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THE CORNWALL COAL COMPANY

1886 - 1986

On Sunday June 29, the Cornwall Coal Company celebrated 100 years of coal mining with centenary celebrations at Fingal.

Many past and present workers and their families had an enjoyable day, starting with a church service conducted by the Rev. Ross Flint.

The Minister of Mines, Mr Ray Groom, and Mr George Shaw M.L.C., were two of the guest speakers. Mr Bob Mellows, the present mine manager, presented medals to 20 men who have worked for the company for 25 years or more.

Luncheon was served by an enthusiastic band of Lions members from the St. Marys club, and Lions Ladies.

The history of coal mining in this State dates back to convict settlement times. Cornwall is now a wholly owned subsidiary of another larger Tasmanian company and major coal user - Goliath Cement Holding Limited.

Many of Cornwall's present employees are descended from pioneer mining families who settled in the Fingal Valley to mine gold, tin and coal in the latter part of the 1800's.

From as early as 1843, black coal was known to exist in the Valley, but well organised mining operations did not commence until the 1880's.

Completion of the Government owned St. Marys-Conara rail link, provided the means of moving sufficient coal to market, to justify development of coal mines at two discovery sites on the southern side of the Mt. Nicholas Range. The small townships of Cornwall and Mt. Nicholas (now abandoned) grew nearby as the mines developed.

The original mine entry was into the "blue seam" high above the valley floor. Coal was loaded into skips and despatched via a self-acting tramway, down to loading bins sited near the St. Marys - Conara railway line adjacent to Cullenswood.

The company made its first profit in 1890. This was £365, and increased to £1210 by the end of that year.

Although interest in upgrading the

product continued, it was 1959 before the company installed its washing plant at Fingal. In the intervening years, stone was manually removed from a special conveyor belt.

Major bushfires occurred in 1898, destroying the manager's cottage, the office, stable, two miner's huts and ten trucks of loaded coal.

To improve conditions for the men, the company built more cottages.

In the mines earliest days and until the 1950's, the skips were drawn from the working places by ponies to a central point where the skips were clipped to an endless wire rope and hauled to the surface by a winch. The last of the pit ponies was sold in the 1960's, some time after completion of mechanisation of the mines.

Although it took 24 years to mine the first half million tons of coal, and a further 15 years to mine the second half million, that figure is now exceeded each year.

The Cornwall Coal Company No Liability, after humble beginnings one hundred years ago in 1886, now has a multi-million dollar turnover and represents a multi-million dollar investment.

MAN AND RIVERS

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ments during her stay in hospital.
Especially Doctor and nursing
staff for all their kindness.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to our
local school for organising the
extra sports activities. These
have included involvement in a
local netball roster, a football
shield team, and Saturday morning
activities in the new gym. Thanks
to the teachers for giving up
their time and for their support
in encouraging our children to
be involved in sporting activities.
What do other parents think of
these things? Teachers require
our support in these worrying
and difficult times.

School Supporter, St. Marys.

WHAT'S ON

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH will be conducting two Seminars on Healing by (Rev. Tom Jewett Saturday 12 July at Fingal 2.30pm 1 Session. 5pm Tea (Bring your own to pool) 7pm 2nd Session with Prayer for Healing.
Venue - Primary School Fingal.
Revd. Jewett will be guest preacher at St. Marys 13 July 3pm. For information ring Revd. R. Flint Phone 742113.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Child Health Assoc. will be held on Thursday 17th July at 10.30am at the Clinic. The Secretary of the Northern District Assoc. will be at this meeting. So how about some support from the many mothers in this Community who visit our sister regularly. We are sure many mothers do not know that the government only pays the sister. All other expenses are the responsibility of the committee. At present only 2-3 mums have been attending our meetings. We feel sure more mums could give an hour of their time each month to help with the running of our clinic. Lack of support will see the St. Marys branch of the C.H.A. close. We are hoping to see some new faces at our A.G.M. on 17th July. Morning tea provided. Mothers from Fingal, Scamander and Falmouth are very welcome to join us.

A BEETLE EVENING on Thursday (tonight) R.S.L. Institute 7pm in aid of Miss Multicap entrant Michelle Maher.

RED CROSS ANNUAL MEETING to be held on Monday 7th July, 1986 at 7.45pm. in recreation room of St. Marys District Hospital. Members and new members welcome. Ladies a plate for supper.

INDOOR HOCKEY...Anyone interested in playing indoor hockey, a meeting will be held on Thursday July 10th 7pm at St. Marys Hotel.

