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EDITORIAL

SOME HUMBLE SUGGESTIONS.....

In a recent press statement the newly elected Warden of Fingal Municipality has expressed an optimistic view about the future of this municipality.

We agree with Mr. Haas that forestry is our greatest asset and, since his statement, 'woodchips' is now a reality for this area.

However we do not share Mr. Haas' optimism entirely and would like to point out that forestry (both government plantations and private) is in fact the ONLY real prospect we have for the future.

Agriculture is slipping badly and will employ less men each year and mining in the Rossarden area only has a limited benefit to the Valley's economy. Most of the other employment outlets lie in service facilities, i.e. shops, banks, hospitals, schools, hydro, post offices etc. Don't let us forget that these exist only because the population exists; they do not increase unless industry increases.

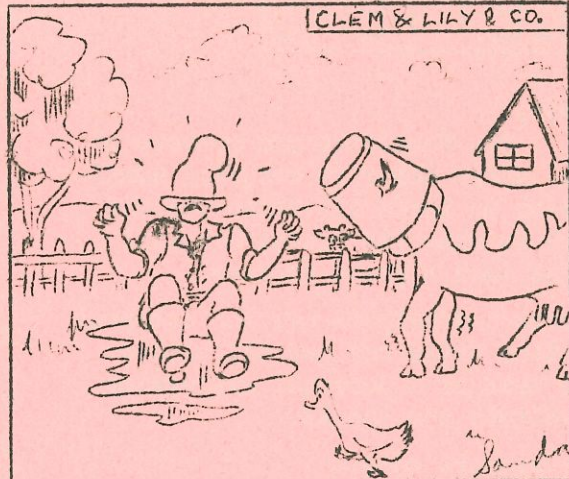
It is probably necessary to preach a certain amount of rosiness and light about the future for the sake of morale and no less than anyone else do we want to see a reasonable future for our area.

However, when it is considered that we are laying our hopes on forestry to pull us out of our industrial stagnation one can only express dissatisfaction about our growth rate compared with the rest of Tasmania.

Private enterprise generally will not decentralize unless government encourages it to do so and in this area this has not been attempted by the present government or governments in the past.

For instance it is a shameful fact (shameful for our parliamentarians) that if it had not been for a small group of private citizens calling themselves the St. Marys Woodchip Committee, a woodchip industry in this area would not have eventuated at all. The initiative shown by our politicians was practically non-existent.

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"WHAT DO YOU MEAN.... ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN.... THIS IS THE FOURTH TIME THIS WEEK, YOU BLUNDERING COW!"

Editorial cont.

We are sorry Mr. Haas, that we cannot share your optimism; forestry helps and now woodchips will save us from regression, but compared with most municipalities (not including Portland and Glammorgan which also face Fingal's dilemma) it is all pathetically little.

And if parliamentary representatives are still wondering what they can do for this municipality, other than opening garden fetes and rendering small public services here and there, we humbly suggest that they look at the question of a local abattoir for the East Coast and Fingal Valley, begin to question just what the government intends ultimately do with the pines from our vast plantations,

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Editorial cont.

consider practically this area for tourism, find out once and for all by independent enquiry whether Fingal coal is suitable for thermal power, and pay more than just lip service to the questions of a deep sea fishing industry, canning factories and an East Coast port.

LETTERS

Dear Sir,

The Committee and Members of the St. Marys District Hospital Auxiliary wish to thank all those who did so much to make its recent Hospital Carnival such a great success.

As donors and helpers are too numerous to mention would one and all please accept this as a personal expression of gratitude and thanks.

Raffle winners were:-

- Dinner Set Mrs. P. Cowie, Fingal.
Electric Jug Mrs. C. Parker, Falmouth
Half lamb Mrs. P. Bessell, St.Marys.
Basket Mr. L. Berwick, Ringarooma.

H.J. Hinds, Hon. Secretary.

