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EDITORIAL

SHOE STRING ECONOMY

Two major works programs in this area have recently been called off. One is the building of a breakwater at the entrance to St. George's Bay and the other is the improvements to the Esk Highway.

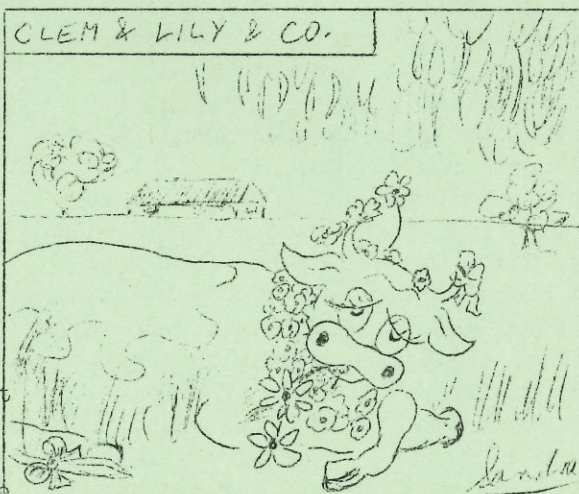
In both cases the ministers concerned have stated the reason for deferral is the lack of funds. Yet it was only last year that Mr. Clark, Minister for Fisheries, indicated that the Government would spend \$40,000 on the entrance to George's Bay. Suddenly, this money is no longer available.

One has the impression that Mr. Bethune is so busy trying to balance the budget at all costs that he won't allow his Ministers anything but the absolute necessities. Unfortunately, and especially in the case of St. George's Bay, the government seemed to have its priorities wrong. The costs that could be involved because of a delay in building a breakwater could be very well paid with mens' lives. Fishermen at St. Helens depend on the use of this channel for their livelihood. Improvements or no improvements they will have to continue to use this channel.

It is hoped that the Premier and Mr. Clark are fully aware of the consequences involved when they cry poverty.

In the case of the Esk Highway the same catch cry is again used.- no available funds. However in the case of this project a further rebuff is used. Minister for Works, Mr. Barker, has blatantly indicated his priorities when making excuses about the lack of money. He has suggested in a letter to the Pinal Council that the Esk Highway is considered by his department to be a rural arterial road.

What arrant nonsense is this? Perhaps the minister might change his mind were he forced to spend any one day at the beginning or end of a holiday period counting traffic along this road. We suggest he would be lucky to find one vehicle in a hundred that conforms to his particular interpretation of this road's main use.



"I DIDN'T WIN A ROSETTE AT THE SHOW - BUT I GOT 1ST PRIZE IN THE GARDEN COMPETITION!"

Editorial cont.

We have heard a lot from the Government lately about what it intends to do for tourism and the fishing industry but we have not seen much evidence of such sincerity out this way.

TOUCHE'

Who was the keen golfer in St. Marys who was practising bunker shots from his children's sand pit?

But more to the point who was the lady watching the golfer practise his bunker shots when suddenly much to her horror she watched a delightful shot coming straight at her window. We are thankful to say she ducked and was not hurt. More than we could say for the window though. We know who they were, but we aren't saying.

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LETTERS

Sir,

Would you be kind enough to print the following message which is addressed to the residents of St Marys?

We have, in our midst, a particularly unpleasant person, who obviously delights in poisoning other peoples' dogs by feeding them bait, treated with strychnine.

Several of the victims have suffered agonising deaths and those who have survived have undergone severe pain, needlessly.

If the dogs had all been vicious, unreliable and destructive creatures, or had been allowed to create a public nuisance with incessant barking, it might be possible to understand, though still not condone, the sadistic treatment that our poisoner metes out; however, the majority of the victims are family pets, which are well cared for, kept well under control and are most certainly not permitted to be a nuisance to anyone. In fact, the latest victim is a quiet, gentle animal, who does not care to wander outside his own front gate; therefore someone went to considerable trouble to inflict pain on this dog and worry and heartache to the owner. Obviously, the police are unable to take any action without evidence and this does not seem to be forthcoming.

