

COMMEMORATE 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

MR. AND MRS. F. GREENLAND
ARE HONORED GUESTS AT EN-
JOYABLE EVENT IN BINFORD
LAST SATURDAY.

An unusual event of much interest to Griggs county residents, was the celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Greenland, occurring at the home of their son, Oscar, in Binford, last Saturday. Relatives, former neighbors, and business associates, numbering about 75, were invited guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenland were married in Norway 50 years ago, and soon after their marriage came to America and settled in Lanesboro, Minnesota. There they remained until 1881, when they moved to Griggs county, and took homestead in Ball Hill township, six miles south of Cooperstown. Seven children were born out of this union, four of whom are living. They are, Oscar and Nora, of Binford, Magnus of Aneta, and Ingvald, who resides on the old farm in Ball Hill.

The celebration of this wedding anniversary marks an epoch not frequently attained in the course of human events. Fifty years is a long span of married life. The principals of this occasion, although not in the best of health, are happy and contented. Their years of active life have rewarded them a great sufficiency of this world's goods to permit them a life of comfort in their declining years.

Many interesting stories of earlier days were recalled by the participants in this gathering. Griggs county was barren of its beautiful farm homes in the early eighties. The Greenlands, like all others in those days, were obliged to use the only material available in the construction of their first home—a sod shanty. Hardship after hardship was encountered in their struggles to accumulate sufficient funds for daily sustenance, and to build for the future seemed a hopeless task. But perseverance and the genuine co-operative spirit among neighbors brought full realization of their dream. Amid all these hardships, however, those old timers had their sunshine, too. Numerous pleasant experiences were recalled.

Mr. Greenland has held various school and township offices, and for four years was sheriff of the county. He has taken an active interest in the political affairs of state and nation.

Mrs. Benjamin Tufte, on behalf of the Cooperstown guests, presented the honored couple with appropriate gifts. Mr. Tufte also spoke. Mr. and Mrs. Greenland were presented with a number of beautiful gifts from their friends and relatives.

Guests from a distance were: Marti Bjornstad of Madison, S. D., Mr. Ole Bjornstad and son, Ben, of Edgeley; Otto Knapp and wife of Grand Forks; Pete Knapp and family of Hamar; and Ole Rood, of Fargo.