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EASTER

Have you ever wondered why Easter jumps around the calendar?

In early Christian history, all countries did not keep Easter on the same date. There was disagreement on the exact formula by which the date of Easter was to be calculated. This disagreement was one of the reasons for the schism between the Catholic Church of the West and the Orthodox Church . of the East. tely grow take acupic

The Churches of Asia Minor marked Easter n the same date as the Jews kept their Passover, whilst the Western Churches, remembering that Jesus rose on a Sunday, kept Easter on the Sunday following the Passover.

in A.D. 325, the Council of Nicaea ruled that Easter should be observed on the Sunday following the Jewish Passover, and to fix it for all time, there were four rules laid down.

It was decided March 21 should be regarded as the vernal equinox, the time when day and night are equal.

The second rule said that the Full Moon on that date, or the next Full Moon after that date should be called the Paschal ill Moon (after the Hebrew word "pesach", meaning Passover).

The third rule went on further saying that the Sunday following this Full Moon should be Easter Sunday.

The last rule is that if the Paschal Full Moon happened on a Sunday, then the Sunday after would be Easter.

But in using this formula over the centuries, certain difficulties have arisen because the moons do not always fit properly with our calendar. To get over this technical problem, (far too difficult to expain here), a cycle of nineteen years has been taken and numbered from one to nineteen; these numbers being called the Golden Numbers. The reason nineteen years is taken as the Golden Number Cycle is that after nineteen years on a given day in the same month, the Moon is in exactly the same position in the sky as it was nineteen years before...well, almost exactly.

Then each of these nineteen years has been given a number which is taken as the age, in days, of the New Moon at the beginning of each year. These new numbers are called the Dominical Letters, or Epacts. From the Golden Numbers and the Epacts, the Full Moon for deciding the date of Easter can be worked out, if you know the formula.

The result is that the vernal equinox is a calculated date and not the actual equinox, (equi = even; nox = night).

The Moon referred to is not the actual Moon shining in the sky, but is a mathematically calculated moon.

The Full Moon referred to does not even mean a proper round moon, but a supposed Full Moon according to averaging over a period of nineteen years:

So Easter jumps about the calendar and can fall as early as March 22 or as late as April 25. A March 22 Easter will not happen until the year 2285; the last April 25 Easter was in 1943.

That's why Easter falls next week, on Sunday, 15 April. To many it is a time of great spiritual significance; to others it is a holiday. Whichever way you celebrateit, please remember that the Australian Easter is usually soured by a great number of road deaths and holiday accidents.

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These offices will provide all the usual First Day of Issue facilities, including sale of serviced and unserviced covers.

The St. Marys postmarker is the forerunner of a pictorial postmark submitted to Australia Post featuring Cullenswood Church and St. Patricks Head.

An Australia Post spokesman said that as yet no release date for the postmarker has been provided.

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BETURN THANKS

Mr. and Mrs Alf. Faulkner, St. Marys, wish to thank all the dear friends and relatives for the lovely cards, flowers, gifts and telegrams on the occasion of our Golden Wedding.

Special thanks to the ones who planned and organised the celebrations, making it one of the happiest days of our lives. It was a day of surprises. Also special thanks to the Rev. Howard Kettle who officiated at the wedding fifty years ago. Although unable to be present with us, he made a recording of the fifty year old wedding which was enjoyed by all.

Will all you dear folk accept our big thank you.

Alf and Phyllis Faulkner.

I wish to thank all the electors of St. Marys Ward who supported me at the recent Council election; I am most greatful.

I also thank everyone interested enough in municipal affairs to cast their votes. Although I am well aware that many people were unable, through different circumstances, to vote, a turnout of only 34% of eligible electors offers little encouragement and incentive.

Denzil Casboult

FIFTY YEARS AGO

It is fifty years this April since the Great Flood hit the Fingal Valley.

I wonder how many old hands are about to remember that event? There were trees down everywhere, bridges gone, roads washed out, and houses damaged.

In Mangana the main street was the river for awhile and logs came along, knocking down fences and piling up against the houses till they were up to the windows in some places. Fortunately, no lives were lost there and a wonderful job was done by all the people helping each other to clean up their homes, rebuild the fences and remake the roads. All the gardens were gone. They had to be remade too.

