the Burnham Creek Dairy and delivered milk to many Crookston customers, hotels and stores until 1941. He then sold milk in bulk to the Bridgeman Creamery. In 1925 he started to raise sugar beets and continued until his retirement in 1946. Although he retired, he spent many happy hours helping his sons. Even at the age of 80 he was always picking weeds. They were life-long members of St. Anne’s Church. Wilfred served on the school board for 25 years. He was a third and fourth degree Knight of Columbus and a member of the Holy Name Society. Molly was a charter member of South Lowell Home-makers and a member of St. Anne’s Hodality and Foresters. They enjoyed playing cards with their many friends, children and grandchildren. They had 23 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren at the time of their death.

On June 23, 1962, they celebrated their 50th Anniversary and renewed their wedding vows in the same church in which they were married.

A family picnic was held in their honor on their 55th Anniversary in July, 1967. Wilfred passed away July 27, 1969, at the age of 83, and Molly on October 9, 1969, at the age of 75.

MR. AND MRS. ALBANY (BEN) CAPISTRAN

Albany (Ben) Capistran and Annie Conneran were married at old St. Mary’s Church in Crookston, Minnesota on April 27, 1908 by the Reverend Father John Smier.

Ben Capistran was born January 8, 1874 in Sorel, Quebec, Canada. He came to the Crookston area in 1883 at the age of nine years. His parents bought a farm four miles west of Crookston on the north side of the Red Lake River. He lived there with his parents until his marriage.

Annie Conneran was born July 4, 1882 to Mr. and Mrs. John Conneran at Fisher, Minnesota. She lived in this area all her life, attending school in Fisher and Sather’s Business College in Crookston. Her parents had come to the Fisher area in 1879 and homesteaded. Like so many early settlers, they lived in a log cabin at first.

Mr. and Mrs. Capistran lived on a farm in Section 13, Lowell Township at first. Three children were born there. Later they bought a farm in Section 22 and lived out their lives on this farm. Two more children were born there.

Mr. Capistran carried on diversified farming. His main crops were wheat, barley, oats, speltz, potatoes, corn, and sugar beets and many years up to five acres of navy beans. His great interest lay in fine horses and he worked constantly to raise better horses, both draft and racing breeds. He owned registered Percheron stallions which eventually resulted in better horses on many farms in the area. His stallions were also used by the North West School of Agriculture for breeding stock. He worked to breed up a better Chester White pig and his stock was used for breeding purposes in the area. They raised cattle, chickens, and geese and like most of the farmers then, had a large garden.

Their children are: Ella, who was born February 16, 1909. She married Francis Derouin and they made their home in California and had five children.

Albany was born February 28, 1911. He married Rana Gulingrsrud of Nielsville, Minnesota and farmed all his life. They have three children. Alice was born April 2, 1913. She married Rosaire Boucher; they farmed all their lives and have five children. Aurora was born August 22, 1919 and married Laurence Derouin. They made their home in California and had three children. Virgil was born August 20, 1922 and farmed all his life.

Mr. Albany (Ben) Capistran with registered stallion, Bolter Grant 1928.

Ben Capistran died December 8, 1936 and Annie Capistran died November 23, 1949. They are buried in Calvary Cemetery in Crookston, Minnesota.

ONISEME CAPISTRAN, SR.

Mr. Oniseme Capistran, Sr. was born in Sorel, Quebec, Canada April 18, 1837. When he was a young man he was a captain of a vessel on the St. Lawrence River in Canada, an occupation his father had followed also. He was captain on the boat from 1853 to 1857. In 1857 he married Philomine Paul and settled down to farm near Sorel, Quebec. They had ten children all of whom came with them to Crookston in 1883 with the exception of their oldest daughter, Exilda, who was married to D. Demerais.

Mr. Capistran and his family came to the Red River Valley in 1883 at the same time many other French settlers came from Quebec. They settled on a farm four miles west of Crookston on the north side of the Red Lake River. Mr. Capistran had purchased his farm from a land agent who wasn’t honest, so he ended up paying for his farm a second time in order to keep it. This happened to other settlers in those days.

The Capistrans made a living by selling cordwood in town for fuel. They also contracted with S. W. Vance to furnish cordwood for the kilns in the brick factory in the 1880’s. During the “drying time” the kilns were run twenty-four hours a