ST. MARYS ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Dawn Service will be held on Anzac Day at 6 a.m. at the Cenotaph and a Service at 11 a.m. Public all invited to attend. March at 10.30 a.m. from Institute.

STORK NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. & Mrs. Costain of St. Marys on the birth of a son, Jason on April 21st, 1971.

Also to Mr. & Mrs. Hayden of Cullenswood, on the birth of a son; Rodney, April 21st, 1971.



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Miss Piffle

CONGRATULATIONS to Robyn Cawthorn, only daughter of Mr & Mrs Ralph Cawthorn of New Norfolk, who has announced her engagement to Bill Watson of New Norfolk. Robyn and Bill plan to marry in January next year.

MR & MRS T SEMMENS have returned home after spending Easter with relatives at Devonport.

MR & MRS LANCE PILGAIN of Cornwall have had their son, Dennis home from Melbourne for a week. Dennis celebrated his 21st birthday with a party in the Cornwall hall. Sixty eight guests attended.

MISS JULIE SEMMENS has returned home from Melbourne and is spending the next 2 weeks in Launceston, and staying with her sister Mrs Muir, and brothers, Ron and David.

MR & MRS GREGORY YATES of Hobart spent Easter with Greg's parents, Mr & Mrs Tas Yates of Fingal.

MR & MRS GREG CLEMENTS of Hobart spent Easter with Mr & Mrs Jack Clements, Fingal.

ALSO SPENDING the Easter break at Fingal, were Mr & Mrs Wayne Freeman, of Nowrah, who stayed with Wayne's parents Mr & Mrs Jack Freeman, Fingal.

FRIENDS WILL BE PLEASED to know Mrs JACK FREEMAN of Fingal is home and feeling well after an operation in the Launceston General hospital.

OVER EASTER, guests of Mrs P WRIGHT were Mr & Mrs Luck of Hobart. Both are keen golfers. Boasting, Mrs Luck told of the "biraie" she almost got on the second green, but ended up with a new laid duck egg she picked up on the same green.

COMING EVENTS

DINNER & PRESENTATION of Bowls Trophies at St. Marys Golf Club 8 p.m. Saturday 15th May. Booking close 4th May.

BREAD & CHEESE Presbyterian Hall, Fingal, 29th April, 12.30 p.m. - 2 p.m. All welcome.

FILMS FOR CHILDREN, SCHOOL HOLIDAYS at the ST. MARYS DISTRICT SCHOOL HALL at 2 p.m. Films to be shown are BUNGALA BOYS and THE STOLEN AIR-LINER, plus cartoons. Admission 30c for both children and adults. Children under school age FREE. 20th May at 2 p.m. Tickets available Miles' Shop, St. Marys.

B.O.D.S. 8 p.m. 27th April at Hospital Recreation Room.

CHILD HEALTH MEETING, at St. Marys, 8 p.m. St. Marys Child Health Clinic 29th April.

MORNING TEA 27th April, at home of Mrs. Gordon Hoare, Cornwall. To buy equipment for St. Marys Brownie Pack. All welcome.

CONCERT.....The Girl Guides will hold a concert on Friday May 7th at 7.30 p.m. at the St. Marys District School hall. Proceeds go towards their trip to Sydney. Adults 20c - children 10c.

ST. MARYS DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION 'Working Bee' at the Library block Sat. morning 1st May and Sunday 2nd May. ALL DO GOODERS WELCOMED WITH SPARE SHOVELS AND HOES. Project - to clear grass along river bank.

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IN THE EYE OF THE LAW

It has become necessary to again draw attention to the provisions of the Police Offences Act, relative to the care and control of dogs.

The number of dogs observed at large and unattended in the streets during recent weeks give cause for concern, and the time is fast approaching when more firm action will be necessary in an effort to abate this nuisance.