Many roads were blocked by trees and cut by washaways. The heavy rain kept farmers at home and outlying places and did not know what was happening further on, as few had telephones and they were out too. Fewer still had radios to hear how other centres fared.

People from Invermay and Inveresk were rescued by boat and landed at the steps of the Albert Hall, the water was so deep. Have a look at the steps next time you are in Launceston; it seems incredible the water was that high.

Does anyone else have some memories of that Great Flood?

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ST. MARYS R.S.L.

The Women's Auxiliary meeting will be held on Monday, 9 April at 7.30pm in the Institute. All members please attend. Business: Anzac Day arrangements.

PENSIONERS UNION

Fingal-St. Marys Branch Monthly Meeting will be held in the Institute on Wednesday, 11 April.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND FAIR

St. Marys Community Hall, Friday, 20 20 April from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

There will be a variety of stalls, including Hoopla, Lucky Dip, Lucky Spin, Hot Soup, Hamburgers and Pancakes.. Come and have Tea at the Fair.

THRIFT SHOP ROSTER

6 April: U. Camplin E. Spilsbury

13 April: Good Friday

20 april : Fair

27 April: R. Summers V. Bradbury

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Church of England, Cornwall, 10 a.m. All children welcome.

INDOOR BOWLS

Cornwall, every Friday Evening in the Cornwall Hall. All Welcome.

VOLLEYBALL

The Grand Finals will be in the Community Hall on Thursday, 12 April. Any interested people are invited to come along.

THUMBS DOWN

... to the pipes lying around Clive Street, St. Marys, for the past nine months.

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...to the organisers and workers for an excellent Legacy Day at St. Marys.

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH OF AVOCA FINGAL CULLENSWOOD

COLUMNSWOOD		
Sunday 8 April		
Avoca	9.00am	M.P.
St. Marys	10.30am	M.P.
Fingal.	7.00pm	H.C.

Tuesday 10 April

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Thursday 12 April

Mangana		7.30pm	H.C.

Friday 13 April (Good Friday)

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Saturday 14 April (Easter Eve) Vigil and EasterCommunion 11.30pm

Sunday 15 April	(Easter Day)	/	
Avoca	8.00am		H.C.
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CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. MARYS

St. Marys - St. Marys of the Assumption
Holy Thursday 7.30pm
Good Friday 3.00pm
East Vigil Holy Saturday 7.30pm
Sunday 8 April 9.00am
Sunday 15 April 9.00am
THE WAY OF THE CROSS - Every Friday in Lent
at 7.00pm. The Catholic Community in St.
Marys cordially invites members of other
churches to come and join with thom in this
traditional Lenten Devotion each week.

St. Helens - SS Helena & Startslaus Saturday 7 April Vigil Mass 6.30pm Good Friday 10.30am East Sunday 10.30am and 12 noon

Fingal - St. Joseph April 8 - 10.30am Easter Sunday 8.00am

Mangana - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart 3rd and 5th Sundays 10.30am

Bicheno - Community Church 1st Sunday of each month 4.00pm

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Devotions to Our Blessed Lady, Stations of the Cross, and Weekday Masses — as announced at Sunday Mass.

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Reconciliation in the Sacrament of Penance: You may go to Confession in each church before Mass, and at other times as announced. At any time by private arrangement.

The Sacrament of Baptism is given during the celebration of Sunday Mass after suitable notice and preparation.

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Thursday :	19	Geoff Gill	J.M. Burbury	J. Miller

DIVING CHAMPIONSHIP

Cindy Gillies, of Launceston, recently won the Gold Medal for her age group in the State Diving Championships. Cindy is 12 years old and is the grand-daughter of Lola Freeman, St. Marys, who is naturally very proud with the result.

GOLF NOTES

St. Marys Golf Club held it's Legacy Day on Saturday, 31 March and to everyone's relief, the weather was kind.

The A.I.F. Cup over 18 holes was won by V. Preece with 59 nett.
The Legacy Trophy 18 Hole Handicap went to A. Haas with 60 nett.
The Ex-Servicemens Trophy was won by L. Munro with a nett of 66. The Land Forces 18 Hole Handicap was won by S. Percy with nett 66.

Nearest the pin on No.2 was C. Hughes. Closest to the 5th. pin was B. Hill and closest to the 7th. was A. Haas.

