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SAY IT HERE!

(The following was handed to the Editor this week by a recent visitor to St. Marys)

Some impressions of St. Marys

My overall impression is that the town is not very tidy. The few new buildings such as the Post Office, New Police Station and Public Hall show up some others which leave a lot to be desired. There is too much grass and other growth visible in the main street, and old motor bodies should be run out into the bush, not left in the town area for visitors to see. I have to conclude that many people do not care enough about the appearance of their properties. On the other hand, there are many fine vegetable gardens to be seen; this bears witness to the industrious nature of the owners. There are usually attached to a tidy looking dwelling.

Some effort should be made to point up the beauty spots of the area, such as the view from the top of Elephant Pass, St. Patricks Head, the T V Repeater station, German Town. There is a good map of the area in the town, and information such as this should be included with it so that visitors will know what to look for. The tame fish at the bridge are very attractive but the notice accompanying them is a negative one. It is in order to prohibit fishing at this spot, but it is also important to mention spots (such as Break O' Day River) where fishing may be enjoyed. Also state the nearest point where sea fishing may be had. Of course, it is desirable to cut the grass approaching the notice so that visitors do not get their feet wet.

It is difficult to determine what is sold in some of the shops without going right inside to find out, and some look little different from the empty ones, and some of these are a real eyesore. It doesn't impress visitors to see a lot of empty cartons on the front approach to a shop. On the other hand, the attention given in the business houses is first class and leaves little to be desired. The people seem to be very friendly by nature. A concert we attended proved that there is quite a lot of talent in the district. It was pleasing to see easily accessible toilets in the main street and in Story Street, very plainly marked. There are



"WHO YOU CALLIN' A SILLY OLD MOO!"

Say It Here! cont.

many towns which could give more help in this important matter. St. Marys gets top marks for this.

I noticed at the Railway Station that the trains run only one way out from Conara. There is no indication that they ever go back. No wonder T.G.R. is running out of rolling stock. Newspapers from Hobart arrive long before those from Launceston. You would think their arrival would coincide with the mail which is delivered about 9 a.m.

The hospital is having a new wing added. It stands on an elevation overlooking the town and I believe the standard of service is very good, but I have not had the pleasure of trying it.

The High School stands on an elevated site too. Pupils come from Bicheno, Rossarden, Fingal and St. Helens.

A bus service from Winnaleah (via St. Helens) connects with the St. Marys-L'ton service and also the bus to Swansea.



" LETTER TO THE EDITOR "

Dear Sir,

Fingal Valley Development

I read with interest, and take note of, the suggestions put forward by correspondents concerning possible developments in the Valley. The Government have shown real concern by employing retrenched miners on Forestry work even though this may be uneconomic. Also, Cabinet have approved the establishment of an inter-departmental committee to investigate industry potential. The committee met in Hobart on Wednesday, October 17th at 11 a.m.

A non-stop three hour round table discussion ensued and all representatives had ample opportunity to contribute.

It was decided to set up a planning format in which relevant departments would provide, if possible, immediate (5 years) secondary (10 years) and long term (15 years) plans of activity. All departments to integrate activities where possible.

The departments involved would be Agriculture, Forestry, Mines, Housing, Industrial Development, Tourism, Education and Fingal Council.

The next meeting is planned for Tuesday November 27th, 11 a.m. Hobart.

I believe this to be a genuine attempt to investigate resources and opportunities from which both a short and long term co-ordinated plan can be evolved to the benefit of the people of the Fingal Valley, and I would urge citizens of the Municipality to continue to put forward constructive suggestions to your representatives on this committee.

For example: One person has written to me suggesting that in the Avoca Fingal district sheep skin processing by tanning, backing, cutting, stitching, etc., could produce rugs and other articles which would find a ready market, with particular appeal to the tourist seeking a genuine article. Such a scheme could begin in a small way, expand as demand increased and combine with other tourist activities. It would employ some expert labour and provide some employment perhaps for women. Interesting statistics prepared by Mr. Bob Yates show that in 1961 the population was 4,475 and 1971 - 3,438 a decline of 23%. The present population is now estimated to be less than 3,000.

Current employment comprised -

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| Rural (Farming) | 200 |
| Mineral Mining | 116 |
| Timber Milling | 75 |
| Forestry | 56 |
| Coal | 45 |

Stock Population at 31.3.73 -

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| Sheep and Lambs | 204,377 |
| Cattle | 20,650 |

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WHATSON?

