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EDITORIAL

The coming of old age sometimes brings, many problems and no doubt one of the major problems for elderly people is housing. Where to live and how. Some people continue to live where they have always lived — in their own home but these are the fortunate ones.

Other single older people may live with relatives and quite often this can be unsatisfactory to both the young and the old. The young may feel restricted by their aged relative and the aged relative may feel restricted by the younger ones.

The idea of home units can often solve this problem and for those older people who have a little capital and are still young enough at heart, this kind of living can open up a new life of comparitive luxury. Not only luxury in material surroundings but the luxury of peace of mind in knowing you are independent.

Anyone who has visited Cosgrove Park or the home units at St. Helens will know just how bright and cheerful these units and this way of living can be. Especially when it is considered that these places were designed by architects to suit the particular needs of the elderly.

St. Helens have their Medea Park; as yet St. Marys and Fingal do not. But, under the Commonwealth Government's grant for the building of single unit accommodation, it could also be possible in these two districts.

Using this government scheme of two for one it means simply that if, say two donors of \$3,800 each were found, then a Commonwealth subsidy of \$14,000 could be obtained. Added to the original donation it would mean that a capital of \$22,000 would be sufficient to build three single units. (A subsidy of double units is also available, but the full benefit can only be obtained if eight single units have already been constructed.)

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"I'LL BET THAT'S A BIRTHDAY CARD BEHIND YOUR BACK!"

Units could be built at either St. Marys or Fingal - or both places if enough donors were found - which would mean that the people who occupy them would still be able to live among the friends and in the district he or she knows.

A sub-committee of the Welfare Committee for Senior Citizens in the Fingal Valley has already been formed to look into the question and any inquiries would be welcomed. Especially of course from people willing to be donors.

(Initial inquiries, which will be treated in strict confidence, maybe made to Matron Simpson, St. Marys or John Snodgrass, at Fingal, or Father Buckley.)





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K. Cook, Secretary.

TOUCHE!

By the way WHO is it at Scamander who presses his trousers in such an unusual way? How? Well our informant assures us that he lays one board on his garage floor, his neatly folded trousers on top of that and another board on top of those. The real pressing comes when he runs his car wheel up on the lot and leaves it there all night.

Cornwall resident is still frothing at the mouth. It seems his cat jumped onto the dinner table and when suitably abused it panicked and ran through the handle of the silver sugar bowl without first measuring the space with its whiskers. Cat and sugar bowl then took off along the passage out the window and down the road, leaving, we are told, a pretty neat trail of sugar to follow.

It has since been remarked that in fact it is some kind of record. The first silver plated, sugar coated free wheeling cat in Cornwall, no doubt.

Heard this story from farther afield though. This man was being interviewed on television and the interviewer found out that the man was married to a woman who was stone deaf.

"How do you talk", the interviewer asked.

"She reads my lips" the man said.

"Which is allright usually; but if we are having a row its hell, because after she has got her point over she shuts her eyes."

By the way, when is the P.W.D. going to remove that Sani-pan from outside the gates at Frodsley. Someone might get the wrong idea.

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"NO LIGHTS FOR FINGAL CROSSING"

Following representation made to the Minister for Transport by the Hon. George Shaw M.L.C. seeking the installation of flashing lights at the Fingal rail crossing on the Fingal Mathinna road, the Minister has advised that although funds are not available at present for lights, the existing hazard will be reduced by adopting these measures.

- 1. "Rail X" markings will be painted on the road pavement on each approach to the crossing. The markings on the Northern approach will be located prior to the vertical curve crest.
- 2. The existing timber rail warning signs will be replaced by fully reflectorized warning signs to improve night visibility.
- 3. Reflectorised "stop" signs will be erected in lieu of the existing red triangle beneath each crossing warning sign. This will require motorists to stop before proceeding over the crossing.
- 4. An advance warning sign will be erected on the Northern approach. This is considered necessary owing to the presence of the vertical curve which restricts vision on this approach.
- 5. "Speed Limit 35" and "End 35 limit" signs will be erected on the Mathinna road at a location close to the Town Boundary.
- 6. The grass on the Railway reserve will be cleared to improve sight distance.

