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EDITORIAL

Possibly there is no greater issue for debate in our Tasmanian newspapers than road safety. Recent continuing deaths on our roads will always bring a spate of letters from writers who offer their own personal and frequently misinformed solutions for the road carnage.

What many of these writers often ignore is a few very simple and seemingly indisputable facts. According to a publication by one of the worlds' leading authorities on road safety, T.S. Skillman, almost 95% of all accidents are caused by the AVERAGE driver who, through error, can expect to have a serious crash once in approximately every twenty years. It is the sheer weight of numbers of the average driver that cause the large number of accidents.

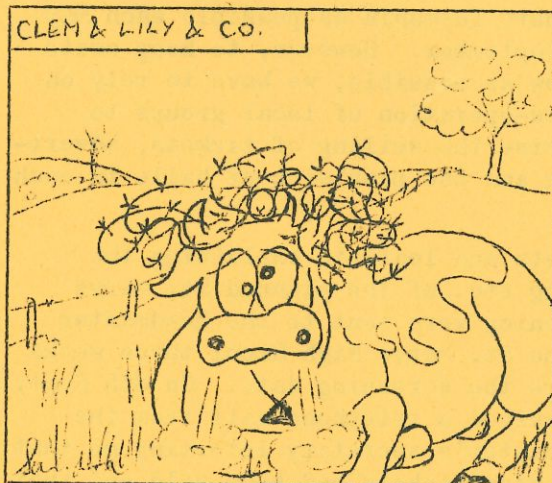
The other 5% who are not considered average include habitual drunkards, criminals, the mentally deranged, anti-social drivers and the physically infirm. This 5% is the element that, through the efforts of the police force and other authorities, is kept mainly in check.

Mr. Skillman states that if the average driver could reduce his error rate by half, then FORTY percent of all accidents could be eliminated. Unfortunately he adds, this would be nigh on impossible and would take many, many years. He may be oversimplifying the issue but news from the most auto minded country in the world, the U.S.A. seems to back up his point.

Latest figures from U.S.A. indicate for the first time that road fatalities are on the decline and this inspite of everincreasing road users.

This very desirable situation has been brought about by three factors, and in the words of Mr. Douglas Toms, director U.S. Countries National Highway Safety Bureaux, "These three points are driver education, improved roads and safer cars."

Seemingly to prove the essence of Mr. Skillman's survey, Mr. Toms goes on, "In this country we are going after
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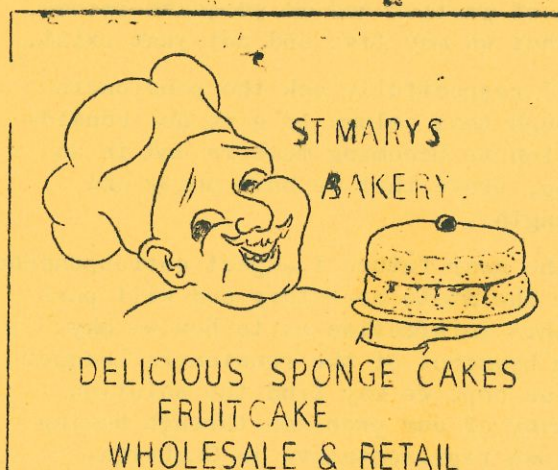
"HAS ANYONE LOST THEIR FENCE?"

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the car because we recognise that there are going to be accidents no matter what. It is the great mass of the ordinary drivers who, through numbers alone, will keep the accident rate high; to stop this we will have to change human nature and that can't be done in a few years."

Judging from the figures from his bureaux this approach is already paying off; they show that chest deaths and facial injuries are the main injuries on the decrease. "This," says Mr. Toms, "Can be traced directly to collapsible steering columns and improved shatter proof wind shields. Better fuel tank design is also helping save lives from fires in cars."