As long as this situation continues, dog owners risk the possible loss of their pets in ghastly circumstances. I wonder if anyone would care to join me in offering a substantial reward for evidence/information, which would lead to the prosecution of this poisoning fiend?

Would those interested please contact me.

NORMA RODDICK.

ST MARYS.

Sir,

I am in agreement with "Gastroenteritis" in every point bar one and this is the statement, St Marys WATER supply. The polluted liquid that glugs through our taps and clogs pipes, is anything BUT water. It seems to be a combination of microscopic unicellular animals (commonly termed germs) and utter filth. It is capable of causing many diseases such as Hepatitis.

Winter is supposed to be the time of year when water is at its best; therefore, I shudder to think what it will be like in Summer.

If the state of our water supply isn't rectified immediately, I foresee the population of St. Marys declining sadly.

MISS GERM FREE.

ST MARYS

Sir,

Recently the primary school children of the Fingal Valley were able to take part in a most interesting and informative excursion to Launceston by train. Five schools participated; Rossarden, Storeys Creek, Avoca, Fingal and Bicheno.

These children visited the Police Station, Museum and Railway Workshops, to mention just a few. They were able to see these institutions at work and talk to the people involved. They received many pictures and maps and all these children were most stimulated by their experiences.

It is fact of life that country children often miss out on cultural and other experiences that help to awaken their interest in the outside world. This is mainly geographical and can't be helped. Therefore, it is most unfortunate that the St. Marys Primary school children were denied this trip simply because their teachers were not willing to take them.

Many parents, I'm sure, would have been more than willing to go along and help if they had been asked.

IRATE PARENT,
ST. MARYS

Sir,

I would like, through these pages, to thank the following people for the donations made towards my expenses when I was selected in the Tasmania Schoolboys Football Team.

St. Marys School Parents and Friends; Headmaster, Staff and pupils of the St. Marys District School; Ladies Committee St. Marys Football Club; Mr Leith Gatty, Mr and Mrs Frank Cocker; City South Football Club and my family.

I would also like to thank all those who sent me telegrams, letters and congratulations.

Although Tasmania didn't win the Carnival, I hope that the experience I gained can be used in future years.

WAYNE FREEMAN, ST. MARYS

Editors Note: It is not possible "Disgusted Teenager" to print your letter as no name was supplied. This information is confidential but letters must be signed.

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Miss Piffle

MRS. S. KEDDIE has returned to St. Marys after spending 10 days in Melbourne where she attended the Methodist Conference.

LAST SUNDAY saw a gathering of 150 folk (young and not so young), at the Youth Quake in St. Marys R.C. Church. Musical items were a highlight of the service with young people from Swansea and Invermay and St. Marys taking part. Michael Le Rossignol from Launceston was Guest Speaker. A barbecue followed the service. Thankyou to Father Buckley for use of Church and grounds, and to those responsible for organising the gathering. Special thanks to all long distance travellers.

MR. SELBY DAVIES of St. Helens is at present in the St. Marys District Hospital. His friends and relatives wish him a speedy recovery.

MR. DON BAILEY of Mangana has been receiving lots of get-well wishes from friends during his stay in St. Marys Hospital.

MISS MARLENE PARKER of Launceston has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Parker of Fingal.

MRS. MARY WALLISH OF Melbourne has been busy seeing old friends and has spent some time with her nephew and niece, Mr. & Mrs. Morton Francis.

MR. & MRS. H.R. HULTON of Sydney are staying with their daughter Deirdre at St. Marys for a few days and also hope to see other parts of Tasmania before returning on the 2 November.

MRS. DEREK LAWSON is at present staying with Mr. & Mrs. Jim Owens of St. Marys. Her many friends are pleased to see her looking so well.

