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EDITORIAL

As each day passes, more and more one is confronted with the mounting sounds of discontent from the land.

Unfortunately, the average farmer does not seem sure of just what he wants, apart from wanting the obvious, a fair return for his money invested and a continuance of the way of life he desires.

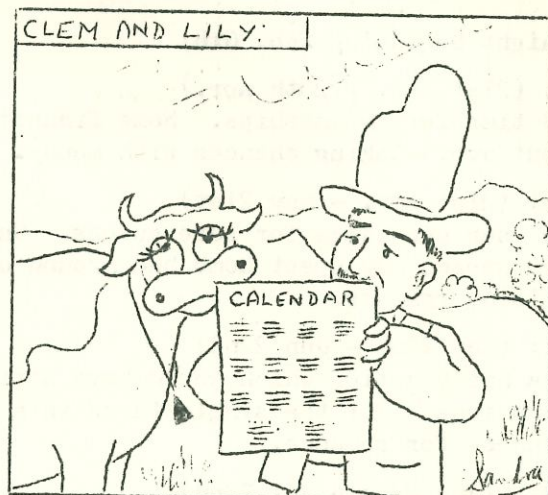
In Tasmania a recent four point plan to be put before the Premier by one farmers' group made an appeal mainly for probate, land tax and freight considerations. At best, this can only achieve a temporary and limited benefit to the farming community as a whole. Like many such plans, it still falls neatly into the 'Cut expenses and produce more' syndrome.

Until farmers are prepared to throw out the idea that the sole solution to agricultural problems lies in greater production per acre per farmer, ad infinitum, nothing will be achieved. Agriculturalists CANNOT beat the price squeeze by added production alone. In fact, universally greater production on an already overproduced market could actually DECREASE their income by deflating prices for their products.

For decades now, the farmer has been geared to accept this mostly erroneous theory. Agricultural inefficiency has been the catch cry of the academic agriculturalists for far too long. If these people took the trouble to become more involved in farming, they might begin to realise that perhaps the reverse is true. In fact, Australian Agricultural research in the past has been so effective, it now seems likely it will strangle the very people it was supposed to serve.

The sooner all these concerned become aware that professional agriculture should now aim at assisting farmers as well as farming, the better. A large percentage of government money now must surely be aimed at limiting agriculture and agriculturalists.

The Federal Government's scheme for assisting uneconomic farmers to leave the land if they wish, is a start in the right direction. But if it is eventually implemented, it will have to be far more comprehensive than the present plan.



TOUCHE'


HEARD on a school bus early this week. "The new headmaster is beaut; he's even human and plays the guitar."

A BREATHALYZER TEST would have been a good idea for the red-headed owner of a new runabout who was throwing 'empties' in the path of water skiers on the Scamander River last weekend.

SAW A WOMAN BOAT-DRIVER the other day who ran out of petrol in the bay at St. Helens. The kids were delighted but Mum was furiously waving her paddle at Dad on the shore.

HAVE HEARD that Maria Island is a wonderful place to take the kids for a holiday. Safe beaches and no lolly shop. There is a sanctuary for the nature lovers and plenty of history for the more serious minded.

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STAR PROBE

(Fortnight beginning Feb. 6th)

ARIES: (21st Mar. - 20th Apr.)

A good time for friendships. Some financial luck but avoid taking chances with money.

TAUHIS: (21st Apr. - May 21st)

Follow your own ideas for sure success. Un- guarded speech may upset home background or a promising romance.

GEMINI: (May 22nd - Jun 22nd)

Avoid a hasty action which would have serious repercussions. For the single there is a good chance for romance.

CANCER: (Jun 22nd - Jul 22nd)

Good chance of increasing prosperity and there may be a rise in your standard of living. But take care - this period may be short lived.

LEO: (Jul. 23rd - Aug 23rd)

Difficulties and worries but only for a short time if you handle matters carefully. Later prosperity and romance.

VIRGO: (Aug 24th - Sept 23rd)

False friends will cause you mischief. Home affairs pleasant and romance for the single.

LIBRA: (Sept 24th - Oct 23rd)

Others need your help. Good prospects for professionally qualified. Romance is out this month.

SCORPIO: (Oct 24th - Nov 2nd)

Business problems - if handled carefully should pay off. Good time socially. Ten- dency toward quarrels.

CAPRICORN: (Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)

Economy is the key to your plans. You will be very lucky this month especially those studying. Romance may be disappointing.

