

arriving on July 2. It wasn't until September 3 that the first passenger train came. One of the first passengers was N. V. Bachynsky, former M.L.A. for the Fisher constituency, who had come as a school teacher.

The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church was built in 1916-17. Rev. Bisky served the parish as the first missionary priest.

A nursing station was put into operation in the years of 1918-19. Miss Litton served the district as the first Red Cross nurse. Many tales of hardships, courage and dedication could be told of that period if records had been kept. Miss Litton and those who followed her were not only nurses but acted as doctor and advisor. They were instrumental in saving many lives. Never, in their wildest dreams, could they have imagined the well-equipped Red Cross hospital, staffed with a doctor and nurses which was to become a reality in 1950. This hospital was officially opened by the Honorable Ivan Schultz, Minister of Health, on June 15. The first patient was four-year-old Richard Malenchak. The first baby born was Danny Horodecki on June 20. The hospital ownership was transferred from the Red Cross to the local authorities in 1955. With the building of the Percy Moore Hospital in Hodgson during the seventies, this hospital was closed leaving us with a clinic to provide for the needs of the people.

Mr. Ciupak opened a cheese factory in 1918-19. He later converted it to a creamery and sold it to Mr. Casselman in the mid thirties. This building was situated south of the present Interlake Hotel.

The twenties saw many businesses emerging at the north end of town, now called Main Street. Joe Malkowich's store was situated where the present Co-op store is located. This store was later turned into a pool hall where he also sold Cockshutt machinery.

The next building was a hotel built by Bill Grywinski. He later sold it to Mr. Raymond who dealt in training and selling bronco horses. This building was converted into a restaurant by a Chinese man known only as "Charlie the Chinaman". This was in the late thirties or early forties. Coy McIvor later purchased this building and is still in business today.

The residence of Bill Grywinski was the next building. It later became a barber shop, owned and operated by Jimmy "the barber" Yaremkewich.

A pool hall was just east of the Grywinski residence. It belonged to George Polowy. He later converted it into suites. One of these was used by Fred Grywinski for a butcher shop. It is said that he would buy grain boxes of rabbits from the farmers. These were shipped to the Fox Farm in Winnipeg.

The next building was the Melnyk family residence. Mr. Melnyk was employed by the C.N.R.

A blacksmith shop was situated where Paul Kudelski now lives. No one seems to recall his name. When he moved away, his place was sold to John Skibinski.

Across the street from his store, Joe Malkowich built a large white building. It had a white picket fence enclosure on the roof which added style to an already elegant building. The downstairs of this building was used to display farm implements while the upstairs was a dance hall. Mr. Kilby, an old lawyer who stayed at Tom Menard's hotel, would hold bowling games on the dance hall floor. He also played the piano which was a great asset at all the dances. Later on the first Co-op store was situated in the downstairs area of the building.

Next to this building, Mr. Hucul built a store. He later died and his widow remarried to Peter Derkach.

Where the Co-op filling station is now, a big house was built by Mr. Marykuca. He was the carpenter in charge when the Greek Catholic Church was built. This house was later used for a Co-op store. In later years a new Co-op store was built where Joe Malkowich's store had been and Marykuca's building was purchased by Charlie Davidow who converted it into a pool hall.

The next building was a residence attributed to two different people; one was Mr. Johns and the other was Mr. Pinca.

In the early thirties a fire destroyed all the buildings on the south side of Main Street up to the Marykuca home. Peter Derkach then bought the dance hall lot and built a store. It was later owned by William Vandersteen and then Mike Yaremkewich. Years later, Norman Klowak turned it into a drug store.

After the fire, Mr. Delhaye built a boarding house and butcher shop east of Derkach's new store. He could regularly be seen pushing his cart with freshly butchered meat to the C.N. station where it was shipped to Winnipeg.

The twenties had not left the center street of Fisher Branch idle. Prygrocki's store was already functioning. This building was later turned into a garage by Victor Klus. After it burned, Charlie Davidow built a garage there. He sold to Harry Malkowich who later sold to David Dion.

Another store was owned by Mr. Winestock, east of Prygrocki's. He sold to Mr. Kahut. This building burned in the thirties.

Further east was the Prygrocki residence and next to it was a Presbyterian Church. This church was converted into a theatre by Mr. Prygrocki. He sold it