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BREAD & CHEESE LUNCHEON, Thursday 28th October in Presbyterian Hall, Fingal. Proceeds for Christmas Bowl Appeal. 12.30 p.m. - 2 p.m. All welcome. Donation and Stall.

MR. G. DUTHIE M.B.E. will be guest speaker at the branch meeting of the Fingal A.L.P. to be held at Tatlow's Hotel, Fingal at 8 p.m. Thursday Nov. 18th. Mr. Duthie will also be showing colour films of Scotland, Switzerland, Rome, Cyprus & Israel which he took on a Parliamentary Mission to London during 1970. Members and intending members are cordially invited to attend.

FANCY DRESS CABARET, Seamander Hotel Sat. Oct. 30th. Cover charge 50c. Prize for best fancy dress. Proceeds in aid of Seamander Progress Assoc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Golf Associates to be held 3rd November 1971 after golf. Nominations to fill vacancies for retiring Committee to be in by 30th October.

ST. MARYS BRANCH RED CROSS ASSOCIATION. Next meeting at St. Marys Institute next Tuesday 2nd November at 7.45 p.m.

ST. MARYS FARMERS DISCUSSION GROUP. Special discussion Field Day with Agriculture Officer, David Scarborough. All farmers welcome to attend. Meeting at 1 p.m. at Stephen Salter's. Please note this day's meeting will be in lieu of usual nights meeting.

STREET STALL today in aid of St. Marys Girl Guides and Brownies at 10 a.m. - Hotel corner.

MR. & MRS. REG WALKER
wish to express their sincere thanks for personal visits received in the recent loss of Mr. Charles Mitchell. We will always remember the many kindnesses shown to us by relatives, friends and the hospital staff. As expressions of sympathy were so numerous would all including those who paid tribute at the service please accept this as our grateful thanks.

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FROM THE PULPIT

"Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7)

In today's troubled world, we need to be able to unburden our hearts to relieve tension. The best way to do this, is to take all our problems to the Lord in prayer. He is the one who has the answer to all our worries.

"Refuse to be discouraged,
 Refuse to be distressed,
 For when we are despondent,
 Our lives cannot be blessed -
 For doubt and fear and worry
 Close the door to faith and prayer,
 For there's no room for blessings
 When we're lost in deep despair-
 So remember whe you're troubled
 With uncertainty and doubt
 It is best to tell OUR FATHER
 What our fear is all about-
 For unless we seek His guidance
 When troubled times arise
 We are bound to make decisions
 That are twisted and unwise-
 But when we view our problems
 Through the eyes of God above,
 Misfortunes turn to blessings
 And hatred turns to love."

TOUCHIE' cont.

One way or another Governments and Government departments seem intent on downgrading this area. Latest is the Education Department's policy on Eichen's secondary school pupils. Officials in this department suggest that it would be more beneficial for these children to attend high schools in Hobart or Launceston rather than attend St. Marys High School.

Perhaps the real reason for their attitude lies in the cost of commissioning a Eichen school bus. This would mean more expense for the department. The other way Eichen parents would suffer the cost. More Government cost cutting?

DAINGER - - HIJACKERS AT WORK

A plane on the Buenos Aires-Miami run was hijacked as soon as it took off from Buenos Aires. Pressing a gun to the pilot's neck, the hijacker ordered, "Now, let's fly direct to Miami."
 "But this is Flight No. 752, nonstop to Miami," protested the pilot. "You don't have to hijack the plane. We are flying there right now."
 "I don't want any nonsense," insisted the hijacker. "I've already boarded this flight five times, and every time I ended up in Cuba. Now this plane is going to Miami, no matter what."

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SCAMANDER GARDEN NOTES

The Scamander Garden Club held a most successful afternoon at the Scamander Hotel on Wednesday, 13th October.

The guest speaker was Mr. Frank Dowse of Launceston and the large gathering enjoyed his lecture and films. Visitors came from Pyengana, St Helens and Cornwall and everyone learnt a great deal from Mr Dowse's informative talk.

