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EDITORIAL

SHAPE YOUR OWN FUTURE

On page 2 of this issue we print a letter by Keith Brodribb, Honorary Secretary of the Fingal Valley Welfare Committee. Mr. Brodribb makes an appeal for the support of his committee at its next annual meeting.

We would like to reiterate his words and also point out the significance of the work this committee does in our community.

The Fingal Municipality, perhaps more than any other municipality, has its share of elderly people and because of the lack of work opportunity now and in the near future, few young men and their families will be likely to move here.

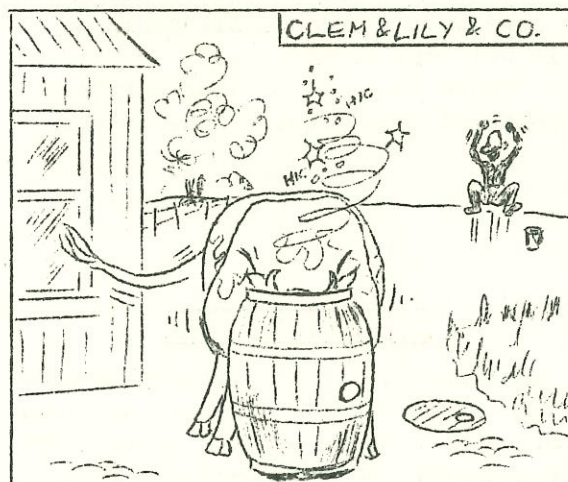
Thus it seems very likely that each year the percentage of old to young will continue to increase. As Mr. Brodribb says - 'most of us will be elderly some day.' One only needs to look back to see where the last ten years went to realise just how close that 'some day' may really be.

No doubt all committees have their effect in a community but it would be difficult to find one that ultimately will effect so many. By attending the Fingal Valley Welfare Committees meeting next month, you could well be shaping your own future.

FIRE AND DROUGHT

The Leader of the Opposition Mr. Reece, last week called for the government to release all debts incurred by the 1967 February Fires. Mr. Reece suggested that because of the continuing decline in most rural holdings profitability it would be an act of humanity if these outstanding debts were written off.

Whether or not the government takes this appeal seriously remains to be seen. With its past tight handling of money it seems doubtful. But nevertheless Mr. Bethune must realise the situation only too well. The great majority of these debts are not being paid back - most of them are collecting interest only and a percentage of them are not even doing that. There seems little sense in any Government flogging a dead financial horse especially one which could have a back lash at future elections.



"A FULL BODIED CIDER - NOT TOO DRY - A GOOD BUCKET - STILL A BIT YOUNG"

Editorial cont.

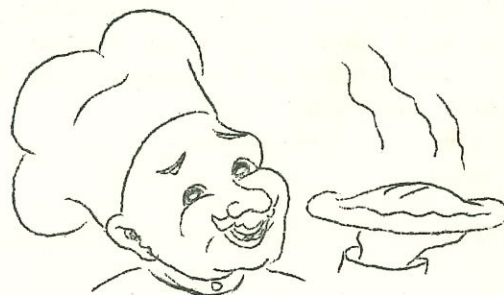
This situation could also be aggravated by the feelings of the many farmers who took out drought loans the following year and now find themselves financially embarrassed by them.

There is a good deal to commend the lifting of both these soul destroying loans and Mr. Bethune as premier could get more political mileage out of taking Mr. Reece's advice seriously than Mr. Reece could from offering it.

This is the irony of being in opposition. But then it is easier to suggest reforms than make them.

For instance the farmers no doubt will remember when Mr. Bethune was in opposition. It was his considered opinion then that the loans should have been grants in the first place. This seems a good chance for him to honour that opinion.

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Sir,

Through your pages, I should like to express my regret at leaving this district. I have thoroughly enjoyed my two years, of what was to me, a completely new experience and I feel I could not have been initiated into the Australian way of life, in a friendlier and more welcoming community.

