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President's Report showed an active year with a strong membership. Receipts had exceeded expenditures by \$43.00. The bulk of revenues were derived from profits shown in conducting the various activities, whereas the membership fees barely covered the expenditures necessary to service the membership.

Bonspiel Results - 42 rinks competed. Expenses would exceed receipts by about \$3.20. Winners of the various events are as follows:

KIRK TROPHY - Winners - Dick Strayer
Bud Smith
Ben Blacklock
Jock Blacklock

Runners-Up - Don Gill
- Bert Gerrett
Jack Braidek
Gordon Tredgett

RUTHERFORD TROPHY - Bryan Harvey
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ABSTRACTS from JOINT EXECUTIVE & ANNUAL MEETINGS - A report on the Smoker showed that 147 attended and a profit of \$193.45 was realized. W. Card was responsible for arrangements of this successful social. The Sunday Tea under charge of Murray and Betty Riddell also was a great success, with an attendance of 241. The Lecture Series being of a high calibre were well attended; the Committee for arrangements was convened by Keith Downey. Three newsletters had been mailed during the year; and it is presently felt that three is a sufficient number to try and send out. Membership to date is 798 -- 393 regular annual, 252 regular life and 53 Honorary life members.

4-T-1 REUNION NOTES (as submitted by W.R. Parkinson, '41) - Well, it's come and gone. We at "home" are back to normal except I've been putting off this job that I promised several people I would do.

I'll start these rambling remarks with the bonspiel for which we only mustered one rink (Bob Hutchison, Harold Elliott, Doug. Wilkinson and Joe Zeman. We had hoped to duplicate the feat of the 1940 reunion and capture a trophy but the draw wasn't made up right or something! Anyway, they were able to enjoy the Smoker without worrying about the finals on Saturday night.

The Smoker was held at the Intercontinental Packers cafeteria where about 150 enjoyed cards, fellowship, thirst quenchers, increased fellowship, poker, mouth wash, more fellowship, excellent food, still more fellowship and so on far into the night. In the midst of the fellowship was to be found the advance guard and hard core (or rotten core depending on your opinion) of the '41 grads. Some were distinguished by battle ribbons flying as high as the bearer in some case. We wore the soon-to-be famous white ribbon bearing the word "HONOR" year in blue lettering and further distinguished by the code lettering "4-T-1". Some thought this was a new chemical!

Curling continued all day Saturday at the lush new curling rink at ye old Alma Mater with finals on Saturday night directed from behind the glass by you know who. With the spoils stashed away by the winners, 4-T-Oners from out of town gathered at my house with wives for a wee drop and a coffee chaser. Checking in were Harold (Pretty Boy) Elliott and his charming wife, Margaret; Doug. Wilkinson and May (still the lovely girl we knew at Varsity dances); Joe Zeman and Jessie to whom the years have been so kind; yours truly and playmate, Dorothy. Also present were Torry Tollefson, '42, and Margaret who are special friends of Elliotts and Wilkinsons. A few preliminary skirmishes occurred previously but we got down to the business of recalling happy incidents of the past in earnest including an examination of the Greystones of that era. Bob Hutchinson returned home due to the illness of his wife, Anne, and did not return. We hope all turned out O.K. at your house, Bob.

Sunday afternoon at the Tea in the Memorial Union Building saw more recruits arrive - Bob Savage sans wife, Ivan Clark, ditto, Oscar Wyler capably escorted by wifey, Ruth. Also present were Elliotts, Wilkinsons, Zemans, Stilborns and Parkinsons. This is one of the highlights of the Grads program -- over 310 attended this year to chat with old friends and for those in the city in many cases to say "hello"; not having seen each other for a year. This is a "pink tea" that Agros really go for. In the centre of the lounge was unveiled a "road sign" consisting of four-way white cardboard pennants with the word "4-T-1-derful" in blue on each assembled and held proudly aloft on a tomato stake arising out of a block of finest fir, bearing a rustic look being unpainted, unsanded and crudely sawed at various angles. All of the aforementioned plus Bob Knowles reassembled at Art Stilborns. This was a combined operation of the local gals plus Bob K. in supplying the rations. A society page item is quoted below submitted by our scribe, Jessie Zeman.

