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EDITORIAL

The Loneliness of a Long Distance Runner. JOHN SCHIER of FALMOUTH has been selected to represent Tasmania in the Australian Athletic Championships in Adelaide this March. He gained this selection whilst a member of the North Launceston Athletic

It is quite a remarkable feat for a schoolboy (John now attends the Launceston Matric. (College) and win or lose, the credit he brings to this district will be considerable.

John's athletic career at the St. Marys District School has always been a talking point in the past and undoubtedly all local people will wish him well in the big time of National Athletics, but as always, the money will have to be found for his return fares and accommodation in Adelaide. COMMANT of the month was overheard at a com-

(Approximately \$200)

In the past, residents of this district have given generously to local boys for sports trips away; mainly footballers and bike riders. Unfortunately, the loneliness of a long distance runner applies here, as there is no local athletic club to look after John's interests. Aware of this, North Launceston secretary, Mr. Frank Nott, has written to this paper and requested our aid.

It is beyond this papers capabilities to wholly raise the necessary money, but to implement a start, we intend here to solicit donations from all sporting bodies and relevant committees and from private citizens in this area.

Already the Parents and Friends Association of the St. Marys District School, at their meeting last Tuesday, decided generously and unanimously to donate \$30 for John. As a gesture, this paper also intends to donate a further \$5.

Mr. Nott has indicated that his Club's athletics are willing to put onan athletic benefit anywhere in this district, if some local body can organise it. So how about it, Clubs?

As Mr. Nott says, 'John will have enough on his mind; the added burden of financial worry can only diminish his chances. '

We agree. Let us try to shoulder this burden for him.

Any donations may be given or sent to Mr. R. Bye, at the Launceston Bank for Savings, St. Marys. All donations will be acknowledged by this paper.

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TOUCHE'

mittee meeting last week. When describing how hard the wind had blown the previous day, one man told the others present that he had been digging post holes at the time and a gust of wind had blown him off his feet. 'When I got up, ' he said, ' I found four of the holes had blown away.'

AND this is less of a Touche! and more of a faux pas. Local, driving back from Devonport last week end was held up for nearly a mile by a group of bike riders. When he finally had the chance to pass them, he wound down his off side window and offered what he considered were some appropriate and rude remarks.

The riders only reply was to take off their caps and wave their long and obviously female hair at him.

Seems lik the new waterman has been doing a bit of stirring already by the look of St. Marys water supply!



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(Fortnight beginning Feb. 20th.)

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TAURUS: (21st Apr. - May 21st.) Take advantage of outside help. Something may upset your activities but only temporarily.

GEMINI: (May 22nd - Jun 22nd) Keep to a routine and luck will follow good judgement. Romance for the young.

CANCER: (Jun 22nd - Jul 22nd) Time to make a change in your life. Take the initiative. Money may come your way.

LEO: (Jul 23rd - Aug 23rd) Stand your ground. Determination and discretion will pay off. Avoid arguments.

VIRGO: (Aug 24th - Sept 23rd) Be honest. You will discover something unexpected. Do not over-indulge in food and drink.

LIBRA: (Sept 24th - Oct 23rd) A friend's wish could be costly if you fulfil it. Take care with money matters. A creative time ahead.

SCORPIO: (Oct 24th - Nov 22nd) Review your situation. Rely on your own judgement - others may try to discourage your activity.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov 23rd - Dec 21st) Temperence before a splurge later. Plans will go well. A good time for romance and friendships.

CAPRICORN: (Dec 22nd - Jan 20th) Be conservative! You will learn something of importance. It will be to your advantage to be a good listener.

AQUARIUS: (Jan 21st - Feb 19th) Your career is to progress! Decisive and energetic action will prove your ally. Keep calm in a tense situation.

PISCES: (Feb 20th - Mar 20th) Romance and travel in your stars. Beware of legal entanglement. Finances good. Security.

