

On retirement they bought a home in Rapid City, and have continued active in the United Church, and community affairs.

#### MARTENS

Abe and Helen Martens emigrated to Canada from Southern Russia in 1924. They resided in Eyebrow, Sask. until 1935 and then moved to Fitzmorris, Sask. where they farmed until 1945. Two son and one daughter; John, Eric and Lena were born in Eyebrow and one son Abe, was born in Fitzmorris.

They moved to Rapid City in 1945 where they farmed the west half of 12-13-20. In 1963, they moved to the west half 34-12-20, where they now farm.

John married Lena Engbrecht of Boissevain, Man. and they now reside in Winnipeg. John also farms west half 1-13-20. They have two sons and one daughter.

Eric (Rick) married Hertha Kroeger of Rapid City, Man. They have two daughters, Karen and Roxanne, and one son, Rick. They presently farm the west half 12-13-20 and section 13-13-20.

Lena married Ervin Neufeld and they presently farm at Boissevain, Man. They have one son and one daughter.

Abe was raised in the Rapid City district and taught school at Shilo, Man. until 1962 when he moved to Winnipeg to attend the University of Man. He was killed in a car accident in the spring of 1964.

Reverend Abe Martens was ordained as a minister in 1948. Mr. and Mrs. Martens celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in June, 1976. They are both still active in farming.

#### CYRIL AND MOLLY MARTIN

Cyril and Molly came to the Cadurcis district from Surrey, England in December 1947. They arrived at Basswood station during a blizzard on the coldest night of the winter. Despite the weather, getting the Model T Ford car stuck in the snow and walking the final stages of a long journey, they were warmly welcomed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kemp. They were accompanied by their three daughters, Doreen, Janet and Heather. The family lived with the Kemp's until 1949 when they purchased the "Belcher" house, just south of the C.N.R. tracks and east of where the C.N.R. station house stood. Doreen and Janet attended Rapid City School. Their fourth daughter, Mavis, was born in 1949 at the old Minnedosa Hospital. After working at his trade as plumber at Rivers and Brandon, Cyril and family moved to Flin Flon in 1950. He was employed by F. W. Bumstead Co. Heather attended Henderson Elementary school and Janet the Dauphin Collegiate. Doreen remained in Rapid City until transferred to the operating staff of the Manitoba Telephone System, Dauphin. In 1953 the Martin family returned to their home in Rapid City and Cyril commuted to work at Brandon and Shilo. Molly was an active member of the Legion Auxiliary, St. Thomas W.A., the Red Cross, Hospital Aid and Deborah Lodge. Cyril was a member of the I.O.O.F. and Masonic Lodges and was a people's warden at St. Thomas's Church. In 1963 Cyril and Molly welcomed Angela to their family adopted in 1965.

They were foster parents for the Children's Aid Society of Western Manitoba for many years. One of their foster children, Albert Gray, was with them for thirteen years and is now working in Winnipeg.

Cyril retired from plumbing at Shilo in 1974. They are enjoying their retirement, cross country skiing, canoeing, gardening and handicrafts. Cyril is busy fixing bikes and such, while Molly knits mitts and sweaters all winter long. They have fourteen grandchildren. Three of their daughters married the sons of Mrs. Mary Smith and the late W. E. Smith.

Doreen married William E. Smith (Magee) in 1953 at St. Pauls Anglican Church and began her married life in the Oakleigh District. They still reside on the farm they purchased from Tom Shelvey. Their chivarie night will never be forgotten, when as soon as the lights were out, friends and neighbors knocked at the doors and windows.

They have a family of one girl and three sons; Susan Elaine was born 1956 and took her schooling at Oakleigh and Rapid City. She was an active club member while attending school. She married Stanley Jewar in 1976 and resides at Beulah, Man. What a thrill when Robert Allan and Raymond John were born in 1960. The first twins to be born in the Riverdale Hospital Rivers. They have been very interested in all sports and received awards for physical fitness and the trophy for best Athlete in Rapid City School. Keith James blessed us all with happiness being born 1972. Doreen was employed at the Manitoba Telephone System and is known well for her singing talents. (MaGee) has worked with the Red Cross Society for over twenty years and takes an active part in the Rapid City Agriculture Soceity. He is a member of the ball club and past President of the Men's Curling Club.

Janet married Gordon C. Smith (Deacon) in 1957. They lived on the "Virtue" farm which Gordon had purchased, until they moved to Brandon in 1966. Gordon is employed in construction work and Janet with the Manitoba Telephone System. They have three children, Michael, Bruce and Miriam.

Heather took teacher's training at Brandon University and taught at Fleming School Brandon. She married Hendry Smith at St. Matthew's Cathedral, Brandon in 1964. They reside on the farm, formerly owned by "Curly" Bill Smith, one mile west of Oakleigh school. Hendry enjoys curling and hockey in Rapid City. He has played goalie for the "Oak-Wall" team and with the Rapid City Old Timers since 1963. Heather taught kindergarten in Rapid City in 1968. They have five children, David, Jennifer, Philip, Richard and Elizabeth. They all attend school at River's. Hendry and Heather built a new home in 1976.

Mavis attended Rapid City school, Elton Collegiate, and Vincent Massey in Brandon. She took her nurse's training in London, England. She married J. Noel Comey of Dublin, Ireland in 1969. They emigrated to Canada with their two small sons, Mark and Paul, in 1975 and reside in Edmonton, Alberta.

Angela is attending school at Vincent Massey, Brandon. She is active at the Y.M.C.A. and young people's at St. Matthew's Cathedral.