"REUNION of '41 Grads -- The 1941 classes of the College and School of Agriculture received special recognition at this year's annual reunion and lecture series of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association. Among the activities was the reunion of the members of the 1941 class of the College of Agriculture at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Stilborn, 312 Hugo Avenue. The evening was planned by the

members residing in Saskatoon. The table was centred by lighted pink tapers in a branched holder and a pennant inscribed "4-T-l-derful" set in blue tulle. A buffet supper was enjoyed by those present. The remainder of the evening was spent in taking pictures and reminiscing. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott of Aneroid, Mr. and Mrs. Doug. Wilkinson of Aberdeen, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wyler of Swift Current, Mr. R. Savage of Scott, Mr. Ivan Clark of Maple Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parkinson of Saskatoon, Mr. R. Knowles of Saskatoon, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Zeman of Saskatoon. Other members of the 1941 class who took part in the varied activities were Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith of Moosomin, Mr. R. Hutchinson of Naicam, Mr. and Mrs. Norm Korven of Swift Current and Mr. Frank Payne, Ottawa."

Letters received from those not present were read and knowledge shared about these and a few who were not heard from. A picture taken by my wife didn't turn out so hope others were better and will try to supply. It is alleged that Jim and Jean Smith were in town and unable to locate the tea and buffet supper. I'm afraid I am the poor coordinator responsible and feel very badly about this as we would have had that much more fun. Sorry folks. Some sort of magic occurred in the Stilborn kitchen, as I carried more food out than I took in. The result was an impromptu "left over" supper at our place on Monday evening for the out-of-towners. Those present were the Elliotts, Wilkinsons, Smiths, Wylers, Bob Savage, Norm Korven and Frank Payne. After a snifter or two, the surplus food was reduced to manageable proportions. The old days and the Greystones got a good working over. The ladies decided to do the dishes and we then went in a body to the evening program at the School of Agriculture auditorium, finishing off with coffee and doughnuts. We enjoyed the photographic magic of Torry Tollefson, a ladies' Barbershop quartet and Benny Blacklock's film featuring Hawaiian hula dances and other much less interesting subjects.

The "big do" that wound up this memorable fine day period was the banquet and dance on Tuesday night. Frank Payne's room in the Bessborough was general headquarters for coat checking, thirst quenchers and relief. Before the banquet we practised the following yell:

"Razz 'em, jazz 'em, make 'em step
We're the gang that had the pep,
Twenty years ago, 4-T-l-der-ful."

The aforementioned road sign decorated our table as we paraded in as a group. It took about a half hour for the room to fill during which Frank bemoaned the loss of so much serious drinking time. We had delicious roast beef instead of the usual chicken pot pie. Excellent entertainment was provided by an airman who hailed from Toronto and a former pro harmonicist. Ed Sullivan could use something as good.

The big event was the remarks of Jim Smith about those present and not -- some kind, some insulting, but slightly comical. Near the beginning was some reference to fact that most of the 4-T-Oners couldn't make a living so went to work for the government. Notable exception was the wealthy businessman, Harold Elliott, and hoping to be remembered in his will, Jim intends to keep on the good side of him. The somewhat disjointed remarks were blamed on a waitress having spilled coffee on Jim's notes. Art Stilborn had a rough time as Jim related a highly improbable story said to have been related by Art's little girl to teacher, "Daddy and me slept together last night." Teacher correcting, "Daddy and I". Little girl, "You sure snuck in quietly." After recalling that Bob Knowles was smart continued that he was, so far, smart enough to evade female entanglements on a permanent basis. Bob was alleged to have compiled statistics and declared an off-spring winner which was challenged since it failed to include girls. Jim announced he had one child -- a girl who was doing nicely with a paper route. Most of those who were unable to attend were treated kindly with the notable exception of Neil McLeod who is alleged to have made some predictions that Jim's remarks would no doubt be slanderous, etc. Oscar Wyler and Doug Wilkinson were treated well. Doug was a shining example of the only farmer in the class present and highly successful at that. Joe Zeman received bouquets for his youth work in Saskatoon and beyond. Casting some doubt on when Joe actually graduated,

