

# Neighborhood News Notes

## Items of Local Interest Clipped from Near-by Newspapers

**Binford Times:** 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, Minn. 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 struggle 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 times 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 Tufté, on behalf of Cooperstown guests, presented the honored couple with appropriate gifts. Mr. Tufté also spoke. Mr. and Mrs. Greenland were presented with a number of beautiful gifts from their friends and relatives.

**Sutton Reporter:** Oscar Feiring, of Havelock, passed through here Wednesday, enroute to Cooperstown to make arrangements for taking care of his stock during the fall and winter. The drought in the west part of the state is so severe that most of the farmers will raise nothing whatever to feed their stock until another crop can be grown.

Friends and neighbors of Mrs. J. S. Byington gathered at her home Tuesday of last week to help her celebrate her birthday. A very pleasant time is reported by those who were present.

Orion Rhodes has put up a novelty windmill near his shop which he constructed some time ago. It is really two in one, the fans on each wheel being set so they turn in opposite directions. These were made of automobile wheels. The whole works has been gaudily painted and looks quite fancy.

**Sentinel Courier:** In the awarding of prizes at the Fargo Fair last week Hammer Bros. were most successful, carrying off practically everything in the classes in which they made entries. Berg Brothers did not fare so well, meeting up with some strong competition from Minnesota. Local horses entered in the race program didn't seem to fare well at the fair, but followers of the sport locally are anticipating better things from their favorite horses in the races at Grand Forks. Hammer Bros. and Berg Brothers are exhibiting at Grand Forks.

The King-Bruns Auto Co. have this week been trying out and demonstrating a new device which makes it possible to operate one of the Fordson tractors just about as a team of horses. The new bit of machinery attached to the Fordson makes it possible for the operator to sit back on a plow or on a binder and with two lines operate the tractor fully as well as it could be operated from a position on the tractor. The new driving apparatus has as its advantage, therefore, the elimination of one man in the carrying of such machinery as a binder.

Opportunity is the only knocker that is popular.