

# The Valley Voice

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## EDITORIAL

### COAL - WAS IT BURIED DECENTLY...?

Once, countries became rich on it. Empires were built on it. It was called "Black Gold". Now, in the Fingal Valley and East Coast of Tasmania, it lies snug beneath the earth; buried politically, as it were, in peace. Or does it? One only has to mention its name in these districts, or scratch the surface a bit, and lo and behold the pulse still throbs on.

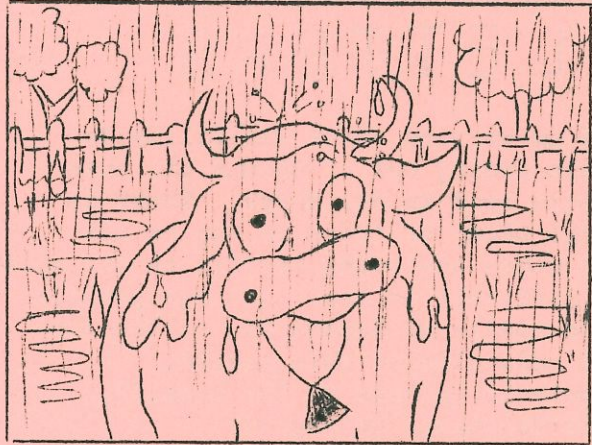
Perhaps our political fathers do not realise this. Or perhaps they do realise it too well. Perhaps they have padlocked the file marked Fingal Coal in a strong bottom drawer somewhere and fervently hope its strugglings will not be heard. Such is the difficulty in obtaining the facts, both economical and political on this hot potato of Tasmania's mineral wealth.

What prompts our resurrection of coal at this particular time, is the guarded discussions now taking place between the Federal Minister, Mr. Fairbairn and the State Government concerning, of all things in a Hydro State, Nuclear Power.

Before someone starts splitting atoms, let us once more remind the State Fathers that the Fingal Valley still exists. Let us also stress that Thermal Power is still in the minds of the people who live there, and it will remain in their minds until a complete and proper survey is done regarding coal deposits.

These people do not generally believe a token Government gesture of a few thousand dollars annually is good enough. Neither do they believe, as outside rumours have it, that Fingal Valley coal is of any lower quality than much of the N.S.W. and Queensland coal which is being used at the moment for thermal power. Nor will they believe that the surveys done by the H.E.C. in the past will suffice (who ever heard of a football team being umpires as well as opponents?). Nor will they believe coal mined at only a few thousand feet will be more costly or less efficient than many of the Hydro schemes to date.

What they do believe is, however, the proposed select committee of the Legislative Council should have been followed up, if only to prove irrefutably one way or the other that thermal power in the



"I'M SO GLAD IT FINALLY RAINED."

Editorial cont.

Fingal Valley is economical. They also believe a flexible Government should be prepared to bend a little their way when taking costs into account. After all, these people are entitled as any others in Tasmania to a share in industrial development and its consequent employment.

People of the Fingal Valley it seems, still believe in the coal under their feet and they still believe in it because to date, nobody has really proved otherwise.

TOUCHE'

IF THE OFTEN EXPRESSED view of the feminine half of the community to have a woman on the Fingal Council is sincere, then shortly they may have their chance to have a go.

I hear popular Mrs. Ruth Gill is nominating to contest Mr. R. Hinds for the St. Marys Ward seat next election.

D'REALISE IT RAINED FOURTEEN days this month. Someone's sure to say soon, "Wet and miserable as it ever was." Ho hum!

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# LETTERS

Sir,  
 I am worried about visibility to drivers coming out of Newman St. onto the main road in St. Marys. There is a large clump of trees on the corner which makes on-coming traffic on the main road difficult to see. A large pothole in the middle of Newman St. at the same point adds also to this hazard. The pothole belongs to the council, who do the trees belong to?

Wondering.  
 St. Marys.

## QUEENS GUIDE.

Girl guide Dorothy Stuart was honoured recently with a special assembly at the St. Marys District School, called by the Headmaster, Mr. Barnfield, to announce her attainment in gaining her Queens Guide Badge. This is a very high honour recognized throughout the Commonwealth, which has not been won before in the Middle East Division. The work for this badge is of an extremely high standard and Dorothy has been working solidly for the last three months in sustained community service. Our congratulations go to Dorothy.