THANKS TO ALL BLOOD DONORS who donated blood in May. Total donors for the night was 43. Next Blood Bank is in October. Hope to see you there.

CABARET.....FINGAL HOTEL
This Saturday 5th July. Featuring "Magnum" (Local Band).

POST OFFICE NEWS.....
New Mail Closing times:-
Mon. to Thurs.: 4.45pm
Friday 5.00pm

AMBULANCE RAINFALL COMPETITION
WINNER:- Toby Spilsbury with 35mm. Actual rainfall 35.8mm.

ST. MARYS GOLF AND BOWLS CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Friday 25th July at 7.30pm. Agenda: Election of Officers for new Committee General Business. Annual Report.

BINGO.....AT FINGAL HOTEL
For Football Club every Thursday night. Eyes down 7.30pm sharp.

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2nd book \$100 on 50 calls.

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NEWS

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Sunday July 6
Fingal 9.30am
St. Marys 11.00am
St. Helens 7.00pm

Sunday July 13
Fingal 9.30am
St. Marys 11.00am
St. Helens 7.00pm

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. HELENS

St. Pauls Church
8.00am Eucharist every Sunday
11.00am Every Sunday
7.00pm Every Sunday

St. Michael's and All Angels
Church - Pyengana
9.30am 2nd & 4th Sunday

Falmouth Church
9.30am 1st & 3rd Sunday

ANGLICAN PARISH OF THE FINGAL VALLEY

Sunday July 6
9.00am M.P. Fingal
10.30am F.S. St. Marys
7.00pm H.C. Royal George

Sunday July 13
9.00am H.C. Fingal
10.30am F.S. Avoca
3.00pm E.P. St. Marys
(Vestry meeting to follow)

SALVATION ARMY CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday July 6 & 20
9.45am Sunday School (weekly)
11.00am Church Service
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CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. MARYS

St. Marys - St. Mary of the Assumption - Sundays July 6, 13 9.00am

St. Helens - SS Helena & Stanislaus Vigil Mass - Saturdays 6.00pm

Fingal - St. Joseph Sunday July 6, 13 10.30am

Mangana - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart - 3rd Sunday each month 10.30am

Mathinna - 5th Sunday each month 11.00am

Bicheno - Community Church Sunday July 6 4.00pm

PARISH PRIEST: Father Connolly,
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MEALS ON WHEELS

JULY	ST. MARYS	FINGAL
Sunday 6	Gerald Aulich	Mac Saunders
Monday 7	Karlene Richards	Ruth Saunders
Tuesday 8	Wendy Haas	Kath Francis
Wednesday 9	Kaye Nailer	Pam Davenport
Thursday 10	Pam Lynch	Idie Francis
Sunday 13	Marj Spilsbury	Les Rubenach
Monday 14	Kerry Webb	Shirley Parker
Tuesday 15	Len Miles	June Hall
Wednesday 16	Keith Bullock	Sutton Lowe
Thursday 17	Heather Griffiths	Jack Miller

SALVATION ARMY CORNWALL

An invitation is given to all to share with us on Wednesday July 23 at 1.45pm
Afternoon tea \$1.00
Trade Table Assorted Goods

Used Clothing - Babies children .30c
Adults .50c
Coats, Suits .80c

All proceeds to Missionary Funds and Salvation Army Winter Appeal.

CORNWALL COAL CENTENARY & RAILWAY CENTENARY

The Fingal Historical Society were pleased to be involved with the displays of the Cornwall Coal Co. at their reunion on June 29th. As June 29th was also the 100th year of the official opening of the Railway between Conara (then known as the "Corners") to Fingal it was therefore a double celebration. It would be interesting to know just how the coal industry would have developed without the railways. We would like to congratulate the Cornwall Coal Co. for their successful day. It was a pleasure to see just how organised the Lion's Club were with the catering. Our congratulations and thanks to them as well. Vicki, Ruth and Pat would like to thank Charmaine Rubenach for her assistance on Saturday in doing the Railway Display Board and our Cornwall Coal Board along with the hanging of the Railway posters. Her help was greatly appreciated. I have enclosed some early extracts of the Railway, which may be interesting to read. The displays are still available for the public to view, at the Council Chambers and Fingal Library. Anyone wishing to see the library one out of hours can call on me.

Pat Rubenach,
Fingal.

