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EDITORIAL

It is a curious fact that every time a Royal Tour is imminent it becomes the time to discuss the worth of Australia's adherence to the British Throne. When Mr. Menzies was P.M., his obvious respect and loyalty to the Queen was a strength to the Royalists and his consequent influence on the Government and people of Australia left little doubt of a continuance of our role as a member of the British Empire and loyal subjects all - or mostly all.

The present Prime Minister, John Gorton, one suspects, only adheres to this status quo because of public pressure. From past statements, it is possible to interpret his personal desire for a less British influenced Australia and even Australia as a separate republic.

Sooner or later, Australians will have to make up their minds what exact role they do intend to play; complete independence from past traditions or as individual members of a greater union?

With British military withdrawal from East of Suez and their impending entry to the European Common Market, it is now likely, in the future our only bonds with Britain will lie with traditions and a common heritage.

The Queen and her family are undoubtedly, the greatest strength for the later approach to our relationship with Britain and in this divided and irrational world, it may be worth noting the worship of a central throne. This can only have a stabilising effect to the majority of Australians, who are still not quite sure what direction a European society in an Asian environment, is supposed to take.

The Royal Family are obviously nice ordinary people, who take their position seriously and the majority of Australians like them that way.

No doubt ceremonial toasts at public functions and standing for God Save the Queen, can be irritating to non loyalists, but lets face it, our lives are full of such tradition, and not all of them as harmless as raising a glass to a vague and distant monarch.

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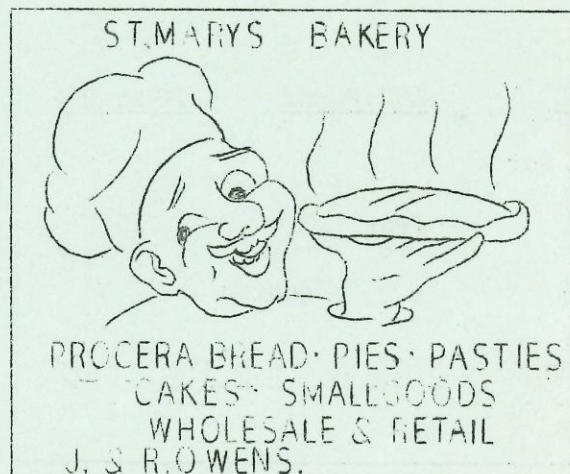


Editorial cont.

If the republicans do eventually convince the great mass of Australians to forego their royal traditions, they will only do so with far stronger reasons than are offered at present.

TOUCHE'

Glad to hear the Clarence Council took the trouble to arrange a special spot at the Hobart Airport for children from the Sorell, Triabunna and Swansea Schools. It seems a pity the Launceston Council could not have done the same for the schools out this way. From last reports the train load of children from here will have to fend for themselves after they reach Launceston.



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Still on the Royal Tour. What happened to the request of Prince Charles and Princess Anne to meet the younger citizens? From here it looks as if the compulsive Royal hand-shakers and political ancients, win the day. All two and a half thousand of them.

On second thoughts, last issue's suggestion of an open season on vandals should also apply to litter bugs. Anyone taking a trip along the waterfall track at the St.Marys Pass last weekend, could only have been apalled at the number of empty cans and papers strewn along almost its entire length. But first prize for thoughtlessness would undoubtedly go to the person, who tipped their garbage ten feet from the road and right in the middle of the car park entrance. Second prize to the 'person' who used the middle of the track as a public toilet.



Dear Val,
I have a sister who won't wear short dresses and she is only in her teens. I have trouble convincing her that every one these days are wearing short dresses even my mother who is rather elderly. What shall I do?
Maxi's Sister.

Dear Maxi's Sister,
Don't worry she'll be in the trend if she wears them long enough.
Val.

Dear Val,
My Mum won't let me go out of a night time, so I sneak out the window. It was going all right until she caught me as I was making a noise. I still want to go as I have planned a rendezvous with my boy friend. Can you think how I won't alarm my mum?
Sneaky.

Dear Sneaky,
Why not try taking your mum with you.
Val.

Dear Val,
When a boy I like asked me to go out with him, I had to say No, because I would not be allowed. When I told him this, he said he would ask my father. How can I stop him?
Worried.

Dear Worried,
I shouldn't worry about it if I were you. I doubt if your father will want to go out with him either.
Val.

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AND THEN GRIZZLE GUTS SAID:....
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Miss Piffle

MR. & MRS. G. McOWAN of Fingal visited Launceston for Easter; the occasion being to attend a dinner to celebrate the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs P. Salter, Mrs McOwan's aunt and uncle.

