

# The Valley Voice

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## EDITORIAL.

DRUGGHT...a protracted dry period...

Recent stress that has been caused to a section of farming in this State by prolonged dry conditions has raised several debatable points.

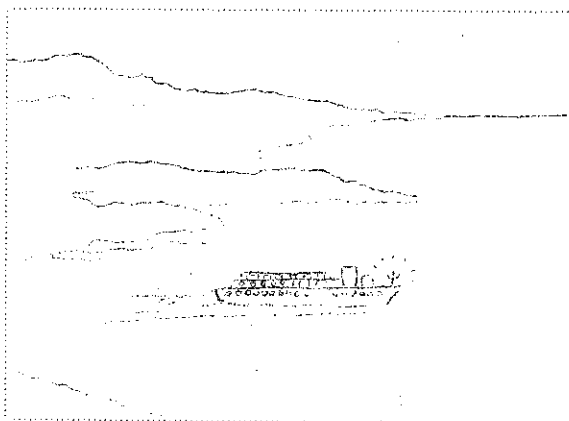
Too many times we hear shallow comparisons of what constitutes drought without consideration of the true situation. Undoubtedly no drought in Tasmania could be compared with the devastating ones that often exist in the mainland States. But by the same token a drought in Great Britain would not be a fair comparison either. The dictionary definition of drought is simply: "Drought - A protracted dry period in which there is no rain"...No exact period or particular circumstances are stated, therefore it seems some other definition or comparison becomes necessary. In the recent local protracted dry period, the issue is further complicated by the diversified types of farming in the area. A farmer for instance who is carrying only sheep should be in a better position to see drought through than one who carries both sheep and cattle, and those who carry only dry stock would be less affected than who only carry milking cows, which to produce to a maximum need 'milking feed' over an extended period.

And again, the property which is financially able to stock lightly, is in a happier position than the one, that for marginal income of higher commitments, needs to stock heavily to make a reasonable living.

Briefly, one can only say that a third of average rain in a 40" rainfall area can be equally disastrous as the same average in a semi-arid region. Financially, farms of all types and sizes suffer in unfavourable weather conditions; but again comparison can only be drawn by the percentage of income lost. A large property may, in actual money, lose ten times as much as a marginal producer, and still be in a position to ride the drought out reasonably well.

It seems then, that the only real basis that constitutes drought can be measured by the individual circumstances that affect any particular type of farming in any particular district. This was the attitude adopted by the State Govt. in the recent dry conditions and it is credit to them to recognize the situation as such.

But because of its uniqueness it has taken a long time and it is hoped that now a precedent has been set, in a future



"STORM...THE...CHANGING...CLIMATE"

## Editorial (contd.)

crisis the same machinery can be put into operation immediately the situation warrants it...

## TOUCHÉ!

The dry weather has many effects, it seems. The latest is the determination of several residents of Falmouth not to be caught with their tanks dry next summer. Tired of waiting for available funds for a Council water scheme, they have taken the matter into their own hands by building one themselves. Mr. K. Lohrey informs us they start laying the pipes next week.

Remember the par. in last issue about school fund raising? The Tuck Shop has already raised \$126 gross. Not bad for a Tuck Shop.

Hear about the bloke who ran out of petrol? He thought that when the gauge needle was pointing to E it meant EXCELLENT.

What about some hitching posts for all the stray dogs roaring St. Marys streets?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NEWS ITEM SCAMANDER

Sir, Could you please tell me if it would be possible to have a light put over the plate on the Doctor's gate. I have been there three times lately at night and it is impossible to read the surgery hours on the plate as it has never been polished since it was put there. And each time I go, there has been no surgery.

HALF BLIND St. Marys.

At the monthly meeting of the Scamander Progress association held on July 4, a sub-committee was formed to investigate the possibilities and assess the cost of erecting public toilets at Scamander.

