

# THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

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## EDITORIAL

### "ALL FOR ONE - ONE FOR ALL" (The three musketeers - Dumas)

Many years ago, a dying king, wishing to impress on his sons the need for unity amongst them, called for some thin wooden rods. One rod, he proved, snapped easily but when a number were bundled together the strongest man could not break them.

This lesson of strength in unity is as valid today as it was ages ago. We live in troubled times, with an uncertain future. We usually blame our troubles on strikes, inflation, greed bad government and so on. It is harder to admit that most of our problems stem from our personal weakness and our reluctance to combine for the good of all. Everybody suffers from this selfish fight by individuals and small groups for status, comfort or affluence. In "Alice in Wonderland" the caucus race was run in a circle so that everybody won; in our rat-race everybody is a loser.

This lack of united effort defeats us in our higher endeavours as well in everyday matters. We've seen the negative results in the colour bar, religious intolerance leading to violence and murder and unfair distribution of food and wealth amongst the nations. Nearer home we find patriotism derided, true democracy mocked by the pettiness of party politics and a working class, but recently united in a righteous struggle for fair wages and decent working conditions, now shattered into fragments, each employing strikes, spite and even blackmail for sectional and selfish ends. In our community life, for too many people take no part; the horrid phrase "doing one's own thing" has become their way of life. Even neighbours, in our modern society, can ignore one another or be at odds to a degree that would have horrified our forebears.

The rift between teenagers (rebels by nature throughout history) and their elders seems much deeper today than ever before and more than the temporary phase it always has been.

Both sides are to blame. Young people are contemptuous of anything that is not mod and fab; their elders lack tolerance and forget that they themselves were once young.

Probably the most harmful disunity, and

that from which so many of the others may develop, is disunity in the family. A lot of parents seem to have no time for their children. Giving a child money, possessions and unrestricted freedom is no substitute at all for giving a child security, encouragement and the warm sense of being part of a loving and united family.

The fireside, through the ages the symbol and centre of family-life, has become for many the comfortable area which surrounds the television set.

Television, used sensibly and with discrimination can amuse and instruct. It is a most excellent thing. The T.V. set turned on "non-stop" to the cackle of canned laughter and the gluey persuasion of high-pressure advertising is a degrading and mind-sapping influence in the home. It kills conversation and genuine laughter, leaves no time for hobbies or reading and, most insidiously, divides a family into individuals - dumb, unthinking and uncommunicative.

Unity in family life and in the effort of the local community are things we can all try for. It is high time that we all did.

In his poem "Hiawatha" the poet Longfellow wrote:-

"All your strength is in your union; All your danger is in discord."

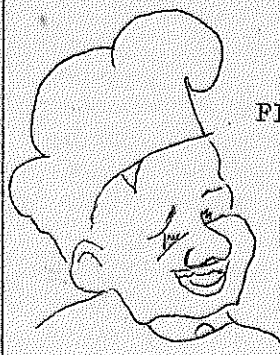
These words are frighteningly true in our time. We ignore them at our peril, either as individuals or as citizens of a close-knit world community which must surely unite or as surely perish.

## ST. MARYS' BAKERY

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RETAIL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Great to see the footy notes resume in your last edition and I hope that "Place Kicks" keeps on with the job, but at the same time ties to update his thinking on the game. "Place Kicks" may, as his nom-de-plume infers, have preferred the days when players washed the mud off in the river by the Fingal oval after the game, but those days have gone and the sport remains as popular as ever so try and get with it P.K.; don't knock the administration but try and understand the problems involved in an era when players are no longer prepared to run from Nicholas to St. Marys and back two nights a week for training and of a Saturday to play.

Reference to Lionel Freeman and Roger Yates as examples of players being forced to stand out of football for twelve months is not accurate in as much as St. Helens and Fingal respectively would no doubt have been happy to have had these players for one more season and negotiate a clearance for the following year. Is "Place Kicks" really genuine in wanting these players to keep in the game or is he more concerned with the welfare of the club to which, coincidentally of course, both these players required a clearance, after all what is twelve or twenty two miles travel in MODERN DAY transport.

Regarding the comment on injuries I agree there are far too many, caused usually by one of three things or a combination of the three, bad luck, lack of fitness and the great pace the game is played at now, compared with "Place Kicks" time. I too wish "One Eye" well in his umpiring career, but hope that "Place Kicks" doesn't prove as one eyed as he was.

