

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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PART FIVE – R.S. Grinter’s Memories 1923 – 1926
I have some more memories from Mr Grinter for you today

One autumn time about 1923 we were grading wheat (cleaning the straw and rubbish out of the seed wheat). Along came two salesmen selling blocks of ground at “Everleigh” near Sydney. After some discussion the answer they got was “NO GO”, but Uncle Walter decided to put a sporting chance to them. “If you can carry a bag of seed wheat (200 lb) from here to the house (about 100 yards), open the garden gate and put the bag of wheat on the verandah, I will buy a block.”

The first salesman with all the talk persuaded his mate to give it a go. When we loaded the bag of wheat across this mans’ shoulders it was obvious he knew nothing about carrying wheat, so we gave him a few pointers and sent him on his way. After a staggy start he settled down to a steady walk, he reached the house yard, opened the garden gate and put the bag of wheat on the verandah, Uncle Walter was staggered. The salesman not only sold the block of ground but earned he and his mate a free dinner.

Another memory - Joe Cord borrowed a “silt scoop” from a fellow to clean out the dam on “Daisy Meadows”. During the operation a rope broke and the scoop was stuck in the bottom of the dam. The fellow who owned the scoop was talking to my Uncle Walter about it and he told him that he could not remember the name of the fellow who had borrowed it, but his name had something to do with string (cord). I am pretty sure Joe Cord and my Uncle removed it from the dam a short time later.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

CAN ANYONE TELL ME?

Does anyone remember the Grinter Family?.....

Does anyone know where the George Robinson & Sons General Storekeepers Store was in 1920? They sold Drapery, Grocery, Ironmongery & Produce.....

MJ Conroy Esq. was the vendor for another Quandialla Township Allotment Sale in 1923. Can anyone tell me anything about the Conroy’s.....

What was on the land before the Hotel was built? – *Only 1 response so far and they think there was a grocery shop there.* Could this store be George Robinson & Sons?

Where was the race track situated? – *Responses so far: 1. just past Charlie Sellens’ blocks on the Morangorell Rd – 2. where today’s showground is.*

Where was the first PAH & I Show held? – *Response “Euroka”*

Where was the Blacksmith shop? – *Reponses so far: 1. where todays fire shed stands 2. the block where the teachers units are.* At the moment we have more facts proving the teachers’ unit block to be correct.

CAN YOU HELP

AMONGST the most prominent events on the Quandialla Social Calendar were gatherings at the Hall and Annual Show. Can you help with Information, Documents, Photographs, etc. Your input would be most welcome.

Contacts:

Hall Building & Events: Norma Graham Ph: 6978 1761

Show Society & Shows: John Rae Ph: 6977 1787

NOW

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be held on Friday 1st March 2013 in the Quandialla Anglican Church at 9.30am. *ALL WELCOME*

QUANDIALLA CRICKET TEAM: The Ducks were successful last weekend and came home with a win. At the time of printing I hadn't heard who or where they are playing this weekend but Good Luck – "GO the MIGHTY DUCKS".

QUANDI CAFÉ NEWS by Bill Deery

With much regret we advise that Danielle will no longer be able to operate the Café after this week. She ran a high quality service and will be sorely missed. We thank Danielle, Michelle and Marlene for their contribution to Second St, Quandialla.

Naturally our District and Visitors will be hoping for someone to continue the Café service. If you think you may be able to help, please ring 6347 1217 (Tom & Kelly) or 6347 1377 (Mary & Bill).

NEW IDEAS WELCOME

QUANDIALLA JACKPOTS: Things are hotting up with the club jackpot – there are two Members jackpots on offer. You could win \$10,000 or \$800. The Bland Hotel Poker Jackpot will be \$240 this Friday.

QUANDIALLA PROGRESS & SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL MEETING will be held on Wednesday 27th February 2013 at 7.30pm at the Hall.

TAI CHI: Did you know that Tai Chi could help you with your balance and assist those who suffer from Arthritis. Classes are held every Tuesday afternoon at 3.30pm at the Quandialla Central School. Gold coin donation. For further information phone Helen - 6349 1777

THE CENTENARY COOKBOOK: Don't forget to organise those family favourite recipes that you would like to include in our cookbook. Give your recipes to Kathy or myself or email them to suepcentenary@gmail.com

QUANDIALLA HISTORY BOOK: D Day for Drafts - 30th March 2013

BLAST FROM THE PAST

 Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

This same day in 1957

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 42

THURS. FEB 14TH 1957

Although not being publicised, I think you should know that the Hospital Auxiliary are still working hard to assist this project. Over 1000 pounds has already been collected and much more has been promised. Now that a new hospital becomes a certainty and not a dream, many of those who promised support are honouring those promises, which is gratifying.

A Kitchen Tea will be held in the CWA Rooms on Wednesday February 20th at 8pm in honour of Miss Joy Balderston prior to her marriage to Mr Bruce Hunter.

Don't let your party fall flat. Enlist the services of Quinton Smilie Graham, the eminent Scottish Baritone? His last performance in Sydney was a riot. Or should have been!!!

Peace and quietness has once more come to the Bland Hotel. Mr Bill Dowson, complete with his infernal cornet has been transferred to Dubbo. No longer will this trumpeting terror torture our ears. Good luck Bill at your new school. In his stead comes Miss Leadbitter and I take this opportunity of saying welcome to her and hoping her stay will be a pleasant one.

Jack Minogue our genial Station Master is to be transferred to Darling Harbour. With this transfer goes promotion. It is a case of being sorry at losing him and yet pleased at his step upward. I will say this, that he is going to be hard man to follow. His successor has been set a very high standard of service to the public.

A quartet of Quandialla girls has left for Coolangatta to spend their holidays. They are Fay Keir, Dorothy, Marie and Norma Penfold.

Cheers for another week **Sue Priestley**