Thus our local mounting death toll is not, as some people seem to imply due to Dr. Abbott's ineffective road safety plan, nor is it necessarily due to ex-
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LETTERS

Dear Sir,

I feel that 'Two Disappointed Schoolgirls' (in your edition of 18/9/70) and other children of your district who were disappointed at the cancellation of the children's film show planned for 11th Sept. 1970, should be made aware of the real facts of the situation.

This Council wished to show its specially selected films in as many districts of Northern Tasmania as possible each May and September. However, to keep costs as low as possible, we have to rely on the co-operation of local groups to organise the selling of tickets, advertising and the provision of halls in each area.

Tickets and leaflets explaining the timing etc. of the planned St. Marys screening were sent to the Headmaster of the St. Marys High School three weeks before the screening date. On 8th Sept. I received a telephone call from the Headmaster's secretary informing me that only nine tickets had been sold and that it was most unlikely that any more children would come for door sales on 11th Sept. My Executive Committee therefore, most reluctantly decided to cancel the programme.

We are sorry for any misunderstanding and disappointment that may have occurred and wish to assure children of your district that we will show films at St. Marys next May if sufficient support is forthcoming.

B.T. Dowse, Hon. Sec.
NORTHERN TASMANIAN COUNCIL FOR
CHILDRENS FILMS AND TELEVISION.

Dear Sir,

It is hoped, through letter to your paper, to make an attempt in the near future to form branches in the Fingal Valley, of the Pensioners League. In the cities, the League have quite a large membership.

There is a vital need for the pensioners to be politically represented in the Federal Parliament if we are to get any sort of justice and an adequate income, so that we may live and not just exist.

May I respectfully ask the pensioners through this column to give due consideration to becoming members and in so doing, prove that we have unity and strength.

In the near future I expect correspondence from the State Secretary and will pass on this information as to how we may form branches of the Pensioners League. Let us hope we may find the solution to many of our problems through having our own representative in Canberra.

Tas. Matthews, Cornwall.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the St. Marys Pre-School and Child Health Committees, I would like to thank all those generous people who supported us in buying Jockey tickets during the six month in which the series was conducted.

Our grateful thanks are extended to those who helped in the preparation and selling of jockey tickets.

A clear profit of \$685.70 was made, which was quite a remarkable effort.

Robin Jackson, Hon. Sec. Pre-School Committee

Dear Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported me during the St. Marys Football Club Queen Carnival. Special thanks go to Mr. & Mrs. Max Herring, Mr. & Mrs. J. Hayes, Mr. & Mrs. Newman, Mr. & Mrs. B. Pitt, John Macrostie and Mike Curry, my Committee Members. Also to Mr. B. Bye, Mr. & Mrs. Pescott, Mr. McGee, Mr. & Mrs. Nolan and the Progress Association. I have had a wonderful time working with them during the Carnival. Please accept my thanks.

Dorothy Stuart.

Mr. & Mrs. H. Williams and family wish to thank friends for their kindness and support at the sad loss of their son Gregory.

Editorial cont.

cessive speedsters or drunks, or youth or the incapable, as all these presumably are; included in Mr. Skillman's ineducable 5%.

And while the authorities hammer this 5% unmercifully, it is up to the rest, the average driver, to become more aware of his limitations. The only major contribution to road safety it seems, lies with the auto companies and the pressure that is brought to bear on them to eventually aim for 100% safe car.

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MRS. SACCOMBE of Hobart spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs Oliver.

MR. J. MILLER of "The Nook" is spending his annual holidays with his mother Mrs Miller of Launceston.

MR. JAMES UPTON has been spending a few days with his son and daughter-in-law at the Post-Office.

MALCOLM CHESHIRE of Burnie, spent last week with his parents Mr & Mrs Neil Chesshire.

MARIE BURT is in St Vincents Hospital and is progressing satisfactorily after an operation.

VIVLEN WARD entered St Vincents Hospital to undergo an operation and all Mangana residents wish him well.