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Jim was nevertheless pleased that he joined our year to celebrate. The writer was congratulated on being chosen the new president of the S.A.G.A. Norm Korven got some ribbing. One of the nicest things that could happen was the presentation of an honorary life membership to Bob Knowles, our classmate on the honor year. Jim Smith, our senior stick, is still the most popular "boy" in our class and has still the happy faculty of ribbing people and making everyone like it.

COLLEGE GRADS, '41, NOT AT REUNION - Bob Lamb writes from Geneva, N.Y., that his work is fruit breeding with cherries, apricots, peaches, pears and apples. Married in 1949 and has two children; Ph.D. in 1954. Extends a special invitation to all the '41 class, if in the East to drive 200 miles from Toronto and sample some good fruit. E.F. Maas reports he is married and has three boys; at present in Saanichton, B.C. as a Project Farm Supervisor. J.D. Campbell who is a Horticulturist with the Development Department of Monsanto Chemical Company at St. Louis writes he is married and has two daughters; extends an invitation to his fellow classmates to visit him should they be in St. Louis. Neil McLeod from Appleton, Wisconsin, writes in part, "It is not too reassuring to know that Jim Smith will act as spokesman! I can only hope that my vote which helped him out in the University Senate created an exposure for him that might have had a salutary effect. Otherwise, assuming the 20 years has not mellowed him a great deal, it is likely to be an evening of libel and slander to which, on second thought, might be a darn sight better than the truth! It will be of great comfort to all those C.C.Fers amongst our fellows to know that I am a permanent export when I identify myself as a Goldwater Republican! Out of the RCAF in 1945, I went to Cornell to do my graduate work. In 1955 came to Wisconsin as an economist with the Institute of Paper Chemistry. Married and have three children."

REUNION OF 1941 SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE GRADS (Reported by W. McIntyre) - Ten of the 43 grads attended the banquet with their wives. The same number attended a coffee party where a display of projects we did 20 years ago were on review as well as some of the Sheafs of that day. Seventeen of the grads are not farming now, but are salesmen, proprietors of their own business, Provincial and Federal Government inspectors of one kind or another. Four of the 17 have B.S.A. degrees; one of them a Ph.D. Oliver B. Harvey - married with three children; farming at Cabri in partnership with his brother. Gil Thor -- married and farming at Climax. Lloyd Harvey - married and has two children; farms with brother. Lloyd Proctor - married and farming at Mervin. Alex Rennie - married and has four children; claims he is the longest married (Oct. '40) of the '41 grads; farms at Flaxcombe. Alvin Vanberg - married with two children; is inspector for the Liquor Licensing Commission and resides in Moose Jaw. John Dexter - married and has two children; took over the home farm and in 1946 joined the Laurel Farm Co-op. Norm Roebuck - married and has three children; left active farming and registered seed growing three years ago to help establish a television station at Yorkton; is president of Yorkton Television Co. Ltd.; on staff as Public Relations Director; and does some telecasting producing a weekly agricultural program, "Focus on Agriculture." Since Norm was not able to attend Farm Week, he sent a nice telegram.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY - A poll by four Canadian newspapers made the Canada Goose an overwhelming choice as Canada's national bird. A reply by Ralph Stueck of Abernethy, a prominent naturalist, was cited as typical of those who supported the Canada Goose. It read "I feel that to represent Canada as a whole, a bird must have character, personality, morals, and most essential of all, wisdom --- of all the birds from coast to coast that have these essential qualities, there is only one that qualifies (as a national bird). That is the good old Canada goose which uses all four flyways -- Pacific, Mississippi, Central and Eastern." Ted Wasylyhn formerly of Ottawa is now in Winnipeg in charge of Poultry Inspection, Poultry Products, Canada Department of Agriculture. Warren E. Benedict has been appointed Public Relations Officer for District 7, Cooperative Public Relations Federation. Dr. W.G. Kirk has been named "man of the year" (1960) in Florida agriculture. He won the honor for his achievements in improving the Florida cattle industry, and also for assistance to cattlemen in Latin American countries. Glenn Flaten, '50, of Regina, and Joe Linnell, '51, of Sumnerberry, were members of the panel on Farm Radio Forum on March 13. Rudy Barsness, '60, Frontier, has been instructing in Welding

