

# The Valley Voice

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## EDITORIAL

The Casino - Yes or No. It seems a simple decision; yet is it? In contentious issues such as this many voters are often swayed by the emotional rather than cold, hard facts. And in the summing up of the two cases, as published in the Press, emotion is dished up by the bucketful. These two cases, for and against are often conflicting and misleading. For instance in the "Yes" case, it is stated unconditionally by those concerned, that the casino will only be an appendage to the main business of an international standard hotel complex. It is stated unless the hotel is built there will not be a casino.

Equally as adamant the "No" case tells us that the proposed agreement for a casino does not provide with certainty the construction of a hotel at all. With this little problem in mind the voter could be forgiven if he slowly drowns in the mish-mash of words that further pad out this impasse.

Again the "Yes" case tells us with bounding enthusiasm about a booming tourist traffic and a multi-million increase in revenue. And slanting diagonally across this, the "Noes" darkly proclaim a draining of the State's revenue.

These are the "facts" of the case, when the assumptions creep in the going really gets wild. The "Noes" begin by telling us of social problems and people (other people, mind you) who need protection from the temptations of gambling and the ensuing disasters of broken homes. Then as a grand finale (supported by Lord knows what facts) they then proceed to flap a regular army of criminals and undesirables in our faces.

With equal enthusiasm the Yes's literally cascade us with wild promises of international fame that will not only benefit Hobart but the North also and the East and West and every other hidden corner of Tasmania. To prove this point they state, rather smugly, that it is so because senior Treasury officials (who are apparently omniscient) have done a thorough investigation. Just as gloriously they then proceed to solve the morality problem by insisting no poker machines or persons under twenty one will be allowed in the casino.

After careful digestion of both cases, one can be forgiven in thinking he has just waded through a sickly slice of pink meringue with lemon filling. The only



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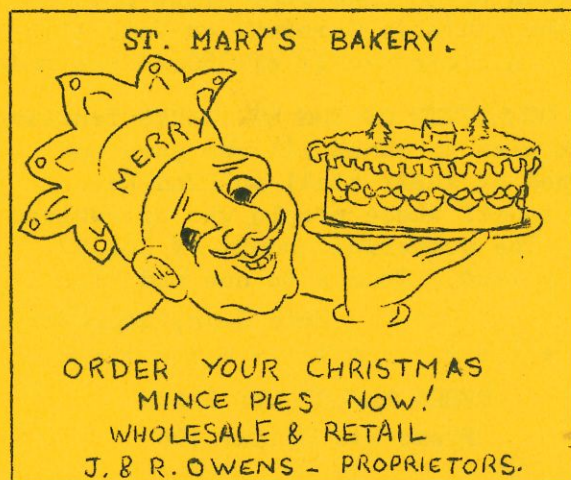
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reality that emerges from this pathetic mock-up will no doubt be the number of thoroughly confused voters sucking their pencil tips next Saturday.

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FALLEN TREES apparently are not the only hazards on the Germantown road. Several people who use the road are becoming a bit sick of being passed by one particular motorist who thinks he is a budding Brabham. They say some-body will make a mistake some day and the fact that there are children being driven to school and back each day - the mistake could turn out to be a disaster.

WE HOPE THE PERSON who has stopped buying this paper because too much DROUGHT was discussed will try this issue. There isn't much about it this time and we hope, with her, that soon it will rain and there will be no need to mention it further





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+ not matter. And, if you save regularly you can do this, so start YOUR sav- +  
+ ings N OW, with the LAUNCESTON BANK FOR SAVINGS. You are reminded that +  
+ besides our Branch in St. Marys there is an Agency of this Bank at Fingal, +  
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REPORT

On Tuesday 10th of December Mr. George Shaw asked Mrs. Benjamin, the Government Leader three questions. (1) Are rail freights and road Permit Fee remittances, for drought affected farmers, retrospective? (2) If not, why? (3) If so, from when? Following is an extract from a letter received from Mr. George Shaw.

