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Depression

Entertainment - Penny Concerts

- "Treats" at D.F.D. for children of
those on "sustenance" - bag of lollies -
raspberry cordial

sustenance - "Susso".

Fathers or husbands went away to
work e.g. railways - Sea Lake -
Berrinellock

"Hand-me-downs" - clothing

Vegetable growing - fertiliser = manure
from horse & cart delivering -fruit & vegetables, groceries, milk, bread
Milk - took aluminium or enamel
billy to front gate.Grocer - took order - delivered later
in week.Easter Fair - Procession, Side Shows etc.
Making jam, sauce. ^{Only had tinned fruit} on special occasionsFruit Trees - dried apples on wooden
trays with fly wire base,

Kindness of neighbours,

Children - without shoes

- lunch wrapped in newspaper

Tissue paper / brown paper bags - saved -
always took tissue paper & bag home.Borrowing from neighbours e.g. cup
of sugar, vinegarMeat - mainly rabbit / sometimes chook
(never called chicken in
those days)

Most people kept fowls (chooks) for eggs. We sold fowls to people for Christmas dinners.
 Lollies — 20 "raspberries" for 1 penny — rarely had to spend.
 Prospecting — "gold panning" could get a "~~Mine's~~ Right," Prospector's Certificate
 Houses — many not on Freehold but on "Mine's Right" — converted to Freehold later — paid for this.
 Parents had a loan from Bendigo Bldg Society to pay off house — 5 shillings a week. Paid off — had to mortgage it — I can remember my mother crying.
 Wood stove — "flat" irons.
 Bath — none in house at first — bathed in large tub in front of kitchen stove.
 Crystal radios — we got Mickey House Radio after we moved to Melbourne. Listened to Argonauts, "David & Dawn" & Mr Edwards (he always "appeared" on Friday night to solve any problems. There was also an aboriginal child on programme — can't remember his name).
 Comics — Playbox — only bought occasionally.

I don't know anyone who had a car at that time, Hanson calls at station - never rode in one - not enough money,

Aeroplanes - if an aeroplane flew overhead (very rarely) we'd all rush outside to look at it, "Herby" on Lake Weeroona, Hessian all around so you couldn't get a "free" look.

Paddling area for chn at Lake Weeroona - railing around it, school - slate, pencil, wet + dry dusters, - often had rag (hanky if you had them) pinned on outside of clothes.

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