You have made us all feel at home and have, I am sure, never looked upon us as Pommies. We have made many friends but as we are only moving to Launceston, we hope we may see you all again so this will not be goodbye.

Thank you all for your many kindnesses and your great friendliness.

Norma Roddick,
St. Marys.

B. O. D. S. PLEA

It was decided at the February meeting of the Break O'Day Speakers Club (B.O.D.S.) at St. Marys to make a plea for new members. Some members had left the district and it was felt if the Club was to continue in its present form, new members were needed.

Anyone interested in joining or coming along simply as an observer, is cordially invited to the next meeting (March 28th, 8 p.m., at St. Marys District Hospital Recreation Room). Coffee will be served afterwards. The Club is also interested in hearing from guest speakers (male or female) as it was felt new approaches and ideas are needed.

Members were unanimous that the Club had given them added confidence and helped to overcome diffidence, not only in speaking but in their approach to the every day problems of life. It was felt that many members of the community could benefit from the B.O.D.S.

WEEKEND SCHOOL

The weekend school in Public Speaking, to be held on 26-27th February at St. Marys, has been cancelled, due to lack of enrolments. Miss Joan Woodberry, the well known writer and lecturer, was to have conducted the school for the Adult Education Board.

MISS C. KING wishes to sincerely thank all the kind friends who visited her or sent cards and flowers to her during her stay in the St. Marys District Hospital.

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Miss Piffle.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Editor Geoff Dean who has just won an award for \$100.00 for his story, "The Italian" in the Victorian Short Story Competition organised by the Victorian Fellowship of Australian Writers.

CONGRATULATIONS also to our typist Patsy Targett who made a lovely bride last Saturday when she and Michael Curry were married at Holy Trinity Church St. Marys. Patsy wore a slim fitting A-line dress in dainty guipure lace and a matching medieval head piece held her cathedral length veil. She carried a bouquet of white gladioli and carnations. Her attendants Beth Semmens and Ruth McGiveron wore white A-line frocks of self striped georgette and they carried posies of red carnations.

MRS. C. RUBENACH of Avoca has been transferred from Springslade Nursing Home, Legana to Nazareth House, Launceston.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. & Mrs. G. Smith, Benham, Avoca on the birth of their son at Queen Victoria Hospital on the 7th February.

FRIENDS and relatives of Mr. & Mrs. S. Foot, Avoca are sorry to hear they are leaving. Everyone wishes them the best of luck in Launceston.

FRIENDS and relatives of Mrs. K. Rubenach are sorry to hear she is in the Launceston General Hospital and wish her a speedy recovery.

THE STAFF of St. Marys District Hospital joined in a farewell to Dr. & Mrs. Roddick last week. The Chairman of the Board and Matron, on behalf of the staff, said how sorry they were to see them go, but wished them every success in the future.

ALSO leaving the hospital are Sister Deirdre Hulton and Jean Malthouse, who are off to do their Child Welfare training in Hobart.

CONGRATULATIONS are in store for Miss Christine Ryan of Upper Scamander and Misses Charmaine Cox and Christine Walters both of Mangana, who were successful in the recent State Examination for Auxiliary Nurses. Christine Walters and Charmaine both gained a credit.

CONGRATULATIONS to all those intrepid St. Marys School Children and teachers who journeyed to the ruins of Garth House last night on a ghost hunting expedition. Judging by the enthusiastic noise of their departure, it will be the ghost whose knees were knocking in fright.

COOKING EVENTS

STREET STALL... Friday 3rd March, St. Marys. 10.30a.m. In aid of the St. Marys Hospital Auxillary. (Well stocked stall please)

ST. MARYS DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION: Notice of Annual General Meeting - Tues. March 14th at 8p.m. Recreation Room, St. Marys District Hospital.

ANNUAL MEETING of SCAMANDER PROGRESS Association. Tues. March 9th at Scamander Hotel at 8p.m. Would all members and intending members, please make an effort to be present?

