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EDITORIAL

AWARE OF OUR HERITAGE.

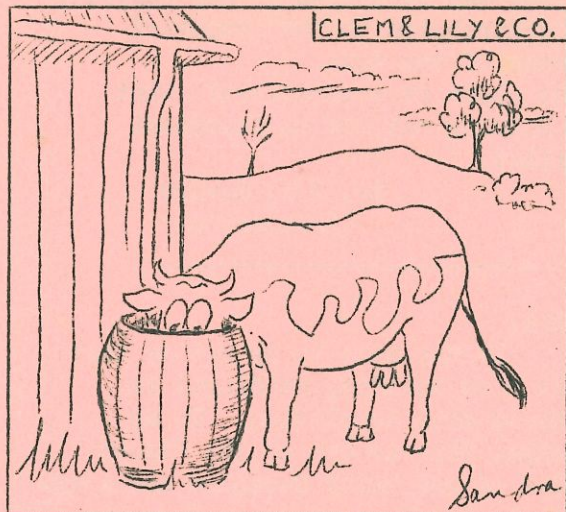
In a world where the beauties of the wilderness are fast being destroyed some of us are very aware of just how precious are the wildflowers, the trees, the animals and birds of our bushland. Even in smoky old Melbourne and polluted Sydney suburban dwellers are cultivating native plants and are delighted to see the bushland birds coming back as their gardens grow.

In contrast in a land teeming with natural wonders as is Tasmania we are forever meeting people who shoot animals indiscriminately and who deliberately light fires even in times of high fire danger. Most of the serious outbreaks of fire this season have been reported by the authorities as having been deliberately lit.

How long can our Heritage withstand this onslaught? Certainly trees grow again, but with each successive fire the forests thin out and already there are many areas of scraggy bush where mature forests once stood. When their natural habitat is destroyed the animals disappear and wildflowers, with repeated burning, will not regenerate.

The attitudes of people vary; some are indifferent, some careless and thoughtless, some are making the study and protection of nature their life's work, and some want to help but don't know where to turn.

Sophisticated thought throughout the world now supports those who care and encourages them to do all they can to save the natural beauty around them. People in cold countries feed birds in the Winter when there is no food for them. This is just as necessary in our country in times of drought or following extensive bush fires. Stray cats are a formidable enemy to small animals and birds in the bush and it would be more humane for owners to dispose of unwanted litters in a less cruel (cont)



"WHO PULLED THE PERISHIN' PLUG OUT?"

manner than leaving them in the bush.

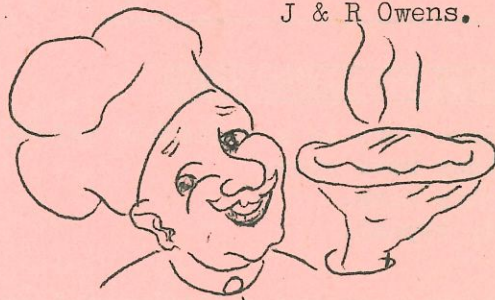
With the New Year before us the Valley and East Coast Voice is calling to all the folk of the area to do all they can to look after one of the most beautiful districts in the world. To the leaders of the Community, the Progress Association, the Service Clubs, and all who work for the welfare of the area - a Prosperous and Successful Year. We hope that their many vacancies in membership may be filled in 1973.

TOUCHE.

Pink seems to be the IN COLOUR! Last issue we mentioned a pink Torana - this week we heard that a certain member of the Community has been advised to wear pink-spotted shorts when teaching at school!

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

LETTERS

Dear Sir,

As one who has a love for Tasmania and its small towns, may I express regret that a Category 'A' building in Fingal is to be demolished.

Would Fingal councillors agree with the following principle; In a town which does not have the problems of heavily built-up areas, the elected representatives of the public should fight for the retention of any building which contributes to the essential character of the town.

What about it councillors? What about holding out for an important principle?

Mr. G.T. Goward
(Launceston)

Dear Sir,

It has come to my notice that the old Bank building at Fingal is threatened with demolition. To my knowledge, this is one of the finest examples of red brick Georgian architecture to be found anywhere in Tasmania, not least because it is honest, unpretentious, and functional, and carries an excellent example of the early shop window with its multiple frames of hand-made glass.

As you are probably aware one of Tasmania's foremost early painters - John Glover had a very similar building as his studio not far from this one, though his cottage has long since fallen derelict. Indeed a true Tasmanian culture was born in such areas as your beautiful Fingal Valley.

