MANNUM SHOW DAY.

Early 1900s. The GRAND STAND existed, where a triangular block of trees are in 2019.



Mannum Show Committee 1908.



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Mannum Show & Grounds

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<u>"Carl Friedrich SCHUETZE</u> was born on 28th May 1845. He was a child of four when he immigrated to Australia with his family. He married Emma Emelia Buermann, daughter of the Mount Barker undertaker Carl Buermann. Emma had been born on the Burra copper fields.

J Legard is listed as running the **Miner's Arms Hotel** at Reedy Creek, south of Palmer in 1869, but from 1870 to 1871 Carl & Emma were licensees. **The couple then moved to Mannum and cleared virgin land to establish a farm on what is now the site of the Mannum showgrounds.** In 1894 the family moved to a riverside farm some seventeen kms upstream from Mannum (the area now known as Schuetz's Landing. Carl died on 30th November 1906."

Agricultural & Horticultural Show and the People.

From its beginning, the Agricultural Show was a display case, a learning place and the **greatest social event of the year**. Apart from church on Sunday, life was hard work from daylight to dark. As new settlers arrived in both town and farming country, gaining knowledge of growing crops, food, livestock breeding, and marketing were all improved by sharing with each other at the annual shows. Cookery skills, preserving, gardening and handicraft knowledge, was gained by the ladies and friendships were formed. Children made new friends and exhibited their wares too.

The family would prepare their exhibition goods, the family picnic hamper and all be in their best clothing with a polished buggy, to attend the most exciting event of the year. Many of our past local residents were named in the newspaper Show Reports. The Mannum Show was not always held in March.

FIRST MANNUM SHOW was held in the MANNUM INSTITUTE

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1899 – FIRST MANNUM SHOW

(Prior to the Institute's upper story addition in 1911)

Chronicle, 23-9-1899, p.20.

MANNUM SHOW.

The first Mannum show was held in the local Institute on Thursday, September 14, in the afternoon and evening. A number of residents visited the Adelaide show held during the same week, and the attendance at the local affair was not so large as it would otherwise have been. The past unseasonable weather was responsible for the small number of exhibits of dairy produce and vegetables, but although small in quantity the quality was excellent. Owing to the increased importance of this district from an agricultural point of view future shows will have to be held on a much larger scale, and at a different date, so as not to clash with other fixtures. The school work shown proved that the children's education had not been neglected. A promenade concert which took place in the evening was largely attended, and the committee have every reason to congratulate themselves on the success of their undertaking.

MANNUM INSTITUTE



At the time of the 1899 Show, the Institute was single storey.

Continued below [transcribed].

"Subjoined is the prize-list:-

Dairy Produce.—Fresh butter, Miss Haby; Mrs.C. Kowald. Hen eggs, J. C. Zadow; M. C.Teate; W.Ray. Duck eggs, Mrs. Bock; H. C. Teate. Cakes, &c.—Home-made bread, Mrs. Jas. Shearer. Coffee cake. Miss Nickels. Collection cakes, Miss Nickels.

Vegetables.—Turnips, J. A. S. Williams. Parsnips, O. L. Nelson. Spring onions, J. A. S.Williams. Cabbages, Miss Haby; J. A. S. Williams. Cauliflowers, M. C. Teate. Peas, M. C. Teate. Cabbage

lettuce, J. Wanke; Miss Haby; J. A. S. Williams. Coz lettuce, J. Nickels. Collection vegetables,

S. Morris. Cut Flowers.—Collection, J. A. S. Williams. Pansies, Mrs. Camens (1and 2); Mrs. Bolto.

Ranunculi, J. A. S. Williams; Mrs. G. Baseby. Lilies, Mrs. G. Baseby. Table bouquet, Mrs. G.Baseby. Buttonhole bouquet, Miss Schuetze. Basket of flowers, Miss Schuetze. Pot Plants.—Cyclamen, Miss Schuetze. Coleus,O. L. Nelson. Fancy Work.—Mantle drape, Mrs. J. A. S. Williams. Crochet patterns, Mrs. R. Williams. Lace pinafore, Mrs. R. Williams. Dressed doll, Miss