ST. MARYS WALKING CLUB. The first walk of this club, under the auspices of the St. Marys District Progress Association, will be held on Sat. March 11th. For further details, watch this column.

MEETING of the ST. MARYS RED CROSS BRANCH will be held in R.S.L. Institute on Tues. 7th March at 7.45p.m.

THE RED CROSS BLOOD BANK will be at the R.S.L. Institute St. Marys, Monday 13th March at 7.30p.m. - 9.30p.m.

STREET STALL, SCAMANDER on Easter Sat. 11 a.m. Cakes, fresh vegs etc.

GUIDE AND MONTHLY MOTHEES... L.N. Meeting at Mrs. Cruse, St. Marys at 8p.m. Monday March 28th Feb. Please mothers, make an effort to be present, we need your support.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NURSING FEDERATION, Easter Sub Branch Meeting. St. Marys District Hospital March 1st at 2.30p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING SENIOR CITIZENS WELFARE Committee. High School, St. Marys, Monday March 13th 8p.m.

SENIOR CITIZENS... Silver Threads Senior Citizens and the Golden Years Clubs, are joining together to be hosts to the St. Helens Senior Citizens on Thursday next. This will take the form of a luncheon at 12 p.m.. There will be a visit to see Mrs. A. Wright's garden and then onto Cullenswood House to see Mr and Mrs Legge's garden. Afternoon tea and a social afternoon will follow. All senior citizens are invited to attend. A small charge of 40¢ for the luncheon will help to cover expenses.

TRIP TO COSGROVE PARK... The Senior Citizens Club are arranging a trip to Cosgrove Park. This will be for St. Marys, Cornwall and Fingal and will take place on March 14th. If any person would like to offer their car, it would be appreciated. If able to help, please contact Mrs. C. Royle, St. Marys.

FROM THE PULPIT.

There is a story of an old man who carried a little can of oil everywhere he went, and if he passed through a door that squeaked he poured a little oil on the hinges. If a gate was hard to open, he oiled the latch. And thus he passed through life lubricating all the hard places and making it easier for those who came after him. People called him eccentric, and queer and cranky, and odd, and even worse names. But the old man went steadily on, re-filling his can when it became empty, and oiled the hard places he found. The old gentleman did not wait until he found a creaky door or a rusty hinge and then go home to get his oil. He carried it with him. There are many lives that creak and grate harshly as they live day by day. Nothing goes right with them. They need lubricating with the oil of kindness, gentleness or thoughtfulness. Have you your can of oil with you? Do not forget it. Be ready with your oil of helpfulness in the early morning to the one nearest you. It may lubricate the whole day for him. The oil of good cheer to the down-hearted- Oh, how much it may mean! The word of courage to the despairing. Speak it! Our lives touch others but once, perhaps on the road of life and then our paths diverge, never to meet again. Carry your little can of oil. The oil of kindness has worn the sharp, hard edges off many a sin hardened life and left it soft and pliable and ready for the redeeming grace of God. Try your soft, gentle voice and thoughtful deeds. No life is so bad, but it has its spark of good. Carry your can of oil.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Senior Citizens Welfare Committee
March 13th - Monday
at
ST MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
Chairman - The Warden of Fingal Municipality
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ST. MARYS GARDEN CLUB.

The February Meeting held one week early, on account of the Annual Flower Show was well attended. The competition for an arrangement made with articles from the bush resulted with an equal first by Mrs. P. Llewellyn and Mrs. L. Rattray, Mrs. Rattray and Mrs. Royle were equal second and Mrs. Rattray also third. Floral art was won by Mrs. Rattray, Mrs. Royle gained second place and Mrs. Rattray third place. Single bloom(Carnation) Mrs. L. Mitchell first, Mrs. Royle second and Miss C. Haas third. Any other bloom, Mrs. Jill Faulkner first, Mrs. Royle second and Mrs Brough gained third place. Intermediate floral art, Mrs. M. Aulich first and equal second with Mrs. Brough and Mrs. K Lohrey third. Home Products (Unfilled Pavlova) Mrs. Royle first, Mrs. Rattray second and Mrs. L. Mitchell third. Vegetables (Lettuce) Mrs. Royle first, Mrs. Rattray second and Mrs. Llewellyn third. Any other Vegetable, Mrs. Royle first and Mrs. Rattray second. The extra Competition next month- An arrangement using one or more candles. Single Bloom - Dahlia, Vegetable - Red Beet. Home Products - Boiled Fruit Cake.