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THOMAS JAMES KEDDIE

THOMAS JAMES KEDDIE who died a fortnight ago in the St. Marys District Hospital, spent most of his fifty one years serving his fellow men, in the pursuit of his calling.

One of a very large family, he was born in Sydney. The family moved to Melbourne when he was three years old, where young Jim Keddie left school at thirteen, as these were the hard years of the Depression. He was converted at fifteen and consequently joined the Salvation Army Officer Training College, after which he held five appointments as a Field Officer in both Victoria andSouth Australia, before being transferred to Red Shield War Services. These posts he held in Darwin and Launceston.

In 1948 he married Miss Shirley Phelps of Beaconsfield, Tas. and spent the next few years in secular employment, at the same time taking an active part as a layman in both the Salvation Army and the Methodist

Early in1955 he joined the staff of the Methodist Home Missions, and was appointed to Bronte Park, followed by appointments to Upper Derwent Valley, St. Marys, Mole Creek, returning to St. Marys seven years ago. During the last fifteen years, he worked in close co-operation with the clergy of other denominations and valued their friendship highly. He had a lifetime interest in brass bands, scouting and model aircraft and although not a native born Tasmanian was proud to callit his home state.

He leaves a widow, two daughters and six sons.

DEFINITIONS:

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MR /AD MRS GUY WATES have returned to St. Marys after an enjoyable holiday in Hobart, where they stayed with their son and daughter -in-law, Mr and Mrs Graeme Mayes. Thile in Mobert, Mr and Mrs Mayes toured Port Arthur, the Euon Valley, the Penninsula, Blackman's Bay and Kingston Beach.

IES C.F. RISZLE of New Morfolk is to spend a few weeks with her daughter Mrs Gloria Parker of Fingal.

IR O.J. BELL of U per Scamander celebrated his birthday recently with relations at the Scamander Totel.

SENDARD at the St. Harys District High School welcomed Ers. II. Clarke back after her recent stay in hospital.

MISS LARGARITY DEAN of Fingul will be smendg der holidays with Mr and Mrs Orian soldwin and family of Deloraine.

CONGRETUE TIONS to Dr and Drs Arthur Parsons of Mathinna on the birth of a son, Malcolm Bobert, at the St. Marys District Hospital.

IR /HD HES DES BAMMISCHI of Fingal have also to be congratulated on the birth of a Soughter, Tracy Ame. They have another Coughter, Elisa.

THIA FRANCE of Ulverstone has returned home after a long stay at St. Marys with her grandmother, Ers. H.E. Freeman.

MR ADD IRS BILL DUNGAH and their children Fione due Scott, of Hobert, will shortly be moving to Fingal.

12 HO HES C.T. MATTH and their daughter Judy of Launceston are staying with Mrs Mayby's parents, Mr and Mrs George Barnes of Fingal. Mr Barnes celebrated his 81st birthday with a family party.

MISS JOAN WOODS and Mr John Love calebrated their engagement with a burbecue at Fingal. ests included Fr and Hrs I. Woods of Mean-6 , Mr and Mrs John Woods and daughter Duth of Dairy Plains, It and Mrs Meith Woods and their children Greg and Maren of Chilleigh.

MES JOHN SKITT is to be congratulated on the birth of a baby daughter, who is to be called Slaryn. Mrs Smith lives at Fingal.

RIDDLES

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Dear Val,

by girlfriend and I are both in love with the same boy. He takes us both out and tells each of us that he loves us dearly and hates our opponent. How can we find out which one of us he really loves.

Two timed Fox.

Dear T.T.F.

This boy is obviously two faced, therefore he has two heads, so tell him to pull one in.

HERITAGE CORNER

THE WEST COAST On the 22nd Nov., 1642, Abel = Janszoon Tasman, three months out from = Java in search of new trade routes, remarked in his journal: "We found that our = compasses were not as steady as they should = be, and supposed that there might be mines = of load-stone about here." Two days later, = in the sunny afternoon, a sailor saw high = land to the north east, now the peaks of = Heemskirk and Zeehan, landmarks on the mountainous west coast of Tasmania. Tasman gave the sailor a pot of arrack rum and A called the new land "van Diemenslandt."