FINGAL RAILWAY STATION 1886-1986

Constructed in 1886, the exterior of this building has never been structurally altered, except for the enclosing of a small porch and the addition of an external door.

Source of the following information is reported from: Tasmanian Historical Research Association Volume 21 No. 3.

Early August 1885 Mr. Lord went to Fingal to inspect the proposed sites of stations and buildings on the new railway being formed there. There he became ill and to return home he caught the train from the "Corners" (Conara). The cold morning air, brought on complications and on his return he was confined to his bed, where his condition worsened and he died on August 11th 1885 aged 42.

Extract from "The Fingal Railway" Inaugural Ceremonies (by Electric Telegraph)

"The Turning of the First Sod"
Walking down the main street of the township, bathed in glorious

sunshine, visitors could see to advantage, Mt. Nicholas, Ben Lomond, Tower Hill, Ossians's Throne, (a bare rock) all the other curious environs, by which the place is surrounded. There were a host of people in town, but hitherto they kept in doors. Now they rolled up to stare and be stared at. Almost the only attempt of decoration was at the Council Chambers, which looked very gay with its bunting flying in front, and its triumphal arch of welcome over its principal entrance. This was not the only one however, as Mr. J.S. Goodall with his characteristic enthusiasm had hoisted a banner in front of his house with, "Success to the Railway" blazoned upon it and a Union Jack flying above. Still further down the street was another flag or two.

The Ministerial Party had been taken across to "Gatty's" paddock which had been fixed upon for the afternoon as the site for the ceremony. The chosen piece of turf was on the site of the future Fingal station, a yard or two only from Mr. Gatty's barns in front of his hotel.

The Minister of Lands, proceeded to the spot, where at the 23 mile 56 chain peg, a brand new regulation barrow, spade and pick had been placed and a piece of ground, the size of a turf marked out in readiness for the performance of the ceremony. A very choice banquet had been prepared in the court-room by the caterer Mr. Gatty of the Talbot Inn.

The official opening was on June 29th 1886.

Names of Station Masters appointed over the years are:- Messrs Joyce, (1908) Jordan, Parr (1926-27) Parr Junr. White, Ware, Walsh, Curtis, Cruse, Brain, Cocker, Brill, Fisher, Brown, Raley (1903-1908).

TRAGEDIES - Train Smash March 16th 1946

A goods train consisting of about 20 trucks of coal and timber was wrecked and the engine driver, Eric Britton aged 41 was killed when a cloudburst undermined a 20ft high embankment over which the train was passing six miles east of Avoca on the Fingal-Conara line about 9.30am. Mr. Fred Guy of Mathinna was the fireman and Mr. R. Causley of Conara was the guard and both were un-injured. Mr. & Mrs. Athol Bean and their baby also were not injured.

ST. MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

STAFFING:

Mr. Tim Squires has been appointed as part-time groundsman/farmhand following the resignation of Mr. Col Loane.

Mrs. Cheryl Rankin will replace Mrs. Lesley Wilkin as part-time teacher in the infant area.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS PURCHASES:

Our thanks to the Parents and Friends Association for purchasing the following equipment for the school from some of the proceeds of the School Fair.

A ghetto blaster portable sound system

Two cassette tape recorders

A listening centre

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

Congratulations to Vanessa Singline who won the Campbell Town heat of the 7EX Talent Quest and who also participated in the Northern final of the Rostrum Voice of Youth public speaking contest.

MOTHERS CLUB:

The next meeting of the Mothers Club will be held in the Sewing Room at 1.45 p.m. on Tuesday, 8th July.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION:

The next meeting of the Parents and Friends Association will be held on Tuesday, 15th July at 7.30 p.m.

TRIANGULAR SPORTS EXCHANGE:

On Friday, 11th July, the annual triangular sports exchange between St. Marys, St. Helens and Campbell Town will be held at St. Marys. Students will be competing in a variety of sports. Parents are most welcome to visit the school and watch the matches.

10.00	Table Tennis v's St. Helens
10.00	Junior Netball v's St. H
10.00	Aussie Rules v's St. Helens
10.00	Girls Basketball v's SH
10.20	Table Tennis v's CT
10.25	Girls Basketball v's CT
10.35	Junior Netball v's CT
10.40	Football v's CT
11.00	Hockey v's SH
11.20	Badminton v's CT
11.50	Senior Netball v's CT
12.20	Badminton v's SH
12.30	Soccer v's SH
1.10	Senior Netball v's SH
1.15	Boys Basketball v's CT
1.40	Boys Basketball v's SH

A.N.Z. FOOTBALLERS:

On Sunday, 22nd June, the Fingal Valley High School Football team competed in the A.N.Z. Junior Knockout Competition. The Fingal team was defeated by Brooks High School by 93 points.

