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EDITORIAL

"THERE'S COAL IN THEM THAR' HILLS"

Who cannot be gladdened when we hear reports from here and there that the economic future of the Valley is starting to look good at last? The situation with Aberfoyle at Rossarden continues to improve; extra men have been employed by the Cornwall Coal Company, with exciting possibilities of doubling production and prospects of industrial giants, like Goliath Portland reverting to coal usage; and the good old A.B.C. and P.M.G. at last doing something about our listening comforts, with the imminent installation of a radio aerial to cover the Valley.

If all this is to be a reality then many of the suggestions concerning the future of our district, printed in past issues of the Valley Voice, look a little like something out of kindergarten. This is not to belittle the worthwhile suggestions that have been expressed by some of our correspondents; some are, clearly, very sound and need to be followed up. But our horizons seem to have been too narrow, dictated, no doubt, by so many having lost heart during the economic "low" of the last decade or two. Even now it is doubted that many of us expected, let alone deserved, the good fortunes that seem to be knocking at our door.

Our future seems to be more secure not so much because we have, with our own hands and brains, brought it about but, rather, because of a crisis - the misfortunes of others in lands where the Fingal Valley is not known - an energy crisis.

One Man's Vision: A St. Marys businessman, Mr. Bob Rochfort, has demonstrated his faith in the future of this district by launching a new business enterprise (see supplement to last issue of Valley Voice) and stands to lose financially if the venture is not successful. Bob is very enthusiastic about the whole idea and gives no expression to pessimistic thoughts. The district is buzzing with excited comment which would indicate that the public is very much behind Bob and his team and intends to make good use of this much needed service.

IT MUSTN'T HAPPEN HERE:

The moment that many feared, but hoped

would never be, came with the shock news this week that 345 persons lost their lives in an air disaster unparalleled in aviation history and the first involving a "wide-bodied" "jumbo-type" jetliner. Such loss of life is staggering; approximately one half of the population of St. Marys wiped out in the twinkling of an eye.

These type of aircraft are likely to be introduced by the Australian airlines in the future, and even now stretched versions of the 727, carrying 150 passengers, are being used. It could be argued that this type of jetliner, statistically speaking, is safer than any other, and its contribution to the advent of economy airfares is unquestioned, but the fact remains that when one goes down the loss of human life is shocking.

Our Department of Civil Aviation can be trusted to ensure that the highest possible level of safety is maintained in Australia as they commendably displayed in their recent disciplinary actions over a domestic airline Captain's infringement of rules at Wynyard.

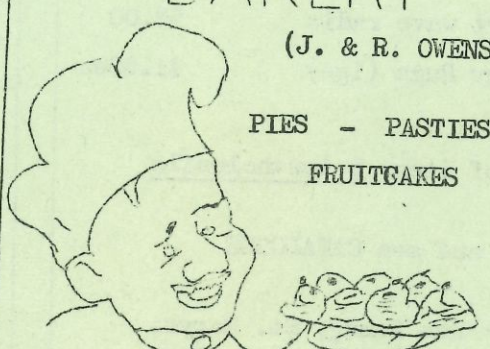
The Paris disaster was bad enough in itself, but even more tragic if air piracy was the underlying cause. The thought of such a thing happening here is sickening. There can be no doubt that air piracy, in its various forms, will come to Australia. We are not immune to these evils, it's just that things come here after they have been experienced elsewhere.

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ST. MARY'S BAKERY

(J. & R. OWENS)

PIES - PASTIES
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WHOLESALE RETAIL

EDITORIAL CONTINUED

Our attitude, and that of the Australian Government, should be made crystal clear to any "would be" air priates bent on guerrilla tactics here. The penalty should be the most severe that is humanely possible to impose and all should be made quite aware of it. Let us have our larger jets by all means, but none of this air piracy. There can be no room for both in our Australian skies.

