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Cover Picture

The awesome grandeur of Alberta's Rockies. Make 1983 the year you Travel Alberta — there's lots to see and do.

In 1982



The United Farmer had feature stories in 1982 on Women of Unifarm; Petroleum Agents Lil and Joe Bondy of Nanton; Alberta ranchers Chuck and Lorraine Groeneveld; Career Men in UFA; High Finance Terminology Made Easy; Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers; The 1982 Annual Meeting; Retiring Delegates; New



Delegates; Annual Meeting Committees; The 5 Million Litre Club Winners; 1981 Petroleum Awards; New Agents Adrian and "Liz" Forten, Stony Plain; Ron Kelly, Strathmore; Norman and Lucille Lowe, Buck Lake; Blair Oliver, Camrose; Roy Rutledge, Consort; Garry Pederson, Cereal; Opening of the Taber Farm Supply Centre; Retirees Jean Bittorf, Ole Johnson; Dave MacNeill, Stan Ross and Bea Tompkins: Petroleum Service Awards: Edmonton Farm and Ranch Show; Lethbridge Ag-Expo; Data Processing Within UFA; Farm Supply Service Awards; Alberta Agriculture's Hall of Fame; Farm Supply Division's Million Dollar Sales Club Winners; Head Office Service Awards; The Jim Rouse Family of Stettler; Farm Supply Centre Managers; Agents' Appreciation Barbecues for Jim Fraser and Wes James, Divisional Appointments; Farm Supply Service Awards; Printing Department Award; The Pioneers of Agriculture; Opening of the Brooks Farm Supply Centre; Tenure of Director and Delegates; Agent Lorne Wagstaff of Trochu; Alberta farmer Doug Meding of Trochu.

The list is diversified but everything and everyone mentioned in The United Farmer has common bonds — UFA and the business of Agriculture. The basic purpose of this magazine has always been to share information, familiarize readers with the many aspects of UFA and to pay recognition to some of the many people who have contributed to UFA and Agriculture.

I am most grateful for the warm and wonderful hospitality that has been extended to me throughout Alberta. I appreciate the opportunity to meet and write about interesting and sincere people like Chuck and Lorraine Groeneveld, Jim and Jeanette Rouse, Doug and Verna Meding, all contributing in a realistic way to keeping agriculture as Alberta's #1 renewable industry. These people, whose hospitality I enjoyed, were a privilege to visit as they gave me a further insight and a deeper respect for rural Albertans and family farming.

A very warm and friendly wish for a Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring you health and happiness in 1983.

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Brooks "Where Water Works Wonders"

A century ago Brooks was a mere whistle stop on the mainline of the C.P.R. In 1882, the federal government began leasing vast stretches of ranchland for just a penny an acre. With land so readily available, a thriving beef cattle industry was born. With the cattle came the cowboys followed by the homesteaders — and many came to southern Alberta.

Brooks is the headquarters for North America's largest boundaried irrigation district served by one dam. The system covers 2,340 square miles, bigger than all of Prince Edward Island. Brooks possesses another essential ingredient for a healthy agricultural industry - sunshine. This area enjoys many hours of sunshine each vear — on an average, over 2,335 hours. The ranchers and farmers in the Brooks area are involved in raising beef cattle, dairy cattle, chickens, hogs, sheep, fish, carrots, potatoes, wheat, oats, barley, flax, alfalfa, rye, peas and sweet corn.

Sitting atop an extensive natural gas field, Brooks has been at the hub of oil exploration and service activities for the past 20 years. Huge revenues have flowed into this community from the oil activities but in the past year, the oil and gas business has experienced a slowdown. However, agriculture—the basic industry that changed Brooks from a whistle stop on the C.P.R. mainline to a busy prairie centre continues to flourish and remains as Brooks' strong financial base.

United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative Limited, in business to serve the farmers and ranchers of Alberta, is pleased to open its 27th Farm Supply Centre in Brooks.



