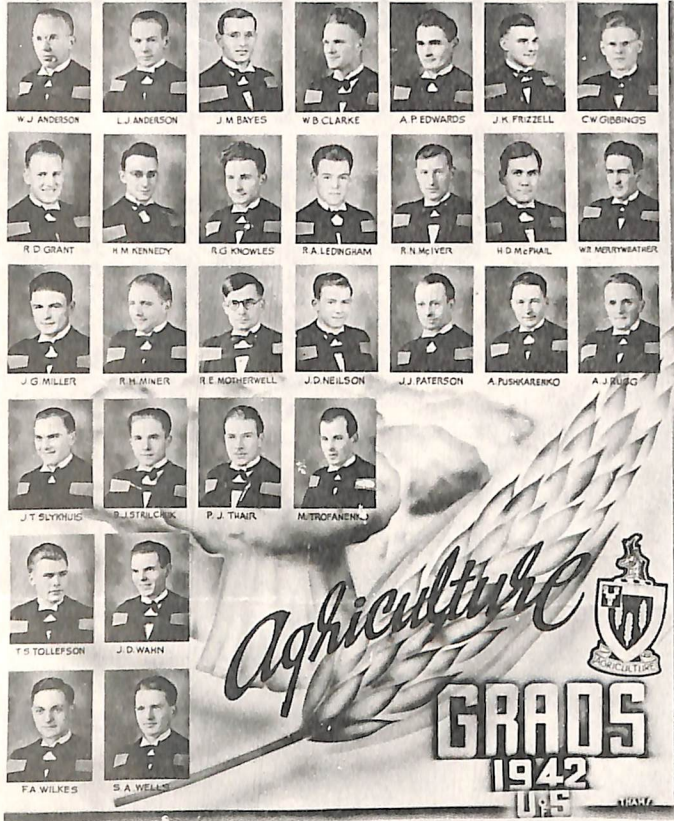


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FROM OUR CAMPUS REPORTERS - Wm. Miner, '52, Assistant Trade Commissioner, spent a few days in Saskatoon during his transfer from Mexico City to London, England. Bill married Hazel Hopkins and they have two girls and a boy. James W. Clarke, '48, formerly Voc. Ag. teacher at Kindersley, is now President of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange. He was born and raised at Imperial; is a veteran; and was formerly employed by the Economics Division at Saskatoon. H.R. Clark, '45, attended the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto, as supervisor of 4-H Clubs for 1961 for Saskatchewan. Rupert D. Ramsay, '29, was elected President of the Canadian Agricultural Extension Council at its annual meeting in May 1961 in Montreal. This is an organization of directors of agricultural extension. R.E. (Bob) Brack, '52, earned his Master's degree at Wisconsin in June 1961, and specialized in 4-H Club philosophy. Jock Blacklock, '43, has opened an auction sale depot on Avenue A North (Saskatoon); sells every Thursday - anything from a Cadillac to a baby carriage. He recently handled the auctioneering at the EP Hereford dispersal as the famed EP Ranch is being sold. "Recent sale of the EP Ranch in the Alberta foothills has terminated the Duke of Windsor's long and direct association with the fabulous ranching country of the West. Interest in the sale has been given additional point locally because Saskatonian Jock Blacklock was the auctioneer for this historic occasion. Auctioneer Jock Blacklock's hammer and stentorian singsong was the swan song of the EP as a royal ranch in Alberta". (Stoon Star-Phoenix) Ben Blacklock moved to his farm in the Grandora district this spring. Ed Docking, '48, was appointed as provincial Director to the Canadian Plowing Council and attended the International Plowing Match at Belleville, Ontario, from October 4-7. He accompanied two Saskatchewan plowmen to the Dominion Plowing Championship held at the same time and acted as coach; also acted as Saskatchewan judge for the Dominion plowing finals. Ed Hudek also attended this Plowing Match; he is Vice-President of the Canadian Plowing Council; coached Manitoba entries in Dominion competition. One of Ed's plowmen, Cyril Heynes, won the Dominion championship and will represent Canada in the World Plowing Match in Holland in 1962. Agro Grads returning to U. of S. as laboratory instructors for the winter in the Ag. Engineering Department -- Stan Smith, Stan Hannon, Pat Burton, Wally Maguire, Wes McNaught and Grant Milne. The Ag. Engineering Department is now in the new addition to the Engineering Building, built on the north end of the old tractor lab. Dr. Clay Person has transferred from the Canada Agriculture Lab. at Winnipeg to the University of Alberta as head of the Plant Science Department, left vacant by the death of Dr. John Unrau. Russ Zacharuk and family have returned to the Canada Agriculture Research Station at Saskatoon after spending two years in Glasgow on postgraduate work. He had been studying the life history, reproduction and behaviour of wireworms in relation to temperature, moisture and food. He is now continuing the study initiated in Glasgow on the histology, histochemistry and physiology of the sensory nervous system in wireworms and other insects. Lloyd Sonmor, '50, has transferred from Lethbridge to the Agriculture Research Station at Saskatoon where he will be undertaking irrigation research. Alex Johnson, '41, has accepted a FAO appointment in Pakistan. P.F. Knowles of Davis, California, spent a week in Saskatchewan this summer visiting relatives, renewing acquaintances on the campus and taking in some fishing. Brian Harvey who recently received his master's degree is presently at Davis, California, studying towards his Ph.D. Keith Downey was awarded his Ph.D. from Cornell University in September. R. Bruce Wray, '51, was appointed Superintendent of the Rain and Hail Insurance Bureau (Canadian Division). In this capacity he will be manager of the Canadian Hail department of the Aetna Insurance Company of North America and the Springfield Insurance Company. Grant Flewes, '52, Spy Hill, was recently elected president of a new "local" of the S.F.U., organized in that locality. Foster Barnsley, '60, recently stopped at the School of Agriculture on his way to Meadow Lake. Foster reports he is hauling seed oats for two municipalities in his neighborhood. Dave Kimber, '56, Abbey, also renewed acquaintances at School of Agriculture. Dave reports the Kimber Ranching Co. is doing well - they have 1700 ewes, 240 cows and five sections of grain land to look after. He reported they sold all their spring calves in October for 25¢ a lb. Harvey Reese, '59, Milk River, Alberta, also stopped in to say "Hello", as did Howard Steinley, '61, of Rush Lake, on his way to the Toronto Royal. Howard is one of the 14 4-Hers making the trip east this fall. Fred Fulton reports that Dr. Jack Alex, '50, of Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa, with wife and family visited Western Canada during September. Grant Reinhardt, '60, Asquith, reports he visited Harry Jensen, '60, of Hardy; Lucien Jacobs, '59, of Trossachs; and Henry Hasel, '60, of Assiniboia. Grant reports all well and Henry going into the used car business in a small fashion! John Williamson, '54, has taken over the home farm at Kincaid, after having spent a few years with the Fire Department in Regina. Ken McPherson and family

