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Committee

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HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

One of our most important events on the calendar is coming shortly. "Friends of the Gallery Morning Tea" To all our Friends of the Gallery - you are invited to our Annual Morning Tea at the Euclunda Clubrooms. This will be held Wednesday, 8th February at 10.30 a.m.

-Mark the 8* February in your diary - see you there.

Also a friendly reminder that subscriptions are now due, so if you would like to rejoin and continue your wonderful support - it would really be appreciated.

THE GALLERY

New items are coming in regularly to the Gallery. One of our recent acquisitions and suggested by some, as the oldest display - is "The Roadside Pulpit' (Church Notice Board). This notice board from outside the former Wesleyan Methodist (and now Uniting Church), has with it proof of use in 1876. This can also be seen in a very early photo of the Church in "Hills, Valley and Plains" by Betty Dreckow on page 116.

WANTED

Do you have any old dress making models or even a shop dummy? The Heritage Gallery is in need of these to display old uniforms, wedding dresses, etc., so the public can come and view them. What about a hat stand or a mannequin head for our hats? Items can be loaned, donated or even sold to the Gallery. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

WEIGHBRIDGE

Council took on board the suggestion from the Heritage Committee of shifting a signal from behind Daveys Mill into the wonderful new garden area. The signal has been fitted with floodlights and is in keeping with the restoration of the Weighbridge.

MELVA'S MEMOIRS - final part by Melva Hintz

We had lots of happy evenings playing and singing with the organ, playing cards and games with relatives and friends. I enjoyed baking and cooking for the clan, going on picnics with the family on Sundays, first with horse and buggy, later by car. At Christmas time we always

went for a weeks' holiday camping somewhere in S.A. with car, tent, trailer, sometimes a caravan. We needed a permit from local police to close the wine shop. A bachelor had the wine shop before us, lived in the rooms attached to the shop -the store room and cellar. Had plenty of work cleaning to make it livable for the family. Due to World War 2 all buildings were still under Government control so we needed a permit from the local doctor to certify the house needed renovations. So in 1947 we rebuilt, added a large kitchen etc. We enclosed part of the back of the shop for a bathroom and laundry. Still had to boil hot water in a wood copper, washing with a Goerns hand pump machine. Later on we bought our first Hoover electric washing machine with hand wringer - made wash days easier. Also enclosed a boys' room for our boarders - A.W.'s brother Ross who went to High School and later worked for the P.M.G. (Post Master General's Dept., now Australia Post), my brother Willis who came to work at Eudunda Fruiterers, and my brother Dan who worked in our shop. At weekends they went home to Australia Plain by push bike (8 miles). They paid five shillings a week board. My mother came to Eudunda with sulky and horse, Ruby, bringing eggs and cream to the factory, waited for the cans to be emptied, then brought buns and cakes for afternoon tea with us. The older children went home with her on Fridays after school for the weekend on the farm and we fetched them back on Sunday. They had a great time with their grandparents and uncles, who were not much older than them. The years soon passed. Ola left school, worked in the telephone exchange until she married in 1953. Wilma later went to work in Adelaide. I needed an operation and was unable to work for 6 months, so we decided to sell and moved to St. Morris in Adelaide in June 1958. Times were still hard. A.W. went

back to shoe repairs, and I found work at Dimonds Picture Framers until I retired in 1979 at the age of 65. Difficult times, but financially better off. Then in 1981 we sold our home at St. Morris and retired at Unit 37, Trinity Place, Pasadena (the Lutheran Retirement Village) where I still am at the time of writing in January 1988. *Editors note: I hope you have been able to follow Melva Hintz' recollections of her life through the three installments, A true picture of life from 1914 to 1988 in the Eudunda area.*

MARKET DAYS **by Edgar Zander**

In bygone days Eudunda was served very well by various stock firms, having market days several times a month, The earlier ones being, Coles Bros., Elders, Goldsbroughs, in later years amalgamations took place. Coles Bros, went Dalgety Coles, then Dalgety Bennetts Farmers, and several name changes since.

As a young lad I was a great fan of A.L. (Tod) Mosey watching him auctioneering at Robertstown and Eudunda and in later years was privileged to work in the yards whilst he was still auctioneer. Also helped at various clearing sales in the district. Also Ross and David Cotes often came to these markets being the bosses. Also in the earlier days all stock, namely horses, cattle, sheep, had to be brought to the yards on foot. At this time there were some very good horsemen around. They could really make their stockwhips talk, one of these chaps coming to mind was the late Bill Loffler. He was also one of the yard men for the different stock firms.