The relative provisions are most definite in their purpose, and it is strongly recommended that dog owners make themselves conversant with the following:

1. No person shall permit a dog known to be dangerous or to have bitten any person or animal, to be at large unless it is muzzled.
2. No person shall, being the owner of a dog, fail to prevent it being at large unless it is under the immediate custody and control of some competent person.
3. Permit a dog to be unchained at any time between sunset and sunrise unless the dog is securely shut in so as to be unable to leave the land of the person on whose land it is, or is under the close and continuous control of a competent person.

There are further provisions to cover the control of dogs which may be found attacking sheep, and in all cases the penalty for the owner could be as much as \$30.00.

There is also the possibility of a dog being hydatid infected and by wandering the public streets, may be the means of spreading this unfortunate disease to children or others.

Perusal of some of the hydatid literature on hand at the Police Office should forcibly impress on dog owners the importance of this legislation, and the unfortunate consequences which may result, through disregard of it.

FROM THE PULPIT

"A Motorist's Prayer"

O God, everytime I drive my car, help me to remember that I am responsible, not only for my own life, but also for the lives of others.

Give me patience, when progress is annoyingly and frustratingly slow, so that I may not endanger my own life and the lives of others by taking a chance to save a minute or two.

Give me courtesy, so that I may think of the other driver as well as myself.

Keep me always alert, and give me wisdom to know when it is time to stop and rest.

Help me never to indulge in any habit or in any pleasure which would make me a danger to others on the road.

Help me to do everything that one man can do to make life safer on the roads on which I drive: through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES:

April 25th - St Marys 9.30 a.m.
 Mr. R. Bye. Family Service
 No Sunday School
 - St Helens 7.30 p.m.
 Mrs S Keddie.

May 2nd - St Marys 11a.m.
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 - St Helens 7.30p.m.
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ST MARYS STRUGGLES AGAINST AVOCA.

St Marys and Avoca's clash at Avoca last week was a very close and entertaining game, with the lead changing a number of times during the game. The outstanding player of the day was Kevin Youd, who showed brilliant form, and looks set for another good season. White, Smith, D. Williams and Pyke were other Avoca players to play well. For St Marys, Rawnsley, Bushing, Bye, Wardlaw, Freeman and Turner all turned in good performances along with "Digby" Haas who played quite well after replacing the injured Greg Tapp. All in all it was a good game by both teams and I'm sure Avoca will soon be receiving their share of wins.

St Helens travelled to Swansea and had a good win over the local side, who appeared as though they are going to be a few weeks before settling down. My "spy" tells me Salter, in the ruck, and Viv Chappel at full back, were outstanding. Other good players were Johnston, D. Riley, Krushka and Doug Coker. According to reports, D Coker is returning to the West Tamar and will be missed not only by St Helens, but also by the Association. Coker has played over 200 games with the "Bay" and it is hoped that he will be able to return to this association in time to come.

Swansea's Amos rucked well and other good players were Singline, Radford, Hill, T. Graham and T. Cusick.

Fingal defeated Rossarden by 52 points and proved that it has recruited well and with Dickson and possibly a couple more good players to come into the team, it appears as though they are going to be the team to beat for the flag. Greg Sulzberger was on top all day for Fingal in the ruck and combined well with new players, Percy and the evergreen John Smith who has returned from Longford. Turner, Marshall, "Silky" Parker and Wayne McGee were their other good players. Rossarden's best were new players, Housego and Pritchford, Colin Cruicshank, Lowe and Hampton. The mountain boys should also improve quite a bit as the year goes on. Mathews also showed good early form.

Next Saturday, the match of the day will be at St Marys, where the replay of last year's grand-final will take place, and with both teams equally as strong or perhaps a little stronger than last year, it should be a good match. A lot could depend on the clash of former team mates, Rawnsley at centre half-forward for the tigers, and Freeman at centre half-back. The rucks and rovers should also have a big say in the game if either can get on top. All in all, the team's are

very evenly matched, but I'll have to go for a St Marys win, if only because they are playing at home, and should be able to use the bigger ground to their advantage.

