copy before they run short.

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A motion to create the new Executive post of Registrar was approved by the meeting. WALTER PARKINSON, representative on the Advisory Council to the College of Agriculture, reported considerable discussion during the past year regarding a Veterinary College in Western Canada. However, no further progress was attained. The Dean, Dr. V. E. GRAHAM reported that a summer school course in Agricultural Extension was now being conducted at the University and that a Diploma or some other recognition could be given. He also reported that the Animal Diseases Laboratory and Dairy Departments might be having their names changed to more closely signify the full nature of their present work.

The new Executive for 1960 was elected by the Annual Meeting and as shown at the beginning of this News-letter.

The joint Executive meeting transacted the following notable business: PHIL THAIR, in reporting on archive material, called on everyone to keep a look-out for material and to report same to him even if in doubt as to suitability of material.

The honour year for 1961 was set as the College and School Graduating classes of 1941 and the Chairman for the class reunion was N. ROEBUCK with ART STILBORN as assistant. Graduating classes of '21, '31 and '51 were also invited to hold reunions but the chairmen for arranging these were to be named at a later date. STAN SMITH was appointed Chairman for the 1961 Bonspiel and KEITH DOWNEY as Chairman of the Lecture Series.

MURRAY RIDDELL was asked to look after the Sunday Tea while WALTER CARD is chaperone-in-chief of the Smoker.

The Joint Executive also decided to pay E. W. MCKENZIE for the work which was done by the University Steno Pool in 1958 in compiling lists of Agriculture Graduates.

On January 31st. J. W. T. SPINKS was installed as the fourth President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Saskatchewan. In his inaugural address Dr. Spinks referred to the extraordinary developments that have taken place in the last few decades in the technical, scientific, political and social fields. The education of the citizens of tomorrow must fit him to live in a Canada that is part and parcel of a world which is physically in the process of becoming one world and which is characterized by change and uncertainty. A university education should concern itself with fundamental principles rather than the professional tricks of the trade since in a world that is changing so rapidly the latter will soon be out of date. In referring to research, he said that

hitherto the great bulk of research had been in the sciences but in the future there would be increased scholarly effort on the part of the humanities. Research was closely linked to graduate work which, he said, had greatly expanded at the University of Saskatchewan. A good graduate school is taken nowadays to be the hallmark of a first class modern institution. Without it, it is impossible to attract and hold good staff or to fulfill one's obligation to the community.

Pro. Rupert Ramsay, speaking at the installation, said, "We feel his appointment is a guarantee that the University will continue to go forward as a University for the people".

Hundreds attended the impressive Convocation which was held at the University Gymnasium. Assurance of "Loyal Support" by all the Alumni of the University of Saskatchewan was given President Spinks by E. C. Leslie, President of the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association.

The School of Agriculture graduation exercises for 1960 were held on March 24th. in Convocation Hall with Chancellor F. H. Auld presiding. The main address was given by R. L. Stutt, who is a member of the Board of Governors and recently retired from the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. The following is a list of graduates and their home addresses:

Ernest Thor ADAMKO, Meath Park; William Foster BARNESLEY, Abernethy; Rudolph Morton BARSNESS, Frontier; Raymond James BETHUNE, Whittome; Harold Halldor BJORNSON, Smeaton; James Milton BROWN, Climax; Kenneth Frank COPITHORNE, Calgary; Carl Herbert CULLER, Warner, Alta; Lawrence Francis EASTON, Kennedy; James Albert EVANS, Briercrest; Warren Donald FENDER, Congress; Norman Lawrence HARRIS, Endeavour; Henry HASEL, Assiniboia; Edward Lemon HEXTELL, Wolseley; Leslie Allan HOOGEVEEN, Lydden; Harry Christian JENSEN, Hardy; Robert Wayne Johnstone, Moose Jaw; Frederick Allan KINGDON, Bear Creek; Hugh Norman McGOWAN, Asquith; Rognald Lewis MORNINGSTAR, Lockwood; William Alexander MOUNTFORD, Prince Albert; Orest Joseph NAWROCKI, Sylvania; Rupert Eric NEUFELDT, Laird; John Bek PEDERSEN, Carruthers; David Ernest PENNER, Grassy Lake, Alta.; Garnet Grant REINHARDT, Asquith; Robert Keith ROBERTSON, Liberty; Robert Peter SMITH, Beadle; Donald Blair THOMSON, Pennant; Stanley Howard TURNER, Brooksby; Paul Gerhard VOGT, Lockwood; Howard John WEDRICK, Carmichael; James William WILLETT, Paynton; Donald Robert WILSON, Simpson; and Wayne Lindsay WILSON, Tugaske.