Wainwright. Fire-screen Miss Wainwright. Crewelwork cushion and cosy, Miss Shearer. Moravian work, Miss Shearer. Doyleys, Mrs. Edgcombe. Crochet mats, Mrs. Edgcombe. Macrame drape, Jessie Brown. Drawn thread work, Miss Ethel Trenoweth. Traycloth, Mrs. Jas.Shearer; Mrs. Trenoweth. Fancy pillow-sham, Mrs. Trenoweth. Berlin wool cushion, Mrs. Standen. Child's dress. Miss Wiesemann. Painted cushion, Mrs. J. Randell. Trimmed hat, Miss Wiesemann. White shirt, best got up, Mrs. Bolto. Knitted sock, Mrs. Jas. Shearer. Scholastic Fancy Work.—Handkerchief sachet, Jessie Gower. Bead-work cushion, Bessie Kau. Paper flowers. Mr. Zadow's school. Flycatcher, bead-work, Nita Nickels. Crewelwork cushion, Eva Kau; Lilly Webber. Plush and lace tidy, S. Edwards. Traycloth, Bessie Kau: Olive Edgcombe. Fancy lace cushions, Elsie Edwards. Arrasene cushion, M. Edwards; F. Edwards; Jessie Gower. Arrasene cosy, Mabel Wray. Fancy cushion, Miss L. Mobs; Eva Kau. Drawn-thread work, Charlotte Miens. Pinafore, Phyllis Billinghurst. Chemise, showing hemming, seaming, stitching, and gathering, Bessie Kau; Jessie Gower; Gladys Billinghurst. Fancy mats, Bella Kau. Berlin work, Sylvia Tabe; Bessie Kau; Bella Kau. Berlin work, special, Tillie Hausler. Drawing, six copies from Class IV. B drawing-book, Edgar Towill. Drawing, book IV. B, tinted, Jessie Gower; James Denniss. Drawing-book IV. A. P. W. Billinghurst; J. Denniss. Drawing-book A. Lelina Fiedler. Drawing-book II. AB, Berthold Droegemuller. Drawing-book III. AB, P. H. Billinghurst: Gladys Billinghurst; KateWaters. Drawing-book O, Kate Waters. C. copybook, John Hausler. K copybook, KateWaters; P. W. Billinghurst. Covers for "Children's Hour," Mr. Zadow's school. Mapping made easy, Gladys Billinghurst; Phyllis Billinghurst. Silk-thread flower tracing, Bessie Kau. Block-work, Tilly Sickerdick. Silk tracing, by juniors, Gladys Billinghurst. Mat-weaving, Phyllis Billinghurst; Stephen Billinghurst. Embroidery cards, Sophia Lanfern: J. McKay. School writing competition, L Topsfield; L. Dohnt. Wool — One fleece merino, J. Hooper. Longwool, J. Hooper."

1899 - Pellaring Flat school students received awards for Mannum Show entries.

PELLARING FLAT, December 21. This afternoon Mr. Wanke, chairman of the board of advice, presented the prizes and certificates at the school here. The swards of merit (numbering 33) gained by the scholars here at the Mannum show were also distributed. Part songs and recitations were given by the children, and Mr. Wanke expressed himself highly pleased with the work which has been done by the school during the current year.

Chronicle, 30-12-1899, p.28

1903

CHUCKA BEND, OCTOBER 8. Haymaking has commenced, but very small quantities will be cut thus year, as there is every prospect of a sufficiency of feed tor stock, and the farmer seems loth to level the tall crops, which in many cases are as high as the fence and the heads are filling splendidly.

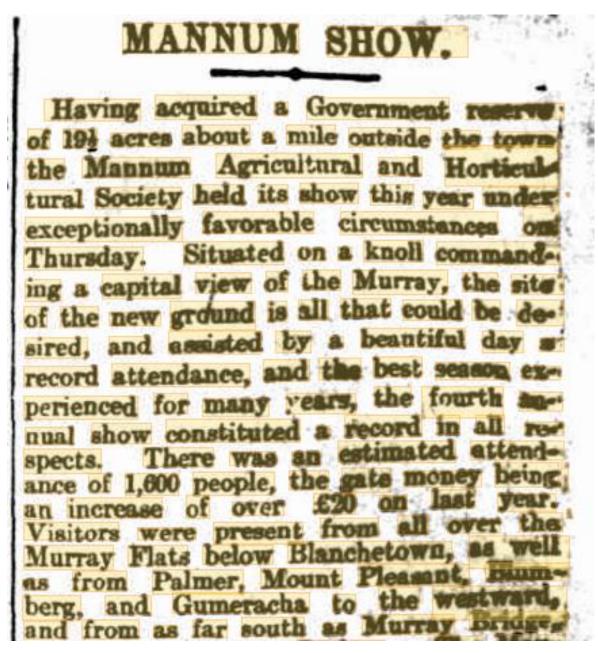
as the tence and the heads are filling splendidly. The steamer "Nellie" ran an excursion trip to the Mannum show last week. It was well patronised, for passengers embarking from this landing alone. A brass hand on board added to the enjoyment of the trip.