Congratulations to the following boys for representing the school: Grant Young, Drew Berwick, Jason Lynch, Rodney Bushing, Paul Mason, Justin Hayes, Peter Lowe, Brent Leedham, Aaron Furlow.

THE AMAZING JOURNEY - Mathew Frank, Grade 5

My name is Mathew Frank and I have nearly finished my space ship. It has 18 oxygen making machines, two in each room. In its giant bays are the mighty F200's that I invented! Each is equipped with one oxygen making machine. They cruise at 4000000 km.p.h. The width of my space ship is 300m while the length is $\frac{1}{2}$ km.

I went to the space lab to pick up 8 space cadets, Simon Fraser, Mathew Rawnsley, Jason Rawnsley, Gillies Armstrong, Rodney Hammersley, Roger Grey, Cyrus Lesser and Peter Frank, then I went and got the rest of the crew.

We packed our space craft and it was time for lift off. 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, lift off!

The lift was enormous. For a moment I thought the space craft was going to explode!

Through our solar system: As we zoomed through space I felt nervous, for we were going to the third solar system.

RETENTION RATES - GRADE 10-11

Retention rates into Grade 11 (or equivalent) are, it seems, very low indeed for students from the Fingal Valley/East Coast area, and should be the subject of some concern.

It is very disappointing that many of the students quite capable of further education and, in particular, those capable of attaining matriculation; choose for a variety of reasons not to continue their education.

Although many of these students do eventually move out of the area, they seem, to initially seek (and obtain) jobs in the area. These jobs are usually well below their obvious capabilities.

St. Helens and St. Marys and other East Coast areas are more distant from upper secondary institutions than any other populated areas in Tasmania. Daily travel to any upper secondary institution is totally out of the question for any student living in the St. Helens or St. Marys intake areas.

Thus, all students from the area who wish to continue their education must effectively leave home. This can be a very severe jolt to both parents and students. Many are simply not able to face it.

Although the added financial burden on families of country students is often cited as the main reason for not continuing, I believe that the real reasons are mainly emotional and social.

Country students must effectively leave the home environment, relations, friends boy-friends and girl-friends (who will often see the parting as final), and an accustomed way of life. They must move from a well-defined, accepted and usually comfortable social situation, and an environment where everyone knows everyone, to a totally new environment where their position is almost completely undefined. At 15 or 16 years of age, with no accustomed family or friends for immediate guidance, this can be fairly stressful in actuality and demoralising in anticipation. Out of those students who do take the step, quite a few do not handle it very well and drop

out quite early.

Many country parents are also unable to face the perceived loss of their children at such an early age. Quite often the student has just reached an age where the parent/child relationship has changed or is changing to a deeper companionship relationship. The forced separation is seen as the fragmentation of the family, and contains some fairly deep feelings of loneliness as the parents see or think they see their child being forced away from them. This can cause parents to veto their child's continuing education, or intending students to withdraw before school starts.

The financial burden can also be quite serious for parents of country students. Most parents of students who wish to continue are earning a reasonable wage, reasonable enough to put them out of reach of additional benefits on top of the basic allowances. After subtracting normal allowances for travel and board for a student returning home every weekend, the cost comes out at about \$44 per week, or \$1,760 per year for travel, books, phone money and about \$5 per week pocket money (rather limited pocket money). Normal support (clothes, weekend food, some entertainment) still have to be met as before. In a home situation involving several other children, it does not cost anywhere near \$40 per five days for extra food and \$5 pocket money, - at least not if the family budget is being managed properly.

It is estimated that for most families the extra cost involved above the "home situation" would be between \$800 and \$1000 per year. These costs are not now tax deductible either.

The process of getting students home at weekends and returning them for the next week is also seen as a worry. The student must fit in with bus times. Normally this is not too onerous, involving about 5 hours bus travel per weekend for St. Helens students. However on long weekends the bus does not always fit in, necessitating considerable community organisation of car travel. This problem is mainly of concern to students who board at one of the hostels where supervision is not available during holidays.

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THE BILL OF RIGHTS

The Liberal and National Parties are committed to voting against the Bill and if possible to prevent it being passed. However, the Labor and Australian Democrat Parties support the Bill.