Brooks "Where Water Works Wonders" (Cont'd)



Howard Haney picking another lucky winner.



Brooks (cont'd)

Supply Centre

UFA's 27th Farm Supply Centre was officially opened at Brooks on September 16th, 1982. Attended by over 2,000 Brooks and area ranchers and farmers, the two-day promotion for the opening was busy and successful.

The grand prize winner of a Westeel Rosco Bin was Frank Genovese of Patricia. Congratulations, Frank!!! In addition there were draws made on the hour for many other worthwhile prizes.

On Staff at Brooks

Manager, Don Balderson; Customer Service Supervisor, Brad Elsasser; Customer Sales Representative, Robert Gorzitza; Administration Clerk, Tracy Joy.

Brooks UFA Farm Don Balderson

Manager of the new Brooks Farm Supply Centre is Don Balderson. Don joined UFA in 1975 as a Customer Sales Rep. in Stettler. In 1976, he was promoted to Assistant Manager and in 1977 was appointed Manager at the Vulcan Farm Supply Centre. On July 15th, 1982 Don was appointed as the first Manager of the Brooks Farm Supply Centre.

Originally from Lloydminster, Don received his schooling in Stettler. Prior to joining UFA he worked for three years in hotel management and then for seven vears with Wootton Tire. He and his wife Donna have two sons. Scott and Troy, and the Baldersons are looking forward to becoming involved in the Brooks' community.

UFA's Farm Supply Centres, Farmstead **Development Departments and** Facilities.

| Year Opened | | | | |
|-------------|--|------|--|--|
| 1954 | Calgary | 1972 | — Airdrie | |
| 1957 | — Edmonton | | FDD LethbridgeSpruce Grove | |
| 1960 | — Grande Prairie | 1973 | Farm Machinery Facility, | |
| 1961 | Red Deer | | Spruce Grove | |
| 1962 | Lethbridge | 4074 | — Oyen | |
| 1964 | Camrose | 1974 | ClaresholmTwo Hills | |
| | GrimshawVermilion | 1976 | ConsortFDD Camrose | |
| 1965 | HannaStettler | | Distribution Centre,EdmontonFDD Stettler | |
| 1966 | Westlock | | - Glendon | |
| 1967 | — Provost | 1977 | FairviewFDD Vermilion | |
| 1968 | — Vulcan | 1980 | AthabascaTrochu | |
| 1969 | - Falher | 1981 | High River | |
| | FDD CalgaryFDD Edmonton | 1982 | — Taber | |
| | FDD Red Deer | | Brooks | |

Jeconiah (Jake) Frey 1891 - 1982



Mr. Jake Frey, who served as President of United Farmers of Alberta in 1962 and 1963, passed away on August 15, 1982. He was 91 years of age.

Born in Kitchener, Ontario, Mr. Frey came, as a youth, to Western Canada. He settled near Acadia Valley and farmed there for over 40 years.

"Jake" Frey had a long and distinguished record of service in cooperatives and served on the Board of Acadia Co-op from 1923 - 1949. UFA took over this Co-op in 1949 and Mr. Frey became a Director of United Farmers of Alberta, and served as Executive Director from 1949 until 1951. He was elected Vice-President in 1951 and held this position until 1962, when he was elected as the seventh President of UFA, a position he held for two years. Over the years, Mr. Frey also served on the Board of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture and as President of the Cooperative Union of Alberta. In addition to his activities in cooperatives, he was also a member of the Acadia School Board for nine years.

Jake Frey was a man of quality, a man whom it was a privilege to have known. In addition to his many years of dedicated work in co-operatives, he was a benevolent man who unhesitatingly and willingly helped many people. Our sincere sympathies are extended to his wife Grace.

Albertan of the Month – Doug Meding

This is not a challenge, but it would be hard to find a farmstead that is much neater than Doug Meding's in the Huxley area.

Doug will tell you he got the habit from his father.

