

Mrs Edith Harvey arrived in Bgo with 5 children aged between 4 years + 14 years.

arrived Bgo. 1931: after coming thru dreadful depression years - & in Quambatook in the 1880s & a short time in Colona. We rented a house in McBrae St. 1 door from Chapple St. directly opposite St. Killians Church. I remember the bell used to be rung 6am + 6pm everyday. & right next door to Mrs Bamons Lolly shop, the rent was 5/- per week.

The back yard wasn't very big & we used to play chasie, hopscotch, skippy in the winter <sup>on the street</sup> & at weekends we would walk down Lake Weeroona & catch yabbies & there was a swing. & we would spend many hours there.

In the summer time we would walk out to the East Bendigo <sup>Swimming</sup> pool, which had a mud floor + that & always muddy water. but we really enjoyed especially my sister Daphne & myself we'd go together. We lived in

McBrae St. for a couple of years & then moved to 2 Wills St. & didn't have to walk out to East Bendigo pool, because there were Ladies Baths (swimming too). & that was concreted & cost 1 penny each admittance, & it was really great. we didn't have any toys to play with but we were were happy kids with a wonderful caring mother. We went to school at Camp Hill & I went onto Bendigo H.S. now B.S.S.C. I loved school & in the good weather we would have our dinner down in the Park in the Band Refund.

In the wintertime our Mum would bring us down fresh made pasties & a bit of cocoa.

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(1931-33)

(1933-36)

→ On to Bendigo  
Bamons Lolly

The face of Bendigo has completely changed. particularly the Business area. BRIT collage was then called the Bgo School of Mines. & it had a small museum there, with lots of native birds & animals etc. I used to love to go & look at them fairly often.

\* We moved to 21 Wills into a big old house. I think about 1936 my mother got a loan to buy a house at 43 Queen St. off Bendigo Mutual Building Society & the manager was Mr Balsellie & she always spoke highly of him, he was a very good business man.

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Queen St.  
bought it.  
W. Loren

\* My mother let out rooms to 3 elderly ladies who paid 2/6 a week which paid the rent with a little to spare. by this time, as kids were beginning to grow up. years started work doing home help, jobs were very few & Jan between & then Daphne started work at Royal Mail Hotel. by 1936 started work in the Office of Wholesale Fruit & Veg. which didn't go for very long. I then worked at Kanro Knitting Mills for a couple of years & I didn't like it much, then I got a job with Marshall's Fruit Supply one of the leading Fruiters in those days 2 door from Powney's News Agent <sup>Hargreaves St.</sup> between the 2 shops was a grocer. D. Whyte & Co. There were 3 ~~big~~ leading Fruit & Veg & I took a job there until something else came along.

Then 1939 World War 2. broke out, + the Boss Mr Wally Marshall had to go on the farm with his brother, + as things got worse, he had to go + work at the Ordnance Factory, + I had to manage the Business during his absence. I then couldn't get out of there until after the war. I used to do the Banking + ordering of stock as well a staff of 3 or 4 staff. + casuals of weekend.

Friday in Bendigo was the busiest day of the week. The farmers from all around Bgo district would come in + different areas they would catch up with their neighbours; the men would have a talk + a drink, while the ladies shopped. It used to be mostly horse + gigs + buggies.

Christmas time the council used to tie small branches of gum leaves to the veranda posts around the main block, now Hargreaves St Mall up Williamson St. Ball Mall + back Mitchell St.

There were 2 Hotels in Hargreaves Mall with stables at the rear.

\* Cost of living was very cheap during early 1930's My mum would send me down to Burns Auction Rooms + I would get bunch carrots + parsnips, cabbage + medium pumpkin for 2/- Friday Auction day apples 2/6 case. + oranges 20 for 1/-

During the War 1939-1945 we had to  
have coupons for most things sugar, tea,  
flour, butter, manchester, petrol etc. it  
was a very austere time for everyone.  
from "then on after war was really  
over, there were many jobs around  
& everyone seemed to prosper.

I was married in 1948, my husband  
was a return soldier, we both worked  
to get our own home & have never looked back  
recently celebrated our 56 Wedding Anniversary