To date, nearly forty thousand Australians have signed petitions protesting about the introduction of the Bill.

MAN AND RIVERS

A photographic display is in the Tasmanian Hotel Centre located at Fingal is on the theme of "Man and Rivers".

Many of the photographs included in Man and Rivers have not previously been published. With the exception of J.W. Beattie and S. Spurling, both well known for their extensive output of post-cards and lantern slides, and T.R.G. Williams, the photographs represent the work of amateurs. They are typical and yet refreshing images of the Tasmanian landscape.

The historical significance of photography is perhaps more apparent in Australia than elsewhere in the world as the greater part of our history is documented through this ubiquitous medium. In Tasmania this endeavour extends from the convict era and presents us with a unique perspective, a vivid and credible link with our past. Photography has the property of recording in a precise manner the small details which, although probably not important to the photographer's original intent, provide a chance to examine the finest threads in the fabric of our history.

The fundamental role of rivers in Tasmania's early settlement patterns and the development of transport links, combined with their visual appeal, has meant that rivers have become focal points for human activity.

Man and Rivers has been organised to tour community venues in northern Tasmania to enable residents outside the city of Launceston to view some of the important historic and artistic resources held in the photographic archive at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery. The exhibition of thirty prints spanning fifty years, illustrates the way in which a number of photographers working in Tasmania

have captured the varying visual aspects and artistic attitudes to the rivers of Tasmania. The record made by the photographers - Beattie, Cumings, Harvey Masters, Smithies, Spurling and Styant Browne together with the unknown artists - provide many levels of information about exploration, the growth on industrial activities, historic and catastrophic events, fashions and social customs as well as recreational and leisure activities.

BY GONE ERA OF STEAM

Highlights of a nostalgic Train Ride. As one of the lucky 180 people who rode on the first public mainline excursion on the Don River Railway here are some of the highlights for me. Firstly there was the suppressed excitement of the travellers. Then there were all the visitors who just came to look and photograph - the carriages - the engine (resplendent in her new paint and smoke belching from the smoke stack.) Then the Don River Railway members bustling about to see that everything went smoothly.

At last the guard said the magic words "all aboard" and with a loud whistle we were off.

Interest was fantastic everyone wanting to see the train, to wave, to photograph.

At Devonport the crew of the Abel Tasman lined the rails, the siren of the Abel Tasman greeted the train when the train whistled, people ran to see and to wave.

I imagine that was the interest shown of the first steam train.

From Devonport to Burnie we had a convoy of cars (including police) keeping to the train.

The convoy would be about a mile long - many with tape recorders to record the clickety clack of the train.. I have never seen so many different types of cameras, from pocket size to the movie and video cameras.

At Penguin Surf-life Club we stopped for an enjoyable cup of tea plus sandwiches, scones and cake or a glass of amber fluid.

At Burnie the train stayed for 1½ hours, long enough to visit the hotels for a counter lunch or just a look at the shops.

Then we began the trips back - we still had our convoy of cars still our spectators, still our photographers.