Disorder can become a bad habit and once the habit is formed, it is hard to change. The Doug Meding farmstead is certainly a fine example of an orderly farmstead and Doug will tell you that he got the habit from his father who was always particular and kept the place tidy.

The Meding family was one of the early settlers in the Huxley area. Doug's grandfather originally homesteaded here and eventually, each of his six sons was able to start farming on his own, with one of Doug's uncles still living on the original homestead. Doug's father, Otto Meding, began farming on his own in 1946. He had served in the Royal Canadian Navy and it was through the Veterans Land Act that he was able to buy three quarters in the Huxley area. When he started, Otto raised grain and some cattle and hogs, and then eventually went into straight grain farming.

Doug Meding went to school at Huxley until grade nine and then completed his high school at Trochu. He always worked with his father on the farm and even though he worked in the oil patch for a while, he was always home for seeding and harvesting. Most of Doug's off-farm work was up north — Grande Prairie, Peace River, Fort Nelson — he even spent one winter in Inuvik.



The Meding family - Otto, Lila, Verna, Doug, Richard and in the front - Melina.

In 1963 rape sold for six dollars a bushel — not much different from today's prices.

Doug's father was one of the first area farmers to grow rape — that was around 1963. He had a good crop the first year and sold it for six dollars a bushel, not much different from today's prices. Doug has to produce almost twice as much in order to make rape a paying crop. He finds it a good

cash crop but feels the price isn't right. He also grows quite a bit of rye.

Doug finds he doesn't do as much summerfallowing as his dad did. He has to pretty well utilize most of his land to make ends meet. It costs a lot of money to put fertilizer in, although Doug agrees that fertilizer pays.

In his grandfather's day, they didn't seem to have as many weeds
— their big worry was to get enough seed for next year. Today,

Albertan of the Month - Doug



Doug Meding and Lorne Wagstaff talk about a "best seller" — UFA's Super 10W30 motor oil.

"It's a killer" to get heavily involved with the bank.

farming is an intensified management business or "a rat race" as Doug calls it and he finds it takes all his experience and expertise to stay ahead in the business of farming. Because he finds his input costs are high, he has cut back and doesn't have much new machinery. He works on the machinery he has in his shop and puts in the time and effort to try and ensure that his equipment is in good running order. Doug feels "it's a killer" to get heavily involved with the bank and is very cognizant of ways and means to keep his costs down such as buying his fertilizer early and saving some money that way.

Verna Meding, Doug's wife, also grew up in the Trochu area. Her maiden name is Knievel and her family still lives in the area. Verna helps Doug in many ways on the farmstead and is particularly involved in the bookkeeping and management part of their business. The Medings have two children, Richard who is 13 years of age, and Melina who is five years old (and very willing to share her peas from the Meding garden with you).

Otto Meding retired two years ago and lives in Ladysmith, B.C., but at seeding and harvesting time, he comes to help and Doug is very appreciative of this as, with two tractors going, they can do the seeding in good time. Richard is

also a big help, particularly in keeping the homestead tidy. He runs the garden tractor and does a lot of the work. The Medings have a lawn sweeper and Doug admits it's a bit of work to keep the farmstead neat, but just as his father before him was particular and kept the homestead tidy, Doug enjoys having it kept clean. He feels most of the people in his area also keep their homesteads very presentable and the extra work involved is worth it.

Horses have always been a part of Doug's life. When he was growing up, he was involved in gymkhanas and has a few Arabian horses that he keeps for hunting and recreation. Hunting is a sport that he really enjoys and he is a member of the local Fish and Game Association. Doug also belongs to the Legion and is an associate member because of his dad's service in the Navy.

Doug and Verna's house was built in 1922 by Johnny Johnson and later purchased by Otto Meding. Whatever money Doug makes goes back into the farm and ma-



Melina Meding watches her father in the oil shed. Filon roof provides light.

Meding (cont'd)

chinery and to fixing up the house. They've made some recent renovations that have very much enhanced the appearance and livability features of their home. Verna belongs to the local Sewing Circle and is also Treasurer of the P.T.A.

