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EDITORIAL

A recent visit and tour of this district by the Manager of the Tourist Council, Mr. Ron Clarke is good news indeed for the Fingal Valley because Mr. Clarke was here mainly to gather information for a new brochure called "Let's talk about the Esk Valley".

Mr. Clarke's Council represents the private enterprise side of tourism and the Council's growing importance demonstrates the new look approach to tourism. And the Tourist Council, judging by Mr. Clarke's remarks are vitally interested in promoting tourism to a level not before contemplated in Tasmania.

In the past Tasmania has attracted the tourist solely on the image of being an island of rugged natural beauty and unfortunately many of the facilities offered the tourist were equally as rugged.

If Mr. Clarke and his Council have their way all this is to be rapidly altered. In Mr. Clarke's words, 'It is the Council's aim not only to inform the tourist at the airport, or wharf, what he can see, we will also tell him, when where, how far and how much and our information will incorporate details of any part of the State. Our new brochure of tourist attractions in The Esk Valley will be part of the information.'

This is all added grist for the tourist mill and one suspects the main trouble in the past has been this weak link between Government and private interests. The Government's new Bill to create a Tourists Authority which can direct all tourist business seems the solution.

Tourism, if not already, is fact becoming the world's biggest and richest industry and its high time Tasmania got on the band waggon.

Perhaps after all the main chance of a new industry in this area lies with the tourist and the money he will bring into this Valley. It also seems appropriate that the main existing industries of Forestry and Mining will become part and parcel of tourism. For aren't these also worthy of the tourist's attention.



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TOUCHE'

NO DOUBT the biggest phenonemon of the month is the almost electrifying rapidity in which both St. Helens and St. Marys Hospital Auxiliaries have expanded lately. St. Marys Auxiliary which has always been noted as being one of the most active Auxiliaries in the State, has now it seems been swamped by an unprecedented new membership for the St. Helens Auxiliary. My information says they have over THREE HUNDRED members from the Bay area. Foran eight bed hospital that makes it 40 members per bed. I am expecting great things of them from now on.

I BELIEVE Tourist Council boss, Mr. Ron Clarke has assured the St. Marys District Progress Association that if they enter their water fall track, nature trail and park area in the Council's forthcoming \$100 compeition they stand a pretty good chance of taking out first prize.

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To Shocked Supporter:

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WILMOT PARLIAMENTARY NOTES

The Minister for Lands and Works, Mr. Barker, has advised Mr. Ingamells that the understrength areas of the Esk Highway which had necessitated load weight limits were to be improved between Fingal and the Break 'O Day River and Conara and Hanleith.

Work commenced in February on the section West of Fingal to the Break 'O Day bridge - a distance of 6.3 miles. One mile through Fingal is to be excluded.

The Minister said that 2.4 miles is complete to base course level from Fingal towards the Killymoon Bridge with a small amount of preliminary work on the section west of Fingal.

Mr. Ingamells said that it is proposed to seal 4.2 miles next summer and to continue with the construction of the 2 miles west of Fingal.

Mr. Ingamells concluded by saying that he was delighted that reconstruction will be continuous until the entire route from Conara to St. Marys is capable of carrying normal highway loadings.

COMING EVENTS

FILM EVENING. Full length programme:- see prize winning Australian Children's film 'Funny Thing Down Under' and selected shorts. Cordials & Sweets available at interval. St. Marys Institute at 8 p.m. Friday 3rd July in aid of St. Marys Girl Guides - 40c A' lts 20c children - special rates for families.

ST. MARYS & surrounding districts, if you want your progress association to continue to progress support the cabaret at the Scamander Hotel-Motel on July 11th. Music & dancing - special guest artist Christine Wright.

T.F.F. Meeting meeting at the St. Marys Institute. July 8th at 8 p.m. Special information on the Dairy Farmers Reconstruction Bill.

