New Deputy Minister of Alberta Agriculture Announced

Alberta’s minister of agriculture, Dallas Schmidt, has announced the appointment of H.B. (Ben) McEwen to the position of deputy minister of Alberta Agriculture.

Mr. McEwen takes over the position after having served as the chairman of the board of directors of the Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation since mid-1981. As chairman, he helped expand the Beginning Farmers Program which has become the chief source of funding for all new farmers in Alberta, and he helped refine several programs intended to further agricultural processing in the province.

Agriculture — the #1 Industry

Alberta, with only eight per cent of Canada’s population produces over 20 per cent of Canada’s agricultural products.

Fifty million acres in Alberta are used for crop and livestock production — an equal land mass to the combined areas of England and Scotland.

Three out of every 100 people in Alberta are farmers. Thirty out of every 100 jobs are linked to and dependent on agriculture.

A label on a can of peas costs more than the farmer’s profit in growing the peas.

It is estimated that weeds reduce crop production in Canada by at least $135 million annually. This works out to an average of $2,000 per farmer.

The average Albertan spends approximately 18 per cent of his take home pay for food. In India the figure is 50 per cent, in Brazil 35 per cent and in Russia 35 per cent.

Livestock processing employs approximately 12,000 Albertans making it Alberta’s largest employer.

1981 Crop Production

Alberta farmers produced the largest crop in 1981 that has ever been grown in the province. Total production of the six major grain crops, and oilseeds exceeded 15.1 million tonnes, which easily surpassed the previous record of 13.9 million tonnes established in 1980.

Fred Boyce, assistant head of Alberta Agriculture’s statistics branch, reports that record yields were set for wheat, rye, flaxseed and sugar beets. Oat and barley yields were the second highest on record, and canola yields were better than long-term average.

In addition to producing record yields, Alberta farmers took off an exceptionally high quality crop, says Mr. Boyce. Because of the almost perfect harvesting weather, most crops were harvested without any weather damage, and many farmers in northern Alberta received grades that have rarely, if ever, been seen in their districts. Over 80 per cent of the wheat produced in the province is expected to be in the top two grades and over 90 per cent of the barley will grade No. 1 feed or higher. The lower grades that were experienced were mainly due to low test weights that resulted from heat and drought stress in the drier areas and to some ergot problems in south-central areas. Most of the oilseed crop is expected to grade No. 1 Canada.

According to Mr. Boyce, Alberta farmers seeded more acres than ever before in 1981 because of the favorable moisture conditions that prevailed throughout most of the province. The consequence of this was that the province’s summerfallow acreage dropped to just over 5 million acres, its lowest level since 1940.
Annual Meeting

1981 was another record sales year for United Farmers of Alberta in both the Petroleum and Farm Supply Divisions. Earnings were the highest in our Company's history.

Delegates are the elected representatives of the member-owners of UFA. They are agricultural businessmen who are interested in practical ways to serve their industry. At the Annual Meeting, the Delegates reviewed the Company's performance and authorized the declaration of Patronage Dividends.

Amendments to the By-laws were discussed and voted on at the meeting as were any resolutions presented by the Delegates.

The 1982 Annual Meeting was held March 9th to 11th at the Palliser Hotel, Calgary. There were nine Directors and 61 Delegates in attendance. Elections for the position of Director were held in the even-numbered Districts.

The 1982 Board of Directors is:

District 1A — Guy Turcotte, Girouxville (elected a Director in 1974)
District 2B — Elwood Galloway, Ft. Saskatchewan (elected a Director in 1976)
District 3C — Norman White, Innisfail (elected a Director in 1973)
District 4D — Howard Haney, Iron Springs (elected a Director in 1970)
District 5E — Allan Sinclair, Vulcan (elected a Director in 1975)
District 6F — Glenn Lunty, Forestburg (elected a Director in 1978)
District 7G — Steve Shybunka, Two Hills (elected a Director in 1975)
District 8H — John Onyschuk, Radway (elected a Director in 1970)
Affiliated Co-operatives — Clare Anderson, Barrhead (elected a Director in 1970)

Board of Directors Executive

At the first meeting of the 1982 Board of Directors, the following executive was elected:

President
Howard Haney

1st Vice-president
John Onyschuk

2nd Vice-president
Norman White
Herb A. Kruger

It is with the deepest regret, that we note the passing of Herb Kruger of Stettler. Mr. Kruger served conscientiously and proudly as an UFA Delegate for fifteen years.

