

## MOOSEHORN SUPPLY

BETTER KNOWN AS "SAMMY'S STORE" TO LOCALS, OWNER, SAM ZECHOVAL. OPERATED THE TYPICAL GENERAL STORE HOUSING EVERYTHING FROM GROCERIES, DRYGOODS, BUILDING SUPPLIES TO HARDWARE AND FARM SUPPLIES. THE LARGE BRICK BUILDING WAS LOCATED ON THE PRESENT SITE OF THE MOOSEHORN COOP HARDWARE.

FONDLY ONE CAN REMEMBER ENTERING THE STORE AND BEING OVERWHELMED BY ALL OF THE AROMAS OF THE DIFFERENT SPICES, COFFEE, BULK FOODS, BINDER TWINE AND OIL WOOD FLOORING. ANOTHER FOND MEMORY WHICH IS NOW A THING OF THE PAST WAS HOW CUSTOMERS COULD CHARGE THEIR PURCHASES UNTIL MONTH END OR WHENEVER THEY WERE FINANCIALLY ABLE. THIS KIND OF SERVICE ALLOWED THE LOCAL POPULATION TO MAKE ENDS MEET EVEN WHEN TIMES WERE AT THEIR WORST..

SAM ZECHOVAL ARRIVED IN MOOSEHORN IN 1922 AND WORKED FOR JOE WACHNOW - THEN OWNER OF THE STORE AND ALSO OF ASHERN SUPPLY IN ASHERN. SAM EVENTUALLY PURCHASED THE STORE IN 1946 AND OPERATED IT UNTIL 1958 WHEN ILL HEALTH DEMANDED HIS RETIREMENT. THE STORE WAS SOLD TO MOOSEHORN COOP AND EVENTUALLY WAS DEMOLISHED TO BE REPLACED BY A NEW FACILITY IN 1999.

SAM ZECHOVAL WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS KIND SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF MOOSEHORN AND HOW HE WOULD "PAY ATTENTION" TO YOUNGER PEOPLE WHEN THEY ENTERED THE STORE. THIS WAS HIS "SECURITY" IN A DIFFERENT FORM OF WHAT WE HAVE TODAY.