MR BOB BYE is in St Vincents Hospital. We and all his friends wish him a speedy recovery. COME BACK GOMER PYLE.

THE VARIETY CONCERT at Cornwall was a great success. The hall was packed and they nearly ran out of seats. There were many international Artists and Artistes, performing. One particular Artiste appeared by kind permission of the Valley Voice, but has since been seized by the Quarantine people.

MR & MRS JIM NAPIER have just left for a holiday on the mainland. They will spend most of their time in South Australia with friends. Most of their time will be taken up observing birds, as Mr Napier is a keen Ornithologist.

A WEDDING of interest recently was that of Greg Yates and Shirley Rogers, of Granton. Greg's parents, Mr & Mrs Tas Yates of Fingal, travelled to Hobart for the wedding which was held in the Wesley Meth. dist. Church. Shirley was attended by Miss Lorraine and Greg's three sisters, Mrs Wise, Janet Yates and Kim Yates as flowergirl. Mr Jim Hefman was best man and Edward Yates and Graeme Rogers were groomsmen.

MR AND MRS JOHN WALKER of St Helens were married on Saturday last at St Pauls Church of England, and flew to Brisbane for their honeymoon.

MR AND MRS TAS YATES of Fingal entertained 52 friends and relatives at their home on Friday the 18th to celebrate the coming of age of their second eldest son Edward.

Also celebrating his twenty first birthday last Saturday, was GREG CLEMENTS of Fingal. Greg is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Jack Clements, who gave a party for Greg at their home.

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GREG BARNES is another Fingal boy who reached the ripe old age of twenty one last Saturday. His parents, Mr and Mrs Merv Barnes gave Greg a party to celebrate.

MR AND MRS VIV SULZBARGER of Fingal recently spent an enjoyable weekend in Hobart.

WE HEAR Mrs Royle sen. of St Marys is celebrating her 80th birthday on the same day as her two grandchildren Felicity and Tony Spilsbury. Congratulations.

MRS DULCIE BIRNS and her daughter Lynette of St Marys have left for a trip to Japan. They will sail from Sydney on Saturday in the Canberra, and expect to be away for 4 or 5 weeks.

CONGRATULATIONS to Nancy and Ross LeFevre on the birth of a baby girl on Monday Oct. 12th at St Helens Hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO to Mr and Mrs Robert Woods on the birth of a baby girl, Alana, on Thursday Oct. 8th at St Marys.

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES of MR AND MRS J. McGIVERN of St Marys wish to congratulate them on the birth of their son Jason Charles at the Q.V.H. on Sunday 4th October.

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AUSTCARE - FREEDOM FROM HUNGER APPEAL. The result of the Appeal in the St Helens District amounted to \$347.26. This included the area from Pyengana to Falmouth. The amount of \$25 was received from Falmouth. Thanks are due to all who contributed and to the eleven collectors who covered the district.

N. Cunningham,
Area Sectretary.
St Helens.

HERITAGE CORNER

CLEVELAND

The township of Cleveland, some 35 miles from Launceston is situated in the Midlands Highway.

Cleveland was so named in the late 1830's after a famous breed of horses imported to the district by Richard Willis of England.

In the centre of the village stands the modest little Union Church, used by Anglicans and Methodists, but erected at the expense of the Hon. James Gibson in 1855.

It has quaint curved ceiling with windows on one side only. Two old coaching inns still stand, one being THE BALDFACED STAG.

FROM THE PULPIT

"Making others Happy"

The world needs nothing more than it needs happiness - makers. There is a great deal of sadness everywhere. The Bible is a book meant to make people happy. The mission of the gospel is to spread true happiness. The angel's announcement of "good tidings of great joy" is going forth yet on every breeze. The story of the love of Christ is changing darkness to light, despair to hope, tears to laughter, sorrow to rejoicing, in every land.