Doug and Verna Meding like farming and their life on the farm and have no desire to live in the city. They're a sensible and practical young couple whose work ethic is admirable. Regardless of what kind of business anyone is in, good housekeeping is important. Doug Meding is a prime example of this — his machine shop, his farm storage tank arrangement, the complete homestead - all show a pride in his business and also show that Doug and his family aren't afraid of a little extra work to achieve this. The Meding farmstead is an asset to the Alberta landscape.

The United Farmer is proud to salute Doug Meding as Albertan of the Month.



Lorne Wagstaff, UFA Petroleum Agent at Trochu, drives into the Meding farmstead.

Roland L. Bacque



It is with regret that we note the passing of UFA Delegate Roland L. Bacque, who died from leukemia on July 21, 1982. The funeral was held at St. Agnes Church in Therien. Mr. Bacque was 57 years of age.

Elected a Delegate to represent Sub-district #49, the Bonnyville area, in 1973, Mr. Bacque was successfully re-elected in 1975, 1977, 1979 and 1981.

A native of Therien, Mr. Bacque's farming enterprise involved grain, poultry, beef and

dairy. He was active in community and farm organizations and served on the Therien School Board for three years; as president of the Beaver River Legion, Branch #148, for four years; as president of the Therien Livestock Association for three years; as a director of the Maillag Processors Pellet plant; on the advisory committee for Co-op Implements and as a capable and conscientious Delegate to UFA for nine years.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to his wife Margie and children Laurence, Edward, Louise, Denis, Yvette and Juliette.

Agent of the Month - Lorne



Eager to serve you at Triple 7 Fuel. Left to right: Don Painter, Reg Nelson, Lorne Wagstaff and in the front Debbie Stankievech.

The Trochu area is really home territory for Lorne Wagstaff as both his paternal and maternal grand-parents homesteaded there. Lorne was born in Elnora, grew up on the family farm and attended the local schools. He then went on to Olds College and took Agriculture Mechanics. This field was very good and everyone in his class who graduated and wanted a job was able to get one.

They stayed open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and they hustled.

Lorne went to work in Calgary and then moved to Three Hills to work for a dealer. He kept his eyes open for a business of his own and when the opportunity for the Trochu Agency came up, Lorne and Tom Page, who was also working for a dealer in Three Hills, decided to to into business for themselves.

Tom and Lorne welcomed the chance to take over the Trochu Agency but they only had about eight days to round up the money. However, they were able to do so and in 1975, Lorne and Tom formed a company, went into business and became known as Triple 7 Fuel. The Agent they took over from was Lawrence "Sammy" Samson who had been the Trochu Agent since the Agency was first opened in June, 1963. Tom and Lorne realized that they would really have to work hard in order for the business to support both of them and that they would have to make every effort to increase their volume. They stayed open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and they hustled. The business

went well and volume at the Trochu Agency showed good increases.

Tom and Lorne were in business together for about four years and then the partnership dissolved. Tom took over the UFA Agency at Three Hills, now called Page Farm Fuels Limited, and Lorne stayed as the UFA Agent at Trochu.

Lorne has been doing a good business at the Trochu Agency and in 1981 came very close to getting into the Petroleum Division's 5 Million Litre Club. He feels he will definitely achieve this in 1982.

"You just keep going until you're finished."

At first, Lorne did quite a bit of repair work but now he only has the time to keep his two G.M.C. trucks (one holds 2600 gallons and the other 2100 gallons) in good running order. As a rule, Lorne does two deliveries a day and works mostly



Lorne Wagstaff.

Wagstaff

from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. However, if it really gets busy Lorne says, "You just keep going until you're finished." Quite a few calls come to his home, particularly in the peak season, but Lorne feels this is part of "the service he is very willing to give."