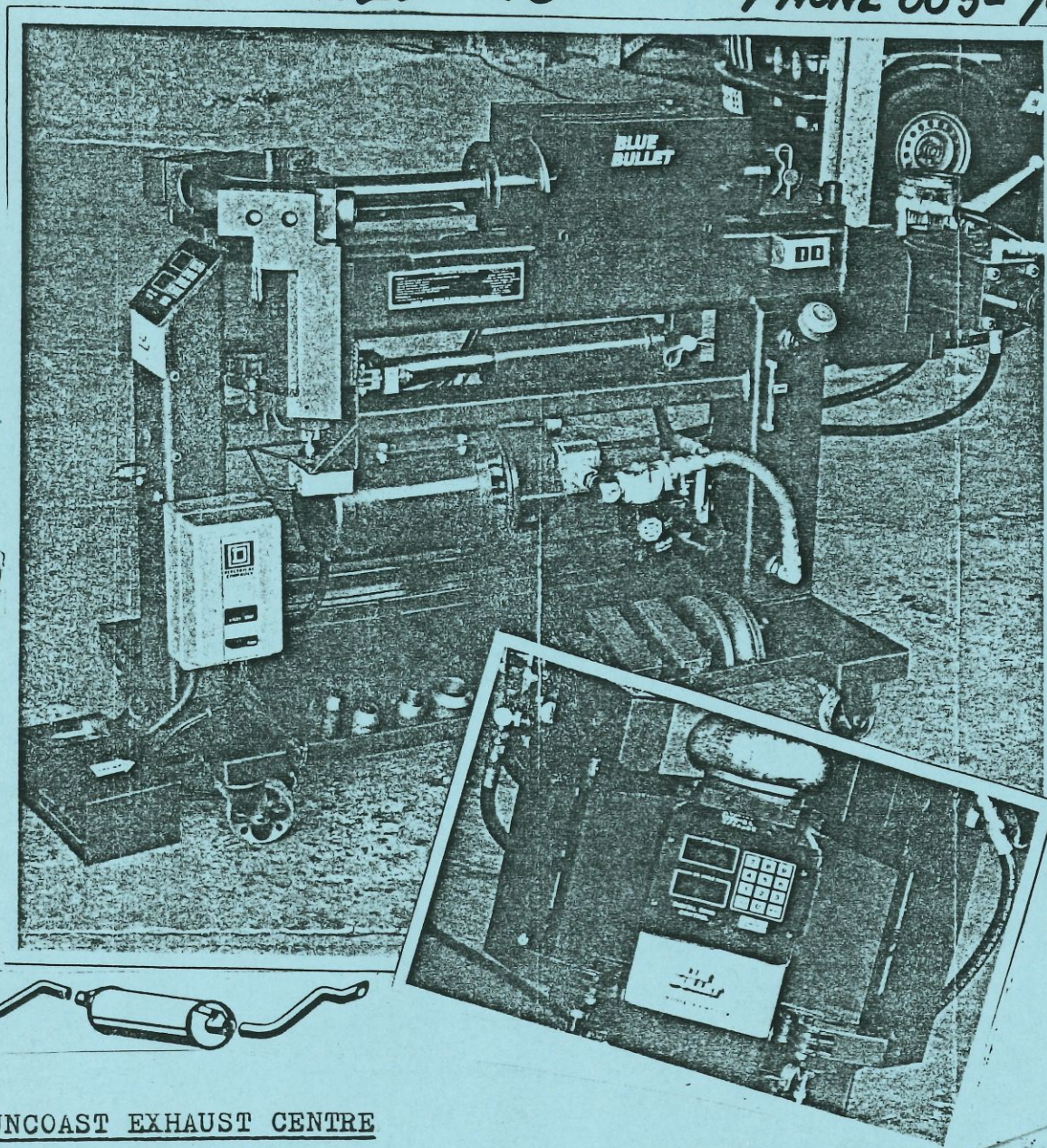
To me, it was a real memory lane.

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THE BILL OF RIGHTS..

Information supplied by Senator Jocelyn Newman.

The Bill of Rights, now before the Senate, will make far reaching changes in Australian life. The Bill covers the right to be treated equally regardless of race, sex, colour, language, property etc; the right to marry and the right to join a trade union.

The Bill of Rights does not include the right to own, protect or administer our own property. Other rights not included in the Bill are the right of parents to choose or set up non-government schools for their children. The right of the teacher to impart any kind of information to those children will be paramount above any religious or moral concern of their parents.

There will be no right not to join a trade union.

The Government refuses to enable people to voice their opinion on the Bill at the next election. Nor will it submit it to a referendum.

The administration of the Bill of Rights is also a matter for considerable concern.

The Human Rights Commission's job is to investigate complaints under the Bill of Rights. Parties involved will not necessarily be entitled to legal representation although this is a basic right of a citizen in a court of law.

Commission inquiries will not be bound by the rules of evidence. These are the rules which have protected the citizen under the British system of justice.

This means, for example, that evidence which is hearsay can be admitted, in contrast to what is permissible in a court of law. The Commission is entitled to prevent disclosure of the name of the complainant, even though the complaint may be malicious. In spite of this, individuals who are the subject of the complaint can be compelled to answer the charge, to provide witnesses and to produce documents. Failure to meet any of these requirements will result in a fine of \$1000 on each count.

The Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, the Law Council of Australia, the Catholic Bishops and the Australian Chamber of Commerce have spoken out on concerns about the Bill.

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BY GONE ERA OF STEAM.....

I used to travel by train from Penguin to Devonport five days a week to go to school. I caught the train each morning at half past six. How often I did my homework on the train (especially learning notes). Apart from memories it was a very relaxing journey, - no cars screaming past - no big trailers plenty of leg room and a very relaxing ride.

