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EDITORIAL

STATE AID - NO (Part I)

Recent editorials by two Northern Tasmanian newspapers ('The Examiner' Aug. 6 and 'The Tasmanian Farmer' Aug. 5) show a disquieting trend in the advocacy of increased state-aid for non-state schools. The Liberal Centre Party Coalition has seen fit to further upgrade non-state schools at a time when the state system is shouting poverty. This action has been strongly upheld by these two papers. As a paper in an area that relies and generally supports the state system we can only hotly disagree.

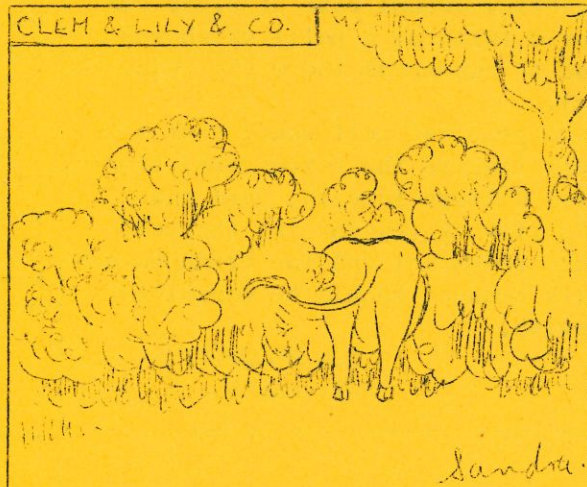
'The Examiner', by insisting that the increase in aid to non-state schools (approx. \$60,000) was "a small measure of justice to parents of children attending non-state schools, especially those country parents flattened by trying to pay board for children at city schools", shows a complete lack of reality. Their generalisation of the problem also gives quite a twisted slant to the real truth.

The country parents the writer refers to make up about 3% of the total population. Exactly where the justice comes into it is hard to relate as these parents send their children to non-state schools quite voluntarily. In the beginning they knew they had to pay board for them and now if they can no longer afford to, surely their answer is to use their own local state high schools and matriculation colleges.

In the case of 'The Tasmanian Farmer' which spends a whole editorial justifying the increased aid to the above mentioned 3% of the population, the writer then has the cheek and affrontery to conclude by proclaiming that "country children, their need and equality of opportunity, must be our concern". No plea whatever is made for the vast majority of country children labouring under a state system that is too poor to provide lavatory paper for their schools.

These two writer's kinds of justice and equality are rather limited in the light of this simple fact. The small percentage of country parents who for any reason chose to send their children to non-state schools have every right to

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"I DON'T CARE WHAT THAT BULL COST -
NO DEAL !"

Editorial cont.

do so. But when they do reject the state system which is available surely they must also reject their right to call on public funds to support their personal rejection.

NEXT ISSUE - PART II - THE MYTH OF EQUALITY

TOUCHE!


Have you noticed the shelter at the Cemetery in St Marys has been blown over.

Is this shed a council responsibility? This is the sort of weather this shelter will be needed most.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

C L A S S I F I E D S

Sir,

A few remarks regarding the scheduled poll to determine the granting of a building loan for the completion of the Recreation Ground Club rooms at St. Marys.

(a) This poll was conceived with a view to striking a rate of 0.25¢ to cover the cost of completion of the building concerned.

(b) At the last Council meeting, a recreation Ground rate of 0.65¢ was approved (without a poll) which was stated to encompass the 0.25¢ required in (a).

(c) The proposed poll would cost the Council (per se the ratepayers) several hundred dollars in cold, hard cash.

(d) In view of (b) and (c) the poll appears redundant and the arrangements for its conduct should be cancelled forthwith.

BOE ROCHFORD
ST. MARYS.

TOUCHE ' cont.

It is a little late for last seasons gardening stories - however it seemed too good to miss. St. Marys man decided to try a bit of gardening and a relative of his suggested he put in a patch of 'Sweet William'. His relative told him there was a bottle of seed he could have on a shelf in the garage.

Well, he dug up a patch of ground and put most of the contents of the bottle in. Three weeks later small plants began to appear and two weeks after that it became obvious the crop was not 'Sweet William', but in fact, chickweed.

He complained to his relative the seed he had been given was no good but on closer examination it was revealed he had taken the wrong bottle. No, he hadn't sowed chick-weed - he had sown half a bottle of stale tea.