THE LADIES of the St. Helens Golf Club are having their annual dinner at St. Helens on Saturday 24 November.

MISS SALLIE ABBOTT is returning on Tuesday after a holiday in Sydney. She was away several weeks.

ST. HELENS CRICKET CLUB raffle winner was Mrs. C.P. Fyshe.

MR. ANDREW LOHREY M.H.A. will be at his home 'Sea View' December 1 and 2 if anyone wishes to get in touch with him. The phone is 17 St. Marys.

THE LIONS CLUB St. Helens have their Christmas cakes in, get one its very good value and only \$1.90. The proceeds go to the Save-Sight Campaign.

MISS NOELENE WILKINS, Quail Street, St. Helens, will be back at the end of the week after a holiday in Melbourne.

THE SCAMANDER PROGRESS ASSOCIATION drew their raffle last week and the winner was Mrs. Val Kerr.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. & Mrs. Peter Beven on the arrival of their son, Nicholas born Q.V.H. 17 November, 1973.

WHATSON CONTINUED

THE COMMUNITY CHOIR will meet each Tuesday night at the Parsonage commencing 7.30 p.m. to prepare for the forthcoming "Carols by Candlelight" to be held at the District Hospital on Sunday December 16th at 8.30 p.m.

ST. MARYS METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL Anniversary December 9th with services at 11 am and 3.00 p.m.

ST. MARYS METHODIST STREET STALL Friday December 7th at 10 a.m.

HOBBYTEX USERS!!

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S.M.D.H. AUXILIARY MEETING at hospital on Monday 3rd December.

ST. MARYS RED CROSS BLOOD BANK
Donors are advised that the Blood Bank will operate at St. Marys Institute on Monday 3rd December at 7 p.m. All past and intending donors welcome.

BREAD & CHEESE Thursday 29th November at Parkside, St. Helens. (Miss N. Cunningham's) Final for 1973. All welcome. Donation and Stall. 12.30 - 2 p.m.

Sunday 9th December at 11 a.m. St. Helens Church of England Sunday School Prize giving and Festival.

Sunday 23rd December at St. Paul's Church of England St. Helens A Service of Nine Carols and Lessons at 7 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS DINNER. This is open to all members of the "Silver Threads", their husbands and wives. To be held in the Institute, St. Marys on Dec. 7th at 7pm. The cooking will all be done by Club members, and it is hoped that all members will come along and help us to launch the Christmas Season. Would you please advise Mrs. C. Royle if you are coming.

GARDEN FETE at the home of Mrs. Albert Counsel, St. Helens on Saturday 1/12/73 at 2pm. Stall and afternoon tea and lucky dip for children. Bring a gift - buy a gift. Proceeds to aid Catholic Church - All welcome.

SUNSHINE WELCOME CLUB, Fingal, Tuesday 11 Dec. at Mrs. I. McKenzie's home, "Malahide", commencing 2pm. Ladies a plate please.

SENIOR YOUTH CLUB DANCE tonight in the St. Marys District School Hall at 7pm.

FINGAL VALLEY MEALS ON WHEELS COMMITTEE meeting Tuesday 27th, Nov. 7.30pm at the Hospital Dining Room.

JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB meets tonight in the St. Marys Methodist Hall from 7.00pm - 8.30pm.

FINGAL BUFFALO LODGE. December meeting second Friday 14th. changed from 21st.

FINGAL BUFFALO LODGE. Ladies night and social evening Friday 30th November. All Buffs welcome.

THE SALVATION ARMY - Sunday School Y.P. Anniversary will be held on December 2nd at 7.30pm. Conducted by Capt and Mrs. Clinch. To follow, films will be shown by Brigadier A. Gray. All welcome. If any transport needed for this occasion, contact Mrs. A. Scales, Cornwall.

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OFFICE ASST./TYPIST

The position of Office Assistant/Typist at St. Marys District Hospital will be vacant from 31st December, 1973. Applications are invited for the position. Duties include clerical work, typing, stores control, medical filing and general office procedure. Accurate typing is essential, neat handwriting and advantage. Pay and conditions of service are good. Applications in own handwriting close on 5th December, 1973.

Letter to the Editor Contd.

