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## EDITORIAL

### THE AVOCA SHOOT

The Avoca annual wallaby shoot is once again over but discussion about the event still lingers on. This is especially so on the mainland where the repercussions are taking longer to fade away.

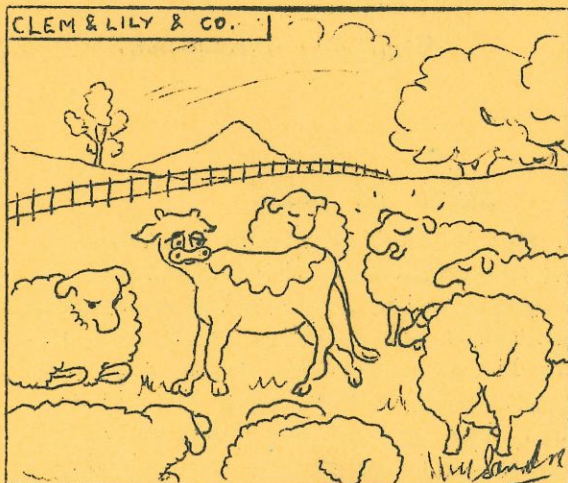
If nothing else, this shoot has each year brought quite a deal of fame, or more to the point notoriety, to this otherwise sleepy Fingal Valley town and especially to the Avoca Football Club who runs it.

This notoriety has even reached Federal Parliament where one of the members has called upon Tasmanian Senator Reg Wright to organise a party to shoot Avoca football players. Senator Wright very appropriately ignored his fellow member. And in Melbourne one writer in a letter to "The Age" saw the shoot as 'a beginning of the end for all the wallaby in Tasmania'. A Sydney newspaper commented that the shoot was 'a sadistic and organised means of our native life.'

But what was most significant about this adverse and almost hysterical condemnation was the general lack of factual material used. What most of them neglected to mention was the very simple fact that the Tasmanian Animal and Birds Protection Board condoned the shoot as a necessary culling programme of the wallaby in that area. Neither did anyone mention the R.S.P.C.A. were in attendance also and raised no objection.

Cruelty, inhumanity, sadistic, indiscriminate, were the four words used most frequently by these critics and it seems hard to imagine that these two bodies would stand by if in fact the words were appropriate to the shoot. Especially as in the past the Tasmanian Protection Board has been considered by many to be the most enlightened body of its kind in Australia.

The truth is, one suspects, simply that these critics of the shoot don't know the first thing about it, and often do far more harm than good for the cause of conservation. These "Bleeding Hearts", a term coined by the late Mona<sup>sh</sup> Zoology professor (Jock Marshall), should perhaps consider the alternatives to an organised shoot, i.e. 1080 poisoning, some similar disease to rabbit myxomatosis or the slow starvation of the species from excess numbers. Are these methods more humane?



"WE LOOK FUNNY! WELL YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY MY IDEA OF ZSA ZSA GABOR, KID!"

### TOUCHE'

JUDGING BY RECENT works by the PWD, St. Marys Main Street ends at Newman Street. As this town still has no street signs we add for the information of any new comers to the town that Newman Street is the street where the PWD works end.


GOOD NEWS for the Fingal Valley is word that Aberfoyle Mines intend to bring in fourteen or so families from Victoria to add to their already substantial work force. But not so good is that these families will require more houses than are available in Rossarden or the Valley.

Isn't it about time the Government looked at the necessity for Housing Department homes in this area.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Germantown road has copped it again. As sure as the Fingal Council starts work on this road the rains begin, and the road turns into a sea of slush. Maybe the fault lies in the fact that this road only gets a face lift if there is money left over at the end of the financial year. It has always been a difficult road to look after and surely because of this it would be money saved to only work on it during the summer months.

Resident, Germantown.

LOOK, NO RAILS

JAPAN, the country of modern railways, plans to construct an ultra-highspeed train system which would whisk passengers between Tokyo and Osaka in about an hour. Using a linear motor, the train will have a maximum speed of more than 250 miles an hour. The present new Tokaido line super-express train covers the 345 miles between Tokyo and Osaka in three hours and 10 minutes at a maximum speed of 155 miles an hour.

Using the linear motor system, the trains will run along tracks receiving successive increments of energy through a series of electrodes placed at intervals along the rails. The trains will have no wheels and will actually fly along the tracks at a height of about a foot. Railways engineers have been experimenting with the new system for about a year. They have found it possible to float their trains in the air and consider it likely that top speeds of 310 miles an hour will be achieved.