MORNING TEA at Enstone Park, Falmouth, 9th July at 10.30 a.m. to raise funds for Senior Citizens. A conducted Tour of the Homestead and visit to the Haunted Room. Cars will be leaving Royle's Shop, St. Marys at 10 a.m. If needing transport, contact Mrs. Royle. Ladies a basket. Trading Table.

ON SATURDAY 4th July in the Recreation Room at St. Marys Hospital, Miss Christine Wright of Channel 9 will be one of the guest artisits at a concert in aid of the Domicillary Nursing Vehicle. Entertainment starts at 2.30 p.m. Afternoon tea is provided. Don't miss this delightful afternoon.

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MR. & MRS. S. TARGETT, Cornwall would like to thank all relatives and kind friends for the lovely cards, telegrams and gifts and personal congratulations they received for their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Also thanking the Home League for the lovely evening.

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Miss Piffle

MISS MARLENE PARKER spent the long week-end with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Parker, of Mangana.

ALL RESIDENTS of Mangana were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. George Francis, and they all extend their sympathy to his family.

MRS. QUIN is spending a few days with her brother Georgie Francis.

MR. & MRS. BRUDENELL have returned to Melbourne after also spending a few days with Georgie Francis, of Mangana.

GEORGE SMITH has returned home after a few weeks in hospital, all are pleased at his recovery.

MR. & MRS. UPTON spent the long week-end in Launceston.

MARIE SWEENEY spent the long week-end with her parents Mr. & Mrs. Syd Sweeney.

MRS. ETHEL JOHNSON has returned after a few days in St. Marys Hospital. All glad she is better.

MR. & MRS. BALCOMBE and family of Upper Esk will shortly be moving to Hobart to live.

On Tuesday 23rd of June, the members of the Break 'O Day Speakers' Club and their guests (mainly husbands), celebrated the change-over of Office-bearers with a dinner. During the evening, 18 lady speakers each told a tall story which lead to great hilarity and enjoyment. The husbands were the adjudicators - and added to the general wit! This Club now starting its second year has been exceptionally well supported by a growing membership.

CONGRATATIONS to Roger Yates of Pingal, for gaining selection in the Tasmanian Under Sixteen Football Squad.

MR. & MRS. K. LOHREY of Falmouth have been busy passing on congratulations to their daughter-in-law Anne, who was recently elected to the Hobart City Council. Anne, who is the wife of Mr. & Mrs. Lohrey's son Andy, is an Honours student at the Tasmanian University and made history by being the youngest woman ever elected to the City Council.

Cont. from page 6 - In The Eye of the Law on a road should take all possible precautions, for his or her own safety. The riding of bicycles on footpaths is strictly prohibited, and if a vast improvement is not made in this direction, a number of frequent offenders may well find themselves receiving a summons for their thoughtlessness. The co-operation of all cyclists, and parents of the more youthful section, is sought, in an effort to bring about a satisfactory improvement in the general road habits of all road users.

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Well resident, MRS VINCENT senior, of Mathinna is progressing well after her recent operation in the Launceston General Hospital. Her many friends hope to see her home shortly.

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STORK NEWS.....

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. & Mrs. R. Gillies St. Marys a daughter, born 18 June, 1970, St. Marys District Hospital.

MR. & Mrs. Madden Avoca, a daughter born St. Marys District Hospital.

Mr. & Mrs. Barr St. Marys a daughter, born 4 June, 1970, St. Helens Hospital.

Mr. & Mrs. R. Smith "Surfside", a son born Q.V.H., Launceston on 19 June, 1970.

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ST. MARYS PASS was surveyed by Roderick O'Connor and built by convict labour under military guard. It was completed in 1846. Much of the original survey is still in use but traces of the old road may be seen in the lower section. The first long hill is known as Miller's Hill. Millar was one of the military guards who was particularly brutal and was murdered by two of the convicts working under him. We have it on good authority!! that his ghost may be seen about here - a headless man - if you care to come walking on a dark and starless night.