SWAN SONG

(You are a hard man, Swan Song, a hard man)  
--ED)

Dear Sir,

So Toby and Ted were in the dough because you confused the butcher with the baker a couple of issues ago. Did you know they have been beefing about it ever since, I mean since. I would stake a lot it was the typist who got the chop and not the Editor. However, a lot more has been happening and your readers should know that..... There is a ring-in on the male staff of the Post Office and it is hoped the phoney will be stamped out poste-haste. The same bright spark gave Mike Webb a shock when he delivered a short wire to his ohm with current prices listed. This caused a lot of noise but the people at the hospital were mostly patient. Your new correspondent, Place Kicks, should have schnapped to it earlier and dropped in with the footy notes. It is a good point to be early. The Municipal Council rates a mention and could easily be rubbished over the state of the St. Marys tip, but let's

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# miss piffle

Mrs. Daisy Vincent, Mathinna who recently returned home after several months with her son and daughter-in-law Mr. & Mrs. E. Vincent, Devonport has now returned to Devonport for an indefinite stay.

Mr. & Mrs. Breen of St. Helens are on Hayman Island for the big game fishing.

Constable Cherry and Mrs. Cherry have gone to Queensland for a short holiday in the sun.

Mr. & Mrs. Wim Grothedde and their three sons James(II) Armand (8) and Wim Jnr.(6) have returned to Mrs. Grothedde's home town Pingal after spending 4½ years in Holland. She will be remembered by many as the former Marlene Bean, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. M. J. Bean of Pingal. The family plan to make their new home at Hobart.

Mr. & Mrs. E. Denman of St. Helens have gone to find some sunshine in Queensland.

Mr. & Mrs. Laurie Tucker of Akaroa have gone for a short holiday in Queensland.

Chris Tucker of Akaroa has joined the Navy, and Tony Bevan has joined his friend, they start their training in Perth.

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Johnson of St. Helens have gone for a short holiday in Queensland.

Sisters Longbottom and Britton have left the St. Marys District Hospital, for Smithton and Savage River respectively. Julia Britton's parting words were "If the folk are as friendly at Savage River as they are in St. Marys, I will be happy."

The Hospital now has the services of a new sister, Sister Murfett and Sister Hoyland. Sister Hoyland will be our new Domiciliary Nurse.

For months we have had to fight our way through berry bush to get at our letter box. This caused the editor to weep and sing psalms, especially in the wet. All that was needed was the help of kind neighbours to trim the shrub. Thanks a million.

In a previous edition we advised that the "Valley Voice" finds its way to every state in the country; and sometimes beyond. Imagine our recent surprise in reading a foreign publication with a world wide circulation our Editorial from April 5th edition! We are not angry that this may be an infringement of copyright because we are guilty of that too, sometimes. So the little "Valley Voice" is now known around the world.

## WHAT'S ON ?

Friday July 26th and Friday August 2nd at 4.20 p.m. Confirmation Candidates meet in St. Pauls Church of England, St. Helens.

Tuesday August 6th at 2.00 p.m. Bible Study Circle meet at St. Helens Rectory.

The St. Marys Hospital Auxiliary will meet at the Hospital dining Room on August 5th at 7.30 p.m.

A basketball club has been formed in St. Helens for all ages and both sexes. There was a good roll up for the first meeting last Wednesday. Practice will be Wednesday evening 7.30p.m.

The St. Marys Junior Youth Club will not meet again until Friday 9th August.

A public meeting at St. Marys on 17th July, proposed that a community concert should be held in the Community Hall on Friday 8th November at 8.00 p.m. and that the proceeds, after expenses, should be shared equally between the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Methodist Churches.

The next meeting, to which all interested persons are invited, will be held at the Parsonage on Tuesday 6th August at 7.30 p.m. Bring along your ideas, and "singing coats" if you want to join the choir.

If it is known that the 8th November is not suitable for a concert or if it clashes with another function, please make it known to the organisers.

Bicheno Youth Club has extended an invitation to St. Marys Youth Club members, junior and senior, to join them in a social, Saturday 27th 7.30 p.m. A fee of 50c will cover food and drink. Will those requiring transport please contact Mr. A. Jackson or Mr. G. Clarke. Will those parents able to supply transport please contact the above.

### TOUCHE'

St. Marys residents are watching with interest the doings of a certain bearded school teacher and his new and latest love, an old retired Oldsmobile hearse.

The owner has some interesting plans for its use in the near future. The Valley Voice feels that it is on to something big, so watch this paper for further details in what is hoped will be the "news scoop of the year".