MR & MRS TAS. YATES and MRS BUSHING of Fingal spent the Easter with Mr & Mrs R Cawthorn, New Norfolk.

MR & MRS JOHN FREEMAN of Longford spent Easter with Mr & Mrs John Smith of Fingal.

A successful Cabaret was held at Tatlow's Hotel, Fingal for Mr & Mrs Housego of Rossarden who is an entrant in "The Woman of the Year" Contest, organised by St Johns Ambulance.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr & Mrs Julian Wise of Riverside, on the birth of their son (Damien Phillip) born at the Queen Victoria Hospital, Launceston, 24/3/70. First grandchild to Mr & Mrs Tas. Yates, Fingal.

There was great excitement for the eager faces round the back door of Des. Williams household when the blue flag went up at the Hospital to welcome Mark, fourth child for Marlene and Des, born 20/3/70.

MRS ROBERT LEGGE was hostess at a delightful morning tea held at Cullenswood on Tuesday 24th. The function was in aid of St Marys District Hospital.

We are still waiting for the Maxi Coat to make its appearance on the St Marys fashion scene. Let us hope for a severely cold winter as some of the younger set are looking for a good excuse to introduce the fashion.

TO LILY OF THE VALLEY a little Blossom. More headaches for Clem and many joys for Lily.

On the Male Fashion front - seen at the Hospital at Easter Weekend Grey Mohair Mini Skirt.

MR & MRS TONY WHEELER and their children Rebecca and Christine are spending the weekend with Mrs Wheeler's parents, Mr & Mrs Henry Aulich of St Marys.

MR & MRS B SHANKS and their daughter Bernadette of Mansfield, Victoria had an enjoyable Easter holidaying with Mrs Shanks parents, Mr & Mrs T Squires of Cornwall.

Glad to hear that MR & MRS JIM MITCHELL of St Helens enjoyed their Easter Vacation to Melbourne where they stayed with their eldest daughter Jennifene.

SWEETS

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MR & MRS ROBERT SAUNDERS and son Paul accompanied by Mr Saunder's mother Mrs P Saunders and brother Malcolm of Fingal are enjoying an 8 day holiday in Melbourne. Their Melbourne headquarters is the Spencer Private Hotel and they have planned several coach tours and a trip to the T.V. Show "IN Melbourne Tonight" On returning to Tasmania on April 3rd, they are driving to Georgetown for the weekend where they hope to see the arrival of the Royal Family. They will stay with Mr Saunder's sister and brother-in-law, Mr & Mrs F.A. Bute in their new home at South Georgetown.

The St Marys Progress Association is grateful to Mr Graeme Dean of Hobart who spent some of his Easter Holiday surveying the proposed Recreation Park behind the Library.

ST MARYS GARDEN CLUB NOTES

The St Marys Garden Club held its March meeting in the Institute with an attendance of fourteen members. Winners were Mrs R Brough, Mrs B Aulich, Mrs Rattray, Mrs Llewellyn, Mrs Royle and Miss C Haas.

A new section was introduced - this is to be called "Home Products". There will be a different product for each month, April's being one bottle of Raspberry Jam.

A Special Competition for March was a home-made vase to be used for Floral Art. Some beautiful vases were exhibited. At the April meeting the Special Competition will be to use these vases for Floral Art.

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The first Royal Mail run was operated by Mrs J.E.Cox of the Cornwall Hotel, Launceston. This was a chaise cart with the coat-of-arms of its charter emblazoned on its doors. It was drawn by three horses, harnessed in tandem. It made 40 miles a day and the fare for the occasional passenger was £5.

Later came the splendid coaches of Mr Samuel Page, drawn sometimes at a hand-gallop by four and when heavily loaded, by five horses. The contract called for an average speed of ten miles an hour for the trip, including stops along the route. Termini at first were Dicky White's Launceston Hotel and the Club Hotel which stood in Murray Street, Hobart town. No fewer than 150 horses were used to stock the two coaches each way each day, starting times being 5am and 6pm from both ends. Page bred and trained his own replacements on his own farms and the fare for the full trip was about 30/- to £2 although it came much lower at times when there was competition. At one period Page carried his passengers for 2/6d. a head, with a meal thrown in!!

One of his toughest opposition was the American coaching line of Brown and Company which used huge American coaches similar to Cobb & Co., and drivers were dressed in traditional costume of the Wild West.

Prior to the outbreak of the gold rush in Victoria, which drained Tasmania of all its manpower, convicts and ticket-of-leave men maintained the Launceston to Hobart road like a gentleman's drive, raking and sweeping every inch of it every day. Over this splendid surface swept Page's coaches, with a fanfare of horns as they entered and left the towns and with a guard armed with a blunderbuss beside the driver, to the discomfort of bushrangers and highwaymen, some of whom paid the price for their misdemeanours because of the vigilance of the guard.

