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EDITORIAL

THE AERIAL MANNEQUIN PARADE

For the second time this year, the price of internal airline fares will rise. This time the reason given is the increase of three cents on the tax of aviation fuel, recently notified in the Federal Budget.

If this is so, then this increase in tax directed at the Airlines has finished in the lap of the public. How many such taxes are thus passed on to the public would be horrifying to list.

One can only view this procedure with cynicism. No doubt the Federal Treasurer knew where the increase would finally land but surely it would have been more honest to make the tax more direct?

As for the airlines, one begins to wonder about their genuine regard for the public. Surely a major reason for their rising costs could be traced directly to the peculiar and continuing practise of glamourising their stewardesses? Do these girls really need newly designed outfits each season and special costumes for New Guinea flights?

(On a short trip the average passenger only sees these girls for the few seconds it takes to hand out a cup of tasteless coffee and a couple of cardboard biscuits anyway)

Such antics, especially in view of the general and inevitable modern day decrease in individual passenger attention, can only be interpreted as a type of aerial rat-race between the two companies concerned, to encourage a continuing supply of contented stewardesses rather than a continuing supply of contented passengers.

The sooner these companies look upon themselves as a non glamour aerial bus service and price accordingly, rather than an expensive aerial mannequin parade, the better.



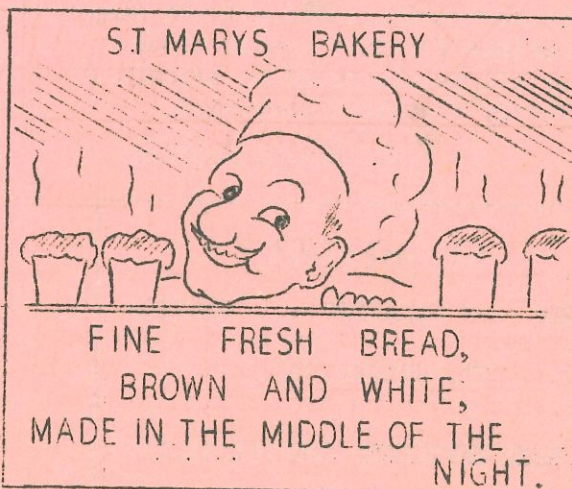
"LOOK MUM, I'VE BEEN FLEECEED!"

TOUCHE'

With the warmer days this week it begins to look as though Spring has arrived. But it was a wet winter and it seems a long time ago since this district was hit by the worst dry spell in memory. Readings from a rain gauge near St. Marys prove this by its recordings - forty inches for the first 9 months of this year; almost exactly three times the amount recorded for the whole of 1968.

But ironically it may seem too short a time for farmers who borrowed carry on money during that dry period. October 1970 is the month when their repayments are due to begin.

When the Old Buffers took the field for their match last Sunday week, they carried a stretcher with them. Fortunately no-body needed it - until Monday, that is.



LETTERS

On behalf of The St. Marys District Progress Association and personally I would like to thank Mr. Paul Vinar for umpiring our fund raising football games last Sunday week. I would also like to thank Mr. David Pescott of Scamander who was instrumental in securing Mr. Vinar's services.

Appreciation is also due to 'Nunky' Ayers of Hobart for his efforts - especially his free plugs on Television. He didn't make it on the day unfortunately, but it wasn't for the want of trying.

But it was the players, both men and women from St. Marys and Fingal, who did the job and their efforts were mainly responsible for the success of the day.

Geoff Dean
President St. Marys District
Progress Association.

Sir,

I see by a report on Portland Council news in 'The Examiner' that the council has decided to cut down trees in St. Helens main street.

The reason given is that St. Helens men are worried about over crowding of traffic in the main street. They are, it seems, frightened that travellers will by-pass the main road. I am wondering why they think this and also what other road travellers are likely to take. Surely St. Helens is the final destination of many of these tourists.

How long will this be so if our beautiful main street is destroyed just because business people in the town want to show off their ugly shop fronts.

If the trees are indeed crowding the traffic why not use our imagination and shut it off to traffic completely. St. Helens by being the first pedestrian walk-through main street in Tasmania, possibly Australia, could attract many more tourists for that reason alone. That way all people could be satisfied and a lovely town left unspoiled.

St. Helens Resident.

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COMING EVENTS

BLOOD BANK....Monday 12th October at R.S.L. Institute, St. Marys, 7p.m. - 9 p.m.

ST. MARYS FOOTBALL QUEEN CARNIVAL

Variety concert, Cornwall, Wed. 7th 8 p.m. Local artists, Keith Cook, Bobby Bye, also Tiny Tim and Al Jolson. In aid of Roslyn Nailer.

