

# Wilbur Wheatman Graduates at Last

Ninety thousand miles and 20 years later, a Lincoln County wheat farmer reaps a special kind of harvest.

Clifford E. Wyborney, Wilbur, Wash., was graduated from Eastern Washington State College Friday after completing evening classes at Fairchild Air Force Base.

Wyborney traveled twice a week winter and summer for more than six years — a total of about 90,000 miles — to complete a bachelor of arts degree in business management.

In 1952 he started working on a degree, but he was interrupted by military service. He resumed his education in 1966, and after wearing out a passenger car and a pickup truck, a dream has become a reality.

"I always have wanted a college degree," he said.

"Although this veteran, financed by the GI Bill, never attended day classes on the EWSC campus, he gained com-

plete resident credit at Fairchild through EWSC classes coordinated by the continuing education office," Richard E. Christenson, EWSC director of continuing studies, said.

## Popular Course

"With extensive business courses in management, education and accounting, business classes currently are the most popular offering in the program at Fairchild, Christenson said.

With more than 20 courses offered each quarter for both lower and upper division credit, Wyborney came to Fairchild because "it was the closest place I could get the courses I wanted," he said.

"For more than 19 years the combined college and Fairchild education program has been an important part of our social community action program. It has provided air force personnel, their dependents, campus students and area residents an opportunity to complete a college education at night," John A. Healy, Fairchild Air Force Base education officer, said.

"While attending night school, I gained excellent counseling from Dr. Elroy C. McDermott, chairman of the EWSC department of management. I also met many interesting people from many walks of life," Wyborney said.