A lucky door prize of a shell lamp, donated by Mr. J. Kellaway, was won by Mrs. Busby of St Helens. The raffle was won by Mrs Bennet of Scamander. The competition for a spray of Boronia was won by Mrs. M. Peterson.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9th November at 2 p.m.

ST. MARYS GARDEN CLUB NOTES

The October meeting of the St. Marys Garden Club was held in the Parish Hall with an attendance of 40 people including visitors from Scamander and Fingal.

Mr Frank Dowse, the famous gardening expert, was guest speaker and gave a comprehensive talk together with the showing of some beautiful slides, which was enjoyed by all present.

The next meeting will be held on November 17th. Special Competition - a tray of painted stones.

Single Bloom - A rose

Vegetable - A plate of Broad Beans

Home Products - Square orange cake (not iced)

Owing to insufficient entries received the nature strip competition to be judged in November, is now extended to March '72

ST. MARYS GOLF NOTES

Improvements have begun on the St Marys Golf Course. Two sizable sand bunkers have already been sited in front of the 7th green. These bunkers have added a considerable amount of interest to that hole.

However, Veteran golfer Jack Smith of St Marys was not deterred when he landed his ball in one recently. He showed considerable skill to hit the ball out and into the hole in one easy shot.

B.P.

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Just Yarning

The Currans tell of some more places of Old time. About the bridge at Irishtown which was made entirely of Man ferns. The loads in those days were not as heavy as they are today with these heavy cars and lorries.

Beyond the bridge and down in the gully near the waterfall was a house which stood on such a small piece of flat ground that the owner only had a small garden which was sown with daffodil. Then there was the little house which was perched half way down the St Marys Pass. The occupants refused to move into town, even though it was dangerous until one day a big storm caused a tree to fall and be blown through one wall and out the other side.

And there was a guest house where the H.E.C. now stands. They had about half a dozen boarders and the meals there were marvellous.

At this point, our "yarning" correspondent had to leave, but had he had more time I'm sure he would have talked for hours.

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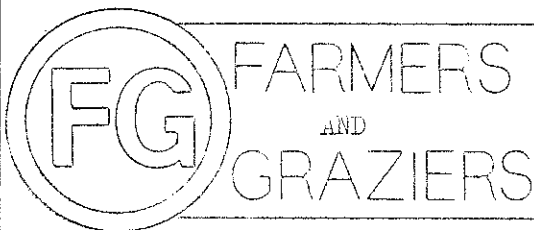
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Oct. 22nd Dollar Doc, Hospital 8pm
Oct. 26th B.I.D.S. Hospital Rec. Room
Oct. 27th Camera Club, High School 7.30pm
Oct. 28th Child Health Assn. Clinic 8pm
Nov. 1st Red Cross Ass. Institute 7.45pm
Nov. 2nd Cornwall Mothers Union, Vestry 10.30am

FUNERAL

Oct. 28th Bread & Cheese Luncheon
Presbyterian Hall, 12.30pm
Nov. 4th St Peters Women's Guild 7.30pm
The Rectory

CHURCH NOTICES

Church of England

October 24th

8am St Thomas' Avoca, Holy Communion
10am C of Good Shepherd Family Service
2.30pm C of Ascension Storey's Creek
Family Eucharist
7pm St Peter's Fingal Evensong

October 31st

8am St Peter's Holy Communion
10am C of Good Shepherd Holy Communion
11am Holy Trinity Holy Communion
5.30pm St Paul's Evensong
7pm St Thomas' Holy Communion

Roman Catholic

October 24th

8.30am St Joseph's
9.45am Avoca
10am Our Lady of the Assumption
6.30pm St Helens
October 31st
8.30am Our Lady of the Assumption
9.45am Avoca
10.30am St Joseph's
5pm Avoca
6.30pm St Helens

METHODIST CHURCH

October 24th

St Marys 11am Mrs S Keddie
St Helens 7.30pm Mrs S Keddie

October 31st

St Marys 11am Rev M Freeman E.C.
St Helens 7.30pm 32nd CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
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MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

