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EDITORIAL

WOODCHIPS - SOME RESERVATIONS

With the third woodchip company (Northern Woodchips) now given Federal sanction and ready to operate, things are beginning to move in the woodchip business.

But unfortunately, in the moment of excitement about this multi-million dollar industry, several factors have not yet been explained satisfactorily.

Firstly, although much has been said about just how big these individual contracts are, nobody in the business seems to have taken into account whether or not Tasmania does in fact have enough timber resources to cover these contracts collectively.

Many people outside the industry, but in other timber businesses have lately been expressing doubts about this question but so far they have not been publicly answered.

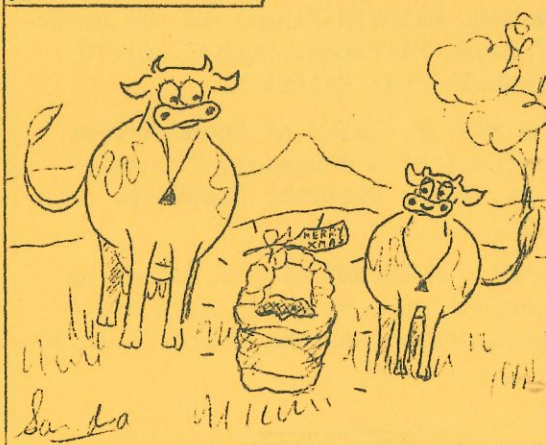
One of these critics in a recent edition of the Examiner states emphatically that there are simply not enough forests in Tasmania to supply all three companies and he quotes figures to prove it. Another critic disputes the time it takes for many species of eucalyptus to grow. Members of woodchip companies have stated twenty to forty years but he disputes this time on the grounds that in some of the large areas of crown land which is not suitable for quick growth it could take five times that long.

And again originally we were led to believe that ALL timber (except for pieces under 3" in diameter, burnt timber and rotten timber) was suitable for chips, but now on latest information it seems this is not so.

Woodchip representatives are now definite on their figures - 65% ash type (i.e. stringy-bark), 30% bluegum, whitegum, swamp gum, and only 5% peppermint which is incidentally one of the more common and widely distributed types of eucalypt.

If timber is going to be taken in these percentages does this mean we are likely to be left with very few stringy bark, some blue gum types (most likely the ugly ones as contractors no doubt will get the easiest and best first) and a considerable amount of peppermint?

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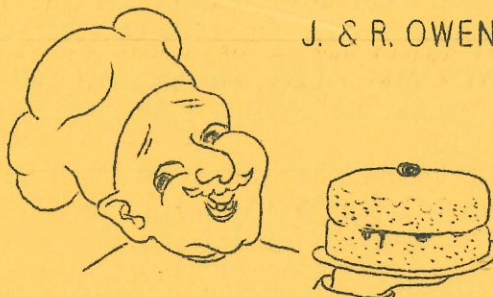
And another disquieting aspect of this industry is, in what manner is this timber going to be carted? The idea of dozens of huge trucks (twenty ton loads are envisaged) plying at great speed along the Esk Highway is both frightening and ludicrous. Already this road is too narrow for the traffic volume it carries. Even if the Bell Bay rail link does get built it will still be some years before it is operative. Meanwhile who will pay for road wear and tear, the ratepayer (local councils) woodchip companies or the government?

Neither the government or the woodchip companies have made much effort to clarify these and other anomalies that keep cropping up. Not to the public anyway and it is the public's future and safety that could be at stake as well.

(see page 3 - Woodchip representatives to visit St. Marys.)

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MRS. & MRS. F. HAYES of Scamander on the arrival of a daughter, Teresa born St. Marys District Hospital, 3.12.70.

MR. & MRS. MOUNTNEY of St. Helens on the arrival of a daughter born St. Helens District Nursing Centre 1.12.70.

BROWNIE NOTES

Brownies and Guides held a church parade at St. Marys Methodist Church on Dec. 6th. A number of parents also attended.