Sina and Ken, moved from Tisdale to Saskatoon where Ken is employed by the Lands Branch. A.A. Kirk, Kerrobert, is on one year's extension of employment after reaching super-annuation age. A. King of Wilkie, filling two jobs - lay preacher for Anglican Church, holidayed at the Pacific Coast this summer. Paul Saun is busy with a survey for ARDA. at Meadow Lake. E.H. (Woody) Wilson, C & D projects, moved to Regina this summer to become assistant to Owen Moen. Chet Piercey transferred from Lands Branch to take over Woody's job as project manager. Dale Partridge, '60, of Carnduff, who has been farming since graduation is now employed with the Lands Branch, Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture. Bud Smith has built a new house on Kirk Crescent, Saskatoon. Del Blewett hosted the 1956 Class at the time of the U. of S. Homecoming Reunion; there were 10 present with 2 or 3 of these from the East. Ken Ewen, '57, has been transferred East. Bruce Owen is now Assistant Professor in the Animal Husbandry Department. Parliamentary Forum on the Campus this fall was considered to be the best yet; a great deal of its success was attributed to the participation of Kim Thorson whose experience in the Legislature was quite evident. Wm. Stothers has accepted a teaching position at Wadena.

REGINA SENDS THE FOLLOWING: - John Prodanuk, '52, residing in Regina, has two children, employed by the Provincial Department of Co-operation (Extension Services) completed a two-week course in continuing education and community development held at Emma Lake in September. While there, he met Pete Petersen, '52, who is Ag. Rep. at Hudson Bay; and Glen Farrell and Merle Kirk who are with the Department of Public Health. Agro Grads in the Department of Co-operation include Dr. B.N. Arnason, Deputy Minister, J.T. Phalen, Director of Extension Services, G.F. Porteous, Senior Co-op. Management Advisor Extension Services, J.T. Ewing, Field Staff of Extension Services and J. Prodanuk also of Field Staff of Extension Services. Ted Gray, '58, has gone to Oregon State University in Corvallis to study towards his Master's degree, and reports that local football is rather dull, but the halftime color is the Greatest. Geza Racz, '59, has accepted a position with the Department of Soil Science at the U. of Manitoba. New homes have been built by Ross Evans at Shellbrook, Don Blackburn in Saskatoon, and Henry Nickel at North Battleford. Wes Nuttall and wife went camping to and from the West Coast this past summer. Ross Reynolds, '53, is burning the candle at both ends -- enrolled in the College of Education. J.H. Campbell, '49, is leaving the Provincial government service and will be with the Dairy and Poultry Pool at Saskatoon as of the new year. The hunting fever caught up with Don Blackburn who, reportedly, has shot a moose, antelope, two lynx and one Bluejay. T.C. Gordon's "Moose Hunting Party" shot two bulls, 1200 and 1400 lbs. (don't think Gordon had a license) Now he's sharpening his arrows for elk. Arnold Treble, '49, took a trip to Alaska this summer and he was quite impressed with the country. He brought back a sample of Alaska soil which is black sand and not grey as one might think. Jim Hartley, '58, and Doug Schmit, '58, took leave of absence from the Assessment Branch for the winter. Jim is taking community planning at the U.B.C., while Doug is taking education at the U. of S. Doug Treleaven continues to travel for the wheat Board. He was in Europe this summer and recently he has been taking a Chinese trade delegation through Canada. Ed Thompson, '38, travelled to Uranium City this summer to check the assessment situation. The town has lost considerable population but it may stabilize around 1500 for some time. It would appear that Eldorado Mining and Refining will be in the area for many years yet. Ed, along with the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and other officials donned mining clothes at Gunnor Mine and went about 900 feet underground to watch the mining operations at different levels. When this mines closes, it should be an excellent fallout shelter! Lawrence Gulletta is teaching high school in Moose Jaw. He likes the work but says there are a lot of worries connected with it. W.L. Cody has returned to Assessment work after spending last winter taking education at the U. of S. Roy Levee, Len Scott and John Stephenson are working with the Assessment Branch for the winter. Each of these men had good crops this year