There are traces of the convict camps in Falmouth and St. Marys. Chimney heads graves and the remains of old buildings, but of particular note - a convict oven. This convict oven is believed to have been used as a bread oven in the early days and later as a lime kiln. One of the early methods of breaking stones for the road before the days of crushing was to heat the stones to a fair temperature and then pour cold water on them causing them to crack.

A description of the Pass in Walch's Almanack of 1864 makes us realise that the Pass was much more heavily wooded that it is to-day. Many of the supplies for the settlers of the Fingal Valley were landed at Falmouth and brought up the Pass. Amongst these were the Gates of Killymoon.

As travel on horseback was the order of the day, a horse trough by a never failing rill was situated near the top of the Pass.

We now have Kangaroo Bend on the Pass where a local artist has been at work.

SCAMANDER GARDEN NOTES

The monthly meeting for June of the Scamander Garden Club was held recently at Mrs. G. Johnson's home at Scamander. Mrs. Johnson chose a bright red theme for her attractive floral decorations. The members were very interested in a talk given by Mr. A. McBeth of Beaumaris. The subject was "Propogation Methods."

Mrs. E. Richardson gained first place in the single bloom arrangement competition, using a passiflora flower. At afternoon tea a competition was held and won by Mrs. G. Johnson.

The club benefited by \$5, at this meeting. The next meeting is at Mrs. R. Harvey's home, Scamander at 2.00 p.m. on July 14th.

New members are very welcome.

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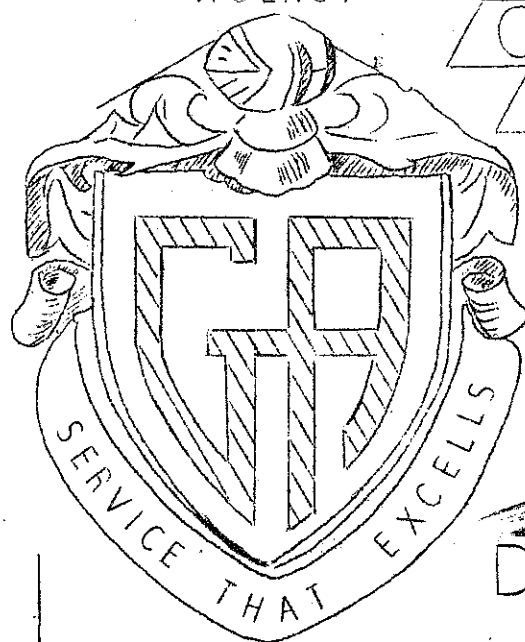
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A NEW INDUSTRY FOR DISTRICT?

At a meeting of the St. Marys District Progress Association in St. Marys last week, Mr. Ron Clarke, manager of the Tasmanian Tourist Council said "Tourism could become The Fingal Valley's new industry."

Mr. Clarke had previously spent the day touring the valley with the Fingal Council Clerk, Mr. R. Yates and later with three members of the Progress Association.

Mr. Clarke said he and Mr. Yates had spent a very interesting morning in and around Fingal. They had also driven up the mountain to Rossarden and Storeys Creek.

"Aberfoyle Mines were very helpful and co-operative," he said, "and we have high hopes that it won't be long before the tourist takes that same road in ever increasing numbers". Mr. Clarke told the meeting he was in the area to gather information about the district and to promote tourism by later issuing a brochure covering the Esk Valley. This has already been done in most areas of the East Coast and with this new pamphlet his Council hopes to tie-up the whole area.

"The tourist doesn't necessarily want to spend all his time on the beaches or sitting in his room," Mr. Clarke said. "On those off days we would like to interest him in the many day trips he could take throughout the area. In the case of the Fingal Valley we would also like to see the tourist take a day or a two day trip from Launceston out this way. There are

many points of interest in the valley and much of it is steeped in the history of the past. The number of buildings in this area classified as historic by the National Trust proves this", he said. He also congratulated the Progress Association on its ability to progress, and told the meeting his council would advertise the recently completed Waterfall Track and Nature Trail at top end of St. Marys Pass.