It is the mission of every Christian to be a happiness-maker. Each one of us has power, too, to add something at least to the world's gladness. We can do this in a thousand ways - by being joyful Christians ourselves, making our lives a sweet song; by telling others the joyful message of the Word of God; by doing kindnesses to all we meet; by comforting sorrow, lifting burdens away, cheering sadness and weariness, and leaving benedictions wherever we go.

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St. Marys Methodist Church Services:
October 18th, Conference Service - T.V. Channels 2 & 3.
October 25th, Mrs. S. Keddie.

Bread & Cheese at Fingal at the Home of Mrs. Wise, Thursday 29th Oct. 12.30 - 2 p.m. All welcome.

FINGAL Football Club Dinner - will be held at the Town Hall, Fingal, Friday 16th October, 1970!

ST. MARYS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION WORKING BEE Sunday 18th from 10 a.m. If you are interested in beautifying your town come along to the block behind the St. Marys Library with your gardening tools. Your support will be appreciated. Projects - general clean up and primary planting.

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According to the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory(CAL), the University of Michigan, and the University of California at Los Angeles, more than half of all automobile collisions involve the front end of the vehicle. Since the car in many of these accidents is moving at high speed, the engine frequently is driven back into the passenger compartment, killing or seriously injuring the occupants. To combat this, CAL engineers have devised a "bumper-and-ramp" combination that keeps engine and passenger well apart during a head-on crash.

The bumper, a heavy steel box that spans the width of the car, absorbs most of the initial shock of the collision and reduces the forces imposed on the engine itself. Meanwhile, the passenger compartment, borne along by its own inertia, strikes the ramp - a welded steel box with an angled face, nearly 2 feet wide, that is installed just ahead of the dashboard.

At this point, the ramp, if all is functioning properly, guides the passenger compartment up and over the engine.

So far, CAL engineers have already tested twenty late-model cars equipped with the bumper-and-ramp system in crashes against fixed objects at speeds of up to 63 miles per hour. The front ends of the cars, of course, suffered considerable damage, but their dummy occupants - simulating human passengers - emerged relatively unscathed.

BALLOONS: In addition to the engine-deflection system, the instrumented dummies in these tests are also protected by "air bags."

These are basically large nylon balloons, stored in the steering column or glove compartment, that are triggered by the force of the collision.

A gas cartridge fills the bags in about three-thousandths of a second, forming a cushiony buffer between the passengers and the car's dashboard or windshield.

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Cry From the Heart

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Although a proposed Federal law will make air bags standard equipment on most American-made automobiles by 1973, some critics have challenged their effectiveness. One worry is that the sudden pressure buildup caused by the expansion of the bags inside a closed car could damage the passengers' eardrums or lungs. Other potential problems include side collisions, where the bags as presently designed would provide no protection, and secondary crashes, where the car strikes one obstacle, activates its bags-and then ricochets into a second object. But CAL engineers are already at work on a second-generation air-bag system that would consist of several small bags located on the sides of the passengers as well as in front. During a collision, the bags would inflate in sequence and completely envelop the passenger in a cushion of safety. "There's no longer any question", says Douglas Toms, "but that we can build cars that are both beautiful, and in which it will be all but impossible to kill yourself. We're heading in that direction right now. Auto safety is becoming a very real field".

(From Newsweek)

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FINGAL COUNCIL NOTES

At the October meeting of the Fingal Council the Council Clerk, Mr. R. Yates read correspondence from the Minister for Lands and Works, (Mr. Barker) relating to C.A.R. grant allocations in which the Minister pointed out allocations had risen by 5% per annum.

This was not as it sounded Mr. Yates said, as rates had actually fallen due to the change over to decimal currency. The Fingal Municipality was in urgent need of revaluations and re-assessments to meet rising costs within the municipality.

Grants of \$4,000 for a 16' seal on the Falmouth road (to be met by the Government on a dollar for dollar basis) and a grant of \$510 for a corner on the Dublin Town road were to be started shortly, Mr. Lee the Works Superintendent, reported.