TOUCHE'

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THANKYOU

The Father, Mother, Brother and Sister of the late Wayne Neil Freeman wish to express their sincere thanks for all the loving sympathy extended to them, through cards, letters, telegrams and personal visits and for all the beautiful floral tributes in the sad loss of a loving son and brother. As cards etc. were too numerous to answer individually, will all please accept our sincere and heartfelt thanks.

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(For this issue only, at the request of a Women's Libber)

Jenny Cockburn and Robin Jenkins of Hobart were married at the St. Marys Methodist Church on Wednesday afternoon.

Rosemary Aulich and Christine Ryan would like to wish all their friends well and hope they don't work too hard whilst Rosemary and Christine enjoy a motoring holiday to Surfer's Paradise for six weeks.

Lesley Hughes, ex member of the St. Marys Hospital staff was married last Saturday to David Tucker of Derby. They will live at Swansea.

Mrs. Allison Stone and infant son are at present staying with Mrs. Stone's mother, Mrs. Williams of St. Marys.

Sister Carroll Spencer, of the St. Helens Hospital has returned to Sydney this weekend to attend the wedding of her brother.

Mrs. Upton and Mrs. Oliver of Mangana have been collecting articles for the Hospital Fair and selling raffle tickets. and Mrs. Sweeney has a raffle book with which she has been working hard.

Mrs. Haley is holding her spinning classes on Wednesday mornings 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 at the Bakers Over, St. Helens and can take more students.

Binnalong Bay is at last to have a boat ramp. Blasting out the rock starts this weekend.

John Tucker of Akaroa is to celebrate his 21st birthday on March 21st at St. Helens Hotel Motel. John is the son of Laurie and Betty Tucker.



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WHATSON ??

The Methodist Church is holding its Harvest Festival with services next Sunday, 10th March St. Marys II a.m. and St. Helens 7.30 p.m. The harvest gifts will be sold at a street stall in St. Marys to be held on Monday 11th March at 10 a.m.

Senior Youth Club tonight 7.00 - 9.00 O.m. in the High School Hall. There will not be any Junior Youth Club on Friday 15th March. The children are urged to attend the function at the hospital.

Cornwall, Saturday 10th at 7.30 p.m.
Bingo and Cent evening.
Proceeds towards Queensland Flood Relief.
Ladies a basket please.

Sunday March 17th. Walk to the Ben Lomond plateau is being organized by Mr. C. H. Johnson. Leave St. Marys Community Hall 8.30 a.m. Mangana Post Office at 9.15 (using own cars). Either Miss Beverly Mitchell, Mr. Bill Graham or Mr. C. H. Johnston will take names and supply details of the walk to those interested.

A used Clothing Sale will be held in the Methodist Hall on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th March between the hours of 10.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Any donations of Good, clean clothing will be gratefully received and can be left at the Parsonage before March 20th.

An outdoor Coffee Party and stall will be held in the Methodist Church Grounds on Wednesday 27th March at 10.30. All ladies most welcome.

The St. Helens Church of England Guild will be held on Tuesday March 12th at 2.30 p.m. in St. Paul's Church and Hall.

St. Helens Bible Study circle at the St. Helens Rectory on Tuesday March 19th at 2.30 p.m.

FINCAL VALLEY WELFARE COMMITTEE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS:

The Annual meeting and election of officers for 1974 will be held at the Cornwall Public hall on Monday 18th March commencing at 7.30 p.m. Guest Speaker will be Mr. G. Tyson - Commonwealth Director of Social Services. Also - presentation of colour slides of East Coast wild flowers by Mr. T. McManus - Exhibition of Historical photographs of Cornwall. Supper will be served. Ladies a basket please. This is a public meeting - All Welcome.

A Cabaret will be held at St. Helens Hotel Motel for the Fingal Valley entrant in the Miss Tasmania Quest. Miss Jan Richardson on March 11th 8.30 - 11.30 p.m. Miss Australia will be there.

