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CENTENARY OF FEDERATION 1901 – 2001, 28TH, 29TH & 30TH SEPTEMBER

There has been much enthusiastic activity in the vicinity of the Colin Thiele sculpture in the Town Gardens as the Centenary of Federation Shelter and its History of Local Transport portrayed in an array of tiles is being constructed by Jim Dunstan (with assistance from his father, Keith) in readiness for the **Official Opening on Sunday 30th September at Noon**. Local people and children have sketched, and written short stories on special tiles which have then been fired by both Jim and Ronda Dunstan in their pottery kiln. The Community is indeed indebted to this talented Family for its enthusiasm and vision in all things Historical and Artistic, a Family which is also very modest about its achievements.

The Eudunda Hospital Auxiliary is staging a challenging display entitled **“A Hundred Years of Federation in Flowers” in the Eudunda Hall**. This display is open to all Organizations within the Community, it will be wonderful to see the imaginations of our local floral people depicted in flowers.

Brenton Hoffmann's Toy Museum, the Art Show in the Eudunda Club, the Bush Dance at Julia – what a Weekend!!!!!!!

The Programme and its Times is on view in the Heritage Gallery Window.

FAMILY REGISTER

I, Hans Milde, was born on the 16th October, 1692. On the 12th January, 1721, I entered the holy estate of marriage with Magarethe Berens, single, and honourable. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Evers Bagt. God grant us peace and unity and his blessing, and finally, a place among the saints. For Christ's sake, Amen.

On the 17th August, 1724, my daughter Maria Eliesabeth was born, and on the 19th, through the water of holy baptism, she became a member of the body of Christ. God grant that this daughter of ours may grow up to the glory of God, and as a source of joy to us, and in the end may attain to eternal bliss. For the sake of Jesus. Amen.

On the 15th November, 1724, I was captured by Algerian sea-robbers and taken to Algeria on the 26th. On the 5th October, 1725, I was ransomed for the sum of 3028 pieces of eight and on 16th November I then left Algeria. On the 15th February, 1726, thanks be to God, I again arrived at home.

On the 19th December of the same year my son Johann Ditrich was born, and on the 21st, through the water of holy baptism, he became a member of the body of Christ. May God bestow on him in this world his grace and blessing, so that he may grow up in Christian virtues, to the joy of his parents and for himself for eternal life. Amen.

On the 19th October, 1728, my son Johann Ditrich left this world of time and entered eternity.

In the year 1729 my son Johann Milde was born. May God grant him a happy life and a blessed death, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

On the 22nd November, 1732, my son Paul Jurgen saw the light of day. May God grant him a happy life and allow him to be child of eternal life. Amen.

On the 13th March, 1739, my son Johann Gerhardt was born. May God grant him a happy life and a blessed death. For the sake of his dear Son. Amen.

On the 7th May 1741, my son Johann Gerhardt was taken from this world of time into eternity.

On the 13th September, 1745, for the sum of 3900 pfennig, I bought my job as Harbour Master at the Oberbaum from the Chamber. (Oberbaum was probably at the upstream end of the Port of Hamburg.)
(An extract from the "Family History of Wilhelm and Elisabeth Milde.")

THE EUDUNDA SHOW

With Spring Shows taking place each weekend, here is a little History of Eudunda's own Annual Show.

Kapunda Herald, Friday 11th September 1896.

Like other towns in the colony which have any spirit of enterprise left in them, Eudunda a few weeks ago resolved upon a gathering together of inhabitants, and has now an embryo show which promises to develop into an annual stock show and ploughing matches, with the probability of it becoming what in older towns is known as an 'agricultural show', and the people of Eudunda and district are to be heartily complimented on the enthusiastic manner in which they inaugurated it on Wednesday last. The weather was admirable and the residents turned out *en masse*, there being about 600 people on the ground.

Kapunda Herald, 16th September 1898

That the district is deserving of a show was very markedly manifest on Wednesday, in point of attendance, at any rate, there being during the afternoon quite 1,000 persons on the ground, which was located about a mile out of town on the northern side. In the crowd were half-a-dozen aboriginals who appeared very much interested in the various devices by which white men are foolish enough to lose money. Messrs. Hyatt and Dennis of Morgan, had an exhibit of their patent plough share and socket, which tests have proved to be convenient, economical and effective in working. There was only one exhibit of plough and that, a first class treble-furrow stump jump, manufactured by Mr. W.F. Krummel, who was complimented by the judges.