Cr. Hinds said he was most embarrassed by the P.W.D. ruling of not being able to use the grant on the Falmouth road for the township area. He said he had made a firm promise to residents to try and help their dust problem during the summer and now because of the P.W.D. ruling the sealing would have to start from the main road end.

The Health Inspector reported to Council there now appeared sufficient numbers of children in the Fingal, Mangana, Mathinna and St. Marys districts to warrant another immunisation programme of Triple Antigen to begin in the near future. It only remained for a convenient time to be arranged with Dr. Roddick.

Infestations of Cotton Thistle on some properties in the Avoca area were not being effectively treated by landowners but Council decided to seek further information from the Agricultural Department before taking preventative measures. It was felt Council work force may not be available at the appropriate time for spraying.

Newman's Weir at St. Marys was to have the level lowered to correct a leak. The Superintendent of Works, (Mr. Lee) agreed to inspect and clean Margison's Dam.

Cr. Hinds said the Scamander Reservoir pump was not working efficiently and the Scamander Hotel had been without water for a day recently. It was agreed by Council to take action to see that the pump was repaired.

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GOLF NOTES

Mixed foursomes championship:

T. Bean - Mrs. G. Gill	162
D. Holmes - Mrs. Holmes	167
C. Berwick - Mrs. J. Brennan	
D.A. & Mrs. Williams	168

Handicap

D.A. & Mrs. Williams	(41)	127
B. Lehner - Miss C. White	(39)	130
T. Bean - Mrs. Gill	(31)	131

Members' stroke:

G. Gill (11)	66 on c.b. from K. Spilsbury (17).
J. Lehner (22)	70.
C. Spilsbury (22)	72.

Nearest to pin seventh hole:

G. Gill.

Stroke 7.10.70

P. White	66 net
E. Williams	67 net
P. Davern	72 net

Putting

I. Brennan	34
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Stableford 10.10.70

R. Gill	35
E. Williams	40 points and a 59 net
R. Gill	30 pt.
M. Lind	30 pt.

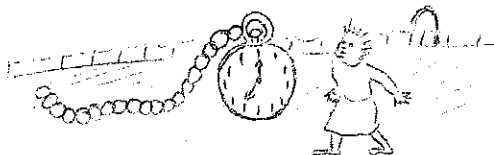
Eclectic 14.10.70

E. Williams	28
D. Williams	32
C. Barnes	32

Congratulations to Mrs. E. Williams on breaking her handicap by 4. She is one of our newest golf members.

A Spookie Paragraph ...

She proceeded on her way until 7, or rather later, when a noise was heard as of a heavy body like an anchor or a chain being dragged along the deck from about the funnel aft. It was the mates watch!



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Synopsis. (The three Robinson children BILL, SUZY and JOEY, have recently lost their mother. Their neighbour Mrs Brownley, who is looking after them, decides she will ring the Welfare people as she cannot afford to keep them. BILL decides they must run away.)

NOW READ ON

CHAPTER 2. THE TRAIN RIDE.

At the sound of Mrs Brownley's voice, Bill whispered urgently,

"Hurry up you two and keep Skipper quiet Joey."

The children moved quickly and quietly along the edge of the creek until they were clear of the town. Here the creek formed a large U and ran back towards the town again.

"We'll have to walk across old Stinky Bourke's pig paddock," Bill said. "That way we'll strike the railway line the other side. Better keep quiet and don't let Skipper chase those pigs Joey, otherwise we'll have old Stinky out after us. Come along."

"I wish we could have breakfast," Joey said, "I'm starving."

"We'll have it later when we are in a safer place," Suzy said to Joey, as the three children started to cross the paddock.

Old Stinky Bourke kept a lot of large black and brown pigs which he let run wild. Joey was rather nervous as they moved carefully across the mucky ground. But Skipper wasn't; he darted from Joey's restraining hand and dashed at a big black boar, barking madly.