METHODIST CIRCUIT OF ST. MARYS-ST. HELENS

Avoca	8.00am	H.C.
Fingal	10.00am	H.C.
Mathinna	2.30pm	H.C.
Cornwall	7.00pm	H.C.

- * You are only as big as the things you allow to annoy you.
- * If you want to help set the world right, start with yourself.
- * The best way to kill time is to work it

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BREAD AND CHEESE LUNCH FOR THE NEEDY OF THE WORLD

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FROM 20th FEB. 1973 - 20th FEB. 1974

RECEIPTS

Balance B/F	50. 78
Bread & Cheese Lunches	442. 47
Interest at Bank	3. 41

\$ 496. 66

Balance C/F

(Consisting of:)

Emergency Fund 50.00

Surplus 44.16

PAYMENTS

Indian Appeal	35. 00
Cutlery set	11. 50
Bangladesh Hunger Appeal	27. 00
Pakistan Flood Appeal	40. 00
Freedom From Hunger	80. 00
UNICEF(Children's Fund)	43. 00
Ethiopian Hunger Appeal	112. 00
R.C. Compassion Lenten Appeal	54. 00
Balance in Bank \$94.16	<u>94. 16</u>

\$ 496. 66

T.E. HENRICKS

THANKS to J & R Owens for donations
of bread.
AND the hostesses

(\$100.00 from the February 1974 meeting
forwarded through Inter-Church Aid to
Queensland Flood Appeal)

Editors Comment:

A great effort - well done!

hospital fair

The St. Marys Hospital Auxiliary is conducting a fair in the hospital grounds on Friday the 15th of March. The Fair is to be held instead of the usual Chopping Carnival.

Originally a date late in April was allotted by the North East Axemens Association but the Auxiliary considered the date too late, in view of cooler weather and because football matches would be started. Repeated attempts to change the date failed.

At the Fair on the 15th, which begins at 2.30 p.m., will be STALLS, FOOD AND DRINKS, AFTERNOON TEA, FILMS AND CARTOONS for children beginning at 4.30 p.m., competitions A CHOCOLATE WHEEL, NOVELTIES for tiny tots, and others.

The Auxiliary will welcome your support.

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ST. MARYS FOOTBALL CLUB LADIES COMMITTEE. ANNUAL MEETING.
To be held at the home of Mrs. G. Potter at 7.30 p.m. Wednesday 20th March. New members and Ladies willing to help during the coming Football season will be most welcome.

Dance at Avoca, Friday 8th March in aid of the Fingal Valley and Midlands Quest entrant Jan Richardson. Music by the Emblems.

WHATSON Cont'

AVOCA BALL:
Friday March the 15th in aid of the Fingal Valley and Midlands Quest entrant, Jan Richardson.
Miss Australia, Randy Baker will be in attendance. Launceston Orchestra.
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letters to the editor

Dear Sir,

In you last issue dated Friday 22nd February, I advertised that my surf rod had been stolen. At about 9.30pm the same night, I received an anonymous telephone call, telling me where the rod had been left. I went to the specified place and there it was, almost undamaged. Firstly, I should like to thank the lady who rang and secondly to advise all your readers that it pays to advertise particularly in the "Voice".

A.R. Jackson,
Falmouth.

Dear Sir,

I wonder just how long the Public Works are going to take to renew the sign at the Avenue turnoff for Cornwall. Over the holidays many visitors have asked why haven't we a signpost, as many a time the lack of the post has meant an extra journey. Even if the Government would like to forget that Cornwall exists, people still live there and we are a part of the population of Tasmania.