SCAMANDER GARDEN CLUB.

The Scamander Garden Club held the first meeting for 1972 on Tuesday 8th February at Mrs. Arthur Bennett's home. The competitions for the month were judged by Mrs. Oliver of St. Marys. For a collection of six vegetables, first prize went to Miss Bailey of Falmouth, Mrs. Bennett gained second prize and Mrs. White third. Flower of the month was a Dahlia and Mrs. White gained first prize. A successful trade table raised funds for the Club. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th March at Mrs. J. Kellaways home. The Competition will be for a floral arrangement in an egg-cup.

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Continuing an account of St Marys District from the Illustrated Tasmanian Mail - May, 1926.

"One of the oldest native-born residents of St Marys at the present time is Mr. W.H. Mitchell, whose parents came to Tasmania from England. Mr. Mitchell is a wheel-wright, as was his father before him, and his earliest recollection of the place is the existence of four houses in addition to the one occupied by his parents. The other four residents of St Marys were Messrs. J. Davern, R. Smith, R. Leech, and J. Jackson, all of whom are dead, but many of the descendents are settled in and round St Marys. There were also a number of persons settled on the adjoining land, one of the most prominent and successful farmers being the late Mr. R. V. Legge, father of the late Colonel Legge, and grandfather of the present owner of Cullenswood. The late Mr. R.V. Legge came to Tasmania in the year 1827, and settled at Cullenswood some time later. He did not only take a keen interest in public affairs, but interested himself in the welfare of the people, and built the church and parsonage at Cullenswood, and endowed the living. He also built a Sunday-School at St Marys for all denominations, which he likewise endowed. At the time of his death, Mr. Legge was 87 years of age.

In the early days of settlement, the farmers who had produce to dispose of either had to drive it to Hobart or Launceston, or wait for the arrival of the small steamer, Robert Burns, owned and captained by the late Captain Hall, of Hobart, who was so well known in later years as captain of the Warrentinna. The farmers soon achieved fame as makers of first-class cheese, and large quantities of this commodity were carted by waggon to both Hobart and Launceston, and also shipped from Falmouth by the Robert Burns. One of the leading cheese-makers who carted his supplies to Hobart, and sold quantities of cheese along the road, was the late Mr. John Steel, of Falmouth. Large numbers of cattle were fattened in the district, and these were driven along the road to either Hobart or Launceston, and a large proportion of the supplies needed by the settlers were brought by waggon from the capital. Another outlet for some of the local products was provided by the discovery of Tin at St Helens, and the subsequent rush of people to the mining field. Among the new-comers to the tin fields were numerous Chinese, who used to come to St Marys once a week and purchase pigs, fowls, and other commodities. They used to drive the pigs along the road to the tin fields, and slaughter them as required. At that time St Helens was known as George's Bay. (Cont. next issue)

CHURCH NOTICES

Church of England

Sunday February 27th

10am Holy Trinity St Marys Family Serv.

7pm St Thomas Avoca Evening Prayer

Sunday March 5th

8am St Peters Fingal E.C.

9.45am St Thomas' Avoca Harvest Festival

7pm Holy Trinity St Marys Evensong

Catholic Church

Sunday February 27th

8.30am St Joseph's Fingal

10am St Mary of the Assumption St M

9.45am Avoca

6.30pm St Helens

Sunday March 5th

8.30am St Mary of the Assumption St M

10.30am Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Mangana

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WILL YOU COME?