in their respective areas of Radville, Cupar and Stranraer. Dave Heinrichs and family have left Australia and are on their way back to Swift Current. Curling in Regina has reached fever pitch among numerous Agro Grads with the inception of the Department of Agriculture Curling League. Drawmaster J.N. Petruic, '59, claims he expects the calibre of curling will certainly exceed that experienced in the Brier and should replace the All-Star Curling Leagues going on in Regina and Saskatoon. Retired Phil "Ken Watson" Polischuk, '49, stated -- "This league must be tough when I am not able to play skip". Doug "Hector" McKorie, '56, stated after bowing to defeat in his first game that the curling was just

getting too tough for the older fellows. Some of the Grads have issued a challenge and a warning to all other Grads in the Province that they are going to "clean up" come Ag Grad Spiel time in January. Other established stars participating are John "Garnet" Stoyko, '49, who by the way, is reported to have acquired a bed at one of the local curling rinks and reports home only for meals; Gib "Ernie" Wesson, '49, Howie "Matt" Rice, '50, and several newcomers in John Hoffort, '61, and Jack Drew, '61. At a recent S.I.A. meeting (Regina Branch) it was delightful to see Ralph J. Christenson, '49, Ag. Rep. at Assiniboia and newcomers, Ron Campbell, '56, who is presently teaching at Moose Jaw Technical Collegiate and Glen Gadd, '60, who farms at Moose Jaw.

OTTAWA REPORTS: - W.J. Anderson, Ag. Ec. Department of U.B.C. has been appointed to the staff of the Scientific Research and Development Project of the Glassco Royal Commission on Government Organization, Ottawa. Roy W. Blake has been appointed Canadian Trade Commissioner at Kingston, Jamaica, and left Ottawa in October. Conrad Gislason, formerly on the staff of the Ag. Ec. Department, Washington State University, is now with the Ministry of Agriculture in Caracas, Venezuela. E.E.R. King has completed his requirements for M.A. degree at U. of A. G.A. Lane who has been doing graduate work at the University of Minnesota towards a Ph.D. has been appointed to the staff of the Economics Division of Canada Department of Agriculture at Ottawa. Grove obtained his Master's degree from the University of Nebraska before going to Minnesota. George Lee, a Farm Management Specialist with the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture is attending the U. of S. working towards his Master's degree. William B. Munro has been appointed Director of Field Services of the Meat Packers Council in Western Canada at Winnipeg. Agro Grads attending the International Conference of Agricultural Economists at Cuernavaca (near Mexico City) were J.F. Booth, W.J. Anderson, D.W. McFarland, D.W. Kirk, and M.E. Andal. About 700 people attended. Bill Miner who was located at the Canadian Embassy, Mexico City and his wife, Hazel, entertained the Canadians at the Embassy's "summer cottage". Mel Andal gave a paper on "Patterns of Settlements". R.A. Stutt was the representative of the Canada Department of Agriculture at the Western Resources Conference at Fort Collins, Colorado, from August 7-11. He also attended the American Farm Economics convention the next week at the same place. Ralph visited the U. of S. campus on September 26, after a speaking engagement at Prince George, B.C. on ARDA. Frank Payne was in charge of the Canadian poultry exhibit at the Anuga Food Fair, Cologne, West Germany from September 20 to October 2. J.S. Turnbull, H.P.C. Killeck and W.F. Ewert attended National Dairy Council meetings at Halifax on September 25-27. T.S. Rackham is now with the Special Projects Section, Agriculture Division, D.B.S. at Ottawa. A.E. Barrett is now Assistant to the Deputy Minister, Department of Agriculture at Ottawa. Larry Rayner formerly with an oil company at Calgary joined the Economics Division, Canada Department of Agriculture at Ottawa in November. He is in charge of the Marketing Cost Unit of the Marketing Section. Ross Greenshields, '49, recently attended the International Crop Improvement Association meeting in Des Moines, Iowa. While there he slipped up to Ames, and saw Dave Staniforth. Dave and Earla are enjoying life with their three children. Brother Sid is happy at the University of Wisconsin and he and Marg are busy raising their one and only son. John Armstrong was in hospital with a slight heart attack in November but is now on the road to recovery and should be curling again soon.