## ROSSARDEN RESIDENTS FAREWELLED.

A farewell evening was given to Mrs. J. Bailey by Sister Ross at the District Nursing Centre. Mrs. Bailey, with her husband and family has lived at Rossarden for the past 20 years. She was presented with a toaster and gay posy by Mrs. K. Davey. Mrs. Bailey will be greatly missed as she was an ardent worker for many worthy causes. Her many friends wish her and her husband many happy years in their new home at Blackwell, East Tamar.

## SAFETY MEASURE

Your medicines and tablets are poison to children, and you can prevent accidental poisoning by keeping all medicines and tablets in a locked cupboard. But an added precaution is to buy your tablets in the new Palm-N-Turn safety vial available on request at St. Marys Pharmacy. NO EXTRA CHARGE. St. Marys is the first place in Tasmania to have these vials.

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Dear  
 Valerie  
 Joyce,

Dear Valerie Voice,  
 Re my question "What is SEX."

Disappointed'. Fingal.

Dear Disappointed,  
 Keep trying dear.

V.V.

Dear Valerie Voice,  
 I bought a large St. Marys' cheese but I am disappointed. It doesn't sing! I was sure this local cheese sang! I know that everytime I pass the factory I have heard them singing.

Has anyone else heard them?

Cheesed Off.

Dear Cheesed Off,  
 I don't know about St. Marys' cheese singing dear, but I've got some Danish Blue that hums.

V.V.

Dear Valerie Voice,  
 My old father has been very well behaved lately, since your last lot of advice, but just yesterday, he brought home 12 kittens and announced his decision to save all animals in danger of being put down. Today he added to his collection - 2 puppies, a wounded rabbit and a fish with a hook in its mouth!

Valerie, please help me.

Distraught Daughter.

Dear Distraught Daughter,  
 Ring Falmouth 14 in a month or so honey - the vet should be back by then. With a bit of luck he'll put them to sleep for you. That old man of yours included.

V.V.

*Miss Piffle*

MRS. DAISY VINCENT of Mathinna has returned home after spending several months with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Eric Vincent of Latrobe.

MRS. R. PORT of Camberwell, Victoria has been visiting her sister and relatives at Mathinna.

MR. BEET RAMSHAW'S many friends will be distressed to learn he is still seriously ill in Launceston General Hospital.

MR. STAN WEBB AND MISS JANICE BUTT of Ringarooma spent last weekend with Stan's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Webb of Fingal. Stan and Janice will be married on Sat. 1st March at Ringarooma. The 7 p.m. ceremony will be followed by a reception in the Town Hall. Many friends from Fingal will travel to Ringarooma for the wedding.

MR. & MRS. TAS. YATES of Fingal will have a houseful of visitors this long weekend. Among the guests will be Mr. Greg Yates and Miss Shirley Rogers of Hobart, Mr. Stephen Dean of Granton, Mr. & Mrs. Julian Wise of Launceston and Mr. & Mrs. Cawthorn of New Norfolk.

MRS. JEAN DOUGLAS of Hobart has been holidaying with Mr. & Mrs. Reg Bush of Fingal. Mrs. Douglas is visiting her friends before she leaves on Easter Saturday to make her home in Sydney.

MR. & MRS. A. FRENCH of Fingal have returned home after a week spent touring the N.W. Coast. Mrs. French said the growth along there is lush. She also enjoyed playing 9 holes of golf at Smithton.

STOREYS CREEK PARISHIONERS farewelled Rev. Brian Horwood after his final service on Sunday. A presentation of a Parker pen was made by Belinda Cornelius, a Sunday School pupil. Mr. Horwood leaves shortly to live at Evandale.

IN THE LAUNCESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL is Mr. C. Lincoln of Rossarden. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

COLIN RICHARDS of St. Helens will celebrate his 21st birthday on Saturday night at a party given by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. T. Richards.

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COMING...TUES. 11 Mar. Crib Tournament at Meeting Room - back of Tatlow's Hotel, 8 p.m. Proceeds to Fingal Badminton Club.