AQUARIUS: (Jan 21st - Feb 19th)

Unexpected events will lead to conflict. Do not speculate luck is not with you. Special studies will be well worth while.

PISCES: (Feb 20th - Mar 20th)

Opportunities and frustrations are yours in plenty! Beware of a legal en-tanglement. Romance for the single.

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LETTERS

Dear Sir,

I recently wrote to Mr. Dutbie, M.H.R. in reference to pensioners problems, and stressed the need for sodium free salt; to be allocated free to pensioners. This has been referred to the Federal Minister for Health - Dr. Forbes.

I also mentioned places which were iso- lated from a doctors surgery. Often where transport is needed to see a doctor, the cost is far too high for the pensioner. Mr Dutbie has promised to consult Dr. Abbott, state Minister for Health to see if some- thing can be done to help those who often need medical care and who cannot afford the cost.

Tas Matthews
Cornwall.

RECORD ROLL CALL.....

ST. MARYS DISTRICT SCHOOL.

The St.Marys District School opened for the 1970 school year with a new high in en- rolment - 460 students.

The main interests of the headmaster, Mr. D.A. Williams will be to ensure that the St.Marys High School becomes a school that will educate children as well as the city high schools. A judgement on this will be made by the end of the year.

At the moment, country children are being sent to board at hostels in the city and attend high schools there.

This is done in order that children may take subjects unavailable in the smaller schools, e.g. German, Physics, Chemistry. If parents are sending their children away for any other reason the headmaster of the St.Marys School would like to know what it is.

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Miss Piffle

CHRISTINE WRIGHT of St. Marys and BILL FLETCHER of Launceston celebrated their recent engagement with a family dinner party last weekend at the Scamander Motel. Bill, who is shortly to be transferred to Hobart, is a journalist with the A.B.C. They plan to wed towards the end of the year and will make their home in Hobart. Christine's mother, Mrs. P. Wright has enjoyed her small nephews, Gregory and Tony Lucid's company during the recent school holidays. The boys' parents, Mr and Mrs. Ron Lucid of Lenah Valley have also stayed with the Wrights for several week ends, during the past month.

MRS. ALICE WRIGHT of St. Marys has recently had a visit from her granddaughter and her husband, Mr. & Mrs. Barry Spark of Woolongong, N.S.W.

MRS. G. BRITTON and her grandson Gary of St. Marys have returned home after spending ten days with Mrs. Britton's sister and brother-in-law. They were taken on many scenic trips round Devonport, which they enjoyed very much.

MR. & MRS. ALAN LAMBY and their children, Tania and Scott, who live at Penguin, visited Fingal recently for the weekend.

MRS. C. BEAN of Fingal has recently enjoyed having MR. & MRS. REX SMITH of Wynyard, and their two small children, Jo-Anne and Handy as guests. Mrs. Bean also has had Mr. & Mrs. Ben Smith of Riverside for a few days visit.

MR. & MRS. DON BOSWORTH and their daughters Judith and Debbie of Launceston recently spent the long week end in January, visiting their parents Mrs. Ida Barnes and Mrs. Ivy Bosworth, both of Fingal.

MRS. S. SWEENEY and family of Mangana spent all the school holidays enjoying the beach at Cygnet.

MRS. M. OLIVER of Mangana is spending a few days visiting Hobart, New Norfolk and Launceston. She will be staying with her daughters.

MR. & MRS. HAROLD MCCARTHY have left the district to reside in Hobart. Harold has taken up the position as Health Inspector at the Clarence Municipality.

MR. & MRS. W. TYLER of Mathinna have returned after 6 weeks holiday on the mainland.

MATRON D. SIMPSON is in Melbourne attending the First International Domiciliary Nursing Conference.

MRS. T. LLOYD and children, Victoria and Nicholas of Launceston are staying with Mrs. Lloyd's parents, Mr. & Mrs. D. Cheshire of Mangana.

MR. MALCOLM CHESHIRE of Mangana is home again after a holiday at Ulverstone.

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Miss Piffle cont.

MR. & MRS. JACK CLEMENTS of Fingal leave on Mon. 19th Feb. on the Princess of Tasmania for a holiday in Victoria.

MRS. STROCHNETTER has been discharged from the St. Helens District Hospital. She would like to thank all for their care and attention during her stay.

MRS. D. KINGSTON has returned home to St. Helens after two weeks in Hobart.

Her many friends in St. Helens were pleased to see MRS. JENSEN return from her recent holiday in Melbourne.

