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EDITORIAL

CRITICISM AND DEFENCE.

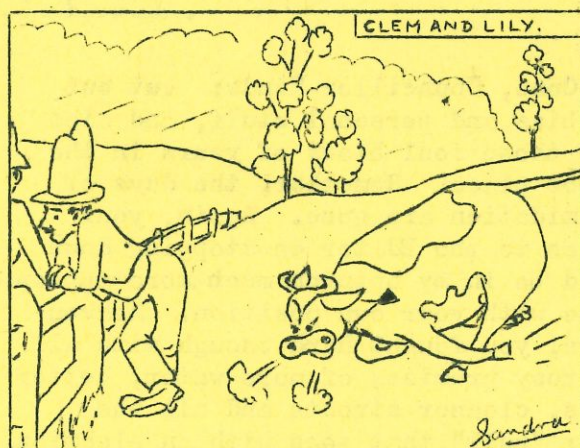
In the January 17th issue of this paper, the Editorial criticized local Council for its approach to the St. Marys water supply. We consider what was true then remains true, and we retract not a word. Being a council member is admittedly a thankless task and at times some people lose sight of the fact these men spend a considerable amount of their own time, with little remuneration to compensate. However, when elected, a councillor is, or should be, fully aware of this situation and consequently he should also be prepared to suffer some criticism from the public whose money he is handling. His answer to this criticism can either be done by personal contact or, because of the existence of this paper, publicly in its pages. It has been this paper's policy to publish ALL letters directed to it, with these conditions - they must be signed even if printed under a nom-de-plume (this only for our protection), and we reserve the right of refusal for any letter that may cause anyone personal upset, or if it's obscene.

For anyone genuinely interested in defence against criticism these pages are open for them, even, as we have proved, if the defence is unduly personal and ill-phrased.

We are aware of a minor element of dissatisfaction sometimes expressed (rarely openly), about some of this paper's content and news items. For any inassurances or bias we apologise and, as we said in issue No. 1, we welcome readers' opinions on this.

As we also said in the first issue its aim is critical in outlook and constructive in suggestion. This policy we honestly believe we have adhered to and we will endeavour to ~~continue~~ do so. The future of this paper, once tenuous, now seems assured and be sure in the future when criticism is called for in any quarter then criticism there will be. The recipient may label this attitude as mud-slinging, but eventually the decision will be made by those seven hundred or so readers who bought this paper last issue.

When these readers decide not to buy it, then and only then, will it cease to exist.



"EVEN WHEN SHE'S IN A RAGE, I'VE GOT A SOFT SPOT FOR LILY!"

TOUCHE!


HEAR THAT A STUDENT was thrown out of the Sydney Public Library because she was bare footed. Well we hate bare-foot but did that give the Librarian permission to shoo her?

A ST. MARYS RESIDENT has asked us if the junction at Rosegarland Road and Clive Street in St. Marys is a normal give way to the right. If it is, some people don't seem to realize this. What chance of getting signs there?

HAVE BEEN INFORMED by a lady at Gray that they received two and a quarter inches of rain during Monday night. Just a few short miles away on the coast they only got twenty three points.

FROM GERMANTOWN RESIDENT we get a suggested theme song for Fingal Council Engineer in regard to that steep hill up that way! 'When will he ever learn!'

ST. MARY'S BAKERY.



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LETTERS.

Sir,
Come, Councillor Hinds; cut out the bias and personal stuff, and also keep those foul blows of yours in the proper place. Remember, the days of intimidation are gone. Again, your advice to the Editor on stepping down would be in my opinion much more appropriate with your own position. Heaven knows, you fought hard enough with all the rosy promises of more water, better roads, cleaner streets and all the other "bull" that goes with an election, and now we find that you are most lacking in the one essential thing (courtesy), without which you are a public failure. People living in the St. Marys Ward should if they are interested in how their money is spent, take a look at the so-called Newman's Dam (at a cost approaching the \$30,000 mark) and then ask the Councillors where the water is to come from to fill it. Congratulations to you "Editor" and keep the Valley Voice open, for this is our one of very few ways of airing our feelings, and don't let it become a servant of the Council, the "graveyard of requests".

