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BULK FOOD

Mapp's Bulk Food Warehouse, the first-ever Queensland bulk grocery warehouse of its kind catering to the general public, opened with overwhelming success on July 10th at Staple Street, Oldfield Industrial Estate.

By mid-morning all laneways between the stacked bulk goods were packed with enthusiastic economy-conscious shoppers to the extent that a third cash register was hurriedly installed on a make-shift trestle to cope with the rush.

This new concept of grocery shopping "by the half-case" is the brain-child of Mr Peter Mapp. Managing Director of Mapp Holdings of which the Bulk Food Warehouse forms but a part. The successful opening of the warehouse culminates five months of intensive planning, co-operation and hard work by all concerned. The 'instant success' formula was proven by the number of shoppers from as far afield as Beenleigh who zeroed in to take advantage of the tremendous savings offered by bulk buying — in some cases up to 50%.

Industrial trolleys are the order of the day requiring strong muscles towards the end of the 'spree' to push your way to the check-out desks. Each trolley is equipped with notebook and pen, so that shoppers can calculate the savings per item for themselves.

As the total at the cash register is often more than treble the usual shopping bill, many families have formed 'syndicates' to take advantage of the cheaper bulk buying. Most items are sold in units of 3, 6, 9 or 12, or in extra-large capacity containers.

Some of the brands are unfamiliar. These are the manufacturers' special brands for the catering and restaurant trade — often the same product we use, but under a different name.

In order to be able to offer the high discounts, Peter Mapp has not strayed from the warehouse concept — a huge 9,000 sq. ft. wrought-iron building with a concrete floor. All costs have been kept to a bare minimum. The entire operation requires a staff of only seven to attend to the hundreds of shoppers passing through the huge doors daily. Mr. Les Haddad, resident of Jindalee with many years experience in the grocery industry, has been appointed manager.

Peter Mapp, a young energetic businessman with the flush of success fresh on his cheeks, worked constantly with very little sleep for the five weeks prior to the opening, ensuring every aspect of warehouse selling was examined and perfected, and helping the up to 100 workers to stock the sturdy shelving units with the enormous range of items offered.

Trading hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and 8 to 11.30 a.m. Saturdays — and to make things easy on yourself, take a pocket calculator and a friend with a strong back.

NEW START FOR OLD RESIDENT

Well-known Centenary personality Bruce McKensy, resident of Jindalee and Sales Manager with Hooker Centenary for the past 10½ years, is the proprietor of the new, independently-owned L. J. Hooker Jindalee real estate office; he commenced operations this month from the old Hooker Centenary office at Sinnamon Road, Jindalee.

As the subdivision and land development at Jindalee was complete, Hooker Centenary offered their premises at Sinnamon Road to the Hooker Corporation's Agency Division — L. J. Hooker Limited operating from the city — for use as a franchise office to conduct a general real estate service.

Mr. McKensy, a licensed real estate agent and auctioneer since 1949, has witnessed the tremendous growth of the entire project, and is familiar with every aspect of the development.

The new L. J. Hooker Jindalee office offers a complete real estate service — house, land and industrial sales, auction sales, property management, house and industrial lettings, household and motor vehicle insurance, mortgage protection and life assurance.

Mr. Peter Lightfoot, General Manager of Hooker Centenary, commended Bruce on his long and faithful service over the past 10½ years, and wished him every success with his new venture.

Bruce has been involved in many local organisations since their inception — progress association, swimming, bowls and golf clubs, just to name a few. Bruce says somewhat regretfully "I am a worse golfer and no better bowler than when I arrived. But I have certainly gained a wealth of real estate experience during my decade with Hooker Centenary."

ADULT EDUCATION

The free Adult Education evening classes held at the Jamboree Heights State School have been enthusiastically attended by a number of Centenary residents.

As the present courses offered are nearing completion, Mr. Peter Burrows of the Adult Education Board invites all Centenary residents to give their suggestions for new classes to commence the second week of September (tel.: 24 6848). If demand is sufficient plans will be made to include the suggested subject in next term's courses.

The Adult Education Board is part of the State Department of Education, and all tuition is free. However, any items required for a particular class — for example, copper enamelling — are supplied by the individual.

One of the classes beginning next term should be entertaining to say the least — Understanding Wine, with much 'tasting' and 'testing', and including a tour of Stanthorpe.



Mr. Peter Mapp, Director of Mapp's Bulk Food Warehouse, assisting some early morning shoppers. Photograph by Greg Minns & Assoc.

JAMBOREE HEIGHTS BABY SITTING CLUB

March saw the start of Jamboree Heights' own Baby Sitting Club. Operating on a co-operative points system, no money is involved and a new secretary is appointed every month to share operating costs.

The club at present has a membership of 12, and vacancies exist for new members. Anyone interested in joining should contact the President, Mrs. Anne Robertson, on 76 3573. The only necessity — apart, of course, from children — is the use of a telephone to facilitate easy contact between members.

Baby sitters are available for both day and night minding; the ages of the 'babies' ranges from two weeks to 12 years.

As baby sitting clubs operate best in a confined area to keep travelling time and costs at a minimum, anyone from the Riverhills and Westlake areas — now that these suburbs are soon to be 'telephonised' — who would like information and 'know-how' on starting up a similar club, are invited by Mrs. Robertson to contact her.

ON THE BUSES

All Centenary residents will be interested in the new bus timetable included in this issue. A 'fast-transit' bus run to both Oxley and Darra railway stations to meet early morning trains into the city and to carry commuters home from the stations in the evenings has been included in the new Centenary Bus Service.

This special bus-to-train service, which will commence on 11th August to coincide with the August holidays and Exhibition week, is in fact two years ahead of the State Government's planned "feeder-service" and has the full approval of the Department of Transport.

The new service includes the existing school bus run, which is available to all residents — not just school children.

The new timetable will operate on a three month trial basis, and Mr. Geoff Philp, manager of Centenary Bus Service (phone 70 4238), would appreciate any suggestions from residents as to improvements or additional services.

A study of the timetable reveals the much larger scope of the new service. There is, for instance, a direct bus run from Darra to Moorvale (Moorooka) with City Council bus connection to Princess Alexandra Hospital to coincide with visiting hours, and a service to connect with the City Council bus to Griffiths University.

Fares have been kept to a minimum during the trial period. A 20c adult area fare applies within the Centenary suburbs — if you catch a bus just to the next stop or from Jindalee to Riverhills, the fare is still 20c. The adult fare from all Centenary suburbs to either Darra or Oxley stations is 25c.

Geoff Philp invites all Centenary residents to make use of this new service, especially during the trial period, to prove the convenience and economy offered, and to let him have any comments or suggestions.

The buses are scheduled to be repainted in a distinctive off-white with yellow and red trim to be easily identifiable with our suburbs, together with an area map displayed on the back of each bus.