Burra Record, 14-10-1903, p.2.

The steamer "Nellie" ran an excursion trip to the Mannum show last week. It was well patronised, 61 passengers embarking from this landing alone. A brass hand on board added to the enjoyment of the trip. The paddle steamer *NELLIE* left the Bowhill landing with 61 passengers, bound for the MANNUM SHOW in 1903.

<u>1903</u>

The Advertiser, 3-10-1903, p.10



Monarto, and Mount Barker. Inc must assured.

The officials are:-President, Mr. D. Shearer; vice-presidents, Messry. J. W. Walker, J. Shearer, and W. J. Webb; treasurer, Mr. B. Baseby; secretary, Mr. J. L. Scott; committee, Messra, F. E. Schuetze, S. von Doussa, I. McMillan, W. Murray, G. Banks, J. R. Baseby, J. Nickels, S. Hoad, W. G. Wilson, J. Larritt, Jr Stopp, J. A. Schultze, F. Opie, A. Krehin, A. Faehrmann, J. Sickerdick, H. Ockenden, J. G. Preiss, W. Haby, G: Baseby, O. Lenger, G. Lenger, R. P. Scott, and C. F. Mau.

Both the draught stock and the horses in action were creditable, and the events well contested, Mr. George Hill, who judged the latter, speaking in high terms of the quality of the animals. Some good Half a dozen horses jumping was seen. were entered for the high jump, for which Messrs. G. E. Baseby and W. Roy tied at 5 ft. 2 in. The former also took first honors for the 11 st. hunter and 13 st. hack, while the latter annexed the maiden hun ter. In this event two mishaps occurred and J. Egel received severe injuries through his mount falling on him. He sustained a scalp wound, but was not dangeroasly hurt. The entries of cattle were good, particularly in the dairy cow section, where the judges had difficulty in deciding. Messrs. Groth Brothers and Mr. C. F Bock were awarded first and second prize

Only merino sheep were shown, but th were a fine lot, Messrs, E. H. Starkey end Groth Brothers figuring strongly. For th best ram depastured on the Murray F for the last twelve months, Mr. C. Starkey secured first prize, and for the ewe, a age, Mr. H. A. Hoffmann, and for the rising two years Messrs, Wachtel Broth were successful. There was not much com petition in pigs, the prizes going to Mes Wachtel Brothers (Palmer) and Mr. Busch (Mannum). In the newly-crected pavilion, 60 feet x 30 feet, flowers, fruit, and vegetables, dairy produce, industries and art made a nice display, and the exhibits were of high quality. Outside the poultry came in for a share of praise, the principal prizetaker being Mr. J. E. Bleeze, of Blumberg. In implements and machinery Messrs. J. and D. Shcarer, the local manufacturers, were most in evidence. This firm took the prize for a new mechanical invention likely to be of public utility with their exhibit of a two-part comb and beater stripper. Their four-furrow stumpjumping plough also annexed the special for the best plough on the ground. Dur ing the day the Mannum Brass Band, unde Conductor Schulz, rendered selections. As president and secretary respectively Mesara D. Shearer and J. L. Scott carried out their duties well.

PRIZE-LIST.

Horses.-Draught Stock-Judge, Mr. C. Moyal. Entire, E. and D. Miller; Groth Bros. Three years, Nitschke Bros. Brood mare, A. Paech; J. Stanley. Three-year-old gelding or filly, J. Maxwell; C. Strauss. Two-year-old, F. W. Lebusans; J. Maxwell. Yearling colt or filly, H. Schubert; F. W. Lehmann. Foal at foot, O. Bottroff. Boad. ster Stock-Judge, Mr. C. Royal. Brood mare, H. Schubert, W. Male and Sons. Horses in action.

