

One of Burra Bee Dee's oldest identities, Ted McGrath, died recently in Sydney, at the age of 73.

After a funeral service at Burra Bee Dee, attended by more than 100 of his friends and relatives, Ted was buried in the cemetery he had helped to build, alongside his wife and parents.

Ted McGrath first went to Burra Bee Dee, some 68 years ago, long before it was a station and in his youth was well known as a jockey, riding for his employer Mr. McMaster, of Coolah.

He had a name throughout the shearing sheds in the West as "the smartest picker-up on the Board" and legend has it that McMaster backed him for £50 against all comers.

The Tingha people look forward to the arrival of Dawn each month and are busy appointing their correspondent so they can be well represented.

Incidentally the Tingha people are still talking about the successful Legacy concert they attended recently.

We believe the most popular item was "Slow Boat to China", presented by Isabella Turnbull.

All the Mungindi people were sorry to see the transfer of Tracker Gillon from Mungindi to Gunnedah. Mr. Gillon had been a popular member of the Police Force in Mungindi for many years. Curiously enough this family is building up quite a tradition. A son, Jim Gillon is in the service at Inverell whilst yet another son, Ray intends to apply for his father's old job in Mungindi.

The people of Coonamble have seen quite a deal of two gentlemen who flit from house to house and seem to be intensely interested in the families therein. They were Mr. R. E. Felton, the A.W.O. from Dubbo, and Mr. J. K. Burless, the A.W.O. from Moree. They both spent at least a half hour trying to persuade Gloria Leonard to go to the dentist (without success). Mr.

Felton thinks that by the time he gets back to Coonamble, Gloria's toothache will be so bad that she won't need any more persuading.

Ted Pitt, ex-handyman of Moree, has moved to Mungindi where he intends residing permanently.



Edgar Bullock, Pat Taylor and Stanley Williams with the Assistant Matron at Burnt Bridge

We hear that Mrs. Bertha Brown of Texas is trying to have a house built in town. Mrs. Brown, a war widow, has applied to the Repatriation Dept., and is strongly backed by Legacy.

Most of the people in Texas are getting ready for the tobacco harvest that will take place soon. During this period everyone will be out working and many people will come from all over North-west N.S.W.

Walgett residents sympathise with Mrs. Essina Sullivan on the loss of her baby recently. Mrs. Sullivan has been rather ill but is now making a complete recovery.

Speaking of Mungindi, Mrs. Nina Mundy of Moree recently paid a visit to the northern town to see her daughter Hazel for the first time in four years. Just imagine the talking that went on after all that time.

Mr. John Fincher, the newly appointed Vicar of Walgett recently made a trip to the Reserve accompanied by the Area Welfare Officer, Mr. Burless. As he gets to know the people, Mr. Fincher will undoubtedly be able to help them in many ways. Indeed, he has already conducted quite a few marriages.

Many of the Roseby Park residents have left the Station to go crop picking in the Bodalla district. In some cases whole families have left for the picking season.