An interesting revelation is that practically no skilled personnel exist within the region to service the rural industry by way of shearing, crutching, fencing, spraying, etc. Almost without exception these people move into the Valley, do the job and take away their pay to be spent elsewhere. Can this situation be changed to the benefit of the Valley's economy? Here is a challenge and opportunity for young and enterprising men to establish a good service business. The facts of the whole socio-economic position of the Fingal Valley show that its survival as a unit is in a precarious position. Only by recognizing this and applying ourselves can we make the proverbial saying "necessity is the father of invention" come true. Apathy and indifference could allow the Valley to slowly die. It is up to us all to prevent that happening.

Signed: Your member for Macquarie,
George A. Shaw.

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THANKYOU

Robert Henry RICHARDSON (Mick)

We shall always remember with gratitude, our relatives and friends, for the sympathy and kindness extended to us at the time of our sad loss of our loved son and brother.

My family and I sincerely thank you all for the floral tributes, cards, letters, telegrams and personal expressions of sympathy.

Pearl Richardson,
Wendy and Gerald Aulich,
Yvonne and David Semmens.

TOUCHE!

LOCAL PUNTER backed the horse that came last in a field of 24 during the recent Melbourne Cup. He remains adamant that his horse is a good one. When asked to state his reasons he said simply, "Well, it took 23 other horses to beat him, didn't it?"

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BEN LOMOND CREDIT UNION CO-OP. SOC. LTD.

Newsletter

Since our last newsletter was published the meeting was held at St. Marys on November 14th as advertised.

Although the attendance was not large it was apparent that those attending were mature and responsible people and through them I have no doubt that the message will reach quite a number of potential members. I am hopeful that at least one group can be established with representation at St. Marys and possibly at least one representative at Fingal. If your workplace has not yet been contacted by the Credit Union and you would like to see a group established at your place of employment have a word with your shop steward or Union Rep. and ask him to contact the Secretary, Ben Lomond Credit Union at Rossarden or write yourself for further details. Individual members of any group so established will not have to deal personally with the Rossarden office but will have a local committee set up to take care of their problems. Applications from individuals will be welcome where groups cannot be established because of insufficient numbers. Women as well as men are eligible and members will be accepted anywhere within the boundaries of Fingal and Portland Municipalities. Many Credit Unions have women on their board of management or sub-committees and Ben Lomond makes no exceptions in this regard. Any woman with a weekly pay packet can add significantly to her independence by joining a credit union.

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As there are no contests to report in this edition, the following quotation may be of interest:-

"Lo, th angler. He riseth early in the morning and upsetteth the whole household. Mighty are his preparations. He goeth forth with a great hope in his heart. And when the day is far spent he retuneth, smelling of strong drink, and the truth is not in him."

Next contest will be a combined surf and bream day on Sunday 30th December from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Entry and weigh-in will be at the Scamander River boat ramp beside the bridge. We hope that our new forecaster will have good news for us.

Mr. Bob Breen, the President of the Game Fishing Club, on Monday was very pleased with himself, he just caught the first game fish of the season. It was a spanish mackerel weight 6lbs on a 6lb line.

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SCAMANDER GARDEN CLUB

The arrangements were lovely and Mrs. Richardson won the floral art. Flower of the month Mrs. Bennet and Mrs. Richardson, any other flower Mrs. Luck. The guest speakers were Mrs. V. Oliver and Mrs. K. Lohrey. The members were very interested in the arrangements done by Mrs. Oliver, and in Mrs. Lohrey's talk on composting and flowers.

STATEMENT OF CHURCH CONCERT MONIES

RECEIPTS

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| Bookings - T. Spilsbury | \$152.50 |
| St. Helens | 5.00 |
| Donations | 7.00 |
| Door Sales | 47.50 |
| | <u>\$212.00</u> |

EXPENDITURE

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| Hire of Hall | 7.00 |
| Cartage of seats | 4.00 |
| | <u>\$11.00</u> |

Balance of \$201.00 was divided equally and paid into the church accounts.

Hon. Treasurer,
R.P. Keddie.

A successful community concert was held in the St. Marys Community Hall on Friday, 16th November at 8 p.m. An enjoyable evening was had by all, including the company, who truly excelled themselves by providing a bright variety programme. As the statement above indicates, the concert was financially successful too.