The association is prepared to spend a certain sum of money on this project. The three man committee is, Mr. L. Gee, Colonel D. Scott and Mr. D. Smith. They will report their finding to the next meeting on August 1.

BLOOD DONORS

Sir, The monthly meeting of the St. Helens C.W.A. commences at 2.30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month, and we would especially welcome any ex C.W.A. members from St. Marys who would care to come along. I mention this because St. Marys Branch went into recess a little while back and although some members joined the Fingal Branch, others didn't do so.

Within the next month the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service will visit Bicheno and St. Helens, at the instigation of the local branches of the Red Cross. St. Helens already has 53 donors ready to give their 'pint of blood'. Members of the Red Cross and donors are to be commended on their willingness to participate in this much needed service, and perhaps it will inspire other branches to 'get cracking'.

I am sure you have been told already that your last issue was dated Fri. 28th July. Please don't hurry us so quickly towards the end of the year it goes quite fast enough as it is.

E. Worth Bailey. Scamander.

SCHOOL CHILDREN HELP HOSPITAL

Sir, They say us teenagers is iliterite. It are not true and Iv'e got my skools' bord to prove it.

In prottest.

On Wednesday 6 children representing all the classes of the St. Marys Primary School and a representative of the High School accompanied Mrs. M. Lohrey to the hospital where they presented Matron with 420 glasses. This gift was made possible by a splendid effort of the young collectors during the past few weeks and is greatly appreciated.

GERIATRIC WING - ST. HELENS

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The Public Works Department will hand over the new completed Geriatric Wing of the St. Helens Division of St. Marys District Hospital in the coming week. The recent combining of these two centres will provide a more efficient hospital service for these districts.

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MECHANICAL REPAIRS

24HR TOWING SERVICE

Miss Fiffle

Members of the Ladies Committee of the Fingal Football Club attended a farewell evening to Mrs. Iris Cusick at the home of Mrs. Pat Cowie Tues. 2 July. Mrs. Cusick will live in Launceston.

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Williams of Upper Scamander celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at Surfside Motel last Saturday. Congratulations from all their friends and relatives.

Miss Jeanette Neil, Miss Tasmania Entrant looked charming at last Saturday's Inaugural Dinner, wearing a frock of emerald green chiffon over figured satin with silver lame trim. Mrs. C. Neil wore a frock of gold brocade. Among those present were Mrs. T. Yates wearing a peacock blue wool and nylon frock, Mrs. V. Royle in an attractive black crepe frock and Mrs. F. Martin wearing a smartly styled suit of green wool.

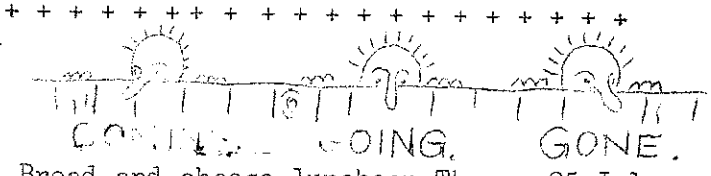
Cornwall Elderly Citizens enjoyed a pleasant afternoon on Wednesday July 3 with discussions, competitions, and community singing. Next meeting will be held at 2.00 p.m., Wednesday, August 7 in The Salvation Army Hall. Arrangements are being made for handcraft demonstrations by Mrs. K. Lohrey, Indoor bowls, and other games. Ladies a plate for afternoon tea. All welcome

Mr. & Mrs. Trevor Peters accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. C. Brown are visiting Launceston to attend St. Vincent's Ball, where Mr. & Mrs. Peters' grand daughter, Jennifer will make her debut.

Mr. Clive Cawthorn of Melbourne and Mr. Ralph Cawthorn of New Norfolk visited Mrs. T. Yates of Fingal this week.

A gay social evening was held at St. Marys Hospital Recreation Room on July 3, to wish Sisters Gerrie & Young a happy holiday. They will be spending two months in South Australia.

