

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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OLD NEWS WEEK

I have been searching old papers for articles that relate to Quandialla and this week I would like to share a few that I have come across.

Hope you find them interesting.

THE FAMOUS FORD printed in the Kalgoorlie Miner W.A.

On Wednesday 29th September 1926

The following is from the "Ford News": - Dear Sir, - During the thirteen months I have had my Ford Truck I have travelled 15,300 miles over very bad roads on the well-known Bland black soil plains, pulled heavy loads, and to the axles in mud in places I have not yet travelled on a good road, with it. There is no car like the Ford. - (Sgd.) J.R. Olsen. Carrier, Quandialla.

CAR OVERTURNS printed in The Sydney Morning Herald

On Wednesday 23rd July 1930

QUANDIALLA. Tuesday. At about 5 o'clock this afternoon a motor car, driven by Mrs T Giddens, wife of the licensee of the Bland Hotel, overturned about a quarter of a mile from Quandialla on the Bimbi-road. The driver swerved to miss a ditch and the car skidded. The wheels struck two holes in the road, and one of the front wheels broke, causing the car to overturn. Mrs Manning was pinned under the car, and sustained severe concussion. She was attended to by Dr. Perkins and was removed to the Quandialla Hospital, where she now lies in a serious condition. Mrs Giddens and two other occupants of the car escaped injury.

POLICE COURT CASES

printed in The Sydney Morning Herald

On Thursday 28th January 1932

QUANDIALLA. Wednesday

At the Quandialla Police Court before

Mr EJ Harrison P.M. Robert Anderson sen. pleaded guilty to a charge of having behaved in a riotous manner in Second Street on Christmas night. He was fined 5/- with costs 8/- in default two days' hard labour.

Frank Ray Stonham pleaded not guilty to a charge of using indecent language at the wheat silos at Quandialla. Thomas Stonham, father of the defendant, gave evidence for his son. The magistrate said he did not believe defendant's story, and fined him 2 pounds with 8/- court costs, in default five days hard labour.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

CAN ANYONE TELL ME?

What year did the Quandialla Silo's open? – *Responses: We have three dates so far – 1922, 1928 & 1929*

What was on the land before the Hotel was built?.....

Quandialla Football Teams colours? – *Responses so far: Red & White before the war, Blue & White or Brown & White after the war and Blue & Gold when they reformed in the 1970's*

Where was the Blacksmith's shop?.....

Where was the race track situated?.....

Where was the first Quandialla P.A.H. & I Show held?.....

NOW

REMINDER: 2 Day Mental Health First Aid Training Course will be held in Quandialla on the 14th & 15th Feb. You need to register ASAP closing date is Tuesday 12th Feb. For further info call Dianne Gill on 0427 460 430

QUANDIALLA JACKPOTS: Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw has jackpotted to \$9600 this Friday and the Bland Hotel Poker Jackpot is \$200.

DID YOU KNOW!! – There is a “Bowen Therapist” in Quandialla. Congratulations to Jodie Vonthien on achieving her qualifications. More great news, Jodie will be working at the Quandialla Health Centre, starting on Wed 6th Feb (fortnightly). For more information on how Jodie might be able to help you or to make an appointment. – Ph: 6347 1313

UNDERCOVER WEAR PARTY will be held in the CWA Rooms this Saturday 2nd February at 5pm. For further information phone Vesna on 6347 1330.

EVERYONE WELCOME

LEARNERS WELCOME: There has been some bowling activity at the Bowling Club in recent weeks with the 6 o'clock Sunday Social Bowls getting good support. Pleased to hear that there have been some new bowlers getting to grips with the game. Social bowls is all about having a bit of fun and provides a great opportunity to learn the fundamentals of the game. Anyone thinking about giving it a try will be made most welcome. Flat sole shoes are required. Bowls and basic coaching will be provided. Names in by 5.30 for a 6 start Ph: 6347 1209

Club Dates to Remember: Annual Quandialla – Caragabal – Grenfell Pennant Trial at Grenfell 6pm Thursday 7th February also Barmedman V Quandialla Pennant Trial Saturday 9th Feb.

WANTED NEWS ITEMS or I will have to start waffling.....more

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

This same day in 1957

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 40

THURS. JAN 31st 1957

The spirit which helped to build the old west is not dead yet.

Witness the working bee which was held on Ces Penfold's property last week. In no time at all 130 acres of land was ploughed by a team of willing workers, determined that the injury Ces suffered, will not prevent him getting a crop providing nature will also co-operate. This is the first of many working bees which have been arranged, and Mr & Mrs Vic Penfold are touched and very grateful for this outward expression of good will. Those who took part in last week's effort were Norman Pearse, Russ McKenzie, Kevin Johnson, Ken Brett and Ross and Don Penfold. Les Penfold also lent portion of his plant. All the boys send their best wishes to you Ces, with the message... "Don't worry".

Since last week's issue, two more teachers have arrived. One is Mr Leo Bain who is boarding with Mr & Mrs Skip Armour, and the other Mr Bill Dowson, staying at the Bland Hotel. Bill is learning to play the trumpet which explains some of the weird "oomp aahs" heard coming from his bedroom. The other boarders suggested that he "put a sock in it" to which Bill replied "That there was a sock in it and if we didn't keep our silly remarks to ourselves he would remove the sock and give us the works" We've surrendered. The kiddies may have different ideas.

I am informed, and I hope to goodness it is right or else I will be getting myself shot, that Miss Maureen Rae and Mr Colin Causer have become engaged. On the assumption that it is correct, I would like to congratulate you both and I am sure all the folk agree with me.

Most people of the town area are already carting water, and it seems an appropriate time to revive the question of a supply to the centre. I think it would be interesting to hear the views of the candidates for the Weddin Shire Council Vacancy.

Very interesting to know, that there have been a lot of different people lobbying though the years to try and get a water supply to Quandialla. I'm sure they would all be happy to see their efforts finally rewarded with the fantastic water supply that we now have.

Cheers for another week **Sue Priestley**