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On behalf of the Concert Committee
I wish to thank all those people on and off stage for their mighty effort and the many people who attended making it allworthwhile. A rough count put the number attending at 260 persons.

G.W. Clarke,
(Chairman of the Committee)

THE NEW COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Fingal Council has moved into its new quarters. Did you know? It's a beautifully furnished building with wall to wall carpet in allrooms and lovely chairs. (one could sit all day without getting sore). It also features a lovely big horseshoe table for council meetings, a legal bar behind folding doors for court proceedings, beautifully designed offices, comfortable foyer with more lovely chiars, even a little kitchen, so the staff can have a ouppa instead of bringing a thermos.

Fingal must have a really good industry somewhere in the offing, because this building is suitable for a really big municipality or perhaps things are really looking up for the Fingal Valley.

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PRESS RELEASE

In a new statement of its lending policy published during Sept., the Commonwealth Development Bank has given more detail of the purposes for which it provides rural finance. The new statement follows an announcement made by the Treasurer and the Treasurer and the Minister for Primary Industry in May last and action taken by the Australian Government to augment the resources of the Bank through the provision of \$20 million in the 1973/74 budget. Addition purposes for which loans are now being provided are: Property purchases in appropriate circumstances other than for development and farm build-up. Assistance to hold together a farming enterprise upon the death of a farm proprietor. Re-payment of unsuitably short-term private mortgage debt and similar obligations under contracts of sale.

The Bank continues to consider applications for the full range of normal farm development purposes such as clearing, fencing, farm buildings and basic stocking.

Lending for the new purposes is subject to the existing statutory provisions, including the provision which requires the Bank to satisfy itself that the funds are not otherwise available to the applicant on reasonable and suitable terms and conditions. The Bank has already made a considerable number of loans in terms of its widened policy.

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STAR PROBE

By Pegasus

Fortnight beginning November 23, 1973.

ARIES: March 21 - April 20

Avoid brooding about anything, be happy with love, and if married by at your most diligent to keep things running smoothly. Do something pleasing that will surprise a loved one.
Best days 27th, 29th and 1st.

TAURUS: April 21 - May 20

Your realistic attitude is valuable now, so show it at every opportunity. If asked to arbitrate in an important matter, be thoughtful and don't rush about giving your world.
Best days 24th, 29th and 3rd.

GEMINI: May 21 - June 20

You want eveings for reading and may have genuine need to be alone some and think about things. A loss late in the cycle must not upset you.
Best days 25th, 30th and 5th.

CANCER: June 21 - July 22

Use your financial wisdom well now and profits can be consierable. A new company in a local area may be headed for big times. You'll meet with general success and co-operation.
Best days 26th, 30th and 2nd.

LEO: July 23 - August 22

Put trust in a younger person who is very just and accurate in judgements. Say nothing to a person who is making accusations. Be dutiful and keep up your routine.
Best days 27th, 28th and 5th.

VIRGO: August 23 - September 22

Your abilities to learn swiftly are highly valued and an executive position is going to be open to you very soon. For some reason you are not excited about this, but a relative may give you much praise.
Best days 28th, 4th and 6th.

LIBRA: September 23 - October 22

Keep up with work, protect your own interests, and be prepared to go right on as usual even though you do marry within a few months. Do not believe all the gossip you hear. Be careful of your own speech. Best days 23rd, 27th and 30th.

SCORPIO: October 23 - November 22

A chance to marry may arrive if you are single, but you will need quite a bit of time to think about this. Ambition and luck go hand in hand. Make the most of every meeting and contact.
Best days 26th, 28th, and 3rd.

SAGITTARIUS: November 23 - December 21

A romantic experience can give you a terrific lift, however, it is not likely to be serious. Attention and kindness to people will make a most enjoyable time.
Best days 26th, 29th and 2nd.

CAPRICORN: December 22 - January 19

Good things are shaping up. A dream you have cherished is on the way to coming true due to a new friend. Start gift buying before the month is over. Do not force personal issues. Listen to advice. Best days 26th, 27th & 30th.

AQUARIUS: January 20 - February 18

Not much money for gifts and general holiday activity but happiness will more than make up for it. An annoying child or neighbour or relative can upset your personal 'apple-cart'.
Best days 23rd, 26th and 6th.

PISCES: February 19 - March 20

In your work if any gossip group is running down someone else's character, it could be good for you to intrude and express admiration for the person being attacked.
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