And talking about amateur gardeners, and 'Sweet William', how about the salesman who was invited in by a local housewife to 'take a peek at her 'Sweet William'. When the perplexed man saw the glorious display in the lady's vase he involuntarily exclaimed in a voice full of relief, 'Oh, you were talking about flowers'.

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Miss Piffle

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MRS DAISY VINCENT of Mathams received a pleasant surprise last Monday when a few friends gathered to wish her a happy birthday and welcome home from hospital.

FINGAL SUNSHINE WELCOME CLUB held its Birthday Party last week and 56 members and friends enjoyed an afternoon of singing and competitions.

A wonderful effort by the ladies of Mangana when a morning tea and stall was held at Mrs S Sweeney's home in aid of the Fingal School. Fingal ladies also attended and approx. \$33.00 was raised.

Friends of MR D COOPER of Avoca are sorry to hear he is in the Launceston General Hospital and wish him a speedy recovery.

MRS T CLARK of Avoca recently had an operation at St Vincent's Hospital, Launceston and all her friends look forward to her recovery and return home.

MRS OLIVER of Mangana has returned home after a few months in Hobart.

Friends and family of Mrs Roy White of St Marys are glad to know she is home again and feeling a lot better.

STOCK NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Peter and Yvonne Davern of St Marys on the birth of their son Christopher at St Marys District Hospital on August

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr and Mrs K Blazely on the birth of their son at Campbelltown Hospital on July 30th



COMING EVENTS

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SATURDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

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Cake to be raffled 2pm
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BREAD AND CHEESE LUNCH in aid of the Needy of the World will be held in the Presbyterian Church Hall
Hostesses : Mrs B McGee and Mrs Jack Woods Thursday August 26th 12.30pm to 2 pm

SCAMANDER : August 18th
BEAUTIFLOLA DEMONSTRATION by Mrs Fiddler of Launceston at the Scamander River Hotel Motel
2pm ALL WELCOME

COFFEE AND MORNING TEA Thursday August 19th at 10.30am at the home of Mrs Geoff Dean, St Marys in aid of 1st St Marys Girl Guide Coy
all welcome
Trade table - Come along and bring a friend. Transport arranged if desired.

WORKING BEE - ALVISTA on Sunday next August 15th to repair damage done by vandals recently. All willing to help bring a packed lunch and come with tools of trade
Palings 5' long and 6" wide or similar wanted for repair work.

WOOL WOOL WOOL WOOL WOOL
Anyone with extra or spare knitting wool please contact Mrs Geoff Dean at St Marys 17 or Mrs Ken Williams St Marys 122 or the St Marys School
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FROM THE PULPIT.

What is Prayer? Prayer is reaching out in the dark, and finding God is there. Prayer is getting acquainted with God. Prayer is talking to a friend who really cares. Prayer is telling someone all the things that hurt inside, and suddenly finding they have disappeared. Prayer is lifting your face toward Heaven, and feeling the gentle refreshness of His presence.

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
Uttered or unexpressed,
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.
Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye
When none but God is near."

Lord, teach us how to pray!

CHANGE IN EARTH WIRE COLOUR.

A change has been announced in the colour coding of earth wires for electrical appliances and flexible cords. Australian standards now allow only green as the colour of earth wires. In future, these may be either green alone or a combination of green and yellow. This conforms with overseas practice. There are no standard colours for the other two "carrying wires" in a three-core flex - apart from the fact that they could not be green. In future, these two "carrying wires" must be neither green nor any combination of green and yellow.

MR. & MRS. T. BROUGH of Cornwall would like to thank all friends and relatives for cards and good wishes during Mr. Brough's recent stay in the Launceston General Hospital. Mrs. Brough would also like to thank all those who helped her with transport to and from the hospital.

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STARTING OUT WITH ROSES.

People who grow roses have never had such a wealth of types to choose from as they do today. The hybrids have only been bred over the last century, and indeed, the vast range of new colours, have only appeared in the last ten years. Miniature roses have been greatly developed so that people with small areas of garden can grow roses in perfect miniature scale, even in containers. A dressing of general fertiliser hoed in around them will improve them no end. Look carefully at the leaves for the rose leaf miner. Look for a whorl-shaped pattern of lighter green where the grub of the moth is eating away the central tissue. Discard such leaves. But beware of the worst disease of roses - the black spot. You can't mistake its distinct purple fungus spots on the leaves. It is deadly.