BROWNIES of St. Marys Pack enjoyed a visit to St. Helens on Monday 7th December. It was a good opportunity to meet the St. Helens Brownie Pack and share in their meeting and a bar-becue tea afterwards. Grateful thanks to those who provided transport on this outing.

COMING EVENTS FOR BROWNIES....

Saturday 12th December visit to Campbell Town Brownie Christmas Party. Meet 11 a.m. St. Marys Methodist Church Hall. Bring cut lunch and a cup.

SUNDAY 13th December Carols by Candlelight at St. Marys District Hospital, 8.30 p.m.

TUESDAY Dec. 15th last meeting for this year 4 p.m. St. Marys Methodist Hall.

WEDNESDAY Dec. 16th CONCERT Girl Guides to be held in the School Hall 7.30 p.m.

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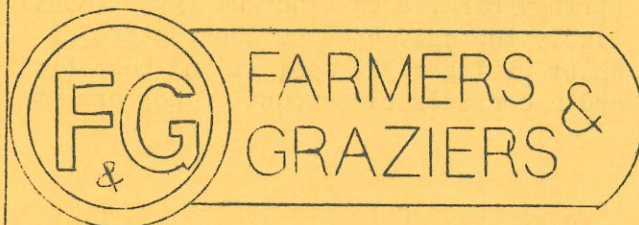
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THE ST MARYS GARDEN CLUB held their annual dinner at the Scamander Hotel last Saturday November 5th. Mrs Maisie Royle, who looked most attractive in a purple frock, was presented with a posy of toning flowers. Mrs Rattray of Pyengana and Mrs Mallinson of Scamander also received delightful posies which complimented their frocks. Mrs Llewellyn of Cornwall made the sprays for the occasion

THE THREE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUBS from Cornwall, Fingal and St Marys combined to hold their Christmas Party at St Marys on Thursday Dec. 10th. Santa Claus was present and an enjoyable meal of Christmas fare was eaten by the guests. Mrs Camplin of Cornwall is to be congratulated on her delightful pudding.

MRS SID. STONE of St Marys has just returned from a trip to Melbourne where she visited her daughter and son-in-law Judy and David Fiddian. Mrs Stone looked after young Jason while Judy was in the Jessie McPherson Hospital having her second son, Timothy David. Judy and David have only recently moved to Melbourne from Sydney.

MRS MICHAEL DONOVAN is spending an enjoyable week in St Marys combining business with pleasure. Mrs Donovan is working with the St Marys District Hospital Domiciliary Service prior to taking her position as Domiciliary Sister in Zeehan and is taking this opportunity to visit friends and relatives in St Marys.

MARLENE PARSONS and MARGARET LOWE of Fingal have returned from Adelaide where they have been working. They had a very enjoyable time on the Mainland but they say they are glad to be back in Tassie.

MRS WALTER BARNES of Fingal since returning from Campbelltown Hospital is convalescing well and is enjoying being with her friends again.

MRENDIA GERRIE travelling with her friends Regina Michlic and Barbara Cox stopped off at St Marys for a visit to her sister, Ada last week. The girls are now touring around Tasmania and are anxiously awaiting their University results.

The Tasmanian Coal Miners Federation Annual Dinner was held in the Fingal Town Hall on Friday night last. Among the guests present were Mr Gil Duthie, M.R.E. and Mr Roy Pagan M.R.A.

Garry O'Toole was 21 on Thursday 10th. Mr and Mrs Keith Johnson of Fingal are giving him a party at their home.

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COMING EVENTS

JAZZ BALLET... 7 p.m., Monday 14th Dec. Children to show parents what they have been doing during the last term. At the St Marys District High School. Ladies a plate please.

CHILD HEALTH CHRISTMAS DINNER and party Monday 14th at 8 p.m. Child Health Clinic St Marys. Members, remember to bring a plate.

GOLF CLUB DINNER at the St Marys Club rooms, Saturday 12th, 7.30p.m.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT. The St Marys District Hospital Grounds. Sunday 13th Come along and bring your friends. 8.30p.m.