The next trip is in November and another carriage is going to be added and negotiations with the E.B.L. Railway have been mooted for a trip to Rosebery - I have been on this trip once, the scenery is fantastic especially when the Waratah are out.

U.A. Camplin.

CORNWALL COAL AND CORNWALL THE TOWNSHIP.

With the celebration of the hundred years of coalmining at Cornwall my thoughts have gone to life at Cornwall in the 53 years I have been here. When I was appointed to the Cornwall School all I knew was that it was a Coal mining district, there had been some trouble in the mines, and the headmaster was an old school master of mine and a friend of my father. Yesterday I met some of my pupils again. Life at Cornwall was ruled by the mine whistle - 7.30a.m. work began 11.00am lunch, 11.30am work resume 3.30pm work finished. Miners came to work in buses. It took me some time to recognise the miners with their black faces and very white teeth, pit lamps still on their hats, many still alight. I soon found out that the miners were very caring, ever ready to help someone in trouble. In those days if the mine worked 5 or 6 days a fortnight they were lucky. The school was the focal point. Dances were held there until the hall was built, even fairs were held there. Church was on a Wednesday evening in a little Mission Hall. There were three shops, and in these stores you could buy anything you wanted. They were really general stores. When war broke out Cornwall really helped - we had the Red Cross and the Comfort Funds. Helpers were always ready.

The dances in the hall were well attended. Whole families attended. How I remember the M.C. calling the Dancers etc. - Mr. Rigby waltzing around the hall - Mr. Rigby and Mrs. J. Madden dancing the Polka Mazurka. Then for everyone The Lambeth Walk, Daisy, and Hesitation Waltz. Another memory was the music, everyone seemed to be able to sing or play an instrument. On a clear night we would hear Mr. Jack Madden and his son begin playing then Mr. Fred Nolan on violin, his wife on banjo, Mr. Claude Nolan windjammer, Mr. Danny Madden on Cornet. There was even a mouthorgan band. Nowadays half the houses have gone, most of the old originals have gone, sometimes I think the fighting spirit of Cornwall has gone.

U.A. Camplin.

Cont.. from School Page 6. THE AMAZING JOURNEY.

In 48 hours 4 minutes 30.89 seconds we were out of our solar system. It was a whole new world out there. Space ships were going everywhere. It's amazing, it's colossal. Those were the voices from the cockpit. But then they were spotted! The F200's were let loose to protect the ship as we zapped through Space. Fortunately there was no need to use lazer gunfire. "So long to that solar system". (chapt. 4) The third solar system. Everyone breathed a sigh of relief. In the third solar system there was only one single planet which made our destination easy. We called the planet Mono. Simon was the first to notice that there was life on this planet. For he saw a space base on it. We ambushed it and found it useful. We contacted Earth and told of our victory. When we got back to Earth we were on the headlines and plans were made for a settlement on Mono.

By Mathew Frank.



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RETENTION RATES - GRADE 10-11

These are very real problems facing families and it is hardly surprising therefore that retention rates for country students are particularly low.

These problems could be lessened considerably by offering at least Grade 11 courses in the East Coast/Fingal Valley area.

The population, especially along the coastal strip from the Gardens (north of St. Helens) to South of Bicheno, is now growing at a rate that was not predicted or anticipated by planning bodies only two years ago.

On the present population growth rate for the area, a community college will become essential for the area by the early 1990's.

Is it possible for us to genuinely plan for the future rather than take the usual course of stumbling blindly from one planning catastrophe to the next?

Parent of Grade 11 student.

THE SAD AND SORRY FLIGHT OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN ST. MARYS.

Our annual general meeting was held on Sunday afternoon 2.30pm 8 persons attended plus the Rector, sad isn't it. The same old faces are on the Vestry again. Admittedly there was a function at Fingal, but enthusiastic persons could have made it back to St. Marys by 2.30pm. Common knowledge is that the Anglican Church is sick in Australia but I can assure you we are actually dying here in St. Marys. I would like to point out the financial difficulties facing our Church here due to lack of attendance in Church Sunday mornings, you may say What Church? Firstly the people are the church, not a building, and besides that Gods presence is in the Parish Hall, the same as in a grand structure like St. Davids Cathedral in Hobart, there is a general opinion that attendances will increase with the new Church Building, but in the meantime, we as a community (not just the Vestry) have an obligation to our Rector and his family to make sure our share of his wages are there each month. we would

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like people to realize that a handful of people who attend church (mostly pensioners) cannot raise anything in the vicinity in excess of \$700 - which is our share of the costs in running the Valley Parish. Could we kindly ask the Anglicans in this Community for some assistance in this overbearing burden, if each Anglican family could contribute say \$2 weekly that would help, we would feel more secure in maintaining our Rector a new Church isn't much use without him. But rather than just give money come and join us in worship of a kind and loving God who through His goodness to you, have what you have, each and everyone of us owe God, so shouldn't we give something back to Him. Come to church as a family to Family Service Sunday 10.30am.