COMING...CABARET AND DINNER DANCE at Scamander Hotel-Motel, April 12th. Organised by Fingal Football Club. Presenting the "Shot Gun Wedding". Make it a date. Bookings at Scamander Hotel. Phone 55.

COMING...FLOAT PARADE. Have you thought of your float. We need everyones co-operation to make the Float Parade a success. Time of parade - 11 am Sat. 29th March. En route to the HOSPITAL FAIR. Entries close on Friday March 21st.

1st Prize - \$20.00 cash.

COMING...AFTERNOON TEA at St. Marys Hospital, Fri. 7 Mar. at 3pm. ALL WELCOME. Cakes for sale.

CHILDREN - PEDLARS' PARADE, 29 March.

GONE...A STALL HELD by the Hospital Auxiliary last week, raised \$32.00. The Auxiliary's thanks go to all people who helped to make the stall a success, especially thanking Mrs. Aulich of Upper Scamander for her very generous contribution. A collection was organised at Mangana for the forth coming Hospital Fair and this yielded \$13.00.

GONE...PANCAKES - A pancake race, held at the St. Marys District School, on Shrove Tuesday, was a great success. Competitors raced madly round the school, tossing their pancakes, much to the amusement of pupils and teachers alike. One wonders if the school farm pigs benefited from the gravel-rashed pancakes. Winners were Brian Morris, Jenny Andrews, Helen Gillies and Mrs. W. Targett.

COMING...SEA SCOUTS, SEA RANGERS REGATTA at St. Helens - 1st, 2nd and 3rd March. There will be 250 boys camped at the Rec. Ground. Sail past on Saturday, races Sun. & Mon.

COMING...ST. HELENS BADMINTON CLUB plays Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. at the Memorial Hall. NEW PLAYERS WELCOME.

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 + In this world a baby is born every 12 seconds and a car every 5 seconds.



HEALTH NOTES

MENTAL HYGIENE

How well adjusted are you? In other words, can you live with yourself? Here are a few questions to see how you rate.

+ Are you happy? If your answer is "I'm miserable, miserable", you have the most important symptom of mal-adjustment.

+ Do you have a zest for living - an interest in love, play, learning more? Or do you just sit at home watching T.V.?

Have you heard about the 82 year old man who got married and started looking for a house near a school? Now he is well adjusted.

+ Are you socially adjusted? That is, you like being with others, sharing with others, seeing the other fellow's point of view.

+ Have you balanced interests? Don't wrap your life around one thing; your mother, your father, your husband, your child, your job any one thing, because if you do, you are building your personality on one single support. If you have many supports and lose one or two, you don't go to pieces.

+ Do you worry needlessly about mistakes you made 10 years ago, or about the future? There is an old saying, "I am an old man and have had many troubles, most of which have never happened." If you are worried, do something active about the cause of your worry.

+ Do you have insight? That is, know the real underlying reasons for what you do. A nervous stomach isn't cured by medicines. It is cured when you know it's caused by fear, and you attack that fear.

+ Do you have a confidential relationship with some other person? Every human being needs someone to whom he can talk his heart out, honestly and freely without being double-crossed.

+ Have you a sense of the ridiculous? The ability to laugh loud and long at what the world does to you. Most of all, can you laugh at yourself? Do you know that while you laugh you can't get ulcers? It is physically, chemically and mechanically impossible ~~to be angry~~ and laugh at the same time. It is mental suicide to become so self-important that you forget how to laugh easily and quickly.

+ Are you satisfied with your job? No one ever broke down from over-work, just over worry. If you work just 10 minutes with hate or fear in your heart, then you are overworked. And how! If you work all day at something you love without tension or tears, you will go home pretty tired; but you won't break down.

The only difference between a happy person and a broken soul is never the problem; but the attitudes towards the problems. Remember that happiness is just like chasing a butterfly. The more you chase it and chase it directly, then it will just elude you. But if you sit down quietly and turn your thoughts to other things, then the butterfly comes and softly sits on your shoulder.

DID YOU EVER THINK... what happened to the Stanley Steamers? Remember that steam car back in 1906 which took the land speed record to 127mph. Well, apparently it is still around. Or anyway one of its antecedents. It seems that an American millionaire by the name of William Lear has sponsored the building of a futuristic type steam racing car which he intends to enter in this years Indianapolis 500 next May. It is not only hoped this car will win the race but also that it will win at a record average of 150 mph.