Engineers of the Japan National Railways have conducted the first test runs of the prototype and a project team will be organised soon to study the safety and riding comfort. Construction costs have not yet been estimated in any detail, but basic designs already are scheduled to be completed during the next three years. Operational tests probably will be made before the end of 1975, and senior officials of the JNR believe Japanese passengers will be using the new super-trains by the beginning of the next decade.

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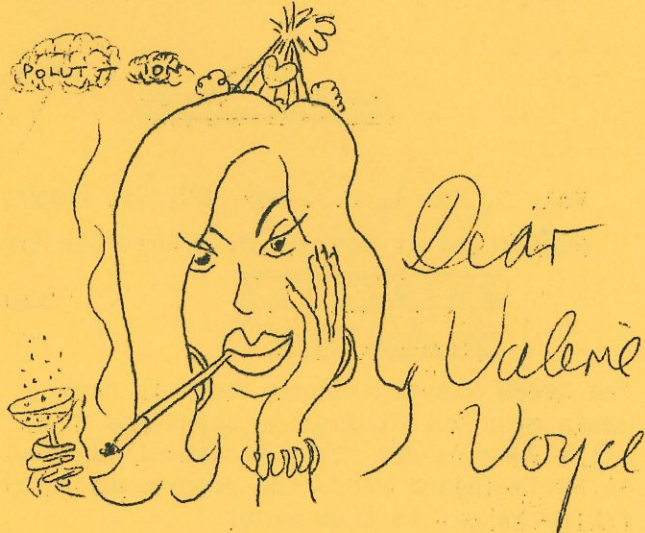
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Dear Valerie Joyce,

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Toothy.

Dear Toothy,

Smack him in the mouth and drop him.

V. V.

Dear Valerie Joyce,

My mother is very strict and won't let me wear mod clothes or go out with boys. I am sixteen and

Fed Up.

Dear Fed up,

Wear the maxi and get yourself a long haired boy friend. Your mother won't know the difference,

V.V.

Dear Valerie Joyce,

My father is always playing the organ. It gets on my nerves. How can I convince him the organ is not the only instrument worth playing?

Tiny Tim.

Dear Tiny Tim,

Leave home.

V. V.

Dear Valerie Joyce,

I am scared to use public conveniences as I never know what I will read on the walls. What do you suggest I do?

Nervous.

Dear Nervous,

Go after dark.

V.V.

Dear Everyone,

Thanks to all those darling people for the two year old birthday cards.

V.V.



## Miss Piffle

MRS. VINCENT of Mathinna has now left St. Marys District Hospital and is convalescing with her daughter Mrs. Jarvis of St. Marys.

MRS. STAN SALTER of St. Marys has had visits from her two brother, Mr. Reg Rees of Melbourne and Mr. Russell Rees who has been in Western Australia. Mr. Russell Rees broke his journey to visit her before continuing on to North Queensland for the winter.

MISS JOSELYN SCOTT of Devonport and Miss June Saunders of Fingal who have just completed their nursing training at the Launceston General Hospital are leaving on the Princess of Tasmania next week. They will tour from Melbourne to Brisbane where further studies will be undertaken. A farewell family dinner was given for June at Scamander Hotel by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. D. Saunders.

MR. & MRS. H. COOPER have returned to Mangana after holidaying at Deloraine and Hobart.

MRS. T. RUSSELL and daughter have returned to Bellerive after spending school vacation with Mrs. Russell's mother, Mrs. G. Oliver of Mangana.

SORRY TO HEAR of Mr. Ray Mills' of Mangana, accident. All the best wishes for your recovery Ray.

Maree Sweeney has returned to school in Launceston after spending her vacation with her parents Mr. & Mrs. Syd Sweeney, of Mangana.

MICHELLE JOHNS who spent her vacation with her Aunt and Uncle, Mr. & Mrs. Upton at the post Office, Mangana, has now returned home.

MR. LINDSAY COOPER of Mangana has returned to work and wishes to thank his many friends for their getwell messages.

Special thanks to Kerry Woods.

MR & MRS GILBERT SCHIER of Falmouth have enjoyed having their whole family home for a holiday recently. John, from Matriculation College in Launceston, Valerie from the University of Tasmania, and David on leave from the R.A.A.F. David spent a fortnight at Brighton prior to visiting his parents, and has now gone to Sydney. Valerie is off to Newcastle to captain Inter-Varsity basketball and will spend a few days in Sydney with David before returning to Tasmania.