When he was first elected a Delegate in 1967, Herb mentioned that one of his hobbies was "to work with people and help them to help themselves." He gave a great deal of his time and efforts to this particular hobby which encompassed working in many community and farm organizations.

Born in Stettler, Herb Kruger had many good friends and was a good friend to many. He was a past president and secretary of the local UFA and later served on the local Uniform board. He was a past principal of the Royal Arch, a past master of the Masonic Lodge and a past patron of the Order of the Eastern Star. He also served on the fund raising committee to furnish wards and rooms in the local hospital.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Martha and Ron on their great loss from the many friends and associates of Herb’s in our Organization.

Bill Darbel

Bill Darbel of Sibbald was elected a Delegate to UFA in 1978. He represented Sub-district #30 which is the Acadia area.

Mr. Darbel has a grain and beef operation. He has served on the advisory committee to Special Areas #3, is a past president of the Alsask Lions Club and a past district deputy of the Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Darbel has always been a keen supporter and volunteer worker in all the local activities.

Fred H. Foxwell

Originally from Chauvin, Fred Foxwell has a mixed farming enterprise at Edgerton. He served in 1980 and 1981 as the Delegate for Affiliated Co-ops #4.

Fred has served as president of the Ribstone Creek Petroleum Association and as treasurer of the Salers Association of Canada. He has shown his Salers cattle at shows in Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer and Regina and has won a number of prizes with them.

He has also served on the Municipal Advisory board, the Agricultural Development Corporation and been a committee man with the Alberta Wheat Pool.

Bert Magyar

Bert Magyar served as the Delegate for Sub-district #24, the Lethbridge area from 1973-1982. On his farm in the Turin district, he raises grain and oil seeds. The Magyar family has won numerous prizes at the Lethbridge Fair for their wheat and rapeseed.

Active in his community, Mr. Magyar has served as a director of the Turin-Iron Springs R.E.A.; director and secretary of the Enchant Co-op Seed Cleaning; secretary of the Trade Winds UFA local; member of the Alberta Wheat Pool Advisory Committee; chairman of the Lethbridge County Agricultural Committee and director and secretary of the Sundial Community Association.

Mr. Magyar is also a former member of the R.C.M.P.
Retiring Delegates

United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative Limited would like to thank the following Delegates for their years of service as representatives of the members of UFA — Bill Darbel, Sibbald; Fred Foxwell, Edgerton; Bert Magyar, Turin; Walter Pilisko, Elk Point; Ralph Smith, Fort Saskatchewan; Claude Stevens, Foremost and Karl Wirth, Bowden.

Walter Pilisko

Elected a Delegate in 1978, Walter Pilisko served UFA as the representative for Sub-district #48 — the St. Paul area.

Mr. Pilisko is a mixed farmer and raises stock, grain and grass seed.

He has served as a board member of the Elk Point Hospital and is a member of Unifarm, Alberta Wheat Pool and United Grain Growers. Prior to his election as a Delegate, Mr. Pilisko had served on the Nomination/Advisory Committee of the late George Hartley.

Ralph J. Smith

Elected a Delegate in 1976, Ralph Smith represented Sub-district #12, the Strathcona area.

An active member of farm and community organizations, Ralph served as president of his local Unifarm, district vice-chairman and then district chairman. He helped organize the Josephburg Seed Co-op Ltd. in 1973 and served as its secretary-treasurer. He also served as treasurer of his church and was on the board of the Partridge Hill Community League.

Mr. Smith graduated from S.A.I.T. with an Honors Diploma in Agricultural Mechanics. He has a mixed farming enterprise in the Fort Saskatchewan area.

Claude P. Stevens

Elected a Delegate in 1964, Claude Stevens was recognized for his knowledgeable dedication to his responsibilities as an elected member of UFA. Claude's sense of humor — he called himself a "dry land grain gambler" and once noted that the only recognition he had received was "an investigation by the tax department" will be remembered.