MRS. I. NEWITT is on leave from her job at the St. Helens District Hospital and enjoying her holiday.

FOR YOUR DIARY.

FRIDAY, 13th FEB. at the Baker's Shop, Fingal, a street stall in aid of the Sunshine Welcome Club and Domiciliary Nursing Unit. ANY DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

HEISTONE PARK SALE: WED. 11th Feb. St. Marys Girl Guides will be providing Marys Girl Guides will be providing morning tea and a light luncheon.

ST. MARYS GARDEN SHOW: Friday 13th Feb. Opening at 3.30 p.m. by the Warden, Cr. A. McKenzie.

THE ST. MARYS METHODIST CHURCH VARIETY CONCERT will be held at the Community Hall on Friday 13th March and not the 6th March as advertised in the last edition of this paper.

BIRTHS

To Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Chapple, on 28th Jan. at St. Helens District Hospital, a son, Gregory John; a little brother for Angela.

To Mr. & Mrs. Geoff Cairns, on 28th Jan. at the St. Helens District Hospital, a son. Paul Andrew. A brother for Katherine Dianne and David.

NORMIE'S NOOK

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TAKE AWAY FOODS - M.P. & I.P. MORRISON

cont.

HERITAGE CORNER

MARIA ISLAND - Part II

In 1841 the rate of transportation of convicts to Van Dieman's Land reached alarming proportions and all available shelter on the Island was in demand.

The settlement at Maria Island was hurriedly re-opened, old buildings renovated and 800 prisoners moved in. 400 acres around Darlington was cleared. In 1851 a turnip grown on Maria Island weighing 90 pounds was exhibited at Crystal Palace London. Notable prisoners on the island at this period included Smith O'Brien, the Irish patriot and a group of Maori Chiefs who were transported to Maria Island for taking part in the 1843-47 war against the British colonists. By 1851 the prisoners were transported to Port Arthur and once more Maria Island was deserted.

Until 1884 the island was leased for grazing then with government help an Italian, Signor Diego Bernacchi set to work to establish industries there such as wine making, silk production, as well as timber getting, cattle rearing and tourist accommodation.

Bernacchi inspired his workers with enthusiasm, and soon there flourished orchards, vineyards, vegetable gardens, and avenues of trees; a windmill operated. Soon there were 250 people working on the island including a butcher, baker, store-keeper and shoemaker. There was also a resident doctor and a school was opened for the workers children. However the venture was soon to fail, the grapes would not ripen properly on a scale to base an industry, transport costs were high and profits low. At the turn of the century Bernacchi went back into decline - the land was once more turned to grazing.

Bernacchi returned after the 1st World War and with the help of his original directors formed a new company - the National Portland Cement Co. Ltd. with a capital of £480,000. By 1922 the settlement's homes were renovated and in 1924 the population rose to 500. By 1927 the company was failing to make a profit due to impurities in the limestone and in 1929 the company ceased operations. Once again the island was left to grazing in the hands of a few families but gradually the island has become of increasing interest to the tourist.

In 1966 the Animals and Birds Protection Board formulated a scheme to turn the island into a wildlife reserve for which is an ideal site. Because it has most types of vegetation, from open pasture to eucalypt forest and tree-fern gullies it provides a suitable habitat for most of the fauna found on the Tasmanian mainland.

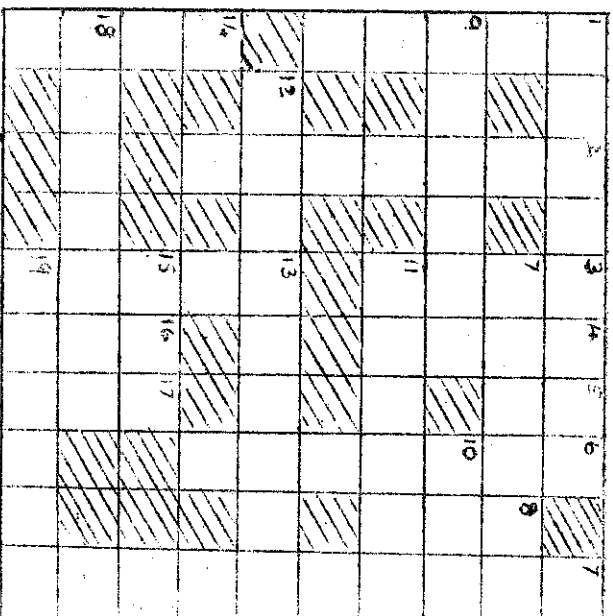
Now a resident ranger has been appointed and many organisations have and will continue to help to preserve the history of the island and renovate its buildings.

