

# Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association



## Newsletter



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HITHER AND YON ALONG THE AGRO TRAIL - Russ Zacharuk is still enjoying his stay in Glasgow and attended an entomological congress in Vienna this past summer, making a stop-over in Paris. Tom Homersham, Regina Jail Farm Manager, has been sick all summer, but expects to be back to work soon. Norman Schneider, Rabbit Lake, is ill in the University Hospital and may be there for some time. W. Gordon Kirk, '28, Superintendent, Range Experimental Station, Ona, Florida, paid a visit to Saskatchewan this summer and gave interesting information on the use of Brohama cattle in cross breeding work in the tropical area. Stan Medland, '48, P.R.O. for Swift Canadian at Toronto, is doing a good job as Secretary of Canadian Society of Animal Production. Jim Webster, '49, Regina, is first President of the new Extension Section of the A.I.C. R. Brack, '52, is away on a year's leave from the Extension Department doing post graduate work on a master's degree at Madison. J.R. Jowsey has resigned his position with the Experimental Farm Service to enroll in the College of Education at the U. of S. Ray Matheson, '60, who was with the Rural Sociology Unit, Production Economics Section, Economics Division, Department of Agriculture at Ottawa from May to August 23, left to accept a teaching position at the High School at Vermillion, Alta. M.E. Andal, '44, Chief, Production Economics Section, Economics Division, Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, was adviser to the Government of Canada delegation at the International Labor Conference (I.L.O.) in Geneva from June 1 to 23. Prior to these meetings he was at Oxford and Cambridge Universities to discuss agricultural economics with officials and subsequently to Copenhagen and Stockholm to see officials about certain aspects of their agricultural programs. Mel also spent a vacation period with relatives in Norway. J.F. Booth, '19, retired as Director of Economics Division, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, in April but is continuing as a special adviser to the Department. Alex.H. Turner succeeds Dr. Booth as Director. Alex is well known to Saskatchewan graduates, since he was Director of Research in the Saskatchewan Department of Co-operation and Cooperative Development for some time. Diedrick Dyck, '54, of the Rural Sociology Unit, Economics Division, Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, delivered a paper on "Adjustment Problems in Relocating New Brunswick Farm Families" at the A.I.C. convention at Guelph in June and another paper on the same subject at the American Rural Sociology convention at Pennsylvania State College in August. Diedrick is now a home owner at 785 Hoalstead Street, Ottawa 1, and has all the duties and responsibilities pertaining thereto. Probably the most recent agro grad. to move to the Nation's capital is H.L. Biehn, '52, who was formerly with the Civil Service Commission at Saskatoon and transferred to head office in Ottawa in July. He is in the Selection Branch (Agriculture unit). Lloyd Rasmussen, '36, is Supervisor of District Agricultural Service of the Alberta Department of Agriculture. He has recently returned from Colorado State College of Agriculture at Fort Collins where he completed a course in Extension Education and was awarded a M. Ed. degree. While there he visited frequently with Joe H. Hudek. Joe is on the staff there teaching and doing research work in Economics. Sharing the supervisory work of the District Agriculturists in Alberta is another Sask. Ag. Engineering grad. - Charlie Cheshire, '49. Until his recent promotion, Charlie was Extension Agricultural Engineer for the Department. Les Reid, '47, another Extension Agricultural Engineer of the Department is a Sask. Grad. He has succeeded Charlie as Senior Provincial Agricultural Extension Engineer. Two other graduates in Ag. Engineering of Sask. occupy prominent positions in Alberta -- B.T. Stephenson, '44, and T.V. MacHardy, '50. Both are professors at the U. of A. and were former students of Prof. Hardy. Others of the Hardy