Coles yards, originally were on the premises which are now the police station.

The Coles markets were on a Tuesday every month, which was a great day for the district, as the men, even dressed in

suits, would bring in anything to be sold. Sundries, vehicles, pigs, calves, sheep, cattle, horses, pets, poultry - you name it. When stock arrived, numbers (names of owners and addresses had to be booked), yarded and classed in various sizes, etc. Usually the selling began with sundries (in case present day people are wondering what these were) they consisted of anything from a mouse trap, to furniture, bags of grain and in season vegetables and fruit. Then all manners of poultry. Followed by pigs, calves, cattle and horses, up in the cattle ring which was a lofty structure, with rows of seating for buyers and sellers, as well as spectators, then followed the sale of sheep.

In later years one of the auctioneers was a local lad namely Ern Henneker. As the pens of pigs were sold each pig that went to the trade had to be branded with the buyers brand, as at those times there were many buyers - some coming to mind being Chapmans, Jacobs, Tremellen Bros., July Krieg, Angus - each having their specified brand, so one had to remember them all, this applied to the rest of the stock also.

After the selling was completed, stock that was leaving the district, pigs and calves had to be loaded and carted to the railway trucks, sheep and cattle had to be hoofed up by road, that's were a good dog and horse were very useful. Some of the cattle including bulls were quite cantankerous; one of these once went into Wiesners Shop. As luck would have it the side door was open, and he made for an early exit - at that time the trucking yards were opposite the flour mill.

Farmers Union, when they started, built their yards next to the Railway Line. This was done in most areas, so they did not have this extra hassle. Elders (and in later years Goldsbroughs) had their sale yards next to McLeods Building, and where Greg Obst's home is now (area

opposite the roadhouse,

Editors Note: Thank you Edgar for those - recollections. In the tiled garden shelter shed there is a depiction by Yvonne Schulze of an old truck being loaded for market day at their farm.

EXTRACT FROM THE EUDUNDA COURIER 80 YEARS AGO 11.6.1926

Submitted by Jim Reese

The official switching on of the Electric Light for Eudunda took place on Friday evening last. The weather was ideal for the occasion. For many weeks past the residents of the town have been looking forward to the time when they only had to press a button in order to switch on a light, drive a motor etc. Electrical mechanisms are rich in labor saving devices; in fact, nearly everything connected with housework can be done by electricity, from boiling eggs to sweeping the floor to cleaning the carpets.

The switching on of the street lights was performed by one of the town's oldest residents of the town and who has resided the longest in this place, one who assisted to lay the very foundations of this town, namely, Mr. F.G.E. Appelt. Mr. Appelt said that he appreciated the honour of turning on the lights, and he was especially proud to be able to call himself one of the citizens of Eudunda. He has lived in Eudunda for the greater part of his life and has seen many changes. There had been many ups and downs, but the ups had been the majority. When he had come to Eudunda 52 years ago it had been in its infancy, there were three houses, a small pub, a primitive flour mill, two streets and one street corner. The hotel had been illuminated by a stable lantern to tell travellers that they could obtain board and lodgings for the night. Eudunda today has good public buildings, parks, a show ground and good public pavements and now the Electric Light was here.

Mrs. W.P. Eckerman, wife of the Chairman of the District Council of Neales had the

honour of turning on the lights in the district hall.

The engineer of the Mid North Electric Company (the installers of the electricity) Mr. Witney presented Mrs. Eckerman and Mr. Appelt with an electric light switch each, on behalf of the Company, in commemoration of the occasion.

Mr. Witney said it was a little over a year ago when he got a letter from the Council requesting him to come to Eudunda and see if it would pay the company to bring electricity to the town. In those days about all he knew about Eudunda was that it was on the map! It was the ambition of his company to light towns and all the houses of

farmers along the route.

ABORIGINES

Prior to white settlement in the Eudunda district the aboriginal tribes of the Ngaiawang and Ngadjuri people roamed our area as it was heavily timbered and much wildlife abounded - emu, kangaroo, mallee fowl and rabbits providing them with food. The springs along the ranges and Julia Creek and River Light were part of the many watering places they inhabited. Evidence of their settlement has been proved by artifacts being found along the hills and springs at Hampden, in the Ngapala and Sutherlands areas.

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