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EDITORIAL

Sometimes, policies adopted by the Health Department in regard to food-stuffs and health are difficult to follow.

The recent case of the attempted ban on the sales of raw milk for example. The Department's outlook seemed to be that very simply, raw milk was a hazard to public health. Now what hazard was envisaged?

Given the fact that dairies producing whole milk are regularly inspected by Dairy Health Officers to insure that health considerations are adhered to by the producer and that presumably these inspections are satisfactory, it becomes even more obscure just what ghostly bugs the Health Department is worried about.

In other countries, Britian for instance, where Bovine T.B. was once rife a policy of compulsive pasteurisation was no doubt necessary to safeguard public health, but here in Tasmania Bovine T.B. is almost non-existant. So it must be some other health hazard that exists. One wonders what?

The same also applies to other foodstuffs, especially meat and bread produced in country areas like our own.

There is a growing tendency to up-grade the health requirements of country bakeries and slaughter houses (at sometimes unrealistic costs to the owners of the business) so that many an adequate and efficient business has been forced to close down.

These rural areas are then faced with the prospect of having all their foodstuffs freighted out from the cities at higher prices. Especially in the case of meat, this becomes a ridiculous situation where the animal is grown in the country freighted to the city for slaughter (with more handling and thus detrimental to the future quality of the meat) and then kept in a freezer until it is wanted back in the country shops. It is then wrapped in bags and sent back to the place from which it originated—several days older a much poorer quality and several cents dearer.

CLEM & LILY & COI

"COME ON YOU TWO - OUT! YOU'RE AL-

Beyond doubt, a rather foolish system!

If governments are truly worried about the drift of population from country areas this situation must surely be worth studying. Why not, forinstance a special set of regulations for small country businesses rather than blanket regulation that treats these businesses the same as the large city combines.

Sometimes too much emphasis is placed on the starting of new industries in this state and not enough on retaining those we already have, no matter how small they are

Even two or three men retained in country towns seems a worthwhile reason to reconsider some of these unrealistic standards.



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LETTERS

Dear Sir,

A pupper show to be held at St. Helens recently for school children was cancelled without warning.

My younger sister and brother were both looking forward to it and were very disappointed. All together we travelled 64 miles there and back.

This is the second time something has happened to our entertainment during holidays.

Just let's hope that next time some entertainment comes to the country, that we GET IT.

Fed Up School Girl, St. Marys.

Dear Sir,

I would like to congratulate those responsible for erecting and maintaining the "Comfort Station" at St. Marys. It is a credit to your town as such amenities are sadly lacking in this State.

Visiting Launcestonian.

Dear Sir.

On behalf of the Combined Coal Mining Unions and the Retired Miners, I wish to thank the coal carters, Mr. D. Barnes, Mr. D. Faulkner and Mr. B. Spilsbury for very generously reducing the cartage fee of coal for the retired coal miners from \$5.50 to \$4.50 a load. This gesture is greatly appreciated by all concerned. Coal can now be purchased by retired Cornwall employees at \$2.00 per ton.

Selby Targett. St. Marys.

Answer to "Wondering and Let's Be Prepared"

It is our policy only to print those letters signed by the writer, although names are withheld if requested. We suggest you enquire about these matters to the relevant authorities. Editor.

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Some pretty harsh things have been said recently about the quality of St. Marys water supply.

We pay the one where the lady suggested the water was so cloudy it looked as though some children had been swimming in the reservoir.

"God forbid", answered her friend, "I hope not - Lord knows what wog they'll catch".

Snob value? It comes in all forms. .. Latest one noticed was in an expensive luxury British car. The knob usually marked LIGHTLE was marked CIGARS. Presumably, owners of expensive cars are expected to smoke only the best.

Have heard recently (with some surprise) that members of the Hobart City Council who miss meetings are fined. Come to think of it, that may be a good way to raise a bit of revenue for our local councils.

and someone please tell us - does the speed limit on road reconstruction along the Esk Highway apply to the trucks carting gravel or not? One local driver who had hurriedly pulled off the road to avoid a possible collision with one truck swears he noticed the truck's tyres smoking, it was cornering so fast.

LAUGH A WHILE

A fisherman was having a wonderful time in a trout stream. The fishing season hadn't opened and he had no licence. Finally a stranger walked up.

"Any luck?" asked the stranger.
spot. "Any luck! Boy, this is a wonderful spot. I took forty out of this stream yesterday."

"Is that so? By the way, do you know who I am?"

"No.