Claude was a director for 20 years and president for 10 of those years of the Forty Mile R.E.A. He was also a director of the Chin Coulee Gas Co-op and a county district director of Unifarm. Some of his other involvements were the Palliser Wheat Growers, a Steward on the United Church Board and he held, at various times, all offices in the Elks Lodge.

Claude is from the Foremost area and represented Sub-district #26 for over 17 years.

Karl Wirth

Elected a Delegate in 1978, Karl Wirth is retiring this year as the Delegate for Affiliated Co-ops #2.

A pioneer of the Bowden area where he came in 1929, Mr. Wirth cleared his land by hand. He lived, until a few years ago, in the log cabin he had built in those early years.

Mr. Wirth has also been a pioneer in the Eagle Hill Cooperative and served as a director for 22 years and as president for 10 of those years. He has a grain and beef operation on his half section that he works with a neighbor.
New Delegates

Ronald Andrews

Replacing Ralph Smith, who has represented Sub-district #12, the Strathcona area since 1976, is Ronald Andrews of Sherwood Park.

Ronald is a member of a pioneer Alberta family and his grandfather first homesteaded in the area in 1906. His father later farmed there and now Ron is on the family farm. Until June, 1981, he was involved mostly in dairying but recently switched to raising registered Red Angus. In addition, he raises oats, barley and hay.

A member now of Unifarm, Ron is a former member of the Jr. F.U.A. and worked with Tom Nisbett and Dr. Alex McCalla, who were instrumental in the formation of Goldeye Lake camp.

Ronald and his wife Helen, who is the organist for the local church, have three children, Shannon, Shawn and Shelley. For hobbies, Ron collects antiques.

Henry Konynenbelt

The recently elected Delegate who will represent Sub-district #24 is Henry Konynenbelt of Nobleford. He replaces Bert Magyar who had served since 1973 as the Delegate from the Lethbridge area.

Born in Lethbridge, Mr. Konynenbelt was raised on the family farm and went to school in Nobleford. His father served as an Alberta Wheat Pool delegate for 20 years.

Mr. Konynenbelt, his wife Wilhelmina and children Valerie, Charlene, Leanne and Gregory live on the original family farmstead and have a mixed farm where they raise crested wheat grass, wheat, oats and barley as well as cattle, in particular, purebred Tarentaise. The Konynenbelts have about 60 -70 cows on their farm.

Mr. Konynenbelt is a member of the Alberta Wheat Pool and Unifarm and he enjoys curling. The family's main involvement in the community is with their church.

Edmund Hirch

Replacing veteran Claude Stevens, who had served as a Delegate representing the Forty Mile area since 1964, is Edmund Hirch of Bow Island. He will represent Sub-district #26.

Born in Poland, Mr. Hirch lived in Lethbridge for many years and rented a farm. In 1963, he bought his own place in Bow Island and this is where the family lives and farms.

Mr. Hirch raises mostly wheat and has a cow-calf operation. He is a member of the Alberta Wheat Pool, Unifarm and the local gas co-op.

He and his wife Ruby have three children, Richard, David and Christine and Richard and David are planning to stay with their dad on the family farm.

The Hirch family is involved mainly with church activities.

Gordon Kuhn

In 1964, Gordon Kuhn worked for two years with UFA Co-op in the Farm Supply Division. Recently, he was elected as the Delegate representing Sub-district #48, the St. Paul area.

Originally from Leduc, Gordon's farm is in the Elk Point area. He has 1400 acres; 800 are utilized for barley and rape production and the balance of his land is used for hay and pasture for a cow-calf operation of approximately 60 head.

Gordon has won several grain and hay awards in local fairs. He is active in his community and is chairman of the agriculture committee of the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce; a local director of the Fishing Lake and district Range Patrol Association and committee chairman of the Clandonald Fish and Game. He previously served on the executive of the Elk Point Agriculture Society and the Elk Point Curling Club.
Gordon and his wife Sharon have two daughters Susan and Sheila. Sharon Kuhn is a member of the Agriculture Fair Board, a past Girl Guide leader and is presently employed as a librarian at the Elk Point High School.

Gordon is an amateur taxidermist and an instructor in Conservation Hunter Education for the Alberta Fish and Wildlife. He also enjoys cross-country skiing, curling, fishing and hunting.