fraternity working in Alta. include Gilbert Rekken, '50, now a consultant on building. He was formerly with Muttart's at Edmonton; Don Dew, '50, at Lacombe Experimental Farm; and George Holmes, '49, with Imperial Oil Co. Art Strautman, '48, is also with Imperial Oil Agency and works out of Edmonton. Ivan Coles, '39, is with the Alberta Department of Agriculture where he is supervisor of Livestock Inspection and Feeder Associations. Forrest Wohlberg is presently employed in Feed Department of Federated Co-op. Ltd. E.G. Booth, '21, and '23, reports that both his son and daughter are graduates of the U. of Minnesota; also he has two grandsons. D.V. Larson, '48, is now farming at Liberty. R.W. Maywell, '59, presently employed as inspector with the Plant Products Division at Winnipeg expects to be moving to Brandon shortly to take over operation at the sub office there. R.G. Gilstorf expects to spend most of next summer at Winnipeg due to the 1961 census in which he will be assisting in the training and supervisory work. He has been elected President of the Queensway Kinsmen Club of Ottawa for the 1960-61 club year. A.J. Garratt has left the Plant Products Division in Moose and is farming in the Abernethy district. Alex W. Calanchie, '49, is still Sales Representative for the Fertilizer Division of Canadian Industries Limited at Guelph. Tony Kusch was transferred from Scott to Fort Vermillion, Alta., in May. R.G. Savage, '41, formerly superintendent of Smithers, B.C., now superintendent at Scott. E.L. Paynter, '23, reports that he and his wife spent March in Hawaii; that both his sons have now graduated in engineering from the U. of S. and that his daughter is married to a R.C.M.P., also he has eight grandchildren. Kim Thorson defeated in the last Saskatchewan election is returning to the U. of S. to study law. Del. Blewett has resigned from the Chipman Chemical Co. and also is entering the College of Law. Ole Turnbull who was elected in the June Provincial election has recently been appointed Minister of Cooperation and Cooperative Development. J.W. Clarke, '48, recently resigned from his position at Kindersley to take up his new position as Secretary of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange - successor to R.S. Elliott. F.F. Cline, '48, returned from India this summer. No information as to whether or not he has gone back. He has two sons. Bernie Goplen directed the S.I.A. convention last June in Saskatoon. W. Van Vliet, '39, assumed the post of Trade Commissioner to Russia in May. G. Haase, '44, spent considerable time this year in Ottawa assisting a Special House Committee studying the farm machinery price enquiry. His wife, Kay, while on a trip to Great Britain took ill and spent some time under doctor's care. Hazen Argue, '44, was elected National Leader of the C.C.F. Party at a convention in Regina in August. Bill Darcovitch, '44, transferred from the Economics Division, Department of Agriculture, to the National Income Section of D.B.S. last December. Gordon Dobson, '48, of the Policies and Prices Section of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa was a member of the Canadian delegation at the 16th session of GATT in Geneva from May 16th to June 4th. T.M. Stevenson, '23, has retired as Associate Director (Forage Crops), Program Directorate, Research Branch, Department of Agriculture at Ottawa. He was awarded a life membership in the Canadian Seed Growers' Association for his outstanding contribution to Agriculture. This award was made in June. J. E. Ross Greenshields, '49, is successor to T.M. Stevenson. Ross spent six weeks in Europe; attended the Grassland Congress in England and toured experimental stations in Europe. He took May and the four children along to visit Grandma in North Ireland. Also attending the Eighth International Grassland Congress in England from July 11 - 20 was Bob Knowles, '41, who presented a paper entitled "The Appraisal of Species and Varieties of Forage Crops for Western Canada". Bob spent some statutory leave touring in France, Germany, Norway, Sweden and Denmark. J.K. Wiens, '49, and S.R. Burkell, '49, attended the A.F.E.A. conference in Ames in August and met the following grads.; Grove Lane (now at Minnesota where he has completed course work required for Ph.D., and is working on his thesis); Stu Lane, Sol. Sinclair, Syd. Staniforth, Cec. Haver (who between sessions was doing research on water conservation in Mid Western States) and G.S. Shepherd, '24, (Prof. at the U. of Iowa). R.A. Stutt, '33, while vacationing in the West in July visited many of his friends and haunts at the U. of S. and the old fishing holes at Waskesiu. Peter Balogh, President of the Alberta Feed Manufacturers Association presented a brief at Ottawa regarding Wheat Board feed grain sale policies before an agricultural committee of Parliament. E. E. Brockelbank, '22, now retired in Victoria at 2962 Larkdowne Road. G. H. Wesson, '49, has been named manager of the Branch office in Regina of the Co-operative Trust Company. John K. Gronsdahl, '59, was appointed farm

