

In 1920, *"The Swan River Star"* amalgamated with *"The Swan Valley Times"* and became *"The Swan River Star and Valley Times"*. In 1928, a second paper, "The Swan River Herald", had been printing for 16 months and then turned over its assets to the original newspaper in the Valley. In 1929, Harry B. Munro, from "The Pas Herald", bought *"The Swan River Star and Valley Times"*. He was editor of the paper until January 9, 1958, when he sold the paper to The Swan River Publishers Limited, with J. H. Bilton as editor, in partnership with W. "Bill" G. Sanderson and his father, J. Sanderson, former owner of "The Minnedosa Tribune". Mr. Bilton sold his share of the paper to "Bill" Sanderson in October, 1973. On August 1, 1991, "Bill" and Kathy retired after 34 years in the printing business and sold the paper to Robert and Linda Gilroy, former part owners of "The Dauphin Herald". On October 1st, 1997, "Bob and Linda" officially took ownership of "The Dauphin Herald" and their son, Brian and his wife, Alison, took over management duties of *"The Star and Times"*. The paper is prepared in Swan River and sent to "The Dauphin Herald" to be printed.

On the 100th anniversary of this Swan River newspaper, besides Brian and Alison, the staff of *"The Star and Times"* includes: Derek Holtom, Shauna Jackson and Shirley Ross, editorial staff; Pat Maksymchuk, Darryl and Sue Belanger, Cheryl Lunding, Andrew R. Pratt, Kelley Hagglund, Kathryn Church, Gary Hagglund. District correspondents include: Minnie Borley, Leone Hansen, Gladys Wyatt, Eileen Huff, Elsie Kostiuk, Laurel McCleary and Mrs. W. Petelski.

In 1972, Angela Hinchliffe was hired by Jim Bilton in July as a typist and she covered local stories, wrote obituaries, etc. After editor Doug Windsor left the paper in 1975, "Angie" became the first woman Editor of *"The Star and Times"* and she held that post for more than two decades.

John Booth wrote the *"Looking Back"* column for many years. When he passed away, the paper went without the column for a number of weeks until a letter was received from a subscriber in Ontario, who wrote to say that he would be cancelling his subscription unless someone could be found to continue writing the column. Shirley Ross has been writing this weekly article since January of 1990.

In June, 1997, Christine Landry arrived in Swan River to take over the editor's desk and she became the second woman to edit *"The Star and Times"*.

In order for the paper to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary in 1998 of pioneers coming to the Swan River Valley, *"A Centennial Chronicle"* was a weekly column designed to cover the growth of the Swan River Valley from 1900.

- About the Cover -

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Top Left:

Residence of P. McKay, at Swan River, Man.
Swan River School

Lower Left:

Harvesting Scene near Benito, Man.
Mixed Farming Scene near Kenville
Dan Howe Pig Ranch, Thunderhill district
Swan River Hospital

Top Right:

Residence of H. O. Morse
View on Swan River

Lower Right:

Harvest Scene near Swan River
Garden, Cotton Farm, Harlington district
Logs at Mill, at Swan River
Bank of Toronto, Swan River

Top Centre: Wheat in Stook, near Benito

Bottom Centre: A. J. Cotton's Farm Buildings, in the Harlington District, Swan River Valley