-Judge, Mr. G. Hill. Pair horses, in German waggon, van, or trolly, E. A. Bamm; W. Male and Sons. Hack, up to 13 st., G. Baseby; Groth Bros. Up to 10 st., Nitschke Bros.; J. W. Strauss. Maiden hunter, W. Roy. Hunter, Ik st., G. E. Baseby; P. Kain. High jump, G. E Baseby; W. Roy. Lady's hack, J. Cowan; W. J. Hannum. Pair buggy horses, T. L. Brophy; J. and A. Schulte. Buggy ponies, J. Cowan; C. Chapman. Single buggy horse, B. Baseby; H. Pony, 14.1 hands or under, Groth Hanckel. Pony in harness, Groth Bros. : J. J. Cowan. Cowin. Pony, 13 hands or under, driven, W. H. Hoad; E. Neumann, Ridden, W. H. Hoad; C. Graeber. Pony, jumper, C. Graeber; Payne Brog Pony tandem, S. M. Hoad; C. Chapman. Cattle .- Judge, Mr. H. Giles. Shorthorn W. Jaensch. Jersey or Alderney bull, W. Malo and Sons; J. H. Wilhelm. Dairy cow, Groth Bros.; C. F. Bock. Heifer, under 3 years, C. Lueders. Under 2 years, W. Male and Sons, Pair fat bullocks, B. Baseby. sheep .-- Judge, Mr. J. Hypes. Merino raw, over three years, E. H. Starkey. Rising two years, Grothe Bros. Ewe, over three years, E. H. Starkey, Bising two years, E. H. Starkey. Five fat shoop, H A. Hoffmann; B. Baseby. Fat lambs, Groth Brea. J. A. Schulze. Merino ram, any age, depastured on Murray Flats for last twelve months, C. Staring; J. A. Schulze. Ewe, H. A. Hoffmann; Wachten Bros. Ewe, rising two years, Wachtel Bros.; C. Starkey. Pigs.-Judge, Mr. H. Giles. Boar, W. F. Bu Breeding sow, Wachtel Bros.; W. F. Busch, Lit-8 64.4 ter, W. F. Busch. Dogs.-Judge, Mr. A. Johnson. Sheepdog, Bottroff; B. Baseby, Oattle dog, B. Basedow; Zadow. Greyhound, C. H. Ramm; E. Newm Fox terrier, Dr. Moule; G. Scheer. Wool .- Judge-Mr. J. Cowan, Merino wool, E. H. Starkey; W. G. Mills. Merine gre grown on Murray Flats, H. A. Hofmann; Bros.

Grain and Farm Produce,-Judges, Pflaum and J. Stanley. Four bushels wh Maxwell; Wachtel Bros. Malting barley, J. Schulte (1 and 2). Dun oats, J. Maxwell. Coll tion farm produce, J. A. Schulze. Collection gro fodder, E. A. Ramm. Bag chaffed bay, Lehmann; W. Roy. Dairy Produce.-Judges-Means. W. A. La H. Oppatt. Pair hams, Miss Scheer; F. Dairy Produce.-Judges-Montha W. H. Oppatt. Pair hams, Miss Scheer; F. W mann. Sides bacon, F. W. Lehmann (1 an Hen eggs, Mrs. J. F. Schmidt; S. Wilksch. eggs, R. Paech; J. Schultz. Fresh butter, not separator-made, J. A. Schulze; H. Sickerdick, Separator-made, J. A. Schulze; J. A. Wilhelm Lard, J. Sickerdick; Mrs. W. Dickson, Poultry .- Judges-Messrs. J. G. Whitfield an J. B. Johnston. Gander, G. Zadow; H. Tapapott. Goose, J. H. Wilhelm; H. Tapscott. Pekin drake, J. Schultz; J. A. Schulte. Duck, J. Schultz; Ja Indian Runner drake, J. A. Pyne, A. Schulte. Duck, J. A. Pyne. Turkey cock, S. Heaus er; 1/ E. Randell. Hen, A. E. Randell. Buff Orping ton cock, J. E. Bleeze; A. Wachtel. Hen, J. E. Bleeze; A. Wachtel. Silver-grey Dorking cock. J. and A. Schulte. Hen, J. and A. Schulte. White Leghorn cock, A. Randell. Hen, A. Randell (L and 2). Brown cock, G. Zadow. Hen, A. Wachtel; G. Zadow. Plymouth Bock cock, J. B. Hen, J. E. Bleeze (1 and 2). Minorca-Bleeze. cock, G. Zadow (1 and 2). Hen, G. Zadow; Grotin Indian Game cock, J. E. Bleeze; S. M. Bros. Hen, J. E. Bleeze. Silver Wyandotte Hoad. cock, J. E. Bleeze (1 and 2). Hen, J. E. Bleers (1 and 2). Golden cock, J. E. Bleeze; J. Schultz. Hen, J. E. Bleeze (1 and 2). 10000 pincs, A. E. Randell (1 and 2). White dotte, J. E. Bleeze (1 and 2). Implements and Manufactures -- Judges-Ma G. Loveday, W. Mills, and J. Searle. Spring vi