Not only is a super steam racing car feasible in this age but already steps are being taken to produce an acceptable steam car that could be put on the roads in a few years. Developed fully it now seems likely this car will be equivalent to todays advanced internal combustion engine cars.

Unlike its ancestors of the 1900s, it would not require a massive boiler and from a cold start it would be fully drivable in 30 seconds. The absence of clutch and transmission, would mean lower costs, less weight and consequent lower repair bills. Also the steamer would have no starter motor, no carburetter, no engine block cooling system, no silencer or distributor. It would only have one spark plug, and because a steam engine can give instant reverse acceleration, brakes are only used to hold in the park positions.

A variety of cheap lowgrade fuels can be used to heat the boiler and one gallon of water keeps the boiler steaming for hours. Its appearance will look much like any other modern car - except inside on the dash board where there will only be two levers - a throttle and a steam cut off - The rest of the dash board will only have to show steam pressure and fuel level.

On the social side it will also be in front. Because of its whisper-quiet engine, town driving noise will be at a minimum and even more important the engine will discharge virtually no gases to pollute the atmosphere. Its price? Well, when it is fully developed this will also be comparable with the internal combustion car. Perhaps the most outstanding feature it has to offer though, is the almost indestructability of the engine itself. Promoters of the steam-car say twenty years life of an engine will not be unusual and the only maintenance, periodic cleaning.

What do I think? I'm going to start saving tomorrow!

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IN THE EYE OF THE LAW ANSWERS TO LAST EDITION'S ACROSSTIC.

Several reports have been received with regard to the indiscriminate use of fire-arms in the district, and details of several provisions applicable under State laws are published for general information. Firstly, it is an offence to discharge a firearm from, onto or across a public road. This of course prohibits the shooting of rabbits etc. from roads. It is also an offence to discharge a fire-arm wantonly or recklessly, or without due regard to public safety in any public place or town. The carrying or possession of, or discharge of firearms on grazing or farm lands without the permission of the landowner or person in charge, is prohibited. All these offences carry heavy penalties and in addition, police are authorised to take possession of any firearm used in contravention of the aforementioned provisions, and the courts dealing with the matter have power to order disposal or destruction of the firearms, if they see fit.

- Windfalls
- Enquiry
- Laboratory
- Literature
- Infatuated
- Amounted
- Muttering
- Sabbatical
- Hush
- Apposite
- Kingfisher
- Eggplant
- Softly
- Porosity
- Elizabethan
- Another
- Rowboat
- Elephantine
- Hotfooted
- Assorted
- Messages
- Loose
- Enigma
- Treetops

FINGAL MUNICIPALITY  
POLIOMYELITIS IMMUNISATION

Sabin Oral Vaccine (no needles) will be available to all persons over the age of 6 months at the following centres.

- ST.MARYS- Tuesday 11th March  
High School - 1pm to 1.30pm  
Memorial Hall - 1.45pm
- MATHINNA- Tuesday 11th March  
State School - 3pm.
- FINGAL - Tuesday 18th March  
State School- 1.30 to 1.45pm  
Town Hall- 2pm to 2.15pm
- AVOCA- Tuesday 18th March  
Nursing Centre- 3pm to 3.30pm
- ROSSARDEN- Wednesday 12th March  
Nursing Centre- 2.30pm
- STOREYS CREEK- Wednesday 12th March  
Medical Union - 11am

PLAYWRIGHT - William Shakespeare  
QUOTATION - "To be or not to be, that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune or to take arms against a sea of troubles, and by opposing end them.

THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES

SUNDAY 2nd. March
CORNWALL : 8 am Holy Communion
ST.MARYS : 9.30am Family Service
FINGAL : 11.am Holy Communion
AVOCA : 7pm Evensong

SUNDAY 9th. March
AVOCA : 9am Holy Communion
ST.MARYS : 11am Holy Communion
FINGAL : 7pm Evensong

THURSDAY 13th March
Installation of Revd. J. Greenhalgh as
Priest-in-charge, St.Peters Fingal, 8pm,
followed by supper in the Town Hall -
all most welcome.

"A N I N V I T A T I O N "

The Women's World Day of Prayer will be
held in the Catholic Church on Friday,
March 7th, 1969 at 7.30pm.
ALL LADIES WELCOME.