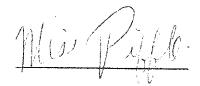
This work will be carried out as soon as possible. It is also noted that over-hanging pine trees, cast shadows and obscure the crossing and warning signs. It is highly desirable that these should be trimmed to improve visibility

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GLAD TO MALE Mr Chesshire of Mangana is doing so well after his operation in Launceston General Mospital.

ME & 143 TakesIT of Cornwall are spending a week or two with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr & Mrs Mort Francis of Strathspey.

SORT TO MAAR Don Bailey is in St Mary's Hospital. All his friends at Mangana hope he will be soon well again.

ME GEORGE SMITTER is in Launceston General Hospital and all his Mangana Friends hope he will soom be well.

JOHN BARNES is also in Campbell Town Rospital, hope he will soon be well.

MANGANA LANGARTS are pleased to see Mrs Upton home again after her stay in St Marys District Mospital.

MISS ADA GERRIE of the St. Harys District Hospital is locking forward to seeing her parents when they come from Adelaide next week for a holiday.

MR AND MRS MICHAEL LOHREY of Hobart will be spending the long week- end at Michael's parents' caravan park at Falmouth.

An enjoyable evening was spent by the ST. NAMES CAMERA CLUB and guests last Wednesday, viewing slides of Lake Pedder. Guest of the evening was MISS NUTH AUSTER of Myrtleford Camera Club in Victoria. Miss Austen and her sister Mary are holidaying in Tasmania at the moment. Mr. Allan Jackson of St. Marys won the trophy for the slide of the year.

Pupils from the St. Marys District School farewelled MRS JOAN SYMCNS who has left to take up an appointment at the Clarence High School. Mrs Symons will also be attending the University of Tasmania.

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COMING EVENTS

ST. MARYS BRANCH OF RED CROSS. Meeting to be held at R.S.L. Institute, St. Marys, on Tuesday 2nd March at 7.45 p.m. All persons interested in Red Cross work are welcome.

ST. MARYS FLOWER SHOW. Memorial Hall Doors opening at 2 p.m. Friday 26th, TODAY.

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. March 5th, at 7.30 p.m. Anglican Church, St. Marys

T.F.F. Meeting Wed. 10th March at R.S.L. Institute, St. Marys.

ST. MARYS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION Annual Meeting, Tues. 9th March. Election of officers. New members very welcome.

THE EYE OF THE

Tasmania is a car conscious state with a bad road toll record. Every 3.3 days someone dies. There is a very serious accident every few hours. Already 12 people have died this month and the month is not yet over. If the average were maintained almost 200 people will die on the roads in 1971. Let's hope not, but 18 killed since January is a bad start.

Speeding causes most accidents, followed by failing to give way to the right, intoxication and inattention. But really washes. Called Teijin Green Mat, the all this means is that notorists shirk their social responsibilities.

Last year 1,400 accidents resulted in serious injury or death. The most accident prone times of the day were 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. till midnight and the worst day was Friday.

About 40 p.c. of all accidents are on straight roads. Next worst are bends with intersections a bad third - some-thing to think about.

A REMINDAR: With the warmer weather too many motorists are driving with their arm protruding from the window.

SCAMANDER GARDEN CLUB

Ten members attented the first meeting instal up to 400 square metres of the of the club for 1971. This meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. Wright. The secretary reported a successful Christmas party held at the Scamander Motel.

A competition for the best beach tray was won by Mrs, M. Petersen. This was an outstanding entry and included both Prince of Wales and an unusual herringbone seaweed.

A raffle donated by Mrs. E. Richardson was won by Mrs. S. Hodgman. Altogether \$5.50 was made for club funds.

The next meeting is to be held at Mrs. J. Gratzer's home on March 9th at 2.30 p .m. Members are asked to bring a tray of bush flowers and/or other interesting items from the bush. ST. MARYS BUTCHERY

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INSTAUT GRASS:

A company in Tokyo has developed a non weven polyvinyl chloride material that will protect highway embankments and other exposed soil from landslides and material consists of layered fibres bound together by a non-soluble agent that forms the polyvinyl chloride into a tough, flexible and porous surfacing. The Green Mat (coloured to look like grass.) can be used immediately after construction. It holds seeds and plantings in place until they are soundly rooted and its porosity permits grass or other seeding to grow between the fibres. Teijin guarantees the material against shrinkage, moisture rot and fading. Green hat is supplied in 25 metre bolts. which are simply rolled down an embankment and stapled to the earth with long U shaped fasteners. Once in place, the Green Mat is lightly covered with topsoil. One workman can

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Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.
God has not promised we shall not know
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe.
He has not told us we shall not bear
hany a burden, many a care.
But God has promised strength for the day,
Test for the labourer, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying leve.

