



Mr. and Mrs. Dick Humbke

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R. Humbkes Mark 60th Anniversary

One of Wetaskiwin's pioneer businessmen and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Humbke, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary April 24th. The Humbkes received congratulatory messages from the Queen and Prime Minister Pearson, also scrolls from Premier Manning and Lt.-Governor Dr. J. W. Grant MacEwan.

A bouquet of roses from daughter Dorothy, a floral arrangement from friends in Haultain and a three tier wedding cake, baked by Edith Humbke and decorated by Arlie Franklin made a lovely setting for the many pictures that were taken. The orchid corsage and carnation boutonniere worn for the occasion were gifts from daughter Norma. A gift of a washer and dryer from some of their children, grandchildren and friends was greatly appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Humbke have 10 children, 45 grandchildren and 47 great-grandchildren. The children are Elsie (Williams) of Florida; Myrtle (Sullivan) and Fred of Wetaskiwin; Florence (Johnson) and Henry of Haultain; Conrad and Richard of B.C.; Gordon and Dorothy (Gallant) of North Carolina and Norma of Boston, Mass.

Two grandchildren, Shirley Pauley and her three children from California, and David Williams, his wife and son from Wyoming were here to attend the celebration.

Mrs. Humbke came to Wetaskiwin with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wickland in 1894. She attended school in the Crooked Lake district.

Mr. Humbke came here in 1901. He was the founder of the first co-op store, known as the Farmers' Store at that time.

They were married in 1907 at Wetaskiwin by Rev. Bredlow. Mrs. Ernest Harris, sister of the groom was bridesmaid and a good friend, Alfred Jevne attended the groom.

The Humbkes farmed in Haultain district for many years and retired to Wetaskiwin in 1949. They spent many winters in Florida at first, but are not able to travel any longer, so now spend their time watching TV, listening to the radio and enjoying visits with their many friends and relatives.