Tasman's supposition of mineral wealth was , for Heemskirk yielded tin and Zeehan silver two and a half centuries later. Buried on the slopes of Mt. Heemskirk within sound of the ocean were millions of tons of black magnetite, 66 per cent iron and twenty miles from the coast was more copper than the Dutchman's world had ever seen, the copper of Mt. Lyell, which was to lie unmined until the age of railways and electricity.

On 28 Dec., 1815, James Kelly and four companions sailed up the west coast in an open whale boat and entered Macquarie Harbour, a narrow sheet of water 20 miles long.

This was no land of lightly timbered hills and fertile plains. Bleak mountain ranges, winter snow, tangled forest, and thick scrub; and land of heavy rainfall, swampy button-grass plains and swift rivers that cut through mountains like a knife.

Convicts were the first settlers in 1821 and escaping convicts were the first explorers, but few discoveries were reported. Most of the 100 odd men who absconded did not live to tell the tale.

In the following years, prospectors were unsuccessful in their search for gold and mineral exploration was virtually abandoned until James Smith, a 44 year old farmer discovered the rich tin deposits at Mt. Bischoff in 1871.

The McDonough brothers and Steve Karlson discovered the Mt. Lyell mine while looking for gold in 1883. The Mt. Lyell Mining Company was established in 1892 when the mining of silver and copper proved a bonanza.

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A working bee organised by the St. Marys District Progress Association last weekend began its Waterfall Track project. The keepness and enterprise displayed by the twenty five men, women and children present was a joy to behold. The major part of the ¼ mile long track was completed during Saturday and a bridge gang led by Mr. V. Royle managed to lift into place the two tree trunks that will act as the base for the final bridge construction.

Because of the great success of the working bee the Executive Committee of the organisation have decided to hold another working day this coming Saturday. ALL those INTERESTED, members or not, are invited to attend.

When the present track is fully completed the Association intends to construct a lower track which will offer a walk through one of the most glorious parts of the St. Marys Pass Reserve. It is envisaged that these tracks will eventually be an accepted stop over for coach tours and private tours alike.

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Parents and Friends of the St. Marys District School held their first meeting for 1970 last Tuesday night. The meeting was attended by over forty people. The President of the Association, Mr. R.

Legge welcomed the new headmaster Mr. D. Williams. Other new teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Clark from Victoria, Mr. C. Halmkin and Miss M. Poxon were also welcomed. In a brief speech Mr. Williams said he considered that money raised by the Association should be used for luxuries that weren't ordinarily supplied to the school by the Government. He said too many funds from the Parents and Friends Assoc. were frittered away on purchasing items that were in fact the Education Department's responsibility. "I can run the school this year on my funds", all the help given them by so many during luxuries." When asked by a member if he considered a learner's swimming pool a luxury, he replied "No. I consider it a necessity." He also said he was well pleased with the school buildings, his staff and the politeness of the children. He envisaged the children at the school would get an education equal to anywhere.

Mr. Legge in reporting on an interview with the Minister for Education said it had not been an entirely satisfactory meeting. The Minister had indicated Government consideration to allow the \$1,000 canteen money still outstanding to be spent within the school, most likely as an advance for three years against the school's library grant but nothing definite had been settled. On the question of Music and Phys.Ed. teachers, Mr. Legge said the Minister had said this was a matter of priorities and that at this point there were just not enough teachers in these fields to go around. Mr. Legge told the meeting that he sympathised with teacher shortages but when it was considered that Brooks High in Launceston had 1,100 pupils and three Phys.Ed teachers and St. Marys with 400 pupils had none, he was not sure how the priorities were supposed to work.