Selected.

Coming Events (Con't from Page 3)

Methodist Church

St Marys 11 a.m. St Helens 7.30 p.m. Feb. 28th. Er. I. Bowden March 7th. Rev. E. Freeman - Holy Communion.

Coming soon.

Another Variety Concert in the Community Hall, St Horys, on Saturday, March 27th. Good Programme for all the family. Batch for further details in next issue.

Church of England Services.

28th Feb. 10 a.m. Cullenswood.

7th March. 10 a.m. St Marys

14th March. 8 a.m. Cornwall.

Mothers' Union, Cornvall. March 3rd: 10.30 a.m. ALL L.DIES welcome.

Street Stall. St Harys. Friday 12th Harch 10 a.m. for General Funds.

LIGHZIFG

A plump, well-fed lion was explaining to a starving friend the secret of his success. "It's easy," he said. "All you have to do is to take a job in the Public Corvice and eat a different member each day."

The second lion took this advice and for six months all went well. Then suddenly he was given the sack. Heeting his friend the next day he explained: "I made a great mistake yesterday. I ate the man who makes the morning coffee, and they soon missed him."

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TASMANIAN A.L.P. RURAL COMMITTEE

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Press Statement:

At the bi-monthly meeting of the Tasmanian A.b.P. Rural Committee held last weekend in Launceston, members strongly recommended to all farmers who have timber to sell to woodchip industries, that they secure a forestry expert to assess the quantity and value of timber which stands on their property, before signing any contracts. Furthermore, that accountants advise should be sought in respect to possible taxation deductions and charges.

The secretary, Mr. Gil Duthie, M.H.R. said, "The Committee agreed that bulk selling on acreage basis could be advantageous to the farmer than selling on a royalty basis."

The Rural Committee also discussed the \$100 million Reconstruction Scheme. Mr. Duthie said, "We will be asking the Federal Minister for Primary Industry (Mr. Sinclair) whether it is a fact that a farmer will have 40% equity in his farm before he is eligible for assistance. We believe such a restriction or condition will deprive most soldier settlers and thousands of other primary producers from the help necessary to give them economic viability." We are also concerned," Mr. Duthie went on, "that this scheme could be administered by the States (under Commonwealth guidance) as a giant nutcracker, to destroy the family unit in farour of the elite."

The A.L.P. Rural Committee decided to ask the State Minister for Agriculture to initiate a feasability study with respect to growing asparagus as a cash crop in . Tasmania. Australia is importing asparagus and this should not be necessary. It was grown successfully near Bridport about fifteen years ago." Mr. Duthie said.

The Committee decided to ask the A.C.T.U. to investigate the possibility of a fifty-fifty partnership between the farmer and the A.C.T.U. on food processing in Tasmania.

Mr. Duthie said the Rural Committee supported the Grant reports recommendations setting up a State marketing Authority for the Apple and Pear Industry, but strongly objected to the reported limit of \$10 million imposed on the Stabilization Scheme by the Federal Minister.

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JOHN SCRIER SET FOR AUGULALIAN TITLE

State Steeplechase Champion, John Schier can be expected to make a bold attempt to secure the Gold Medal for Tasmania in the Junior 1500 metres Steeple in Brisbane on the wackend of 13th and 14th March.

John is running much better than at this stage last season and with his last two performances has collected the Tasmanian and Victorian Titles. His victory in Melbourne was most meritorious, for he took on allcomers in Australia's Top Athletic State and his success was acclaimed by the Victorian Officials. Having won the heat of the title in Melbourne on the Saturday in 4 mins 26.7, John ran a superb tactical race to record an impressive 4 mins 21.4 in the final. This time was more than three seconds better than his third placing in Adelaide for the Bronze Medal!

A broken rib just prior to Christmas affected John's training earlier this season, but we have concentrated more on strength and stamina and this has paid dividends culminating with his Victorian Title win. I expect John to run about 4 min 15 seconds in Erisbane and this time should give him a good shake of the Title, all going well. Training has been twice daily with variation for both fast and conditioning work, using York Mark and Kings Meadows Golf Course.