U. Camplin.

Dear Sir,

As the Annual Meeting of the Welfare Committee for Senior Citizens draws near, I would like the use of your column to urge the general public and particularly those of Fingal, Mangana, Mathinna, Cornwall and St. Marys to a continued awareness of the needs of the elderly people in our midst. We must never relax our efforts on their behalf, because in many cases they are depending on our interest and assistance. I hope the meeting will be well attended to hear the Annual Report of the Welfare Committee and also the reports of the Senior Citizens Clubs. We have arranged an address by a senior officer of the Commonwealth Social Services from Launceston, and this we feel is an excellent chance for people to hear about and ask questions about the extending range of Social Service benefits. Mr. T. McManus of Falmouth will also show a collection of

slides of the wildflowers to be found on the East coast. Supper will be served during which some old photographs of Cornwall mine and town will be on display.

May we emphasise that this is a public meeting, and it will be chaired by the Deputy Warden. There will be the annual election of the Welfare Committee and nominations will be made through the Senior Citizens Clubs.

The meeting will be held in the Cornwall Public Hall at 7.30pm on 18th March.

There are many dedicated people running the clubs for the benefit of the retired and elderly so they may partake of social gatherings, bowls, outings and general 'get togethers'. It would be a nice gesture to them to have a good attendance to hear the reports of this work first hand. May I ask those with cars to consider bringing anyone that may not have transport.

Yours sincerely,
J. Miller,

Secretary, Welfare Committee for Senior Citizens.

ANOTHER STEP FORWARD

In a recent letter to the Secretary of the Fingal Branch of the A.L.P. (Mr. John Macrostie) the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Lance Barnard) stated as follows:-

"I am pleased to inform you that as a result of our efforts recently the Postmaster Generals Department will soon install a broadcasting directional aerial, generating 1,000 watts, near Fingal. The new directional aerial will mean that 3,500 people in the Fingal Valley will benefit from vastly improved broadcasting reception from the A.B.C. P.M.G. technicians are already planning installation of the aerial which will be completed before the end of this year. A similar broadcasting aerial will be installed at St. Helens before the end of June, 1975. These new installations are examples of our policy to improve broadcasting reception in country areas as much as technically possible."

FISHING NEWS

St. Helens Game Fishing Club had to cancel the Rally Day set down for Saturday 23 February as weather conditions made the barway unsafe. However, on Sunday, a slight improvement allowed the inter-club contest to take place. The Game Fishing Club of Northern Tasmania was victorious, which leaves the score of these contests at one all. Mainly striped tuna were caught plus a few small albacore - the big bluefin were missing. The St. Helens Club has entered two teams for the Australian Bluefin Championship which starts on Monday 4th March at Eaglehawk Neck. There will be four days fishing. One of the teams will consist of four lady members and this is believed to be the first time in Tasmanian history that a women's team has entered.

The St. Helens Surf Angling Club will have held their event at Swimsart and the Scamander Angling Club theirs at Wrinklers by the time this goes to press, but as the writer will be catching bluefin (he hopes), results of these two events will have to wait until the next edition.

CRICKET

In the last match of the roster, St. Marys played Ross at Ross. On the first day Ross amassed 9/315 declared and had hopes of an outright victory. The second days play was viewed pessimistically by St. Marys players who were not hopeful of success. But...N. Rist scored 102, his second century of the season, B. Birrell hit 71, G. Woods 41 and as the Ross bowlers tired St. Marys went on to draw the match with 5/261 when time ran out. With all roster matches over and finals beginning the ladder position of the final four indicates how close the competition has been with St. Marys 72, Avoca 71, Isas 69 and Campbelltown on 69. All finals are played on the turf wicket at Campbelltown.

BADMINTON

For the past two years St. Marys Badminton Club has been premiers in the Esk Valley Association. Last Wednesday first practise for 1974 attracted a dozen people. Next practise will be on Monday 11th at 8.00 p.m. in the School Hall. Every interested person is invited.

GARDENING NOTES

CUTTINGS: Autumn is a good time to try your hand at growing shrubs from cuttings, particularly native Aust-

GARDENING NOTES

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ralians in cold frosty areas. If you have a glass house or some other shelter it's worth trying. Here are some which are worth a try:

GREVILLEAS: There are about 400 varieties, so some should suit your district. Take a cutting with a heel.