Oct 24 - Prev. Mills
Oct 25 - Betty Pitt
Oct 26 - Vicky Barr
Oct 27 - Mary Viney
Oct 28 - Dawn Yates
Oct 31 - Rupert McGee
Nov 1 - Jean Lohrey
Nov 2 - Jan Mawson
Nov 3 - Ken Lohrey
Nov 4 - Bruce Saunders
Nov 7 - Harry Camplin



A CHILD'S EYE VIEW OF 'OUR VALLEY'

It was a pleasant surprise to find in our letter box last week the latest edition of 'Our Valley' Sep. 1971.

This 22 page paper is written by the Fingal Primary School and produced by the headmaster Mr. Baker. Also incorporated is a Storey's Creek feature written by children from Storeys Creek school.

This paper includes many photographs and drawings done by the children; the standard of both is excellent. However probably the best thing about the paper, and especially considering the age of the children, is the content, which covers many fields from interviews with local people to short poems, essays, stories and items of general interest.

Many of these pieces are delightfully imaginative and give an excellent picture of a child's eye view of the world they live in. Many things that grown ups take for granted are examined in depth by these young minds. After reading the paper through it will be a challenge for any parent not to see things just a little differently.

V.V. QUIPS

Personnel manager to applicant: "I can't promise you the job, but our computer is favourable impressed."

One girl to another, watching departing car: "I know Albert's been faithful - his seat belts never have to be readjusted!"

Man to man, outside phone booth: "It seems as if it's going to be quite a long conversation. She's just changed cars."

Rock 'n' roll fan to record salesman: "What've you got that's real loud with a fast beat - something to relax by?"

"Tim", she said, waking her husband at 3 a.m., "I think I left the electric toothbrush on."

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RIFLE SHOOTING

The miners Rifle Club commenced the season on Sat. October 9 in wild blustery conditions. Shooting was attempted at 500 yards. However, the high wind smashed the target after only 4 rounds were fired. A smaller target was erected and shooters moved to the 300 yard mound for the firing of the first stage of "A" series which was a double over 300 yards. George Toombs displayed the same form as he finished the previous season on to be top off the rifle with 65 out of 70. Handicap honours went to the clubs only lady shooter Jan Hayden.

Details: Jan Hayden 31 - 32 - (6) 69
G. Schier 31 - 27 - (8) 66
G. Toombs 32 - 33 - (0) 65
C. Toombs 31 - 32 - (2) 65
W. Scales 29 - 33 - (2) 64
J. Hayden 29 - 30 - (0) 59

Saturday 16th, conditions were again windy but the club was able to conduct the first stage of "B" series over 500 and 600 yards. G. Toombs and J. Hayden were equal top off the rifle with 65. Handicap honours were J. Hayden's.

Details: J. Hayden 33 - 32 - (1) - 66
G. Toombs 32 - 33 - (0) - 65
G. Schier 30 - 29 - (6) - 65
C. Toombs 30 - 31 - (0) - 61
W. Scales 35 - 27 - (1) - 61
Jan Hayden 33 - 25 - (2) - 60

After last Saturday's shoot, shooters were presented with the trophies they won the previous season. The club had received tremendous response to its call for trophies and many fine trophies were donated.

Club Champion: J. Hayden - Trophy donated by Abbotts Pty. Ltd.

Runner Up: G. Toombs - Allgoods Pty. Ltd.

Handicap Aggregate: C. Toombs - G.J. Coles

Runner Up: J. Hayden - G.W. & M. A. Foyle

Middle Distance Aggregate: G. Toombs - K. Hinds.

Runner Up: - C. Toombs - The Examiner

"A" Series Aggregate: G. Toombs - W. Scales

"B" Series Aggregate: G. Toombs - G.A. & R.L. Gill

"C" Series Aggregate: C. Toombs - J. & K. Owens

"D" Series Aggregate: J. Hayden - Maples Pty. Ltd.