Most of us will be elderly some day; you know - "You and me, a little older". Therefore anything we may do for the elderly, helps all. The Fingal Valley Welfare Committee for Senior Citizens is holding its fourth Annual Meeting on Monday, March 13th, at the St. Marys School at 8 p.m.

Could you possibly spare the time to attend, if its only to show you approve of help and consideration for the elderly generally? At the same time you would have the opportunity to express your views about changes that could be made for the better.

The nine members of the Committee retire annually as from the Annual meeting. Nominations need to be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary seven days prior to the Annual Meeting. This because if more than nine persons are nominated, there is time to organise a ballot. When a ballot is necessary it is held at the annual meeting, and all present have a vote. If you decide to nominate one or more, come and support them on the night.

The Committee is fortunate indeed to have Mr. Stewart MacGregor as guest speaker. He is the Executive Officer of the Tasmanian Council on the Ageing - experienced, kindly human. As well he has given assistance and encouragement to the Welfare Committee since its beginning in April 1968. So if you feel you are a supporter of the work of the Welfare Committee, come and help us, by your presence, show our appreciation to Mr. MacGregor. Age in years need not bother anyone who cares to attend. The earlier one thinks about the needs of the elderly, the better for all concerned.

7 Quite beautiful slides of Tasmanian wild flowers and of Lake Pedder will be shown during the evening, through the skill and kindness of Mr. McManus. As well each Elderly Citizens Club will present its report on the year's activities, and the Chairman of the Welfare Committee will deliver his report. It is hoped that the Warden of Fingal Municipality will be present.

Will you make a note that the Annual Meeting is on Monday, March 13th (that's two weeks from next Monday) and that nominations for the Committee close a week before. And please do come, you will be very welcome, and would the ladies bring a plate towards the supper after the close of the meeting. Nominations for Committee to be in the hands of Elderly Citizens Clubs 6 days prior to the meeting. r

Keith Brodribb,
Fingal Valley Welfare Comm.
for Senior Citizens.

THE ST MARYS GARDEN CLUB

The Annual Flower and Vegetable Show was held in the Community Hall on Friday February 18th. About 380 entries were received and compared favourably with past shows. Mr Hinton Lloyd (Launceston) who opened the show and also presented the prizes was introduced by the President, Mrs Royle. He commended the Committee for their efforts and spoke highly of the fine exhibits especially of the floral art section. AWARDS were as follows -based on the points system.

Section A - Floral Art

1st Mrs P Llewellyn, 2nd Mrs Kindred Lton, 3rd Mrs L Rattray
Floral Art Novice - Mrs H Aulich 1st, Mrs R Brough 2nd, Mrs C Dawson 3rd.

Section B - Gladioli

Mrs P Llewellyn 1st & Champion Bloom
Mrs K Faulkner 2nd, Mrs K Faulkner 2nd
Mrs K Williams & C Dawson = 3rd

Section C - Dahlias - Mrs N Cunningham
St Helens, 1st & Champion Bloom,
Mrs V Oliver 2nd, Mrs Johnson 3rd

Section D - Cut Flowers Mrs K Faulkner
1st, Mrs V Oliver 2nd, Mrs L Mitchell 3rd

Section E - Pot Plants - Mrs C Royle 1st,
Mrs L Rattray 2nd, Mrs V Oliver 3rd

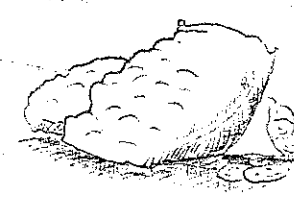
Section F - Vegetables - Mr N Button 1st
Mr P Llewellyn 2nd, Mrs A White (Scamander) 3rd.

Home Products - Mrs H Aulich 1st, Mrs Button St Helens, 2nd, Mrs J Hughes and Mrs R Jarvis = 3rd.