"Answers to my questions are now shown on the Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. They are as follows. (1) Yes. (2) See answer No. 1. (3) (a) 1st of October 1968, in respect of rail freight charges and (b) The Transport Commission will accept applications for the refund of any nominal out-of-area permit fees which have been paid."

ST. MARYS DISTRICT SCHOOL

From 1969 onwards all text books and stationery will be purchased from the school. Children will be bringing home a Class List which will show the requirements in each class together with prices in the High and Primary Schools. To assist parents the school will be open for sales at the following dates and times.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday and Friday January 23rd and 24th 1969 - 10 am. to 12 md. and from 2 to 4 pm.

HIGH SCHOOL

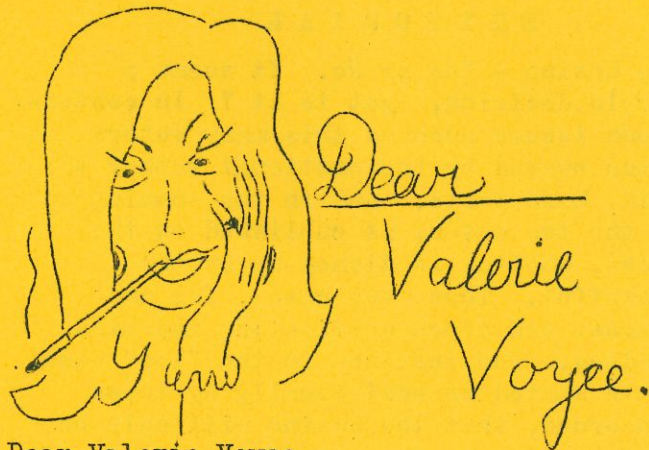
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday January 28th, 29th 30th and 31st. From 10 to 12 and 2 to 4 each day.

RESULTS OF MOTHERS CLUB STALL held at the Athletic Carnival on Wed. 11th Dec. A clear profit of \$50.44 was made.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE ST. MARYS Trotting Club wish to thank all who gave and helped at their stall on 22nd Nov. and to all those people who patronised it. The wonderful amount of \$62.52 was raised. Thanks to one and all.

Eric Bean, Secretary.

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Dear Valerie Voyce,  
Last week comething went wrong with my hot water system and in the bathroom steam gushed everywhere. However it was fixed but I find that all the labels have come off my medicines and pills, one bottle of which was my PILL & one saccharin which I give my husband with each cup of tea or coffee. I think he's been having my pills and I'm worried. What should I do.

Pillplexed.

Dear Pillplexed,  
Don't worry too much about hubby taking your pills dear. What you have to worry about is - a saccharin a day won't keep the stork away.

V.V.

Dear Valerie Voyce,  
I gave my father a second chance, rather than follow your suggestion of the pound. Having promised not to watch T.V. anymore, he became an avid, radio listener. Last night I spent 3 hours trying to get him out of the chook yard. He apparently fancies himself as "Chicken Man".

Worried Daughter again.

Dear Worried Daughter,  
That old father of yours is getting to be a problem. Look dear, forget about putting him in the pound - leave him with the chooks, if he is "Chicken Man" somebody might axe him for you at Christmas.

V.V.

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+ SEMMENS FOR SERVICE - ST. MARYS +  
+ HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN TO ORDER YOUR +  
+ CHRISTMAS HAM OR TURKEY +  
+ ORDER NOW +  
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*Miss Piffle.*

THE ST. MARYS LOCAL ASSOCIATION of Girl Guides and Brownies took the children to the Planetarium in Launceston for their end of the year treat. A picnic at the First Basin followed and here the children met fellow Brownies from Launceston who were making Calenig decorations. This is a Welsh custom where the harvest fruits are taken and decorated with ears of corn and garlands. Later in the year they are taken by the Carol singers and handed out in exchange for gifts for the needy.