Lorne's wife Sharon, whose maiden name was Nelson is from the Rumsey area. She does the payroll and the recap at the Agency. Also working with Lorne is Don Painter who is on delivery; Reg Nelson, front counter and pump sales; Debbie Stankievech who works part time on the books.

Lorne has picked up many new accounts in Trochu. Last year a Gulf dealer who delivered to the Trochu area quit and Lorne has





Delivery to the farmstead — Lorne at Doug Meding's farm.

His customers, among them Doug Meding, are Lorne's best advertisement.

talked to practially all of the ex-Gulf agent's customers and given the chance, he will make sure they get the best service he can offer.

Lorne is pleased with his volume of business but feels "it can be better" and is constantly striving to increase his volume. His customers, among them Doug Meding, are his best advertisement for they've spread the word that Lorne will hustle and make every effort to supply the best of service.

Appointment

Jim Prichard



On July 2, 1982, Gerry Metz, Treasurer and Manager of the Administrative Division, announced

the appointment of Jim Prichard as Credit Manager.

Jim joined UFA in September 1981 as a Senior Credit Officer and had the opportunity to work closely with our former Credit Manager, Stan Ross, prior to Stan's retirement.

Originally from London, England, Jim attended Acton County High School in London. He received his M.C.I. Diploma from the Extension Division, University of Toronto and is a member of the Canadian Credit Institute. Before joining our Organization, Jim was with Grinnell Limited for eight years and for three of these years, was the Office Manager. Prior to this, he was Credit Manager, Western Canada, for Lennox Indus-

tries Limited. This background and experience well qualify him for his new senior position.

As Manager of the Credit Department, Jim's responsibilities include the credit and collection functions for Petroleum and Farm Supply accounts as well as the member records function. Since joining U.F.A., he has been closely associated with the implementation of the new direct billing system in the Petroleum Division.

Jim and his wife Lorene have two daughters, Janice 12 and Marla, 8 years of age. The family belongs to the First Baptist Church. Jim enjoys swimming, reading, racquetball, photography and some hiking. He is a leader in his church's boys club.

Retirement

Ole R. Johnson



One of the pioneers in U.F.A.'s Petroleum Division, Ole Johnson retired in August 1982.

Originally from Temiskaming, Ontario, Ole, in 1938, became one of the first semi-trailer drivers and hauled new cars from Regina. During the Second World War, he served overseas for six years in the Royal Canadian Air Force. After the war, Ole went into commercial fishing on the West Coast from 1948 - 1953.

On March 22, 1954, he joined Maple Leaf Petroleum Limited in Calgary and in 1956, transferred to Edmonton when the lube plant was opened. When U.F.A. purchased Maple Leaf Petroleum in 1957, Ole continued on and has been an important contributing factor in the growth, efficiency and cleanliness of the Edmonton Lube Warehouse.

Ole met his wife Kay when she was working at U.F.A.'s Farm Sup-

ply Centre in Edmonton and over the years, Kay has worked for Gib Paradis, U.F.A.'s Agent in Edmonton. The Johnsons have three children, Greg, Rick and Kathy, who have all achieved academic success and completed university.

Ole is a member of the Killarney Community League and has been a sports enthusiast, especially of football, hockey and camping, for many years. He has made many, many friends in his twenty-eight years with U.F.A. and his congeniality, loyalty and dependability have been appreciated over the years.

You've earned your retirement, Ole and Kay, and best wishes to both of you from your many friends at U.F.A. for a healthy and happy retirement.

Farm Supply Appointments

Jim Shindler, Manager of the Farm Supply Division, has announced the following appointments.

John Lee



Appointed Manager of the Farmstead Development Department on

July 1, 1982, John Lee has an excellent background for his new managerial position.

John grew up on a dairy farm in the Fraser Valley of British Columbia. He went to school in Langley and then went on to graduate in engineering from the B.C. Institute of Technology in 1970. He was with B.C. Farm Equipment Distribution Ltd., as a technical representative for B.C. and Alberta and then worked for two years in Customer Services for Western Breeders Limited.