FROM ROME - Dr. J.F. Booth has been attending the 11th session of the FAO Conference and the 27th session of the FAO Council. Ninety-eight countries were represented. He had a pleasant chat with J.B. Harrington for whom he acted as best man at his wedding a couple of years ago in Rome. He listened to the Minister of Agriculture for Ceylon speak enthusiastically of the work that Prof. E.A. Hardy had been doing in Ceylon for some years. Since Dr. Booth retires this year, the chairman at the conclusion of the Council session honored him by paying tribute to his long association with FAO and expressed regret that his retirement before the next Council would mean that this was the last one he would be attending. Numerous delegates spoke highly of Dr. Booth's work with FAO (which dates back to the Hot Springs Conference of 1943. Prof. Cepede of France even told of their association in the Permanent Agriculture Committee of I.L.O. before the War. Dr. Barry spoke appreciatively of Dr. Booth's work with the Canada Department of Agriculture.

GATHERED FROM HERE AND THERE - Archie H. Campbell reported (by the way this was received too late for the April newsletter) "Recently I flew to London, England, to get a first hand picture of the 1961 mink market. I spent some time in Scotland and I had a brief visit with the Al Ewens. His cattle farm in Aberdeenshire is prospering. The British Government is encouraging the production of British beef for home consumption. He asked me to extend greetings to all his friends. For 1961, I have 500 females - all mutations of the newer colors which are not too common as yet. With a worldwide mink production of approximately 10,000,000 skins and a recession in many places, prices for some colors and types are down. A lot of marginal producers are dropping out". Joan Svenson, '59, writes that she has been employed with the Childrens' Aid Society of Western Manitoba since September 1960; she has a rural area and thoroughly enjoys her work. Friends of Dr. Manley Champlin will be pleased to know that he has returned from the U.S.A. and is living at Preston Springs Garden, Preston, Ontario. Gus Peesker, '61, is now employed at Saskatoon with Sales Department of Chipman Chemicals Limited for northern Sask.; and Clive Harris is with the same Company with southern Saskatchewan as his territory. From Norman Quick, '51, we received this: "I am sending it (news sheet) back directly as I have no fellow agros in my office -- just good solid dedicated life insurance men. Trying my best to round up a few agros to take in the Ag. Grad bonspiel -- you're not against plugged rinks, eh! Having started a new Branch for Imperial Life in Lethbridge just a year ago, I've been plenty busy - got four men going now. Am also moderating a Life Underwriters' Training Course in Lethbridge this year -- see you in January". W.J. Bradley, '58, is a chemist with Sick's P.A. Brewery. Albert A. Kirk, Ag. Rep. at Kerrobert, reports that his brother Dr. W.G. Kirk, was to leave for Burma during November. He accepted a two-year appointment sponsored by the Ford Foundation to teach livestock and poultry at the University of Mandalay. Dr. Kirk has been Head of the Range Cattle Experiment Station at Ona since 1941. Before that he was assistant animal husbandman with the Agricultural Experiment Station at Grainsville and Assistant Professor with the University of Florida College of Agriculture. He is a graduate of Saskatchewan and received advanced degrees from Iowa State College. His research work in Florida was concerned with increasing returns from grass pastures by using combinations of native and cultivated grasses, particularly through the addition of clover. Other work included the advantages of using improved sires in building up herds, use of mineral supplements and the feeding values of citrus molasses, citrus pulp, and whole grapefruit for beef cattle. Last year, he received the annual Distinguished Service Award from the Florida State Veterinary Medical Association..

R E T I R E M E N T S :

DR. RALPH RUSSELL - After 37 years of service as a plant pathologist with the Canada Department of Agriculture, Dr. Russell retired in November. In connection with his work, he made many important contributions starting with his early work on "take all" rootrot of wheat. In these studies, he obtained valuable information leading to the control of the disease by crop rotation. He later took charge of the cereal smut investigations and became especially interested in the loose smut diseases. He played an important part in the development of the embryo method of testing barley for loose smut. The embryo test is now used in determining whether or not barley seed will be accepted for registration. In recent years he has been particularly interested in improving methods of control for loose smut of barley, and with Dr. Chinn, developed the salt-water soak method. They found that the addition of salt largely prevented the reduction in germination associated with the water soak. Most recently, Dr. Russell has completed studies on cereal embryos and some of their abnormalities, on the effects of aging of barley seed infected with loose smut, and on sampling methods to reduce the number of barley embryos required for routine embryo tests.