"KEEP 'EM UP,
Fingal.

Dear Inquisitive,
In reply to your query, that particular ad. has been booked for 12 months at double rates. This position will be open for negotiation again at the end of May.

Editor.

Sir,
Through your paper I feel I should commend Mr. Geoff Dean for his wonderful work during the drought. I am sure much of his valuable time was taken up in this effort and by the comments I have heard from other farmers they also highly commend this. As Editor of our paper, The Valley Voice, he is also doing a very worth while job for the Community. From what I hear many State Parliamentarians are on the mailing list, also the State Library and Capital Territory Library in Canberra. I have heard on the grape vine that Mr. Dean recently received a call from the Prime Minister's Department regarding comments in the Valley Voice concerning the drought. Best of luck and may the drought end soon and paper continue.

RUTH GILL.

Sir,
Some people in St. Marys and surrounding districts seem to be under the impression that the toilets on the picnic ground at Scamander were erected by the council. I wish to state that these toilets were erected entirely by the Scamander Progress Association. We did approach the Fingal Council for assistance, but were told that there was no money available for such projects. The toilets cost \$900.00.

N. HARDMAN.
Hon. Secretary.

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+ Back Hoe - Front end loader +
+ for TRENCH and DRAINAGE work +
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Miss Piffle

THE PARISHES of Avoca, Cullenswood, and Fingal will be very sorry to say goodbye to Rev. Brian and Mrs. Horwood who leave to take up duties at Evandale early in March.

This is a large district to cover, and the active interest taken and amount of work done by Mr. Horwood during the past eighteen months has been greatly appreciated. We wish him and his family well for the future.

By the way; the grapevine tells us the new Rector is another very good man.

MISS LYN SAUNDERS of Fingal has taken a position with D.H.A. in Launceston. We wish her well.

MRS. J. BUSHING of Fingal and Miss M. Maney of Launceston have been holidaying with Mr. & Mrs. Don Board of St. Helens.

MRS. R. JARVIS of St. Marys is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. D. Hudson at Campbelltown.

MRS. KENDRICK, who has been staying with her daughter and son in law, Mr. & Mrs. T. Verrill of Fingal, has returned to England. Before leaving, she was guest of honour at a supper evening held at the home of Mrs. A. Street.

MISS ELIZABETH LOWE recently celebrated her 21st Birthday at a surprise party given by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. G.S. Lowe, Fingal.

MISS JAN LAWRIE of Brisbane, Qld. is holidaying with Mr. & Mrs. E. Barber of Fingal.

CONGRATULATIONS to Denise Bush and Michael Parker of Fingal who have announced their engagement. Denise's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Reg. Bush are giving a party for Denise and Michael on Sat. 15 Feb.

CONGRATULATIONS MISS CHRISTINE BOLTON and Ronny McCarty on your recent Engagement.

WE WISH A SPEEDY RECOVERY to Terry Targett who is in St. Lukes Hospital, Launceston after his operation.

HEARD that the ex Secretary of St. Marys Hospital, Mr. Graeme Blakers and his family have moved to Toowoomba, Qld.

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COMING GOING GONE

COMING...CHOPPING CARNIVAL at Fingal 15 March. DON'T FORGET. FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY.

COMING...SHROVE TUESDAY RACE. An old custom is to be received next Tuesday Feb. 18th when there will be a pancake tossing race at the St. Marys District School. This has been held in the village of Olney in England for hundreds of years, and the sight of housewives of the village racing down the main street, pan in hand and pancake flipping, attracts hundreds of tourists.