Many beginners seem to regard budding as a terrifying operation. It is nothing of the sort. Choose your bud from a healthy stem. Make a clean cut from half an inch below the bud, inward and out, the same distance above, taking only bark. Now in the bark of your briar stock make a T shaped cut, easing the edges open. Next, insert the bud bearing section into the cross of the T, and work it down gently, till the bud itself is in the stem of the T. Bind firmly, above and below, with raffia or plastic strip. Smear vasoline or similar over this binding and leave it untill such time as the bud and bark have welded. Don't forget to remove the binding then or growth may be impeded and all your work be wasted. It's quite simple really.



ST. MARYS GARDEN CLUB.

The next meeting will be held in the Institute on Wednesday Aug. 18th at 8pm. Mrs Fiddler from Beautiflora will be demonstrating her beautiful vases etc. Competitions will be:
Flower of the Month - Eggs & Bacon
Vegetable - Parsnip.
Cooking - Nut Loaf
Special Competition: Greeting Cards.
a) One made from pressed flowers & ferns
b) One made with any other medium.
All welcome, especially visitors and new members.

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This week Mr John Lehner of St Marys talks of some 'Pioneers of the Past'

The district around Gray was surrounded by small farms cleared from the virgin bush. When in production stage most of the farmers went in for dairying, 20 cows being a top herd. They made their own cheese, butter, cured their own bacon and some grew their own wheat. When the wheat was ready to harvest it was reaped by hand with a sickle and after being thrashed the hay was used on the farm and the grain was taken by cart to Mr Bean's Flour Mill in Fingal. After grinding everything was taken back to the farm - the bran and the pollard to feed the animals and the flour to be made into bread and cakes in the brick and stone ovens.

Most of the farmers had big families. About 60 children went to the Gray School, some walking 4 miles to and from school, there were 2 churches and the Post Office looked after by the Morris family for many years.

Mr Arthur Cooper told me when he was a young man there he caught a Tasmanian Tiger and he received £5/-/- reward for it - a nice bit of pocket money in those days. His brother, Joe Cooper, a Boer War Veteran was later a Police Sergeant stationed at St Marys.

I remember Mrs Spencer, a grand lady who when the gold mines were booming at Mathinna would drive her horse and cart there once a week, laden with vegetables, eggs, flowers, etc.

The mail was carried by a Mr Fred Hill of Biche no three times a week; he would drive his horse and jinker through to St Marys in the morning, stop and pick up the evening mail and set out on a 23 mile journey back home. In later years Mr Jack Hill bought an A Model Ford and carried on with the good work.

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Aug. 17th Holy Trinity Women's Guild
Parish Hall 2pm
" 18th Garden Club ESL Institute 8pm
" 24th B.O.D.S. Hospital Rec Room 8pm
" 25th Camera Club at the home of
Sr Hulton, Gray Rd 7.30pm
" 26th Child Health Ass. at Clinic 8pm

Fingal

Aug. 10th St Paul's Vestry at the Rectory
7.30pm
" 19th C.W.A. Fingal Hall 2.30pm

CHURCH NOTICES

C of E

August 15th
Preacher Rev. J Senior
8am St Peter's Fingal, E.C.
10am C of the Good Shepherd Cornwall
Fam Serv.
11am Holy Trinity, St Marys E.C.
7pm St Thomas' Avoca, E.C.

August 22nd
8am St Thomas' Avoca E.C.
9.30am Holy Trinity, St Marys,
Fam. Serv.
11am Christ's Ch. Cullenswood E.C.
2.30pm C of Ascension, Storeys Creek,
Fam. Euch.
7pm St Peter's Fingal E.C.

Catholic Church

August 15th
8am St Helens
9.45am Avoca
10am St Mary of the Assumption, St Marys
4pm Mathinna

August 22nd
8am St Joseph's Fingal
9.45am Avoca
10am St Mary of the Assumption, St Marys
6.30pm St Helens

Methodist Church

August 15th
11am St Marys Rev B Wise
7.30pm St Helens Rev. B Wise

August 22nd
11am St Marys Mr B Mansfield
7.30pm St Helens Mr R Denney

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

LEGAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST ANYONE
SPREADING RUMOURS ABOUT THE UNDERSIGNED
TWO PEOPLE.

