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 fit 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-handymen of Moree, has moved to Mungindi where he intends residing permanently.