There are to be three races at the school starting at 12.30 from outside the old Home Arts building and finishing level with the front door of the school. Entries are invited from children, teachers and any citizens of St. Marys. There is an entrance fee of 20c in aid of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign, and pans and pancakes will be supplied. The winners of each race will be those who arrive first at the finishing line with their pancakes intact, and failing that those with the cleanest pancakes. Aprons must be worn by those competing. Spectators will be welcome, and trophies are offered for the prize winners.

If you are interested in helping a good cause and providing something which could become quite an attraction in St. Marys please get in touch with Mrs. Ramshaw Phone 156 St. Marys, after 4.30.

COMING...R.S.L. WOMENS' AUXILIARY State Conference at St. Helens. 7th - 9th March. More details next issue.

COMING...Thurs. 27 Feb. at home of Mrs. George Freeman, Fingal. Bread and Cheese Luncheon. 12.30 - 2 p.m.

COMING...THE FINGAL FOOTBALL CLUB will hold a Knock-Out Eight Ball Competition Fri. 14th and 21st Feb. at 7.30 p.m. Tatlow's Hotel, Fingal. ALL WELCOME.

GONE...A SUCCESSFUL party at the Fingal Town Hall to celebrate the 21st birthday of Cheryl Sutton, the elder daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Noel Sutton, Fingal.

GONE...KITCHEN TEA at Fingal on Fri. 7th Feb. for recent newlu weds, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Legro.

Coming, Going, Gone continued...

INTERVIEW CORNER

From Mr. Strochnetter, Ulverstone -

My grandfather, John Baptist Strochnetter, emigrated from Germany to Tasmania in the ship "America" in the year 1853 and landed in Hobart Town at the end of that same year. He was born in a place called Mulhausen in the Duchy of Nassau in Germany and he was a farmer of Husbandryman. He brought his wife and family to Tasmania and from Hobart Town he set off in the small boat called "Robby Burns" to Falmouth where he met Michael Steel at Mariposa. Mr. Steel advised him that with minimum labour he could fashion a farm from a piece of swampland near Falmouth which he would be willing to sell him. He decided to do this. The swamp in question is now known as the Peat Marsh but was then known as Blackmans Marsh. It is situated about midway between the turn-off to Enstone Park and Scamander on the right side of the highway travelling from St. Marys to Falmouth. My grandfather was assured that the land in the swamp was of good quality but needed draining. By hand labour he excavated a ditch, through a sandbank to Henderson's Lagoon, previously known as Broadwater. He then set to work with cross drains to ensure complete drainage and broke up the soil to sweeten it for cultivation. He first planted potatoes and later grain crops; but bad luck came his way when a tidal wave five feet in height broke the barway of Broadwater Lagoon and swept along the excavated ditches. This ruined the soil for cultivation and nearly ruined this pioneer settler as well. He made a second start on a piece of virgin land halfway between St. Marys and Gray, where he established a farm which was later carried on by his son. Of his first venture there are still remains of his excavations through the swamp, and a heap of rubble marks the site of his first house.

Dear Vallerie Joyce

Dear V.V.,

I am nineteen years old and last Saturday night I stayed out until 2 am. My mother objected. Did I do Wrong?

Rattled

Dear Rattled,

Try to remember.

V.V.

Dear V.V.,

What is sex?

Worried

Dear Worried,

It comes between 5 and 7.

V.V.

Thank you for your comment H. Rinds.

Hang it where you like.

V.V.

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WANTED... STARTERS FOR 1969. Golf competitors - Experience not necessary but an advantage. Keeness essential. Apply in person at St. Marys Golf Club between 12 & 12.30, Wednesday 19th. Feb.

WANTED TO BUY... FLOWERS AND SHRUB cuttings or seedlings. Mrs M. Poole, phone Bicheno 36.

BIRTH...

SAUNDERS... On 11/2/'69 at 11.05pm to Sylvia and Colin, a daughter, Tracy Lee - 5lb 13 1/4 oz., 18 1/4 inches. Many thanks to the staff of St. Marys District Hospital.