"Well, meet the game warden," said the stranger.

"Uh," gulped the fisherman.
"Well, do you know who I am?"

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"Well, meet the biggest liar in the country."

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Miss Piffle-

MRS OLIVER of Mangana has gone to Hobart for the Cup and will spend two or three weeks with her daughters.

MR NEIL CHESHIRE of Mangana will be leaving on Feb.3rd.for Launceston to have an operation and all Mangana residents wish him well.

MR & MRS KEVIN WARD & FAMILY have returned after a few days at Longford.

MR &MRS SWEENEY & FAMILY have returned home after a holiday at Cygnet.

MRS FRED YATES & SON spent a few days with her Mother, Mrs Pat Ward of Mangana before returning to Longford.

CHARMAINE COX &CHRISTINE WALTERS of Mangana have commenced nursing training at St Marys District Hospital all friends wish them every success.

MR & MRS LYLE CAUSBY &family have returned to Melbourne after several weeks touring the state & visiting their parents at Mangana & Avoca.

REX &MARLENE PARKER ment the Xmas holiddays with their parents Mr&mrs Jack Parker

Two sisters (MRS KEITH SPILSBURY of Cornwall &MRS MORTON FRANCIS of 'Strathspey' Fingal) recently enjoyed a week's holiday together with their husbands & family at the popular 'Kookaburra Caravan Park'at Scamander.

MR BILLHARDMAN with his brother Garth spont an interesting week touring the West Coast.

MR&MRS JIM BANFIELD & FAMILY returned to Ulverstone this week after spending the school vacation at Scamander.A highlight of their stay was the landing of a 31b6oz bream by Mrs Banfield.

MR LEWID HARMEN of Deloraine has been spending a few days at scamander as the guests of Ar Bill Hardman, before taking up duties at Burnic State school.

Mr & Mrs Bob French have returned to Burnie after an enjoyable stay at their holiday home at Scamander.

MR & MRS J. Knight are returning to Rossardon after a 3 week holiday in New Zealand.

MR & MAG JOHN WINDFALL who were married recently have left to make their home in W.A.

PETER REDUIE has returned to Nowra Nava?. Base after a months' leave at home.

STEINEN KADDIE has returned to Laverton RAAF Base after a months' leave at nome.

AND KEDDIE and family spent an enjoyable 2 weeks touring Tasmania during the School Vacation.

MEN WERE TRAPPED underground at storeys Creek for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, when electricity went off on Wednesday afternoon.

MISS N ARNOLD has returned to Victoria after a very enjoyable 7 week stay in Tasmania.

CUMING EVENTS

St Marys School Boys Brass Band. Band practice will resume on Monday 8th February for all present pupils.

Intending pupils please enrol with Selby Targett before this date.

This is classed as a school project by the Education Department Fusic Branch, all lessons are free of charge, any pupil wishing to own their own instrument may purchase same through the Education Department at a reduced rate.

Ma a haw a Newall will address the monthly W...O.A. meeting in the Methodist Church on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd at 2.30 p.m., and will show slides of Nepal, Nth. India. All ladies welcome. Afternoon Tea.

Meetings of St Marys Girl Guide Company for 1971 will commence Wednesday Feb. 3rd at 4.30pm. New members welcome. Interesting year ahead.

1st St Marys Brownie Pack - Meetings will resume Tuesday 2nd February at 3.45pm in the Methodist Hall.

A general meeting of SCAMANDER PROGRESS ASSOCIATION will be held on Feb. 4th at 8pm

THE SCAMANDER PROGRESS ASSOCIATION are conducting a raffle to raise funds to improve recreation facilities at Scamander

- lst Prize 12ft Aluminium Dinghy from Larine Supplies valued \$450
- 2nd Prize Surf Rod and Reel value\$50 Terry Charltons
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MISS PIFFLE CONT.

MR. & MRS. BOB LEWIS and their three children of Albury, N.S.W. have been visiting Mr. & Mrs. Tas Yates Fingal. Mrs. Yates worked with Mr. & Mrs. Lewis in Albury, and had not seen them since returning to Tasmania 17 years ago.

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FINGAL TENNIS NOTES

The tournament scheduled for the 26th January had to be abandoned for lack of entries. The Secretary has a house full of trophies and no lone to win them.

It has been suggested some inter-town competition might stimulate more interest in tennis this season. We did of course travel to Evandale for a friendly game last season, and we expect to play host to Evandale later this season. But what we need is a team nearer home to compete against. Any offers.