Edwin W. Reid

The new Delegate who will be representing the Eagle Hill Co-op Association and the Spruce View Co-op Association is Ed Reid of Bowden. He replaces Karl Wirth who had served as a Delegate since 1978.

Mr. Reid, however, is not new to our Organization as he was employed by Spruce View Co-op as manager for many years.

Originally from Olds, Mr. Reid lived until 1956 in the Eagle Hill area and then moved to the Spruce View area. In July 1980, he returned to the Eagle Hill district to start farming. This entailed building a new home and farmstead. The Reids are now settled in and are raising hay, beef cows and feeding calves to market weight.

Mr. Reid is a member of numerous co-operatives. He is a director of the Eagle Hill Co-op and during his many years in Spruce View served on the hamlet council for approximately 12 years and also as a volunteer fireman.

His wife Jean worked for many years as bookkeeper at the Spruce View Co-op. The Reids' move and new home has kept them quite busy so they have not, as yet, become involved in community activities. However, they certainly are planning to do so in the near future.

Jean and Ed have three children, Alan, Christine and Douglas. Alan and his wife Marie have given the Reids their first grandson Jason and their other main hobby is cross country skiing.

Ralph J. Wilkinson

Replacing Fred Foxwell as Affiliated Co-op Delegate #4, is Ralph Wilkinson of Edgerton.

Born in Edgerton, Mr. Wilkinson raises grain on his farm. He has always taken an active part in community and agricultural organizations and is a director of the Ribstone Creek Co-op. He was involved in the organization of the Edgerton Seed Cleaning Plant and now serves as a director. He has served as president of the Pelican Recreational Board, president of the Pelican Farmers Union of Alberta, director of the Edgerton Agricultural Hall Board, director and president of the Edgerton Golf Club and secretary of the North Edgerton Sports Club.

Mr. Wilkinson's wife Lulu has also taken an active part in community and farm organizations. She is a member of the Royal Purple Lodge and has been involved with the Anglican Church Choir, the Edgerton Songsters Choir, the F.W.U.A., the Anglican Church Women, Home and School and the Edgerton Agricultural Society.

The Wilkinsons have four children — Don Scott and John Scott and Gail Nelson and Lynn Baynham.

For hobbies, Mr. Wilkinson enjoys curling, skiing and golf.

John S. ("Jack") Wright

Replacing Bill Darbel as the Delegate from Sub-district #30, the Acadia area, is Jack Wright of Chinook.

Originally from Guelph, Ontario, Jack raises wheat, oats and barley. He has been active in his community as president of the Chinook and District Community Club; a board member of the Cereal Hospital; a delegate on #9 and 41 Land Holders Association and as president of the East Central Cattle Breeders.

Jack and his wife Mildred have a large family which includes children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mildred Wright is a member of the Women's Institute and a life member of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary.

Jack's hobby is very practical and to him very enjoyable. He has his own machinery shop where he does welding and working on machinery.
Candids – During the Coffee, Tea, Fruit J

1 Delegates Otto Wilken, Stony Plain and Joe Seidl, Ponoka.
2 Delegates Ben Cibart, Jr., New Norway and Allan Zwierschke, Holden.
3 Delegates Ron Thompson, Fort Assiniboine and John Small, Radway.
4 Delegate Ken Hoppins, Huxley and 2nd Vice-President Norman White, Innisfail.
5 Director Guy Turcotte, Girouxville and Ward Smith, Personnel Manager and Training Officer.
6 Delegates Ivan Watson, Fawcett; Alf Hamer, Olds and Ed Reid, Bowden.
7 Delegate Andy Klak, Athabasca; Director Steve Shubunka, Two Hills and Delegate David Fedun, Andrew.
8 Delegates Bill Watson, Sangudo and Stan Erickson, Tangent; Arne Olson, Corporate Secretary and Manager of Member Relations.
9 Lawrence Proudfoot, Petroleum Division Manager and Delegate Stuart Inge, Lloydminster. In background Delegates Roy Ponoka and Allan Swainson Innisfail.
Ice and Milk Break at the Annual Meeting

10 Delegates Harvey Seyertson, Enchant; Eugene Graham, Milk River; Ray Hart, Claresholm and David Paton, Ensign.

11 Delegates Fred Evenson, Kingman; Walter Doll, Fairview and Director Elwood Galloway, Fort Saskatchewan.

12 Gerry Senger, Manager of F.D.D.; Harold Lee, Region Manager North, Petroleum Division; Delegate Walter Pasnak, Edmonton; Garry Sweet, Region Manager North, Farm Supply Division.