"Tourists will no doubt be enthralled by the magnificent scenery", he said. He also commented on the proposed park area in St. Marys. "To be honest," he said, "I always considered St. Marys to be a rather run down sleepy town going nowhere, all this now seems to have changed."

Mr. Clarke also commented that he considered the lookout from 'The Big Sister' to be unequalled. "It is magnificent", he said, "but if it is to be eventually utilized fully, it will take a lot of work and co-operation from other bodies such as the Forestry."

At the conclusion of his address he suggested the Association may consider being the local representative group for the Tasmanian Tourist Council.

The Association's President Mr. Geoff Dean, told Mr. Clarke he was sure this could be arranged in the future.

HEALTH NOTES:

Winter is here again... and of course so are coughs and colds... rashes also tend to make appearances from time to time... so here are some you can easily recognise...

MEASLES The rash appears on the fourth day. It begins on the face, running into the roots of the hair over the temples and into the area behind the ears. It spreads down the neck, over the body and limbs. It is a rash of pink spots, round or oval, slightly lumpy. They run together in irregular groups which are usually roughly crescent-shaped. There is also a rise in temperature, and a runny nose, runny eyes and a cough.

German Measles: Spots are rounder, paler and smaller, and are scattered uniformly don't run into each other, and are only slightly raised.

CHICKENPOX rash is more easily recognised. It appears as a few pink spots on the chest and face. These become more numerous and fresh ones keep forming. The pink spots turn into blisters which contain a clear colourless fluid.

TEETHING RASH is sometimes called a nettle rash because it looks like a nettle sting. It has raised red patches sometimes a white centre, all over the body and is irritating.

It is silly to think, "Now I know what he's got, I'll just ring up mother and ask her what to do". They may be very old childish complaints, but they are not trivial and it is important to ask the doctor about them. It is also important to remember which ones the child has "caught".

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It has been observed that a number of cyclists take many unnecessary risks in various ways.

With the cold weather, it is not an uncommon sight to see cyclists riding "no-hands", where the regulation requires that at least one hand be on the handle bars at all times.

Failure to equip a bicycle with a light when using it after sunset, failure to equip it with a good red reflector at the rear at all times, and failure to have a bell or other suitable warning instrument fitted, are all offences, which could result in prosecution.

These regulations are designed to give protection to the cyclist, as well as other road users, and a person using a bicycle

ST. HELENS ON TOP WITH FINGAL

ST. HELENS and AVOCA had a very even tussle up to half time, however in the second half the "Bay" played power football to beat Avoca and retain their position on top of the ladder with Fingal. Rawnsley at centre half back was outstanding for St. Helens and other good players were Lohrey, Barber, Barr and Salter (second half). For Avoca Youd has hit his straps and was best afield and should nearly have gained a place in the Association side. Other good players were Williams (2) Richardson and Glover. The performance of young St. Helens full-forward Paul Barber in kicking 14 goals 2 behinds in the last three games gives indication that he will follow in his brother's footsteps and gain an Association badge very shortly.

FINGAL DEFEATED ST. MARYS by 43 points at St. Marys after a brilliant second quarter. In the second half of the game the "Tigers" outscored Fingal after losing Bye and Lynch through injury. For the "Blues", Marshall was the best player afield along with Turner, Clements, Hogan, and Kevin Cowie. Greg Tapp for St. Marys was a hard trier all day with great support from Lynch (until injured), Dean, Williams, Leedham, Mawson and Richards, (Richards, incidently, played half the game with a broken arm), were great battlers for St. Marys. The game was very hard and there was once again far too many spiteful incidents between these two sides which in my opinion doesn't do the game any good. The injury riddled St. Marys side has lost no supporters in their home town and if they can get their players over their injuries they could still be a threat to the top sides.

