

veterinarian for many neighbors and continued his butchering course and sold meat to many families around. He was also an active member for Grahamdale Nursing Station and served on the board for many years as secretary and on his retirement they presented him with a swivel rocker which he enjoyed for quite a few years. The couple retired to Winnipeg in 1959 and son Harold took over the farm and son Edward went to Winnipeg to live. Mr. and Mrs. Mosley took one trip back to England one fall and stayed over till the next spring. In 1966 Mrs. Mosley passed away and Mr. Mosley came to live on the farm with son Harold and wife Ruby. He passed away two years later in 1968 but these old pioneers were a credit to their families and friends and community, a lovely English couple!

Olson

Alfred and Ruth Olson moved to the Faulkner district in the fall of 1929. We were not pioneers but we enjoyed the wide open spaces and all the trees. We only had a small house for some years until we could build a bigger one but they were happy days.

I always enjoyed a big garden and made pets of some calves we had.

Alfred being a war veteran could not do much work so we had to hire a man until the boys were old enough to do the work. We raised some grain and had cattle and enjoyed the farm. The roads were not so good at times but we always got around with horses and a tractor and the later years we got a car.

There are many changes in the district since then and some of the very good neighbors we had, have moved away or passed on. Still we have happy memories of them.

Mr. Olson passed away in 1951 and as the boys did not care to farm we all left the farm and have sold it since then.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Olson

Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Olson were both born in Sweden. Mr. Olson was born in Halsingland in northern Sweden on October 15, 1887. Mrs. Olson (Judith Anderson) was born in Shara in southern Sweden on March 30, 1878. They both came to Canada in 1911 settling in Winnipeg. Mrs. Olson who was an excellent cook with years of experience helped her brother run a boarding house. Mr. Olson worked for the C.N.R. also did construction and bush work. They were married in September 1915. In 1917 they came to the Faulkner district with their small son Walter. They arrived by train in May 1917 and were transported to their homestead S.W. 3,29,9 by Mr. George Palmer. This whole quarter consisted of bush and swamp. Their first home was a one room cabin which was later extended to two rooms.

A small area of land was cleared that spring so that a garden could be planted. Mr. Olson, known as "Oli", spent one summer working for C.N.R. on the tracks between the Junction and Steep Rock. At this time their small herd of cattle consisted of a few milk cows. There were no fences and Mrs. Olson often had to run



On a Sunday visit at Olsons Sr. Wooddale, 1931. Ed. Lundgren, John Strom, Edith Olson, Eddie Strom, Florence Strom, Linnea Strom, Walter Olson, Mrs. Olson, Friend of Walter, Mr. Olson, Karl Lundgren, Mrs. Lundgren, Ingrid, Elva.

for two or three miles to bring the cattle home. Two cows were purchased by means of a government loan. One of these broke her back on the road home and had to be slaughtered for meat.

Their main source of income over the years was the selling of cream, eggs and also butter. It was not an unfamiliar sight to see Mr. Olson carrying a can of cream, a crate of eggs or a crock of butter on his back to meet the early morning train, this train arriving in Faulkner about 4 a.m. The family recalls one incident when it was very foggy and he arrived home hours later with the crock of butter still on his back having never reached the station. There was no graded roads, just trails. There were no graded roads in this area until 1940. The building of a new home began in 1919. This was not yet completed in 1921 when their only daughter Edith was born but by 1922 when their second son Lenart was born they had moved in.

After three years a larger area of land had been cleared by oxen, horse and plough and a few acres of crop was planted. Much of the haying was done by hand and here Mrs. Olson helped too coming home in the evening with housework and baking still to be done often staying up all night to accomplish this.

During the years spent in Winnipeg Mr. Olson had learned some of the English language but Mrs. Olson had not. When Edith and Len started school in 1929 they only knew Swedish.

During the years of 1934-36 many people moved out of this general area. In the immediate area north and east of township 28 they were the only residents.

The Olsons door was always open to any anyone passing by and all were welcomed in either for a meal or a cup of "good coffee". They both resided on the homestead until Mr. Olson's death in 1967. Mrs. Olson was an active member of St. Georges W.A. until its disabandment. She is the oldest citizen in the Faulkner district and lives with her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Kitch Olson just south of Faulkner. Her son Len and his family live on the homestead.

Mr. George Palmer

He homesteaded the N.E. 17-28-9W. His wife left taking their two sons shortly after arrival as she could