

# ST MARYS • CHEESE • FACTORY CLOSES...

# THE VALLEY AND EAST COAST VOICE

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Last Friday, 7th November, because of lack of suppliers the St. Marys Cheese Factory, which has been in operation since the early 1950s, decided to close down.

In a way it is sad but it is inevitable. And that seemed to be the general summing up by the dairy farmer; some of them who has supplied the factory since its inception. Most seemed to think the factory had not kept up with the times and to back it now was like backing a broken down horse, just for old times sake.

At the meeting, all but one of the farmers present decided against accepting the 40 cents a lb. of butter fat offered by the Factory management. As one farmer pointed out, with the ruling rate of 39 cents a lb. for butter fat paid by North East Co-op, plus the average of 4 to 5 cents bonus which the factory pays above St. Marys, it no longer is a profitable proposition.

'Its all very well asking us to support a local industry but I can no longer afford to lose \$500 a year in the cause of loyalty. Besides, if the Factory had done the right thing from the beginning, they should have been able to offer better returns now' said another farmer.

He also pointed out, this was not allowing for the value of separated milk which was a first class food for pigs. Other cheese factories can compete with butter factories; why can't this one.

The management said they could not afford to pay higher prices because of overhead in running the factory and the added cost of selling the cheese. Forty cents was the maximum the Factory could pay and still remain solvent.

Some farmers had stated that 43 cents was the maximum price they would accept and the Factory Board had taken exception to farmers using stand tactics. But the farmers insisted this was only a suggested amount, which would bring the Factory into line with what was offered from the North East Co-op Co.

## EDITORIAL

### CHEESE V BUTTERFAT

The closing down of the St. Marys Cheese Factory is a blow to the district. For nearly twenty years this factory has made block cheese, which at the peak of its production was known throughout the length and breadth of Tasmania.

The question remains, why has it closed? Outwardly, it may simply be said that the farmers would not accept the price offered and have chosen to send their dairy produce in the form of cream, to the North East Co-op at Ledgerwood.

The Local Factory has stated it cannot afford to offer any more than it did because of high overhead involved. Yet some farmers were offered the almost certain price of 4 cents at the end of the season. Why the factory could not just incorporate this money in its price per lb. of butter fat is a mystery; unless talk of a bonus was only a piece of sop to entice farmers to send in their milk.

For some years now, the local factory has been on the down hill run, while other cheese factories continued to compete with butterfat and offer yearly bonuses to boot. During these years, the Factory Board's main cry has been, 'support you local industry - mens' jobs depend on this support....'

This to say the least, is absolute hogwash. It never was and certainly never should have been, the responsibility of the suppliers to keep the factory solvent out of kindness of their hearts, and well the Board knew it!!

Although three consecutive very bad seasons did not help its prosperity, the St. Marys Cheese Factory hit the skids mainly, because its management lacked imagination in salemanship foresight and an awareness of their suppliers. As one supplier remarked at the meeting last week, 'Its a pity we could not have sat like this around a table, years ago!'

And a pity it is, Two men, not only employeed of the factory but friends of the farmers, have lost their jobs, perhaps needlessly.

Had the management sought out new ideas, taken note of what more successful factories were doing, and not kept farmers in the dark, the story today could have been very different. But farmers also have to carry some of the blame for not insisting on more suppliers meetings and attending them fully. Had their views been put more strongly a few years back the Factory management could rightly have been pressured into advancing with times instead of merely sitting back and trusting to the 'goodheartness' of the farmers.

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# TOUCHÉ

The story about the little girl and the sow last issue has inspired several people to recount to us other such stories. The best one was about a five year old boy who asked his father why their cat kept making squeaky noises. 'Needs oiling', dad replied unwisely. Half an hour later he was horrified to see the white cat, now very black shot through the back door and across their newly acquired A.O. Axminster carpet. Mother close to hysterics all day. Father placating both wife and cat all day and bewildered five year old spent all day insisting in a querulous voice he had only dunked the cat in sump oil to stop the squeaks.

We hear St. Helens Junior Chamber of Commerce has raised the money and is well on the way to acquiring the services of the Hunter River Valley Research Foundation to survey the St. Helens area for growth potential and future industry. The remainder of the areas covered by this paper could also gain immeasurably from such a survey. Any prospect of a financial backer. ?