### LET'S LAUGH

A town had just purchased a new fire engine and the city council was meeting to decide what to do with the old one. After considerable discussion a council member got up and suggested that the old engine be kept and used for answering false alarms.

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THE SKYLARK

One beautiful Spring morning when  
I was young,  
I went for a walk to enjoy the sun.  
Along the lanes and fields I wandered,  
The country looked so bright and gay  
For the hedges were covered with hawthorn,  
Or shall I call it May?  
  
As I walked merrily along  
I gazed at the sky so blue,  
And then at the cowslips  
With their petals still drenched with dew.  
I looked again from tree to tree  
Then I knew, dear God, 'twas all made  
by Thee.  
  
As I drew in the fragrance all around  
There came to me a sweet sound,  
It was a skylark rising slowly from  
the ground,  
And as he poured out his sweet music,  
Higher, yet higher he went, filling my  
heart with sweet content.  
Today I am old and grey and bending with  
the chill of a winter's day.  
But who knows? Some day my feet may tread  
Where they had, on that day trod,  
But might be hand in hand with God.

K. George,  
South Arm, Tas.

ST. MARYS

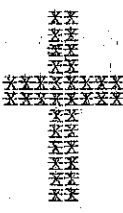
Sunday	28th	Jan Mawson
Monday	29th	Col Royle
Tuesday	30th	Ruth Gill
Wednesday	31st	Sam Gregson
Thursday	1st	Jim Napier
Sunday	4th	Gerald Aulich
Monday	5th	Jean Lohrey
Tuesday	6th	Mary King
Wednesday	7th	Ruth Owens
Thursday	8th	Doris Bullock

FINGAL

Sunday	28th	Mr John Lowe
Monday	29th	Mrs A. McKenzie
Tuesday	30th	Mr Bruce Saunders
Wednesday	31st	Mr C. Bean
Thursday	1st	Mrs Keith Johnson
Sunday	4th	Mr Prev Mills
Monday	5th	Mrs Ruth Saunders
Tuesday	6th	Mrs J. Francis
Wednesday	7th	Mr J. Miller
Thursday	8th	Mrs June Hall

PORTLAND

Monday	29th	J. Barber
Tuesday	30th	N.Scott
Wednesday	31st	S. O' Neill
Thursday	1st	S. Pixley
Friday	2nd	S. Hume
Monday	5th	J. Barber
Tuesday	6th	G. Clarke
Wednesday	7th	C. Johnston
Thursday	8th	D. Hutchison
Friday	9th	G. Breadmore



CHURCH NOTICES

METHODIST CIRCUIT OF ST. MARYS-ST. HELENS:

July 28th		
St. Marys	11.00 am	
St. Helens	7.30 pm	
August 4th		
St. Marys	11.00 am	
St. Helens	7.30 pm	

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. HELENS:

July 28th			
St. Helens	8.00 am	H.C.	
St. Helens	11.00 am	M.P.	
Pyengana	11.00 am	H.C.	
August 4th			
St. Helens	8.00 am	H.C.	
Falmouth	9.15 am	H.C.	
St. Helens	11.00 am	H.C.	

ANGLICAN PARISH OF FINGAL/CULLENSWOOD/AVOCA:

July 28th			
Avoca	8.00 am	H.C.	
Mangana	10.00 am	H.C.	
Cornwall	2.30 pm	H.C.	
St. Marys	7.00 pm	E.P.	
Fingal	7.00 pm	E.P.	
August 4th			
Fingal	8.00 am	H.C.	
Avoca	10.00 am	F.S.	
St. Marys	7.00 pm	H.C.	

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. MARYS:

July 28th		
St. Marys	9.30 am	
Fingal	11.00 am	
Mathinna	3.00 pm	
St. Helens	5.30 pm (Sat 27th)	
August 4th		
St. Marys	9.30 am	
Mangana	11.00 am	
Bicheno	4.00 pm	
St. Helens	5.30 pm (Sat 3rd)	

LET'S LAUGH:

First wife: "How your husband loves to argue!"  
Second wife: "Oh, he does. He won't even eat  
food which agrees with him!"

FLOOD DAMAGE FINANCES

The following facts have been supplied by Mr. Andrew Lohrey, M.P., who is concerned that residents of the Fingal Municipality are kept fully informed of the progress being made in the repair of flood damaged roads in the area.

The Public Works Department has assessed the damage to municipal roads caused by both the March and April floods in the Fingal area. Itemised details appear below.