In addition to his research contributions, Dr. Russell has been very helpful to farmers and extension workers in diagnosing and recommending control measures for smuts and other seed-borne diseases. He has for many years set up a display and operated a seed clinic at the annual Seed Fair held during University Farm And Home Week. During an 8-year period he has been giving technical advice and assistance in the Lelvington Community Project for the production of barley seed free from loose smut.

Dr. Russell is also well known for his botanical, historical and photographic interests and achievements. He has maintained and built up the W.P. Fraser herbarium and the collections of plant diseases and fungi. He has given much valuable assistance to colleagues, teachers, and farmers in the identification of plants. This past season he collected extensively in the Dunblane area that will be flooded after construction of the South Saskatchewan Dam.

The family of Dr. Russell moved from Ontario in 1909, and settled at Kelliher, but he was born in Charing Cross, Ontario, in 1896; is married and has two daughters. Dr. Russell served in the Air Force during World War I, obtained his B.S.A. in 1924; M.Sc. in 1926, and Ph.D. in 1934. He won the T. Eaton scholarship in 1928-29 and 1930-31. He was an ardent chess player in his earlier years; also an ardent waterfowl hunter and a lover of the outdoors. He became vitally interested in early history of Saskatchewan. For a hobby, he checked out available literature pertaining to early history and made many field trips to check out stories of early trails, forts, etc. Dr. Russell has published a book, "Carleton Trail", and numerous articles for newspapers, as well as given many interesting talks on the subject. His interest in early history probably dates back to his first few years on the Prairies at Kelliher. The old Carleton trail cut across part of his father's homestead where he was raised.

DR. CLARENCE C. SPENCE , '29 , retired on November 30, after approximately 27 years with the Economics Division, Canada Department of Agriculture. Prior to retirement, he was Western Supervisor of the Economics Division with his office in Edmonton. He was born in Ontario, graduated from the London Normal School and after coming to the Western Provinces taught school in Saskatchewan and Alberta. He gave up teaching to enter the College of Agriculture and obtained his B.S.A. in 1929. He proceeded with post graduate studies and was awarded a Ph.D from Cornell University in 1934. He accepted employment with the Economics Division headed up by Dr. J.F. Booth. He set up the first regional office of this Division at Saskatoon. During his stay there he was active in numerous professional agricultural associations. He was a charter member of the S.A.G.A. and held the important post of secretary-treasurer for several years; he holds a life membership in this organization. His most notable economic research contributions were concerned with such topics as economic classification of land in Saskatchewan and Alberta, irrigation development in Western Canada and farm business and farm organization studies. On November 22, a banquet and social evening was held at Cathay House, Ottawa, in honor of Dr. Spence. About 80 of his associates and friends joined in wishing him the best in his retirement plans. He was presented with a nice chair to be used in his retirement. Dr. Spence announced he would be retiring on a half section farm that he has been developing at Rimbey, Alberta. He has recently constructed a new house on the farm and already possesses a prize Aberdeen-Angus herd. On December 1, another dinner was held in his honor by his immediate staff and associates in Edmonton. Dr. Spence will be at home to his many friends at his farm at Rimbey, south of Edmonton.

DR. HEWITT M. TYSDAL - Dr. Tysdal, Chief, Tobacco and Sugar Crops Research Branch of U.S.D.A.'s Agricultural Research Service, retired July 14, 1961, after more than 33 years service in the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Tysdal's early recognition for scientific achievements was in the field of forage crops research, particularly in alfalfa breeding. In 1948, he transferred to the Rubber Project at Salinas, California, and was largely responsible for many new clones of guayule as a potential source of latex for rubber.

In 1954, Dr. Tysdal transferred to Beltsville as the leader in sugar investigations, and when the Tobacco and Sugar Crops Research Branch was organized in 1957, he became Chief of the Branch.

A native of Lee, Ill., Tysdal holds a B.S.A. degree from the U. of Saskatchewan, '24, an M.Sc. degree from Kansas State University, and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Minnesota. He also studied in Sweden from 1927 to 1928 as a fellow with the American-Scandinavian Foundation. He has been a member of ASA since 1929 and was elected a Fellow in 1948.

CONVOCATIONS - SPRING AND FALL (May 11 and November 24) - The spring convocation was the 50th annual convocation of the University of Saskatchewan. It was held in the University Gym. President J.W.T. Spinks, in the course of presenting his annual report announced that the School of Agriculture Building has been named "Kirk Hall" in honor of Dr. L.E. Kirk who was dean of Agriculture from 1937-1947 and at present a member of the Board of Governors. Kirk Hall is now the sixth major structure on the University's campus to bear the name of an individual. President Spinks further reported that the Golden Jubilee Fund Campaign had reached approximately 90% of its objective. Part of the money was being used for an extension to the engineering building. A food services building and an extension to Qu'Appelle and Saskatchewan Halls would be started soon. He also stated that A.E. McEown and Dean J.F. Leddy were named as Vice-Presidents of the University.

The list of College and School graduates was announced in the previous newsletter. Awards to Agro graduates were as follows:

Great Distinction - Fredrick Henry Bjornson, Edward Hartley Halstead, Alvin Gary Rice, and Orville Lynn Thompson.