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STANDING ROOM ONLY??

Recent statistics have shown a great spurt in world population figures. These facts have been taken from a television program called 'It is already too late'. Why is it too late? Well look at the figures. Each minute the world population is increased by 260 births. Simple arithmetic then shows that each hour 16,000 babies are born. Each day the figure is 380,000 and each week nearly 2,500,000.

In India there are 13,000,000 babies born each year. In Indonesia our next door neighbour, it is estimated on present trends that by the year 2,000 there will be a population of 300,000,000.

Japan has the lowest birth rate of any Asian country - only 1.1 per cent and this is mainly attributed to its policy of legalised abortion. Singapore is next with 2 per cent and from then on the rise in percentage is dramatic.

Australia's birthrate is 1.9 per cent or only half of some of the poorer South American countries where their religion does not allow them to practise birth control.

In the U.S.A. the population increase is slightly higher than Australia, but as it was pointed out, in that country (and to a lesser extent ours) each baby born will ultimately use 200 times as many consumer goods as a baby born in India. Thus the danger in U.S.A. of over population is no less than it is in India. This is simply because already world raw materials are showing signs of exhaustion and an American will use 200 times as much of these raw materials as an Indian in Calcutta.

None of the participants in the T.V. program actually agreed on any time in the future when there would be standing room only on the earth but they did infer it may be already too late to reverse the trend of overpopulation. As one expert said "We won't reach the stage of jostling for room - by then we'll all be dead - poisoned by our own man made fumes".

BICHENO YOUTH - ANNUAL BALL

The Glamorgan Youth Club (Bicheno) will be conducting their annual ball in the Memorial Hall, at Bicheno, on September 3rd at 8 p.m. Official Guests will be Hon. B.M. Bingham (Attorney General) and Hon. W.G. Baker (Minister for Lands and Works).

On Saturday afternoon (4th September) at 2.15 p.m. there will be a children's fancy dress ball. John Sidney, a versatile ventriloquist, with "Charlie" will entertain the children.

On Saturday night, at 8 p.m. there will be a grand dance. Music will be provided by John Sidney's Orchestra featuring John Sidney at the Console of the Hammond Organ.

Admission charges are:

Friday night: \$2.00 single
\$3.50 double

Saturday Afternoon: 20 cents (Adults & children).

Saturday night: \$1.00 (50c for children under 14 years)

POO-LUTION

NEW YORK: For three years broadcaster Miss Fran Lee has been campaigning for New York's dog-owners to "scoop the poop" without much success.

This year Miss Lee is using some weighty statistics in the fight for a clean-pup. Statisticians show that each day dogs leave behind them 110,000 lbs of solid matter and 25,000 gallons of urine on the city's sidewalks.

RETURN THANKS

LEWIS: Avina..... Selby Davis and Elsie Targett wish to express their sincere thanks to all kind friends and relatives for all cards, letters, floral tributes and personal expressions of sympathy, received in the recent sad loss of their dear sister Vinie. We would also like to thank Mrs. Mason. Will all please accept this as our personal and sincere expression of thanks.

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FOOTY NOTES

by 'ONE EYE'

Fingal Staged a great last quarter to defeat Avoca by 10 points last week in the final roster match. At three quarter time Avoca led by 31 points but the Fingal side got their high marking and long kicking game going and kicked nine goals in the last quarter to secure a good win.

St. Helens had a comfortable win in their game against the Rossarden and should go confidently into their final.

St. Marys defeated Swansea by 111 points and played good football for the first time for weeks.

The first semi-final between Avoca and St. Helens at St. Helens this week should be a thriller. Both sides are at full strength (except for Nigel Staggs from Avoca who will be away with the Tasmanian School boys team).

Ransom, who is getting used to the country style of football, will be a great help to John Wilson in the ruck for Avoca and with Kevin Youd roving brilliantly should prove a little too strong for Salter, Bradmore, Davis and Co. at the Bay. However, in the key position, St. Helens will probably be able to come out on top with Freeman, Chapple, Berwick and Barber all playing well.

But it won't be easy, as Williams (2) Anderson and White are all capable of being match winners on their own, if they get firing.