A. W. Schubert. Three-furrow plough (stumpjumper), J. and D. Shearer. Four-furrow, J. and D. Shearer; also special for best plough one ground. Five-furrow, J. and D. Shearer. Buggy, for two, W. H. Mickan. Sulky for two, W. H. Mickan. Ordinary stripping machine, J., and D. Shearer. Windmill, Dutch Bros. Collection castings, J. and D. Shearer Bros. Collection plough and scarifier shares, J. and D. Shearer. Winnowing machine, T. S. Bagshow and Sons. Col. lection harness, S. Wilksch. New mechanical invention, likely to be of public utility, J. and D. Shearer.

Fruit and Vegetables.-Judge, Mr. M. Mangham, Loquats, J. Nickols. Oranges, R. Bolt; F. E. Schuetze. Lemons, R. Bolt; H. Anchel Collection vegetables, W. M. Green; F. E. Schuetze. Caulia flowers, F. E. Schultze. Cabages, S. Henusler; W., M. Green. Lettuces, J. Nickols (1 and 2). Carrots, F. E. Schuetze; W. M. Green. Red beets, F. E. Schuetze, White turnips, F. E. Schuetze. Green peas in pod, W. M. Green; F. E. Schuetze. Piemelons, F. E. Schuetze, Broad beans, W. M. Green Swede turnips, W. M. Green (1 and 2).

Flowers.-Judges-Mrs. J. Shearer and Miss F., Giles. Collection of 12 pot planta, B. P. Randell; F. E. Schuetze. Ferns, B. P. Randell; F. E. Schuetze. Flowering plants, F. E. Schuetze (2). Collection cut flowers, H. M. Baseby; Mrs. J. R. Baseby. Ornamental stand cut flowers, F. E. Schuetze. Collection wild flowers and grasses, under 14 years, Miss H. Sickerdick; Miss Olsen; Miss Kate Baseby. Table bouquet, F. E. Schuetze. Roses, F. E. Schuetze. Verbenas, Mrs. Camens, Petunias, J. R. Baseby. Pansie, B. P. Randell. Carnations, J. R. Baseby. Stocks, F. E. Schuetze. Buttonhole bouquet, Mrs. H. Tapscott; Miss B. Baseby.

Miscellaneous. -Judges-Mrs. J. Standard and Miss Putland. Collection of jams, E. H. Starkey; G. Baseby. Marmalade, F. E. Schuetze; G. Baseby. Jellies, G. Baseby; F. E. Schuetze. Assorted. preserved fruits, F. E. Schuetze; G. Baseby. Bais sins, J. H. Wilhelm. Home-made bread, A. E. Dicken; W. Tabe. Scones, Mrs. J. Shearer, Mrs. J. R. Baseby. Home-made cake, Miss A. Sickerdick. Photos, A. Withers. Polished boots, Miss H. Hoad. Artistic and Fancy Work.-Judge, Miss F. Giles, Original painting in oil, Miss G. M. Murray, Watercolor, J. Martin. Oil flower painting, Miss Mathieson. Collection fancy work, Mrs. J. L. Scott; Miss G. Walker, Miss W. Schulze, Blackand white, Miss G. Walker. fromed white shirt, Miss E. Payne. Phain needltwork, Miss H. Sickerdick; Miss T. Ockenden.

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MANNUM SHOW, 10th October 1907.

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CAN YOU NAME other people ?

Back Row:

Centre Row:

Front Row:

GENERAL NEWS.

THE MANNUM SHOW.