FISHING COMPETITION, SCAMANDER

Sun. 11th Oct. Good prizes for both surf and river. Special prize for children. 12 noon - 4 p.m. Beach Barbecue, races for kids. Fun for all. Entry fee 50c. In aid of Roslyn Nailer.

Don't forget the WHITE ELEPHANT SALE. Wed. 14th Oct. This will be final fund raising for Queen Carnival. If you have any unwanted articles contact Kevin Faulkner, Garry Richards or V. Maney at St. Marys.

FINAL BEETLE night at Mrs. K. Faulkner's, Mon. 12th October. All welcome. Good supper. In aid of Roslyn Nailer.

SCHOOL FAIR...SCHOOL FAIR...SCHOOL FAIR F A I R

Don't forget the School Fair today.

T O D A Y

Lots of lovely bargains. Help this one day of the year for your school. Come along to the ST. MARYS DISTRICT SCHOOL at 1.30 p.m.

Don't forget! The St. Marys Football Club Queen Carnival Ball, Friday 16th. October 8.30 - 1 a.m. Featuring Alan Andrews Dance Band from Launceston. Presentation of Queen Carnival Entrants 10.15 p.m. Open Belle and Ballerina Prizes. Good Supper, Novelties etc. DON'T MISS IT!

ST. MARYS METHODIST CHURCH

October 4th 11 a.m. Mr. B. Mansfield
October 11th 11 a.m. Rev. Howard Kettle.

GOLDEN YEARS CLUB. Monthly meeting Oct. 14th. Salvation Army Hall, 2 p.m.

Miss A. Gerrie will speak about the Domicilliary Unit. Everyone welcome. This will be the place to discuss this service.

CHURCH SERVICES - Anglican:

4th Oct. Cornwall - Holy Communion 11 a.m.
11th Oct. St. Marys - Holy Communion 8 a.m.
18th Oct. Cornwall - Evensong 7 p.m.
25th Oct. St. Marys - Evensong 7 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY FAIR.....Friday Oct. 10th at 2.30 p.m. The Salvation Army, will be holding a fair, in aid of Sunday School. We need your support. Come enjoy the evening. All welcome.....Sweets, Cakes, Veg., clothes.....All will be available Yes cup of tea: Any donations or foods may be left at Baker's Shop with Mrs. Joan Davis, St. Marys, or sent to Mrs. Scales, Cornwall.

SPECIAL NOTICE.....Meeting of Local Association Girl Guides has been postponed to Oct. 9th at 2 p.m.

Miss Piffle

FROM ST HELENS we hear that an enterprising group of fishermen's wives are trying to start up a tennis club. They already have a court near the Bowling green and are trying to organise a team.

MISS CAMPBELL of St Helens has just come back from an enjoyable trip touring the Queensland Coast.

MATRON SIMPSON of St Marys is at present in Sydney at an international hospital conference, after which she will go to Melbourne for a few weeks holiday. She does not expect to back in St Marys until early November.

CHRISTINE WRIGHT of St Marys celebrated her 20th birthday last week with a party at the home of her parents. Her uncle Mr Tom Cook of Perth W.A. was able to spend the weekend with them for the occasion. Christine leaves on Saturday for Sydney where she will work.

MR AND MRS GERALD AULICH, Christopher and Teresa have returned home after spending three weeks holiday on the mainland. They travelled up with Gerald's sister and brother-in-law as far as Coffs Harbour.

ST MARYS residents are pleased to hear that Mrs Reddie is progressing well after her operation in L.G.H.

MR and MRS Bill Cruse of St Marys are having a holiday, caravanning along the East Coast. Mrs Cruse is recuperating after a recent operation.

MR BRUCE SPILSBURY and MR GORDON YOUNG of St Marys have recently been visiting Cornwall; had a short stay there, which I trust they enjoyed... especially when their coal truck got badly bogged. (giggle) I'd love to know just what was said.

Friends of MRS Jack McGee of St Marys are pleased to hear she is back from hospital in Launceston.

MRS ELLA TOOMES of Cornwall is home from a long stay in St Marys Hospital. She is up and about and managing well after her fall.

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Dear Ambitious,

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Valerie.

Dear Valerie Voyce,

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MOORINA was one of the first towns in the North East. It was named after the sister of Truganinne, the last of the Tasmanian aborigines.

The mining boom brought many people to the township and at one time it had a large Chinese community.

Little remains of the old township other than the Post Office and a shop, but of particular interest is the Chinese section of the Moorina Cemetary incorporating an alter and a conical shaped oven where food was left for the departed relatives. A road from the town leads to the Frome Dam and Power Station, built in 1908. There is also a golf course.