Special Prizes given by Mr Lloyd were won by Mrs P Llewellyn, Mrs Kindred (L'ton) and Mrs H Aulich

Prizes in the Juvenile Section were won by Jenny and Jane Williams, Kathy & John Aulich and Allan, Bruce and Tim Napier.

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 G. Schier 32-31-(4) - 67
 J. Hayden 31-32-(0) - 63
 G. Toombs 31-31-(0) - 63
 W. Scales 31-28-(0) - 59
 M. Schier 26-26----- - 52
 A. Scales 28-22----- - 50

Next Saturdays shoot will be the second stage of "E" series over 500 and 600 yards.

JEST A WHILE

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 the 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."

HEALTH NOTESARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION

There are several methods of artificial respiration. The mouth-to-mouth method is, perhaps, the most useful for parents in most instances.

1. Stand, kneel, or lie beside the child. Place one hand under the neck and gently raise, at the same time pushing the head as far back as possible with the other hand. In this position the air passage is most unlikely to be obstructed (e.g., by the tongue falling back).
2. Keep the head in the pushed-back position and pull the lower jaw upward and forward. This further opens the air passage.
3. Take a deep breath in through your mouth, seal your lips round the mouth, and pinch the nostrils with the hand that is not holding the jaw forward.
4. Blow gently until you see the front of the child's chest expand and rise.
5. Remove your mouth and listen for the sound of exhaled air. In a small child some 20 breaths per minute should be aimed at, but in the teenager this should be reduced to 10-15 breaths per minute. In all cases the first 5 breaths should be given as quickly as possible.

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TAURUS: April 21 - May 20

Even though by nature you are conservat-ive this is the time when you can appreciate the worth of some advanced views. The young may also have something to say that will benefit you. Try understanding them totally. Best days 2nd and 7th.

GEMINI: May 21st - Just 20th

Artistic skills are favoured. Little time to spend idly or in social life. You'll be busy and happiest when you are doing constructive things with your own life. An interesting invitation should be accepted. Best days 1st and 10th.

CANCER: June 21 - July 22

Treat all with esteem and try to forget if you feel there is any personality clash. A family burden may be lifted and you willbe free to use money in a new way. Best days 26 and 6th.

LEO: July 23 - Aug 22

If you travel you may enjoy a winter vac-ation in a summery wonderland. Romance is partially favoured but won't be en-during if it commences now. Best days 4th, 10th.

VIRGO: August 23 - Sept. 22

Give aparty late in the month and let yourself go a little in spending and use ingenious ideas for food and decor-ations. You may make rather obvious efforts to avoid in neighbours about whom you feel snobbish in some ways. Best days 5th, 12th.

LIBRA: September 23 - October 22

Poor for domestic interests and for the outcome of home ventures. Avoid people who analyse too closely and criticise. Take time to write to a young relative who is alone and in unpleasant emotional circumstances. Best days 29th and 4th.

SCORPIO: October 23 - November 22

25th a poor money day. It would be difficult to increase the income. Make an effort to promote a young persons romance. Domestic interests all favoured. Best days 29th, 1st and 7th.

SAGITTARIUS: November 23 - December 21

Trust yourself and your skills. You will be enthusiastic this month and may make a move which was planned recently. People in a new loaction may show much affec-tionate interest andpraise you highly for former accomplishments. Best days 26th, 6th.

CAPRICORN: December 22 - January 19

You may acquire a new car or some other bright and pleasing item of value. Chance of an engagement ring here. Career is all you could ask and you feel new affluence. Best days 29th, 1st and 8th.

AQUARIUS: January 20 - February 18

You may arouse the envy of someone who has regrets about past failures. Do not mistake the emotions of this person as being too flighty and light to bother about.

PISCES: February 19 - March 20

Take up a sport at which you become adept, perhaps table tennis or bowling. Handle finances cautiously and you may win the trust of an affluent relative. Best days 1st, 7th.

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