The Minister for Lands and Works, Mr. M. Barnard, spoke to the Council and inspected the damage on Wednesday, 1st May. He informed the Council that he was sympathetic to their problems and intended to provide assistance even if the Federal Government did not. The North East District Engineer assessed the damage as follows:- March flood: \$26,796 , April flood: \$21,703 , TOTAL \$48,499.

The Council later in May advised the Department that it was able to repair damage to a total of \$7,700 only before the end of the financial year. On the 27th May the Director of Public Works, Mr. G. McKercher wrote and informed the Council that this amount had been made available by the Minister. On the 29th May, the Director again wrote to the Council asking that repair of flood damaged Council roads be given priority and also seeking advice on any other expenditure over the \$7,700.

Mr. Andrew Lohrey, also concerned with the priority of repairs, stated in the Examiner on 1st June that there was "no financial impediment" to Council repairing damaged roads. The Council publicly disagreed with this statement. At a meeting with the council and Mr. Lohrey on the 8th July, the Minister for Lands and Works restated to the Council the content of the correspondence between Himself, the Department and the Council. After the meeting Mr. Barnard stated that "the Council now realise the true situation as regard to finance".

On approximately 16th June, Council submitted a claim for \$ 7,698.99. This was paid on 24th June and was split amongst the following seven roads:- Four Mile Creek, Upper Scamander, Dublin Town, Irish Town, roads into Cornwall and Cornwall Streets, partial verges in St. Marys and Rosegarland. From the total assessed damage by both floods, \$40,800.01 is yet to be claimed by Council. The following itemised details show how the total of \$48,499 is to be spent.

MARCH FLOOD

Cornwall No. 3 Road from Tasman Hwy. to boundary of township ... 3,941

Cornwall Streets scoured of gravel ... 820

Culvert Cleaning ... 500  
4,261

Dublin Town No. 7 - Resurface areas completely stripped of pavement materials and resheet scoured areas, 3.10 miles 4,104  
Repair bad slip at 0.2 miles 3,075  
Repair other slip areas involving clearing and bank battering ... 714  
Rebuild temporary bridge to replace box culvert ... 135  
8,028

Road to S. Salter No. 4A  
Regravel 330' x 12' x 6" 222  
Gardeners Creek Road No. 4  
2.15 miles - Clear debris from roads and drains, culvert and bridge decking 420  
Regravel scoured areas - over 2.15 miles 1,917  
Mitchells or Lohreys Road.  
No. 8 - 0.15 milwa Regravel 528  
Lower German Town Road  
No. 13 - resheet 0.75 miles 876  
German Town Road No. 5  
Over first 2½ miles resheet scoured areas ... 650  
Over next ½ mile resheet gravel pavement 615  
Rock fill washout at 2.96 miles 100  
Over next 1 mile resheet scoured areas 2,040

Upper Scamander Road No. 16  
Over first 3½ miles remove debris and resheet scoured areas ... 468  
Use of loader and grader ... 40  
Rock fill road slip at 3.6 miles 2,670  
At 4.5 miles, regravel 1584' x 12' x 6" 1,056  
Between 5.6 and 5.8 miles remove debris 1,200  
Regravel this length of 0.2 miles 705

TOTAL MARCH FLOOD \$ 26,796

APRIL FLOOD

Barafield Road No. 17 -  
Repair gravel pavement 100  
J. Lohreys Road No. 18 - Repair and clear culverts ... 500  
Franklands Road - Repair gravel pavement and clear culverts ... 500  
Irish Town Road No. 9 Repair seal and table drains. Repair gravel pavement and bridge approaches .... 917  
Falmouth Four Mile Creek Roads NoS. 14 & 15 -  
Regravel and repair 8,000  
Galls and Other Road No. 24 -  
Remove slip soil and regravel scours 160  
St. Marys Streets - Repair sealed verges and scoured table drains, clean culverts ... 4,000

<u>Footpath St. Marys, near Bank Homes,</u>	
<u>Tasman Hwy.</u>	Repair and replace
small footbridge on foundations	850
<u>Scamander Township</u>	- Repair pavement
and table drain scours	350
<u>Dublin Town Road No. 7</u>	Remove
slip spoil and regravell scoured	
pavements . . . . .	700
<u>German Town Road No. 5</u>	- Repair
deep scour of road verge at 2.96 miles	175
<u>Upper Scamander Road No. 16</u>	Remove
slip spoil and mud deposit, repair	
pavement . . . . .	2,173
<u>Heffords Road No. 45</u>	
Repair gravel pavements	500
<u>Fingal Recreation Ground</u>	-
Repair crib-wall and replace lost	
batter-wall material	640
<u>Fenburys of Leena Road No. 44</u>	
Repair pavement scours and table	
drains, clean culverts . . .	500
<u>Avoca - Royal George Lewis Hills</u>	
<u>Road Nos. 36-33</u>	- Regravell scoured
areas - . . . . .	198
<u>Old Coach Road No. 31</u>	- Regravell
and fill washouts in sections McShanes	
Road to Waters Meeting Road . . .	999
<u>McShanes Road</u>	- Repair
approaches to bridge No. 3725	144
<u>Merrywood Road No. 35</u>	- Regravell
298' x 12' x 3"	180
<u>Glenair Road No 40</u>	- Regravell
scoured areas and bridge approaches	117