13 Gordon Chisholm, Manager Marketing Services, Petroleum Division; Delegates Wayne Price, Crossfield and Morris Smith, Calgary.

14 Delegates Ron Andrews, Sherwood Park and Con Kosiorek, Hotchkiss.

15 Delegates Harry Hite, Edgerton; Gordon Kuhn, Elk Point and Jim Durle, Vegreville.

16 Terry Semeniuk, Region Manager South, Farm Supply Division; Delegate Steve Elgow, Willingdon.
1982 – Annual Meeting Committees

1 Resolutions Committee — Frank Gechter, Seven Persons, Delegate; Alice Paso, Supervisor of Financial Accounting; Alf Hammer, Olds, Delegate.

2 Credential Committee — Delegates Mel Longson, Beaverlodge and Stuart Inge, Lloydminster.

3 Election Committee — Delegates David Fedun, Andrew; Ken Hoppins, Huxley; Chairman Stan Erickson, Tangent; Jim Durie, Vegreville and Walter Doll, Fairview.

4 Delegates Information Committee — Delegates Allan Zwierschke, Holden; Clark Fawcett, Consort; Jack Swainson, Red Deer and Gerry Barnes, High Prairie.

Candids – (cont’d)

Jim Shindler, Manager of the Farm Supply Division; Delegate Jack Fleck, New Norway; Keith Tully, Information Service Representative.

Delegates Irvin Kopp, Girouxville and Bill Watson, Sangudo.

Delegate Ray Hart, Claresholm and Director Clare Anderson, Barrhead.
Petroleum Awards — 1981

In 1981, sales records were again achieved by the Petroleum Division. It is well recognized that it was the individual initiative, the productive performance and the hard work of our Agents and Petroleum Managers of Co-op Associations that greatly contributed to another successful year.

5 Million Litre Club — 1981

In 1975, the Million Gallon Club was created. In the years that followed, Agents or Member Associations that sold more than one million gallons for one full calendar year (from January 1st-December 31st of the competing year) qualified for membership.

In recognition of this achievement, each member of the Million Gallon Club received a plaque for selling one million gallons and a gold bar for each of the next million gallons sold.

However, due to metrification there is no longer a Million Gallon Club. It has been replaced by the 5 Million Litre Club. Agents or Member Associations that sold more than five million litres in a full calendar year qualify for membership and receive a gold bar for each of the next 5 million litres sold.

For the seventh year, Agents and Affiliated Co-op Association Managers with volumes of over 5 million litres competed for the Best Volume Increase Award in the North Region and in the South and Peace Region. The two region winners were presented with an engraved plaque and a cheque and the two runners-up each received a cheque.

5 Million Litre Club Winners

Ron Olineck

When Ron Olineck decided to get another taste of rural living and return to Vegreville, it was a good day for Ron and UFA.

Ron was born in the Vegreville area and raised on the family farm. He went to school in Vegreville for Grades 1 - 12 and went on to further his education at N.A.I.T. He then worked for Hudson’s Bay Oil and Gas for over nine years and was involved in all phases of gas plant operations.

On February 11, 1980, Ron became the UFA Agent at Vegreville. In 1981, Ron’s volume increase at the Agency not only qualified him as a member of the 5 Million Litre Club, it also made him the winner of the Best Volume Increase in the North Region. He recorded an increase of 23.5 per cent in his fuel sales.

Ron and his wife Janice have three children Sholayn, Bradley and Kristina. Ron is a member of the Elks Lodge.

Richard “Rick” Richter

“Rick” Richter's association with the Pincher Creek Co-op began in August, 1974, when he went to work for them as a driver. The petroleum manager at that time was Joe Bonertz and when Joe retired, Rick took over on June 29, 1981 as petroleum manager.

Originally from Calgary, Rick later moved with his parents to Pincher Creek, where he finished his schooling. Prior to going to work for the Pincher Creek Co-op, he hauled milk for the Sunalta Dairy.

