

A GRAND OLD MAN

"MUDGE" PHILLIPS

Harry Phillips (affectionately known as Mudgee) is a well known and highly respected figure in the Wellington District.

Mr. Phillips was born on the Diamantina River, Queensland, in approximately the year 1866. He was born on a Station owned by Sid Kidman and was early in life christened Wild Harry.

From the date of his birth he lived on the Diamantina until he was about 15 years of age and he was then taken to Adelaide and later to Melbourne.

He was in Melbourne at the time of the visit of the Prince of Wales in 1881 and he has vivid recollections of the celebrations at that time.

In about the year 1882 he returned to Adelaide and for a couple of years fought as a boxer. However, the call of the bush was too much and he eventually returned to Cooper Creek, Queensland, as a Stockman.

Mr. Phillips worked on various stations in Queensland and New South Wales until the early years of this century when he went to work at Brindley Park, Merriwa, for the late Mr. Albert Bellington. He worked at Brindley Park for a long period of time breaking in horses and doing general stock work. Eventually he came to the Gulgong and Wellington Districts and has lived in the Wellington District for the past twenty-five years. He was married at Peak Hill in the year 1922 and has three daughters and eleven grandchildren. His only son died many years ago.



Mr. Phillips is over ninety years of age but is remarkably active physically and is very alert mentally.

Until a few years ago he used to regularly take part in buckjump riding at Rodeos. His last appearance as a rider of that nature was at the Wellington Show two years ago.

On that occasion he rode some wild bullocks and although he was thrown on a couple of occasions he escaped without any injury whatever.

Mr. Phillips and his wife have recently been granted certificates of exemption from the Provisions of the Aborigines Protection Act. These certificates were granted to them in recognition of their good character and example to other aboriginal members of the community of Wellington.

Needless to say Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are intensely proud of these Certificates of Exemption.

Our Youngsters on Television

Grand time at ATN

Some of the children who were down in Sydney for the Summer Camp had a wonderful time when they visited Television Station ATN at Epping and took part in the Programme.



The television cameras get ready to "Shoot" whilst Superintendent Saxby stands by in the background and has a lot of fun watching.



Big smiles for the camera. The producer "briefs" one group whilst another is being televised.



Captain Fortune tells a story and the youngsters listen with great interest.