

# **SHELLBROOK**

## **Past & Present**



**Written by Mrs. Schiller's Grade 3  
Shellbrook Elementary  
2004 – 2005**

## **We dedicate this book to our parents.**

**We did this project so we could tell our pen pals, at St. John's of Rochester School in New York, what it is like in Shellbrook.**

**Also, this year is *Saskatchewan's Centennial*, so we looked at Shellbrook's history to celebrate all of the work that has been done over the past years to build our community.**



## **Many people helped us with this project.**

Thank you to all of the people who took the time to be interviewed and to give us a tour of the place they worked.

Thank you to Mr. Pepper who came to our class and showed us pictures about Shellbrook's past. He told us a lot of information. He also edited our pages on Shellbrook's History.

Thank you to Mrs. Joyce Brunton for sharing some of her photographs about Shellbrook's past.

Thank you to the Mayor John Young who came to our class and told us about what he does as the mayor of Shellbrook. He also arranged for a tour and bussing to the Water Treatment Plant and the Town Shop. Thanks Mr. Moe for driving the bus.

Thank you Mrs. Valuck for taking us on all of the tours and

# SHELLBROOK'S HISTORY



# Shellbrook's History

The first family to live in Shellbrook was the McTaggerts. The Sterlings were the second family to settle in Shellbrook. They both came in 1892.

Shellbrook used to be a hamlet. Shellbrook was named by Robert Sterling. His homestead was on the Shell Brook so he named the hamlet Shellbrook.

In 1909 Shellbrook became a village. On Main Street businesses were growing and growing. At this time most of Shellbrook was a wheat field. In 1948, Shellbrook became a town.

By Kyler, Aaron, and Matthew

Information from **Shellbrook Chronicle**

**Celebrating Saskatchewan's 100 years...1905 – 2005**

Friday, May 27, 2005

The **Shellbrook Chronicle** has been publishing a newspaper in Shellbrook since 1912. It was started by Mr. Pepper's great-grandfather Mr. Ernest Pickup. Mr. Pepper is now the publisher at the **Shellbrook Chronicle**. He came to our class and showed us many pictures of Shellbrook's history and told us about these pictures. Mr. Pepper gave us these pictures to use in our book about Shellbrook. Some of the pictures also come from Mrs. Joyce Brunton.



Ernst G. Pickup  
Publisher from 1912-1931.



Amy F. Pepper(Pickup)  
Co-Publisher 1931-1935



Frank J. Pepper  
Publisher 1931-1961



Alfred E. Pepper  
Publisher 1961-1987



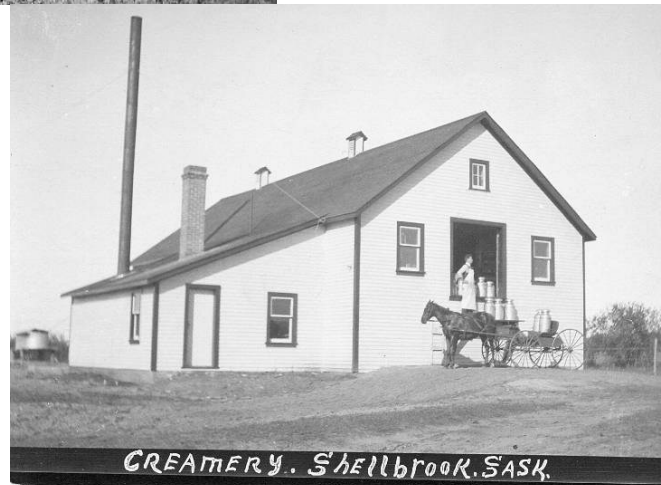
Clark J. Pepper  
Publisher 1987- Present



The church was built in the 1920's. It was an Anglican Church.

Everyone dressed up in their best clothes for church. Beside the church is the manse. This is the house the minister lived in.

Shellbrook had a creamery in the past. The farmers' dairy cows made the milk and the farmers took it to the creamery. The farmers brought their milk in a cart pulled by horses. The creamery is where they tested milk and made ice-cream, and cheese.



The Shellbrook Hotel had verandahs all around it. People waited at the hotel for the train. It was built about 1909.

## Education

A very long time ago in the past, Shellbrook had a school. They had grades 1 to 12.



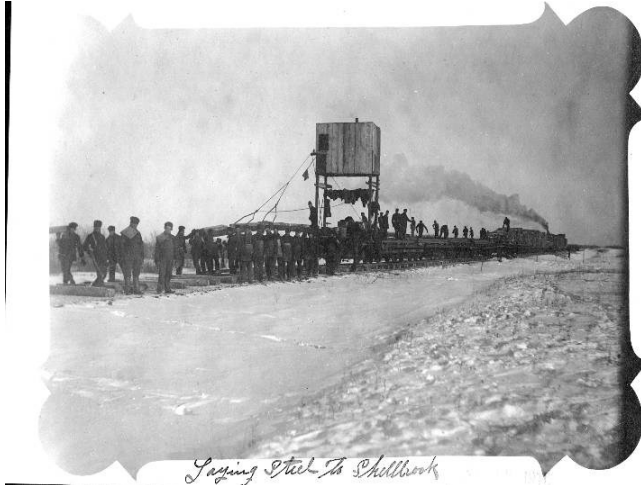
Shellbrook School—  
#252 High School  
September 1945



The girls had a job at the school which was working in the garden. Only the girls worked in the garden. They went to the garden during school time.



The men years ago are laying the steel rails as the track was being built from Prince Albert to Shellbrook. The rail way was in built in 1910.



### **Transportation**

At the train station, the train stopped to pick up people. The main transportation was the train. The train was also how people got all of the goods they needed.



### **The grain elevators**

All the farmers brought their grain to the elevators. The trains stopped to pick up the grain.



Years ago only boys had bikes. The boys rode their bikes down the road for transportation. This is Mr. Pepper's Grandmother, Amy, with her brothers (left) Granville and (right) Norman Pickup.



This is Main Street a long time ago. Horses pulled a sleigh for transportation.

These are cabooses which people rode in during the winter. They were pulled by horses.





In 1912, Mr. Pepper's Great-grandfather, Mr. Ernest Pickup, started the Shellbrook Chronicle.



There was a bad, bad, big, big fire. They had pumpers to put out the fire. The fire was January 3, 1915.

Stooks were loaded on a wagon pulled by a team of horses. The stooks were taken to the thresher.



The swather was pulled by a tractor..

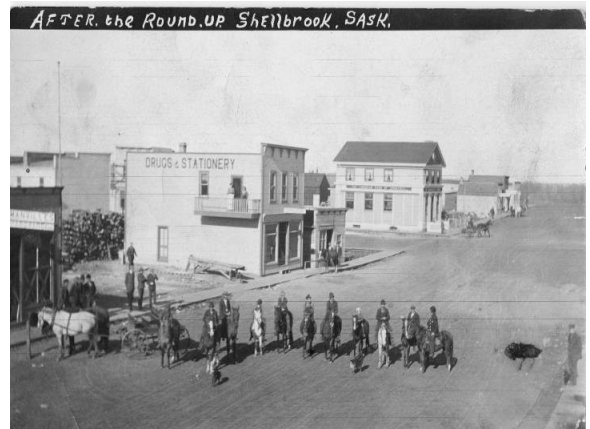


This is the livery stable where a blacksmith works and he can fix carts.

This picture was taken from up high in a grain elevator. You can see the Railway Station and the Hotel across the street.



This is Main Street from the Railway Station. Cowboys round up cows to be loaded on trains.



Cowboys after the round-up.