schools throughout the Province with Smith-Roles Co. Wayne Johnston, '60, Moose Jaw, is attending an auctioneering school in Mason City, Iowa. Tom Hammersham has been instructing a class of six inmates at the Regina jail in agriculture and some shop work. His son Wally is an instructor with the Regina Flying Club, Midge does commercial art at Simpson Sears and Gail is in final year of public school. Sol Sinclair just completed publication of a report on a study of the Canada Department of Fisheries dealing with the problems of license limitations in the B.C. Salmon and Halibut fisheries; had a monograph published entitled, "Canadian Wheat and the Japanese Economy," just been awarded a Canada Council Senior Fellowship which will be used in making a study of the impact the operations of the European Economic Community (Common market) has on exports of Canadian farm products to that area. Will be used during a sabbatical year leave from the University of Manitoba commencing September 1, 1961. From the pen of O.B. Young, '46, "reports having had a very interesting and worthwhile time attending the second Civil Defence Agrologists Forum from January 23-27. This course was held at the College of Civil Defence at Arnprior, Ontario, and attended by about 50 representatives of A.I.C. locals from all across Canada. Those attending from Saskatchewan were J. Roe Foster of Indian Head, Harry Leggett of Regina, Vic Rea of Eatonia, K. Pohjakas of Swift Current, Merle White of Melfort and myself representing Saskatoon. The course was held to first of all help acquaint Agrologists with their role in the Emergency Measures Organization, in case of an emergency, and secondly to inform agrologists with the effects of radiation and radiation hazards to agriculture. Those attending were told that it was unlikely that further national courses on Civil Defence for agrologists would be held but probably some of a regional nature may be arranged. George Shepherd reports going to Ames shortly to visit his brother, Geoff. James W. Laurie, '46, is farming at Holbein and has two children. Jack Arrand, '49, and A.B. Dawson, '49, of Vernon and Kelowna, respectively, are both enjoying the climate of the Okanagan. Jack Stevenson, '60, is working part time with Products Division, Canada Department of Agriculture. Wilf Cody, '54, is on a year's leave of absence from Sask. Municipal Assessment Branch, taking Education classes at U. of S. Al Myhr, '49, is now president of Saskatoon Barbershop Singers. J.K. Wiens, '49, attended a Government Administration course for district officers (Western Region) at the Banff School of Fine Arts, the week February 19-26. Dr. A.R. Brown, '22, recently received an honorary life membership at the recent meeting of the Western Canada Society for Horticulture at Banff. Dr. Brown was given his honorary degree by the U. of S. in 1956 "in recognition of many years of work in the fields of education and horticulture." Russ and Ann Rollins have recently been transferred from the Melfort to the Indian Head Experimental Farm. Norm Bray is now Ag. Rep. for District 29, with headquarters at Rosthern. Frank Deaken visited in Ontario during the winter and on his return visited Bob Martin, '47, Bob has 5 boys; is in an I.H.C. agency partnership and farms as well.