Sir, it is not too late to arrest the blatant vandalism which is occurring not only in this valley, but all over Tasmania. I would ask you to endeavour to awaken the conscience of those Local Authorities who are far too ready to dump our heritage unceremoniously on their own municipal tips.

Yours impatiently,
George Prince.

(Antiquarian, and member of the
Tasmanian Art Society)

HEARD OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Never make love in a vegetable patch.
- Potatoes have eyes.
- Corn has ears.
- Onions repeat.

A little boy ant and a little girl ant were sitting by the river. The little girl ant fell in and was drowned. The little boy ant also fell in, but he wasn't drowned . . . he was buoyant!

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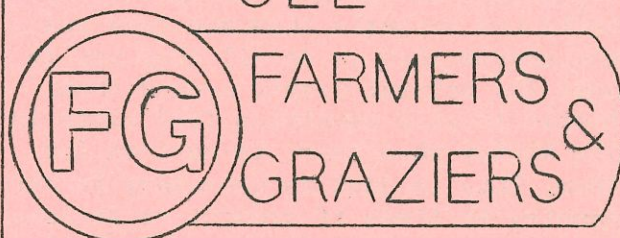
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Miss Piffle

MRS. MEG LUTWYCHE and Mrs. Cooper of St. Marys have recently returned home after an enjoyable 6 weeks visiting relatives and friends in Queensland and Victoria.

Christmas visitors to the East Coast were Dr. & Mrs. Ian Roddick, accompanied by Richard and Christopher. Also visiting St. Marys were Mr. & Mrs. Geoff Dean and family, all from Launceston.

STORK NEWS Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robin Costain of St. Marys on the birth of their second son, Sean at the St. Marys District Hospital on December 23rd.

ALSO receiving congratulations on the birth of their first child is Mr. & Mrs. David Johnstone of Lodgerwood. Curt Mathew was born on December 27th at Scottsdale Hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS is also extended to Bruce and Mary Lutwyche on the arrival of their son.

SISTER DEIRDRE HULTON of St. Marys has recently returned home after visiting her family in Sydney for a short time.

DR. MACKIE has returned to St. Marys to relieve Dr. Marwood for a short time. We wish him an enjoyable stay.

Receiving congratulations on the birth of their fourth child is Lynette and Tony Whelan(nee Aulich) of Templestowe, Melbourne. Bernadette Mary were the names chosen for their third daughter. Miss Rosemary Aulich of St. Marys has recently returned after spending a short time with Mr. & Mrs. Whelan.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS ADA GERRIE Who has just successfully passed her exams at the College of Nursing in Melbourne. She gained three credits and three passes. Ada will be teaching at the Queen Victoria Hospital, Launceston.

PETER CLARKE AND TIM DENNEY of St. Marys will be attending a Methodist Youth Camp at Turner's Beach from January 8th till January 12th.

SISTER P. STEPHENSON is at present working in the area while Sister S. Young is on a short holiday. Sister Stephenson will be known for her work in the schools.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

SISTER WILL BE AT BICHENO on January 8th to conduct clinic 10am - 12md and to visit mothers and babies where necessary in the afternoon.

MR. JACK STROCHNETTER.

Residents of this area and staff of the Valley and East Coast Voice were sad to hear of the recent death of Mr Jack Strochnetter. Mr Strochnetter was a resident of St Marys since childhood and until the death of his wife a few years ago. He then moved to Ulverstone to live with his daughter. Even after leaving the district Mr Strochnetter still had a keen interest in its affairs and was a regular contributor to the columns of this paper.

SPONSORING A CHINESE GIRL

Since June 1972 Methodist and Church of England friends of St. Marys have been sponsoring a Chinese girl in Hong Kong. Her name is Wong Yuk Shiem. Each month \$5 has been sent for her education in a Christian school.

Supporters of this worthy cause will be sorry to learn that this week Pastor Clarke received news from Hong Kong that for reasons unknown to us at this stage, Wong Yuk Shiem's parents have taken her from the school.

However, a substitute Chinese girl, Wong Yuk Chu, has been offered to St. Marys for sponsorship and it is hoped that our people will continue to help as in past months.

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FROM THE PULPIT:

"New Year - New Leaf"

This poem written by K. Wheeler, is suggestive now that we have entered a new year.

He came to my desk with quivering lip —

The lesson was done.

"Dear teacher, I want a new leaf," he said

"I have spoiled this one."

I took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
and gave him a new one all unspotted.