In 1981, Pincher Creek sold over 1.5 million litres and showed a volume increase of 17.7 per cent. This achievement has won for them the South and Peace Region Award in the 5 million litre club.

Rick and his wife Janet have two sons — Jeremy who is five and Blair who is two. Rick belongs to a snowmobile club, plays hockey with the Pincher Creek Recreational Hockey Club and is also a Big Brother. He enjoys being involved with his family and most sports in general.

Runners-up

Leon Ramstad
Bashaw
Runner-up — North Region

Tom Page
Three Hills
Runner-up — South and Peace Region
5 Million Litre Club Agents – 1981

Jim Madden
Wildwood

Bob Matthews
Eckville

Medicine Hat Co-op Ltd.
Medicine Hat
Marcel Auger
Petroleum Manager
2 gold bars

Willie Meier
Bay Tree

Donald Miller
Innisfail

Ray Miller
Red Deer

Ronald Olineck
Vegreville

Tom Page
Three Hills

Gib Paradis
Edmonton
4 gold bars

Pincher Creek Co-op Association
Pincher Creek
Richard Richter
Petroleum Manager

Ponoka Co-op Oils Ltd.
Ponoka
Alex Williamson
Manager

Beaver Creek Co-op Association Ltd.
Lamont
Ed Krill, Manager

Eldon Cage
Beaverlodge
1 gold bar

John Clayton
Sylvan Lake

Alex Graham
Spirit River

Don Hennel
Stettler

Fred Johnson
Pembina UFA Co-op
Barrhead

Girouxville General Co-op Association
Girouxville
Gene Dumont
Petroleum Manager

Ray Miller

Donald Miller

Edward Vogel
Elk Point

Glen Roberts
Carstairs

Bob Sieker
Grande Prairie
3 gold bars

Mike Stasyk
Glendon

Miles Stephens
Calgary
4 gold bars

Don Swanston
Acadia Valley

Lorne Wagstaff
Trochu

Wetaskiwin Co-op Refineries Ltd.
Wetaskiwin
Johnstone Lillebuen
Manager
1 gold bar

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Wetaskiwin
Johnstone Lillebuen
Manager
1 gold bar

Russ Wilson
Olds

Edward Vogel
Elk Point

Jack Williams
Lethbridge
1 gold bar

Russ Wilson
Olds

John Yanco
Fort MacLeod

Greg Yohemas
Salisbury

Leone Ramstad
Bashaw

Bert Galliford
Onoway

Ray Miller

Lyle Leyh
Pembina UFA Co-op
Westlock

Leon Ramstad
Bashaw

Bert Galliford
Onoway

1 gold bar

1 gold bar

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1 gold bar
Petroleum Awards — 1981
Best Volume Increase
(Less than 5 Million Litres)

Petroleum Awards were recently presented to the winners and runners up in each of the respective petroleum territories for Best Fuel Volume Increase and Most Improved Lube Oil Ratio in the less than 5 million litres category.

Max Brauer
Lomond Territory #1

Bill Dalton
Esther Territory #2

Albert Johnson
Rumsey Territory #3

Ribstone Creek Co-operative
Edgerton
Dick Tipler Petroleum Manager Territory #4

Thomas Cunningham
Tofield Territory #5

Andrew Semeniuk
Smoky Lake Territory #6

Runners-up

Joe Bondy
Nanton Territory #1

Wayne Evans
Dalum Territory #2

Harold Schmaltz
Beiseker Territory #3

John Zacharias
Wainwright Territory #4

Ed Heck
Bawlf Territory #5

Paul Dupuis
Morinville Territory #6

Glenn Erickson
Worsley Territory #7

Albert Calkins
Pickardville Pembina UFA Co-op
Petroleum Awards – 1981
Most Improved Lube Oil Ratio