Fingal meet Swansea at home, and should be able to notch another four points although Swansea usually play well at Fingal.

The other game between Avoca and Rossarden at Avoca should go to the home side who played extremely well against St Marys last week.

NEXT WEEK'S SELECTIONS

St Helens V FINGAL

Rossarden V ST MARYS

Swansea V AVOCA

SENIORS

St Helens 4

Fingal 4

St Marys 4

Avoca 0

Rossarden 0

Swansea 0

RESERVES

St Helens 4

St Marys 4

Rossarden 4

Fingal 0

Avoca 0

Swansea 0

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THE ADVENTURES OF THE ROBINSONS

The story so far... The three Robinson children BILL, SUZY and JOEY have been looking for their father since their mother's death. They are befriended by a peculiar old woman, Queenie, who tells the children she is the real queen of England. They have just finished working on a garden for Queenie when they notice Skipper, the dog, is agitated. Queenie says someone is coming. Now read on...

CHAPTER 15. THE HOMECOMING

Queenie's agitation had affected the children and they gazed towards the edge of the clearing with dread. Joey tried to hold Skipper but he dashed off barking, the hair along his back bristling more than ever.

"It's someone he hates," Joey said in a whisper. "He never barks like that at an ordinary stranger."

Queenie darted towards the shack with a speed quite remarkable in anyone her age.

As Bill and Suzy got to their feet, Dan and Spider boy burst through the bushes. Skipper tried to nip their heels.

"Call that mangy animal off," snarled Spider boy, trying to kick the dog.

"If you don't get him out of the way, we'll soon fix him."

"Come here Skipper, Skipper, good dog," Joey wheedled urgently, his fear for his pet overcoming his fear of the two youths.

"What do you want?" Bill said, trying to make his voice gruff and manly. He held a stick firmly in his hand, just in case.

"We want our stuff, that's what," Dan said, "You kids better show us where it is pretty quickly if you know what's good for you. What did you do with the old paddle steamer?"

Both youths advanced towards the children in a menacing manner with clinched fists raised, ready to strike. Bill realised suddenly as they came closer that neither youth was much taller than him and they both looked somewhat the worse for wear. Their once gaily coloured clothes were torn and dirty and their arms were scratched and bleeding. They looked as if they had both been on the run for some time.

"All right, we'll show you," Bill said quietly. "Come along. The paddle steamer is stuck on a rock; at least it was the last time we saw it and I suppose your stuff is still on board. But if we show you, will you leave us alone?"

"That depends," Dan said, eyeing the children one after the other. "How do we know you won't go to the police?"

"And get put in a Welfare Home," Suzy was bold. "Not likely; we don't want to see the police any more than you do. Let's go."

"Tie that dog up first," Spider boy

"Tie him up Joey," Bill said briefly, producing a length of twine. "That tree near the creek will do."

Skipper consented to being tied but his frenzied barking followed the small party across the clearing and into the scrub. Spider boy walked so close to Bill that he kept treading on his heels. Joey and Suzy came behind with Dan bringing up the rear. Dan's dirty hand pulled Suzy's hair.

"Just a reminder not to try any tricks," he said, his broken and discoloured teeth showing in an unpleasant grin. Suzy's long, filmy sleeves caught in the bushes until in desperation, she torn them off at the elbow. Dan snatched them up and put them in his pocket.

"No clues, can't have you leaving any clues," he said softly and unpleasantly.

"There it is," Bill said as they stood at the top of the cliff and gazed at the raging water below. The steamer was still stuck fast, more or less as she had been the last time the children saw her. Although perhaps she tilted a little more Bill thought but he stayed silent. That was Dan and Spider boy's problem.

"How do we get out to her?" Spider boy said. "That water looks pretty deep."

"It is," Suzy said. "We had to swim ashore."