Top graduate in the School this year was Warren Donald FENDER of Congress who won three major awards - Scott Prize, \$50.00: University of Saskatchewan Silver Medal for high academic standing and Canada Packers Silver Medal for high standing in the Poultry Course. Norman Lawrence HARRIS of Endeavour won two major awards: The Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association Silver Medal for high standing in Field Crops and the Saskatchewan Co-operative Creamery Association Silver Medal for high standing in the Dairy Course. The Smith-Roles prize of \$50.00 for high standing in the Rural Electrification Course was won by Frederick Allan KINGDON.

Some interesting news items were gathered concerning the 1940 graduating classes which were honoured at the reunion in January. Bill Wilson '40 presented a number of slides to the banquet gathering and told the following facts about his college mates. There were twenty men and one lady graduated that year. Two of them are now in Colorado, one in California, one in New York State, one in North Dakota, one in Quebec, two in Manitoba, two in British Columbia and eleven reside in Saskatchewan. Starting with Ted Campbell, he is presently Poultry Commissioner for the Province of Saskatchewan. Walter Blahey is a successful farmer at Willowbrook, Sask. Bill Thode is an owner-tenant operator of a large grain-cattle farm at Dundurn. He is well noted for his fine Hereford cattle and is currently preparing for a sale to be held in April. Bob Harvey resides at Inglewood, California, and has the Harvey Advertising Services. Harvey Dunn is a purchasing agent for Stearns-Roger Manufacturing Company and resides in Denver, Colorado. Fred Schroer is with the Soils Dept. of the North Dakota Agricultural College. Frank Warder is doing soils and fertilizer research with the Experimental Station at Swift Current. Tony Kusch is in the cereal breeding research work with the Experimental Farm at Scott. Ivor Tollefson is employed as a research worker in the dehydration of foods with R. T. French Co., Rochester, New York. Ted Reicken is an economist with the Canada Dept. of Agriculture in Winnipeg while Joe Hudek is an economist with the Agricultural College at Fort Collins, Colorado. Wm. Wilson is looking after the rapidly expanding feed business of Federated Co-operatives in Saskatoon. Bill reports that they are having a new feed plant built at the present time in Saskatoon. Dug Barr is an agricultural representative at Biggar and is establishing a reputation as an almanac on thoroughbred horses. (Good guy to get to know). Maurice Brownstein is another agricultural representative at Kamsack. Maurice Gorback is with the Department of Meteorology, Sea Island Airport at Vancouver. Bruce Martin is Assistant Manager

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for Saskatchewan Allis-Chalmers-Rumley Ltd. Ed. Hudek is Chief of the Agricultural Engineering Extension Service, Manitoba Dept. of Agriculture, Winnipeg. Norm Scharf is with the Acid Production Dept. of C.I.L. at Beloel, Quebec. The lady that graduated in 1940 was Dorothy Lawrence. She is now Mrs. Dorothy Hall, married to a poultryman at Cloverdale, B.C. Not only is she a housewife but also a school teacher. Walter Brice is Superintendent of V. L. A. in Saskatoon. Steve Boone is an appraiser for the Canada Farm Loan Board situated in Indian Head.

Further facts revealed about this group have 19 out of the 20 presently married. They have worked to shelter, feed and clothe a total of 22 girls and 30 boys. The largest family belongs to Ed Hudek with 3 girls and 5 boys. The rest of the group are beginning to feel that the two bachelors, Maurice Gorback and Fred Schroer, will never catch up to Ed. now. Bill Thode had also attained a good record with 5 girls which is 23% of the girls produced by the class of '40. The honor year also managed a winning rink in the Bonspiel with Brice, Thode, Boone and Tony Kusch as skip.

The class of '35 held a reunion during Farm & Home Week as well. It was their Silver Jubilee celebration. George Gerts of Kindersley provided the following items regarding his classmates. Clarence Elliott of Winnipeg, Ed. Howe of Altona, Man., Bob & Mary Anderson of Melfort, Bob and Stella Arnold of Prince Albert, Bill and Gwen Janzen of Saskatoon, Howard and Audrey McDonald of Saskatoon and Archie and Vivian Campbell of Saskatoon comprised the get-together. In addition to the general Farm Week functions, this group met at the Parktown Motel on Sunday for a family-like dinner and another party at the home of Howard and Audrey McDonald. Missing from the class reunion were: Peter Hogg, Fred Quincke, Austin Ingham and Wilbur Jickling but they sent their greetings and best wishes. Fred Quincke once again went south with the birds and is wintering where it doesn't go down to 30 degrees below zero in February. Wilbur Jickling has been teaching in the mining town of Wells, B.C. for the past 5 years.