Meeting, ST MARYS RURAL Fire Brigade, R.S.L. Institute, 8 p.m. Friday 11th Dec.

ST MARYS DISTRICT SCHOOL SPEECH NIGHT. COMMUNITY HALL, 8 P.M. FRIDAY 11th DEC.

METHODIST CHURCH. Dec. 13th St Marys, 11 a.m. Rev H.E. Freeman, H.C. St Helens, 7.30p.m.

Dec. 20th: St Marys, 11a.m. Children's Christmas service. St Helens, 7.00p.m. - Rev. B. Wise.

ST PETERS CHILDRENS' Festival will be held on Sunday 20th December at 2 p.m. at St Peters Church of England, Fingal. Please note change of time.

DO YOUR LATE XMAS SHOPPING AT THE GUIDE STALL TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 18th at 10.30 a.m. Hotel Corner St Marys.

Woodchip Representatives to Visit St Marys
The St Marys T.F.F. has convened a special meeting to be held at THE ST MARYS INSTITUTE on Wednesday Dec. 16th at 8 p.m. Chairman of the meeting Mr M Lohrey has indicated that the two members of Northern Woodchips, Mr Bill Newman and Mr Swan will give a talk on what woodchips will mean to the district. There will also be a period given over to question time. Mr Lohrey said the meeting would be an open one and any person interested in this industry is cordially invited to attend.

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Fashion Notes - 1935

Three main fashion decrees are the full-bloused Russian tunic, the drop shoulder and the sleeve saving butcher boy cuff. Skirt lengths are variable and capricious. For street and spectator sports wear they are about 12 inches from the ground. For the cocktail hour they touch the floor and for formal evening they go to great lengths for their chic with the short train a charming note.

Capes are created in every conceivable type and variety and this winter will no doubt run the gamut of popularity.

Ostrich feathers are to be extremely fashionable this fall and winter. Entire capes are to be made of them. Line the hem of your evening frock with a pretty contrasting colour if you want to give it a dashing touch. The idea is new and the effect attractive when you cross your legs.

Some people say the way a girl carries her handbag shows whether she is careful or careless.

If you're the former, you hold the bag by the handle or loops. If you're the latter you tuck it under your arm which is hard wear on the material under your arm and not too good for the bag itself. Very new are the wallet wrist straps. They are about two and a half inches wide with a little pocket inside to take your notes and coins, and a locking device with a tiny key. Very safe from bag snatchers, and all goes well till we lose the key.

ST. MARYS T.F.F. WANTS RE-AFFORESTATION PLAN

At November Meeting of St. Marys Branch of the T.F.F. it was resolved to present both the government and the State Secretary of the T.F.F. with a proposed plan for private land re-afforestation. The President, Mr. N.L. Lohrey said that his branch looked upon the woodchip industry with reservation. He said that he didn't think woodchip companies had made enough representation among owners of private timber land. Most information came through the mail, he said, and this wasn't very satisfactory. If the woodchip companies wanted to explain what they wanted to do they would have to do a little personal canvassing he said. Mr. Lohrey said the private land re-afforestation scheme was drafted because the local T.F.F. branch considered it was in this area that trouble could arise. Farmers today were facing continuing increases in costs and because of this they may not be able too or bother to replant their bush country once

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FROM THE PULPIT

Prayer - the Cry for Help

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A young man is on a battle line; for a moment the mass psychology and the mass pressure is released and he stands alone. Will he prove himself brave or cowardly? How can he go forward? "Help me Lord."

This man is confronted with a hard decision; on one hand is wealth and position, that is if he lowers his ideals a little. On the other hand, he keeps his self respect, keeps faith with his Christian heritage and with Christ himself, He cries out, "Help me Lord."

Again, a man is engrossed in his work. It is a work of true service to his fellows. He is very busy. He hasn't much time to think about religion. But he never fails to start the day with the prayer, "Help me Lord."

It is a human cry. It is a cry unto God. It is a prayer. When a man cries, "Help me Lord" he recognises that God is compassionate, that God is loving and willing to help.

the timber had been removed from it, he said.