"Down Skipper, down," Bill said, running towards the dog.

"What's going on, who's frightening me pigs?" And there stood Stinky Bourke, a large pitchfork in his hand and a savage glare in his little eyes.

Stinky Bourke was a dirty old man (hence his name of Stinky), who looked somewhat like the pigs he was so proud of. Most of the children in the district were terrified of him and told fearsome tales of his doings. He was reputed to feed unwelcome guests to his pigs.

Suzy said very politely, "I hope you don't mind us crossing your paddock Mr. Bourke, but there was no other way. We sha'n't hurt your pigs."

"Hurt me pigs, I'll see you don't hurt me pigs. I'll have you know this is private property," Old Stinky roared, "Get out, you young devils and take that dog with you. If you're not quick I'll set me best boar after you." And he brandished his pitchfork as he spoke.

(continued next column)

The children needed no second warning. They could already feel the unpleasant breath of Stinky's best boar at their heels as they ran swiftly towards the fence. Even Skipper seemed bent on escape.

"Gosh," Bill said as they tumbled to safety. "That was close. I wonder what he would have done to us?"

"Fed us to his pigs," Joey said in a shaky voice and clutched Skipper

They had now reached the railway line and began to walk along it, not talking much.

They had been walking for some time when Bill called, "Look, there's another line joining this one. I wonder where it comes from?"

The railway line seemed to have entered a siding. There was a tin shed next to it and a signal box with red lights blinking.

"Must be a train coming," Suzy said. As the children watched a goods train thundered round the bend. The children dived to the side of the track and lie there as the train slowly stopped at the tin shed. Some bags of seed were thrown out and the train whistled and rumbled.

"Quick, let's get on that truck at the back," Bill said.

The three children darted around the back of the train and were soon safely under the tarpaulin which covered bags of potatoes. It was dirty and there wasn't much room to move but they all felt rather pleased with themselves.

"Wonder where we'll go?" wondered Suzy as the train gathered speed. But Joey let out a wail, "We've left Skipper," he sobbed, "Whatever will he do?"

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TAURUS: April 21 - May 20

Don't let your good fortune go to your head. Be sure to capitalise on any interesting development on the 17th. Romance is exciting for you - if eligible.

GEMINI: May 21 - June 20

Watch health until the 20th. Romance is glamorous for those who take the lead. By employing any means, you will gain a desired objective.

CANCER: June 21 - July 21

Socially your life will be very busy, but romantically dull. You may get a good offer for your home or a piece of land. It maybe worth considering.

LEO: July 22 - August 21

A busy time for business. Opportunity for success in partnership ventures. Keep a tight rein on budget but this would not be for long. There is still money in your stars.

VIRGO: August 22 - September 21

Conventional business affairs are most profitable. Group work is very rewarding and spend your excess energy in creative work. Avoid impulsive buying.

LIBRA: September 22 - October 22

If you have been active in creative directions this year, an award may be coming your way. This is a very interesting time both creatively and business wise.

SCORPIO: October 23 - November 22

Prepare to take on extra responsibilities shortly. A surge of energy prompts you to pursue a personal plan to great gain. Romance is out.

SAGITTARIUS: November 23 - December 21

Step up plans to improve money matters, on 17th. Through friends you will make unexpected advancement in a definite area. A real-estate deal or home sale is well to be planned now.

CAPRICORN: December 22 - January 22

Novel opportunities to promote business and professional interest arise on the 17th. Romance, though unreliable, till the 20th, later begins to get interesting. Avoid unnecessary travel.

AQUARIUS: January 23 - February 19th

Survey your tax picture - more to be gained by closer calculations. Good money gains on 19th, 23rd, and 25th. Be careful in your choice of companions.

PISCES: February 20 - March 20

Work out details for special home plans. A time for bargain hunting - you have a lucky streak. Try not to force your opinions on other people until next month!

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