

1999 INDUCTEES

Gordon Church
Douglas Clark
A.E. (Bert) Hall
Roderick McKenzie

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Susan Gertrude Jasper
Walter Edwin Kroeker
John M. (Jack) Nesbitt

2001 INDUCTEES

Ernest Victor Fulton
Dr. James Clayton Gilson
Edward Wallace Hood

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Albert Thomas Chapman
Ida Elva Cochrane
Clare and Dorothy
Geddes
Archie William Londry
James Clarke
McCutcheon
Lorne Edmund Parker
Albert Vielfaure

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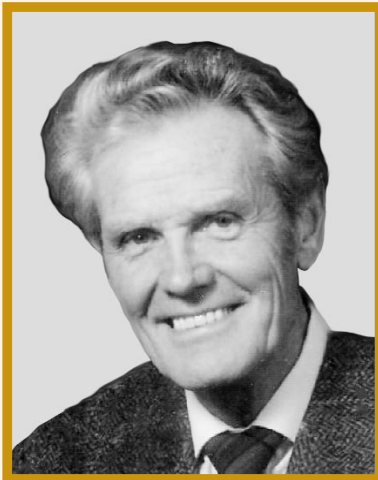
Abram Ernst Ens
Ernest Hugh McCausland
Glen Alexander McDowell
Alexander McInnes (Mac)
Runciman
Douglas Allan Smith
John Richard (Jack)
Simplot
Dr. Baldur Rosmund
Stefansson

2004 INDUCTEES

Charles Paul Balmer
Bruce Duncan Campbell
Robert O. (Bob) Douglas
Dr. Daryl Frank Kraft
Janet Marie Salway
William Alexander &
Florence Elizabeth
(Bette) Scott
Dr. Leonard Hylary
Shebeski, O.C.

2005 INDUCTEES

Heinrich Holtmann
Frances Gwendolyn
(Gwen) Parker
Edward A. (Ted) Poyser
Eric Thompson Trotter



Helgi Halldor Austman, Ph.D.

2008 Manitoba Ag Hall of Fame Inductee

Helgi Halldor Austman was born in Vidir, Manitoba, the only child of Anna and Halldor Austman. His grade schooling, including two years by correspondence, was completed in Arborg and Teulon. In 1948, after three years at the University of Manitoba, Helgi graduated with a BSA, receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Gold Medal. While in university Helgi married Lillian Arason, who became his partner, support and companion for life. They had three children, Signe, Larry and Brian.

Helgi's career began as the district Ag Rep for Teulon during difficult times for Interlake farmers. Working hard to improve conditions, he quickly saw the potential for the 4-H movement to develop young people.

Recognizing his ability, the Manitoba Department of Agriculture promoted Helgi to Assistant Director, Extension Service. He rose quickly through the ranks, becoming Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture responsible for Rural Development.

Helgi took time out to pursue graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin, where he obtained a Master of Science in 1959 and a Ph.D. in 1961. During his distinguished career, he served as President of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, the Western Canadian Farm Safety Conference and the Canadian Society of Rural Extension. He served as Chairman of the Advisory Council on Scientific Affairs and the Manitoba Veterinary Services Commission. Helgi was a Charter Member of the Manitoba Institute of Agrologists and the Canadian Society of Rural Extension. He was made a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada in 1984.

After over 30 years of service with Manitoba Agriculture, Helgi retired and moved to Gimli. During this period, the Austmans worked overseas with CIDA in Guyana, Swaziland and India. Helgi and Lil became coordinators for the International Exchange Association based in Denmark.

Helgi also served as Councillor in the Rural Municipality of Gimli. Active in the Rotary Club of Gimli, he and Lil hosted many students from the Rotary International Student Exchange. During this time, he served as President of the Rotary Club in Gimli and District Governor. He served six years on the Board of Governors of the University of Manitoba.

Helgi Austman was proud of his Icelandic heritage. He served as President of the Icelandic National League and was an active member of its Gimli chapter. He also served as a Director of the New Icelandic Heritage Museum. He was a member of the Guttormor Memorial Committee and the Rural Municipality of Gimli Centennial Committee.

Helgi Halldor Austman was recognized as a person of vision and leadership – a real "people person" who recognized the importance of community life.

Nominated by Oli Narfason - 2008



Eileen O. Brake

2008 Manitoba Ag Hall of Fame Inductee

Eileen Brake (nee Bryant) was born in Stanley Municipality April 8, 1919. She received her formal education at Morden, Manitoba, and teacher training at Brandon Normal School. She taught at Lake Max, south of Boissevain, before her marriage to Wilfrid Brake on November 4, 1944. They had a daughter, Betty (Philp) and a son, Bob, then six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Eileen worked alongside Wilfrid during their farming years, keeping farm records, tending the yard, driving the truck and tractor when needed & assisting him in his many community activities. The Brakes won four local home grounds competitions.

Community involvement began early in life in school, church, C.G.I.T. and 4-H. The springboard for many later associations was her membership in Manitoba Women's Institute. A member since 1955, she has served as president of her local, of Southwest Region, of the province and as a vice-president of the National Board. She has been a delegate to several national conventions and those of Associated Country Women of the World in Canada, Kenya, United States and Ireland. Association with many groups enabled Eileen to gain valuable experience which she used for the betterment of her community. While sharing knowledge gained, she encouraged and assisted others to become involved.

Eileen was tireless in her dedication to community activities. She was actively involved in the United Church, community choirs, Manitoba Federation of Agriculture, Girl Guides, Farm Radio Forum, Conservation District Board, Wassewa Ladies Group, Credit Union, Co-operative Women's Guild, Association for Mentally Challenged, Farm and Home Group, Local Leader Courses, Beckoning Hills Museum (44 years), Horticultural Society, International Peace Garden, Festival of the Arts, University of Manitoba Agricultural Advisory Committee, Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame (9 years), Meals on Wheels, M.W.I. radio programme, Seniors' Residence, Personal Care Home, Access TV, Seniors' Services, six history books, Mural Dedications and community beautification. She has made 375 quilts from recycled Thrift Shop articles. These were donated to "helping" organizations.

Because of her involvement in her community, Eileen has received several awards. These include the Governor General's Medal in grade XI, a Life Membership in Women's Institute and Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Medal. In 1984, Eileen and Wilfrid were invited to Winnipeg to attend a dinner in honour of the Queen's visit.

Eileen has been described as resourceful, dependable, enthusiastic, a good friend and neighbour. She is a volunteer who helps make her community a happier, healthier, more interesting place to live. Her contribution to "home and country", which continues, is significant. Her lifelong motto has been, "If a job is worth doing, it is worth doing well."

Nominated by the Southwest B Region Women's Institute - 2008