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Bread and cheese luncheon Thurs. 25 July at Mrs. Keith Bullock's St. Marys. 12.30 - 2.00 p.m.

C.W.A. 29th anniversary 2.00 p.m. Thurs. 18 July at Fingal Town Hall. Afternoon tea. ALL WELCOME

Notice of combined meeting of Boy Scout Group Committee & Girl Guide Local Assoc. to be held at St. Marys District School on Monday July 15 at 8.00 p.m. Parents - a good attendance please.

St. Helens Senior Citizens Club. Last month's luncheon meeting held at the Parish Hall was a great success. 28 members attended. The next meeting will take the same form, luncheon followed by games and social afternoon and will be held Thursday, July 18th.

ST. MARYS CATHOLIC WOMENS' LEAGUE  
 The annual meeting was held 30 June, and office bearers elected are as follows...  
 President, Mrs. I. Worsley  
 Vice. Pres. Mesdames D. Bullock and K. Williams. Treasurer, Mrs. E. Cruse. Sec. and Posy Hostess, Mrs. B. Aulich. The Northern Vice President, Mrs. Daly of Launceston was a guest, and presentations were made to the retiring office bearers. Nine members were present at the July meeting, and the next meeting will be Wed. 7 August.

St. Marys Child Health Association - Annual Meeting & Dinner to be held at Surfside Motel, Thurs. 25 July - 7 p.m. ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

BURNS' BRICKS

Phone St. Helens. 134.

Q. If I caught a whale where would I go to have it weighed?  
A. The whaleway station.

Q. Why did Grandma put wheels on her rocker?  
A. So she could rock and roll.

HERITAGE CORNER.

Tasmanian link with Harefield, England.

Sir Francis F. A. Newdigate Newdegate, K.C.M.G., who was Governor in Tasmania from July 1917 to February 1920, had a country estate in the Harefield district and gave to the U.K. Govt. a large house to be used for the purpose of a hospital for wounded Australians serving in France during the period of the first World War.

When the first Australian soldier died at the hospital and a flag was required to cover the casket, the only flag in the village large enough for the purpose belonged to the local school. The flag was used and returned to the school. Then the next soldier died and the hospital authorities had to borrow the flag again and as there were some severely wounded cases at the hospital, the headmaster suggested they retain the flag temporarily for use for the purpose of covering the casket of others who were likely to die. This went on until the war ended and there are approximately 111 servicemen, including one nurse and one or two munition workers buried there.

From the inception of the ANZAC Day Service the various headmasters and the Vicars of the Church of England Parish Church (St.Marys) have, right up until the present time, arranged for A.N.Z.A.C. Day to be observed by the school children amongst whom are Girl Guides, Boy Scouts and Life Brigade Boys, attending the Church Service and afterwards in the Church cemetery which is maintained by the War Graves Commission. They have a wreath placing ceremony, plus a flag raising and lowering ceremony which is carried out with such solemnity and sincerity that it has a most profound effect on any person privileged to attend. No fewer than three generations of children have participated in this ceremony and no grave is left without at least two bouquets of flowers, all of which the children do at their own expense. The Federal Branch of the Returned Soldiers League contributed something like \$1000(A) towards the restoration of part of St.Marys Church, which is very much appreciated by the Vicar and congregation.

The Commonwealth Government sends an official representative. A trumpeter is present to sound the last post, etc., and it is unusual if there are not four of the Australian States represented by the Agents General. If the Tasmanian Agent General is unable to attend he usually gets a returned soldier to represent him at the ceremony. After the service the Vicar invites members of the congregation and the official visitors to participate in afternoon tea in a marquee on the lawn of the Vicarage.

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 \* Morning and afternoon teas. \*  
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HEALTH NOTES

SICK, RASH AND CATCHING.

A woman would be a poor old mother if she did not worry a bit if her child developed a rash. When you realise that every child is likely to do so about three times in his young life, that adds up to a lot of worry.

