

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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Oh!!!!!!!!!!!! What to Put on the Front Page

You know when you have too much choice - the decision is so hard to make. Well – that’s where I am at today. Decisions, decisions – as I’ve had a very hectic week, I’m going with a bit of light relief with this week’s article.

Article printed in the Forbes Advocate – Friday 8th April 1922

GROG ON THE SLY

Not so very long ago a very smart looking young man, carrying a tent and swag, started out on a trip along Forbes-Stockinbingal line. He had an object in view, but that will be explained later. The man with the swag was willing enough, and eventually found his way to a station not far from Quandalla. Here he did all classes of work, and although he had no previous experience in wheat lumping, he tackled that for a few days. The work was so hard, and the man was so new to the game, that he was on for calling “enough” on a couple of occasions, but he saw it through.

Many times at a near-by store he made application for a glass of whiskey, but the keeper of the store informed him there was nothing doing. The man paid his bills regularly, but couldn’t get a “snifter” at any price. This was peculiar in its way, for rumour had it that some of the men in the vicinity had not so much difficulty in making acquaintance with “John Barleycorn”, to the evident discomfiture of their wives and families, as well as themselves.

It is rather truthful saying that “good things come to those who wait” and one fine evening the subject of this yarn was informed by the storekeeper that she had a couple of bottles of grog on hand. A bottle of beer and a small quantity of whiskey were offered, bought, and paid for. The lady who ran the store told the customer that she did not give him any before, because she heard there were police in the vicinity, and she wanted to be quite sure of the person she sold grog to.

Then the apparently inoffensive man, who had carried a swag from Forbes, announced his identity. He was a policeman set to the special task of catching the seller of grog on the sly. One could have knocked the lady down with a feather, she was so much taken aback. He was a constable alright, and had been brought from Condobolin to Forbes, where he was fitted out with a swag and advised to get to business. It took him many weeks before he completed his task, but all will agree he did it thoroughly.

The records of Bimbi Court, where the case was tried, show that Mrs _____ was fined 30 pounds for selling liquor without a license.

I hope you enjoyed that – it made me smile.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

HEAR YE HEAR YE

To all those people who have told me their Family / Group History submissions are on the way – could you please get them to me A.S.A.P. The committee would like to have a few things less to worry about if possible. We need as much time as we can get to work on the book, organisation etc and we are sure there will be some toing and froing between contributors with questions etc.

CENTENARY COOKBOOK

My partner in crime Kathy is slaving away on putting our book together – SO!!!!!! This is your last chance to get your recipes included in this very exciting cookbook. Either drop them into me at the Post Office or email them to suepcentenary@gmail.com.au

NOW

QUANDIALLA SCHOOL CENTENARY: If are reading this and it is still Friday and you are hoping to attend the celebrations on Saturday 27th July you need to R.S.V.P. by today, if you have not done so already.

“CHRISTMAS IN JULY” DINNER: Friday 12th July to be held at the Quandialla Bowling Club. Come along and enjoy a two course meal for \$20 per person and support this fundraiser for the Quandialla Centenary Celebrations that will be held next year. R.S.V.P. by 8th July to Marlene – 6347 2160

We have enough money for part of the train that we have booked for the Sunday - let's work on the carriages now.

DATES TO REMEMBER

29th June – Sewing Group at QCS 10am – 3.30pm

3rd July – Wellbeing Program at the Hall – 9.30am enquiries 63471200

3rd July – Darts Night at the Bland Hotel & My Birthday

4th July – Scholarship Committee AGM – 7pm at the Bland Hotel

6th July – Euchre at Bribbaree – 6.30pm BBQ followed by cards

27th July – Quandialla Central School Centenary Celebrations

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: By crikey I know I would be extremely happy and I know you would too if your badge number came out this Friday night – you could win \$9500, but you must be there when the phone call comes through. Making the effort to go to the club, have a drink or two, a chance to win a meat tray in the raffle, have a chat with friends - a small price to pay on the off chance of winning the money that could pay for that cruise you have been dreaming about. Even the chance of winning the \$220 on offer at the Bland Hotel is nothing to sneeze about.

BUT the catch is - you have to be there to win.

We are very sorry to hear of the passing of two former residents of Quandialla & District. Mrs Gwen Lobb late of Young, formerly of Bimbi and Mrs Wilma Penfold late of Grenfell formerly of “Glenroy” Quandialla.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

This same day in 1957

Extract from IDLE CHATTER Vol 2 No 9

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SLOWLY BUT SURELY. For the last three years or four years I have made many tries to have a newspaper printed wholly for Quandialla and District. Towns as far as Forbes were visited in an endeavour to get our own local sheet. The excuses were many, and to cut a long story short, the response very cool. IC was then introduced as a substitute and with modesty I feel that it did as much good as it did harm, with perhaps a slight balance on the credit side. Dry conditions coupled with the failure of the harvest last year has created a recession in trading, and now we have the spectacle of local editors chasing their circulation figures in an effort to satisfy their advertisers, who, as you all know are the life blood of a newspaper. Although not printing solely for Quandialla, it is noticeable the amount of Quandi news which is now appearing in the local press. And that is as it should be. The amount of money which is spent in nearby towns, to the ultimate detriment of Quandi, demands more and more consideration from the parties which benefit most.

RAE - CAUSER WEDDING. The marriage of Maureen Rae and Colin Causer took place at St Columbus Church Bribbaree at 11 o'clock, Saturday June 22nd. The reception was held later in the Memorial Hall. 180 guests were present and the array of gifts was something to wonder at. IC on behalf of every person in Quandialla and District, wishes the couple every possible happiness.

OH DEM GOLDEN SLIPPERS. Les Brown purchases a pair of slippers from Clive Hazell and then challenges Clive to a game of golf for “Double or quits”. Clive downs Brown, Brown gets cheeky and challenges again. Brown goes down, gets cheeky once more and down he goes again. The price of the slippers at the time of printing is 5 pounds & 8 shillings. Fancy a golfer like Brown throwing out challenges to a super duper A grade like Clive.

After typing the above Blast from the Past – I would like to wish Maureen and Colin “Happy Anniversary” for last Saturday.....Cheers **Sue Priestley**