

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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PART EIGHT – R.S. GRINTER'S MEMORIES 1923 – 1926

The following item is the last section of Mr Grinter's memories. It has been fun sharing his stories with you and I hope you have enjoyed reading about life on the farm in those early years.

SOME OF THE LOCALS I REMEMBER:- (Spelling is Mr Grinter's)

Armatage: He had a property next to mine, but sold it to Harry Piefke about eighteen months after I arrived.

Harry Piefke: He came from the West Wyalong area and bought Armatage's property. He later married one of the Apps girls.

George Troy: He had a property on the Quandialla / Berendebba Road, about 5 miles from Berendebba. He was married with a large family (about 13 children) his father came from the Lake Cargelligo area.

Apps: They had a place south/east of me on the Quandialla / Berendebba Road. They had a family, a son Alfi, a daughter Lena, the others I can only just recall. They were great vegetable growers.

Jack Murray: Didn't know much about Jack, he had a farm right at Berendebba Siding. I bought seed wheat off him once.

Peter Coelli: He had a property west of Berendebba. I didn't know him very well, but I borrowed a plough from him which I later bought.

Lawson: I didn't know this family, except they had a property at Berendebba and were related to Fred Rentz.

Napier: I didn't know this man he had a property on the Grenfell side of Berendebba. I bought a horse from him.

Albert Pfiesser: He came from South Australia, was married and had 2 children. He had a property between me and Berendebba.

Ludlow: He had a property on the Quandialla/Wyalong Road, about half way between the 2 towns.

Thompson: He had a fair acreage of plain country west of Gus Fiegerts' property. He sold this and bought Tullamore Station. Sons – Eric & Bill

Weir (Davy): He lived to the west of me.

Larkin: They lived west of me next to Gus Fiegert.

Bob Eve & Cliff Brown: They were late comers, I didn't know them very well but they shared a property on the left hand side of the Quandialla / Wyalong Road, as you left town, about 12 or 13 miles out.

Bowland: He had a property on the Quandialla / Wyalong Road as you went out.

Vince Connley: He was a returned soldier and had a property on the Quandialla / Wyalong Road on the left hand side as you went out.

Penfold: He had a property on the Quandialla / Wyalong Road as you went out of town.

Herman Fiegert: I didn't know much about Herman, he was the youngest brother of the family, married and had a property near Barmedman.

Gus Fiegert: His property was next to mine and I rented it from him. It is now part of "Willawa" formally "Daisy Meadows".

Ernie Fiegert: He had a property over near Berendebba, somewhere near Levecs.

Paul Fiegert: I didn't know much about Paul but he had a property west of Quandialla.

Rentz: I only knew 1 member of the Rentz family and that was Fred. He worked for my Uncle Walter.

Charles (Charlie) Keir: Charlie was a neighbour of my Uncle Walter,s. When I knew them they had a grown family, Nelli, Molly, Marty and Wilty.

Tommy George: He had a property just out of Quandialla on the Quandialla / Wyalong Road.

Gus McNamara: He had a property west of Quandialla on the Quandialla / Wyalong Road, on the right just as you left town.

Mr Grinter's "Random Ramblings Round Quandialla" was a wonderful find. His memories have given us an insight of what it was like for a young man to work on the land from 1923 – 1926.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

CENTENARY MEETING

Wednesday 27th November – 7.30 pm at the Bland Hotel

ALL WELCOME

NOW

POST OFFICE CHRISTMAS MAILBOX & TOWN SCENE COMP: I have included a flyer for your fridge. We call it a competition for the want of a better word but it is really a fun thing. We hope you will consider joining in again or if you are a newbie why not give it a go and have a bit of fun.

POOL NEWS:

Congratulations to Hannah Broomby who has completed her Lifeguard training with Royal Life Saving and now has a Licence to work at Quandialla Swimming Pool. Hannah will join Robyn, Kim and Ashleigh in the running of the pool this season.

- Aqua exercise will be held on Friday mornings, starting at 9am.
- Lap swimming will be held on Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 7 am (weather permitting).

QUANDIALLA JACKPOTS: The Quandialla Bowling Club Badge Draw went to a lucky person at Barmedman last week, so the money will start again at \$650 this Friday. However the Bland Hotel Joker Jackpot is slowly building and you could win \$620 this Friday.

HAVE YOU DONE YOUR CRISSY CARDS YET? The Centenary Committee would like to ask if you could remind your family members and friends of Quandialla's Centenary Celebrations to be held 2014 October long weekend.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

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AT LAST. The culmination of many years of hard work and the persistent heckling of the appropriate authorities has at last, given Quandialla its new Hospital. November 9th, would be a "Red letter" day for many folk who had put their heart and soul into this project. Most of us contributed to the building fund and by the same token, most of us then sat back and waited for the job to be carried out. To the women and men who did the collecting and the organising of various functions to raise the requisite amount, goes the credit. Theirs was the job of facing up to certain amount of hostility evidenced by some members of the community, to an utter lack of interest in others and a disinclination of most of us to give freely while facing the threat of a bad season. It speaks for itself how hard they must have worked, when, at the opening ceremony, a cheque was presented to the Minister for 1500 pounds. Quandialla can well be proud of this effort because the Minister said "this is the first time in the whole of New South Wales that one sixth of the total cost of a hospital has been met by the people interested". I have just seen a copy of the West Wyalong Advocate which devotes at least 80% of its front page to a faithful coverage of this momentous occasion. In view of this, I feel that further remarks by me would be superfluous.....

FIRE. A fire was started in the lease on the opposite side of the road from Mr Tom Walsh's property on Thursday morning. By some mysterious cause it crossed the road and for some time it looked as though the fire would reach the homestead. By the time Mick Timmins, Clive Hazell, Maurice O'Connor and Laurie O'Connor arrived from Quandialla, the fire had been controlled by the efforts of the Bimbi units and the local forestry people. About fifteen units were present but most of them were able to leave early in the afternoon. A considerable portion of Mr Tom Walsh's fence was burnt. A forestry tractor working in the lease is suspect as far as the cause of the fire is concerned. He certainly had a beautiful spark arrestor?????

Cheers **Sue Priestley**