NEWS FROM OUR REGINA REPORTERS - John Stevenson, '49, of Stranraer is offsetting the cost-price squeeze by taking winter work with the Assessment Branch and Len Scott, '51, of Cupar, is also doing assessment work for the Municipal Assessment Branch. Mervyn Hart, '60, has resigned as a Land Representative with Lands Branch and plans to return to U. of S. in 1961. C. Gutheil is now an Ag. Rep. at Leader. Everyone who knows them is happy with the news that Tony Bulani, Land Representative, and Irma McBride are engaged to be married. All the old married Grads are passing Tony plenty of advice. Any suggestions for Al Beattie? A goodly number of Regina Agros are square dancing regularly, irregularly, or both. A sore back and hip has Phil Polischuk sweating it out on the sidelines these days. R.W. (Bob) May, '49, formerly of Weyburn is now Livestock Specialist with the Animal Industry Branch working out of Regina and resides at 3416 Mason Avenue. S.S. Swainson, Supervising Dairy Inspector, and C.E. Beveridge, Livestock Commissioner, are recuperating following hospitalization. J.A. Brown was promoted February 1 to Director of Research and Planning in the Department of Agriculture and Doug. McRorie was promoted in February to Supervisor of the Farm Management Division of the Agricultural Representatives Branch. O.R. Mooney (Saskatoon), District Supervisor of N.W. area is recuperating from a heart attack. J.J. Jeanneau has taken a position as Farm Management Specialist with the Manitoba Department of Agriculture. Harvey Goering, '57, has left the Manitoba Ag. Rep. Service and is now with the Pioneer Grain Company. Tom Rowles retired March 19th. He and Mrs. Rowles were in Regina March 17 to receive a farewell presentation from friends in the De-

partment of Agriculture prior to leaving for their new home at White Rock, B.C. Ross Evans, Ag. Rep. at Eastend, transferred from there to Shellbrook, April 1, and Bob Middleton, Ag. Rep. at Maidstone, will be transferring to Weyburn following Morely Crowle's retirement about the end of April. Larry Koturbash formerly Assistant Ag. Rep. at Yorkton will be filling the vacancy created by Bob Middleton's transfer to Weyburn and Ted Youck former Assistant Ag. Rep. at Estevan will be filling the vacancy created by Ross Evans' transfer. Ernie McKenzie had an exhibit for the Department of Agriculture at the National Salon de l'Agriculture, Montreal, in February. An A.I.C. meeting was held at the same time and Ernie had the opportunity of bringing greetings to the group and extending an invitation to Saskatchewan for the A.I.C. convention in June. While in Montreal, Ernie visited with Dr. George Dion, Dean of MacDonal, who expounded about his college. From other sources it was learned that the College has a very good hog housing project. Regina A.I.C. National convention committee under the chairmanship of Wallace Thomson have plans well in hand for the June convention. Ev. McGrimmon transferred to Toronto for about six months to fill in Public Relations work for Imperial Oil. Harold Tangjerd of Rosetown, Cam Wright of Kinistino and Vic Rea of Eatonia recently attended a conference in Regina on the teaching of vocational agriculture.

OTTAWA REPORTERS SAY - Dr. J.F. Booth's activities this past year included two trips to Rome to attend meetings of FAO; also to Paris where he represented the Canadian case in the Confrontation on Agricultural Policies at OEEC. Extra curricular activities included the Presidency of the Canadian Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. "The Brawnch" as it is sometimes called was formed in 1852, originally representing all of Ontario and Quebec; it now embraces the territory from Kingston and Pembroke on the west to the eastern side of Quebec. The Western territory separated in 1814 because of the difficulty of communication and because they wanted to play granites (playing with irons, an excellent game by the way, was abandoned about 1952 in other parts of the Branch). The Branch now has 110 mens' clubs with 1100 members and 93 ladies' clubs with 5500 members. He took in the recent McDonald Brier at Calgary in the official capacity as President of the Canadian Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Association of Scotland. He claims, "I'm getting adept at opening clubs, throwing first rocks, presenting trophies, honoring life members and bending my elbow at numerous functions." Ralph Stutt's '33, son, Earl, was a member of the championship team at the Ottawa High School bonspiel. W.L. Porteous, '49, Crops Section, Agriculture Division of the D.B.S. at Ottawa, attended the Civil Defence course at the College at Arnprior in January and reports meeting a number of Sask. Agro grads. During 1960, the Porteous family acquired a new house in May (1266 Gray Rock Crescent). To Western Europe and the United Kingdom to show Canadian poultry products in markets where it is hoped new business will be found, went A.D. Davey, '34, Director of Poultry Division of Canada Department of Agriculture and R.W. Blake, '34, Department of Trade and Commerce.