Other news items which were rounded up have Elmer Nielson '54 of Prince Albert reporting that he is still farming (feeding cattle). He married Audrey Jackson (Victoria Hospital Nursing Grad.). They have one son. Elmer is doing some part-time work with the Extension Dept., University of Saskatchewan, judging 4-H activities. Was with Plant Products part time last summer - doing field inspection and found it interesting and enjoyable work. Elmer further reports being only 25% completed in his combining operations. Stan Austman '57 of Kenaston married Lorine Torguson

of Hanley on Oct. 3rd. 1959. They honeymooned at Niagara Falls, Toronto, and a few of the States. He has been engaged as a Professional Coach and Assistant Manager of the new Civil Service Curling Rink in Regina. Will be back at the farm in the Spring. Jim Banford '57 reports spending a very enjoyable summer with the Geological Survey in the interior of southern B. C., around the Kettle River area. He is presently with the B. C. Soil Survey at Kelowna, B.C. and extends a cordial invitation to anyone passing through to drop in and see him at the Soils Bldg. in Kelowna. Eric D. Putt '38 of Morden, Man. reports leaving with family last Nov. 1st. for one year in Chile with F.A.O. Main work in Chile will be sunflower breeding. J. I. Clark '41 of Maple Creek reports that W. C. (Fred) Langley and himself are on the same curling team and enjoy their curling on artificial ice at Maple Creek. He also reports a son, David Ivan, last Nov. 20th. Wm. Darcovich of Ottawa terminated his services with the Economics Division in Ottawa and is now with the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in Ottawa.

Benny Blacklock and his wife took an air excursion to Honolulu in Mid-January. The flight was made up mainly from the Saskatoon area. Guy Hamilton of Saskatoon became the proud father again last Jan. 25. Ed. Lang was a vital part of the Swift Current rink that won the Saskatchewan Elks Bonspiel this year.

H. J. Elder of Fillmore holidayed in Mexico and Southern California this winter.

H. M. Kennedy '42 of Conquest has been recently appointed to the South Saskatchewan River Development Commission. He operates a mixed farm located within the potentially irrigable area. His father was one of the originators of the large scale field shelter belt experiment that was established in the Conquest area.

A recent visitor to the Campus was Stan Medland '49 of Toronto. He was out west for the Canadian Meat Packers Council meetings in Calgary.

Murdock Nelson '45, who has been farming at Eldersley for some time, is presently attending Teachers College in Regina.

Ron and Gwen (Hooper) McKenzie '51 are now living in Winnipeg. Ron is with the Canada Rust Research Laboratory.

Martin Hopkins became the proud father of a daughter, Crystal Marie, last November 25th.

Ray Gross reports the birth of their fourth child and third daughter last February 3rd. 1959, Lucia Suyapa. Last March he was able to present a plan to his Company, the Standard Fruit Co. in La Cieba, Honduras, for moving bananas much closer to the goal of complete mechanization. Then they report taking a vacation in New Orleans in June. Last November they decided to move the plantation of

cocoa and bananas to Bluefields in Nicaragua. Ray advises that, if anyone wishes to visit them, to let him know so that he can provide directions. His address is Apartado, Postal 85, Bluefields, Nicaragua. Ray wishes everyone the best in 1960.

Doug Treleaven '49 reports that he was leaving in January for an extended trip through the Far East, visiting Japan, Indonesia, and India on behalf of the Wheat Utilization Committee which is the operating body organized out of President Eisenhower's Food for Peace Plan. There will be two representatives from Canada, two from the U.S.A., one from Australia and one from the F.A.O. The trip was supposed to take approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ months.

John Leask of Saskatoon was recently appointed a Director of the Saskatoon Exhibition.

L. M. Ogilvie of Swift Current retired as Agricultural Representative Supervisor in Swift Current.

Norm Johnson of Maidstone is the new Supervisor for South-West Saskatchewan.

The parents of Archie & Lloyd Loyns of Lac Vert recently observed their 50th. Wedding Anniversary in Naicam. Their father home-stayed in Lac Vert before Saskatchewan became a Province.