He also said he told the Minister that the local Council was not prepared to install water mains to a public building. The water was available but he considered it a Government responsibility to install their own mains. This matter is still under sur-

The meeting also decided to write to the department regarding school bus overcrowding and the inadequacy of financial allowances to the private carriage of school children.

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, MRS. KEDDIE and Family, St. Marys, wish , the past two weeks since the sudden Homecall of Pastor Jim Keddie. The great number of friends from all churches and , different walks of life, who attended the , memorial service last Tuesday week. This ' , was indeed a high tribute to the life and witness of our loved one. Thank you to all who gave to the Overseas Missions Special fund in his memory. As we received nearly 300 cards, letters and telegrams, besides numerous phone calls and personal visits, it will be impossible to thank each one individually, so would you all please accept this as our personal thanks. God Bless you all.

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GARDEN NOTES by Seedpod

Most people will agree with you if you say there is not much doing in the vegetable garden these days. But have you thought of everything? Here are a few things to jog your memory. We should all have the three "C's" in. Cabbage, Cauliflower and Carrots. It is only necessary to see that they are in a well drained position that has been deeply dug and generously manured. Remember to get some Derris dust for the cabbage and cauliflowers as there are a lot of white cab bage moths about this year.

Here are some other vegetables that can go in about this time of the year - Leeks, Turnips, Brusselsprouts and Swedes. There are some good varieties of Swedes which possess a very nice, sweet flavour. These go very well in the winter soups if you don't get yours out of a packet these days.

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All householders are urged to take all possible precautions by removing unnecessary or accumulated growth near buildings. If you intend using an incinerator you must clear any growth or inflammable material away from it and keep a lid on when the fire is burning to prevent sparks escaping.

Landholders wishing to burn must make application to their local permit officer for authority to burn, whilst the ban is in force. It is requested that any such application be made in sufficient time to enable the permit officer to properly assess the situation when making his decision.

action of the Rural Fires Board in conjunction with your Council in providing tanker units for the use of the Rural Brigades, but although these will be of great assistance, the use of precautionary measures by all responsible persons will be the more satisfactory means of averting damage or even tragedy.

FROM THE PULPIT

Every Sunday morning, the congregation was used to hearing the Scottish minister thank God for the weather. Fine and sunny or cold, wet and windy, he thanked God for all seasons. The beauty of the sunset and nature all found a place in his Thanksgiving prayers. One Sunday the weather was very bad with gale force winds, bitterly cold and beating rain. The congregation wondered how their minister would pray.

"Lord, we thank Thee," he began, "that every day is not as bad as this one!" One is reminded of Paul's exhortation, 'Be happy in your faith at all times. Never stop praying. Be thankful, whatever the circumstances may be. If you follow this advice, you will be working out the will of God, expressed to you in Jesus Christ.'

In our darkest hour of trial, we can thank God that He is with us in it; that it won't last forever, but will pass and can only do us good; purifying, strengthening and perfecting our love.

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"FOBBED OFF", CLAIMS FINGAL A.L.P.

At a recent meeting of the Fingal A.L.P., branch members expressed concern at the lack of enthusiasm shown by the Minister for Housing, Mr. D. Clark, M.H.A. as stated in a letter "that the housing situation at Fingal is being watched and consideration will be given to providing more houses if warranted."

Members were quick to point out that each time a Commission home becomes vacant in Fingal there are always several applicants. Further, there are some couples that have applied on more than one occasion for Commission homes and each time their application has been rejected or nothing All residents should appreciate the has been heard of the application since.

> Each member was confident in the potential growth and prosperity in the Fingal district but realized that without adequate housing the district is in danger of losing many young marrieds or young couples planning to marry in the near future.

Members also expressed concern at the disappearing bird life in Tasmania and have asked Mr. G. Duthie, M.H.R. to approach the Animal and Bird Protection Board for some explanation to their disappearance and ask what steps are being taken to protect native birds.