"Well, I can't swim," Dan said, "I'll stay here and keep watch while you get the stuff Spider boy."

"Not on your life," Spider boy said, "I can't swim either and anyway I'm not risking my life on that old tub. She looks as if she'd sink at any moment."

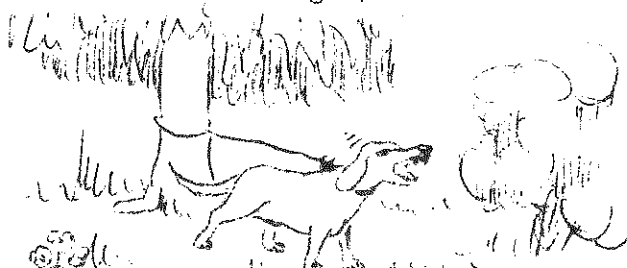
"The kids will have to get it, that's all," Dan said, "We'll keep the little one here, in case they want to nick off or something."

Bill wondered where they could nick off to - it was impossible to imagine ever getting the steamer off the rocks. She was stuck too fast, but supposing they did? There was no way to go except over the boiling rapids.

"Into the water you two," Dan said, giving Suzy a violent push so that she slid down the rocky bank and grazed her knees. "Leave her alone," Bill shouted. "We'll go but we may be some time. It's quite likely the engine room is full of water. What then?"

"Aw, why don't we leave the stuff Dan?" Spider boy said. "This will take ages, even if we can get the stuff and anyway it may not be any good. It will probably be all wet. Let's get out."

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THE ADVENTURES OF THE ROBINSONS

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"And what will we do for money?" sneered Dan. "That stuff is worth a mint. If you're chicken, you can go, but not this boy. Into the water kids and hurry."

"You've forgotten one thing," Bill said, "Even if we can get the stuff, how do we get it across the water? It's about twenty yards to the steamer."

"Let's leave it Dan," begged Spider boy. "There's plenty more where that lot came from and we could be here for hours."

"Let me think," Dan said slowly rubbing his pimply chin with a dirty hand. "These kids know too much. All that talk about a Home is probably a blind. We should throw them over the cliffs at least before we go." He laughed in rather a savage manner. "Eh kids?"

"I can't swim either," sobbed Joey twisting and darting back into the scrub.

"Joey," Bill started to shout but stopped, the words frozen as he gazed up at the large form of Jack Dooley, stepping calmly out of the scrub.

"What's all this about swimming?" enquired their father's friend pleasantly. Spider boy and Dan moved of one accord and disappeared into the bushes.

"Don't let them get away," Suzy cried, "They are crooks and have stolen a lot of stuff. They were going to throw us over the cliffs. Oh Mr. Dooley, you've saved us."

"Take it easy kid," Jack said, "The place is alive with police. They won't get far. Come along with me and I'll take you back to the police station. There's a surprise waiting for you."

The children followed dully and silently. They found Joey on the way, clutching Skipper by a broken piece of twine, but neither Bill nor Suzy felt inclined to explain to their brother what had happened to Dan and Spider boy.

The road was surprisingly close and Jack soon bundled them into a waiting police car, which drove swiftly into town.

The police station seemed full of bright lights, blue uniforms and clicking typewriters. The children blinked and drew closer together.

"Hello there kids," drawled a slow, familiar voice and suddenly Joey was whirled up into strong arms.

"Dad," yelled Bill and Suzy. "Dad, oh Dad"

"I can't say I'm particularly proud to own you lot of hobos," said their father laughing, "The sergeant here tells me you've had quite a few adventures since I last saw you."

"See you all later," Jack Dooley said, "You better all come down to my place for a feed. I'll go home and warn the missus."

"Good old Jack," their father said. "With out him, I'd never have found you. He started to make a few enquiries after he saw you at the shearing contests and got in touch with me. After Mum died I wrote to your Aunt Jenny and asked her to look after you till I could get home. But she was away and didn't get my letter for some time. Anyway, to cut a long story, she's going to keep house for us and I've got a job here in town. In fact, I'm going to join the police force, so we'll all be together for good. What do you think of that?"