GLASS DRIVE

The Secretary of St. Marys District Hospital, Mr. Keith Cook, is currently organising a GLASS for HOSPITALS campaign. The campaign, with the approval of the Minister for Health, is statewide and designed to raise money for hospitals. Mr. Cook would be grateful to received the co-operation of all families in this campaign.

Here's how you can help. When you empty a sauce bottle, jam jar, coffee jar, etc., don't throw it away. Put all your unwanted glass, broken or whole, into a box. In St. Marys, take your glass to Mr. Jack McGee's Garage where you will see three drums. Throw your glass into the correct drum; brown drum for brown glass, green drum for green glass and white drum for clear glass.

In St. Helens, leave it in the box and the glass will be collected by the Boy Scouts as part of their usual bottle drives. In Fingal, Scamander and Cornwall look for the coloured drums and the GLASS sign. It may be some weeks until all centres are supplied with drums. During this time you will be able to collect at home in your box. All glass collected is sold to a glass company in Hobart and the money received is gratefully acknowledged as YOUR donation to the Hospital.

HEALTH NOTES

FIRST AID - PART 2.

MOUTH-TO-MOUTH RESUSCITATION.

In the absence of "on the spot" mechanical breathing aids, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation is the best way to restore breathing to a person who has stopped breathing.

NO MATTER WHAT THE CAUSE.

DO NOT WASTE TIME when a person has stopped breathing; place him on his back and begin mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. If obstructing foreign material is OBVIOUSLY present, it must be removed immediately with the fingers or by any other means possible.

If the first inflation effort then fails, make sure the tongue or some foreign object is not blocking air flow to the lungs. Sweep one or two fingers around his mouth making sure you check the area behind the tongue. If aspiration (inhalation into the wind-pipe) of a foreign body is suspected in an adult after the first inflation fails to move air into the lungs, the victim should be placed on his side and a sharp blow administered between the shoulder blades to jar the obstructing material loose. Sweep your fingers through the victim's mouth and recommence mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. A small child suspected of having a foreign body lodged in the wind-pipe should be suspended momentarily by the ankles, or inverted over one arm, and given two or three sharp pats between the shoulder blades in the hope of dislodging the obstructing material.

TECHNIQUE OF MOUTH-TO-MOUTH RESUSCITATION

+ Any unconscious person's breathing is usually blocked because his head slumps forward (Fig.1). Often he may breathe by himself if you: lift the neck and tilt the head backward, and hold the head tilted AS FAR BACK AS POSSIBLE (Fig.2). One hand pushes the head, the other pulls the chin.

IN AN INFANT OR YOUNG CHILD.

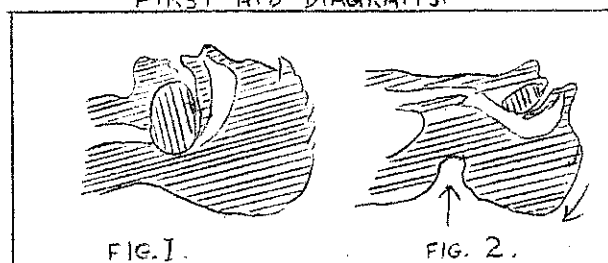
- + Open your mouth wide - take a deep breath.
- + Seal your lips round his mouth and nose.
- + Blow gently until his lungs are filled.
- + Then stop and remove your mouth.
- + Watch the chest movement; then repeat.

IN AN ADULT.

- + Open your mouth wide - take a deep breath.
- + Pinch the patient's nostrils together with your fingers.
- + Then seal your lips round his mouth.
- + Blow into his lungs until they are filled.
- + Then remove your mouth.

Watch the chest movement; then repeat. If the first-aider cannot with his mouth seal the patient's mouth, he should use the mouth-to-nose method. In this case during inflation the patient's mouth should be sealed with the thumb of the hand holding the lower jaw.

FIRST AID DIAGRAMS.

DID YOU EVER THINK
HOW IT HAPPENED, OFFICER.

Extracts from several factual reports explaining the cause of various motor accidents.