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| 1lb chops | 1 | 3 |
| 1lb steak | 1 | 10 |
| 1lb mince | 1 | 9 |

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FRESHWATER CRAYFISH

contribution by Mr J Strochnetter
Ulverstone

It may not be known to many people along the Fingal Valley and the East Coast that freshwater crayfish (locally called lobster) abound in considerable numbers in the streams along the N.W. Coast. These crustaceans are similar to the small lobsters to be found in the small creeks of the Fingal Valley, except that they grow to an immense size. And this was made manifest to me recently. My son and grandson who live in Wynyard decided to try their luck at catching some, and went up one of the streams behind Wynyard, and caught twelve which conformed to the requirements of fishing regulations. And as they knew I liked them to eat they brought two home to me, one weighed 3½lbs, and the other 8lbs. Some people may query the veracity of that statement, but it is not just another fish story, and I can assure you that it is authentic, and the appended measurements were made by myself. They are delicious to eat, and a sea crayfish cannot be compared to them as a delicacy. They are fairly easy to catch, but it necessitates a tramp through fairly rough country to get to where the best fishing is to be had. There is some to be had near the coast, but owing to constant fishing it is denuded to some extent, and the better fishing is some miles upstream in the hills where there are plenty of rocks and logs for cover in the stream and fishermen must be prepared for some rough work. Appended is the measurements of the larger two fish.

- LENGTH from tip of claw (or arm) to tip of tail, 25 inches
- LENGTH of claw, 16 inches.
- END of claw (nippers) 9 inches.
- BREADTH of claw, 3½ inches.
- THICKNESS of claw, 1½ inches.
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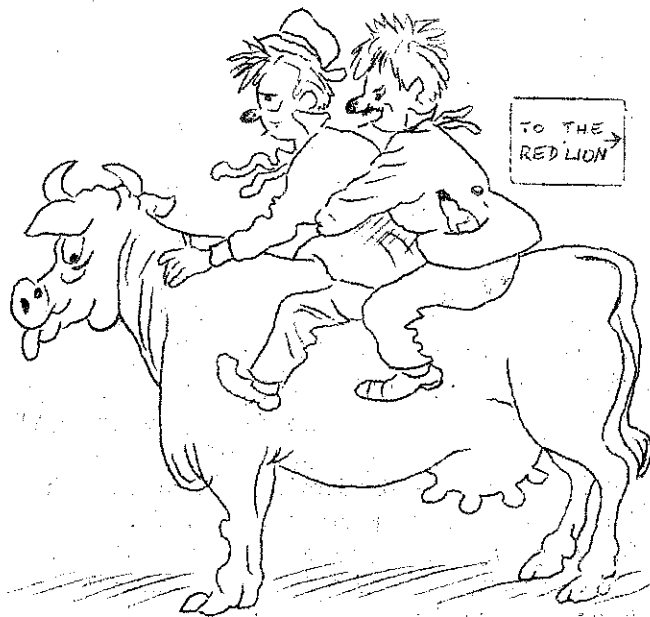
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A number of newspapers rose to the bait and howled in protest, but one editor held his fire until Mr. Shaw paid his much-publicised visit to Miami.

This Editor's paper published a lengthy report on the arrival of Mrs. Shaw. Mrs. Shaw went to this dinner, Mrs. Shaw attended that function, Mrs. Shaw said this, and Mrs. Shaw said that.

Then at the bottom of the long article was this casual afterthought: "Mrs. Shaw was accompanied by her husband Bernard Shaw, a writer.

HANDY HINT - BOILING.

Add a good knob of butter to the saucepan when boiling rice or any vegetable that is likely to boil over. The water will not rise above the film of grease formed on top by the melted butter.

Peanuts: Sprinkle them into breakfast cereal for a more interesting and nutritious dish.

JOHN SCHIER - A BRONZE MEDAL
by Frank Nott.

John achieved what I considered was impossible for him this season - by gaining third place and a coveted medal in the Junior 1500 metres Steeplechase at the Australian Athletic Championships at Kensington Oval in Adelaide, a fortnight ago.

In a top notch field of 14, John was able to clinch third place behind South Australia's Jeff Pentelow and thus bring a medal home, which in the past have been as scarce as hen's teeth in Tasmanian Athletics. It is all the more meliorious when it is considered that this is only his second season of competitive running and his first appearance for the State and against the best in Australia for his age group. The rubberised track at Kensington would be completely new to John, as all Tasmanian tracks are grass surfaces.