TOTAL APRIL FLOOD \$21,703

Total for both floods	\$ 48,499.00
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CONT'

not waste words.

Local cattle breeders have been selling a lot of stock lately and are the biggest bullshippers this end of the Valley.

Despite inflation, the bookmaker has not raised his prices, and people have been seen racing down to nag him about it. Seems odd. The Valley Trading Co, no longer trades in valleys, but a good ravine or chasm will get you a deposit on a gorge.

St. Marys hotel, the best inn town, bar none, has the spirit to assist the football Queen Quest. These girls have the pretty art of extracting money without violence. The rain of late, (and early and nighttime too) has caused many drips to complain, weather justified or not. The rain has affected th water supply because now the water is black before the kids wash their faces.

The local police have copped it lately and are earning their living by the sweat of their brow-beating. A local clergyman is rumoured to be living an immortal life. The school is a mental institution, designed for the liquidation of local illiteracy. The two banks are doing a good job so let's give credit where it's due. The managers

take a lot of interest in their work, even lending money if you prove you don't need it.

So Mr. Editor, or perhaps dear precocious Valerie V herself, look what you have done because of your misprint . You must learn to tell between Toby's and Jim's, and your Matty's and Ted's. Your butcher and baker and other fairy characters should be inviolate. You could end up like the kid who put in his thumb, and we all know what happened next, don't we?

C.E.B.

## BADMINTON NOTES

With only three players in reserve, this association played six matches in one day in the Country Associations Challenge Series two weeks ago. Generally all players were outclassed, but despite the overall performance some good individual games were seen, and one match was won, albeit very closely. Rossarden still dominates the local competition and is odds on favourite for the big win later in the season. Fingal were surprisingly beaten by a vigorous St. Helens who could end up as scene stealers in the finals games. It is hard to imagine St. Marys can make it three finals wins in a row because of shortages of players.

# SCAMANDER GARDEN CLUB

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs Kellaway on July 10th. Competition was an arrangement of succulent flowers and leaves.

**WINNERS OF OPEN COMPETITION:**

1st Mrs Powe

2nd Mrs Bennett

3rd Mrs Eastley. Winner of Novice section was Mrs Luck.

Next meeting to be at Mrs Eva White's on August 7th.

# PORTLAND COUNCIL NEWS

At the Annual Meeting of the Municipal Association it was resolved to ask the Government to defer Forestry priorities for lands suitable for reserves and agriculture. Portland Council is anxious to reserve land in the Humbug Peninsula - Moulting Bay area for a general reserve.

Portland Council supported a submission that priority should be given to the establishment of a safe, quick route over St. Marys Pass range in preference to giving priority to a Tourist link between Four Mile Creek and Chain of Lagoons.

St. Helens NURSERY GARDENS St. Helens

ROSES

Camelias in bud from \$4.95

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## H A N D C R A F T

Hand weaving and spinning, Leatherwork, macrame and pottery are some of the many types of interesting activities that may be done at home. Handcraft can save you money or even add a few extra dollars to the family budget. The current inflationary spiral and soaring prices are forcing people to consider the possibility of producing hand made articles at home. The satisfaction of producing a well made article is well worth the time spent, almost anything can be made at home; candles, wooden toys, crochet a blanket or hook a rug, weave a simple wall hanging, a leather shopping bag or wallet or perhaps a macrame belt, the tools and materials needed will very quickly pay for themselves. How rewarding to make the childrens Christmas presents or a jumper for father, make a pair of sandals, its easy. Remember, a pot of paint and a little imagination will add years of life to those previously discarded toys and gladden the heart of any small child, and your bank manager too.

The current trend towards handcraft have produced many fine books and literature on any type of craft that may interest you, craft shops are springing up everywhere, already one in St. Helens and now the possibility of one in St. Marys, retail outlets that would make a simple hobby into a lucrative sideline. People already skilled in some craft are usually only too happy to discuss their craft and encourage newcomers, with a little prompting the various organisations and the Adult Education Board would provide lecturers and lessons.