ROSSARDEN AND SWANSEA played at Rossarden where the home side was too strong and ran out easy winners. Rossarden with Tapp, Butt, Cruickshank and Thomas hitting top form could be a threat still for a berth in the final four. For Swansea, Fry, Lyne, Singline and Hugo were good players.

THIS WEEK St. Marys travel to Swansea and with three players replacing Lynch, Richards, and Barnes and Dean, Bye and Mawson doubtful, Swansea should be able to notch the points.

AVOCA GO TO Fingal where Fingal should be able to get another win as Avoca is having trouble with injuries and will probably find Fingal a little too hard.

THE FORM TEAM at this stage of the season St. Helens, meet Rossarden at the "Bay" and should be able to hold Rossarden off for another win.

<u>SELECTIONS IN CAPITALS</u>		<u>Points</u>	
ST. MARYS	v Avoca	Fingal	28
ST. HELENS	v Swansea	St. Helens	28
FINGAL	v Rossarden	St. Marys	16
		Avoca	12+
		Rossarden	12
(+ game to play)		Swansea	8+

THE SHOOTER AS A SPORTSMAN -

From Guns & Sportsman. Cont. from last week.

Licensing of firearms or shooters is not the answer - it certainly hasn't stopped irresponsibility on the roads. Part of the solution may lie with the issue of hunting licences - based on a system in which the applicant has to prove he can handle a rifle safely, knows what the game he is hunting looks like, can shoot well enough to stand at least a reasonable chance of hitting it and killing it cleanly, and is limited in what ages, sexes, and numbers of game he can take.

If a system like this could be worked out equitably, so that it did not limit the serious shooter's activities but kept the "hoodlums" out of the game, it would do untold good for the sport. The trouble is that such a system would be almost impossible. If the tests were hard enough to keep out the irresponsible element altogether, they would almost certainly limit the serious shooters to some degree, and if they were easy enough not to inconvenience serious shooters, some of the irresponsibles would almost certainly get through.

The ultimate answer lies with the serious shooters themselves. Some kind of restrictions are first suggested, so they can prevent the whole sport of shooting being penalised for the actions of an irresponsible few.

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TAURUS: 21st April - 21 May You have conflicts on 27th also. The 28th is a day of decision. Good prospects for partnership affairs beginning of July. For the young a chance to travel.

GEMINI: 22nd May - 21 June New plans go well on 28th. For July accent is on finance. A good budget pays off. Don't be tempted to buy your partner an extravagant gift. Social life is all go.

CANCER: 22nd June - 22 July Keep out of shady business afoot. The 27th sees the end of a romance. Money may come to you on 12 and 15th provides good opportunities.

LEO: 23rd July - 23 August A social event will involve you on 28th. Business requires your best efforts on 1st, 9th and 12th they will certainly pay off.

VIRGO: 24 August - 23 September Best days for romance and creative activities centre around the 1st, 9th, 12th. The 3rd may be disappointing. Personal expenses will increase by mid July.

LIBRA: 24 September - 23 October A short business trip on the 28th will pay off. Stress concentration on serious matters at the start of the month. You will have to watch the budget.

SCORPIO: 24th October - 22nd November The 28th is a day for romance. Your partners prospects better your own, but neither should attempt an important decision.

SAGITTARIUS: 23rd November - 21st December Social activity on 28th provides important contact. Confine your effort to the mundane before tackling a more interesting plan.

CAPRICORN: 22nd December - 20th January Finalise new project plans on 28th. Your sign is under strong fortunate influences this month. Money and social activities are in full swing.

AQUARIUS: 2st January - 19th February Important gains on 28th. Happenings with your work are promising on 1st, 9th and 12th. Be prepared to deal with moody friends.

PISCES: 20th February - 20th March On the 1st you will accomplish a goal. Follow through this success with enthusiasm. Avoid money decisions on the 12th.

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