The conmittee is deeply grateful to mr. David Lowe for his help with construction of the practice board. This is now ready for painting. we are looking for two seven foot men with step ladders. Other help will also be appreciated.

i... Snodgrass, Hon. Sec.

STURK NEWS

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. M. Birrell of St. Marys on the birth of a daughter on 25th January in the 4.V.H. Launceston.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. McKeown of storeys Creek on the birth of a daughter, Joanne, born at St. Marys District Hospital on January 22nd, 1971.

TASMANIAN FARMERS FEDERATION

BROKE !!

At a special meeting of branch Presidents and secretarys last wednesday, State Treasurer, Mr Ferguson, of T.F.F. reported that the Federation was broke.

Only \$II.00 of a \$5,000 overdraught remained to run the T.F.F. until the end of June 1971. Financially we cannot carry on and today we have to make a short, sharp, painful decision, Mr Ferguson said.

The decision he referred to was whether or not the T.F.F. was to carry on. The meeting eventually decided to call for immediate donations or loans to cover finances for the remainder of this year. Several of those present offered no-interest loans of \$100 and it was decided to try to raise up to \$5,000 from other members throughout the State.

In the long term the meeting also decided that a choice would be offered to members to either pay a \$10.00 base sub, plus voluntary commodity fees or a simple flat rate of \$30.00.

"This is about the amount we will need in the future to remain solvent and a workable organisation." Mr. Ferguson said.

Members of T.F.F. present declared th ir solidarity and support and the meeting finished on a note of strong optimism.

Just yarnin'

George Cecil Woods, known to all his friends as Jack, lives in Tyne Valley which lies beyord Mathinna off the road to Upper Esk. When you see his magnific nt curly beard, you will find it very hard to guess his age, which is in fact, seventy four years. Born at Eathinna in 1896, he has spent all his working life at Evercreech and is now retired with his two best friends, Snowy and Girly. "There were nine of us in our family, five girls and four boys. Nother came from Fingal and Father was a Campbell . Nown man, who came to the district on a shepharding job. I was nine before I went to school, but I only stoyed for two months, as the teacher couldn't teach me anything that I hadn't already learnt at home. When I was eleven

I went to work on Evercreech Estate and there I grew to love horses. We

worked sixteen Clyesdale Draught horses in these days, before the tractor was

invented. I remember the first tractor

I ever drove - it was one of the first

Fiats." I remember Mathinna in the days of the gold mining. It was a very busy town then. You had to be careful crossing the streets, in case you got run down. Dr. Dean used to travel up from Fingal on the Hail Coach for his surgery. But I was always a healthy rellow and nevor had to make use of his services. It used to take three quarters of an hour from Mathinna to Fingal by mail coach in good weather." When I retired, I had a small farm and ran 300 sheep on it. Thanks to my wisdom, I sold them all just before the price of wool fell and advised other farmers to de likewise, but unfortunat-

Jack lives on his own now. His two constant companions are two horses; Snowy, who is a white mare and over 25 years old and Girly, an 3 year old black mare, who wen a couple of races when she was younger.

" I used to have another black mare which I was very fend of, but much to my disappointment, she died. I buried her myself and when my time comes, I have my own grave marked out next to hers. We were good cobbers."

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COMING EVENTS

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ST. HARYS DICTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
Next Meeting, February 9th at St.
Marys District School at 3p.m.

Tas. Formers AMIVAL Meeting at ST. MARIS H.S.L. Institute, Vednesday February 10th at Sp.m.

St. MARYS HOPITAL Auxillary Meeting at the St. Marys Hospital Recreation Room, Monday February 1st at 7.30p.m.

MAD ADS Crocodile loaf for sale, 4' long, good set of teeth.

Ladies wanted for Office cleaning, would suit active male pensioners.

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Due to the shortage of newsprint a number of births will be postponed until next week.

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If you are the Num or Dad of a young bike rider, make sure he knows the rules of the road.

This is the advice of Tasmania's Director of Road Eafety (Mr.T.C. Kelly).

Mr Welly yesterday warned bicycle riders to take extra care on the roads.

Ho said there had been few bicycle accidents lately, but bicycles were increasing in popularity and there was a need for extra care with the start of the new school year.

Mr. Helly said motorists should watch out for cyclists.

Cyclists themselves should ensure their machines are in good working order, have good brakes, and are equipped with good lights.

They should obey the rules of the road, including keeping left and giving early and clear hand signals.

Riding in groups spread across the roadway was dangerous.