## Announcement

The Valley and East Coast Voice announces, that a profit of \$40 was made at the Art Exhibition Friday before last, despite inclement weather. The money is to be equally divided between the Child Health Association and the St. Marys District Progress Association. The staff of the paper would like to thank all those who assisted in the preparations, on the day of the exhibition and in the big clear up afterwards.

# SOCIAL NEWS MISS PIFFLE

Mr and Mrs M. Cornish have been staying with Miss Madge Hayes and her brother at St. Marys.

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Mr Alex Cornish returned home to Bicheno after two weeks in the Repatriation Hospital, Hobart.

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Mr and Mrs Vern Widdicombe have had as their guest for the Long-week-end, Miss Kit Widdicombe of Launceston.

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Dr and Mrs Scott spent the week-end with Miss Lyn Clarke of Bicheno.

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Mrs Rod Blunt and baby son Alester of Launceston spent a week with Mr and Mrs George Blunt, St. Helens.

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Mrs Johns of Fingal left last Saturday to Holiday with her Son and daughter - in - law Terry and Audrey, in Canberra.

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The Crayfish season opened at midnight on 31st October, but due to rough seas and bad weather no fishing boats could leave the harbour at Bicheno.

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Mr and Mrs David Webb of Turners Beach spent the week-end with Mrs Don Webb of Bicheno.

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A large number of visitors spent the long week-end at St. Helens! A highly successful Bowls Tournament was held, Bowlers coming from Cressy, Deloraine, East Launceston and St. Marys. Also popular was a meeting of the N.E.T. Power Boat Club on Sunday.

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Staying with Mrs D Kingston for St. Helens for two weeks were Mr and Mrs H Belcher of Hobart.

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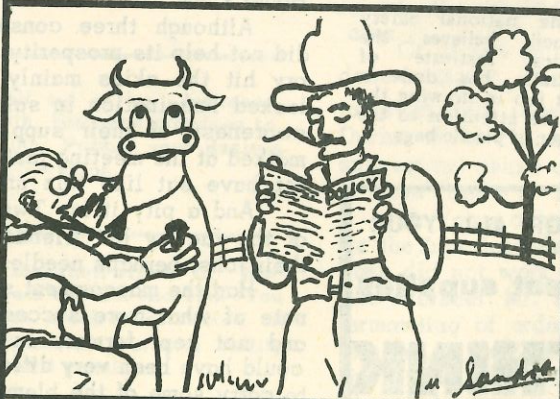
Elderly Citizens week commenced with a Church Service at St. Pauls on Sunday. On Thursday members of the St. Helens Club were the Guests of the Portland Council on a visit to the St. Columbia falls after which followed afternoon tea at the Pyengana Hotel.

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The Warden of Fingal Mr A McKenzie and Councillors entertained members of the Cornwall Golden Years Club, the St. Marys Silver Threads Club and the Fingal Sunshine Welcome Club during Elderly Citizens Week. A trip around the forestry plantations was arranged and guest of honour was Mr W Beattir, Minister for Forests. At the end of the afternoon the members were treated to an enjoyable afternoon tea at Tallow's Hotel.

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The first Spring Carnival of the Bicheno Golf Club was held on 24th 25th and 26th of October in perfect weather. Financially it was a great success, Bicheno Association catered for visitors very liberally with hot and cold meals. Visitors came from all parts of Tasmania, and far Devonport and Moorina. It was said that the club presented the best collection of Trophies seen at a Golf Tournament.



WELL, SHE'S O.K. FOR THE LIFE ASSURANCE Mr. CLEM.

Mrs. Brown, Scamander, wishes to convey her sincerest thanks and appreciation for all the kindness shown to her while a patient in the St. Helens Hospital especially thanking Dr. Cheung, the sisters, nurses and the kitchen staff.

## Winds for tomorrow

The Hobart Weather Bureau forecasts north-east to north-west winds tomorrow freshening later.

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(Dear Grizzle Guts, refer to ad on page 5).  
Editor.

## ST MARYS

### Progress Association

The Association thank Mr. A. Jackson the chemist at St. Marys for a donation of \$3.56 this being the amount collected in the weighing machine for the month of Oct.

# HERITAGE — CORNER

From Mr Percy Nailer comes this cutting from the Daily Telegraph at the turn of the century.