Ministry usual dedication and determination to succeed coupled with his experience augurs well for his chances to bring back to Tassie our first Australian Gold Medal for 12 years. It is rather ironical to think that it was this year's State Captain, John Denholm (Mobart) who took the Junior 1500 Metres Title also in Brisbane in 1960:

I must commend wholeheartedly the efforts of the people from St Marys, the east coast and Fingal Valley who so willingly assisted financially in the appeal last year and doubt you all would feel proud of his efforts in taking third place in an Australian Title (Monestly, much to my surprise and delight!)

John's expenses this year to Erisbane, now that he is unable to claim student concession, will be in the vicinity of \$200, but there is \$80 from last year's aspeal and the Worth Launceston Club and The Morthern Athletics association will make contributions. I feel sure that your "Local Boy" will give a great account of himself - what a thrill for us all if he can win that Gold head.

By Frank Nott.

A John Schier Appeal see next column.

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Hembers of the Forestry Commission held a social match on Sunday Feb. 21st at Fingal; Mathinna v. Fingal. The match was well attended by supporters of both teams. Bowling wasn't up to Test standard and Mathinna, who batted first, raised a score of 97 over one run per minute. Fingal in reply, scored 131 over 2 runs per minute. Umpiring left a let to be desired and it was noticeable that some Rangers and Overseers were slow on the field. After the match, all players agreed that social matches should be played more often. It is hoped that this resolution had not been change: by honday morning when aching muscles had begun to be felt.

Players to reach double figures:
MATHINGA: G. Williews 26. P. Hogan 17.
A Miller 13. A State 10.
FINGAL: B Woods 57 (returned)
P. Rowlings 10 (retired) T. Parker 10 (retired) A Cliver 12. McGhie 12.
G Bean 11.

THIS DISTRICT should be justly proud of John's effort in the Victorian Championship. Members of this paper certainly are, and because it locks as though the only thing that could step John eventually reaching Clympic standard, is money, we have decided to denate another \$5 towards his expenses.

As Frank Nott said in his summary, there is nearly \$30 still in the bank from the last appeal. Lets make sure he gets to Brisbane in March and add some more to it. To anyone clse who feels this is a worthwhile cause we advise that The John Behier Appeal is still open at the St Marys Branch of the Launceston Bank for Savings. All denations over \$1 will be acknowledged in this paper. How about it fellow citizens.

Editors.

- RIDGLE:

 Q. A person who steals is a kleptomaniac.
 A person who likes medicine is a
 hypochondriac. But what do you call a
 person who rides on the top deck of a
 double-decker bus?
- A. A Passenger.

THE ADVENTURES OF THE ROBINSONS
The story so far... The three Robinson children Bill, Suzy and Joey run away to find their shearer father after their mother's death. They are rescued from the engine room of a disused paddle steamer, (where they have been locked by two youthful thugs) by the efforts of their dog Skipper and a crazy old woman. They manage to free the steamer from its moorings and let it drift downstream but are horrified to realise they are approaching what the old woman calls 'the rapids'. NOW READ ON...

CHAPTER II. THE OLD WOMAN AND HER FRIENDS Suzy and Joey joined Bill and pecred with terrified eyes at the swirling foam. The old woman threw her apple core over the rail and walked in a leisurely way towards them.

"Look at the apple core Bill," called Suzy. "It's not going over the rapids, it's heading towards those rocks. There must be a current."

"You're right," Bill said, watching the core intently." But is that any better? We'll be smashed up which ever way we go. The rocks at the side of the bank towered above them, huge, black and menacing. They waited for the crunch and although it must have only been a few seconds, it seemed hours. It was almost a relief to feel the sickening lurch and the grinding smash as the steamer's bow hit the rock.

The deck tilted at an impossible angle so that they all slid along the deck and ended up against the wheelhouse. Skipper was less fortunate. He shot across the deck and through the railing, into the water, where he began swimming strongly towards the bank.

As they watched, he managed to scramble onto a rock and stood, shaking himself and barking encouragingly towards the children.

"Come on yous kids," yelled the old woman. "The dog's got the right idea. Into the water and up the rocks."