Kapunda Herald 27th September 1901

The Eudunda Show held on Friday last was a successful one. The weather was merely overcast with occasional threatenings for a shower which did not descend. One facetious Eudundaite remarked that in that district it took more clouds to make a shower than were required in other parts. Professor Skuthorpe's feats of horsemanship and a circus company helped the country people to while away a few hours. The gatetakings were 60 pounds (\$120), the total receipts being 170 pounds (\$340), and the secretary expects to have about 25 pounds (\$50) to the good when everything is squared up. Messrs. Wiesner & Hilbig had samples of Wertheim pianos and Veritas sewing machines on display. Mr. C.F. Leditschke of Point Pass displayed Gritzner and Singer sewing machines, of which he is the agent.

(An extract from "Eudunda Show Centenary 1896 to 1997".)

BURRA COPPER MINES

Friedrich Wilhelm Dreckow was born in 1862. At the age of 14 years he was carting wood to the Burra copper mines from Robertstown, for his brother Chris. Each trip took 3 days. An early start and he'd get to Sod Hut, which was a pub, where he camped for the night, the next day Burra where he'd unload, and then back to Sod Hut for the night, and home to Robertstown the following day. He was never molested by the bullockies and others at Sod Hut.

A LOCAL GYMNAST

Lou Sachse, son of Ted Sachse formerly of Point Pass, started his career in 1945 as an acrobat with the Harold Raymond Show, touring the country towns of South Australia. His salary was 7 shillings and 6 pence (75cents) per week and keep. During the war years he had taken up gymnastics as a hobby and performed at the various army camps and hospitals which gave him much needed and valuable experience. In 1946 along with his partner Max Kitson, the act then known as "The Maxwells", was contracted for the Tivoli Circuit of Australia, then went on to tour New Zealand and England and eventually the major theatres and nightspots of the world. They learned to ice skate and soon put their acrobatic comedy routines on ice to perform with the famous Ice Capades

and Holiday and Ice Shows in the United States of America and Europe. Lou met his second wife Cynthia while touring with Holiday on Ice in Europe. They married in 1964, continued working until 1974 when they retired from Show business and returned to settle in Adelaide.

(An extract from "The Family Sachse" Book.)

DROUGHT

In around 1933 there was a terrible drought. A family from Paruna which had moved to Morkalla just over the Victorian Border with the hope of an improvement in their lives, experienced the devastating shortage of stockfeed and water.

What feed there was, went to keeping the farm animals alive. On washing days the cows clustered around the wet clothes hanging on the line and sucked and chewed on the clothes for any moisture.

THE 1941 FLOOD

Mrs Leola Rooke (nee Wilksch) was a young girl when this flood affected her father's property at Geranium Plain. It was fortunate that many people had left the area in the 1940 drought because the Spring Hut Creek overflowed and flooded the vacant houses. Mr. Ernest Wilksch had all of his fences swept away and that night he made a temporary small enclosure in which to keep the horses and cattle. Leola's sister Ruth (Jaensch) had the job of caring for the younger children and they watched the floodwaters from the safety of inside the family home. The youngsters saw their father's wagon tipped over and swept away into trees, and the square 200 gallon tank which had been on the wagon was found a mile away with much mud in it. Dinner was not eaten that night until it was seen that the water level was receding from the Wilksch home. Ruth and her sisters were attending school at Geranium Plain and to get there it was necessary to cross the flooded Spring Hut Creek which was fairly deep and then scramble up the washed banks. The flood had washed away the straw schoolshed and the girls' loo. The children waited for the teacher to arrive, eventually he came and investigation of the school revealed that water had been through one end of it and that the Library books were water damaged. The first

day of school in 1941 for those children and their teacher was spent cleaning up the mess. After the flood Mr. Wilksch worked for the Engineering & Water Supply at Geranium Plains, building the holding tanks for the Morgan/Whyalla Pipeline. The E. & W.S. was grateful for the flood, it showed up the lie of the land and where it was best to place the pipes.

At Florieton there was a good rain of 180 points. And then later in the day there was a roaring noise and the Paul Jaensch Family saw that water was submerging the paddock south of their home – some of the water came from the Spring Hut Creek which had overflowed at Geranium Plain, and also from the Ruediger Hills. The water in this lagoon came toward the homestead and then flowed into the Burra Creek and then that was in flood to the north of the home. The turbulent floodwaters were miles wide and swept away all fences. Clem and his father were refencing paddocks for weeks thereafter and they untangled the telephone line between The Gums Station and Glen Bower home. The Burra Creek was full of water all the way to Morgan where it enters the River Murray by way of Bryant's Creek, flowing over that bridge.