The scheme envisaged a landowner - government agreement in which the government would finance the tree planting under supervision of the Forestry Commission and then recoup this finance by taking a percentage of the royalty when the regrowth was thinned and re-cut.

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FINGAL GRANTS

Mr. C. R. Ingamells, M.H.A. for Wilmot, has advised the Fingal Council that the Government has made available \$800 for reserves and recreation grounds in the Fingal Municipality.

Grants include \$200 for the Rossarden recreation ground, and \$100 each for the recreation grounds at St. Marys, Avoca and Fingal.

Additionally, \$100 has been made available for the Avoca and Fingal reserves, together with \$100 towards public conveniences and the children's play ground erected by the Progress Association.

Mr. Ingamells said also that \$450 had been made available by the Government towards toilets erected on the Council reserve by the Scamander Progress Association. He said a previous grant of \$500 towards the St. Marys Football Club rooms on the ground was announced, together with \$100 for the Cornwall Hall.

The Council had also been assisted quite substantially following the floods to re-habilitate the water works. This included \$3440 for the Mathinna pump house, \$550 towards repairing the Fingal water supply, and \$100 towards the Avoca water supply.

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AN ENJOYABLE evening was held last Wednesday 9th December at the home of Mrs. A.J. French at Fingal. The occasion was the Christmas dinner for the Women's Auxiliary of R.S.L. Mrs. French is the president.

MR. C.C. Bean has returned from the Launceston General Hospital and is now staying with his daughter at Deloraine.

MRS. STUART WARDLAW and sons, Grant and Duncan spent a few days with her parents Mr. & Mrs. J. Woods, at Fingal.

MICHAEL BUSH & CHRISTOPHER MAWBY spent the weekend with Michael's parents and Christopher's grandparents Mr. & Mrs. George Barnes.

MR. & MRS. BUSH have left Fingal and are now residents of Rossarden. Friends wish them well.

MAREE SWEENEY is home on school holidays with her parents at Mangana. She attends St. Thomas Moores School in Launceston.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY (Church of England) Sunday 2.30 p.m. Picnic and races to follow. Everyone cordially invited.

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IN THE EYE OF THE LAW

It may be as well with school holidays approaching, to give some thought this week to several aspects of safety with which children may be confronted. The Commissioner of Police has this week issued a warning, in the form of a request, to all parents, to strictly supervise the use of firearms. It is a breach of the law for any person under the age of 16 years to be in possession of a firearm, and it is also unlawful for any person to supply a firearm to a person under the age of 16 years. Firearms include air rifles, and any such weapons used carelessly or indiscriminately, may cause injury or death. Parents are urged to take all possible precautions to eliminate the possibility of such incidents.

Parents of those children fortunate enough to own a bicycle, tricycle, scooter, or other means of transport are urged to take all reasonable precautions by educating the children in road sense, and safety.

It is a point of interest that a "Scooter" is in fact prohibited from use on the streets, under the provisions of the Traffic Regulations.

Another matter which should be stressed, although not strictly a matter of law, is the necessity for observing reasonable precautions when swimming. Many unfortunate tragedies have occurred as the result of thoughtlessness, and it is urged that parents also endeavour to impress on their children, the need to take all possible care, to avoid as far as possible such un-necessary distressing happenings.

RETURN THANKS

MRS. HAROLD THOMAS of St. Marys, who is at present recovering from her recent illness, in the Launceston General Hospital, would like to thank all friends and relatives for cards and flowers and other gifts, also for the many kind wishes. Will all please accept this as a personal expression of gratitude?

WINNER, SCAMANDER GARDEN CLUB RAFFLE - Mrs. Des. Bailey of St. Helens.

- Q. What is the hardest thing about ice-skating?
A. The ice.