The committee of the Mannum A. and Society are to be commended for their decisi to again run a show this season, after an i termission of twelve months. There was first a certain amount of opposition to the pr Then t posal, but this was soon overcome. committee had to face the difficulty of securi a secretary; but this, too, was surmounted the decision of that young and sprightly mer ber, Mr. F. E. Schuetze (who celebrated h 70th birthday this week), to undertake t ouerous duties of the office. The townspeop have shown considerable interest in the sho and the farmers in the surrounding distric have responded with alacrity to the appeal take up membership. In regard to entries, M Schuetze is most optimistic and expects a 1 cord list. He is fortified in this opinion by t enthusiasm that is being shown by the usu patrons of the various sections. The state the river will, in all probability, prevent may of the riverside settlers from taking their cu tomary interest in the show, and the atten ance from this direction will suffer. But fro the farming community on the high lands t show will undoubtedly receive great suppor and the attendance should be quite up to th of previous years. The district has gone ahea and there is no reason why the show shou not become a recognised feature of the ag cultural life of the Southern districts,

-The Lunchcon.-

The ladies of Mannum have undertaken all arrangements in connection with the luncheon and afternoon tea, and the profits will be devoted to the funds of the Red Cross Society and the Y.M.C.A. A small goods and cool drink stall will also be under the control of the ladies. Donations of fruit, cake, produce, etc, for the luncheon and the stall will be thankfully received, and may be left, on the day before the show, with Mesdames Wilson, Curtis, Phillips, and Marston, and Miss Schulz. Mr. H. P. Wishart will be pleased to receive the names of persons willing to assist, especially in preliminary preparations.

- The Concert -

As usual, after the show, a concert will be given in the Institute Hall, and this year the evening's entertainment will be in the capable hands of Miss Edna Arnold, who has spent a deal of time in organizing a band of Pierotts. All who witnessed the programme which this young lady submitted in the Institute on the occasion of the unveiling of the roll of honour will appreciate the entertainment which has been carefully prepared for show night, and the Institute should reap a substantial benefit therefrom.

The Mount Barker Courier & Onkaparinga & Gumeracha Advertiser, 28-9-1917, p.1.

<u>1918</u>

GENERAL NEWS.

THE MANNUM SHOW.

A meeting of the Mannum Show Committee was held on Tuesday evening last, when the balance sheet in connection with the last show was passed. It proved that the show, from a financial point of view, was the most successful Mannum show so far held, the balance sheet showing a profit of £90. The result reflects considerable credit on the officials and committee of management.

The Mount Barker Courier & Onkaparinga & Gumeracha Advertiser, 15-2-1918, p.1.

THE SHOW.

Mannum's annual District Show will be held next Wednesday (Eight Hours' Day). Given decent weather, the fixture should be a success, as all country shows held this spring have done well.

On all hands it is being recognised that shows are worth supporting, not only because it is a day out and enables residents of the district to meet and swap experiences, but because it is educational and so of value to the individual and the State.

The Mannum Show Committee has made all arrangements for the show, and it now remains for producers and others to enter their exhibits, and make the show the success it undoubtedly should be.

There will be the usual attractions common to all shows, and patrons can obtain all kinds of refreshments on the ground.

The Mount Barker Courier & Onkaparinga & Gumeracha Advertiser, 9-10-1925, p.1.

Mr. B. W. LEACH.

L.D.S., B.D.Sc. (Univ. of Melb.),

Surgeon Dentist, Murray Bridge,

Will Visit-

MANNUM

the Second and Fourth THURSDAYS

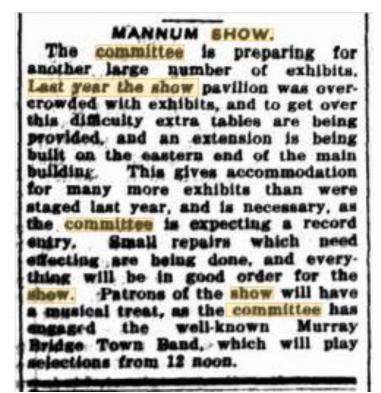
of each Month.

Next visit-OCTOBER 22

BE SURE AND SEE

Various show reports:

<u>1928</u>



The Mount Barker Courier & Onkaparinga & Gumeracha Advertiser, 28-9-1928, p.1.

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