SOME OF THE OBSERVATIONS OF R.P. KNOWLES AND J.E.R. GREENSHIELDS (Overseas trip July 11-August 8, 1960) - In being able to attend the 8th International Grassland Congress, Reading, England, gave us the opportunity to see various aspects of grassland research in Great Britain and the Continent. It is impossible to fully assess the work underway in such a short visit, and the following remarks give only a few observations of what our fellow workers are doing in Europe.

There were 17 Canadian members in attendance at the Congress, which was somewhat fewer than the number of delegates from Australia, New Zealand, or the Netherlands. A rather sharp distinction was made between "plant" and "animal" phases of forage, with the latter showing more emphasis than the former as compared to previous conferences. The next conference is to be held in 1964 in Brazil, partly to encourage research work in tropical regions; the subsequent conference (1967) will likely be in Finland.

Unlike Canada, a considerable amount of forage breeding in Europe is done by private breeders of large commercial seed companies. These may be self-supporting, or receive some State support, or on the other hand may be almost entirely financed by the State. In Great Britain, breeding is by national institutions, although here representatives of

of European seed companies have quite extensive plot trials for the promotion of their seeds. One defect of private breeding would appear to be a rather large number of varieties of major forage crops on the market.

In contrast to Canada also is the separate State institution for testing strains (National Institute of Agriculture Botany in England). In certain countries the tests of this agency appeared to be well replicated clipping trials, repeated at several stations.

European workers appear more specialized in their field than is the case in Canada. Usually one research man worked with a particular crop or a particular problem, and probably was doing a better job than the comparable Canadian worker. We noted with envy that certain breeders called in a separate section to deal with the final evaluation of strains for yield and seed production. The dispersion of Canadian breeders may, in part, prevent concentration or effort and specialization. It appeared that European institutions employed more students with bachelor degrees and these "experimentalists" performed a more useful role than our technicians.

Red Clover, perennial ryegrass or other ryegrass, and orchard grass were the major cultivated forage crops in breeding programs. Virus damage to grasses was observed on several occasions, but no breeding for resistance in perennial grasses was noted. Unlike North America, basic breeding material frequently is obtained from indigenous plant material. However, south European strains often showed better production in the fall and spring periods and were being hybridized with local material. The polycross method of progeny testing, followed by the formation of synthetics, was in fairly general use, although there appears to be considerable dissatisfaction with the method. Inbreeding was used to a much greater extent than in North America, and it appeared that the production of hybrid strains was often the object sought. We felt that European Stations were getting a more thorough evaluation of strains than we were in Canada. Clipping tests of grasses to simulate pasturing were very common, and often these tests were repeated at several Sub-stations. In general, seed production was emphasized less than it is at most North American Stations. The production of legume seed in Britain is generally unsatisfactory and importation is necessary. Alfalfa seed production in France appeared more successful than in other countries visited.

We were impressed with the acreage of cereal crops in Eastern England, Belgium and south Sweden. Fields were large, production was excellent, and mechanization well along. However, lodging was serious and crops stood unharvested in late August after standing ripe for a month as a result of rain. One could not help but feel that a forage economy was more natural to these countries and that without subsidies Canadian grain might have been used more extensively.

A bus trip (by Knowles) up the Rhine Valley, across south Germany, through Austria and Switzerland, and eastern France indicated some marked contrasts with England and Sweden. Here there was more of the peasant economy with small fields (unfenced), much hand harvesting, the grouping of homes in villages, generally house with barn combinations, indoor feeding of livestock, the use of natural liquid and solid manures, and of course much manual labor by robust women. It was interesting to see the almost complete independence on natural grassland in parts of Austria and Switzerland, and the rather extensive use of corn in eastern France.