Riding bicycles on footpaths was prehibited.

MICH THE FULPIT

Stand fast in the Faith

These are the words which are appropriate for Australia Day and any other day for that matter. We all need to be alort and to keep awake. We must not allow ourselves to be hoodwinked but as the Apostle bids us, "prove all things whether they be good." Do this not for your own sake alone, but for your family's sake, for the sake of your country "Stand fast in the faith". In this present age we face a crisis - too many Christians are not "rooted and ground" in the faith. They are like seed which has sprouted among thorns, they become tumbleweeds - not trees. What answer do they give when their faith is questioned? The winds of irreligion and atheism are beginning to blow rather strongly across the nation and the need of this day is for men and women who will not be blown about by every wind of doctrine.

Stand fast in Christian faith and you will stand for that which helped to make our country great and will help to continue her greatness.

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LIFESAVJIR....

With the many cases of drowning and near drowning along this coast this summer, it is good news to note this recent American invention to save lives:

A now exergency device designed to duplicate the effects of wouthto-mouth resuscatation has been devcloped by General Medical Devices, Anc., of Gardena, Califif. Called a Mife Dreather, the mechanical resument usefutor is a bellows-like instrument unde of highly durable polyethylene. In use, a plastic mouth dece is placed in the victimis bouth and the bellows is manually vanipulated to force air into his lunge. The bellows is equip-ped with a built-in, timed-return valve that chiminated the need for the operator to count the seconds between breaths. Not only is the Mile Dreather less exhausting than couth-to-mouth resuscitution when used over entended periods, but it is far ore hygienic. And the device can be used repeatedly by singly sterilizing the removable Houth-pleco.

CHURCH NOTICES:

Hethodist Church
Jan. 31st. St Harys 11am. Mr R Newell
St Holens 7.30pm 1r R Newell
Teb. 7th. St Harys 11am B. Hansfield
St Holens 7.30pm. Mr D Hall
Sunday School resumed Feb. 7th 10a.u.

Church of England Service at Cornwall next Sunday at 10am. Cornwall Lothers Union of first meeting for 1971 will be at 10.30 am on Mednesday, Feb. 2nd.

PIFFLE (Con:t from Page 4)
This Bushing of Fingal leaves on Monday
to spend a weeks holiday with her
daughter and son-in-law, hr & Ars
Kalph Cawthorn at New Morfolk.

Fix 8 FMS J. Clements of Fingal are giving a party on Jaturday night 30th Jan to celebrate the engagement of their eldest son Gregory to Miss Judith Dillon of Hobart.

BEST WINUS to Fro Ruth Saunders of . Fingal who is in Hospital. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

ALSO BEST WISHES to Ian Bosworth of Fingal who is in the Launceston General Hospital.

MRS NMAN COMMS MILSON of Sydney, have been holidaying with Mrs L.A. Mancy of St Marys. Mrs Mancy accompanied them to Mynyard on Monday where they will spend a week with Mrs Mignell before roturning to Sydney.

The story so far... The three hobinson children, EILL, SUZY and Joey run away from home to find their father after their mother's death. Their father is shearing up north. They are virtually kidnapped by two youthful thugs, Dan and Spider boy, who lock them in the disused engine room of a paddle steamer. Now read on....

CHAPTER 9. SKIPPER DOES IT AGAIN "That's done it," muttered Eill, while Joey rushed to the heavy door and banged on it crying,

"Let us out, let us out; we'll tell the police; help, help."

"That's no good Joey," Suzy said, " We should concentrate on a way of getting out, instead of wasting our energy."
"We'll probably die in here," wept Joey.
"I wish we'd never left home; why doesn't Dad come and save us?"

Bill meanwhile, was provling about in the darkness. His eyes gradually grev accust used to the dark and he was able to find his way about comparatively easily. It was obvious that it was many years since the engines had been used. They were covered in a thick film of dust, while rust and dampness were everywhere.

"There must be a way out somewhere,"
Suzy said, pulling an old, rotted piece
of tarpaulin off a bench. She screamed
as a large, black rat scurried into a
corner.

"We'll be eaten by rats if we stay here," Joey whispered fearfully, his eyes huge in his dirty face.

"Well, we'd better start looking," Fill ordered, "There must be some sort of hatch somewhere. They'd have to get fresh air down here somehow. I've seen pictures of the engine room men calling up a funnel."

"Bill, Bill, what's this?" called Suzy who was tugging at something. " kind the steps, they're awfully slippery." She stood in front of a large, rusty iron bar. It seemed to be fastened to some sort of a catch.

is sort of a coton.