On May 1, 1978, John joined UFA as the Assistant Manager of FDD Calgary. He was later promoted to Manager and in May, 1982, John

came out of the normal FDD operation to spearhead the Livestock Handling Program within the Farm Supply Division. In his new position as Manager of the Farmstead Development Department, John will be responsible for the operations of all the FDDs in Alberta within the corporate and division policies. John is well known to many farmers and ranchers in Alberta and his solid background and experience in the agricultural field well qualify him for his new responsible position.

At the present time John and his wife Janet are part owners of Chico Ranches Ltd. — a purebred cowcalf and grain ranch at Bittern Lake.

Doug Artindale



Originally from Thorsby, where his father was involved at that time, in farming, Doug attended Elementary and Jr. High at Buffalo Park School on the Canadian Forces Base at Wainwright and then went on to attend the Wainwright High School.

Prior to joining UFA as a Customer Sales Rep. at the Vermilion Farm Supply Centre in December, 1979, Doug was a manager for the Alberta Wheat Pool and also operated a small farm service business.

In February, 1981, Doug transferred to the Vermilion Farmstead Development Department and in August, 1982 was promoted to Manager of the Vermilion FDD.

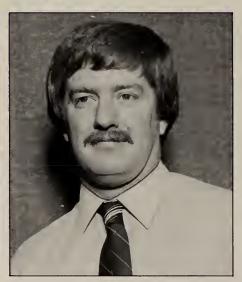
Doug is very active in outdoor sports and enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and archery. He is a licensed hunting guide and raises and trains bird dogs and is a member of the Clandonald and Wainwright Fish and Game Clubs, the Wainwright Pointing Dog Club and the Vermilion Marksman Club.

Doug and his wife Linda have two daughters Angela and Madelaine and a son Justin.

Farm Supply Appointments (cont'd)



R. David Potts



Dave Potts joined UFA in Camrose as a Customer Sales Rep. with

FDD Camrose. He held this position until September, 1979 when he was appointed Assistant Manager of FDD Calgary. In April, 1982, he was appointed Manager of FDD Calgary.

Originally from Drummondville, Quebec, Dave attended Richmond Regional High School and during the summer months worked on dairy farms. Dave went on to Vermilion College where he took a two year certificate course in System Engineering Agriculture.

Dave and his wife Simone have a new son Matthew. For hobbies Dave enjoys photography, amateur radio, wine making, camping and fishing.

Terrence V. Hitchner



Originally from High River, Terry Hitchner received his senior matriculation from the High River High School and then went on to Mount Royal College and the Modern College of Business where he studied Business Administration.

For some years Terry was a partner in the Stampede Ranch in Longview and had the Massey-Ferguson dealership in High River. For eight years he was the district manager for this company.

Terry joined the Farm Supply Division of UFA in May, 1978 as a

Customer Sales Representative in Claresholm. In July, 1981, he was appointed Assistant Manager and then on July 15, 1982, was appointed Manager of the Vulcan Farm Supply Centre.

Terry and his wife Marilyn have two daughters Dennell and Valerie. For three years, Terry served as Secretary of the Claresholm Lions Club. He is a golfer and fisherman and since moving to Vulcan, has already joined the Vulcan Golf Club and will probably be soon involved in community organizations.

Thank-You

In this issue we want to say thank you to all employees for their individual efforts. UFA has been successful because of people — successful people like you who take pride in a job well done.

There are several female employees who have taken management training and are now part of the Supervisory-Management team. It is always risky to single out any group. We certainly do not want to sound patronizing but we do want to say congratulations again to these employees and re-affirm our committment to equal employment opportunity.