THE CHILD HEALTH ASSOCIATION held their Xmas Party on Monday 9th Dec. After an interesting film about South Africa members partook of a gala supper. Members were sorry to farewell Mrs. Frank Martin who has worked very hard for the Association and will shortly be leaving the district.

MASTER CHRIS MAMBEY of Mowbray, who has been in Hospital for 5 weeks, is holidaying at Fingal with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. G. Barnes.

FRIENDS OF MRS. H. THOMAS are very pleased to hear of her satisfactory progress. Mrs. Thomas is at present a patient in the St. Marys District Hospital.

THE ST. MARYS BRANCH of the Australian Red Cross Society held an end of the year gathering in the Institute, on Wed. evening 4th December, when representatives of all local organisations were invited.

Approximately 60 guests attended and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

During the evening a Long Service Badge was presented to the President of the Branch, Mr. W.C. Niel who has completed 20 years with the Red Cross. The presentation was made by the Vice President of the Branch, Mr. R.J.Hinds.

At the end of the evening supper was served by the Ladies of the Red Cross Branch.

The committee of the St. Marys Red Cross Branch wish to express its thanks to the following ladies for their help during the evening:- Sister Whitaker, Mrs. Tom Brough and the members of the Cornwall Home League.

THE BREAK O'DAY CAMERA CLUB HELD its "wind up" evening on Wednesday with a showing of 16 m.m. films. Members said farewell to their President Mr. F. Martin who has been transferred to Deloraine.

MR. & MRS. E. CASH of Malabar, are thrilled to be having Malcolm home for Xmas before he leaves for Vietnam.

MR. & MRS. ANDREW LOHREY of Hobart will be welcomed back to the district on Sat.

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*COMING... CHRISTMAS... GONE*

COMING...Christmas Party for all children of St. Marys and surrounding districts will be held on vacant block between R. Gills shop and J. McGees Garage on Christmas Eve.

This is sponsored by the business people of that street. Of course Santa will be there.

All welcome. 2.30 p.m.

COMING...1969 - Welcome it at St. Marys Hospital New Years Eve Dance - See the red page!!!

COMING...St. Helens Hospital Garden Fete. Do your Christmas Shopping here. Madam Gordia will help you plan 1969. See the Display of Magic.

COMING...Christmas too quickly.

COMING...Carols by Candlelight in the St. Marys Hospital Ground on Sunday 15th December. Guest artists from Launceston. Commencing 8.00 p.m.

GONE...Engagement Party Sat 7th Dec. was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Reg Bush of Fingal to celebrate the engagement of their second daughter Francis to Fergus Taylor of Launceston.

GONE...School Sports Carnival resulted in sunburn for teachers and pupils and a win for Jubilee House.

COMING...Swimming Party and Barbeque - arranged by the St. Helens Rural Youth Club at Beauty Bay, St. Helens 3.00 p.m. on 15 December, 1968.

COMING...Tuesday 17 Dec. ATTENTION PARENTS OF GRADE I PUPILS for 1969. There will be an open afternoon at the Primary School St. Marys for Parents. All parents of intending students for 1969 are asked to attend.

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+ GILL'S STORE - ST. MARYS for all your +  
+ Christmas requirements. Cakes, Hams, +  
+ Cheese, Nuts etc. +  
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+ BACON - Middle Rashes 40c +  
+ CORNFLAKES - large 38c +  
+ RINSO - large 45c +  
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# HERITAGE CORNER

## THE NAMING OF GOULD'S COUNTRY.

Gould's Country was named after Charles Gould, who toiled through the hills and valleys of this area in the 1860's. He was an accomplished geologist and a fearless explorer. Charles Gould was a son of John Gould "The Bird Man" who, accompanied by his wife and sons Henry and John Gilbert, came out from England to Tasmania in 1838. John Gould's name is associated not only with the islands bird life, but with early days of Hobart Town. His headquarters were at Government House, in Macquarie St., and it was there that his youngest son, named Franklin after the Governor, was born. Charles Gould graduated B.A. while still a young man and was appointed Government Geologist of Tasmania. Soon afterwards he commenced exploring mountain ranges and rivers of the island. In 1862, he was lost during an expedition to the West Coast, where he discovered gold. A born bushman, he found his way out of unknown country and returned to Hobart Town. Late in life he spent some time in China. Then South America lured him, but his travels were nearly over - he died in Argentina.

## SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB.

The Silver Threads from St. Marys and the Golden Years from Cornwall combined to have their Christmas party at Scamander River Motel. Forty nine citizens attended. Entertainers were Mrs. T. Brough, Mrs. Camplin, Mr. J. Lehner and Mr. K. Cook who amazed everyone with his magic tricks. Competitions were won by: Mrs. G. Lehner, Lucky Door, Mrs. T. Faulkner - Lucky cup, Charmaine Mitchell - rocking horse, an age competition was won by Mrs. H. Freeman and Mrs. Brough. A Christmas cake was won by Mr. G. Napier who donated it to the Elderly folk in St. Marys Hospital. The Committees grateful thanks go to all those wonderful people who so freely donated the use of their cars and their time to drive these people to Scamander, this makes our efforts so much easier; thanks also to all those fine entertainers who helped to make the afternoon such a success. Last but not least, thanks to the Management and Staff of Scamander River Motel and special thanks to the lovely waitresses.

## CHRISTMAS WITH A SMILE

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FOR SALE...A one season set of bowls and bag. Super grip henselite 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ . Apply P.O. Box 18, Fingal.

WANTED TO BUY...Electric Griller with hot plate. Plug-in type. Suitable for Shack, Ph. Fingal 52.

FOR SALE...2 Dining Tables, 1 round, 1 Oblong. \$4.00 each. Phone 61 St. Marys.

FOR SALE...1 Hot Water System complete with cylinders pipes etc. As new N. Sutton, Fingal.

WANTED...Work around St. Marys during School holidays. Apply Michael Cruse, Valley Voice.

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES.

SUNDAY DEC 15th

Fingal H.C. 8 a.m.

Cornwall Sunday School Anniversary 10 am.

St. Marys Sunday School Anniversary 6 pm.

(Note new time to permit Anniversary to be over before Carols by Candlelight in Hospital Grounds at 8.30 pm.

SUNDAY DEC. 22nd.

Note carefully altered times of Services this Sunday.

ST. MARYS H.C. 8 a.m.

FINGAL H.C. 11 a.m.

STOREYS CREEK Eucharist and Christmas Carols featuring the Junior Choir.

TUES. DEC. 24th Christmas Eve - Mangana H.C.

WED. DEC. 25th Christmas Day.

FINGAL H.C. 7 a.m. CULLENSWOOD H.C. 8.30am.

Transport available ex the Churches at Cornwall and St. Marys at 8.15 a.m.

MATHINNA H.C. 10 a.m.

Q. Who digs his claws in the sand?

A. Sanda Claws.

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# THE KEY TO KIDDIES' SWIM SAFETY

Summer is here again and the beaches are crowded with relaxing parents and laughing children. Unfortunately, summer time, 'when the livin' is easy', is too often 'drowning time.'

The number drowned during the whole of summer, or the swimming season, is much greater. And the saddest fact about these drowning tragedies is that they are preventable!

Investigations into drowning accidents to children show that, in nearly every case, children were swimming without parents or adults watching. If an adult had been present, most of these tragedies could have been avoided. So it's obvious that the key to kiddies' safety in the water is held by the parents, or some responsible, supervising adult. But mainly, it is the parents who hold the 'safety key'.

Parents' first safety rule should be to WATCH CHILDREN ALL THE TIME THEY ARE IN OR NEAR THE WATER!. If you can't see the kids, then they could be in danger. Even if it means shifting your chosen picnic spot, make absolutely certain you can see them ALL the time!

There's no need to interfere unnecessarily but; at the same time, discourage dangerous horseplay, don't allow children to stray out of their depth, and check waterholes or creeks yourself for snags and depth before allowing them to enter such places.