GREVILLEA LAVANDULACEA: is a little grevillea, prostrate, with bright-red flowers - take cuttings about 2" with heels.

GROSMARENIFOLIA: is a hardy shrub which grows well near the sea or in dry places. Take cuttings about 3" with heels.

PROSTANTHERA: (native mints) lovely shrubs will strike from cuttings taken now. Short side shoots about 3" with heels are best; these are short lived shrubs but strike so easily; replacements are soon made.

LEPTOSPERMUM: Tea Trees, are lovely, flowering for long periods and has a fairly long life, take cuttings about 3" with heels erioctemon, correas and some melaleuca boronias can all have cuttings taken in Autumn if you put clean river sand in a pot, damp well and insert the cuttings. Put two bent wires over the top, 2 U's on opposite sides, this makes a frame, then put the pot and frame into a plastic bag and put into a warm shady place; a chimney shelf is handy. The moisture usually stays within the bag if kept warm at the bottom. The cuttings will strike quicker inside a month instead of waiting up to six months, native plants don't like their roots disturbed so use a cover plant or a mulch for weeds.

IMMUNIZATIONS

The next immunization session will be held at the St. Marys District Hospital on Monday 18th March commencing at 1.00 p.m. Matron has stressed that this programme is for all children including babies and any adults who may be interested.

A SUGGESTION

It is suggested that the Portland Municipality should become a member of the Northern Regional Library. More frequent exchanges of book stocks would be possible and weeding out of old stock, requests for books would be handled quickly by telephone and perhaps a book mobile service would be for out lying districts.

GARDEN CLUB

The St. Marys Garden Club is holding its Autumn Show today. It will be opened at 2.00 p.m.. Come and see what lovely things we grow here!

STARPROBE

By Pegasus

Fortnight beginning March 8th, 1974

ARIES March 21 - April 20

This is the month for experiencing career gains. Give greater attention to your job, attitudes towards people and work, and personal grooming. Best days 9th, 10th & 16th.

TAURUS April 21 - May 20

Your tendency to doubt is too strong at this time. You also can be quite negative during the second half of March. Have more patience. Best days 11th, 18th & 20th.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You excel in anything competitive now. People look to you for inspirations. Humanitarian and romantic projects captivate your attention. Best days 18th, 19th & 21st.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

A new budget will go well around mid month. Calm your insistence for rights which may not be exclusively yours. You may be in the midst of romance. Best days 9th, 15th & 16th.

LEO July 23 - Aug. 22

Adventure, travel, business-pleasures combine and go well during the beginning of the month. Major problems can be coped with successfully. Best days 12th, 13th & 17th.

VIRGO Aug. 23 - Sept 22

Concentrate on work which must be done now, rather than waste time speculating with time and energy. You would be well advised to avoid work problems. Best days 9th, 10th & 18th.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct 22

You can be surprised at how quickly a new romantic companion might bring up the subject of marriage seriously. If married you may be disillusioned. Best days 16th, 18th & 21st.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 22

Hobbies, creative endeavour, neighbourhood matters, and relations with brothers and sisters are very important at this time of the month. Best days 14th, 15th & 17th.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23 - Dec 21

If you are single, it is a favorable period for finding a new and successful romance. You will have an appreciation for beauty, life travel & family. Best days 9th, 15th & 16th.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Change your way of doing that important task that is becoming a boring task. You have a strong desire to create abstract artistic designs. Best days 8th, 11th & 19th.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Don't discuss business constantly without a social, friendly break wither at work or in your community. Replenish your wardrobe. Best days 10th, 13th & 17th.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Your versatility, originality and willingness to please others are almost mercurially childish this month and they too attract favorable attention. Prepare for a long holiday. Best days 13th, 19th & 21st.

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