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Friends and family help George celebrate 90 years of active living

by Mary Golem
 Name an agricultural, service or church organization, both provincially and locally, including municipal government and odds are George Mannerow of Scone has been a part of it.

His years of combined service on everything from the session at Geneva Presbyterian Church, the board of directors of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority and the Grey County Soil and Crop Improvement Association to the Plowmen's Association, Hospital Board and Kinsmen Club totals close to 200 years . . . quite an achievement for the well-known Scone resident who celebrated his 90th birthday on August 6th. On Sunday, August 7, family members hosted friends and relatives at a come and go reception in George's honor at the old Scone school and as expected, hundreds came out to wish the well-known former Bentinck Township Reeve and Grey County Warden all the best.

Born in Sullivan Township to Louis and Sophia Mannerow, George has been fortunate to enjoy good health - health good enough to enable him to keep farming, (including doing some plowing) along with his son even when he was in his 80's!

"I'm pretty good for an old duffer," he laughs, "there's been worse guys than me! I've worked hard, but hard work never hurt anyone."

There's little doubt the strong support he's received from his wife of 65 years, Essie and the couple's five children - Isabelle (Mrs. Leith Elder of Tara); Ken of Elderslie, Lloyd on the home farm in Bentinck, Dianne (Mrs. Ross King of Chesley) and Reg, an employee with the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, who also lives in Bentinck - has made a

difference in George's life and the lives of many in his community. His involvement in community organizations has all been chronicled in an impressive collection of scrapbooks and photo albums his wife has kept over the years - and in the framed certificates of appreciation and plaques that fill the Mannerow's living room wall. Pictures of the couple's anniversary celebrations, five children, 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren occupy much of the remaining space in the room.

George talks with great pride about his year as Grey County Warden in 1954, the same year his good friend in nearby Elderslie Township, W.P. Oswald was Warden of Bruce County. His municipal council experience also included several years as councillor, deputy reeve and later Reeve.

He's equally proud of his accomplishments as a plowman - he plowed for the first time at an International Plowing Match in 1928; drove a 1912 Model T Ford, the first family car, at age 16 and recalls every detail of years in his life he'll never forget - the Great Depression years of the 1930's.

"Those were tough times for farmers," he says, as he and his wife, Essie, talk about selling eggs for eight cents a dozen, shearing sheep for other farmers for 10 cents a head and "I once sold a 700-pound heifer for ten cents a pound." Those were the Depression years and you had to do everything you could to make a few cents," Mrs. Mannerow added.

George Mannerow's life has been a most interesting one as guests at his birthday celebration on Sunday soon found out. His friends, his relatives and all whom he has met over the years while serving his community, wish him the very best on his 90th birthday.

90-year-old George Mannerow of Scone. (Golem photo)

Rose Archibald turns 99!



by Mimi Hancock
 Rose Archibald, Chesley and area resident on Saturday. She was born in Mollart. Her parents were Thomas.

Archibald moved 20 years ago from Shelburne where she had worked in a factory in Yorkshire and attended school during World War I.

She moved to Flesherton, Ontario to live with her sister and worked as a cook at a nursing home in Markdale.

While living in Flesherton she met Norman Archibald who she married and went to live on his parents' farm in Bentinck Township.

The couple farmed cattle and pigs there and "worked very hard," said Archibald.

In 1969 they sold the farm and move to 1st Avenue North in Chesley. Norman died in November of 1972. They had no children.

Rose moved into Parkview Manor in July, 1996.

Archibald said she's lived so long because she was never sick and lives naturally.

She's never drank and never smoked, "I lived clean and was happy all the time."

A birthday tea was held for Rose at Parkview Manor Saturday afternoon.

99-year-old Rose Archibald at Parkview Manor where she now lives. (Hancock Photo)