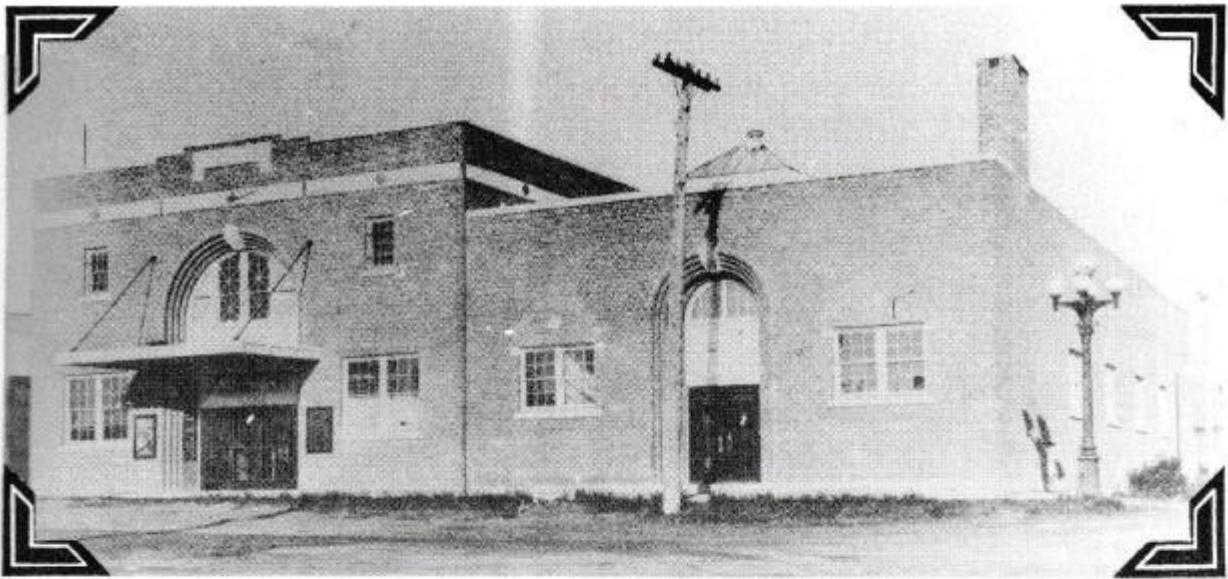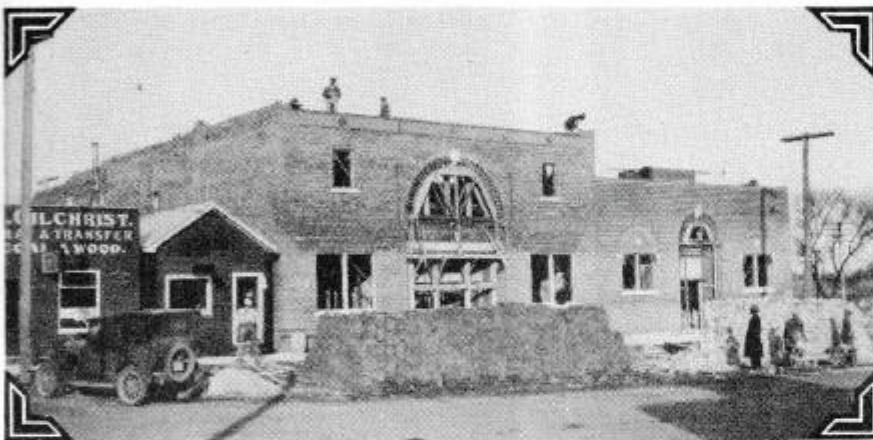# AVALON THEATRE AND COMMUNITY HALL

The Avalon Theatre and the Community Hall were built in 1929 by the Kitchen Bros of Souris. Opening in 1930 the Theatre was run by Harry Baldwin through the thirties, forties and fifties. On Monday nights they ran a 30 minute series for 5 cents. Numerous people have owned and run the Theatre since then. In the late 1990's the Town of Souris took over the Theatre. A Volunteer Board runs the day to day operations of the Theatre with the help of a large number of volunteers manning the gate and the concession. In 2012 a large fundraiser was begun in order to purchase digital projection equipment. Thanks to generous community support this was accomplished. At the same time, the interior and exterior of the Avalon was updated with the sanding and re-varnishing of the floors and the purchase of new seating. The Souris District Arts Council has as well been able to create dressing rooms back stage, enlarge the stage and purchase curtains to cover the movie screen when it is not in use. The Souris School as well has begun using the Theatre for its drama and musical productions. This truly is a Community Theatre - locally owned and run by dedicated volunteers. The movies are current and affordable, and the Avalon Combo – Popcorn, Drink and Chocolate Bar is a hit with all its patrons.

The Community Hall was the place to be Saturday nights, for the Saturday night dance held there. Since the new Community Hall opened, it has been owned by many businesses, the last ones being restaurants, who have maintained the nostalgic feeling of those dances.

Picture 1929
First opened February 19, 1930

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Erected at a cost of over $40,000.00

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Present tenants at the time of printing
Plaza Petals, Bev Somersall
Plaza Deli, Isabel Winters