The 60 years and over winner was G. Gill who squeezed out F. Singline on a countback with scores of 67.

In Associates Golf the Monthly Brooch Stroke results are... Mrs. K. Wright, (36), 69

Mrs. R. Gill (25), 70 Mrs. H. McLeey, (36), 71 Ms. C White, (22), 72.

The Eclectic results are.. Mrs P. Davern, $(11\frac{1}{2})$, $30\frac{1}{2}$ Ms. C. White, (11), 33 Mrs. R. Gill, $(12\frac{1}{2})$, 34.

TENNIS

In the semi-finals, St. Helens had the expected win over Oatlands and Fingal had a win over Campbelltown, which was a surprise to some observers.

The Final is to be at Campbelltown on Sunday, 8 april. There will be a mixed doubles tournament at the same time to be followed by a barbeque. There is probably no nicer court surrounding than those at Campbelltown so a good day stoom assured. News has it St. Marys is sending a strong contingent to the tournament in an effort to salvage some lost honour.

FISHING NEWS

Anglers diary: Friday 13th. April, (Good Friday), Scamander Angling Club Surf Contest at Four Mile from 2 to 6 p.m.
Easter Saturday and Sunday- Game Fishing Club of Northern Tasmonia, Ninth Tasmanian Open Game Fishing Contest.

On 25 March St. Helens Game Fishing Club held a Rally Day under ideal conditions. However, many members appeared to be pre-occupied with mutton birds and as a result, tuna catches were not what they should have been. Heaviest fish was boated by Bob Green of Scamander, a 3.6kg. (8lb) striped tuna on a 6kg. line. Albacore are still around, but no bluefin were sighted.

Club members are advised that one boat is available for occassional trips. There are vacancies for Easter - anyone interested must have their own gear and should contact President Niel Suter or Secretary Bob Jackson as soon as possible.

Due to continuous Easterly weather, surf fishing has been practically impossible and lets hope that there is some improvement for the Easter break.

The following quote from another source may well be applied to the staff of this paper....

DEDICATION

We the willing
Led by the unknowing
are doing the impossible
For the ungrateful.
We have done so much
For so long with so little
We are now qualified
To do anything with nothing.

FOOTBALL

Goalmouth has deserted so we are looking for Forward Pocket to take his place soon. Recent news is the practice game St. Marys had against Ringarooma. The visitors had an 11 point win and the Tigers all had a good run.

Coach arthur Budd is really putting the players into a tough training schedule training sessions.

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MENS VOLLEYBALL. 22-3-79**,**

JETSETTERS V ALPINE. Game 1:

This saw Alpine return to the winning list, recording their 4th. win of the rester 3-1 at the expense of Jetsetters. It was very disappointing for Keith Cook, Mark Read and Peter Lohrey to find that they were the only regular members of Jetset to turn up for the game as they had to win to still have a chance of making the "four". They still tool the court, with the help of a couple of ring-ins but found Alpine too strong, losing 55-50 over the four Bost players were the 3 mentioned and Shane Gavaghan & Charlie Barnard.

ADIDAS V C.B.A. Game 2: This was probably the best game played so far at St. Marys with the two likely grand finalists turning on some excellent volleyball. The game started with C.B.A. opening up an early break over Adidas, much to the delight of the crowd and arrived at set point with Adidas still on 9 points. Adidas gradually drew level but to no avail as CBA just scraped in the 2 points to win the 1st. set 16-14. Adidas then had a team talk and never looked back as they played very good team volleyball and returned many impossible shots. As one spectator said after the game "the ball was going out of the door once and three Adidas players went out and got it back in n . Adidas won the next 3 games, 15-8, 15-9 \odot 15-9 to take the match 3-1. Best players were all played well for Adidas & John Marshall & Chris McGregor for C.B.A.

ROOSTERS V ST. EELENS. Game:3: St. Helens, after being thrashed last week by Adidas, came out in this game and played as they are capable of and trounced the Roosters 3-0 (45-17) winning the last game 15-0 which made one well known Rooster drop his pants. This win enabled them to jump into 4th. spot at the expense of Footie Franks. Best players were Mark Semmens & Steve Richards.