New Merchandise Supervisor in the Feed, Flour & Fertilizer Department of the Alberta Co-operative Wholesale Association in Calgary is W. Keith Barnes '50. After graduation Keith was employed by the Dept. of Co-operation in Regina for a short time. He then joined an Automotive Finance Co. In May 1956 he moved to Winnipeg as poultry fieldman for a hatchery. In 1958 he moved to Edmonton to manage hatcheries. Keith is married and has one son.

Also with the same Department of A.C.W.A. in Edmonton is another Agro grad, Bill Zumstein '53. After graduation Bill was employed in the southern Foothills country as a Botanist in Range Management and Watershed survey work for the Eastern Forest Conservation Board in Alberta. Since 1957 he has been connected with cereal, seed and feed firms. Bill is married and has a daughter.

Also with A.C.W.A. are two other Saskatchewan grads, Ralph Miner and Del Sproxton '50.

Wm Selleck '50 has recently left the Plant Ecology Department of the University of Saskatchewan to take on a position with the Monsanto Chemical Co. of Missouri, U.S.A.

Recent winners in the Saskatoon Bonspiel were - Bob Dodds, Jim Dodds, Bob Brack and Stan Smith winning the Modern Press Event and Glen Farrell was on the rink that won the Star Phoenix Event. R. David Clark '48 of Lethbridge Experimental Farm has recently received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois.

Bob May '49, who previously farmed at Weyburn, is now employed as livestock fieldman with the Animal Industry Branch in Regina.

The Gill family rink from Leader, consisting of Don, Calvin, Gilbert and Sam, won the Saskatchewan Lions Club Bonspiel.

Art Wood '50 was a featured speaker at the University of Manitoba Farmers and Homemakers' Conference Week. Art is on staff at the University of Manitoba and he spoke on "Major Choices in Marketing Policy".

Millar Craig of North Battleford was elected for a second term as President of the Joint Beef Breeds Association.

J. Kristjansen '42 & 47 has been appointed Family Farm Improvement representative. After graduation, he held a post with the Dept. of Municipal Affairs until 1950. Since then he has been with the Department of Highways.

Another similar post was recently filled by C. W. Carlson '56.

Prior to this appointment he served three years on extension work and land use surveys with the Conservation & Development Branch. He is married and has one daughter.

D. G. Lehman '47 has also taken a similar post in Regina. From 1947 to 1957 he was employed in the Sales Division of a Farm Equipment firm. Since 1957 he represented an Oil Company. He is married and has two daughters.

One other recent appointee to this new Branch is W. R. Pope '50. He also is married and has one daughter.

C. G. Casswell '49, Melville, recently had a son.

Also Keith Vick '56, Saskatoon, had a son, Bradford Keith, born on February 10th.

Steve Burkell '49 had a son, Lyle Preston, last September.

Marriages reported include Carson Dowkes and Jewel Smith Dec. 12, 59 at Maple Creek and Cline D. Harris of Yorkton to Beryl Stimpson last June 27th.

Bob Wong '58 recently returned from a visit to his native Hong Kong. He is presently working in the Farm Management Department, University of Saskatchewan. Also employed in the same department for the winter are Glen Lowndes '57 and Gordon Thomson '58.

Keith Downey '49 visited Jerry Fitzgerald '49 at Edmonton recently and found all eight Fitzgeralds enjoying life to the full.

Hugh McKenzie at Lethbridge is reported trying to keep ahead of nature by adding on to his house.

We regret to report the death of Frank Massey '52 at Grande Prairie, Alta. on Dec. 28, 1959. Our deepest sympathy to Mel and his four daughters.

Hans Baenziger '57 recently spent three weeks in Saskatoon working on his Ph.D thesis under Bob Knowles. Hans is in charge of true clover breeding work at Lacombe. They have two daughters.

Diedryck Dyck '54 of Ottawa visited in Saskatoon recently. He was on route to a rural Leadership Course at Banff where he was to speak on various aspects of rural sociology.

From the new Federal Building in Edmonton, we have the following news: C.P. Eutenier '33 is Officer-in-Charge of the Dairy Products office. Before being transferred to Edmonton last Fall, he was for many years in the Regina office with George Art '25. Jack Keene and Alf Fennier, both School Grads, are produce graders. Gordon Haase '44 is Officer-in-Charge of the Economics Division for the four western province. He is presently having a new house built at his farm in Rimbey. Graham Anderson '26 is Superintendent of the Alberta section of P.F.R.A. located on the 7th. Floor. The Civil Service Commission office is also located in the building and Don Leipert '59 is an officer of the Commission.