WELDBOROUGH, once known as Thomas' Plains Weldborough was the scene of considerable mining activity.

Tasmania's Chinese labour force of 900 made Weldborough their headquarters. A camp and a Joss House were erected and here Chinese customs were observed.

The Joss House was removed and re-erected in the Queen Victoria Museum, Launceston. Severe immigration restrictions cut reinforcements and the settlement gradually declined.

The Weldborough Pass with its spectacular mountain scenery and dense rain forests is traversed on the Main Highway between Scottsdale and St. Helens.

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AUSTCARE - FREEDOM FROM HUNGER APPEAL
Residents from the St. Marys, Fingal, Cornwall, Mathinna and Mangana districts will be interested to learn that the recent appeal, held on 27th September last, raised a grand total of \$277. 46 from the districts listed above. Scamander and Falmouth came under the St. Helens area and we do not have their totals. I should like to thank all the people who so willingly collected and those who donated to Austcare.

E. Dean, Austcare Organiser for Fingal and St. Marys Districts.

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FOOTBALL ANNUAL CLUB DINNER

The Ladies Committee of the St. Marys Football Club cordially invite all players, both Seniors and Seconds, together with their wives, to the Annual Club Dinner and trophy presentation, to be held at the Community Hall, Saturday 17th, October 1970, at 7p.m. Any players unable to attend, please advise Mrs. E. Tapp, Fingal, by 12th October.

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It was born in the heart of the shepherd who became a king: It is quite possibly the song which Jesus and His Disciples sang after the Last Supper, before they went out to the Mount of Olives. Yet it expresses my thoughts and your thoughts equally well. Many of us found it well fitted to wartime conditions and one woman wrote the first twelve words of verse five on her air raid shelter.

Truly, Christ's disciples need "fear no evil." If you have not read this Psalm for some time, take down your Bible and read it today, and may God abundantly bless you as you meditate thereon.

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ST. MARYS GARDEN CLUB

The September meeting of the St. Marys Garden Club was well attended.

A special prize, donated by Mr and Mrs V. Oliver, was won by Miss C. Rattray. A feature of the evening was the very beautiful spring arrangements.

A demonstration of picture making in bark was given by Mrs Royle and members were given parcels of bark to make pictures for a future competition.

The October meeting to be held on 21st October will be the spring show. Classes as follows:

1. Spring Arrangement, open
2. Dried Arrangement, open
3. Collection of Spring flowers (6) in one container.

4. Novices only. Spring Arrangement
5. Novices only. Dried Arrangement.

Judges will be Mr and Mrs. G. Smythe of St. Helens. The Break O'Day Camera Club will be on hand to take coloured slides. Ladies, a plate please.

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SPECIAL REPORT NATURAL RESOURCES

Water: The State's outstanding natural resource is water, and this has already been extensively exploited for the generation of electrical energy. The risks associated with total reliance on this form of power generation have already been demonstrated to the State through serious power restrictions during a recent drought. The construction of the thermal power station at Bell Bay will help to reduce this risk.

Recognising that there is an upper limit to the amount of development which can take place for hydro-power generation in Tasmania and that already over half of the feasible developments have taken place, we believe that plans should be formulated to develop Tasmania's power generation system to one with a broader base of thermal and/or nuclear power generation installations.

Low cost hydro-power should be allocated to those industries which use electric power as a principal input in their production process and which provide significant payoffs towards the State's economic growth. In this way cheap power can continue to be a major factor attracting special industries to establish in Tasmania and for them to remain in operation. Industries which do not depend on having large amounts of cheap power available would be drawn to Tasmania to take advantage of other natural resources or facilities.

It is recommended that the Tasmanian Government undertake studies for the development of thermal and nuclear power stations in Tasmania. Thermal stations will need to be of a size to carry a major base-load. Fuels could be coal, oil or gas depending upon the economy of supply. There is a strong case for a nuclear power station being located in Tasmania, and the Commonwealth Government might be pressed at this stage to examine the claims of Tasmania for the siting of such power station on the Island.

It is apparent in this study that water and power are the basic attractive resources of Tasmania and all plans for expanded industrial investment must depend heavily on this fact.

Government policies must give a top priority in planning and development to water and power, and a continuous review of problems, policies, procedures and results will need to be undertaken throughout the decade.

There are increasing demands throughout the State for the provision of water supplies for irrigation purposes. It has not been possible to consider the demands in detail, but it is evident that if Tasmania's agricultural industries are to effectively compete with those from other Australian regions and other countries, the stability which irrigation gives to agricultural production must be provided in Tasmania. We believe however, that each proposal for irrigation development should be the subject of an economic feasibility study and that economic criteria should be paramount to the decision concerning the viability of the project. In the competitive situation for capital funds, strong economic cases must be made available to both the Federal Government and to private investors.

