

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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Memories of R.S. Grinter 1923 – 1926

Remember Mr Grinter from earlier I.C's - the following are more of his memories of his time in Quandialla.

On the morning of Sunday the 18th of October 1925, Bob Eve and I went to have a look at a horse each on a property owned by Mr Napier near Berendebba. On the way we passed a small provisional school which Mr Albert Pfeiffer had built on a corner of his property (pise structure). As the door was unlocked we decided to have a look inside, well now, there was a clean black board and a piece of chalk on the ledge at the bottom of it, and I could not resist the temptation of writing on it. So I wrote a short verse which my father had taught me and it went like this:-

Mr Smith is a very good man,
He tries to teach us all he can,
Reading, Writing and Arithmetic,
And he doesn't forget to give us the stick.

I am pretty sure the teachers name was Smith, but anyhow, he must have been put out by it because the Troy children told me later that he checked all their books to see if he could match the hand writing, I went to school in Victoria and the Victorian style of "r" had him beat.

I rented an adjoining property to "Daisy Meadows" which was owned by Gus Fiegert, this property was added to mine after I sold it. Gus had three brothers, Paul who lived at Quandialla, Herman who lived at Barmedman and Ernie who lived at Quandialla near the Levick family.

One very wet season when the ground was too wet to get machines on to it, Charlie Keir sowed a crop of oats by broadcasting the seed by hand from the back of a horse. He tied the reins to the stirrup irons and guided the horse by moving his feet. He had a bag of seed hung in front of him and as the horse walked over the paddock he threw a handful of seed out over the ground and then harrowed later. The only problem Charlie had was that the horse was an old race horse who was not content with walking and his attempt to slow him down he lost his balance and landed in the mud.

*Look out for further instalments in the coming months -
I find Mr Grinters' memories very interesting.*

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

HISTORY BOOK

Just a reminder to those folks who will be writing their family history for the Centenary History Book,
time is ticking.

We hope to have all our information gathered by 30th March 2013. Your history submission can be left at the Post Office where it will be filed ready for the big job of putting this book together. In Idle Chatter No 17 you will find the Typing Format for all submissions for your reference. If you have misplaced or thrown out that copy you can find them on the Quandialla Web Page or call in to the P.O.

Centenary Meeting

will be held on
Wednesday 30th January 2013 – 7.30pm
at The Bland Hotel

ALL WELCOME

NOW

FAREWELL GATHERING for STAN & TERESE ARMITAGE: Will be held this Saturday 12th January - 8 pm at the Bribbaree Services & Citizens Club.

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Meals will be available from 6.30pm on the night for those wishing to dine out.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS for Quandialla District – 26th January 2013

All Day: Yabbie Competition – Weighing & Measuring 6pm, Races at the Bland Hotel at 7.30pm after the BBQ.
Contact Geoff Edgerton for further information.

Pool: The Quandi Pool will be open from 2.30 until 7pm
FREE ENTRY

BBQ at 6.30pm: Community gathering at Blamey Park for Welcome, National Anthem and awards. The BBQ will commence directly afterwards and each family is asked to please bring a salad to share.

*Come and join friends and neighbours
as we celebrate Australia Day 2013 together.*

GENERAL NEWS: Sarah Taylor flew out of Sydney on Sunday 6th Jan for Kenya where she will spend the next four weeks working with medical staff at the hospital in Mombasa.

BLAND HOTEL Poker Jackpot – \$140.00 this Friday
QUANDIALLA BOWLING CLUB Members Draw has jackpotted to \$7,700.

REMINDER: Women's Health Clinic will be held next Thursday 17th Jan at the Quandialla Health Centre. Phone: 6347 1200 for an appointment.

SAD NEWS: Mrs Thora Reeves formally of Quandialla passed away and was buried in Grenfell last week.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

This same day in 1957

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 37

THURS. JAN. 10TH 1957

After fourteen day's rest from this Idle Chatter business I am tempted to prolong the holiday indefinitely. There seems little doing in Quandi these days. Whether I fill the sheet or not is very doubtful at the moment and any space which may be left will not benefit the usual person as she is on a well earned holiday. Talking of holidays, the district population is rapidly thinning out. The Os Kellys, Reg Penfolds have already left and Sid Ward and his wife are leaving on Thursday. Les Troy and his family will be leaving on Monday and undoubtedly a lot more that I have not heard about.

Mr Ces Penfold suffered a bad fracture of the leg in unusual circumstances. A log was being towed by a tractor for the purpose of lifting piping from the ground when the log struck an obstruction. Whipping round, the log caught Ces above the ankle. The break is a bad one and he was taken to the Mena Hospital Mosman last Tuesday for further treatment. I hope your recovery Ces, will be complete and speedy. Best wishes from all at Quandi.

Well, the 1956-7 wheat season is at an end with the closing of the local silos. The total intake was just on the 2000 bushel mark. This I would imagine, must be the, all time low. The new test for rubbish, pinched and cracked grain is going to cause some concern next season. Tests have shown that a great quantity of wheat accepted last year, would not come anywhere near the standard stipulated. The export market is getting tougher and it looks as though you, the grower, will have to do your share in trying to capture the dwindling market by producing a cleaner sample of wheat.

Don't overlook the despised saffron thistle. Les Potbury working on "Lavendo" informs me that he grabbed one no thicker than a finger, and with one blow killed a 5'6" snake. He has such a nice honest countenance that I cannot doubt his words, but.....

Congratulations to Terry Minogue on passing his leaving certificate.

Until next week.....Cheers **Sue Priestley**