See you.

SPORT

ST. MARYS GOLF NOTES by Tee Up

Members Stroke & Putting

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S. Wilmot (7) 65 nett

Div. 2. Cros Davern (28) 62 nett
N. Britton (20) 63 nett
C. Dawson (19) 65 nett

Putting D. Lavelle
Nearest Pin 5th D. Lavelle
" " 7th J. Gutteridge

Associates 36 Hole Foursome Championship

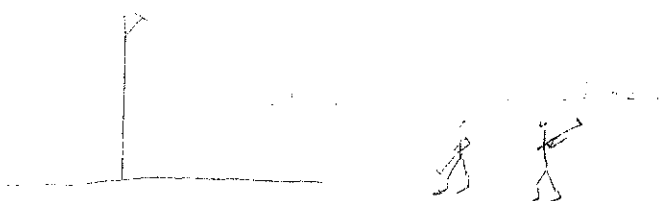
Day 1.
C. McGee & K. Blair 94-27½-66½
Y. Davern & H. Hayes 96-28- 68
M. King & K. Wright 100-28- 72

Day 2.
C. McGee & K. Blair 94-27½-66½
Y. Davern & H. Hayes 99-28- 71
M. Cook & J. Barr 100-29½-70½

Final
C. McGee & K. Blair Gross & Nett

Stroke & Monthly Brooch

H. Hayes (31) 60 nett
M. Cook (25) 63 nett
H. Fleming (33) 64 nett
J. Lohrey (25) 67 nett
K. Blair (25) 67 nett



STARDUST

BY CANCER CULP
FORTNIGHT BEGINING JULY 3RD, 1986.

CANCER: June 22 - July 22

Your mind is likely to be unclear on financial matters now and you will not see all the issues involved. You could be intentionally misled by others. Shopping will be hectic.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 38, 43, 44.

LEO: July 23 - August 23

A good week to get your message across to others but you may find yourself rushing from one appointment to another, or trying to do too many things at once.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 22, 27, 32.

VIRGO: August 24 - September 23

You will feel inclined to keep your options to yourself even when you should communicate with others. A good week for study, research or pursuing a project. Money matters improve.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 9, 10, 37.

LIBRA: September 24 - October 23

This is a time to think about your goals and expectations in life. You will examine your ideals to find out exactly how well they have served you. Push ahead with your plans.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 24, 25, 45.

SCORPIO: October 24 - November 22

Make plans now concerning your life and your career. A good time to undertake new studies and learn new techniques. Some can expect a promotion or advancement. Don't get tangled up in red tape.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 28, 33, 42.

SAGITTARIUS: November 23 - Dec. 21

You will be eager for knowledge and new experiences now, taking a larger view on life and discovering how various parts fit together. Matters relating to travel will engage your attention.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 12, 13, 39.

CAPRICORN: December 22 - Jan. 20

Very important personal and business issues can now be settled, but be prepared for delays and frustrations concerning your finances and security. Personal relationships will need attention.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 1, 2, 15.

AQUARIUS: January 21 - February 19

A good week to clarify issues concerning your spouse or business partner. You will be able to accomplish much more together than you could separately. Long distance communication may bring good news.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 7, 8, 21.

PISCES: February 20 - March 20

Health and work are two areas of importance. You will need to be more attentive to detail than usual. A meeting or get-together with friends will make your week. Investment gains are indicated.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 26, 29, 30.

ARIES: March 21 - April 20

A busy week with a few delays and frustrations around your home or place of work. Entertainment and pleasure activities will have you bubbling over with joy. A special event will be successful.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 16, 17, 34.

TAURUS: April 21 - May 21

You may have a serious talk with one of your parents or an elderly person whom you respect in order to find out more about a past event that is bothering you. A good week for creative work.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 22, 27, 32.

GEMINI: May 22 - June 21

Group discussions and conversations will bring out the best in you. A good week for activities. This is not a time to relax and events this week may move so fast that it will be difficult to think.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 11, 18, 19.

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