management specialist with the Sask. Department of Agriculture in June. J.A. Peck, '50, has been appointed Assistant Director of the Family Farm Improvement Branch and Supervisor of the Farm Improvement Extension Division of the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture. W.R. Pope, '50, has been named supervisor of the Farm Improvement Construction Division. These appointments were made also in June. Lorne Fisher, '59, received the new \$3,000 scholarship award which is to be known as the F.S. Mendel Travel Award and awarded annually. W.J. Anderson, '42, was installed as president of the A.I.C. for the 1960-61 term. Orest Nowachi is with C.C.L. in Saskatoon. S. Orthner, '49, previously employed as land appraiser for the Canadian Farm Loan Board has been transferred to the Kindersley area and is building a new home in Kindersley. This move was to take place in July or August. R. Androchowicz, '43, claims he has taken the drastic step of changing his name from the above to R. Andrews for simplification. S. Sinclair had the opportunity to do a special study on the economics of salmon and halibut fishing off the B.C. coast. More recently he has delivered a series of lectures to a Rural Leadership Course at the Banff School of Fine Arts. H.W. Hobbs has moved from Medicine Hat to 911 - 8th. Street South, Lethbridge. C. Gutheil who is with the Lands Branch has moved from Regina headquarters to serve the Saskatoon district. L.J. Anderson, '42, has been coordinating research studies on Project Farms and specializing in forage crop research at Lacombe. He was married in 1945 and has one son. M.G. Gault is currently completing the writing of a revised curriculum guide on agricultural education for secondary schools in Alberta. George Godel, '31, District Agriculturist in Athabaska is still going strong in supervising an effective and expanding Farm and Home Improvement program in the area. Jack T. Kyle was chosen president of the S.I.A. during the organization's annual meeting; C. Ross Richards is vice-president Joe Zeman, '44, and wife were honored at a special banquet by City Park's juvenile hockey club for their contribution to this organization during the past six years. Joe was presented with a wrist watch and Jessie a bouquet of flowers. J.W. Clausen, '48, transferred from Yorkton a year ago and present address is 65 Dogwood Place, Regina. R.H. Schuler, '54, is doing irrigation extension work with the Alberta government in the Enchante area of Alberta. Red Williams and Bill Howell attended a short course in Physiology of Reproduction at Pullman in June -- given by the world famous Sir John Hammond, recently retired from Cambridge. Bill was installed as President of the Canadian Society of Animal Production at the June convention in Guelph. Red has taken over from Bill as secretary-treasurer of the Western Branch of C.S.A.P. Rupert Ramsay spent his vacation in Mexico. John Svenson, '56, Manitoba provincial traveller for Niagara Brand Chemicals, Regina, is now living at 656 - 20th Street, Brandon. Arnold Roy now has 2 girls and 1 boy. Leroy Burnard and wife, Betty, are both teaching high school at Ituna and farming on the side. Ken Evans has now been transferred as Senior Poultry Fieldman with the Canada Department of Agriculture at Guelph. He was formerly poultry fieldman stationed in Saskatoon. Bob Brack, Extension Specialist, is now taking his master's in agricultural extension at the University of Wisconsin. Jack Braidek, received his master's degree at the University of Wisconsin in agricultural extension this spring. Wm. B. Munroe has recently been named director of field services for Western Canada by the Meat Packers Council of Canada. Hugh Kirk is now representative of the Lands Branch, Sask. Department of Agriculture. W.E. Thomson, '38, is leaving on a trip to Denver this month to attend the International Association of Assessing Officers conference. Assessors from all parts of North America will be attending this conference. Robert Hutchison, '41, of Naicam, joined the staff of the Provincial Department of Municipal Affairs, Assessment Branch, this summer. Lawrence Gellesta, '57, has taken on a teaching job at the Central Collegiate in Moose Jaw. Wilfred Cody, '54, is returning to the University this fall to enroll in the College of Education. John Lasuita, '49, has left the Assessment Branch and joined the Farm Home Improvement Branch of the Department of Agriculture. Bob Widdup, '55, had a serious eye operation this summer when he went into a Winnipeg hospital for a cornea transplant. Dave Heinrichs, '38, is going with his family to Australia for one year. Lorne Barber, '38, is now working with the Lands Branch. Lorne had an accident with his car in Regina this fall, but fortunately was not hurt. Roy Levee of Radville, Len Scott of Cupar and John Stephenson of Stranraer are working for the Assessment Branch this winter on a temporary basis during urban assessment work. Those purchasing new homes include Tom Rowles at White Rock, B.C., R.E. Middleton at Maidstone, Don Webster at Outlook and Harry Lang. Don Blackburn has moved

his headquarters to Saskatoon. Murray Riddell tells us Chipman Chemicals Ltd. are in the market for a salesman. J.W. Melymick, '59, is presently with John Deere Co. in Winnipeg. Jack Alex reports "We are finally settled in a comfortable bungalow in Stittsville, a peaceful little village a short distance from the Central Experimental Farm. At the recent A.I.C. Chicken Barbecue at the Ag. College at Kentville, we saw Reg. Gilstorf and Frank Zillinsky. A post card came recently from John T. Slykhuis from Sydney, Australia, now well on his round-the-world-holiday-with-work. Len Kelton, '49, of Ottawa attended the recent Entomological conference held in Saskatoon.