And into his sad eyes smiled,

"Do better now my child."

"I went to the Throne with quivering soul,
The old year was done.

"Dear Father, hast thou a new leaf for me?
I have spoiled this one."

He took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
And gave me a new one all unspotted,

And into my sad heart smiled,

"Do better now my child."

There is a lesson here for us all. Our record last year is like a stained and blotted leaf. But with this new year, God will give us a new leaf, all unspotted, if we ask Him.

God bless you all in 1973.

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JACKSON

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St. Helens M.O.W. cont'd.

10th Lions Club
11th Red Cross
12th A. Tanner
15th Golf Ladies
16th G. MacMichael
17th Lions Club
18th E. Fysh
19th P.F.W.A.

CHURCH NOTICES

Roman Catholic

January 7th

St. Marys 8.30 am

Avoca 9.45 am

Mangana 10.30 am

St. Helens 6.30 pm

January 14th

St. Marys 8.30 am

Avoca 9.45 am

St. Helens 10.30 am

Fingal 6.30 pm

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Church of England

January 7th

Avoca 8.00 am

Fingal 9.30 am

St. Marys 11.00 am

January 14th

Avoca 8.00 am

Cullenswood 10.00 am

Fingal 11.15 am

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Methodist Church

January 7th

St. Marys 11 a.m.

St. Helens 7.30 p.m.

January 14th

St. Marys 11 a.m.

St. Helens 7.30 p.m.

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MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTERS

ST. MARYS:

January 7th Mr. Kevin Faulkner
8th Mr. Robert Legge
9th Mrs. Judy Spilsbury
10th Jean Freeman
11th Father Buckley
14th Mr. Selby Targett
15th Pastor Clarke
16th Mrs. B. Crawford
17th Percy Llewellyn
18th Carol Faulkner
21st Bob Rochfort

FINGAL:

7th Malcolm Saunders
8th Betty Pitt
9th Sylvia Saunders
10th Sue Saunders
11th Mrs. Alec McKenzie
14th Rupert McGee
15th Heather Mills
16th Mrs. C. Johns
17th Ruth Saunders
18th Mrs. J. Brodribb
21st Lance Parker

ST. HELENS:

5th R.S.L.
8th M. Bailey
9th G. Cairns

PRESS STATEMENT

The Tasmanian A.L.P. Rural Committee met last week-end at Entally House, Hadspen. They unanimously confirmed Mr. Gil Duthie's request to the Premier to declare the East Coast a drought area as quickly as possible.

Mr. Duthie M.H.R. (secretary), said that Members came from all over Tasmania and expressed deep concern at the growing intensity of the drought. With failure and shortage of stock feed over at least three-fifths of the State it is desperately serious. Even the North-West coast has %50 less hay than last year!

Mr. A. Schofield from Sorrell said the drought was the worst in his life-time. Sheep and cattle were being sold for a song and the State's abattoirs were working around the clock to absorb stock which farmers simply had to sell. With the drought Australia wide it would appear impossible to get stock wheat or hay from Victoria.

The Committee passed the following Resolution

"That we write to the Hon. L. Costello M.H.A. Minister for Agriculture, stressing the desperate nature of the drought; that drought areas be declared in order to get Federal aid; that the State Fodder Committee be reconstituted to co-operate with the Agricultural District Officers in assessing the need and type of assistance; that area permits be abolished for stricken farmers; that rail and road costs for transporting stock be waived; and financial relief be made available through a Commonwealth Grant as in 1967."

Cr. Ray Duff reported on his visit to N.Z. and wants Tasmania to start breeding Carpet wool "Drysdale" sheep as in N.Z. for our Devonport Carpet Factory. Cr. Duff said; "We can learn much from N.Z. in its handling of rural products, its co-operative factories, their Wool Commission and their One Marketing Authority for Apples and Pears".

Mr. Duthie said the Committee discussed the possibility of the Federal Government setting up a National Insurance Corporation through which personal probate insurance could be taken out to assist individuals; also, that Federal Probate Exemption be lifted to \$100,000. The Committee wants a massive overhaul of the incidence, injustice and inhumanities of the present Probate Act.

Mr. M. Radford brought the Committee up to date with the extent of the feasibility studies for a Co-operative Vegetable Processing Factory on the North West coast to process vegetables and

later on, sugar-beet.

Mr. Duthie said he had asked the Premier to meet a deputation on this matter and is hopeful this could be arranged in January

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CONT.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Recently when touring through the North East my wife and I stopped at the picnic area near Weldborough Pass.