Game 4: T.R.C. V FOOTIE FRANKS. T.R.C. made sure of 3rd. spot by dumping Footie Franks 3-0 (45-17)

in a very one-sided game. All played well for T.R.C. while Gus Richards tried hard for the Franks.

Game 5: ADIDAS V T.R.C.

Adidas easily son this game 3-0 against T.R.C. without ever exerting themselves. themselves. Best players were Terry Targett, Michael Wright & Derek Summers for Adidas & Garry Richardson Rod Howell & Phillip Midson for T.R.C. 29-3-79. FINAL ROUND.

C.B.A. V JETSETTERS. Game l: Jetsetters upset C.B.A. in this game, winning 3-1 with every player lifting their game and combining well. Michael Read served well for Jetsetters and Mark Read, although lacking inches, played well on the net. For C.B.A. Klaus Oosterloo was the best of a disappointing side. The final game in this match was by far the best with Jetsetters streaking ahead to 14-4 set point only to see C.B.A. come back and at one stage take the lead before Jetsetters finally won 19-17.

ST. HELENS V FOOTIE F. Game 2: This was a very quick game with St. Helens making sure of 4th. place by defeating the Franks 3-0 with all playing well.

ADIDAS V ALPINE. Game 3: This result went as expected 3-0 to Adidas to see them finish the roster undefeated again with their tally of wins now standing at 30 straight. Best were Les Mewman & Stan Hardcastle while Charlie Barnard & Tom Hendley tried hard for Alpine. Game 4: ROOSTERS V T.R.C.
This was yet another 3 setter with 3rd. placed T.R.C. proving too strong for Roosters, running out winners 45-31. Came 5: ST. HELENS V ALPINE. St. Helens were too good for Alpine in this the final roster match winning 3-0 with Murray Gofton serving very well and Kim Charlesworth & Tony Dilger playing well around the court. Charlie Barnard again battled hard for Alpine and is improving in every game as is David Herring.

FINAL ROSTER POSITIONS: ADIDAS 173% 56 115% C.B.A. 36 T.R.C. 109% 32 ST. HELENS 107% 28 JETSETTERS 95% 20 FOOTIE FRANKS 88% 20

ROOSTERS 81% 16 . ALPINE 68% 16 Congratulations must go to TRC

and St. Helens for making the final four in this their first roster series. Also Adidas are to be congraturlated for finishing the roster undefeated for the second time in succession.

BEST & FAIREST AWARD.

A quite successfull night was held at the football clubrooms for the holding of a calcutta for the counting of votes in the Jetset Tours Best & Fairest award. The winner with 13 vote CONTINUED.

VOLLEYBALL CONTINUED.

Murray Gofton from the St. Helens team and congratulations go to Murray for his effort this season. Next on 12 votes came Kent Wells and Michael Wright while on 11 votes were Greg Tapp, Stan Hardcastle, Chris MacGregor and Phillip Midson. The trophy will be presented to Murray on Grand Final Night, the 12th. April.

FINALS.

The winner of tonights clash between Adidas and C.B.A. goes straight into the Grand Final to be played next Thursday. The loser will meet the winner of tonights other semi-final clash between T.R.C. Hotel and St. Helens next Tuesday night in the Preliminary Final with the winner then advancing to the Grand Final. Both the Preliminary Final and the Grand Final will be preceded by the womens! Pre. and Grand Finals which start at 7.15. A large crowd is expected and those spectators wishing for a good seat should arrive early. A charge of 40c for both players and spectators will be made on Grand Final Night. Also on this night the best and fairest award winners in both the mens and womens competitions will be presented with their trophies. Referee for the mens! Preliminary Final is Keith Cook and Greg Tapp will be in charge of the Grand Final. The scorer and linesmen for both the Pre and Grand Final are Kent Wells, Tom Hendley, Mark Read, Gus Richards and Wayne Morris. TO ALL TEAMS IN THE FINALS - THE BEST OF LUCK and refreshments (free) will be served to all players from all roster teams after the Grand Final.

LAITES VOLLEYBALL

ROUND 12 27.3.79

Game 1. Bankcard - Targett's Garage
This game resulted in a very easy win
for Bankcard and gave them another 4
points and second position on the ladder.
Score: 3 - 0. Best for Bankcard:
C. Woolley and S. Blackman. Best for
Targett's Garage: V. Leedham, Janice
Pitt and Andrea Hayes.