## GRAY

An enjoyable evening was spent on Friday night at the residence of Mr Morris at Gray, dancing and singing being kept up till the small hours of the morning. Songs were given by Mr Todd. (Hard Times), Mr G Johnstone ( Little Jack Horner), Mr Morris Junior (The Girl I Left Behind Me), Mr Andrew Speers (Ten Little Nigger Boys), Mr. P. Rowan Jun. (Would You Care), Mr Mick Dwyer (Chickens), Mr. William Daniels (Jack and Jill), Mr George Daniels (Twinkle Little Star). Mr Frank Morris (Where are You Going my Pretty Maid) Mr August Gall Snr. (Hickory Dickory Dock) Mr H Langer gave several Phonograph selections. The room was beautifully decorated and dancing commenced at eleven o'clock.

Some of the dresses were - Miss F Speers. Pale blue silk, Miss Smith, white silk Miss Morris, Fairy Queen, Miss D Dunn, gypsy, Mrs Royle blue skirt and yellow blouse, Mrs McHugo, Red Cross Nurse, Miss Stone Crash Miss Dakin For-Me-Not-Get Mr Napier resided at the piano which was lent by Mr Otto Smith and Mr Henry Speers play the violin. Mr C Connel Snr. acted as the M.C.

# IN THE EYE OF THE LAW

Last week we talked about training practices in driving in America for the young . . . . . This is continued in this issue.

The aims of the driver education courses have been stated as being to help all students in:

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5. Understanding how society may attain maximum efficiency in the operation of its motor vehicle transportation system.

The course also established a guide to topics which should be included in a complete programme of classroom and practical instruction. Next week we will give some details of these topics and instructions.

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But the State Government had not yet considered any move towards any restriction, he said.

Mr Bingham was commenting on a Centre Party move to have permits introduced for possession of all firearms, including rifles and air guns.

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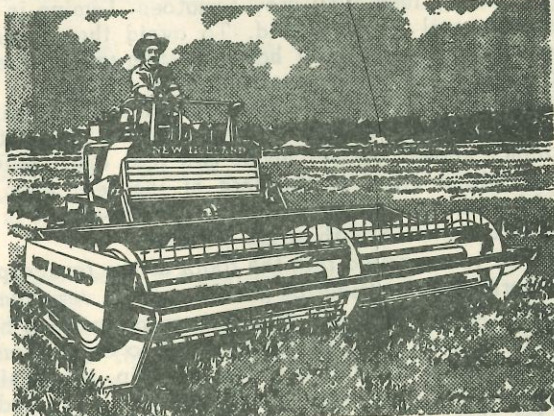
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The Australian Medical Journal warned last week of the danger of food poisoning from deep frozen poultry. The Journal said that inadequate thawing of frozen poultry resulted in imperfect cooking and the survival of bacteria which multiplied enormously during the cooking period. The organisms produce a toxin which causes severe illness four to six hours after eating. Therefore, never cook poultry unless completely thawed. Leave the poultry in the plastic bag to thaw in the storage section of the refrigerator overnight. If it is impossible to remove the little plastic bag containing giblets, neck, etc. from the inside, then the bird has not thawed out properly. After the bird has thawed, remove the bag containing giblets and pour very hot water inside the bird to scald thoroughly. The poultry is then ready to cook in the normal way.

**MEAT:** Pork must be thawed out completely before cooking. Other meats may or may not be thawed out according to personal preference.  
**FISH:** Allow to stand in its plastic bag for 5-6 hours until soft. Wash in salted water.

If poultry, meat, fish or any other deep frozen foods do thaw out then use them immediately, without refreezing.

When defrosting the fridge, do not let the deep frozen foods thaw. Defrost at the coolest time of day. Wrap all deep frozen food in several layers of newspaper. This will hold the food in its frozen state for an hour or so.

## GARDEN NOTES BY SEEDPOD

Tomato Plants have been available for sometime. But it often pays not to be too anxious to get them into the ground. Cool weather slows growth so there is not much advantage in planting early. Also there is always the chance of a late frost. But all things considered we should be safe from now on and good growth will be promoted by the warmer weather. Perhaps a little more trouble is involved than with most crops of vegetables, but there is a most satisfying reward, that of having a large bowl of full red rich home grown tomatoes in the house.

**SOIL:** Tomatoes require clean well dug soil in a sunny position which is preferably sheltered from the wind. Any type of soil from sandy to heavy loam will grow tomatoes. Liming is not necessary, unless the soil is very acid. To avoid the transmission of soil diseases tomatoes should have an interval of three years before being sown in the same ground again.