We were amazed at the tidiness and lack of rubbish until we saw the protest note from the children of Weldborough.

Apparently these children had cleaned up all the bottles, cans and paper and installed new rubbish bins and requested the touring public to respect the beauty of this fantastic area.

We hereby wish to express our congratulations to the children of Welborough and hope that by their wonderful example eventually all of Tasmania will begin to care about this beautiful island.

Yours faithfully,
Graeme L. Dean.

Dear Sir,

I disagree with the long school summer holiday. It always seemed a week too long, and now the prospect of an additional fortnight tacked on, it will seem interminable for children and parents alike.

Midsummer, the children are at their most vitally healthy, therefore at their most receptive.

In Midwinter and early spring, illness is prevalent; necessitating closure last year of some state schools, due to absenteeism of staff and pupils alike.

Why not an extra week tacked on to the August - September holiday? Then please let state schools close a full week before Christmas.

Launceston Reader
(Name Supplied)

DEFINITION

Traffic Congestion: : : : ;

When you sit in your car and watch the Pedestrians whizz by.

Just Yarnin'

ST. MARYS PASS was surveyed by Roderick O'Connor and built by convict babour under miliatary 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 Millers Hill. Miller was one of the mill : 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 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 Padd in Walch's Almanack of 1864 makes us realise that the Pass was much more heavily wooded than it is to-day, and this year we have had the misfortune of seeing the Pass attacked by fires and its beauty destroyed. Many of the supplies for the settlers of the Pingal 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.

RECIPE OF THE FORTNIGHT

GINGER ICE-CREAM

Ingredients:

4ozs Preserved Ginger (in syrup)
1 pint Cream
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Sugar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup ginger syrup
1 tablespoon lemon juice.

Method:

Cut ginger into small pieces.
Whip well - chilled cream with sugar, gingersyrup, and lemon juice.
Combine with ginger and blend



DEAR

VALERIE

VOICE

Dear Valerie Voice,

My boyfriend and I are both nudging 60. I have been trying unsuccessfully for the last 40 years to get him to the altar. Now he is looking at young blondes. What should I do ?

Aisle Altar Hymn

Dear A.H.,

Keep on trying dear. It would be a shame to let him slip through your fingers after so much effort. You may also have more luck if YOU were to become blonde.

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MISS PIFFLE Contd.

JOHN & URSULA TATTE and family are at present enjoying a caravanning holiday at Scamander, from their home at Strahan.

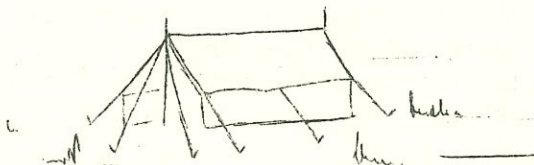
THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION of Scamander are holding a street stall outside the Scamander Motel on Saturday, Jan. 6th, to raise funds to build dressing sheds at the Wrinklers.

MISS CHRISTINE CLIFFORD of St. Helens will be guest of honour at a pre-wedding party which will be given by the staff of St. Helens Hospital, on Friday afternoon. Christine is shortly to be married to Murray Le Fevre, also of St. Helens.

DR. AND MRS. CHEUNG of St. Helens are off for a fortnights holiday this week. Dr. Cheung will be relieved by Dr. Smith.

SCAMANDER GARDEN CLUB hopes to have a picnic lunch at Falmouth next week, and intends to inspect some of the gardens with Australian Native Plants blooming.

A NASTY FIRE broke out at the Gardens last week, causing several campers to pack up in a hurry. One tent was partly destroyed before the owner was able to pull it down.



SAFETY FIRST

WATER SAFETY

SAFETY AT THE BEACH

Safety can be interpreted to mean observance of the following basic rules;

1. Watch children all the time they are in or near the water.
2. Do not allow children to get out of their depth.
3. Discourage dangerous 'horse-play'.
4. Check new swimming spots for any hidden dangers.
5. Ensure that your children are taught to swim as early as possible.
6. Learn to administer mouth - to - mouth resuscitation.

SAFETY IN THE HOME SWIMMING POOL:

Many families may think they have eliminated the danger associated with outings to the beach, river or swimming pool by having their own pool installed in their garden. In fact, there are additional hazards.

1. Difficulty in entering a pool that is above ground level, and difficulty in leaving the pool.
2. Inability to see the full water area because of the non - transparent sides.
3. Danger of falling into or out of a pool.
4. Where the pool is sunk into the ground, the danger of slipping on the pool surround.