Game 2. Kiwis - Toby's Team
Kiwis just scraped home winning 3 - 0.
The results were: 15-13; 15-12; and
15-11. J. Lynch and C. Woods were best
for Kiwis and Joanne Aulich and L. Morris
for Toby's Team.

Game 3. Blackwood Hodge - Trendsetta
After losing the first game Blackwood
Hodge played extremely well and won the
next three games 15-1; 15-4; and 15-2.
It was not possible to find a best player

for Trendsetta. All Blackwood Hodge played well.

BEST AND FATREST VOTE COUNT NIGHT
This was held Wednesday 28 March and it
was pleasing to see quite a few ladies
present. It was a very close result
between Shirley Blackman 15 and Val
Leedham 14. Shirley has only played 6
out of the 12 roster matches and has done
a fantastic job to take out the trophy.
Best and Fairest Trophy will be presented
on Grand Final Night 12 April.

Results: S. Blackman 15; V. Leedham 14;
Judy Aulich, J. Williams, M. Targett 11;
V. Aulich, M. French, 10; J. Aulich, H.
Stuart 9; K. Richards, T. Gillies 8; J.
Lynch, T. Leedham 7; J. Wright, M. Williams,
C. Woolley, K. Bean 6; P. Burgess, T. Lynch
L. Morris, J. Midson 5; S. Binns, C. McCarthy,
P. Thomas, 4; C. Williams, M. Harris,
C. Millar, M. Ri chardson 3; C. Woods,
J. Pitt, J. Harris, D. Salter D; Dawson 2;
A. Read, P. Cook, A. Greenwood, J. Barr, J.
Thorne and K. Oosterloo, C. Hendley 1.

SEMI FINAL

Game 1. Kiwis - Blackwood Hodge
Kiwis started off very well by winning the
first game but just seemed to go flat after
that and Blackwood Hodge were able to win
the next three games 15-4; 15-13; and
15-4. Best for Blackwood Hodge: Cindy
Williams, Cheryl West, Janine Williams and
Anne Reid. M. Targett, C. Woods and S.
Binns played well for Kiwis.

Game 2. Trendsetta - Bankcard
Trendsetta played really well in the first
two games and it looked as though it was
just a matter of winning the third and they
would go straight to the Grand Final. BUT
Bamkcard came good in the third game and
outclassed Trendsetta to win 13-15; 6-15;
15-8; 15-7; and 15-3. Best For Bankcard
All played well. V. Aulich, T. Lynch, H.
Stuart and J. Wright played well for
Trendsetta.

10 April, 1979 - Prelimary Finals 7.15pm start Blackwood Hodge v Trendsetta

Bankcard v Winner of Blackwood Hodge/ Trendsetta.

EASTER JOKE: What do you get if you pour boiling water down a rabbit burrow?

A hot cross bunny.

All progress is based upon a universal, innate desire on the part of every organism to live beyond its income.

ST. HARYS GARDEN CLUB 29/3/79

Mars Marj Aulich chaired the meeting of St. Marys Garden Club. Mrs. Maisie Royle actud as Sucretary while Molly Aulich is on holiday in Malbourne. Hope you're having ia grand timo Molly.

Apologies from: B. Barnard, M. Aulich, R. Brough, A. Jarvis, P. & A. Llewellyn, K. LePevre who is a patient in the St. Marys Hospital. Members wish you a speedy recovery.

Birthdays: L. Rattray, B. Rubenach, Tanya Goss, M. Oliver.

Roll Call: What is the nicest thing you have over seen in any garden.

Open Arrangoment: L. Rattray 1st and 2nd

Int. Arr. L. Mitchell 1st and 2nd. Red Beet: M. Royle 1st and 2nd. L. Rattray 3rd. Any Vogetable: E. Mughes 1st, L.

Rattray 2nd and 3rd. Short Bread: L.

Rattray Lot and 3rd, E. Hughes 2nd. Floating Bowl of Flowers: M. Royle 1st. L. Rattray 2nd and L. Mitchell 3rd.

Raffle winner: L. Mitchell.

Lucky Door Winner: Marj Aulich, Competition: M. Oliver.

