

This new, modern building replaces one of the oldest buildings on Main Street. The proprietor, Percy Woodward, came to Swan River with his new bride, Ruby, in 1930, and opened a bakery in a building where the Steen Block now stands.

JULY 7th, 1955 - Some three years ago there was an intensive oil drilling program in this area but it was gradually stopped and nothing more was heard of it. Last week-end, six cars of oil drilling machinery were unloaded here and several truck loads of material arrived from the Virden area. It is understood that this equipment will be taken to a location south of Minitonas, in the Duck Mountain Forest Reserve.

Following the information they must have obtained in their exploration work here three years ago, the arrival of the machinery is an indication that the company feels it worthwhile taking a gamble in this district.

JULY 28th - In view of the fact that the installation of sewer and water lines on No. 10 Highway, where it runs through Swan River, has now been completed, the town council is now calling for tenders for the installation of connections to business places and houses on Main Street and Fourth Avenue North. The town has an agreement with the provincial government to the effect that if all this work is completed on the highway this year, they will blacktop No. 10 Highway through the town next year.

AUGUST 11th - For the second time in the past three years, milk producers in the Swan River Valley are confronted with the problem of over production. Three years ago, local consumers, demanding homogenized milk, caused a surplus of milk from local production because the only place to get homogenized milk was to have it shipped in from outside distributors. Modern homogenized equipment was installed at the Crescent Creamery Co. Now the problem is that packaged milk is being shipped in, causing the local production to go into a surplus again. The Swan River Chamber of Commerce is corresponding with the Crescent Creamery Co. Ltd., Winnipeg, requesting that a packaging machine be installed in their branch here.

AUGUST 25th - George Renouf, veteran 76-year old Progressive Conservative M.L.A. for Swan River, interviewed the Minister of Health and Welfare, the Hon. R. W. Bend, Wednesday about the need for an old folks home in the town of Swan River. At present, old folks have to go 150 miles north to The Pas or 175 miles south to Neepawa.

SEPTEMBER 15th - It has been generally known that a plywood factory was being built in Swan River but not so many know that it is now producing and that the manufactured product is being sold from Winnipeg to Flin Flon, as well as locally. The plants is located just outside town limits, alongside the brick plant on No. 10 Highway. Two brothers, J. S. Brown and W. T. Brown are running the plant and employ another five men. They expect, in a very short time, to have twenty men on the pay roll.

OCTOBER 13th, 1955 - At the Ratepayers' meeting held on Thursday evening, Mr. Scott, the engineer, was asked when the water and sewer in town, would be running. He stated that he could not see any reason for it not to be in operation by the end of December, 1955.

In the very near future, the Manitoba Telephone Systems will be putting their lines on Main Street, under ground.

The Swan River Chamber of Commerce went on the offensive on the situation in the Swan River Valley, regarding the critical position most of the farmers are in financially. They sent a telegram to Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, explaining that the crisis has arisen as a result of flooding. Very little grain has been marketed and most elevators are filled to capacity with grain cars at a premium.