From Ottawa circles we have quite a few news items. Dr. J.F. Booth '19 headed a four man study group including R. A. Stutt and A. E. Barrett last fall on a study of the United States Rural Development Program at the request of the Senate Committee on Land Use. The delegation visited Washington, D.C. and the states of Kentucky, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Washington, Montana and Maine. The Report on their findings was presented to the Special Senate Land Use Committee in March. R. A. Stutt has been assigned to the Committee as Economic Consultant for the current session of Parliament. J. F. Booth as alternate for the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. D. S. Harkness, headed a 15 member delegation to the session of F.A.O. in Rome in October and November 1959. He missed his brother, E. G. Booth '21, by a quarter of an hour at the London, Eng., airport. His brother was with a U.S. Dept. of Commerce Trade Group returning from Rome. Dr. Booth also reports meeting with J. B. Harrington in Rome. Roy Blake '34 is new Assistant Director, Agriculture & Fisheries Branch, Dept. of Trade & Commerce, Ottawa. Gordon Dobson '48 accompanied the Canadian Cabinet ministers to Washington in February for a meeting with their American counterparts of the Joint Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs. R.A. Stutt recently made a trip to Washington to confer with P.V. Kepner, Deputy Administrator, and R. Jones, Field Representative, both of the Federal Extension Service. Dr. J.F. Booth '19 is President of the Canadian Branch of the Royal Caledonia Curling Club. The Branch covers an area from about Kingston Ont., to Quebec City and includes Ottawa and Montreal. An outstanding weekly analysis of Farm Policy called "Ottawa Report" is published by D. W. Carr '48. It is being favorably received across the country. Bill and his associates at 63 Sparks St. in Ottawa have been in the consulting business

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for about a year, mainly in the fields of Agricultural policy, management and transportation. ROSS GREENSHIELDS thinks that this will be known as the year of deep snow in Ottawa with over 103 inches by the end of February. He reports a good year of curling with ANDY BARRETT and JOHN ARMSTRONG of the Ottawa Granite Club. He says the latter two are good curlers even though they have been in the East for awhile. BEA MURRAY recommends a February holiday in Bermuda. W.J. STAPLE moved from the Experimental Farm at Swift Current to Soil Research Institute, Ottawa, last August and they are getting settled in their new home at 2040 Prince Charles Road. C.W. FARSTAD transferred to Ottawa last April from the Entomology Section Research Laboratory in Lethbridge. On March 9th he succeeded MR. W.N. KEENAN as Director, Plant Protection Division, in Ottawa. They are now living at 634 Parkview Road. However, he says that he hasn't had a good look at his house since last fall because of the snow and is hoping for an early spring. JACK ALEX, after a ten month leave of absence, completed his Ph'D at Pullman, Washington. He reports living at Stittsville about 17 miles from the Experimental Farm in Ottawa. The commuting was rather tough with all the snow this year. JOHN SLYKHUIS is working on virus diseases of wheat and still maintains a soft spot in his heart for the prairies. He has a family of three girls and two boys. The Australian and Canadian governments are co-operating to send JOHN on a survey of cereal and other grain viruses through Australia and India towards the end of this year. From Fergus Falls, Minnesota, we have an item from MILT REUSCH '50, who is still travelling a seven states area in the interest of Elephant Brand. He often sees FRED SCHROER in Fargo, JOE CAMPBELL in St. Louis, Mo., and ART EDWARDS at Ames, Iowa. HOWARD LEES of Arcola had the Grand Champion Hereford Bull in the Regina sale recently. Recent agricultural representative changes in Saskatchewan involve the following grads: NORM JOHNSTON from Maidstone to Swift Current as Regional Supervisor; R. BRASSARD from Kindersley to Ogema; ROSS EVANS from Moose Jaw to Eastend; G.D. WEBSTER from Elbow to Outlook; DUGGIE BARR from Delisle to Biggar; B. MIDDLETON from Estevan to Maidstone; ARCHIE COLTON from Eastend to Qu'appelle; LEX RUTHERFORD from Ogema to Rosetown; TED YOUCK from Melville to Estevan; NORM BRAY from Turtleford to Moose Jaw and LARRY KOTORBACH from Regina to Yorkton.

As we were going to press we learned of the recent passing of E. E. Eisenhower at his home in California. He retired as Deputy Minister of Public Works in Regina in 1956 and was widely known as Secretary of the Land Utilization Board during its early years of land use adjustment work in Saskatchewan.

Well, this looks like the end of the trail! Now for you fellows and gals who haven't looked after your annual membership fee of \$1.00, how about putting a dollar in an envelope right now and dropping it