Congratulations to:

Alice Paso · Supervisor Financial Accounting

Shirley Holmes · Supervisor Petroleum Accounting

Edna Dlugan · Supervisor Credit and Member Records

Rose Gabert - Assistant Manager Spruce Grove

Ginny Walker • Assistant Manager Trochu

Tenure of Directors and Delegates

Year elected Director in brackets

- 1954 Morris Smith RR 2, Calgary
- 1957 Raymond Hart Claresholm
 - Archie Hogg High River
- 1962 Howard Haney (1970) Iron Springs
- 1964 Clare Anderson (1965) Barrhead
 - Elwood Galloway (1976)
 Fort Saskatchewan
 - Andy Klak Athabasca
 - John Onyschuk (1970) Radway
 - Bill Runte Wetaskiwin
 - Norman White (1973) Innisfail
- 1966 Allan Zwierschke Holden
- 1967 David Fedun Andrew
 - Allan Sinclair (1975) Vulcan
- 1968 Glenn Lunty (1978) Forestburg
- 1970 Alfred Hammer Olds
- 1971 Jim Durie Vegreville
 - Walter Pasnak RR 6, Edmonton
 - Joe Sejdl Ponoka
 - Steve Shybunka (1975) Two Hills
 - Jack Swainson Red Deer
 - Otto Wilken Stony Plain
- 1972 John Bobryk Czar
 - Guy Turcotte (1975) Girouxville

- 1973 Bill Driscoll Medicine Hat
 - Bill Goruk Willingdon
 - Donald Ohrn Thorsby
 - Allan Sveinson Innisfail
 - Roy Vold Ponoka
- 1974 Clark Fawcett Consort
 - Bryce Henrickson Patricia
 - Stuart Inge Lloydminster
- 1975 Gerry Barnes High Prairie
 - Steve Elkow Willingdon
 - Stan Erickson Tangent
 - Ken Hoppins Huxley
 - Irwin Kopp Girouxville
 - Mel Longson Beaverlodge
- 1976 Jack Fleck New Norway
 - Deane Sharpe Munson
 - Ivan Watson Fawcett
- 1977 Ernest Fahrion Peers
 - Frank Gechter Seven Persons
 - Eugene Graham Milk River
 - Harry Hite Edgerton
- 1978 Fred Evenson Kingman
 - Con Kosiorek Hotchkiss

- John Small Radway
- Lynn Sommerfeldt Cardston
- Orval Sorken Sexsmith
- Bill Watson Sangudo
- 1979 Ben Cibart, Jr. Hardisty
 - Walter Doll Fairview
 - David Paton Ensign
 - Wayne Price Crossfield
 - Marcel Trudeau Girouxville
 - Harvey Severtson Enchant
- 1980 Dean Chessor Lacombe
 - Nolan Van Nieuvenhuyse Westlock
- 1981 Albert Hutton Hanna
 - John Scheer Strathmore
 - Ronald Thompson Fort Assiniboine
 - Len Vogelaar Pincher Creek
- 1982 Ron Andrews Sherwood Park
 - Ed Hirch Bow Island
 - Henry Konynenbelt Nobleford
 - Gordon Kuhn Elk Point
 - Ed Reid Bowden
 - Al Repchin Stettler
 - Ralph Wilkinson
 Edgerton
 - Jack Wright Chinook



We live in a part of the world that is traditionally peaceful. Although we may have many political disagreements, we have the right of choice and the freedom to express ourselves.

Because we live in a peaceful country, we can look forward with keen anticipation to the festive season and all of its abundant joys.

It is people who really make Christmas — children, young people, old people and although each one and to each age group, Christmas is different — all have one thing in common — Christmas is joyful because it is shared.

Joy can come from helping someone who is sick or shut in, by giving a needy child a Christmas or perhaps from nothing more than a personal visit and a chat with a friend.

May you celebrate Christmas this year in a spirit of fellowship and consideration for others. We wish all of you the joy that comes from giving and receiving and most importantly we wish you the joy of living.

Have a happy Christmas and a New Year that fulfills all your hopes and expectations. May this Yuletide be the merriest — rich in the blessings of family and friends and may the inner peace of this Holy celebration remain with you throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Howard Haney President Bill McCartney General Manager

United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative Limited.