"I think the 's a door here," Bill said, his fingers tracing a dusty cutline above the bar. "Let's see if we can lift it." Both children bent and together heaved at the bar.

"It's no good," Bill said, his face red and sweating.

"Perhaps if we got Joey," suggested Suzy.
"I don't think that would do any good;
he's only little." Bill sounded tired.
"Where is Joey?" Suzy said, "I haven't

There was no answer. The dank engine room seemed more silent and forbidding than ever.

"Do you think the rats...?" began Suzy fearfully.

"Don't be silly," Bill sounded gruff and Suzy thought she could detect a note of tears in his voice. She thought longingly of their mother. Why had she died?

Bill lifted his head. "Suzy, I know it's silly, but I thought I heard Skipper. Listen."

Both children strained their ears, hardly daring to breathe.

"Skipper, Skipper, in here bcy," they heard Joey sobbing. "Come and get us Skipper."

Now they could hear a dog barking and it cortainly did sound like Skipper.

Bill and Suzy stumbled over the rusty machinery and towards the sound of Joey's voice. A sudden stream of bright sunlight flooded the darkness and an excited black shape leapt towards them.

"Skipper, Skipper, dear old Skipper,"
Joey cried appearing out of the darkness and falling about Skipper's neck.

The dog licked them allin turn, giving delighted whimpers in between licks.

"Whatever happened," Bill said, "How did Skipper get in here?"

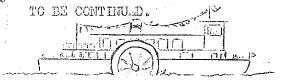
"I don't know, but we'd better get out."

"I don't know, but we'd better get out," Suzy was already clambering awkwardly towards the sunlight. "Give me a hand". Somehow there appeared to be a sort of hatch open to the sunlight. How Skipper had managed to get it open, they did not know. They were too intent on escape to hink about it. It was hard work to climb out on the deck and harder still to lift Skipper after them, but they finally managed it.

They all looked rather forlorn as they stood upon the deck.

"Hello, hello, what have we here?" and turning they looked into the wrinkled, brown face of a very, old women."That dog found you, did he? helped him wit... that bit of tarpaulin. Seemed very het up and excited and no wonder. Fancy find ing three children down there." And she laughed in a high, rather poculiar way. She was only about as tall as Suzy and very thin and wrinkled. Her clothes seem ed more like a bindle of old rags than the clothes a person would wear. On her feet she wore mens' heavy hobnailed boots. Whisps of white, strew like hair stuck out from under a slouch hat and adorned her brown chin and lips. She was an unlovely sight and more like a witch than

"Now you three, tell me all about it. You look as if you've all escaped from hell or jail."



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Fortnight beginning January 29th

ARIES: March 20th - April 21st

You will be blessed with the power to turn your bright ideas into reality and work matters run smoothly. For the single - something unusually interesting.

TAURUS: April 22nd - May 21st
Don't count your chickens until the
last is hatched. Observe road-safety.
Use care with words written and spoken. Pitfalls on 1st and 7th.

GEMINI: May 22nd - June 21st
Romance and happiness are the keynotes
and if there's someone new in your
life you can expect a special gift.
There could be a proposal!

CANCER: June 22nd — July 22nd Get busy immediately with plans connected with career, marriage or home. Be diplomatic and use charm. Your month will be cloudless.

LEO: July 23rd - August 23rd Something you have planned for others is apt to be your greatest source of satisfaction. Some special good fortune for those about to be married.

VIRGO: August 24th - Sept. 23rd Assert yourself especially if there is promotion in the air. There is increased social and financial activity in your immediate future.

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LIBRA: Sept 24th - October 23rd First impressions will pay off provided you don't expect the impossible. Towards Tuesday watch out for trouble. Best days - 31st and 7th.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24th - November 22nd Plenty to keep you busy and very probably more progress than usual. If unattached there is an exciting nowfriendship ahead. Best days 31st and 11th.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23rd - December 22nd There will be very little to disturb your plans. Be enterprising and you may be rewarded. Chances of gain on the 11th and 12th.

CAPRICORN: Dec 23rd - January 20th Despite some obstacles and delays, there's a bright and healthy tone. Push plans confidently especially on the 11th.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21st - February 19th Quite good for routine affairs, but do not take too much or too little for granted. Your home life will give you the greatest joy:

PISCES: February 20th - March 20th Even foolproof arrangements could suddenly go wrong, so be prepared. Actually one of these very set-backs may well be to your advantage.

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