

# Melgards Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Cooperstown, N. D., Oct. 13.

Formal observance was made here of the 50th wedding anniversary of County Auditor and Mrs. P. A. Melgard at the Norwegian Lutheran church in Cooperstown, commemorating the ceremony which took place in Lanesboro, Minn., Oct. 11, 1880. by Rev. Gotaas, Lutheran pastor. Mrs. Melgard was Miss Johanna Bathseba Glassoe before her marriage.

Mr. Melgard is Griggs county's second auditor, having been elected to that position in 1888, shortly after the county's organization, and has served most of the time since then either as county auditor or as deputy county auditor.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Melgard were born in Norway, the former Aug. 31. 1853 and Mrs. Melgard Aug. 4 1854. Mr. Melgard came to this country in 1867 to Coon Prairie, Vernon county, Wis. From there he went to Rushford, Minn., and later to Albert Lea, where he worked on a farm and also taught school.

The couple has three sons, O. J. Melgard of Grand Forks, A. J. Melgard of Aneta and Fred Melgard of Grace City.—Fargo Forum.