**Cultivation:** It is better to provide stakes, otherwise they tend to sprawl on the ground under the weight of the fruits. When staked, the plants should be set about two feet apart between rows. The laterals which grow at the fork of the leaf stem and main stem should be pinched out as soon as they appear. It is best to tie the plants to the stakes with strips of cloth.

It must be remembered that the roots of the tomato plants are close to the surface so cultivation should only be very shallow.

**DISEASE:** Most pests and disease can be avoided by a good control of weed growth. Wilt is very hard to control once established but tomato spray or dust will control thrip, responsible for the further spread of virus wilt. These should be applied once a fortnight for this disease

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### No charges on shooting of girl (8)

The chief of the State C.I.B. (Supt T. G. Stewart) said yesterday that no one had been charged over the shooting of an eight-year-old girl at Risdon Vale on Friday.

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A RECORD 96 entries have been received for the meeting at Symmons Plains on Sunday.

Main event on the 18-race programme is the Tasmanian Touring Car Championship which is also the final heat of the Australian Touring Car Championship.

# CABEAN SAYS

Opening the recent Art Show in St. Marys, Lord Talbot of Malahide, said that the attitude of artists had changed in the community.

He did not elaborate fully, but it takes little imagination to do so. Artistic ability become respectable.

By respectable I mean, that it is now possible to paint or write or create anything which is not immediately usable or useful but is rather food for the soul and imagination, without being thought a 'way out weirdo'.

But if we do take any form of artistic creation seriously isn't it still thought of as something nice to do for a hobby??.

No one should expect to be paid for painting a picture or writing a poem. Strange in a society where money is so important, most of the community become indignant at such materialistic ideas. I suspect one of the reasons lies in the fact that a lot of people say vaguely they will write a book or take up painting one day, when they have more time. Of course they never do, but its a nice leisurely thought and presupposes a idyllic existance where one is wealthy enough not to have to worry about such mundane matters as where the H.P. payments are coming from.

To paint or write is not considered real work, although it well known to think ( and all creation entails a lot of thinking ) is considerably harder for most people than any amount of physical work. We have not yet developed that solemn reverence towards Art which has long been a fashion in older nations.

Consequently although most of us like, to view anothers' efforts at painting and writing, and will evendislike it strongly, we have not developed much detailed knowledge. The result is that our reactions are largely spontaneously emotional, unlearned, and mostly quite ill-informed.

This is certainly not a local problem, but a national one. Witness the small amount the Commonwealth sees fit to give as scholarships to the Arts and they are always to people well established. Painting fares considerably better than most, but the large money prizes donated are frequently private or business donations.

Perhaps the trouble lies with the artists themselves, who are often only too happy to give their services and time free, hoping for a vague benefactor or some form of public recognition. This recognition is usually only a few lines in the local paper and the follow up will be more requests for their free services.

The Tasmanian writer Joan Woodberry, said until she took her writing seriously and changed accordingly for it, only then did she gain the public respect fully her art.

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SNODGRASS.

Snoddy Darling,

Luv those chops-But tell me darls how do you fit little Nell into that phlosophy??.

V.V.

Dear V.V.

What's you biggest worry??

Wondering.

Dear Wondering,

Answering damn fool questions like yours the morning after.

V.V.

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## DIARY OF A TRAVELLER

Netherlands Antilles; We docked at Willemstad, the port and the capital where trading vessels from every nation anchor. The entrance to this land locked harbour is most attractive, rather as one imagines any seaport in the Netherlands to be. We first passed under the Queen Emma Bridge, which is a pontoon, similiar to the old Hobart bridge.

There is a popular story about the toll placed on the passage across this bridge. In the past, all vehicles would pay a tax, but if one crossed on foot in shoes one paid a toll of 2 cents; nothing if one went bare foot.

We went on a bus tour of the Island, which is quite pretty but hardly a paradise as the principal industry is oil refining and smoke stacks dominate the horizon. There is no oil on the Island; this is transported from Venezuela. A large percentage of oil the business is held by the Shell Company, which moved here from Venezuela in 1915, as the Government in that country was rather unstable at the time.

The Dutch influence is felt very strongly and the Governor of the Island is appointed from Holland. There is a strong American influence also, and most of the taxis were the latest American model. All goods are imported from other countries, therefore one can hardly expect them to be cheap.

