

MORE OF MARIE McIVOR'S MEMORIES

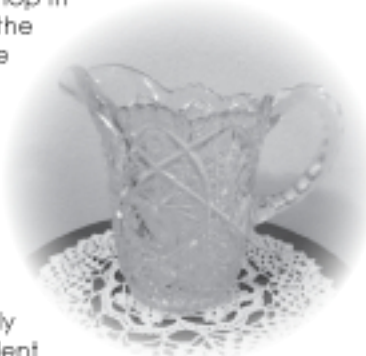


In the early 1930's many people were out of work because of the depression. The government decided to build the Bruce Highway north of Brisbane to give jobs to people.

The road came through Kenilworth and a lot of people were employed. Most were camped in tents on the Mary River as that was the only water supply for both cooking and bathing. Building the road

brought people and money to the community.

Arthur Tanner ran the only shop in Kenilworth. Although small, the store stocked a wide range of items and the business thrived during these years. On the first Christmas of the road building, Mr Tanner gave each of his customers a glass jug valued at 2 shillings.



My mother used her jug regularly and eventually passed it on to me in excellent condition - without even one chip.

I was really pleased to have it and it was kept in a china cabinet in Brisbane for around fifty years.

It seems fitting that it is now returned to Kenilworth and has a place in the Kenilworth Museum as part of the Tanner's Store display.

Marie McIvor (nee Passlow) pictured top.
Pictured below 1930s Road Camp.

KENILWORTH MUSEUM RE-OPENS IN MARCH

After receiving this article I came across a report in the Nambour Chronicle, published on pg 7, 16 Sept. 1932:-

Road Contract Commenced

Messrs Hicks and Burroughs have commenced their contract on the road between Kenilworth and Cambroon on the North Coast Highway. A large number of men will be employed when the work is in full swing.

In the same article it was announced that Mr A.E. Tanner had disposed of his shop and land to Mr J. Trimble of Kin Kin who intends starting a bakery business.

Mr Tanner is also mentioned in the article as the referee of the soccer match between Kenilworth Township and Kenilworth Lower Schools which resulted in a draw because neither side scored.

What a busy community Kenilworth must have been in the early 1930's! Two schools with enough students to field a soccer team each.

Marie has brought some beautiful memories of Kenilworth at that time to life with her story of the little glass jug - thankyou for sharing it Marie.

Note the Kenilworth Historical Museum will **reopen Sunday, 6 March 2016 at 10am** when hopefully some of the hot weather may have abated.

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