Does the fencing for pools perform its purpose prevent unsupervised access by children. OR will it simply be another obstacle to overcome?

Parents will find it more necessary than ever to know mouth - to - mouth resuscitation.

WATCH CHILDREN ALL THE TIME THEY ARE IN OR NEAR THE WATER.

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DON'T BE SHOCKED!

MUM gets a shock when she hears teenagers talking about "turning on" and "fading out." But she can get an even greater shock - literally - if she gets careless about turning on and tuning in her electrical appliances! Fortunately, though, it's easier to prevent getting shocked by your appliances than by your teenagers. There's one basic rule of good conduct concerning electricity in the home:

NEVER try to make an electrical repair yourself - unless, of course, you are a qualified, experienced electrician.

WHAT to do when an appliance quits working?

First, turn off the outlet, unplug the appliance, and examine the cord and plug for signs of fraying, splitting, breaking, or scorching. That may be the trouble. But if the cord doesn't seem to be at fault, you must look further. Are you sure the outlet itself is working? Plug another appliance into the same outlet. If it works, then you can be sure the first appliance, or its cord or plug, is at fault. If the second appliance doesn't work this means, usually, that a fuse has blown. Check the fuse box. See the trouble? Rewire the fuse (or get a helpful neighbour to), replace it, plug in the original appliance again, and it will probably work - and if it doesn't - then one of the electrical circuits in your home has broken down, and a call to your local electricity authority will bring a man to your home to discover and repair the problem. If you have frequent fusions and shorts you may be overloading the power point or trying to use too many appliances at once. Your electricity supplier can advise about this. You may need additional wiring.

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STARPROBE

By Pegasus

Fortnight beginning January 5th, 1973.

ARIES March 21 - April 20

Be tactful in speech and curb showing disapproval of views or actions of others. You will get farther with pleasant ways than turning on force or temper. Some mail and long distance calls can be of much interest. 8th, 11th & 17th.

TAURUS April 21 - May 20

This is a good time to improve your home - shop for bargains which you will find easily. You can give a really luxury glow to your home when you create a room for sheer relaxation. 7th, 11th & 15th

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Major changes can take place now and your home may be moved. You may accept a job somewhere far away and be excited to get with it. You will advance due to determination to live up to ambition and use skills. 5th, 12th & 18th.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

Be patient with the family and do not brood hopelessly over a lost love of a long standing. Your imagination could be at work in subversive ways, make you nostalgic for a past that really wasn't so good as you remember it. 8th, 10th & 15th.

LEO July 23 - August 22

Tension and emotion in your system may be on a journey this month. Visit relatives who are involved in your success. Do not let any argument or bitter quarrel develop when you are far from home. Try to act for your own practical advantage. 9th, 14th & 16th.

VIRGO August 23 - September 22

A person new to your environment will give quite a good response to your sympathy and helpfulness. Do not have any envy or fear about a new career situation in which you feel like the underdog. Your hospitality will be much appreciated, but you will enjoy your guests as well. 9th, 12th & 16th.

LIBRA September 23 - October 22

Be serene, diplomatic and thoughtful of others. Have a good start for a situation that is problematic and speak your mind carefully. There is a chance of a damaging quarrel, but you can prevent it by your subtle wit. 10th, & 14th.

SCORPIO October 23 - November 22

You can fall into one of your more troublesome moods; make both yourself and those around you unhappy. There may be an opportunity to earn a little extra money - don't overlook it. This is a good time to repay social obligations which have been neglected. 9th, 11th & 17th.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 - December 21

You may be bored with work you have undertaken for a worthy organization. Stay along with it and do not break your word with any excuses. Be more conventional than usual in order to please older members of the family. 11th, 13th & 18th.

CAPRICORN December 22 - January 19

This month is full of romance and it may be somewhat on forbidden lines. You can feel both guilty and delighted, perhaps hope that things will work out, although at present you have no basis for such hope. A minor budget problem will seem much greater than it really is. 11th, 13th & 15th.

AQUARIUS January 20 - February 18

If you try you may see a pattern in your life of recent days and this can stir your interest. You may wonder whether the pattern will continue or whether you must find a way to continue it yourself. Let time solve any such matters. 10th, 16th & 17th.

PISCES February 19 - March 20

Disappointment about someone may come from a revelation that there is a lack of goodwill or a harsh view which makes you feel lacking in some way. You will find that you will have to change your life a little and get away from the person. 9th, 14th & 17th.

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