The annual mesting will be held on April 26 at the Institute at 2.00pm. Members are asked to bring a basket. Invititations sent to the following branches: Fingal, Bicheno, Scamander, St. Helens. Members and Visitors are asked to wear a natural party hat, not bought. Mombors are asked to bring extra for the Trade Table.

Competitions for April: M. Royle, M. Oliver. Lucky cups: E. Hughes, Lucky Door: L. Rattray. Rafflo: Marj Aulich. Vegotable of month: Silver beet. Special arrangement: Depicting Easter arrangement for table.

Home produce: Rock Cakes.

Roll Call: What is your favourite meal?

SCAHANDER GARDEN CLUB

Mrs. Z. Scott's home was the meeting place for the March 21st meeting. 14 members attended.

There were seven apologies. Birthday posies: J. Davis and M. Oliver.

Competition: Guessing how many Strawberries in the punrot: Wony by E. Jamison - 41. Donated by A. Hoverdon. E. Sachse won the raffle.

Problem corner brought some interesting comments about growing and caring for different plants etc.

Cacti garden: A. Hoverden 1st, E. Sachse, B. Turner.

Geranium: L. Eastley, J. Davis, A. Hoverden. Any other bloom: E. Jamison, J. Davis equal 1st, B. Turner, A. Hoverden.

Competition winner: E. Sachse.

Next me ting will be at the home of Mrs. Sachso April 18th .

Pansic or Carmation and Master arrangement for Table are for April competitions.

COMING EVENTS

MORNING COFFEE & EASTER EGGS for children under pre-school ago. 50c. Monday 9th April 10.30am CHILD HEALTH CHNTRE. Bring a plate.

ST. MARYS LADIES FELLOWSHIP 25rd April 7.30 CHILD HEALTH CENTRE - Guest Speaker and also book exchange night. Don't forget cups,

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED TO BUY....Dosk in reasonable condition, Lampshade frame suitable for recovering. Norm Nichols, Scamander.

WANTED TO RENT.... Unfurnished house for long term in Fingal, St. Marys, Mangana area. Suitable for family with two small children. R. Horsman, Victoria Street, Fingal. .

WHATS ON CON'T

A.L.P. Meeting Fingal Hall Thursday 12 th April, Commencing 8 00pm Business Nomintions for Office Bearers for 1979/80. A.L.P. Dinner Friday May 4th

General business

All Welcome. Des Thornn, Secretary Fingal/Portland A.L.P.

ST.HELENS GUN CLUB

Results of shoot held 18th March Event 1. 5T DB Eyeopener S/S shared by M. Herring, H. Kerrison, P. Thomas, L. Treloar & B. Wright. Event 2 15T
DB H/cap S/S shared by R. Groves &
H. Thomas 15/15 Event 3 20T DB Championship A Grade G. Woodberry 17/20
B Grade T. Symons 30/31 C Grade
P. Thomas 20/20 D Grade G Chapple 21/21 Event 4 10Pr Deauville Doubles 1st Pair -P.Lohrey & L.Treloar Event 5 20T Points Score H/Cap 1st- M. Herring 59/63 2nd L. Trelodr 56/63 High Gun - R.Groves 89/95 Best Front Marker - D. Groves 14/15

Twenty eight shooters participated in this shoot held in fine warm weather. Some really good marksmanship was witnessed, especially from the younger shooters. Michael Holmes lost in a shoot-off to Graeme Chapple in the D grade and Michael Herring shot well to win the points score. The High Gun winner was Ray Groves but perhaps the outstanding performance came from young Paul Thomas, a C grade shooter, with the only perfect score of the day with twenty out of twenty in the Mouble Barrel Championship. The next shoot will be held on Easter Sunday with the main events being the 20T Continental Championship (graded) and a 20 target Single Barrel Handicap

LOCAL COAL FOR BELL BAY? LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The big news for the Fingal Valley this past week has been the announcement by the State Government that the Bell Bay power station is to be converted to use coal.

So far, there is no firm committment to use Fingal c al as there is talk of importing from N.S....

The Duncan Colliery managers are saying that their mine could supply the station for the whole of its useful life but because of previous and diddling, successive governments have not yet done enough to prove the reserves to themselves. Locals reckon they know the extent of the coal deposits and say that the mine management is right.

There is to be a public meeting in Fingal on April 27, sponsored by the council and other interested parties. There will be speakers from all the people supposed to know about the Bell Bay station and the colliery. The Premier is to be present, along with Heads of Departments, citizens groups and local speakers.