Distinction - Robert John Baker, Daniel Murray Beveridge, John Michael Chuey, William Wayne Claws, John Andrew Dorgan, Gregoire Germain Gaudet, Robert Lorne Gilmour, Alphonse William Peter Noy, John Andrew Shields, Ernest William Wignmore.

S.I.A. Prize - Orville Lynn Thompson. Receiving their M.Sc. degrees were Clifford John and Donald Findlay Acton of Lemberg; Ph.D. to Hans Baenziger and Kenneth William Suchannon, both field husbandry specialists; and Bruce Douglas Owen, an Animal Husbandry specialist.

In the fall convocation an additional 337 degrees were granted to students, however, there were no B.S.A. degrees awarded. There were 5 Master of Science degrees granted as follows: Herman John Dirschl, Bryan Laurence Harvey, Mau Jung Kuo, John Herbert Linton and Kwok Ming Wan. Doctor of Philosophy degrees were granted to Sturla Fridriksson and Kuang-lin Ying who specialized in field husbandry. The fall convocation, it was announced, was to rank with the spring convocation from now in everything except numbers. Of the 337 graduates of the fall convocation, 44 were from outside Saskatchewan. Of these, 11 were from Alberta, 7 from Manitoba, 4 from Ontario, 3 from B.C., 3 from Egypt, 3 from Twaiwan, 3 from India, 2 from England and one each from Quebec, New Brunswick, Hong Kong, Jordan, The Netherlands, Latvia, United States and Latvia.

In his remarks to the fall convocation, President Spinks said that the present enrolment was 5,586 with another 670 at the Regina Campus. The total revenue of the University for the 1960-61 academic year was \$8,012,558.00, and expenditures amounted to \$8,097,833.00. On the revenue side, the provincial government grant was \$3,307,499, and the federal government grant was \$1,190,153.00. Student fees yielded \$1,659,508. The largest expenditure was on instruction \$4,432,593.00. Total capital expenditures since the university began amounted to \$21,419,058.00. President Spinks remarking that for the past 2 years he had been stressing research and the importance of excellence, said that no country without a system of scientific and technical education and a comprehensive network of research laboratories could hope today to be a major power. He said that, while grants to scientists had progressively increased in the last 2 decades, "We must break the decibel barrier again".

AN AGRO CHOSEN AS RHODES SCHOLAR FOR 1962 - Terence S. Veeman was chosen as Rhodes Scholar for 1962. He will now go to Oxford University for three years. Mr. Veeman, 21, is a fourth year agro and in his first three years at 'varsity chalked up straight 'A' markings. One of seven applicants for the scholarship, he is regarded as "likely to become the outstanding agro college graduate to date". He took part in nine sports and has been active in 4-H club work and is president of the A.S. A. and "senior stick" of his college. For four years he won the General Motors scholarship "and almost every other conceivable scholarship in agriculture". His parents are Mr. and Mrs. T. Veeman of Macrorie. The Rhodes Scholarship Committee for Saskatchewan is composed of Dean J.F. Leddy, Saskatoon, C. Clarke, Hon. A.E. Blakeney, Dean W.A. Riddell, all of Regina, President J.W.T. Spinks, Arthur Moxon, Q.C., and Prof. Otto Lang, secretary.

COLLEGE NEWS (reported by Keith Turner A.S.A. rep.) - Activities in the College for the 1961-62 term commenced simultaneously with signing on the dotted line for some 278 Agros. Under presidency of Terry Veeman, backed by Vice Pres.- Terry Church and social director, Bob Mitchell, this year was no exception in securing a high level of Agro spirit and ASA memberships.

To speak of college activities, at least socially and academically, is to speak of the A.S.A. In sharp contrast to its farming background the A.S.A. this year finds itself in an extremely solvent position. This wealth results from the financial success of the past two Ag-Bag-Drag dances and the Agro Show of last January. However, the advent of football, the increasing costs of athletic equipment, and lounge facilities should provide reasonable channels for disposal of such surpluses, whereby a certain degree of permanency and overall benefit is embodied in their expenditure.

Socially the college has been successful in achieving inroads into such off-campus female institutions as City Hospital and Teachers' College by holding dances with both groups. As usual, the on-campus resources of Ellis Hall (nurses' residence) have received their fair share of Agro attention.

The Ag-Bag-Drag Dance held on November 3 was attended by a crowd of 900 U. of S. students. Several former Agro Grads staged a small reunion at this time. For the past two years this event has been held in a new unoccupied, roomy warehouse in North Saskatoon. Abounding with parking facilities and having those qualities of remoteness and relative indestructibility, the building, because of the dance's western motif with straw hats and blue jeans was dubbed the "Koyl Korral". Despite its success the Ag-Bag-Drag will be the last function held there as the building is now being occupied.