- . I consider that the neither was to blame, but if anyone was to blame, it was the other one.
- . I knocked over a man. He admitted it was his fault as he had been run over before.
- . The accident was due to the other man narrowly missing me.
- . I collided with stationary tram coming the other way.
- . I left my Austin Seven outside and when I came out later to my amazement there was an Austin Twelve.
- . To avoid a collision, I ran into another car.
- . The Car had to turn sharper than necessary owing to an invisible lorry.
- . I collided with a stationary tree.
- . Dog on road, applied brakes causing a skid.
- . I told the other idiot what he was, and went on.
- . Wilful damage was done to the upholstery by rats.
- . A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.
- . I blew my horn but it would not work as it was stolen.
- . I thought my side window was open but it was up, as I found out when I put my head through it.
- . Cow wandered into my car. I was afterwards informed that the cow was halfkilled.
- . If the other driver had stopped a few yards behind himself the accident would not have happened.
- . She suddenly saw me, lost her head and we met.
- . A lorry backed through my windscreen into my wife's face.
- . I misjudged a lady crossing the street.
- . I heard a horn blowing and was struck in the back. A lady was evidently trying to pass me.
- . Coming home I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I haven't got.
- . Three women were talking to each other and when two stepped back and one stepped forward I had to have an accident.
- . The car in front stopped suddenly and I crashed gently into the luggage guard.
- Perhaps after all it's easier to be truthful.

FINGAL COUNCIL NOTES.

COUNCIL MEETING 10TH FEBRUARY...A letter was read from a resident of Rossarden relating to open drains. The letter stated that many children had recently suffered from gastro-enteritis, five were seriously ill and three of these were admitted to the Intensive Care unit at the Launceston General Hospital. Dr. Ross of the Health Department had advised that the District Engineer be consulted and satisfactory plans be drawn up and submitted to him and the Minister for Lands and Waterways. Previous plans submitted had not been acceptable to the Minister for Health as these plans entailed emptying of untreated sewerage into a natural waterway. Cr. Johnson said that once the plans were submitted the Council were more or less committed, and as the life of a mining town was limited and the scheme would reputedly cost \$100,000 or more, the scheme should be carefully gone into. A motion was carried to write to the Health Department, pointing out the financial incapability of the Council to deal with this problem.

Councillor Davis asked the Health Inspector for his definition of rubbish. The Health Inspector (Mr. McCarthy) stated rubbish included papers and cartons and stated that in times of Fire Hazard these items should be burnt in a properly constructed incinerator in the back yard. Mr. McCarthy suggested Council should fence off the tip and employ someone at set hours to direct the tipping of rubbish to approved areas, as burying was the most hygienic way to dispose of rubbish (other than papers) and cut down the incidence of rats and other scavengers. This suggestion was not approved by the Council, the main objections being the cost involved and the likelihood of people dumping rubbish on the side of the road because of the restricted hours of the Tip being available to receive rubbish.

Councillor Legge asked that a fire hose be provided for St. Marys as a fire Brigade was well organized and fire hydrants available in street areas 300 yards apart. This was an urgent matter especially in view of the street hazards of long grass and the close proximity to houses of the Criterion Hotel. Councillor Davis said that grass at the back of the Hotel was 2 feet long and children had broken into the disused building and used it as a 'smoking den'.

It was agreed by general motion, that Councillors should take responsibility for their own wards to clear the grass and other hazards from the streets.

It was further agreed to write to the Rural Fires Control Board and find out the subsidy, if any, on fire equipment. Rossarden appeared to be the only township equipped to deal with a fire. There was some doubt about fire hydrants existing at all in Fingal, but it was finally discovered that quite a lot of new ones had been installed recently.

The Warden reported that tanks ordered to dispense water in the St. Marys area, had been cancelled owing to recent rains, but were available at short notice if required again. Councillor Hinds said people were coping well with the water shortages as they knew the circumstances. Newmans Dam was 3ft below the spillway and it was believed, after last weeks rains, all would be well again.