WALKATHON - Those taking part in the Walkathon last week were rewarded at the end with a really Big Bonfire and a Fireworks display. Organisers were very pleased with the co-operation of all taking part and are glad to report that due to the care taken there were no casualties.

Would anyone who has collected any money with sponsor forms for this Walkathon please forward same to Mr. & Mrs. Schier.

Miss PIFFLE cont.

MISS MIRIAM O'T OOLE went back to King Island after spending a week with Mr and Mrs G Hughes of Fingal.

MR ANDREW BURKETT of Sydney has been staying with Mrs L Manoy of St Marys.

MRS RON WILLIAMS of Malahide has returned after a holiday at Gowrie Park.

On holiday in Bicheno are Mr and Mrs L Webb of Conara.

MRS B MYLES and family of Hobart have been spending the school holidays with Mr and Mrs J Semmens of Malahide.

MISS M PARSONS who left Fingal recently for a working holiday in Adelaide is settled in and loving her work

### COMING EVENTS

THE SUNSHINE WELCOME CLUB Fingal is holding a monthly meeting on June 2nd at the Presbyterian Hall, 2pm. Indoor Bowls will be played in the Council Chamber Hall every Tuesday in the month when of course the meetings will be held. All members will be welcome.

A BARBECUE will be held at the home of Michael Barnes of Longford on Saturday May 30th. Proceeds for the Fingal Football Club. EVERYONE WELCOME.

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## FOR THE BUSH BANQUET

### Roast Porcupine.

When porcupine is treated as follows, it makes a delicious and appetising dish: Skin, and wash well in warm salted water. Stuff with a rich forcemeat and then roast. For the forcemeat, take 2oz. of finely-minced ham and 4 oz. of suet, 4 oz of breadcrumbs, 1 teaspoon of parsley,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tea-spoon of mixed herbs, the grated rind of half a lemon, a good pinch of nutmeg, mace, salt and pepper, and 1 well beaten egg added to a little milk. Mix well. Stuff into the porcupine, sew up, and roast with slices of bacon across it.

### Kangaroo Tail Soup

Take one kangaroo tail, 2 quarts of stock, 1 glass of port wine, 2 onions, 2 carrots,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of flour, pepper and salt, 6 cloves, 6 peppercorns, parsley and thyme, a small piece of ginger, 1 teaspoon of brown sugar, and one lemon. Chop the tail into small pieces, boil it in a small quantity of water for 2 hours, then strain. Add the stock to the liquor, then the vegetables (finely cut up) and the other ingredients, the spices being tied in a muslin bag. When the vegetables are cooked, thicken the soup with a little flour.

### Roast Bandicoot

Kill in the same way as you would a pig; then scald and pluck the hair off just as you would pull the feathers from a fowl. Clean and put in strong salted water for 2 hours. Wipe dry and stuff with bread-crumbs onions and seasoning. Sew up and roast in the oven. Do not have the oven too hot, or the skin will crack. A few slices of fat bacon laid across is an improvement. Bandicoot is delicious when cooked this way.

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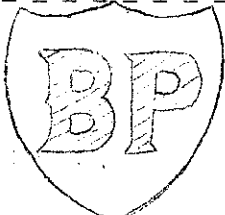
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
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### FROM THE PULPIT


"Last Sunday I voted to close the Church, not intentionally, nor maliciously, perhaps, but carelessly, thoughtlessly, indifferently, I voted.

I voted to close its doors so that its witness and its testimony might be stopped. I voted to close the open Bible on its pulpit - - the Bible that had been given us by years of struggle, and by the blood of martyrs who died that we might have it read." I voted for our Minister to stop preaching the glorious truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I voted that the children of the Sunday School no longer be taught the stories of the Bible and no longer lift their voices in praise. I voted for the voice of the choir and congregation to be stilled. I voted for every missionary to be called home, every hospital, school and dispensary on its mission fields to close. I voted that its College close its doors and no longer bother to train its youth for Christian service. I voted for the darkness of superstition, the degrading influence of sin, the blight of ignorance, and the curse of selfish greed once again settle its damning load on the shoulders of an already over burdened world. FOR YOU SEE, I COULD HAVE GONE, AND I SHOULD HAVE GONE BUT I DIDN'T I STAYED AWAY FROM CHURCH LAST SUNDAY. Would you like to live in a community without the influence of the Christian Church? If not, then its up to you to support your Church in EVERY WAY that its doors may ever be kept open. Your priest or minister would be happy to talk with you at any time - see him soon!

