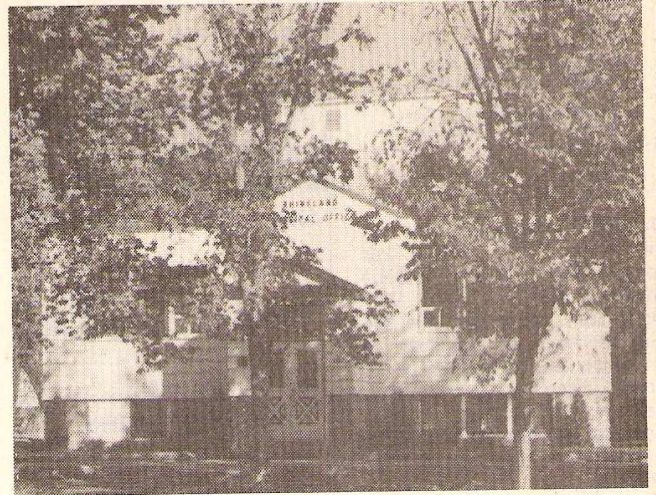


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Municipal office today.

Rhineland reaches 100th year

• by J. C. Fehr

The Rural Municipality of Rhineland becomes 100 years old on January 8, 1984.

When a municipality has reached the century mark, it is a good time to stop and reflect and pay tribute to the pioneers. They had the courage to come and settle this prairie. Even though they had great hardships, they triumphed over them. The descendants of those brave pioneers, now reap the benefits.

For a hundred years we have had the privilege of living in peace and prosperity in this land which they pioneered. It is with gratitude in our hearts and admiration of their courage that we enter this centennial year of 1984.

The Rural Municipality of Rhineland today consists of 10 townships. Four of these are situated on the International Boundary between the Red River and the Pembina Hills. The area this municipality covered changed a number of times since its inception in 1884, but has remained unchanged since 1916. It

comprises an area that is well suited to agriculture, as 99 per cent of it is taxable. It is one of the most densely populated rural areas of Manitoba.

To honor and pay tribute to the memory of the pioneers, the reeve and council of this municipality has established a centennial committee. This committee, consisting of the reeve, councillors and members-at-large, are responsible for planning and coordinating centennial activities in this year of 1984.

One of the things the committee has decided to do is to feature a series of photos and history (along the lines of this first one) of the individual districts in the municipality. Herein it requests the cooperation of the residents or former residents. If you have a good photo or an interesting story about your local district that you would like to share with the readers of the Red River Valley Echo, please contact Jake Bergen at the municipal office in Altona, phone 324-5357 or J. C. Fehr, phone 829-3864. All material submitted will be returned.

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