CLUES TO THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD.

ACROSS: 1. Usual. 7. Encircles. 9. Uninteresting. 10. Type of Scottish roll. 11. Unperturbed. 12. Invades. 15. Plant juice. 18. Greed. 19. An official statistical investigation.

DOWN: (cryptic)
1. A type of horse? This is play, not work.

2. Blockage in rare rib.
3. It's not backwards without it, but very heavy.
4. It is gruesome to press with some missing.
5. Type of seaman with a special physique?(abrev.)
6. Freedom, with brotherhood and equality.
7. Slanders a person, Sis?
8. Brown hide-beating.
13. The food of love? Play on!
14. Leap at a bell ringing.
16. Not one in a million - four in a pack!
17. A quill in an animal house.



HOLIDAY BOY AND GIRL QUEST

This competition did not attract the number of entrants we had hoped for but those that entered did a wonderful effort.

Seniors

Michael Cruse \$20.13
Roberta Stuart 20.40

Intermediate

Caroline Dean 21.00
Helen Cruse 16.61
Marie Herring 12.10
Linda Morrison 7.76
Kerry Mewson 6.69

Juniors

Mark Cruse 8.00
Michael Herring 5.01
Rodney Spilsbury 5.00

Gross Takings \$137.62
Expenses 12.00
Profit 125.62

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Friday 13th March 1970 8 p.m. (sharp) - Community Hall - St. Marys - featuring

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Keep this date free - ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY

HEALTH NOTES PART I - SUCCESS AND THE SIGNATURE

by Frank Nott.

Some of your five-year old children started school this year and some missed out. However, either way you can still give him a head-start gift and help him to learn. A five-year old is very eager to learn and you can teach him the most important thing to help him get the best out of school.

To count and know his letters?
Not at all.

Some five-year olds learn earlier than others without any teaching by parents or older children. Some fathers like a child to "know a lot for his age", and teach him words and figures. In either case, it can be a disadvantage if that child is bored and inattentive while the rest of the class learns. But even if English is not your native language; even if you yourself left school in the fifth grade; you can see that your child has the greatest gift of all...

Teach him to listen.

Listen to what he says.
Talk to him seriously.

Encourage him to answer.

You can't make him listen, but you can encourage him to want to listen. Who knows - you may be helping a future great scientist, doctor, lawyer, teacher or writer.

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NEXT WEEK: A State Record and then
a disappointment.

JOHN SCHIEFF first caught the eye of North Launceston Athletic club officials in September 1968. They were looking for a promising young distance runner as the club was pitifully weak in this division. In John Schier they have a champion for he has surpassed all of their most optimistic expectations with his outstanding performances in the relatively short space of 16 months and has proved to be a real "find". The event which preceded John's signing with the North Launceston was the 5,000 metres in the Northern School childrens Athletic Championships at St. Patricks College Oval, Prospect. He won the event convincingly but in doing so committed a cardinal athletic sin - he ran almost 12 of the 13 laps "two wide", thus covering immeasurably moreground than his rivals. There is a humorous sidelight to this performance which I must relate. After watching John run the first three laps on the outside of the poemaker, it was obvious to me that he was ruining any chance he had of winning. I decided that I would give this "novice" runner some advice. As he ran past me next time, I bellowed from outside the track "John, get on the inside" (I knew his name for he was the solitary St. Marys competitor in the event) but the advice fell on deaf ears; lap after lap he stuck like glue "on the shoulder" of his opponent. At the bell he sensed victory, and sprang to the lead leaving his tiring opponent struggling in his wake. He sprinted to the finish almost 100 yards clear of his rivals amid spontaneous acclamation from the crowd for his performance. After the race I approached him in the dressing shed and introduced myself and immediately asked the young athlete why he didn't take the inside running. He casually replied "I thought you were yelling at the other bloke!" After giving John all the details concerning the Club and explaining the advantages of joining in Launceston to get better opportunities it wasn't long before I had a signature on the registration form and what a valuable signature it has proved to be.

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IN THE EYE OF THE LAW
Litter Still a Problem

According to some critics, Tasmania can boast the most littered roadsides of any Australian state. It is not something of which Tasmania can be proud, but it is a matter about which every road-user can do something.