The difficulty of incorporating extensive irrigation projects into development schemes for hydro-power production is recognised. However, the alternative designs for all new power development projects should include consideration of the needs for irrigation.

Minerals: Tasmania has a wide base of metallic and non-metallic minerals, many of which are being exploited in mining projects. It should be noted however, that the extraction of minerals does not provide extensive pay offs, such as large numbers of job opportunities, to the State. Thus there are not necessarily large direct benefits from mining for Tasmania. There are however, significant indirect benefits such as improved communications in all respects and a strengthening of trade links with other parts of Australia and other parts of the world.

We believe that mineral exploration and development programmes should be expanded in order to maximise those benefits which do accrue to the State. As development expands, the prospects for the establishment of treatment facilities for minerals in Tasmania will be improved. Such facilities will certainly lead to significant economic payoffs to the State.

An immediate start should be made in research and development studies by government departments; in conjunction with private industry, of the feasibility of establishing new metallurgical industries in Tasmania.

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Landowners in Tasmania must burn or bury within 24 hours the carcass of any stock which dies on their land.

The Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Beattie) said last week that a gazetted regulation under the Stock Act required that where any sheep, cattle, pig or goat died from any cause, the person in charge or the stock must burn or bury the carcass within 24 hours.

If any farmer was concerned about the risk of disease because of a neighbour's negligence, he should report the matter to a stock inspector.

"Livestock left to rot where they die may constitute a health risk to other stock not only from the bacteria which may have been the cause of death, but from hydatids disease," he said.

"This applies particularly to sheep carcasses which may be eaten by straying dogs."

Mr. Beattie said that stock inspectors, veterinary officers and hydatids inspectors from the Department of Agriculture were authorised to ensure that owners or persons in charge of stock, complied with the regulations.

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FINGAL TENNIS NOTES

The annual meeting of the Fingal Tennis Club was held on 21st Sept. 1970.

Only six people were present and all were elected to the committee, which comprises: A. Woods, President. W. McGee, Treasurer. L.J. Snodgrass, Secretary. N. Speers, Captain. A. Oliver, vice-Captain. Committee, all the above, plus Paul Hall, with power to co-opt.

It was decided to ask Mr. Bailey, who audited our books last year, if he would do the same this season.

The Treasurer reported a credit balance of \$56.92 as well as \$100.00 in the court resealing account. The Secretary reminded that a further \$50.00 was due to be paid into this account this season. Fees for the coming season were set at the same as last year, namely: Ladies, \$1.50. Gents, \$2.50. Juniors (that is, those attending school) 50c.

It was decided to continue the Saturday morning sessions for Juniors. The first of these will be on Saturday 3rd October starting at 9 a.m. A working bee will be held the same morning.

The first social day will be on Sunday 4th October at 1.30 p.m.

L.J. Snodgrass,
Hon. Sec.

COMING EVENTS cont.

ST. MARYS DISTRICT HOSPITAL AUXILIARY Annual meeting Monday Oct. 5th. All present and new members welcome. We need your help.

YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS THE FASHION PARADE AT Scamander Hotel-Motel on Sat. Oct. 3rd in aid of football Queen entrant Miss Coral Bessell. Lucky door and chocolate wheel, offering excellent prizes plus a lovely hot supper.

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THE ADVENTURES OF THE ROBINSONS.

CHAPTER I. The Start of the Adventure.

It was Saturday morning, still early enough for the ground to be damp with dew and the air cold.

Bill and Suzy Robinson sat together on a box in the untidy yard of their home. They both looked unhappy and if not exactly dirty, neither were they as clean as they should have been so early in the morning.

There was some excuse for this as their mother had been buried yesterday. She had been ill for a long time and had told the children some weeks ago she would die soon.

"You must find your father," she had said, "I don't know where he is, but he is shearing up north somewhere. If you don't find him after I'm gone, the Child Welfare people will put you in a Home. Go as soon as I'm gone and don't tell anyone where you are going. You have no relatives and the Welfare people will make you wards of the State. If this happens, Dad will probably find it hard to get you back when he returns."

A kind neighbour, Mrs Brownley, had looked after the children until their mother had been buried, but last night Suzy had overheard her talking to her husband. "I don't know what to do," she said. "We can't keep them, not all three. They eat such a lot and we haven't got enough room for ourselves, let alone the Robinson children. I'll just have to ring the Welfare people first thing in the morning."