While it's a good idea to have children taught to swim as soon as they are capable of the necessary co-ordination of muscles, the responsibility doesn't end there. The child must be taken swimming often enough to put his newly learned techniques into practice. Even then, you must still see that the child never goes swimming alone or with only poor swimmers as companions. And just because he can swim doesn't mean he can be allowed out of your sight when he is in or near the water!

It's a good idea too for everyone - man, woman or child; swimmer or boating enthusiast - to learn the technique of Mouth to Mouth Breathing. It's not hard and you never know just when you may be called upon to apply these techniques to save someone's life, perhaps that of your loved ones.

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 + ROYLES TOYLAND +  
 + THE BIGGEST AND BEST RANGE +  
 + ON THE EAST COAST +  
 + OPEN EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT FROM NOW +  
 + TILL XMAS +  
 + L A Y - B Y N O W +  
 + NEW STOCK ARRIVING EACH WEEK +  
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DID YOU EVER THINK... about Christmas? Not putting Christ back into Christmas or the meaning of the Christmas Story, or even the Christian ethic we are supposed to be upholding, but all the bally hoo and who ha which we have come to accept as traditional.

But traditional of what? Hot roast turkey, steaming, indigestible pudding, mince pies, flaming brandy, stockings stuffed with cheap gimmickery, too much to eat and drink.

Have you ever thought of all the back-breaking hours which go into Christmas spring cleaning and Christmas blanket washing, all the expensive wasted presents which are never used? All the Bank Accounts that take months to show black figures again? All the broken discarded toys or the presents for the Great Aunt Nancy, who doesn't need any thing anyhow?

England, the land of tradition and pageantry, has never made such a fuss about Christmas. There it comes and goes fairly quietly. Even the Americans who adore spectacle, pay more attention to Thanksgiving than Christmas.

Perhaps, as a traditionally non traditional country, we are creating our own pageant of commercial spectacle and giving ourselves a worth while excuse for a holiday. -- So what ---let's enjoy it.

## VISIT OF PROMINENT WRITER.

The St. Marys District School had the privilege last week of listening to Ivan Southall, the Australian writer. Mr. Southall was in Tasmania to give lectures and talks to schools and book discussion groups under the auspices of the Adult Education Board.

He talked for some length to senior students about his early efforts at writing and his determination to become a writer. He said his early writing was about people larger than life- heroes who were unreal in their strength and deeds. Mr. Southall said until he decided to write about people he knew, ordinary men and women, with human weaknesses and strengths, he had not attained any degree of success.

He has lived on the proceeds of his writing for about 20 years, although early in his career he had almost starved and had made less than the basic wage for many years. But his determination to succeed and his faith in his ability had enabled him to keep on.

Mr. Southall has published many books both for children and adults, also documentaries. His best known works are Hills End, which has sold about 1/2 million copies, and gone into paper back, Ash Road and To the Wild Sky.

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ST. MARYS GOLF CLUB

RESULT OF RAFFLE. Mrs. Doris Parker, Fingal. The Golf Club thanks the public for their support. The Annual Dinner was held at the clubhouse on Sat. 7th Dec. and was attended by over 100 people. Trophies were presented to the following members:-

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|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Men's Championship     | Mr. D. Holmes                    |
| B. Grade Scratch       | Mr. O. Ryan                      |
| C. Grade Scratch       | Mr. F. Penny                     |
| 72 Hole Handicap       | Mr. P. Crowley                   |
| Men's Consistency      | Father Manning                   |
| Spilsbury Trophy       | Mr. B. Lehner                    |
| Foursome Scratch       | Mr. C. Mitchell & Mr. T. Bean    |
| Foursome H'cap         | Dr. D. Lawson & Mr. R. Barnfield |
| Mixed Foursome Scratch | Mrs. D. Holmes & Mr. D. Nolan    |
| Mixed Foursome H'cap   | Mrs. H. Death & Mr. J. Miller    |
| Assoc. Championship    | Mrs. E. Herbert                  |
| B. Grade Scratch       | Mrs. D. Lawson                   |
| C Grade Scratch        | Miss E. Ryan                     |
| 72 Handicap            | Miss E. Ryan                     |
| Saturday Consistency   | Mrs. G. Gill                     |

RESULTS ASSOCIATES GAME WEDNESDAY.  
Flag - Mrs. D. Barnes 17th Fairway.  
Mrs. J. Brennan 17th "  
Mrs. G. Gill 17th "  
Mrs. M. Death 16th Hole.