One of the first governors sent out by the Dutch, was Peter Stuycesant. At that time most of the people here were painting their houses in white. The glare of these in the hot sun gave him a headache and he decreed that henceforth all houses should be painted in pastel shades. The architecture of these is markedly Dutch.

There is no fresh water so quite an industry has developed around the distilling of sea water. Curacao, (pronounced Curasow) was the centre of the slave trade during the 18th century. It is a notoriously windy place and the heat is quite extreme. It was 85 today, but a far worse type of heat than we would experience at home. The nylon shirt I was wearing was absolutely wringing wet.

The official currency is the guilder or florin. A guilder equals half a dollar. The second currency is the American dollar.

Willemstad has a very modern hospital and apparently the medical service given is highly regarded. I have a slide of some of the nurses, very smart indeed, in white uniforms and white bobby socks.

About 70 Jewish families live on the island in the most expensive part of the city. Their homes are rather beautiful, costing about \$140,000 American dollars.

The Jewish cemetery was quite unusual in that the graves were on top of the ground. The annual rainfall is only 20 inches and at most times the ground is too hard to dig.

We are about to leave Curacao, for Lisbon after spending an enjoyable but exhausting half day on the Island.

### FROM THE PULPIT †

In the last few editions we have been discussing the Church and anyone may well ask, 'what is the Church?' The Church is more than a building in which people meet once or twice a week. You can have a Church without a building.

The Church is a fellowship of people, of whom Christ is the head. Or, as someone else put it, 'It is Jesus Christ meeting with His people!'

There are four essential notes which the Church must sound. One, 'Holy, Catholic and Apostolic.'

The Church is One in Spirit. She is one in her

message. Jesus Christ is the vine. All Churches are the branches and apart from Him, we can do nothing. The Church is Holy. Originally the Word, 'Holy meant separate, distinct. So the Church must be separate and distinct in its message.

The Church is Catholic, which means that it is universal and world wide. In spite of outward differences there is common life.

Finally, the Church is Apostolic. An apostle is 'one sent' So the task of the Church is missionary, telling the story of Jesus and His LOVE.

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## PARENTS GO TO SCHOOL

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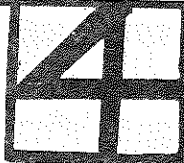
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At the Committee meeting on 20th October, it was decided to investigate the cost of erecting a small building at the court, nothing elaborate, just a place with power and water connected, so that afternoon tea could be served at the court. If the idea is finally approved we hope to cage materials and service from inside and outside the club, to have the building erected. This will involve several different talents from the blueprint to the painting stage.

If YOU can help please, contact a committee member.

Remember, we still need more members. You will be made welcome at the court even if you cannot hit a ball. Membership will only cost you a \$1.50 if you wear your hair on top of your head, and \$2.50 if you wear it on your cheeks!

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**BREAD** and cheese lunch Fingal Presbyterian Hall, Thurs. 27th Nov. 12 30-2p.m. All welcome.

**DANCE** - To be held at the Institute, St. Marys by the Hospital Staff 8p.m. November 14th Admission 50 cents Music by Mr Houstein of Derby at the Organ.

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**FANCY DRESS WALKATHON** to be held in St. Marys 15/11/69 commences at 2p.m. Entry 5 cents with sponsors, 20 cents without sponsors. Barbecue at 5p.m. Wonderful for fancy dress and for walking. Proceeds to help send Sue Herring to World Guide Camp in 1970.

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**New Ambulance for St. Marys.**  
The new ambulance will be officially handed over to the St. Marys Branch of the Red Cross Society, by the chairman of the Tasmanian Division of the Red Cross. Dr P Braithwaite, on Friday 14th November at 3p.m. at the Institute, St. Marys. The public are cordially invited to be present. The old ambulance after 12 years service in the district will be used as a Red Cross Emergency Vehicle.

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**St Marys Football Club** general meeting will be held in the R.S.L. Institute at 8p.m. on 24th Nov. Please come and show interest in this great sporting body.

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**Special Meeting, General, of the Scamander Progress Association, Thursday December 4th, 8 p.m. at Scamander Hotel**

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## ARIES

**March 21-April** Romance is still in the air, but not as exciting. Side promotional schemes but advance financial plans on 22nd, 25th, and 29th. Confidence is your best bet this month.

## TAURUS

**April 21-May 20**

Money affairs are slow to start but favourable after 23rd. Partners advice is unreliable on 19th and 20th. New business work plans should go well on 30th.