The extent of forestation with coniferous species in all countries, except possibly Sweden and Denmark, was a surprise. In southern Belgium a 30-mile area (Ardennes) showed perhaps 25% of reasonably arable land planted to trees. Again, I wondered why a natural Canadian product could not compete.

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE GRADUATION (1961) - Exercises for the Forty-Sixth School of Agriculture graduation were held in Convocation Hall on Thursday, March 23. Diplomas were presented by Chancellor, Dr. F. Hedley Auld, to the 39 graduates who were introduced by Dean V.E. Graham. Art Stilborn, '41, presented a report on the work of the School for the year and Dr. T.H. McLeod, Dean of the College of Commerce, delivered a most stimulating address based on our responsibilities in international affairs. Marcel Dubois of Rosetown was the Valedictorian. Those who received prizes and awards are as follows:

Scott Prize (Most distinguished student receiving diploma) - Eric Koller, Scout Lake.
U. of S. Silver Medal (Student standing highest in 2nd year) - Garth Simpson, Shaunavon.
Canada Packers Silver Medal (High standing in Poultry Course) - Kenneth Bjornson, Smeaton.
Canadian Seed Growers Association, Sask. Branch Silver Medal
 (High standing in Field Crops Course) - Garth Simpson, Shaunavon.
Sask. Co-op Creamery Association Silver Medal (High standing
 in the Farm Dairying course) - Francis Parker, Klintonel.
Smith-Roles Prize (High standing in the Rural Electrification
 course) - Winston South, Whittome.

Graduating Class

Eugene Chipman Anderson	Perdue	John William McCloy	Kinistino
Kenneth Wayne Bjornson	Smeaton	Robert Peter Qhrt	Milestone
Dale Clayton Blair	Drake	Mervin William Osterlin	Kelvington
Herbert Sidney Brinkhurst	Gallivan	Francis Brian Parker	Klintonel
Robert Winter Bradley	Stranaer	Donald Keith Rempel	Nipawin
Lyle Elmer Degerness	Fairy Glen	Joseph Henry Rylance	Prairie River
Everett Philip Dnistransky	Struan	Alfred Herman Sattler	Regina
Marcel Joseph Dubois	Rosetown	Robert Thomas Sefton	Dubic
Donald Robert Ector	Elbow	Garth Harold Simpson	Shaunavon
Louis Winfield Fox	Landis	David John Sippola	Wapella
Douglas Mervin Helgason	Foam Lake	John Nathaniel Sloan	Hazlet
Alvin Joseph Karst	Scout Lake	Larry Wayne Sothmann	Forgan
Nick Kaweski	Clair	George Winston South	Whittome
Thomas Homer Keeping	Garrick	Howard Glen Steinley	Rush Lake
Eric Markus Koller	Scout Lake	Floyd Neil Stevenson	Richlea
Lawrence Gary Laycock	Saltcoats	William Frederick Tingley	Grenfell
Robert George Langdon	Moose Jaw	David Nels Voldeng	Naicam
Russell James Mattick	Qu'Appelle	Frederick Dale Wagner	Fife Lake
Lester Reuben Alvin Morvik	Dollard	Lewis Arthur Wall	Borden
Neil Donald McArthur	Watrous		

The graduation banquet and dance followed in the evening at the Bessborough Hotel at which time the Sportsman trophy was awarded to Ken Bjornson and the S.A.G.A. Achievement Trophy to Bert Sefton.

FIELD DAY RESULTS - S.A.G.A. Life Membership - J.T. Hart, 3rd Year.

TOMMY FRAZER MEMORIAL TROPHY - Wm. Noy, Redcliff, Alberta.

UNIVERSITY AWARDS - Blood Drive - College of Agriculture
- Intramural High Point Sport Trophy - College of Agriculture.

FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO PRAIRIE GARDENERS - Dr. C.F. Patterson passed away Feb. 20, after a lengthy illness. Up to the last his concern was with the fate of his uncompleted plant breeding projects, the completion of notes and the replies to letters from old garden friends. He came to the U. of S. nearly 40 years ago and as a result of his work, prairie gardeners have many varieties suited to prairie conditions. These include apple, plum, cherry, raspberry, potato, strawberry and even pears. The Patterson lilies have been widely acclaimed. Gladioli were dear to his heart and his contribution to gladioli growing in Sask. was great. His great reward will be the knowledge that his long labor has brought greater productivity and beauty to many a prairie garden today and in the years to come. Many a prairie garden will remain a memorial to his work.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE GRADUATING CLASS, 1961

Dennis Allen	Bantam	James Russel Martin	Rutland
Daniel Murray Beveridge	Carrot River	W. Newboer	Bunschten, Holland
Leeland Bryan Bittner	Abernethy	William Noy	Rosebud, Alta
Fred Bjornson	Elfros	A. Gary Rice	Tisdale
Robert J. Bullock	Maidstone	Dennis Wobeser	Regina
John Chuey	Brooksby	Thomas Lawrence Pringle	Weldon
Robert Lorne Gilmore	Jordan River	Vanscal Grant Deyenburg	Elbow
John Howard	Brownlee	Dale C. Allcock	Belle Plaine
Ronald Johnson	Meadow Lake	Gary Clifford Carlson	Golburn
Gordon J. Orchard	Borden	John Leo Drew	Regina
Augustine M. Peesker	Ituna	John J. Hoffort	Benson
Sydney G. Pickerell	Saskatoon	Howard Mattilla	Nora
Akos Pungor	Saskatoon	Robert John Baker	Pierceland
Morris Sebulski	Sheho	Bryan Harvey	Saskatoon
Sylvester S. Solar	Humboldt	Henry Enns	Winnipeg
Kenneth Campbell Turner	Saskatoon	Lorne Paul Lepp	Saskatoon
Raymond Wheeler	Briercrest	Clare A. Shier	Saskatoon
Donald Wilkins	Girvin	Sidney Stuart Blair	Lanigan
Robert K. Hamilton	Leroy	John A. Dorgan	Saskatoon
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Greg G. Gaudet	Domremy	John A. Shields	Nokomis
John H. Linton	Browning	Orville Lynn Thompson	Wolseley

BIRTHS:

Bruce Haughns February 3, a son
 Stu McKenzies December 18, a son, Ross Allan
 Donald Dycks July 28, a son, Donald Dean
 W.L. Porteous' October, a daughter, Carol Anne.
 Ivan Bowmans March 1, a daughter, Shelly Lynn
 John McConnells March 15, a daughter.
 Keith Vicks April 15, a son, Kenton John.

MARRIAGES:

Dave Ewart, '50 to Bertha Ashworth of McLean on November 26th. Live at 3535 Queen Street, Regina.
 J.R. Campbell to Donna Cathro of Avonlea on December 23. Ron is a Technical High School teacher at Moose Jaw.
 Harry J. Elder to Donnett Morrow at College Springs, Iowa, on December 3. Farms at Fillmore.
 Garvin Hanley, '59 to Ina Mueller on November 5. Farms at Regina.
 Allan Irving, '56 Married in July 1959. Has a daughter, Beth. Farms at Kelvington.
 Ray R. Matheson, '60 to Dorothy Gengler of Eston on December 28.

DEATHS:

Dr. C.F. Patterson Former head of the Horticultural Department, U. of S.
 Dr. John M. Unrau Passed away in March. At the time of his death he was head of the Plant Science Department, University of Alta. Some of the newspaper tributes were "One of Canada's leading plant research workers", and "One of the world's most distinguished scientists in the field of plant genetics and plant breeding."
 Lt. Col. Leonard S. Matthews, '38, at Ottawa on March 9.
 Wm. Caton (father of Ann Caton, '48) Well known rancher south of Maple Creek.
 R. Gilchrist While not a grad he is well known to many Sask grads as the rancher-philosopher from S.W. Sask. In an age of knowledgeable people, Mr. Gilchrist possessed wisdom tempered by humour.

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