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Some concern is being felt by the motor-ing public because of a number of vehic-ular accidents during recent week ends, and it may be as well to again bring to the notice of readers the seriousness with which the Government views such occurrences, particularly where they are the result of, or are contributed to by, the consumption of intoxicating liquor by those involved.

Amendments to the Traffic Act provide for penalties of up to \$500 for persons con-victed of driving under the influence of liquor, as well as lengthy periods of disqualification from driving.

Fortunately, offenders in this category are a small minority, but it were better that they realise by their foolish actions that they attract attention to their particular district, and will be-fore long find that they, and all other drivers, will become the subject of close scrutiny, and consequent attention by the operators of modern mechanical aids such as breathalyser units, amphotometers, and radio equipped vehicles.

The Government has been reluctant to in-troduce random breath testing, but the appalling road toll over past months could well be the turning point for the introduction of such a measure, to the inconvenience and embarrassment of many otherwise law-abiding persons.

The recent amendments give wide powers for blood testing of drivers, and there is every indication that this aspect will be more often used, particularly with drivers involved in accidents.

It would be well therefore that all drivers who intend imbibing should first-ly give serious thought to the conseque-nces, should they over imbibe. Not only may they suffer serious or fatal injury, but the damage they cause, and heavy penalties they may incur, could be to their disadvantage for a lengthy period, even the rest of their life.

The authorities have no desire to prevent the public from their enjoyment of life and what it offers in these days of pros-perity, but it does expect that all cit-izens, and more particularly road users, accept their responsibility to their fellows, by moderation in all things.

COMING EVENTS

THE ADULT Education Board in conjunction with the Break O' Day Camera Club will hold a weekend school on photography in St Marys commencing Friday evening June 19th and ending Sunday Afternoon June 21st. Fee for the weekend will be \$3.00 and any-one wishing to attend the weekend or want-ing further details should contact Mr T. McManus, Falmouth 14.

ELDERLY CITIZEN'S Club Meeting at FINGAL on Tuesday, 2nd June at 2p.m. This will be held at Council Chambers and will start with indoor bowling.

86th ANNIVERSARY: of the St Marys Metho-dist Church this 'Sunday, May 31st' 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. Guest preachers - Rev. N. Marshall, and Mr. George Shaw, M.L.C. Special music by Whitmore Ladies Quar-tette. Afternoon tea. Everyone welcome.

MORNING TEA FOR THE ST. MARYS GIRL GUIDES at the Hospital Recreation. Come along and bring your friends. 10.30, Thursday 4th June.

BURNS

Do you know how to deal with a burn?

Please memorise.....

1. Burns must always be covered quickly.
2. Dry dressings are best (not cotton wool, as this sticks to the burn.)
3. Don't break blisters.
4. Don't pull away clothing that is stuck to a burn (cut it away from the burn).
5. Always treat quickly and carefully.
6. Send for a Doctor if a serious burn.
7. DO NOT apply ointment, oils, butter, egg-white, baking soda, or cornflour to the burnt area, as this only makes it harder to treat when seen by a Doctor.

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## One- Eye's

## FOOTBALL NOTES

The most surprised people after last Saturday's game between Swansea and St. Marys would have been the "tiger" players themselves as when they left the ground after the game they couldn't believe that they had scored a victory and a valuable four (4) points.

Greg Peirce at full forward was one of the few good players for the tigers and his goal in the last quarter when under pressure was a real gem, other good players in a poor standard game were, Kevin Leedham, Bob Bye and "Digby" Hayes. For Swansea, coach Fry impressed and played an excellent captains game to top off his 7 goals. Amos rucked well and Singline and Webb and Hugo were also very solid players.

Fingal and Avoca had a very even tussle for three quarters but after a stirring speech from Jack Clements at three quarter time Fingal went on to win quite comfortably.

St. Helens and Rossarden also had a very close game with the result going to the Swans when Doug Coker-Williams raced in and kicked a terrific drop kick goal under hot pursuit with seconds to play. David Riley, playing on a half-forward flank for St Helens was once again one of their best players along with Polites, Lohrey, Salter, Coker-Williams and Masterbrook who appears to have got over his differences with St. Helens and is now playing good football.

Congratulations to Kevin Leedham for his win in the Channel 9 Handball Competition and we all wish him the best in his semi-final.

Football followers of the Association will regret the passing of former Association President 'Joe' Wilson who in his terms as President promoted the valley to it's present high status in Tasmanian Country Football.