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TREASURE HUNT - CLUE NO.3. The voucher is NOT in a blue or a green - but the other one.

LAST WEEK'S CLUE was - If I catch you maltreating an animal, I'll tan your hide young Gatenby.

Recent amendments to the Traffic Regulations provide for the inspection of vehicles and appropriate follow up action to be taken by police, where defects of any nature are found. Where serious defects are found, ones considered to render the vehicle unroadworthy, such as inefficient brakes, defective steering etc., the vehicle can be deregistered immediately by the affixing of a red label to the windscreen. This debar the use of a vehicle on a public street until the necessary repairs are effected to the satisfaction of the police. Where the defects are not so serious, a yellow label will be affixed to the windscreen, and any necessary repairs or replacements must be made within fourteen days or the vehicle will then be deregistered. Defects in this category are smooth tyres, light globes, horns or warning devices, windscreen wipers, etc. The red or yellow labels must only be removed by a police officer at the time the vehicle is inspected and certified as being again fit for use. It is in the interests of all motorists - both owners and drivers - that they maintain their vehicles in full roadworthy condition at all times, to further their own safety and also avoid inconvenience to themselves by having the labels affixed to their cars. It will also prevent prosecution where the defects are of such a nature as to bring this about.

Coming, Going, Gone continued...

COMING... VINTAGE CAR RALLY at St.Helens, Sat.22nd Feb. See Tasmania's vintage cars. They leave Launceston Sat. morning, stop for lunch at St.Marys District School and arrive at St.Helens between 3 & 4. They will then proceed in chronological order from Parkside around the bay to the recreation ground where they will congregate for inspection. AFTERNOON TEA will be available. Proceeds to go to Medea Park Fund.

COMING... SEA SCOUTS & SEA RANGERS Regatta at St.Helens 1st,2nd & 3rd. March. There will be 250 boys camped at the recreation ground. Sail past on Sat., races on Sun & Mon

COMING... TODAY Frid. 14th Feb.St.Marys Garden Club Annual Summer Show. In Institute. To be opened by Mr. G. Shaw at 2.00pm.

COMING... ST.MARYS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION. A meeting will be held at the Institute on Monday 17th Feb. to discuss the formation of a Progress Association. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

CAN YOU DO THE MEXICAN HAT DANCE ? Join in the fun - Every Thursday evening, 7 pm at the Town Hall, Fingal. ALL CHILDREN VERY WELCOME (ADULTS TOO)

GONE... Sat. 1st Feb. 60 guests farewelled Malcolm Cash at a party given by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. K.J. Cash at their home at Mathinna. Malcolm then left for Vietnam and 36 friends and relatives saw him on his way from Launceston Airport.

FLOWER SHOW AT ST. HELENS

On Sat. 8th Feb., Dr. A. Foster opened the Portland Garden Club's annual Autumn Show. Judges were:- Mrs Nichols from Binnalong Bay, Rev. R.N. Fox, Mrs F. Pendreigh, Mrs Lord and Mr. & Mrs Smythe, all of St.Helens. Entries were many and varied and of a high standard.

TROPHY WINNERS.

Gladioli	- Mrs. M. Franks
Dahlias	- Mr. C. Saunders
Champion Bloom	- Miss N. Cunningham
Cut Flowers	- Sister Kingston
Floral Art	- Mrs Linda Rattray
Pot Plants	- Mrs C. Royle
Vegetables	- Mrs D. Lee

The following organisations conducted stalls, and the total proceeds went to the building fund of the Medea Park Association.

R.S.L.W.A.	\$28.50
(Mothers Club, Pre School & P. & F)	52.64
Fishermen's Wives	32.50
C.W.A.	34.67
Hospital Auxilliary	42.17
Guild	83.00
Afternoon Tea	32.87
Entries & sale of flowers	24.84
Donation	2.00
TOTAL	\$ 333.19

ST.MARYS GARDEN CLUB will hold the monthly meeting Wed. 19th Feb. Competition - a sheath of flowers, 1 bloom carnation and the best lettuce.