After Suzy had told her brothers of this conversation, Bill had decided they must go in the morning. They had crept out of bed early and gone next door to their own home to collect a few belongings and their black, mongrel dog Skipper.

They were waiting now for the youngest member of the family Joey, who was only six. Joey had run off to the creek to empty his jar of tadpoles back into the water. He had wanted to take them with him, but Bill, who at twelve was the eldest and in charge of the family now, had ordered the tadpoles returned to the creek.

Suzy said, "I pinched a loaf of bread and some butter from Mrs. Brownley. I've put them in the billy. What did you get Bill?"

"Tea, some eggs from the fowlhouse and a bottle of tomato sauce and a packet of spaghetti from Mum's cupboard," Bill said. "Wonder what Joey got? I wish he'd hurry."

"Here he comes," Suzy said with relief as Joey trotted into the yard. He wore an old Army jacket of his father's which was much too large for him and carried a bulging school bag over his

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shoulder.

"What ever took you so long Joey?", Bill wanted to know. "We'd better get going, otherwise we'll be missed. I reckon if we follow the creek until we're clear of the town and then keep to the railway line for a while, we'll be right."

"What happens if anyone sees us?" Suzy wanted to know.

"There's only one train today and that's already gone," Bill said. "This way we can head into the country and keep away from anyone who might know us. We've got the whole weekend to escape. What sort of food did you get Joey?"

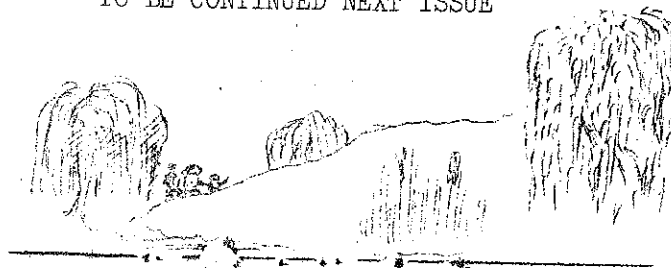
"A piece of bacon, some biscuits and a tin of camp pie," Joey said with pride.

"Good," Bill said, "Let's get going."

They had hardly reached the shelter of the willows near the creek when they heard Mrs Brownley calling shrilly

"Bill, Suzy, Joey, come at once and get your breakfast."

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT ISSUE



QUAKERS... Are people who live near volcanoes.

What kind of crow never flies?

Answer: A scarecrow.

Why are fish well educated?

Answer: Because they are often found in schools.

What is the most dangerous vegetable on a ship?

Answer: A leak.

BEGINNERS CAKE in 1 2 3 4 and 5....

1 Egg, 2 ozs butter, 3 ozs sugar, 4 ozs flour, S.R. Approx. 5 ozs milk, essence.

Cream the butter and sugar. Add the egg Mix well. Add the essence. Blend in the flour alternatively with the milk. Turn into an 11 x 4 loaf tin.

Bake in a moderate oven (350) 30 to 45 mins.

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ARIES: March 21 - April 20

Take care of your health. Avoid excess. This may cause disruptions in the home. Avoid hire purchase agreements. Later in the month finance improves.

TAURUS: April 21 - May 20

Moneywise you are in luck this month. Be tactful with work-mates. Plan creative activities now.

GEMINI: May 21 - June 20

Build up your defence against setbacks. Romance could be very exciting, but take care. Soon a happening of great importance.

CANCER: June 21 - July 21

Home atmosphere may be disrupted by conflict between partners. Don't be afraid of affection. You may go on a holiday soon.

LEO: July 22 - August 21

Financial gains in the offing for the alert. Avoid excesses. Do not be carried away with a new romance. There may be unexpected set-backs.

VIRGO: August 22 - September 21

Build up your health. There is adversity ahead. This is a time for speculation with a good chance for gain.

LIBRA: September 22 - October 22

Do not be tempted to buy on credit. You may receive money from an unexpected quarter. Good fortune in the near future.

SCORPIO: October 23 - November 21

Keep personal spending to a minimum. Avoid travel at the beginning of this month. Take full advantage of any chances to advance your position.

SAGITTARIUS: November 22 - December 21

This month the air should clear considerably. Money is on the way. Friends show appreciation of your achievements. Watch your opinions do not lead you astray.

CAPRICORN: December 22 - January 19

Guard your health against the weather. New business opportunity now. This will take all your attention.

AQUARIUS: January 20 - February 19

Try to be diplomatic with a relative who likes to interfere. Romance and social life is in full swing.

PISCES: Feb. 20 - March 20

Planning with your mate on the 10th will bring success with joint ambitions. You may acquire extra cash mid October. Be on the lookout for bargains.

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