"E" Series Aggregate: G. Toombs - C.J. & W.P. Davern

Possible and century spoons were won by G. Toombs (6) J. Hayden (4) W. Scales and N. Toombs (3) each.

Next Saturdays shoot will be the first stage of "C" series over 600 and 700 yds.

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FISHING NEWS

The Committee of the Scamander Angling Club decided on the following conditions for the Bream Competition to be held in the Scamander river on Sunday 31st October next:

Time: from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Type of fish: bream only

One man - one rod

Area: from river mouth to top end of Price's straight but excluding the bridge superstructure.

Minimum size for weigh-in - 9 inches.

Prizes: bank only: 1st, 2nd & 3rd

boat only: 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Ladies: 1st - bank or boat

Entries: members 40 cents - Visitors
60 cents - Children half.

Enter & weigh-in at Boat Ramp alongside Scamander Bridge

Remember No fishing from the bridge
Anyone may enter and all are welcome -
if this event is given support.
Scamander may well equal or outdo
Swansea in future.

GOODBYE SNODDY

People of the Fingal Valley are sorry to be saying goodbye to Mr. & Mrs. John Snodgrass of Fingal, who are leaving to live at Deleraine. John has been a contributor to the Valley & East Coast Voice for some years, and will be well known to many people through his Fingal Tennis notes, as well as often writing letters to the Editor.

SAINT-HEARTED

A surgeon died and went to heaven. The angel at the gate said: "Is there anything you'd like to get off your mind before you enter?"

"Yes," said the surgeon. "When I was a junior at St. Bartholomew's I played football against Guy's Hospital. I scored a goal that was really offside, but the referee allowed it and it won us the match."

"That's all right," said the angel.

"We have a note of that incident, and you needn't worry at all."

"Thank you, St. Peter," said the surgeon.

"You've set my mind at rest."

"I'm not St. Peter," replied the angel.

"I'm St. Bartholomew."

STAR PROBE

Aries: March 21 - April 20

There may be an emergency in the family. Be thoughtful about the future and see if you improve living without additional expenses. Don't be envious about possessions of others.

Taurus: April 21 - May 20

You may be in the spotlight for your talents. You may embark upon an educational course to increase your income. Best days 26th and 31st.

Gemini: May 21 - June 22

Someone may show hostility which is not just. It may be possible to get a laugh out of these conditions but you may seriously deplore them, for your personal life is under difficult conditions. Best days 27th and 31st.

Cancer: June 21 - July 22

Do something to please a close friend. Communications can bring you some major rewards and may be surprising in their results.

Leo: July 23 - August 22

You can be a leader in a project of value to money. If unmarried, this is a good month for a wedding or trip with a loved one. Your work is pleasing. Best days 25th and 27th.

VIRGO: August 23 - September 22

You may be asked to speak in public about a subject in which you are well versed. Give much attention to such a speech for it could be a springboard to future good things.

Libra: September 23 - October 22

Avoid offending anyone and be very tactful with executives. Much may hang in the balance. Take good care of your health this month; be cautious in driving. Do not become intimate with a new acquaintance. Best days 28th and 31st.

Scorpio: October 23 - November 22

You may come home with a good promise of promotion in your pocket. This is the month to indulge in your desires to invest, add some lucrative stocks to the family dividend picture.

Sagittarius: November 23 - Dec 21

You may make a friend who is exciting, someone whose conversation enchants you and you can learn a lot this way. Financial activities at the end of the month can lead to real profit.

Capricorn: December 22 - Jan 19.

If unmarried, you may become engaged. It could happen suddenly. You might make a career change now with benefit and increase in money, but don't be too temperamental about making a change.

Aquarius: Jan 20 - February 18

You have a chance to learn, to develop a skill. Machinery may enchant you and you may prove that you are top notch in working with it.

Pisces: February 19 - March 20

You may take a trip to straighten out some family matters. Young children may be important and a decision connected with them can be a pleasant one.

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