Greg Clements has returned to Fingal after starting the season with East Launceston and could be a valuable player for Fingal before the season ends.

Next week's round when the bottom teams once again play the three top teams it would seem to be a simple issue but this could not be so, because the top teams generally have only been winning by narrow margins most of the season. I'll stick my 'eye' out and predict the first upsets will be Avoca defeating St. Marys, and Swansea defeating St. Helens and after a hard tussle, Rossarden to beat Fingal.

"ONE EYE'S" selection for roster games 6/6/70 are as follows.

ST. MARYS	-	St. Helens
FINGAL	-	Swansea
AVOCA	-	Rossarden

Percentages to date.

Fingal	16	-	131.7
St. Helens	16	-	129.3
St. Marys	16	-	119.4
Avoca	4	-	97.9
Rossarden	4	-	93.1

## MIDLANDS BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

With one game to go in the first round, Fingal Green, Robins (St. Marys), Rossarden and Bicheno appear to be the teams to beat in this year's competition.

Even though the three bottom, Fingal Blue, Campbelltown and St. Helens have not done as well as the other four teams they have already shown a lot of potential against the more experienced top teams. In the future when they gain a little more match experience, their energy and youth could be a more dominating factor.

I look forward to a very interesting second round.

Ladder to date:

Fingal (Green)	20
Robins (St. Marys)	16
Rossarden	12
Bicheno	12
Fingal (Blue)	4
St. Helens	4
Campbelltown	0

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## HOLIDAY AT ORANA

1st St. Marys Girl Guide Company spent a busy and interesting week at the Guide Holiday House, Orana, which is situated at Roache's Beach near Hobart. Some of the time was devoted to craft and hobby work and the area proved ideally suited for exploration and nature observation.

Several trips to the city centre enabled the girls to learn many things and these included a visit to the Museum and Art Gallery, to the fruit ships, to the new A.M.P. building, the Royal Tennis Court and the computer in the Government Buildings.

Saturday night's campfire on the beach was a great success and it was followed by some unusual flag raising ceremonies and knot tying that did not comply with the guide rule - easy to untie!!

Everyone taking part agreed it was a wonderful trip and passed a vote of thanks to the Commissioner Mrs. Lohrey who directed the Craft work, to the Guiders and Miss S. Young for their direction and to Tillie Spilsbury and Dianne Cruse who planned the trip and the Menus for the week.

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**ARIES:** 21st March - 20th April  
Check your home for accident and fire hazards. Be on your guard on the 9th. The 4th will be an excellent day to sell land. Best day for romance later in month.

**TAURUS:** 21st April - 21st May  
Excellent opportunity to improve your position in business and employment matters. Creative activity is strongly stimulated between the 9th and 12th. A disagreement will mar this time.

**GEMINI:** 22nd May - 22nd June  
Resist spending urges after the 4th. Be prepared to take advantage of money offers on the 15th. Romance on the 9th could be disappointing and expensive. Promising later.

**CANCER:** 22nd June - 23rd July  
The accent is on home and family this month. Wait until after the 11th before making family trips. Good news concerning your home or another property.

**LEO:** 24th July - 23rd August  
Give close attention to business matters on the 9th and 12th and your gains will be certain. An important letter will come on the 15th. Opportunity is yours this month.

**VIRGO:** 24th August - 23rd September  
Concentrate on personal plans on the 9th and 12th. Keep out of money ventures till after 15th. For love and creative activities the 4th and 7th are your best days.

**LIBRA:** 24th September - 24th October  
All activity is centred later in the month. Important papers need your attention on the 12th but do not sign anything on that day.

**SCORPIO:** 24th October - 22nd November  
You can chalk up splendid gains on the 9th and 12th but wind up personal projects before the 15th. Excellent opportunities on the 7th. Romance is disappointing on the 12th but promising later.

**SAGITTARIUS:** 23rd November - 21st Dec.  
Make your strongest bid to improve your position on the 9th. A chance to increase earnings this month. Postpone signing any document on the 12th. The 15th is an important day.

**CAPRICORN:** 22nd December - 20th January  
Concentrate on improving relations with fellow workers between the 3rd and 21st. Romantic prospects on the 4th, 7th and 9th. Social activities on the 15th.

**AQUARIUS:** 21st January - 19th February  
You will have excellent opportunities to advance your position. Wait until the 15th before making any big decisions especially concerning money.

**PISCES:** 20th February - 20th March  
Concentrate on routine business chores in the first half of the month. Romance plays an important role on the 4th and 12th. There will be a wedding by or on the 28th.

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