The meeting generally was not in favour of the change-over to the metric system and a letter has been forwarded to the Prime Minister, asking if more consideration be given to the change-over. Members felt that the huge cost involved could be more than useful in combating such things as poverty in Australia.

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by FRANK NOTT

John Schier entered his first steeplechase event on Sat. 25th January last year and what an auspicious debut it proved to be! Not only did he finish within 100 yards of state steeplechase champion Terry Nailer, but he broke both the northern and Tasmanian sub junior records for the 3,000 metres by more than THRES MINUTES in an incredible display.

It was obvious to all who witnessed this performance that a lot more would be heard of John Schier in the Steeplechase, which is regarded as the most gruelling and demanding of all track events, with the spectacular water jump as the high light. With the state Junior 1,500 metres less than a month away, John was installed as nominal favourite for the title. His greatest opposition appeared to be Newstead's Peter Ford, who was the state record holder at 10:42.0 or only eight tenths of a second faster than John's best. The north Launceston camp was quietly confident that their recruit would land their first state title for 1969 - and they were more than justified in doing so.

The big day arrived, but John was not his cheery self; it appeared that the cartilage in his right knee had caused him some concern during the past week's training - today would be the big the big test. With his knee bandaged, John lined up for the event - the first time a state steeplechase championship had been conducted in Tasmania. John was fourth at the end of the first lap but was not running easily; half way through the second lap with John gradually losing touch with the leaders, the bandage came adrift! To stop and secure it would take precious seconds and we all sensed that John's chances of victory had faded. His hopes dashed and his cartilage causing pain, he withdrew at the end of the third lap - a bitterly dejected athlete - one almost on the point of tears. He felt that he had let the Club down. The title went to David Quarrell (Newstead) who gained selection in the Tasmanian Team with a run of 4:29.7 in a surprise result.

John was down and out; failure in the event he had so dearly wanted to win made him all the more determined to succeed next season - He would never toss in the towel!

NEX MEK: Success This Season - State selection

FINGAL TENNIS NOTES

The thenderstorm on Sunday 15th February last, forced the postponement of the adies Doubles Championship, until Saturday 21st Feb.

The Singles Championship (Ladies and Gents) are now being played, with a three set grand final on Sunday 1st March. Late entries are being accepted, but hurry!

The Junior Championships (boys and girls) will be played on Saturday 14th March - entry fee 10 cents and trophies will be provided. The Club Dance will be held on March 6th in the Fingal Town Hall - hot supper.

L.J. SNODGRASS
(Hon. Sec.)
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FOR YOUR DIARY

SAT. 21st at the SCAMANDER HOTEL 6.30 - 11.30 p.m. Dance = Barbecue in aid of St. Marys Football Club. Moonlight Swing!

WORKING BEE every Tues. and Thurs. from 5.30 p.m. Come and help with the new Club Rooms before Footy Starts.

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JOIN IN THE FUN and help put your area on the Tourist map. If you don't feel like working, come up for a look on Sat. 21st. at the St. Marys Waterfall Track.

ST. MARYS FOOTBALL CLUB training commences under coach Bob Bye on Tues. 2nd March, old and new players welcome.

THE CONFIRMATION at St. Marys on 8th March will be held at the Church of England at 10. a.m.

SERVICES at the Methodist Church this Sunday 22nd, will be conducted by the Rev. H. Jago of Victoria, St. Marys 11 a.m. - St. Helens 7.30 p.m.

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1. Hobby. 2. Earrier. 3. Cons. 4. Urge.

5. A.B. (alrev.) 6. Liberty. 7. Aspersions.

3. Tan. 13. Music. 14. Peal. 16. Ace. 17. Pen.

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Crickets Sing.

At dusk, on warm nights Crickets sing In high pitched chorus On the lawn.

A great, upsurging, deafening din
Which I am helpless to restrain,
But, satisfaction I shall win....
I'll bait them on my line at dawn.

S.Y.