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THE sky was still overcast after heavy rain when this picture of Church Street, east of the Square, was taken about 1890.

On the extreme right is the double-storey building of Beckett's. Next to Beckett's is a building with an entrance between two shops, presumably used for deliveries.

The first shop is a bakery owned by George Hunter, and the second is George Maughan's butcher shop.

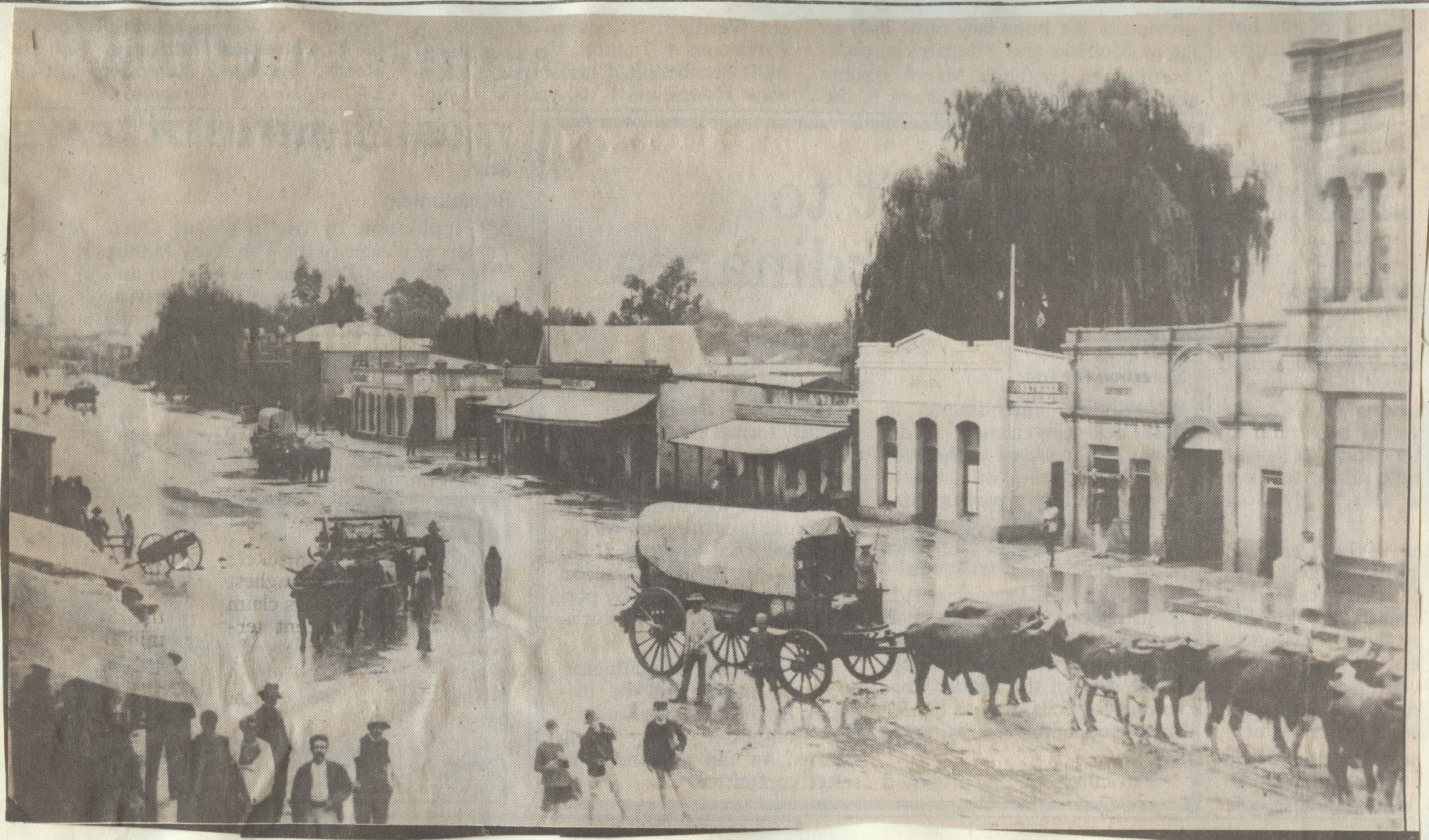
The white building next door is owned by W Henning, Wholesale Wine and Spirit Merchant.

Between Henning and Maughan a sign over the entrance to an alley proclaims the presence of H K Tucker, coach painter and sign writer.

Other buildings down the street at the time housed bars, restaurants, a bottle store, a boot manufacturing company and auctioneers.

Today's picture of this part of Church Street shows how radically the city centre has changed.

(Pretoriana picture submitted by Mr F H Beyers of Ben Viljoen Street, Pretoria North. Text by Daan de Beer.)



Pretoria is studded with historical places. New buildings and other structures have replaced landmarks well remembered by the city's inhabitants. As a special feature for all our readers — both young and older — The Pretoria News publishes pictures every Friday showing how time has wrought changes to sites in the city. We print early photographs of the sites with pictures of them as they are now, although a new building sometimes obscures the view. Should any readers have pictures of Old Pretoria, showing landmarks which have changed dramatically over the past years, please forward them (with a note saying when and where they were taken) to the News Editor, The Pretoria News, PO Box 439, Pretoria 0001, or hand them in at the News Room, Second Floor, The Pretoria News, 216 Vermeulen Street. Unfortunately The Pretoria News cannot be responsible for loss or damage to any photographs.