ST. HELENS BOWLS NOTES.

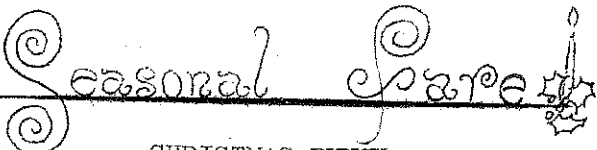
The major item of interest this week was a visit from Bicheno Club last weekend. An enjoyable day was spent which resulted in a win for St. Helens.

ST. HELENS GARDENS COMPETITION.

There were ten entries in the Garden and Vegetable section - five more than last year. The prize for the best flower garden went to Mrs. Trevor Hollis and for the best vegetable garden to Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Terry.

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+ G.V. Tucker & Son Pty. Ltd. Elec- +  
+ trical & Furniture Retailers, +  
+ Cecilia Street, St. Helens, will +  
+ be open on Friday nights from 7 to +  
+ 9 o'clock, and Saturday mornings +  
+ 9 to 11 till Christmas. +  
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+ \$8.50. Lightweight "NYLENE" Web- +  
+ bing chairs and lounges from \$7.20 +  
+ Good Second Hand Friges from +  
+ \$10 up to \$85.00. +  
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CHRISTMAS PUNCH

1 box strawberries, sugar, 1 cup brandy, 1 bottle quent, slithers of cucumber. Clean strawberries, sprinkle with sugar, cover with Brandy and leave overnight. Chill Claret, lemonade and Quent. Add just before serving, and decorate with slithers of cucumber and orange wedges.

ECONOMICAL SMALL-SIZE CHRISTMAS PUDDING.

4 ozs butter or substitute, 4 tabs. golden syrup, 2 cups S.R. Flour, 1 teas. mixed spice, 1 teas. bi-carb. soda, 1 cup warm milk, pinch salt, 1 cup mixed fruit. Cream butter or substitute with syrup and spice until soft and fluffy. Fold in chopped mixed fruit alternately with sifted flour and salt. Dissolve soda in the warm milk, fold into fruit mixture. Fill into small greased pudding basin; cover; steam 2 to 2½ hours. May be served immediately, or resteam 1 hour on day of serving.

BRANDY CUSTARD

To serve with pudding. ½ cup milk, 1 egg (separated), 2 tabs sugar, 1 dest. corn-flour, 1 tab. brandy. Blend cornflour, sugar and egg yolk with a little milk. Place remaining milk in saucepan; bring to boil, stirring in cornflour etc. Return to heat; boil 2 minutes. Cool slightly. Whip egg white until stiff, lightly fold into cool custard with Brandy

MOCK HAM

1 pumped leg of lamb, Boil 20 minutes for each pound, then leave to cool. May be served with Aspic Sauce or a fruit glaze. Fruit Glaze. ½ cup brown sugar, 1 teas. mixed spice, ½ teas. powdered cloves, 3 tabs. any fruit juice. Boil rapidly for 10 minutes and pour over lamb while glaze is still hot. Stick with cloves.

ASPIC SAUCE  
Make a thick white butter sauce, flavour with chicken stock, mustard, lemon juice. Allow to cool. Blend a 4 ozs pkt. creamed cheese. Add 1 dessertspoon of dissolved gelatine. Pour over leg of lamb just before setting. Decorate with carnations, petals, mint leaves and spring onions.

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\* FITTINGS \*  
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