You don't have to diagnose diseases yourself, but you can, in the meantime, try to recognise the disease. There is a rise in temperature with infectious diseases, and with measles there are also runny eyes, runny nose and a cough.

With SCARLET FEVER there are headache, sickness and sore throat on the day before the spots appear. So you know when those symptoms appear to keep a lookout for rash on the front of the chest, spreading to the neck and the rest of the body. It doesn't touch the face, palms or soles. The tiny red spots are bright in the middle, paler round the edge, set closely together so they almost mingle. Around the mouth is pale and the forehead and cheeks are uniformly flushed.

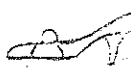
You can be ready for MEASLES because the rash appears on the fourth day. It begins on the face running into the roots of the hair over the temples and into the area behind the ears. It spreads down the neck over the body and limbs. It is a rash of pink spots, round or oval, slightly lumpy. They run together in irregular groups which are usually roughly crescent-shaped. They are a bit more purply in colour than Scarlet Fever.

GERMAN MEASLES spots are rounder, paler and smaller, are scattered uniformly, don't run into each other and are only slightly raised.

CHICKEN POX rash is more easily recognised. It appears as a few pink spots on the chest and face. These become more numerous and fresh ones keep forming. The pink spots turn into blisters which contain a clear colourless fluid.

Then there is TEETHING RASH which some people call nettle rash because it looks like a nettle sting. It has raised red patches, sometimes with a white centre, all over the body and is irritating.

It is silly to think, "Now I know what he's got, I'll just ring up mother and ask her what to do." They may be very old childish complaints but they are not trivial and it is important to ask the doctor about them. It is also important to remember which ones the child has "caught."

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DO YOU EVER THINK

What a fool thing that necktie is! My first memories of one is of my mother trying to strangle me with a blue and white State School stripe. Five years old and my first day at school.

'All the boys wear them', she said. 'It's the rule'.

I wondered how many cases of Blue Tongue, Knotted Neck, Lock Jaw and Pop Eyes had been caused by that insidious rule.

With the cloth terror around my neck, gone forever were the kahki clad days of freedom and unrestricted breathing. One had to breathe now with control. No more running, no more panting. My neck-tie was the leash of conformity, it changed me from a brat into a School Symbol; one of the thousands who for the rest of their lives would, every time they thought of being dressed, instinctively reach first for their badge of the civilized, their tie.

Shirts, I have always been able to understand, trousers, socks, coats, under wear; they all have a place in my acceptance, but the NECK-TIE, whoever invented it, what IS it for. It doesn't warm you, in fact it's doubtful whether it really adorns you. At times in your raw youth when good taste is only something you try with your mouth, it can even make you look damn silly (remember those Tahitian Pinks and Frangipanni pastels, those hula-hula girls and 'I love Ike' ones).

Recently in a posh Melbourne Hotel a man was asked to leave the dining room because of his shamefully exposed neck. 'But what about that other bloke in the roll neck jumper?' he indignantly asked the Head-waiter. 'That gentleman', the Head-waiter patiently explained. 'Is wearing his tie under his woollen apparel'.

Well then, if the wearing of a tie is the prime factor in classifying who is and who isn't a well dressed man and the fact it can't be obviously seen of second importance, there is a way to satisfy all. Why wear it around the neck at all? Why not on the upper arm, or above the knee, or around our wrists? Why not hold up our trousers with it?

In this way the old school or the old regiment will remain unviolated, and Headwaiters can relax again.

Now is our chance, let's put this left over piece of Victoriana in its rightful place.

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ST. MARYS.

Members Stroke

A. GRADE.

J.T. Smith 8-66 A. Miller 16-70
H. Newman 13-74 D. Thomas 16-74

B. GRADE.

P. Crawley 19 - 68 O. Ryan 18 - 68
P. Crawley won on countback.

ASSOCIATES Stroke

Mesdames

M. Herbert 15 - 68 M. Royle 23 - 68
M. Lind 21 - 71 J. Lawson 21 - 72

M. Herbert won on countback.

ASSOC. CHAMPIONSHIP 72 Holes.