FINGAL TENNIS NOTES

It was a fine sunny day for the Opening Day Mixed Tournament on 29th November. The grand final was contested by P. Webb - Mrs. M. Sutton and W. McGee - Miss B. Williams. The latter pair, who won 6 - 2, took home a fine trophy each. The Junior tournament had to be abandoned through lack of support. Meanwhile, we have discovered that the person who cut the hedge, had to travel all the way from Tower Hill to do this job. A reminder that subscriptions are due - \$2.50 for gents, \$1.50 for ladies and 50c for juniors. Let us see if we can equal last years' membership of 75.

L. J. Snodgrass,
(Hon. Sec.)

RESULTS OF THE ST. MARYS DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION raffle, drawn at the meeting on Tuesday 8th December.

1st Prize, a doll - Kathryn Miles, St. Marys
2nd Prize, clown - Mr. Alf Cook, St. Marys.
3rd Prize, softtoy - Melissa Hoare, Cornwall.

Prizes were donated by:
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THE ADVENTURES OF THE ROBINSONS

The story so far...The three Robinson children BILL, SUZY and JOEY run away to find their father after their mother's death. After accepting a lift in a big car, Bill is uneasy at the driver's questions. They are stopped by two policemen. NOW READ ON...

CHAPTER 6. THE CARNIVAL

The children watched fearfully as the two policemen strolled over to the car. "I suppose you haven't seen a Mini-Minor, registration number XZY -268, have you sir?", enquired one of the policemen. "A couple of teenagers were seen driving off in it and we have reason to believe they have a quantity of stolen goods with them. We expect them to turn up at the carnival." The friendly driver of the car leant out the window and said,

"Can't say I have officer, but I'll keep my eyes open. I'm off to the carnival myself, just taking these youngsters for a bit of fun. Their father is competing in the shearing."

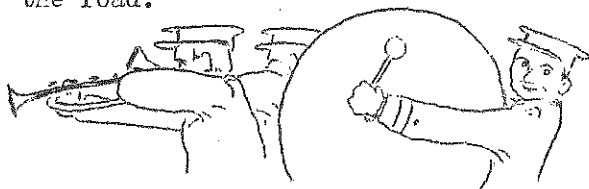
"Thank you sir," said the policeman, "We won't hold you up any further; see you." And he waved them on.

Bill let out his breath in a long hiss of relief. As the car gathered speed Joey said, "I wonder what they stole?"

"Didn't think to ask, they probably broke into a shop or something," their driver said, his eyes twinkling with sudden amusement. "I bet you kids thought he was after you and wanted to send you back to school?"

The three children looked uncomfortable and did not reply. They were thankful their new friend thought this was the case and were quite willing to leave the subject of policemen alone.

There now began to be signs of habitation and a wide river appeared to their left. The traffic increased and there were even a few people walking along the road.



The faint sounds of martial music was heard and a general air of wellbeing and holiday making began to be felt. Skipper poked his black nose out of the window at the sound of music and gave an excited bark.

"He knows we're nearly there," said their host, slowing down to allow a family dressed in holiday attire and carrying picnic baskets, to pass.

"Whatever is that?" Suzy said, pointing and leaning dangerously out the window.

"Careful, you'll fall out and then the cops will be back," chuckled their

driver. "That's the old paddle steamer; it's brought down here every year for the carnival. She's a beauty isn't she?" And he stopped the car so that the children might admire the spectacle.

"Don't see many of them about any more. See the great paddle; that provides the power. If you got caught up in that, there wouldn't be much of you left."

"Perhaps we ought to get out here," Bill said. "It's been very kind of you sir, thank you very much."

"That's all right kids, I better be off. I promised to see a man about a dog." And winking broadly, their jovial driver drove off with a scream of tyres.

The three children walked along beside the river. The grass had been neatly cut and there were seats and trees beside the water. People in gayly coloured clothes were everywhere, while the sounds of ferris wheels and merry mixes could be heard more clearly each moment.

The three Robinsons had never seen anything like the huge paddle steamer. She was covered from stem to stern in bright, fluttering streamers and flags her deck and rails freshly painted and gleaming in the sun.

"Do you think we could go on her?" breathed Joey, lifting Skipper up so that he might see the marvellous sight better.

