

CARLYLE MILLER

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MLA Albert Cooper presented a plaque to Jane and Otto Miller recently to help celebrate the couple's 70th wedding anniversary.

'Hard work' is couple's key to 70 years of togetherness

By MARG SMART
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City residents Jane (nee Busch) and Otto Miller not only celebrated Thanksgiving last weekend, they also celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

Although the couple's official anniversary is not until Dec. 31, the celebration was held Saturday because it was the best time for most of the family members to get together. The event took place at the DeSault Senior Citizens' Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller were born and raised in Manitoba. The couple met and married in Oakburn. At that time Mr. Miller was working for his family in the implement business and Mrs. Miller did housework for other people. Mrs. Miller was staying at her cousin's home when Mr. Miller went over there one

Sunday to sell a washing machine. And the romance began.

"That's how it happened — sold a washing machine (for \$9) and got a wife," Mr. Miller chuckled.

BEGAN FARMING

Mr. Miller began farming and for extra cash he worked part-time as a steam engineer. He worked as a steam engineer for 25 years and retired from farming, due to his health, only 11 years ago. But farming is in his blood, through and through.

"The last crop I put in I was 82, boy, I didn't want to quit but I had to," he said.

Farming was tough, hard work at that time and Mrs. Miller did just as much work around the farm as Mr. Miller. Farming the binder, cutting bale and stocking were just some of

her jobs.

"It's wonderful now. They (farmers) can do things in a day that we could do in a month," Mr. Miller said.

In 1943 Mr. and Mrs. Miller left Manitoba for Crooked Creek and farmed in that area until they retired in 1971 and moved to Grande Prairie.

FOUR CHILDREN

Mr. and Mrs. Miller had four children — Lorraine Gussion of Crooked Creek, **Cadylic Miller** of Beaman, Carmen Miller of Winnipeg and Alfred Miller, now deceased. They have 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

The couple are quite often asked the secret to a long, successful marriage. Their answer remains the same.

"Hard work."

Bezanson card party gets seven tables

By BEA FELLS

BEZANSON — The card party at the Legion Hut Jan. 6 had seven tables. Winners were: Ladies' first, Flora Mehlum; second, Bell Heasler. Men's high, Gordon Edgerton; second, Sigfred Welander. Ladies' travelling prize won by Paulette Shaw, men's by Art Rees.

The annual meeting of the Golden Years Club will be held Jan. 23 at the Legion Hut at 1:30 p.m. Everyone please attend.

Jan. 8-10, Molly Lavrick, Armyna McNally, Elsie Ames and Bea Fells went on the Greyhound bus tour to the Ice Capades, which were very beautiful. Also enjoyed the archives, AGT tower and space centre, and saw Phase 3 of the West Edmonton Mall. There were 38 on the bus and

all were a good bunch, as were the bus driver and tour guide.

Get-well wishes go out to Stella Nellis, Margret Robideau, Mildred Parish, Carlyle Miller, Bertha Dillabough and Wallace Regnier. We hope you're all well soon.

Congratulations to Bill and Glenda Ford on the birth of a baby girl. Also, congratulations to Art and Gladys Rees and Art and Marion Lowen, being great-grandparents.

Card parties go every Tuesday at the Legion Hut at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Also, there's a fun day every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Carpet bowling, shuffleboard, or card playing are yours to try.

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