#### BIRTHS:

Bob Middletons ('57)	Son, Robert Paul, February 17.
Warren Wisimers	Daughter, April 23.
Hugh McKenzies ('49)	Daughter, Carmen Patricia.
J.W. Clausens ('48)	Daughter (4th) Brenda Lee.
Barry Pughs	Daughter, Laurie.
George Gilbertsons	Son. April 26.
Glen Grahams	Daughter. April 29.
Fred Fultons	Son, Glen Douglas. June 29.
Bill Howells	Son, Jay Bradley. November 1959.
Elwood Harts	Son, Douglas Glenn. May 15
J. K. Wiens ('49)	Daughter, Beverley Jean. April 15.
R. K. Downeys ('49)	Son, Richard Douglas. July 3.
P. Derksens ('49)	Son, Mathew Henry.
M. Derksens ('49)	Daughter, Katherine Joan, September 2.
H. B. Nickels	Daughter.
John Stephenson ('49)	Son.
Don Sutherlands	Daughter, Laurie Dawn. August 20.
T. Njaas	Twin Daughters, Heather Lee and Holly Ann July 3.
Elmer Tumaks	Son.
Jack Alex	Daughter, Lynne Heather. August 1

#### MARRIAGES

John Svenson ('56) and Joan Whitehead ('59) on October 3, 1959.  
Alf Craig and Noreen Tait on July 24 at Meota.  
Raymond Schuler ('54) and Helen C. Mann at Maple Creek on December 12, 1959.  
Ernest J. Harrach and Jean Mary McKerrow on June 11.  
Neil W. McLeod and Joy Harding at Prince Albert on August 20. Live at  
Buckland.

W. F. Nuttall ('58)  
Bruno Friesen ('60)  
George Rotzien ('60)  
Bill Copeland ('60) and Alma Kingswell in July  
Del Blewett ('56) and Marjorie E. Linwood in August.  
Bob Wong ('59) and Doris E. Mason in August. Reside in Edmonton where  
Bob is attending University.

Jim Martin and Thelma Johnson at Wilkie on August 13. Live in Saskatoon

#### DEATHS

John Maduke Suddenly at Rosthern on August 3.  
Alex McIntosh Father of John D. ('47), Arthur J. ('47) and Stanley A. ('49)  
at LeRoy.

UNIVERSITY FARM AND HOME WEEK ANNOUNCEMENTS: - Tentative plans include the bonspiel January 6-7; lecture series, Jan. 9-13. Stan Smith will accept entries from now on. Keith Downey reports that he will be able to offer a very good lecture program as he has been able to procure a good range of speakers and topics, e.g. pasture management, foreign agriculture, etc. The Honor Reunion year is 1941, and Art Stilborn, Wilson McIntyre and Norm Roebuck



Ernie and Kathleen McKenzie have just returned from a vacation at the West Coast. They visited the E.E. Brockelbanks who have a fine home and garden. They were enquiring about their Saskatchewan friends. It was good to have news of Tom Brydon who was reported to be still working hard. They recently visited in Regina with their daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Tommy McLeod. Elwood Hart, '59, has been appointed Assistant Director of the Saskatoon Exhibition Board and will be in charge of the new rink at Exhibition Park. His wife, Betty, is making the best of the opportunity and is returning to university. Ed. Sackville and Norm Snider are at present in the University Hospital. Dr. Patterson and Dave Robinson are also on the sick list and convalescing at home. Walter Parkinson has been appointed Acting Vice-President in the absence of Bob Brack who is presently at Madison, Wisconsin; another executive appointment to pinch hit for director Ken Gronsdahl is Elmer Tumak. Sec.-Treasurer Oral Young, reports that the Association is in a very good financial position this year as a result of the generosity extended to the Association at the time of the smoker, etc. The financial committee has also been reviewing the financial status of the Association and will invest approximately \$500 of its current life membership funds to bring it up to the recommended strength. Herb Clark has been working on the problem of procuring a plaque or other memorial to honor our honorary presidents. O. Young and Don Rennie report considerable progress in the collecting and framing of photos of the past presidents for display in the students' lounge. Dean Graham reports that a third-year student, Daniel Beveridge, has completed a year of travel abroad in such countries in Japan, India, Ceylon, Africa, Europe, England and Wales. He writes in part, "I feel the trip has been of great value, and has meant a great deal to me in terms of knowing about other parts of the world, the lands, problems, and people." M. Riddell reports S.A.G.A. registration as follows: 54 honorary life; 254 life; 404 annual paid-up; and 260 in arrears for one year, making a total of 967. It is reported that Agro enrolment at the U. of S. this year is as follows: 1st year, 97; 2nd year, 70; 3rd year, 49; 4th year, 39; pre veterinarian 4; partial 2; making a total of 261.

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