Across the centre St. Helens are very strong with Barr, Kiley and Coker all good players. Although I have selected St. Helens to beat Avoca each time these teams have played each, only once have the Bay boys failed to live up to my predictions. I am going to stick with them again, as I feel coach Steve Salter will inspire plenty of fire into the home team and should win a close, hard game in the seconds. St. Helens will meet Fingal and this will also be a good game as both sides are very strong.

In the second semi-final at Avoca on Saturday week, St. Marys will meet Fingal in a thriller as both sides will have players back after recovering from injuries. St. Marys may be without Curry and Targett but will have Bushing and Tapp, Turner, Wardlaw, McCarter and Mitchell again. Fingal will also have Smith and Turner playing again so there will be no excuses whichever side wins.

St. Marys will be playing their hardest as a win would put them into the grand finals on their home ground. The rucks and rovers appear to be fairly even. With Greg Sulzberger a doubtful starter, it could give Wardlaw, Hayes and Dean a slight advantage.

Viney is roving well for St. Marys and could be a great lift for the Tigers. Baldwin and Bye always have a good tussle and which ever team is on top, could have a big bearing on the game. Ravensley and Turner should also be evenly matched.

All over the ground, the sides appear to be very even and it should be a great game. For a decision after the toss of a coin, I will go for a St. Marys win.

In the seconds, St. Marys will come up against the strong Rossarden team; however, with their experience mixed with good, young players, St. Marys should notch a win.

In the thirds, St. Marys will meet St. Helens but in this game St. Helens should win as they appear to have a bigger and more robust side than the Tigers

FOOTNOTE: It is a credit to the coach and committee of the St. Marys Football Club, to have three sides lining up in the second semi-final.

I must also congratulate the clubs and coaches of Fingal and St. Helens as both these clubs have all three sides in the finals.

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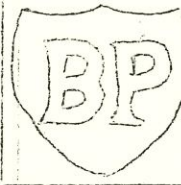
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STARPROBE

ARIES: March 21 - April 20.

The initiative and action with which you begin the day has a certain commendable quality, but might not suit everyone.

TAURUS: April 21 - May 20

Take things with a humorous rather than a serious view now. Someone may be only teasing in a letter which tends to anger you.

GEMINI: May 21 - June 20.

Bad news about financial investments may put you on edge. Make no rash moves. Try to control your temper.

CANCER: June 21 - July 22.

Good news about a relative may arrive and make the day a happy one. Otherwise gloom can keep you at low level.

LEO: July 23 - August 22.

You may sense an undercurrent among people with whom you are involved today. Best not to speak of matters concerning others.

VIRGO: August 23 - September 22.

Being out in public is not advised. Aspects show harm from nebulous sources, perhaps severe illness from unknown contact.

LIBRA: September 23 - October 22

Investment favored if you have good advice behind it. A letter from an old friend can be very cheerful and enheartening now.

SCORPIO: October 23 - November 22

The end of a difficult problem can be in sight. Fulfillment of a desired aim is chief point of day and brings happy evening.

SAGITTARIUS: November 23 - Dec 21

Money and romance both stressed. You may make a new financial arrangement with someone who thinks a great deal of you.

CAPRICORN: December 22 - Jan 19.

Things may look bad, but they could be worse. Resign yourself to a little inconvenience about living arrangements.

AQUARIUS: Jan 20 - February 18

Someone new in your life may be very sympathetic, wise and kind, but you can feel a desire to domineer in your life.

PISCES: Feb 19 - March 20

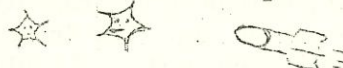
A good time for meditation and uncovering of facts. What you learn now may serve you for a long time in dealing with others.

RIDDLES

What is the difference between a riddle and an elephant sitting on a bun?

One's a conundrum and one's a bunundrim!

What did one star say to the other star?
I can't live without capsules.



C.R. & O.J. DAVIS

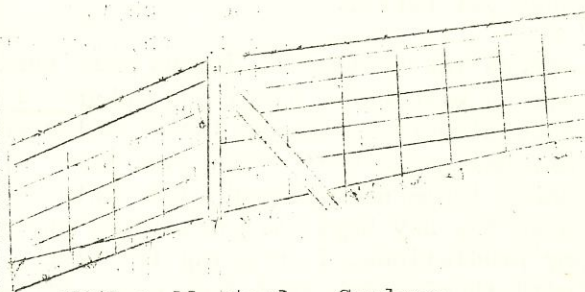
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