The North Launceston Club shares with the people of St. Marys and surrounding districts, pride in John's recent success. The Club in the space of six years since its formation, have produced two Australian Championship medal winners - the other being Stephen Heyes (3rd triple Jump, Sydney 1968) who is still competing for the club.

I would like to commend those responsible for organising the appeal for John and thank most heartily those who generously subscribed to the appeal from the district - to me it shows the esteem in which you hold John and are prepared to acknowledge sporting achievements within your district. I hope he has justified your confidence in him and now you can eagerly await his performances next season.

John cannot expect to rest on his laurels now, for there is a long way to go if he wants to win a gold medal next season in Brisbane. After a well deserved spell, John will run cross country in Launceston to build up stamina for the next track season. Realising just what is at stake, John will not play football and so run the risk of injury. With a carefully planned training programme, there is a very bright future ahead of your athlete.

P.S. Just one word on professional running - How can a \$30 first prize be valued as much as a Tasmanian Blazer or an Australian medalion? In pro. mile races anyway, John would certainly win one and then be handicapped out of it after all that. Is it worth it? - No.

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| B. & K. (Anon). Falmouth | 4.00 |
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| Mr & Mrs N.P. Wardlaw, Falmouth | 4.00 |
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| Mr & Mrs D. A. Bailey, St. Helens | <u>2.00</u> |
| FINAL TOTAL: | \$156.00 |

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MISS PIFFLE CONT.

BARBARA AND IAN MORTIMORE of St. Helens thoroughly enjoyed their stay in Melbourne. On their trip back they were accompanied by Barbara's parents Mr. & Mrs. Bradley of Queensland who will be staying in St. Helens for a month.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Kerry Reid and Miss Vicki Donalds, both of St. Helens who announced their engagement on Saturday night. Vicki is wearing a solitaire diamond ring flanked on either side by gold leaves.

FRIENDS of Mrs. Glatte will be sorry to hear that she was hit on the head with a golf ball at the week-end.

MR. & MRS. T. HOLLIS of St. Helens and invited guests celebrated the 21st birthday of their eldest son Robert (Bobby) at the Bay View Hotel, St. Helens.

MODERN TIMES.....This is what I have just been reading. "Good musicians are not wanted today. These confounded banjoists are feathering their nests. The smart set wants noise rather than music."! This was in a 1918 music magazine. Change it to guitarist and its almost the same as an argument I heard on the radio this morning!

M.H., Doubleview, W.A.

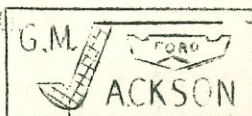
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TAURUS: April 21st - May 21st.

Time to take a rest break at work. Confine your financial ventures to small concerns. You may soon increase your earnings.

GEMINI: May 22nd - June 21st.

The 6th is the best day for a joint project. Take advantage of opportunities that will come your way soon. There is promotion in the wind.

CANCER: June 22nd - July 23rd.

Rely on your own efforts this month as friends can let you down. Special budget measures will combat money difficulties ahead.

LEO: July 24th - August 23rd.

Good chance of money on the 11th and 23rd. Business plan may upset a family function, take care to put the family first.

VIRGO: August 24th - Sept. 23rd.

Family problems ahead. Take a gamble this week and your financial position will be greatly improved. Don't be bored by the same old faces. Time to make some new friends.

LIBRA: Sept 24th - Oct. 23rd.

Do not over tax your strength this week. Be creative and it will pay off. Do not be pressured into credit buying on 5th. and 7th.

SCORPIO: Oct. 24th - Nov. 22nd.

Agree to a joint expense budget to avoid further discord. This is a profitable time for joint enterprises. Avoid installment purchases. Pursue creative activities.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23rd - Dec. 21st.

Concentrate on your work this month. You will meet a stranger who will have a great influence on your life. Excellent prospects for the artistically bent.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22nd - Jan 20th.

Domestic affairs are in the limelight on the 5th. A younger member of the family will seek your advice. It is time to expand professionally

AQUARIUS: Jan 22nd - Feb. 19th.

This the time to clamp down on insubordination. Your creative talents will be in demand for the next fortnight. Avoid romance. Take no notice of one who may be trying to impress you.

PISCES: Feb. 20th - March 20th.

The next week will call for all your concentration at work. Then you may relax for a spell. Your presence will be in demand socially. Be prepared to travel.

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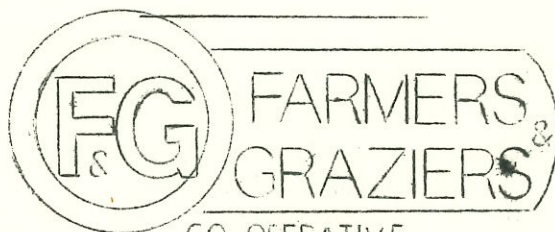
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