But remember, the use of Fingal coal is not a certainty. It is far from it. We must do everything we can to ensure that our area benefits, at long last, fr m the return t cal. As the demand f r cal grows, we must be prepared and able to meet the challenge of supply and delivery

This paper will welcome lefters or articles from any source on the proposed changeover at Bell Bay and the use of Fingal coal.

FORESTRY JOBS

Mr. George Shaw's letter in a recent issue has brought a response from the Minister for Economic Planning and Development, Mr. Batt.

size for Fingal was sixty men, but because planting land is being used faster than expected it has been decided the workf rewill be allowed to decline, by resignations, and retirements, to fifty four men.

The Minister went on, adding his assurance that every endeavour will be made to maintain a stable workforce at the highest practical level.

The level is not defined, but M. Batt does say that there may be an increase in the future if the PPM increases its harvest in the area, creating a demand for regeneration of cucalypt forests.

Every so often one hears complaints by people not being able to buy certain goods at our shops here on the last Coast and in the Valley. Many people moan about shopkeepers not stocking some everyday items.

I'm not a shopkeeper, nor am I a business person, but I must say a few words in defence of our traders.

How many people regularly support the local business houses in this area by purchasing their groceries, clothing, odd hardware items, etc? That question can be answered by taking note of the number of people who do not support the area, i.e., those who trip regularly and often to Launceston to buy up big, depriving the area of much needed cash flow.

And yet, these are the citizens who screech the loudest when they attempt to spend two dollars and can't get what they want. If these persons spent much more of their wealth here, then perhaps their local stores may increase their stocks, buy better and better still, reduce prices accordingly.

On the whole, your local business people really try hard to please you; they extend you credit, in numerous cases, for far longer periods than you could possibly hope for in the city, and interest free.

If you're not prepared to put money into your home town, don't whinge.

A.N. Scamander.

Unemployment is the key topic of debate in Australia and certainly no less in Tasmania. It would seem the majority of unemployed are youngsters, not long left school.

As a business man, I have had a small number of school leavers approach me sceking employment.

In most cases, I had to reject their applications on all too familiar grounds; their dress, attitude and standard of literacy.

Their dress is, to say the least, extremely casual; attitude, "I don't care if I get the job or not"; literacy is appalling leaving me wondering if our educational system is as good as a certain politician would have us believe.

that worries me is that these descriptions of job seekers seen to favour the majority.

"Concerned" St. Marys

Contributors are reminded that Letters to the ditor must contain the signature and address of the author, although such information will be witheld from publication if requested.

<u>Casey's Column</u> Local Government has the closest this they differ from other government representatives who are more distant from those they represent. The services provided by local government are the basic ones which make life tolerable or pleasant as far as they can. Roads and footpaths, streetlights, water supply, cleaning, reserves and a wide range of amenities. Some Councils do not provide all the services of another; each one has it's financial limits.

Who pays for the services? How? The answer to the first part is that property owners pay the costs in-curred by their Councils. This is because almost all the services are rendered to property. Their availability gives and maintains a far and improvements made by the owner creater value to property than prop- is the other. It is the land value rty would have without them. As property owners benefit specially from these services in a way not shared by others, they are expected to club together to pay the costs. The principle is to split the cost be excluded from local taxes. in proportion to the value given to Land values measure what the comthe property by the services made munity has done for the owner; the available. This clearly varies with value of his improvements measures the size of the property, since a large one will have more value than a small one alongside. It also varies with location, since a property in the centre of a town will have access to a whole range of ser- when it charges rates on an average vices while a similar size property on the outskirts has fewer services and so the value of such a property . "ill be less.

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approach to the ideal of democracy in operation in this country. Municipal Councillors are of the people and Love among them. They can be approached by anyone and are. In this them differ from the closest the transfer of the people owner by a rate of so many cents in the \$ of the value of their property. If the value is small, so The method of carving the bill erty. If the value is small, so is the rate; if the value is high, the rate bill is higher. The princirle is perfectly just and could not be bettered. It simply seeks payment in accordance with value Civen to the property by services rendered by the Council. But, in our Tunicipality, the rating method is a perversion of that principle. The rate payments demanded have no relation to the services made available. This is because we are still using the assessed annual value (AAV) as the basis for our rating.