By the way, any former grads who wish to take part in any of the forthcoming social functions can do so at A.S.A. membership prices. Those coming up are the Agro-Voc.Ag. Formal to be held on January 20, 1962, in the upper H.U.B. and the Graduation Formal to be held March 3 in the Bessborough Hotel.

Another activity planned for the new year is a mass excursion to University of Manitoba. This is to reciprocate the invarion of some 100 Manitoba "Aggies" last January who participated in a Sports weekend. Amidst the competition and good will, Saskatchewan came out victorious.

On the athletic ledger the Agros haven't been caught napping either. This year we are well on our way to repeating last year's performance of pulling the rug out from under the other colleges and walking off with Intra Mural High Point Trophy, symbolic of sports supremacy on the campus. For the past three years, sports interest has gained momentum in the college, as a result campus championships have fallen in favor of the Agros.

Most prominent of these has been the sweeping of the football championships on the campus for the past two years. The Agro football team, despite severe losses to the Huskies, graduation, and other colleges, have reigned totally undefeated in two seasons of football. Sheer intestinal fortitude, the spirit of the team and its supporters have gained considerable respect for the Agros in the "Town boys" vs. the "Country boys" struggle.

To add insult to injury, the Agros boast members on each of the Huskies football, basketball and hockey teams. Also a member on the Varsity cross-country team in Wayne Woolfitt ('62). Ellwood Fleming, '62, also handily skipped his curling team to the right to represent U. of S. curling in the western varsity finals. A soccer team moved into the finals and a volleyball team now in the finals is one of our best in years. As well, high entries in golf and swimming augurs well for Agros winning the High Point Trophy in '61-'62.

Agros last year saw a dream become a reality as they proved themselves to be the "bloodiest lot" by winning the Bentley Shield, emblematic of highest participation and donation in the annual Blood Drive. May the Bentley shield again R.I.P. in Agro hands for 1961-62.

This year the College anticipates a release of 44 graduates into the professional field. The general feeling is jobs will be fewer in winter and competition keener. A greater proportion this year are seriously considering post graduate work, partly as a result. However, the employment season is still early.

Rumors based on sound authority have it that a team of 1962 Agro Grads will walk off undaunted with the honors in the 1962 Ag. Grad. bonspiel. The challenge is out!

I have by now pretty well exhausted both the news and the reader's patience, hence it is justifiable to terminate this propaganda. However, it has been my intention to prove to you Grads that we lessers, back in the College, consider ourselves to have done and are continuing to do, a most commendable job in maintaining the good old Agro spirit by firmly establishing -- amidst the framework of U. of S. colleges -- the College of Agriculture as "The Hallmark of Excellence".

REGISTRATION FOR 1961-62 - First year -- 74; Second year -- 72; Third year -- 63;
Fourth year -- 47; Partial -- 6; Pre-Vets -- 16
TOTAL - 278

BIRTHS:

To Mr. and Mrs.
Gordon Dobson Son, Ian Duncan, on May 23. Weight - 10 lbs.
Roland Brassard Son, Michael Allan, on September 20.
Lawrence Gelletta Son, on April 1st.
Hans Baenziger Son, in October.
Jim Webster Son, on July 21
Bill Miner Daughter, Diana Lynn, on September 4.
Tom Runci Son, Danny, on April 25.
Bob Dodds Daughter, Leslie Anne, on November 17.
N. Rudrick Daughter, in October, in Moose Jaw.
Henry Nickel Daughter, in October, in North Battleford.
J.Y. McFaull Son, in December.

MARRIAGES:

Jack Shields and Betty Blair on September 2 at Drake
Mervyn Hart and Beverley Scott of Tisdale. Reside in Saskatoon.
Fred Kernan
Cliff Acton and Enid Duguid on August 26 at Eston
Norman Bray and Agnes Winkler on October 7.
Tony Bulani and Mrs. L. McBride. His cohorts send "Congratulations to Tony and Irma".

Ken Copithorne of Cochrane, Alberta, on October 14.
Carl Culler of Warner, Alberta, in October
Gary Reed of Carragana on October 21.
Stan Turner of Brooksby on October 28.
Lucien Jacobs of Trossachs - this past summer
Frank Sosulski and Irene Hoffinger - this past summer.
Larry Katurbach and Helen Kiwaluk on September 2. Live at Maidstone.
Glen Haas and Elaine Blomhaert on July 8. Farm in Hanley district.
Orrin M. Clayton and Carole Cromback of Ottawa, in June.
Bob Gilmour and Doreen Campbell on October 14 at Carrot River.
Milton Brown and Leah Hearth of Aneroid on May 1.
Clark Lewis on October 14.
T.E. Jackson and Ingrid Levorson of Swift Current on April 8, in Regina.
Lynn Thompson and Betty Topping on September 9, at Kipling.

DEATHS:

Bev. Clark, '39, of Delisle, in October.
Alex Hall, Provincial Government employee for many years and latterly a bull grader, suddenly in Regina in August.
Father of L.E. Smith and M.R. Smith, Mr. L. Smith of Star City.
Wife of Thomas Brydon, this fall.
Mother of Bob Lamb, in November.