1st. ST.MARYS BOY SCOUTS. 1st. meeting for the year will be held on Friday, Feb 14th at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Any boys over the age of 11 who are interested in joining the Scouts will be welcomed. H. Camplin. Scout Master

SILVER THREADS Senior Citizens Club met on Tuesday 11th Feb. There were 13 people present. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent playing indoor bowls and cards. Mrs J. Targett was afternoon tea hostess. Miss Susanna. Herring from the St.Marys Girl Guides helped with afternoon tea. Sincere thanks to Mrs Ken Williams for her help in teaching Senior Citizens to play indoor bowls.

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- * Apples, or leaves, on the ground.
- * A looking into.
- * Often smelly. A testing place.
- * Books - sometimes readable.
- * Deeply enamoured.
- * What it added up to.
- * Talking not loud enough to be heard properly.
- * A type of leave. Once every 7 years.
- * Less noise please.
- * Suitable.
- * A bird.
- * Aubergine.
- * Twice this is a T.V. programme on Sunday.
- * The quantity of holes in an object.
- * This age.
- * One more.
- * This needs an oar putting in.
- * Definitely on the large side.
- * The result of sticking your feet too close to the fire.
- * Mixed.
- * Communication, verbal or written
- * Not fast - or slow.
- *----- Variations by Elgar.
- * Where the kookaburra hangs out.

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PORTRAIT OF A POET...Don Evans was born in England. During his seafaring days he visited Australia several times and eventually when he left the sea he settled here permanently. A man of many talents; besides writing ballads he is a playwright and producer, a sculptor, a potter, an artist and Industrial Designer. At the moment he is simultaneously writing a novel and a film script. Only last year he won the first three prizes for float design in the Melbourne Moomba Festival. Recently returned from the outback of Australia where he spent some months searching for Lassiter's Lost Reef and digging for opals at Coober Pedy, he is now resident in Launceston where he works at the Examiner. These two poems are from a portfolio of poems which are to be published in a book later in the year.

" AN OUTBACK WOMAN'S SMILE "
 by Don Evans.

When you've humped the humble bluey
 'cross the endless wide outback
 Shearing sheds and cattle stations
 far removed from any track
 When your belly thinks your throat's cut
 and you could eat a whole damned bull
 And you reckon it was weeks since last
 your tucker bag was full
 But when the going's hot and dusty
 and you pause to spell awhile
 You will find your troubles vanish
 should an outback woman smile.

When you're working for a handout
 at some off beat homestead door
 Sudden wished you hadn't knocked
 because they'll hunt you that's for sure
 But you'll know there's full and plenty
 and will dine in royal style
 If that kitchen door is opened
 by a woman with a smile.

Then you'll wish your clothes were cleaner
 and combed your tangled hair
 That your coat was not so ragged
 as you stand before her there
 How you might have patched your trousers
 where the knees are poking through
 Had a wash down by the creek
 and trimmed your whiskers too
 Yes - self respect comes racing backward
 to your manhood all the while
 When you front an outback woman
 that can spare a friendly smile.

When the land gets tough to battle
 and the sand dunes drift up high
 Here the bogged down bullocks bawling
 see them plead with rolling eyes
 When the stink of death fair knocks you
 and the flies are something crook
 And you curse the sun above you
 from the bullock drover's book
 But you know within your weary heart
 you'll stick and see it through
 For there's a woman at the homestead
 who can spare a smile for you.

But I rant on no further
 for you coves all understand
 the power and comfort of a woman's smile
 in this great northern land
 Where the drought's been long upon you
 and the earth's a cracked crust
 Where a hundred thousand head can die
 and blow away to dust
 Yet faced with years ahead rebuilding
 toil and trouble all the while
 Why you'll shift a plummy mountain
 for that outback woman's smile.