The privilege of being in charge of a vehicle goes further than avoiding accidents. It is the responsibility of every driver to ensure that he and his passengers show a proper regard for others on the roads. And that includes keeping litter within the car and setting an example of tidiness that will be reflected in other driving habits.

FROM THE PULPIT

One of the tremendous things about the Christian faith is its challenge and its power.

When Paul wrote to the Philippicns he said "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Here was a man who faced all sorts of conditions and hardship as a follower and an opostle of our Lord Jesus Christ, yet in all these things he was able to rejoice in the power and the strength of his Saviour.

Today, we are perhaps tempted and tried as never before because of the conditions and the pressure of life which we live. Life, for many, is hard. If only we would turn to Christ; know His forgiveness and power, life would be easier for us and we would be able to say with Paul "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

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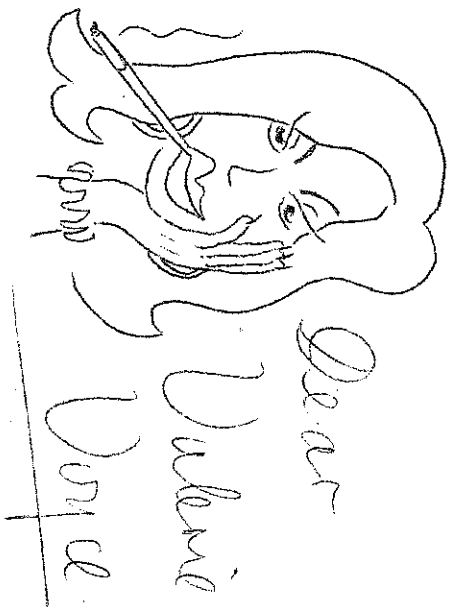
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CONGRATULATIONS to the Rev. Williams of Fingal who has just been appointed Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Tasmania.

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Dear Valerie Voyce,
My husband is bigotted,
intolerant and overbearing. He always thinks
he is right about everything. What do you
advise to make living with this monster
more bearable ?

Unhappy Wife.

Dear Unhappy Wife,
There are some good
specials this week at the Four Square.
V.V.

Dear Valerie Voyce,
I have been on the Pill
for a year but I haven't taken any trips yet.

Drug Taker.

Dear Drug Taker,
Are you sure it was a pill
and not a powder? If it really was a pill,
I advise you to take a powder.
V.V.

Dear Valerie Voyce,
I reckon the mini is
great. The shorter the better I say - What
about a picture of you wearing one?

Anxious Male.

Dear Anxious Male,
This is a duplicated paper
and not the Truth.
V.V.

Dear Valerie Voyce,
I think I have made a
terrible mistake and married a gorilla. My
husband is covered in matted black hair and
has very long strong arms.

Frightened Jane.

Dear Frightened Jane,
What are you worried
about dear? He sounds a real Farzan. Of
course you could always get him a job in the
shearing shed.

V.V.

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GRIZZLE GUTS SAYS :

Tell me why? Why don't they get a decent
sized spoon in the bar at St.Marys pub.
They need it!

And another thing! I reckon those
mountain miners must have dust on the brain
instead of dust in the lungs the way they
drive along the Mangana Road.

HERE IS A TONGUE TWISTER...

Eleven benevolent elephants
Eleven benevolent elephants
Eleven benevolent elephants
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This is very confusing...

TOUCHING A SOFT SPOT

The company director had no idea how his
visitor had got in. But there he was in the
office, looking utterly poor and miserable.

"Surely you remember me?" he asked. "We
were at school together - we were never apart.
Now you've had all the luck, and I - well my
wife has left me, my business has gone
bankrupt, my house has been burnt down, and
now I've been swindled and betrayed. I've
nothing to eat, no home to go to -"

The director began to sniff. Great tears
rolled down his fat cheeks, and he rang a bell
on his desk. A strongman appeared at the door.
"Throw him out," sobbed the director,
pointing at his old friend. "He's breaking
my heart!"

A FEW LAUGHS

An over-confident golfer teed his ball,
looked away to the next green and said to his
caddy. "I should handle this with one long
drive and a putt." He swung his driver, tore
up the sod and managed to move the ball a few
feet off the tee.

Stepping forward, the caddy handed him
the putter and suggested, "Now for one hell
of a putt."

He: "Since I met you, I can't eat, I can't
drink, I can't sleep.

She: "Why not?"

He: "I'm broke."

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