## GEMINI

**May 21-June 20**

Creative activities continue to pay off of 24th and 30th. Keep to business sidelines on 19th and 20th. Do nothing to threaten romantic ties on 18th. Settle Lovers' differences before 24th.

## CANCER

**June 21-July 21**

Be prepared to settle partnerships affairs promptly. Tax break or unexpected bonus could come today. Avoid clandestine entanglements, in your romantic activities. Be cautious.

## LEO

**July 22-August 21**

Avoid conflicts. Search for new partnerships interests on 14th. Shop around for home items 19th but avoid buying until 20th. Romance is favoured on 24th and 30th.

## VIRGO

**August 22-Sept 22**

Grasp an opportunity to advance favourably at work. Keep to side lines with business matters on 19th and 20th. Day for decisions is 24th. Be conservative with money on 30th.

## LIBRA

**Sept 23-Oct 22**

Do not allow yourself to be pressured into signing important papers that need scrutiny. Interests need full concentration. Avoid upsetting home routines. Romance is out, but money is on the way.

## SCORPIO

**Oct 23-Nov 21**

Count yourself out of any business transactions on 19th and 20th. Romance promises to be thrilling on 24th and 30th. Pursue your desires. It is a good time for new partnerships.

## CAPRICORN

**Dec 21-Jan 19**

Centre most important efforts in business and professional matters on 18th and 19th. You will make great headway in creative activities on 24th and 30th. Have confidence in your own ability on these dates. Romance is still promising.

## PISCES

**Feb 19-March 20**

Joint project with your partner on 19th. Earning can be increased easily with little effort. Publishing ventures will pay off and be satisfyingly and financially successful.

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## FINGAL COUNCIL NOTES

At the November meeting of the Fingal Council, the Superintendent of Works reported that water mains at Cornwall were badly corroded and rusted through in many places. Mr Yates produced pieces of pipe to show the condition they were in. He said it was not surprising houses at the end of the town got little water and they could not expect any by the summer. Cr Hinds moved finance be arranged and a complete new scheme be started immediately. Seconded Cr. Davis

Mr Yates said it was proposed to start sealing on Nov. 17th at Pepper Hill and this was expected to be completed by Dec. 12th, before Christmas break. He said the Council tractor unit was not suitable for heavy work and suggested Council buy a second hand unit with 3 point linkage, back hoe and bucket front. Unless the necessary equipment was procured Council would have to hire one and this would involve considerable expense.

Cr. Davy moved that this matter was gone into thoroughly as buying in haste was often false economy. It was carried unanimously the Superintendent should obtain the necessary quotes and the Warden would call a special meeting when these were available.

Cr. Davy reported road signs for Storeys Creek had once again been destroyed by vandals. Council decided to ask the Police for further co-operation, as it was felt the Police could do much more to save Council constant and unnecessary expense. Cr. Davy said he would see a 3 inch pipe, 12 foot high was erected for a sign to be placed on it.

A letter from Mrs. R Woods of Fingal asked Council once again to seal a portion of the road outside her home, as heavy trucks constantly caused her house to be filled with dust. Council decided to do this as soon as possible.

The Council Clerk read a letter from the Minister of Lands and Works, Mr. Barker, confirming financial assistance for flood damage last July. Assistance for the Mathinna Pump House, which was damaged extensively also in the floods was refused. Council felt further application should be made and a request for the Minister to visit the area

Cr. Hinds said he was most concerned at the lack of Council work done in the St. Marys Ward. He said storm drains had not been attended to, even after repeated requests to the Superintendent had been made. During recent rains he had had to clean out drains himself and take the subsequent abuse of ratepayers for work not done. Cr. Hinds suggested it was time a few resignations were made.

Mr Yates asked Cr. Hinds if he suggested the road gang resigned or the Superintendent. He said he strongly resented the implication his men did not work properly. They were excellent gang, especially the overseer. Mr. Yates said a lot of the trouble was caused by countermanning of orders by councillors. Cr Foot suggested radio be installed in the Superintendent vehicle to overcome this. Mr Yates said in future all St. Marys requests would be attended to immediately, though he had previously been instructed to do any work when both the men and machinery were in the locality and so cut costs.

The Warden stated that he was glad this matter had come up as there was considerable confusion due to lack of communication, but that in future if Mr Yates kept estimates of work to be done and the cost involved, councillors could have access to it and would know when to expect the work gang in their wards.