> We must recognise that property value consists of two parts. The land value itself is one while the value of the buildings, cultivations alone which is given and maintained by community services given by Council and it is this value alone which should be used as the basis of Rating.

The owner's improvement value should be excluded from local taxes. what he has done for the community. The AAV hating method fails to distinguish between the two values. It charges according to the combined value of both. How can it be fair house up to twenty times the amount charged on an adjoining vacant block, when the services provided to each lot are the same? Is it fair when adjoining houses, one wellkept, the other rundown, pay enormously different rates when both occupants are provided with and use identical municipal services? They both use water, the same streets, the same streetlights show them home, the same drains take their waste, the same recreational facilities are available to both. The same services of all kinds are given to them both equally but one owner pays three times as much as his immediate neighbour. Why? Because that's what AAV rating does. It ignores justice and causes inequalities as in the example mentioned.

There is a better way. One that does not tax your own effort, your own improvement and enterprise. It is one we have to learn about and adopt, as most of Australia has already done.

"Casey"

STARDUST

By Grandma Moses Fortnight beginning April 6th

ARIES: March 21 - April 20
The time is right just now to promote your favourite personal endeavours, you may expect some pleasant changes in personal and family affairs. Do not quarrel with partners - you may lose prestige. Review your budget.

BEST DAYS: 8, 10, 18.

TAURUS: April 21 - May 21
If you have a plan to increase your
earnings then now is the time to set it
in motion. Now is not a good time to
change employment. Take special care
not to offend family & friends. Finish
those jobs around the house before
starting more. BEST DAYS: 6, 12, 17.

GEMINI: May 22 - June 21
Give secial attention to profitable situations when they arise. Watch out for expensive social involvement. Family life and involvement is good. Remember the elderly at all times. You may suffer transport problems - be patient.
BEST DAYS: 7, 11, 15.

CANCER: June 22 - July 23

Personal projects & employment ambitions are good, you may be in line for an advancement in your career. Take care of important tasks early in the fortnight. Financial problems may cause unrest in the home. Health is good.

BEST DAYS: 9. 14, 16.

LEO: July 24 - August 23
De ready to reject offers which might jeopardize your financial standing. You will find life easier in all ways if you think positive. Use tact and diplomacy in all your deals too and you will benefit. Take greater care than usual when travelling. BEST DAYS: 8, 16, 19.

VIRGO: August 24 - September 23
Financial problems may slow down your efforts in creative & artistic activity now. A good time to start projects that involve the whole family. Pay some special attention to the children & their school efforts. Guard your health carefully. BEST DAYS: 11, 13, 15.

LIBRA: September 24 - October 23
Diplomacy is necessary in all you do
because misunderstandings cause long
delays. Also avoid conflicts with the
youth in the family. Romance and social
life is good now. The chilly winter is
starting, make yourself a comfortable
nest now. BEST DAYS: 6, 13, 18.

SCORPIO: October 24 - November 22
Concentrate your efforts on designing
new projects in your creative hobby it will occupy those long winter days.
Use some of your free time to assist
some local charity - your help is needed
& will be appreciated.
BEST DAYS: 8, 10, 16.

SAGITTARIUS: November 23 - December 21 Conditions are very favourable for promoting new projects in your local are soon. Keep close tabs on your spending you could be a little extravagant. Don't attract too much public attention. You may be invited to help in some fund raising. BEST DAYS: 9, 13, 19.

CAPRICORN: December 22 - January 20 Family affairs are still good. You should give thought to teaching the family about the prevention of accidents & fires in the home. Don't be too extravagant, take care when travelling by car and beware of catching cold. BEST DAYS: 8, 8, 18.

AQUARIUS: January 21 - February 19
Use your discretion when buying special items - don't overs end. Finances appear to be a bit brighter but you aren't out of the woods yet. Take special ca of your personal safety. Consider a new project to occupy those long winter evenings. BEST DAYS: 7, 13, 15.

PISCES: February 20 - March 20
Family matters may demand most of your time for a while. Associates tend to be a little edgy & easily offended - treat them with the utmost care. Plan a family involvement to occupy winter nights. Finances are on the mend. Watch your health. BEST DAYS: 9, 12, 17.



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