There was a gracious maid I loved
 so charming - childish sweet
 Who blushed with purit thought
 from jet black hair to dainty feet
 Yes laud applaud these treasures rare
 and fondle gracious charms
 For she will in a thrice be off
 to someone else's arms.

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ST.MARYS GOLF CLUB

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

MEMBERS : St.Marys Golf Club 8.00pm on Tuesday 18th. Feb. Agenda: Proposed alterations to Club Constitution.

J.F. Brennan,
Hon. Secretary.

COMING EVENTS... Wednesday 19th Feb., 12 to 12.30pm. Associates Opening Day at St.Marys Golf Club. Commencement of all 1969 competitions.

ST.MARYS GOLF CLUB AUTUMN TOURNAMENT- Sat. 1st and Sun. 2nd of March. (Associates are reminded of their afternoon tea donations for both days.)

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Cribbage and Euchre will be held every Monday, 8.00pm at the St,Marys Golf Club. ALL WELCOME..

ST.MARYS BOWLS CLUB

Keenness is still the keyword at St.Marys Bowls Club. Last Saturday provided a pleasant day's sport when Bicheno Club visited. Five rinks were played resulting in a win by Bicheno of 24 points. This is no discredit to the newly formed St.Marys Club as Bicheno have some very good, experienced players.

Great interest should be taken by the new players when the Novice Championships are drawn up on Saturday. Play in these will commence Sunday.

NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME.

LATE CLASSIFIED ADS.

FOR SALE...One 18 h.p. Evenrude outboard motor, good order. One 14'6" huon pine boat good order. Apply C. Royle, St. Marys. Phone 42.

FOR SALE...St. Marys School pullovers. Navy, all sizes - cost price. C.W. & M.A. Royle, St. Marys.

WANTED...Accommodation - 2 female teachers, house or private board. Apply Miss Whale, St. Marys District School.

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

The Womens' World Day pf Prayer will be held in the Catholic Church, St. Marys on Friday 7th March at 7.30 p.m. ALL LADIES WELCOME.

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ST.MARYS GOLF NOTES

MEMBERS BOGEY

R. House	(18)	5 up
T. Street	(5)	3 up
J. Owens	(12)	2 up
G. Lynch	(22)	2 up
J.T. Smith	(8)	1 up
B. Lehner	(9)	
C. Berwick	(10)	Square
K. Splisbury	(18)	

ASSOCIATES BOGEY

Mrs C. Davern	(23)	3 down
Mrs G. King	(13)	5 down
Mrs H. Death	(20)	6 down
Mrs C. Berwick	(33)	7 down

FINGAL TENNIS NOTES

A small but enthusiastic meeting was held at the Fingal Council Chambers on 3rd. Feb. The Annual Meeting for next season was fixed for September, and fees for the balance of the current season were fixed at: Ladies \$1.00, Gents \$2.00, School Children \$0.50.

The Secretary reported that although the court had been resurfaced, a lot of work remained to be done before play could commence. In particular, the fence has to be repaired, and anyone willing to donate wire netting for this purpose should contact the Secretary or any of the Committee. The Committee is particularly grateful to the Cornwall Coal Coy. for donating chain rail for posts to carry the wire netting, and to Mr. Ian McOwen for cutting these to the required length.

There has been a good response to the drive for funds - the Committee is looking for thirty people to give \$5.00. To those who have already generously given to this appeal we say "thank you "; but we must have more money to meet our commitments, and the Committee would be glad to hear from anyone else who is prepared to make a direct donation. Progress to date includes construction of two hundred and thirty feet of French drain; court resealed and old fence dismantled. At the General Meeting it was decided to hold a Tournament on the 9th March, and further details of this will be advertised in the Valley Voice.

L.J. SNODGRASS,
Hon. Secretary.

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+ FINGAL TENNIS CLUB +
+ Opening Day Tournament +
+ Sunday afternoon, 9th March +
+ ALL ENTRIES WELCOME +
+ Further details next issue +
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