Ben Heidrich reports, from his records of rainfall, that almost 410 points of rain (102.6mm) were recorded at Eudunda that day. The Heidrich underground tanks were over-run with floodwater and when the tanks were pumped out 2 feet 6 inches of mud remained, and this mud had to be cleaned out with long handled shovels – one tank was 10 to 12 feet deep. Benno Schiller and Paul Materne went to see Deep Creek in flood, Benno on the north side, Paul on the south side, they both said that the water was 5 feet higher than the creek but there was so much force in the flow that it could not spread out. It was estimated that 3000 acres of land were underwater at Craigie's Plain, and that at one end of the Plain the water was 15 feet deep. Ben's uncle Wilhelm Heidrich and Oscar Grosser went to Weckert's Stonefield sale by horse and buggy, and had to come home through paddocks in places because some creeks were impassable.

Charlie Zerner and his sons Walter and Eddie left Mount Mary for the Sale in their Ford Roadster. They did not reach there, too much

water, and turned round for home, successfully navigating Craigie's Plain, but then struck trouble when they came to the Deep Creek water flowing over the Mount Mary Road on its way to the Plain. The car became bogged and the three men spent the night in the vehicle, their absence causing great anxiety at home. The next morning they waded through water almost a metre deep and arrived home before midday to a very relieved wife and mother, Emma, and neighbour Bill Giersch.

(Extracts of letters by Clem and Ruth Jaensch and Ben Heidrich and interviews with Mrs Rooke and the Zerner Family.)

ALEXANDER AND JANE PATTERSON

Alexander and Jane (nee Ross) forebears of the Patterson Families in this District, were married at Dollar, Scotland, on March 23, 1834. They migrated to South Australia in the barque *Asia* together with their daughter Christina, son George and Alexander's mother-in-law Christina Ross. It was recorded that Christina Ross said, "If Sandy goes to Australia, then I am going too!" The *Asia* sailed from London under the command of Captain Freeman. She was a barque of 523 tons and carried 120 passengers. The ship's doctor kept a diary which is now in the possession of the Adelaide Archives. He mentions that some staple foods such as cheese and potatoes became progressively exhausted as the voyage proceeded. He also writes that there were cases of measles, dysentery, typhus and scarlet fever among the migrants. The entry of May 11, 1839 reads "Christina Patterson age 3 – dead of dropsy or measles." The *Asia* berthed at Port Adelaide July 16, 1839 after a voyage of 5 months and one week.

(An extract from "Among the Pioneers", the Alexander and Jane Patterson Family History.)

BUNDEY IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 1881 - 1925

Bundey is situated approximately 27km N.E. of Robertstown and 31km N. of Bower. The Hundred of Bundey is named after William Henry Bundey, M.P. Legislator and Judge 1871 – 1881. The area was settled early in the 1880's and among the pioneers were the families of Winter, Jaensch, Zobel, Wilksch,

Heinze, Gregurke, Kubel, Baehnisch, Geister, Gertig, Vogelsang, Materne and Schmidt. In 1891 Mr. Johann Zobel donated land for a church to be built. Section 94C was created by subdivision of Section 94. Section 94C contained an area of 1 acre, 3 roods and 6 perches. Prior to a church being built at Bundey the services were held in the home of Mr. Zobel; Mr. Zobel being a layreader. Pastor Karl Albin Doehler also served the congregation from 1882 – 1889. The first church built was of Pug and Daub. The dedication was performed by Pastor Rechner in 1889. After a storm damaged the church a new church was built with limestone, bricks and lime mortar. It measured 30 feet by 18 feet, the vestry measured 9 feet by 10 feet. Two windows were placed on each side of the main building and one in the vestry. The interior was humbly furnished, the altar being a table covered with a cloth on which stood two single candlesticks and a cross. Another smaller table was used for lay reading and seating was by the way of forms. There was no organ to provide music for singing and the Gregurke girls and E. Jaensch led the congregation. Gus Gregurke and Ted Vogelsang were layreaders with Ted Vogelsang being the last layreader of this church.

(An extract from the booklet "Bundey Immanuel Lutheran Church" compiled and published by Betty Dreckow and Clem Jaensch.)

JAEGER STRAIGHT DERAILMENT

One very hot summer day when Coral Roocke (nee Jaeger) was about ten years old the Adelaide bound passenger train derailed near her home, between there and the Geyer home. In hot weather the rail lines would spread apart, which is what occurred on that day. Coral recalls that the sound of the metal train wheels going "BANG, BANG, BANG" as they hit and broke the wooden sleepers was truly frightening. The passengers disembarked, the driver used the Jaeger's phone to call the South Australian Railways for assistance, and Coral's father Alf Jaeger very kindly took a can of cool milk to the passengers for them to drink while they were awaiting a replacement train.

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