"Probably cost a lot," Bill said gruffly. In spite of himself, he was terribly impressed and the need to go aboard the steamer was more important than anything else. He had forgotten all about their former troubles and the pressing need to find their father.

"What are you kids doing?" enquired a voice and turning, they saw a youth in a purple shirt and orange and white striped pants. He was smoking a long, thin cigar and blew the smoke through his nose rather carelessly as he spoke.

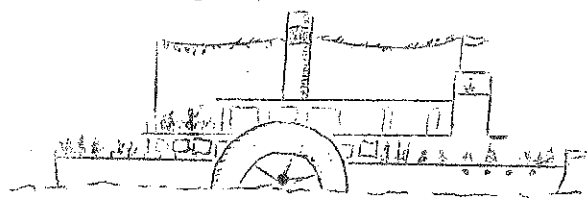
"Looking at the steamer," Joey said.

"Does it cost much to go aboard her?"

"Don't know, but I'll take you if you like," said the youth and threw away his cigar. "Nasty, stinking things. I always thought they would be fun to smoke, but they make me feel sick. Come along."

Suzy and Joey followed eagerly, but Bill was slower. Why should this boy offer to take them aboard the steamer, he wondered uneasily. Still, he looked harmless enough.

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STAR PROBE



Fortnight beginning December 11th.

ARIES: March 20th - April 21st

Avoid aggressive action on 15th and 22nd. Of all social activities, those on 16th and 27th will be the best. Romance is glamorous. Holiday spending is in order.

TAURUS: April 22nd - May 21st

Do not venture into any expansive business deal. On a small scale, your luck is good. Romance will bring a happy time this month.

GEMINI: May 22nd - June 21st

From tomorrow, money matters are favourable. Work closely with partners. Romance is for you. Social life is gay. Throw out your budget.

CANCER: June 22nd - July 23rd

Use opportunities on 5th, 9th and 16th. All your joy will be in your home. A special chance of happiness between your family. There may be a stranger who will answer a long standing problem.

LEO: July 24th - August 23rd

A trip on 19th promises to be full of surprises. Romance is in the air, but watch your step. No brake on spending required.

VIRGO: August 24th - September 23rd

23rd is the best for the most successful social event. You will receive an unexpected visit from an old friend. Avoid excess, but in family area, generosity does not go astray.

LIBRA: September 24th - October 23rd

Make the most of an opportunity to demonstrate your skills. On 16th, be organised to face the coming year. Socially, life will be a whirl.

SCORPIO: October 24th - November 22nd

The 16th is a good money day. Your greatest effort should be towards your family happiness. An event of great importance may take you by surprise.

SAGITTARIUS: November 23rd - Dec. 21st

It is difficult to say which social event will be the peak of this month. Get someone else to spend the money. Romance blossoms on the 19th if eligible or elderly.

CAPRICORN: December 22nd - January 20th

Take care with romance this month but a good time may be had with friends. Moneywise, your spending should be curtailed. A special gift will come to you soon.

AQUARIUS: January 21st - February 19th

The 24th promises great things socially. It is a good time to be with your family. News from a surprising area will catch you unawares.

PISCES: February 20th - March 20th

Money matters slightly more favourable on 16th. The 23rd promises a good time, partywise. Take care with spending later on in the month.

THE ADVENTURES OF THE ROBINSONS

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"Just a minute, I'll see if me mate wants to come," said the youth, walking towards a line of parked cars. "Hey, Dan," he called and waved. A long, thin youth detached himself from a small car and waved back. "What's up Spider boy?" he said and picked his teeth unhurriedly with a sharpened match. "Said I'd take these kids on the paddle steamer," explained Spider boy, nodding to the three children who waited a few yards away. "May as well I suppose," drawled Dan, "I better get some money." And he reached a long arm into the little car. "Look," Suzy clutched Bill's hand. "Look at the car, it's a Mini-Miner and the number plate..." "Is XZY-268, the stolen car." Bill whispered. TO BE CONTINUED

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