27TH ANNUAL REUNION ACTIVITIES

- 1. Bonspiel - TIME - Friday, January 5 and Saturday, January 6.
 PLACE - Mainly University Curling and Exhibition Curling Rinks.
 DRAW - Will be posted in Sports Page of Star-Phoenix (Thursday, January 4th Edition).
 ENTRIES - Up to 64 rinks will be accepted. Deadline for entries is NOON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1962. Single entries will also be accepted. State your position preference and the Bonspiel Committee will endeavour to place all the single entries on teams and notify you to this effect. If a prospective team is short one or two members, submit the entry as is and the Bonspiel Committee will fill out the team from single entries. DO NOT send money with entries. Fees and memberships will be collected prior to the first game by rink marshalls. Entry form included herewith.
- 2. Smoker - Friday evening, JANUARY 5. Further details will be released during Bonspiel registration. Non curlers as well as curlers are invited to this Smoker, but MALES only.
- 3. SUNDAY TEA - Sunday, JANUARY 7, in the Memorial Union Building from 3.00 to 5.00 p.m. Husbands, wives and friends are cordially invited.
- 4. LECTURE SERIES - Program as follows:

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, at CONVOCATION HALL

- 8.30 A.M. Registration
- 9.30 A.M. Address of Welcome - Dr. J.B. Kirkpatrick.
- 10.00 A.M. "The National Productivity Council" - S.L. Buckwold.
- 10.30 A.M. "Foreign Markets for Canadian Oilseeds" - A.J. Stanton.
- 11.15 A.M. "Let's Talk Durum" - C.L. Sibbald.
- 12.30 Noon Lunch - Kirk Hall Cafeteria.
- 2.00 P.M. "European Common Market" - A.H. Turner.
- 3.00 P.M. "Agriculture and Research in Australia" - Dr. D.H. Heinrichs.
- 4.00 P.M. Business Meeting.
- 8.00 P.M. Monday Night Social - "An Evening with the Undergrads" - at Kirk Hall.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, at KIRK HALL

- 9.00 A.M. Business Meeting
- 10.30 A.M. Symposium - "Livestock in the Technological Age" - Moderator - W. Erle Roger.
- 2.00 P.M. "The Changing Face of Scientific Research in the University" - President J.W.T. Spinks.
- 3.30 P.M. "Importance of Research to Agriculture" - F.J. Greaney.
- 6.30 P.M. Banquet and Dance - Bessborough Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, at CONVOCATION HALL

- 11.00 A.M. "Fallout and Its Effect" - D.R. Knott
 2.00 P.M. "Summerfallow to Save Moisture and the Soil" - Art. Wenhardt
 2.30 P.M. "Individual and Community Irrigation Projects in Saskatchewan"
 - Lloyd Sommor.
 3.05 P.M. "Glimpse of Agriculture in the Soviet Union" - R.T. Coupland

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, at CONVOCATION HALL

- 11.30 A.M. "Changing Philosophy of 4-H Work" - R. Brack
 2.00 P.M. "Importance of Industrial Development to Rural
 Saskatchewan" - D.F. Black.
 3.00 P.M. "Farm Homemaker" - Mrs. P.D. Ferries
 4.00 P.M. "What's New in Farm Machinery" - O.L. Symes

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, at CONVOCATION HALL

- A.M. "Water Supplies and How to Locate Them" - E.A. Christianson
 2.00 P.M. "Report of Work of College and School of Agriculture -
 Dr. V.E. Graham
 2.15 P.M. "Livestock Outlook" - W.A. Munro.
 3.00 P.M. "Livestock Discussion" - Animal Husbandry Department.

5. HONOR YEAR - 1942 - Receiving the special honors this year at the Annual Reunion will be the 20-year class of '42 (see front cover). Convenors Phil Thair and Tory Tollefson report that all have been sent individual letters of invitation and that many have already responded, eagerly signifying their intention to come. In addition to the usual excellent social and educational program open to all, some special events are being laid on for the Class of '42. If you are one of this Class, don't miss this reunion. There will never be a better one! ★ With one exception. Who knows the address of Alex Pushkarenko?

BONSPIEL ENTRY FORM

	NAME	Position	Complete Home or Business Address	Phone Number
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2.				
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Send entries to: W.A. Ewert, S.A.G.A. Secretary,
 Box 500, University of Saskatchewan, SASKATOON, Sask.

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EDITORS' NOTE

We wish at this time to express our appreciation and thanks to all the Grads who took the time and effort to send in news items. In particular, it is a pleasure to acknowledge the very fine co-operation by the special correspondents located across Canada, who undertook the task of rounding up news in their localities. It is only through these fine and generous efforts that we have been able to compile the newsletters. We have found it a pleasure servicing you and would thank you for extending your confidence and co-operation.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend the Season's Greetings to you and yours and wish you every success in the New Year.

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE JANUARY 1, 1962.

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