Ron Gorzitza
Vulcan
Territory #1

Bill Dalton
Esther
Territory #2

Lorne Wagstaff
Trochu
Territory #3

Bruce Bovencamp
Lougheed
Territory #4

Ron Olineck
Vegreville
Territory #6

Glenn Erickson
Worsley
Territory #7

Dale Wold
Alliance
Territory #5

Fred Johnson
Barrhead
Pembina UFA Co-op
Association

Most Improved Lube Oil Ratio

Runners-up

Harold Schmaltz
Beiseker
Territory #3

Ken Miller
Forestburg
Territory #5

Albert Wells
Wanham
Territory #7

Bob Beckman
Czar
Territory #4

Leon Ramstad
Bashaw
Territory #6

Albert Calkins
Pickardville
Pembina UFA Co-op

Harvey Williams
Cardston
Territory #1
Adrien and Elizabeth “Liz” Fortin

The new UFA Agent at Stony Plain is Adrien Fortin who has an excellent agricultural and petroleum background. Originally from Mannville, Adrien went to school in Tulliby Lake, Kitscoty and Marwayne. He farmed with his father, Arthur Fortin, and also owned ¼ section of land on which he raised cattle. Together with his father, Adrien managed a Texaco Service Station and Bulk Agency until 1976, and then he was the Texaco consignee at Eaglesham until 1981.

On November 16, 1981, Adrien became the UFA Agent at Stony Plain and his business is known as Fortin’s Farm Fuels. His partner is his good wife Elizabeth “Liz” who works full time at the Agency. In Eaglesham, Adrien belonged to the curling club and played softball and hockey. Liz also enjoys curling and softball and held the secretary’s position in the Eaglesham Royal Purple and was assistant cub leader in the Boy Scouts.

The Fortins have three boys Michael, Mallory and Steven who are all involved in minor hockey.

Ronald G. Kelly

Ron Kelly has been exposed to several areas in our vast province. A native of the Peace River country, he was born in Mannville and later attended schools in Minburn and Calmar.

Prior to becoming the UFA Agent at Strathmore on December 17, 1981, Ron was involved with propane hauling and gas fitting.

He is a member of the Elks and was on a minor hockey board for two years. Ron and his wife Mary Ann have four children, Suzanne, Michele, Kevin and Cody.

For hobbies Ron enjoys golfing, fishing, watching his sons playing hockey and skiing with his family.
In the Spotlight (cont’d)

Norman R. Lowe

Originally from Lacombe, Norman Lowe grew up on the family farm. He attended school in Blackfalds and Lacombe and then went on to S.A.I.T. for two years to take an Automotive Service Technology course.

Norman farmed with his father and then on an owner basis and, at the present time, has a small cow calf operation. He was a truck driver in the oilfields, a grain buyer for U.G.G. and Pioneer and then for five years was a general store merchant. On November 1, 1981, Norman became the UFA Agent at Buck Lake.

Norman and his wife Lucille have three sons Rudolph, Glen and Thomas and two daughters Jocelyn and Rebecca. Norm is active in community affairs and belongs to the Warburg B.P.O.E., is a volunteer of the Warburg Fire Department and a past member of the recreation board. He enjoys hunting, fishing, hockey, music, baseball, horseshoes, golf, farming and that never ending topic, politics.

L. Blair Oliver

Appointed UFA Agent at Camrose on July 20, 1981, Blair Oliver has been involved for many years with the agricultural industry.

Originally from Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, he went to school in Ribstone and Chauvin. For twelve years, he was an United Grain Growers agent and then was a Macleod authorized dealer for two years.

Blair and his wife Linda have three children Lisa, Carol and Daryl. For hobbies, Blair enjoys curling and skiing.

Every success to you, Blair, as the Agent at Camrose.

Garry N. Pederson

Although Garry Pederson was born in Cereal, grew up on a farm near Cereal and went to Cereal School, he left the area and worked for some time as a salesman for Canadian Admiral and then with Alberta Transportation.

On January 4, 1982, Garry became the UFA Petroleum Agent at Cereal and is now back on home territory. Garry’s wife Gloria worked for eight years as a secretary for a real estate company before moving to Red Deer and now to Cereal.

The Pedersons have two sons Lee, who is two years old and Michael, who is a 1982 baby.

Garry enjoys sports and hobbies and is looking forward to renewing acquaintances and building up the volume at the Cereal Agency.

Taber Farm Supply Centre to open
April 15 and 16

Be there at the Grand Opening of the Taber Farm Supply Centre - UFA's 26th Farm Supply Centre in Alberta.