"Marvellous," said the children together.

"Dad, what about Queenie; I hope the police haven't taken her away," Joey said.

"Queenie, Queenie who, I haven't heard anything about any Queenie," their father said.

"Doesn't matter," Bill said hurriedly, "We'll tell you later."

"Well then, let's go to Jack's place. He'll be waiting. We're going to stay there till Aunt Jenny comes and we can get a house."

And the three Robinson children walked out of the police station with their father.

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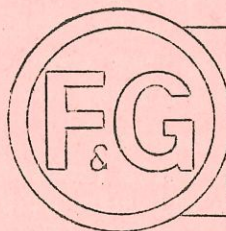
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ARIES: March 21 - April 20

Watch out for bargains. Do not be taken-in. Over the weekend shake off a lazy mood - there are big chances ahead. Take care with relationships.

TAURUS: April 21 - May 20

Be patient with a troublemaker. A chance will come to get the better of one who is against you. Social life is gay.

GEMINI: May 21 - June 20

Unusual advantages on 26th. Romance in the air for those available. Good time for a short trip. A pleasant message beginning of May.

CANCER: June 21 - July 22

There is a difficult task to face - but relax, a good friend will help out. Today is excellent for money matters.

LEO: July 23 - August 22

A money gift will come to you. A knowledge of current affairs will pay off. Opportunities are plentiful - take advantage now.

VIRGO: August 24 - Sept. 22

Today is excellent for new ventures. Do not lose faith in a good friend. A child in the family needs discipline and you will be called on.

LIERA: September 23 - October 22

A message you have been waiting for comes too late for active measures. Keep up standards and don't be misled by profits alone.

SCORPIO: October 23 - November 22

Good time for financial ventures. Romance is out. Discussion gives the best of results. You may not have time to manage all your plans.

SAGITTARIUS: November 23 - December 21

Take care with false friends. From Sunday life is full of zest. You will be called on to discipline a young person.

CAPRICORN: December 22 - Jan. 19

Damage to a prized possession causes strife. Check your appearance. A cool exterior gains attention. You are to make a new friend.

AQUARIUS: January 20 - Feb. 18

Travel is favoured for next week. Social life is very active. Keep your eyes open for new ideas which will pay off.

PISCES: February 19 - March 20

You may get messages and calls crossed. A misunderstanding takes all your attention and patience. Money gift next month.

ST MARYS GARDEN CLUB

The April meeting of the St Marys Garden Club was held on Wednesday 21st at the Institute. Visitors were present from the Scamander Club. Mr J. Napier showed slides for the Annual Competition, which was won by Mrs C. Royle with Mrs L. Rattray second and Mrs J. Hughes third.

Lucky door prize was won by Mrs P. Toombs. A competition for floral art, using black, white and silver was won by Miss B. Mitchell and Mrs J. Lehner, equal first, Mrs V. Oliver second and Mrs. L. Rattray third.

Supper was served and a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

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JUST JESTING

Hippie girl to Hippie boy:

"Of course I love you. What a stupid question! I love everybody"

Epitaph on the grave of a hypochondriac:

"I told you I was sick!"

Nothing depreciates a car faster than a neighbour's buying a new one.

The trouble is that the car of tomorrow is being driven on the highway of yesterday by the driver of today.

There are two kinds of highways - inadequate and under construction.

What most amateur gardeners grow is weeds and round-shouldered.

Although children are deductible, they can also be taxing.

A girl can learn to love a man - depending on how much he's willing to spend on her education.

They say what you don't know won't hurt you - and some of us haven't felt a twinge of pain in years.

Notice over beauty salon door: "You'll look alive if you dye here"

At finance company: "Compassionate refusals"

On a newly opened cafe: "Hopen for Business"

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