"I can't," whispered Joey, "I can't swim."
"We'll help you," Bill said, "We'll have
to get out of here anyway. This old tub
will sink soon. She's probably half full
of water already."

"Take your clothes off Joey," Suzy urged, "But keep your jumper on; we can hang on to you that way."

The old woman was in the water and swimming in a strange, crablike manner towards Skipper and the rocks. The children climbed gingerly over the rails and slid into the water. It was very cold and Joey gasped as he went under. Bill and Suzy each kept a tight hold of his jumper and struck out strongly for the rocks Skipper leapt into the water and fastened his testh into Joey's jumper. The old woman leant down and helped the struggling children and dog upwards towards the safety of the rocks. It was really only a distance of about twenty yards but to the anxious children it seemed a long and exhausting journey.

They lay wetly for a while, feeling with surprise the warm sun on their naked skins. Skipper licked each of them in turn.

"Well, you have all had enough rest. Come on home with me," the old woman sounded energetic. My place is close and my dear friends will be waiting to meet you." The children slipped and slithered but the old woman was as sure footed as a goat Once the bank was reached they paused and gazed shuderingly at the swirling water and tilted steamer. Jagged rocks extended outwards and the river crashed and streamedover a drop of about a hundred feet. It was obvious they could not have escaped being dashed to peices on those sharp rocks.

The old woman was running through the scrub, her wet clothes leaving drips of water on the dogwood as she went. The childrens' bare skins became scratched and bleeding as they followed and even Skipper's sympathic licks did not help. They came out into a grassy clearing, surrounded by tall trees and thick scrub. A small, clear creek ran through the middle of the clearing and near it stood a tumbledown pile of timber with a tin chimney sticking out of one side.



"There we are," the old woman sounded proud as she pointed. "That's my home. Come along in and I'll find yous some dry clothes."

Joey ran after her, his bare, scratched bottom looking funny under his wet jumper.

"It looks pretty awful," Suzy said doubtfully but Bill only said, "Come on , at least she'll give us something to wear - I hope," he added. The door hung by one rusty hinge and had to be held open. There were no windows and it took the children a while to become accustomed to the dimness inside. A big, open fireplace with an iron kettle swinging on a hook, took up all one side of the room. A rough table with sturdy legs imbedded in the dirt floor, stood in the middle and a log, rubbed smooth with constant use, served as a seat. The rusty, bedstead, covered with a patchwork quilt of surprising beauty, was pushed against the far wall. A few pots and pans and old boxes, completed the furnishings.

The old woman lifted up the quilt ."Come on," she crooned, her voice soft and full of love. "Come and meet the children." As the children pressed close to the old woman's wet clothes to look, the sharp, bright eyes and bared teeth of at least a dozen rats met their st rtled gaze. "Meet my little friends," she beamed.

STARPROBE

by Pegasus

(For Fortnight beginning 26th February 1971)

ARIES: (2Ist March - 20th April)
A good time for freindships. Some financial luck but avoid taking chances with money.

TAURUS: (2Ist April - May 2Ist)
Follow your own ideas for sure success.
Unguarded speech may upset home background or a promising romance.

GEMINI: May 22nd - June 22nd)

Avoid a hasty action which could have serious repercussions. For the single there is a good chance of romance.

CANCER: June 22nd - July 22nd)
Good chance of increasing properity
and there may be a rise in your standard of living. But take care - this
period may be short lived.

LEO: (July 23rd - Aug. 23rd)
Difficulties and worries but only for a short time if you handle matters carefully. Later prosperity and unravelling a long standing tangle.

<u>VIRGO:</u> (Aug 24th - Sept. 23rd) False friends will cause you mischief. Home affairs pleasant and romance for the single. LIBRA: (Sept. 24th - Oct. 23rd)

Others need your help. Good prospects
for the professionally qualified. Do
not let this success go to your head.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov. 22nd - Dec. 22nd)
Family affairs concern you more fully this fortnight than for many months.
Tread carefully, you may become too emotionally involved for your own health.

SCORPIO: Oct 24th - Nov. 22nd)
Business problems - if handled carefully should pay off. Good time socially. Tendency towards quarrels.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22nd - Jan 20th)
Economy is the key to your plans. You will be very lucky this month especia lly those studying. Romance may be dis appointing.

AQUARIUS: (Jan. 21st - Feb. 19th)
Unexpected events may lead to conflict.
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