Ist. Round Stroke

A. GRADE

Mesdames

M. Herbert 80 I. Brennan 84 M. Nolan 89

B. GRADE

J. Lawson 90 M. Lind 91 M. Boyle 91

C. GRADE

E. Ryan 100 I. Worsley 105 C. Barnes 109

2nd Round

A. GRADE

M. Herbert 80 - 160 I. Brennan 82 - 166

B. GRADE

M. Nolan 79 - 168 J. Lawson 92 - 182

C. GRADE

M. Lind 97 - 188 E. Ryan 94 - 194

I. Worsley 109 - 214 D. Barnes 112 - 291

Elizabeth Ryan reduced her handicap from 36 to 32. Two more rounds to go.

BEN LOMOND

Associates Stableford

Tues. July 9th.

A. GRADE

Mrs. G. Gayley 34 pts. Handicap 12
J. Davy 28 " " 28

B. GRADE

Mrs. S. Martin 34 pts. Hand. 32
J. Wood 31 " " 32

C. GRADE

Mrs. M. Miller 13 pts. Hand. 32
B. Burrows 12 " " 32

Ben Lomond Associates have been invited to Moorina for a return social game this Sun. 14th. July.

BADMINTON By Flight

In a thrilling finish the Midlands Badminton Association regained the Connell Shield from the Lower Midlands Association at Campbelltown last Wednesday night, by the margin of one ace. It was the Midlands first win for 3 years.

We wish to thank all players who gave their time and effort during the practice nights prior to the match for the Connell Shield. The keen competition in these practices contributed greatly to the success achieved on the final night.

(Sgd) Mollie Bush and Glenn Thomas. Joint captains, Midlands Badminton Association, Connell Shield Team.

The Fingal Association comfortably defeated the N.T.F.A. Reserves at York Park a fortnight ago to further establish themselves as one of the strongest Association in the North. The clash with the Midlands the 20 July at Fingal will be full of interest with the home side expected to win narrowly.

Although last week's match between Fingal and St. Marys is now history the 4 point victory to Fingal will be talked about for a long time. St. Marys centre half forward Terry Haas, was awarded a free 25 yds. out from goal right on the siren. A goal would have clinched the match for St. Marys by 1 pt. Umpire N. Green had his work cut out trying to keep spectators off the oval and it was a couple of minutes before Haas could take his kick. The result - a miss by 2 feet - an excited Fingal team, and many tears shed by St. Marys supporters. Never mind Terry - the pressure was right on you. Shocking inaccuracy in front of goal by the Fingal forwards enabled the Tigers to stay in front right up until half way through the last quarter. Needed 4 goals for victory, Fingal suddenly came to life and for the first time in the match were able to kick goals. Although the game never reached a high standard, it was always chock full of interest and worthy of a Fingal - St. Marys clash.

In the other matches Rossarden came right back to their best in easily defeating Swansea, and St. Helens were no match for Avoca.

THIS WEEK. The match of the day and perhaps season will be between Fingal and Avoca at Fingal. Although the coveted 2nd. place on the premiership ladder may not be decided for a few weeks, this game will certainly have a big bearing on the double chance. Fingal's half back line has now developed into one of the strongest in the competition in G. Baldwin, Phillips and Freeman. This line will certainly make scoring difficult for the Avoca forwards. Dennis Williams will have a good duel with G. Clerents both of whom are in great form. I'm tipping Avoca - by 1 pt. St. Marys will need to be at their best to down Swansea on their home ground; but if some of their players can get back to their best form they should take the points.

Table with 3 columns: POSITION OF TEAMS, POINTS, PERCENTAGE. Rows include Rossarden, Avoca, St. Marys, Swansea, St. Helens.

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TENNIS NOTES - Team gone to Adelaide.