Needless to say my wife and I are enthusiasts, we're not fantastic at it and probably wouldn't display or sell the things we have made, but nevertheless we've been rewarded time and time again for our efforts, we've enjoyed the time spent lazing over sheepskin slippers or a cart for the children, on many projects the whole family pitches in and our family is brought just that much closer.

Handcrafts are a rewarding pastime, and fun for the whole family.

John Wassens.

## JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS.!!!!

This is the answer given when enquiries are made from the Council at Fingal, as to why we haven't any water. Council employees were hard at work from 11 am until 3pm yesterday repairing damaged water pipes. They were unable to complete the job. The residents concerned, who weren't notified, are waiting to see what happens today.

MAYBE A DRY WEEKEND!! (M. Targett)

# just yarning

## THE STROCHNETTER STORY:

My grandfather, John Baptist Strochnetter, emigrated from Germany to Tasmania in the ship "America" in the year 1853, landing in Hobart Town at the end of that year. He was born at Mulhausen in the Duchy of Nassau in Germany; he brought his wife and children with him to Tasmania, and having been a farmer intended to follow the same occupation in his adopted country if conditions allowed.

On landing at Hobart Town he made enquiries at the appropriate office for information about where he might be able to carry on as a farmer in Tasmania, but at that time there was not much scope for farming, however the officials told him there was a chance of obtaining work at least at Falmouth on the East Coast. What he really wanted was land of his own to develop on which he could sustain his increasing family. He arrived off Falmouth with his family and possessions in a small boat called "Bobby Burns" at the end of the same year, came ashore with his family and goods, and there met a man Michael Steel at "Mariposa" from whom he made enquiries, but found there was no such things as farms to be bought. However in the course of conversation with Mr Steel he was advised that with a minimum of labour he could fashion a farm for himself from a piece of swamp land near Falmouth which he and his brother owned and would sell to my grandfather. He decided to give it a go as his prospects were looking grim. The swamp in question is that one now known as the peat marsh. It is situated about half way between the turn-off to Enstone Park and Scamander. My grandfather was assured that the land in the swamp was of good quality, but of course it needed draining first, and this meant cutting a ditch of some depth through a sand bank between the swamp and Henderson's Lagoon, which was then known as the Broadwater. After much consideration and calculation he decided it was worth trying. He therefore bought the swamp and surrounding area and set to work on the excavating of a ditch, the remains of which may still be easily located. He dug the ditch by hand deep enough to drain the swamp dry, then set to work with cross drains to ensure complete drainage. Next he broke up the soil to sweeten it so he could cultivate the land; the first crop he put in was potatoes for food, then some graincrops which he harvested.

Bad luck came to my grandfather about six months after his first crop of potatoes were dug when a tidal wave came up the East Coast of about five feet in height. It came into the Broadwater through the barway and was still high enough to rush through the excavated ditch and over the drained land to a depth of two feet thus collapsing the ditches, and the salt ruined the soil for cultivation; this also ruined the owner. All his work went for naught.

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## YOU AND THE LAW

First let's welcome readers to my very first edition of "You and the Law". I understand that a similar column in the Valley Voice was originally the work of Inspector D.J. Harris, so I can only hope that I can live up to the reputation of the previous writings of my fellow police officer, but you can rest assured that I will do my utmost to create interest and touch on subjects, which will be of interest to readers.

It was only yesterday that we were counting the change in our pockets in shillings and pence; then overnight we saw the change to dollars and cents, the same can be said for the change over to the Metric System, the only difference seems to be that most people show a greater interest in their cash, than they do towards the law, but lets not be misguided by a false sense of security, the law can also mean, to you, hard cash in dollars and cents, that is if you don't understand, or take the time to understand the fundamentals of the law, in its changeover to the metric system.

If you drive a car, then you will want to know your permissible speed requirements, so that you can stay within the law, and enjoy your leisure hours of driving. For those who are still not conversant with converting miles per hour to kil metres per hour, then relax for I can give you a simple solution to your problem, all you need to do is a simple bit of arithmetic, Try this:-

To convert 30 m.p.h. to kilometres per hour divide 30 by 5 and the answer is 6.

Multiply  $6 \times 8 = 48$  k.p.h.

So on the basis of a kilometre being  $\frac{5}{8}$  of a mile, 30 m.p.h. is equivalent to 48 kilometres per hour.

