

Local couple celebrates 60th

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dowling of RR 1, Sherwood Park celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, July 8, 1979 at the Bremner family farm home of their son and daughter-in-law,

Clifford and Sheila Dowling.

Mr. Dowling was born in Grafton, North Dakota and at the turn of the century moved to Edmonton, where the Dowling family

established the Dowling Milling Company in the flats east of the present city power plant. This business was sold in later years and then the Snowflake Laundry, on the site of the present

main post office, was started and operated by the family for several years.

Mr. Dowling and his brother Charles, bought the present farm at Bremner in the former

Agricola area in 1912 from the original homesteader, P.C. Hamilton. Charles bought his own farm in 1929 east of Ardrossan. Earl and Clifford, his eldest son, have been operating the home farm in recent years.

Mr. Dowling served overseas with the Canadian Army in the First World War. When he returned to Bremner in 1919, he married the former Eva Bailey, daughter of pioneer settlers Robert and Annie (nee Wilson) Bailey of Namao.

Mr. and Mrs. Dowling are life members of the Northern Alberta Old-Timers Association. She is a life member of the

Ardrossan UCW and he is an original member of the Alberta Wheat Pool when it was organized in the Fort Saskatchewan District.

Congratulations were received from the Queen, the Premier of Alberta, the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, the Prime Minister of Canada, Peter Elzinga, MP for Pembina, County of Strathcona County Council and Ardrossan United Church. Over 300 friends, relatives and neighbors attended the open house to extend best wishes and congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Dowling have a family of seven, 14 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