OTHER SERVICES

AVOCA : St.Thomas Church of England at
2.30pm
FINGAL : St.Peters Church of England
at 2.30pm

METHODIST CHURCH

Harvest Festival services will be held on
March 9th at 11am and 7pm. All welcome.
A street stall will be held on Monday,
March 10th at 10am.

RED CROSS LIBRARY SERVICE

The St.Marys District Hospital recently
received a visit from Mrs Caudwell, of the
Red Cross Library Service. This very
worth-while service which operates through-
out the State, is now available to patients
of the St.Marys District Hospital. All
classes of reading matter are available
including large print books (for failing
eyesight). This unit provides a wonderful
community service and would welcome donat-
ions of books in good order and suitable
for current tastes in reading. Donations of
money are also welcomed as the money goes
to provide special services such as large
print books.
The Hospital will act as a depot to receive
any books, including paperbacks, donated to
this cause.

FINGAL GARDEN CLUB - FLOWER SHOW 13/2/69.

- SPECIAL - 1. A.French, I. Francis. 2.I.
Francis. 3.C. Haas.
FLORAL - 1. I. Francis, Miss M. Parsons.
2. A.French 3.I.Francis, C.Haas.
BLOOM - 1.C. Haas, Mr.B. Saunders 2.I
Francis 3.Mr. E. Saunders.
VEG. - 1.W.Cruse, T.Webb 2.T.Webb, D.
Parsons, W. Cruse 3. W. Cruse,
I. Francis.

NOVICE SECTION

- SPECIAL - 1. T. Webb, D.Parsons, 2.T.Webb,
3. W. Cruse.
FLORAL - 1. T.Webb, D.Parsons, 2.D.Parsons
3. T.Webb.

ST. MARYS GARDEN CLUB.

Introduced by Councillor R. Hinds of
St. Marys was Mr. George Shaw who opened
the Annual Autumn Flower Show on Friday
14 Feb. Mr. Shaw commended the Garden
Club Committee on the success of the
Floral and Vegetable display. He said
standards were very high considering the
appalling season just past. He also
commented how much better the country
looked since the rain had come.

WINNERS.

- Floral Art - Mrs. Llewellyn - 43 points.
Novice Floral Art - Mrs. K. Lohrey - 14 pts.
Gladioli - Mrs. A. Jackson - 27 pts.
Dahlias - Miss Cunningham - 19 pts.
Cut Flowers - Mrs. V. Oliver - 11 pts.
Pot Plants - Mrs. C. Royle - 22 pts.
Vegetables - Mrs. L. Rattray - 18 pts.

Overall winner on points was Mrs. L.
Rattray with 77 points.

GARDEN CLUB NIGHT - 19/2/69.

An enjoyable evening was spent by members
of the St.Marys Garden Club. Among the
activities was a demonstration by Mrs.
Oliver.

WINNERS...Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. Mitchell,
Mrs. King, Mrs. Rattray and Mrs. Royle.

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## SPORTS

### ROSSARDEN TENNIS NOTES

A successful all day tournament was held Feb. 16th at Rossarden Tennis Court. 24 players comprised 2 teams - Ben Lomond and Aberfoyle, resulting in a narrow win by Ben Lomond. Afternoon tea was served and an enjoyable day had by all. It is proposed that another tournament be held on Sun. March 9th, starting at 10 am. NEW PLAYERS WELCOME. Entry fee 50 cents.

### BADMINTON

The Annual General Meeting of the Fingal Blues Badminton Club will be held at Tatlow's Hotel Tuesday 4th March, at 7.30p  
AGENDA: Minutes and Balance Sheet of 1968 season.  
Election of Officers and Patrons.  
All players, both old and new, will be made welcome. Margaret Bean, Hon. Sec.

### FINGAL TENNIS CLUB

The Fingal Tennis Club social tennis afternoon will be held on the 9th March, commencing at 1pm. Non-members and visitors welcome. The official opening by the Warden will be at 3.15pm. Ladies a plate please. There is a small court fee and charge for afternoon tea.

### ST.MARYS BASKETBALL

Practise will be held on Tuesday 4th of March at 5.00pm at the School.  
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