Simple isn't it, I hope so, at least by using this system you will always be just a little under the permissible speed limits.

If you drive a car of which the speedometer is in M.P.H. you just reverse the situation, for example:-

60 kilometres per hour divide by 8, then multiply by 5, and you get 35 m.p.h.

Let the children read your signs for you, as a game, it can be fun.

Till next issue.

H.F. Alomes.

## THE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

**Celebrations!** To mark the occasion of the 35th Birthday of the Pingal Branch a celebration lunch was held in the Town Hall when a large number of members and friends attended.

Foundation members present were Mesdames, M. and L. Street, P.J. Cowie, H. Legro and Miss Williams. All received shoulder sprays from the President Mrs. W.J. Johnstone.

The branch was formed in July 1939 with

Mrs. J. Simson, (now Hobart) elected President, M. Cook (Launceston) Secretary, and P.J. Cowie, Treasurer.

At the branch meeting which followed, a donation was made to the "Foster Parent Plan" funds. A birthday present was sent to the Branch's adoptee, at St. Giles Home, Launceston.

Amusement was caused by the unusual Roll Call, in which members nominated a month and year since the inauguration, and the Secretary read the minutes of that particular meeting. Naturally, the minutes of the very first meeting were presented. Competitions were won by Mesdames, W. Johnstone, M. & L. Legro.

Afternoon tead of the usual C.W.A. standard rounded off the celebratins.

Signed: V.A. Legro  
Sec. C.W.A. Pingal.

## F O O T B A L L

The venue for the Under 14 and Under 16 football matches is St. Helens on the 28th July (Sunday). These boys will be playing against teams from the Scottsdale district. Good chance for football followers to see these talented boys in action.

**Under 14:** S. Richards (Capt.) S. Flynn (V. Capt.), R. Johnstone, G. Laycock, D. Jones, G. Pyke, D. McGrath, D. Lowe, E. Johns, R. Webb, C. Gray, G. White, G. Vincent, M. Street, G. Turner, K. Franklin, G. Mawson, G. Lodge, M. Cooke, N. Cracker, C. Early, S. Mallinson.

**Under 16:** D. Kitchin (Capt.), R. Curtis (V. Capt.), K. Kohl, R. Hinds, L. Hazell, A. Stagg, P. Martin, G. Kean, B. Kellaway, M. Read, I. Wickhim, J. Chugg, G. Donnellan, G. Woods, R. Donald, S. Richardson, P. Stagg, C. Batchelor, L. Stingle, S. Gavaghan, P. Turner, C. Gatty.

**Black Shorts.** Under 14 starts at 12 noon. Be in dressing rooms by 11.30 am. Under 16 starts 2 pm. Be in dressing rooms by 1.30 pm.

## JUST YARNING CONTINUED

He had to go somewhere else.

My grandfather then moved to St. Marys and selected a piece of land about halfway between St. Marys and Grey at the foot of Mt. Elephant nearly a mile off the highway. Here he carved out a home and farm which he named "The Island", and this was where he lived for the rest of his life, after which it was carried on by his son William for some years until his family grew up, then he sold the farm and all interest in it.



# FOOTBALL

By "Place kicks"

To begin this week "I dips my Lid" to the players who have earned the right to be called football veterans and who are still playing. Out in front of course is the evergreen Arthur Parsons (St. Marys) and then following not necessarily in age formation, Dick Rees (Swansea) Trevor & Dennis Williams (Avoca), John Smith (Fingal), Tony Rawnsley (St. Marys), Tom Riley (St. Helens, almost forgot Brian Kitchen (Avoca), Derek Chapple (St. Helens), Doug Coker (St. Helens) Rex Anderson (Avoca).

These players still play with all the enthusiasm of youth and have brought credit to their clubs and to themselves. If I have missed anyone who should have been named it must be because you look young for your age.

Games in the F.D.F.A. in recent weeks have been played under appalling conditions and last Saturday was no exception. The expected clash between Fingal and St. Marys turned out a bit of a fizzer. Scores St. Marys 8.11 (59 pts) defeated Fingal 2.7 (19 pts). Each side have some great "mud runners".

For St. Marys: Yates, McCarter, Lynch, Williams brothers, Newman, Anstie & Gus Richards (your best season ever Gus).  
For Fingal: Kirby, Cash, Kenyon & Lucas.

Campbelltown v Swansea. Campbelltown seem to be unbeatable at home and they again proved the point last Saturday. Scores: Campbelltown 27.19 (181)  
Swansea: 9.7 (61)

Looking through the names of the Swansea side it is hard to understand why they are having such a poor year. Early in the season I gave them a chance for flag honours. That makes me a great judge. Campbelltown all played well. Swansea: Dowl, Chick, Radford Gray.

The all improving Avoca continued on its winning way on Saturday and will be a big chance this year. After making the above statement however, I will give the two sides whom I consider will be running out on Grand Final day Sept. 14th Campbelltown and St. Marys.

Avoca defeated St. Helens 15.15 (105) 2.9 (21).

Best players Avoca: Richardson (2), Kitchin (2) White.

St. Helens: Franks (2), Coker, Williams, Stone & Dwyer.

St. Helens are running hot and cold this year - one Saturday defeating the top sides and the next failing miserably. I expect the Seans to be a force to be reckoned with next season. The enthusiasm of Captain Lance Lohrey and his

dedication to the game is beginning to rub off on the old and young alike and look out for St. Helens in 1975. To players Lionel Freeman and Peter Luck, both who have given much to football in the F.D.F.A., all the best when you leave us for Queensland.

## PREMIERSHIP POINTS:

Seniors:	Campbelltown	40
	Avoca	40
	St. Marys	32
	Fingal	28
	St. Helens	16
	Swansea	12

Reserves:	Avoca	44
	Fingal	44
	St. Marys	28
	Swansea	24
	St. Helens	16
	Campbelltown	12

Thirds:	Campbelltown	56
	Swansea	36
	Fingal	28
	St. Marys	20
	Avoca	12
	St. Helens	12

Tips for Saturday 27th July:

AVOCA	v	Fingal
CAMPBELLTOWN	v	St. Helens
ST. MARYS	v	Swansea

## FISHING NEWS

St. Helens Surf Angling Club held its Annual General Meeting and Dinner last Saturday night at the Bay View Hotel. By courtesy of the Hydro-Electric Commission, the lighting was by lamps and candles, giving a soft romantic atmosphere. The staff must be congratulated for serving such a delightful meal under the circumstances. Unfortunately, when dancing commenced, normal lighting was restored.

Scamander Angling Club will hold their first contest for this season next Sunday at Four Mile from 12 noon to 4pm. At this time last year, the biggest fish for last season was caught by Geddes Luck. Will history repeat itself? The beach is in good condition and we hope that the westerly weather will continue, but in a less boisterous manner than the last few days. The best of luck to all members for the season with one request: Please don't litter our beaches.

# STARPROBE

By Pegasus

Fortnight beginning July 26th.

ARIES March 21 - April 20  
Finances are emphasized and there is every reason to believe that all money affairs will work out to your benefit eventually.  
Best days 27th, 28th & 31st.

TAURUS April 21 - May 20  
The opportunity to take a vacation with many of your expenses paid can be the best cosmic gift of the month.  
Best days 26th, 2nd & 4th.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20  
Be very independent this month if you want the greatest gains from the aspects in effect. The work you do alone will shine and win approval.  
Best days 29th, 2nd & 3rd.

CANCER June 21 - July 22  
Creative work will go well in August. Spend time writing, reading, painting, travelling, combining business with pleasure. Meet people.  
Best days 29th, 1st & 4th.

LEO July 23 - August 22  
Mental and manual aptitudes are strongly emphasized this month and both routine and creative projects can go forward.  
Best days 4th, 5th & 8th.

VIRGO Aug. 23 - Sept. 22  
An excellent time for enjoying yourself. Your versatility comes to your help in both work and leisure-time matters.  
Best days 28th, 2nd & 3rd.

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22  
Novel ideas will give impetus to your career and bring you the respect of people who can be of major assistance to you. A good time to settle your affairs.  
Best days 30th, 5th & 6th.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 22  
Work schedules can be changed without much notice now and there could be some difficult meeting deadlines. Financial matters are well aspected.  
Best days 26th, 3rd & 4th.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
You could be called upon to assume new and difficult work or domestic obligations during this month. There may be a break in a friendship.  
Best days 27th, 28th & 1st.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan 19  
Seek out-of-doors pleasures, inner happiness. You are your own best advisor with current aspects in control. Your sense of righteousness is strong.  
Best days 31st, 4th & 5th.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18  
Map out your regular business and social schedule if you hope to accomplish all that can be met during August. Career gains can be realized now.  
Best days 27th, 5th & 7th.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20  
Scan each situation thoroughly and gather knowledge about probably successful results. Make plans for the remainder of 1974 now.  
Best days 26th, 2nd & 6th.

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