

THE VALLEY AND EAST COAST VOICE

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THE END OF THE BEGINNING.

As a gardener I was dogged but ineffectual. A well-wisher, eyeing my mediocre vegetables, said "Go and see George. For expert advice there's no-one better." He added with deepest respect, "He's a compost man."

So I went to George who spoke about trenching, mulching and humus, but most of all about compost. He concluded by saying, "Remember, compost's the answer! Waste nothing that has had life. Put it all back into the soil by way of the compost heap!"

I fixed on a suitable corner in the garden and started. All the vegetable peelings went into it, the outside cabbage leaves, carrot tops and even the little strings and snippings from the beans. I became tireless sweeper-up of leaves: deciduous trees were doubly meaningful as I added their autumn glory to the compost heap. I threw on the ashes from the fireplace, likewise the rubbish from vase and flower border; buds of the more obstinate perennials bloomed weakly among the confusion. From time to time I spread layers of earth over the top. When we got new china I tossed on the wood shavings it was packed in, and the used paper napkins as well. I wasted nothing. I tore up my straw gardening hat and on it went, and with it the raffia work I'd done in my arty-crafty period. Gradually I added more earth, more ashes, the stuff from the vacuum cleaner, tea leaves, coffee grounds and handfuls of lime.

Odours came and went, and underneath, the pile went black and crumbly in true compost style. My enthusiasm knew no limits. I hammered up some sea-shells and sprinkled them over. All material remotely connected with life became food for the compost. In borderline cases I used my imagination freely. Hesitating with worn-out wool socks I posed the question: Did they have life? and had no trouble at all seeing them gambolling and cropping the green grass.

So on they went and lay mouldering beneath the bones of many meat and fish meals, seaweed, banana skins, burnt toast and buckets of soil dug from around the yard.

Feeding the mound became a rite rather than disposal of rubbish. I well remember the day we got new rubber mats for car: those old jute ones made wonderful bulk on top of the heap. The children caught the spirit of the enterprise and brought offerings of leaves, apple cores, pine needles and other oddments that passed the life test. With daily additions from house and garden the compost corner grew steadily, and with it my sense of achievement. I felt George would be pleased with me. As stated before I washed nothing. Oneday the cat laid a dead sparrow at my feet! The bird went on the mound and was joined as time passed, by other sparrows, mice, lizards galore. That cat could 'nt have been more assiduous in the line of duty had it known of the project in hand.

I no longer served potatoes in their jackets! I had use for those jackets elsewhere. My husband thought it a case of mild lunacy when he found me cutting up his old felt hat, but I explained, "This hat was once a rabbit " and spread the pieces over. To be continued

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By Mercury

Fortnight from May 5.

ARIES: Mar. 21 - Apr. 20

Your personal projects, romance & artistic work get more than a passing nod from the start for the first time this year.
Lucky days 8, 10.

TAURUS: Apr. 21 - May 20

Work on endeavours which will improve mutual finances and strengthen your family security be content to stay behind the scenes in career matters.
Lucky days 10, 16.

GEMINI: May 21 - June 20

Travelling around is on this time, but look out in case of accidents which could happen with electrics, revolving blades and heat, do not over spend yourself. Lucky days 8, 11.

CANCER: June 21 - July 22

Your sense of humour is a big asset, learn to say "no" very strongly, as money may vanish if you don't, do not take sides in family arguments. Lucky days 10, 15.

LEO: July 23 - Aug. 22

Settle a romantic or marital problem once and for all. Make a decision and stay with it no matter what. Let others take the lead in career matters. Share your happiness with others. Lucky days 13, 18.

VIRGO: Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

A good time to review insurance on your home and get estimates for work to be done well. You may become interested in a long journey soon, keep alert for projects developing. Lucky days 13, 15.

LIBRA: Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Did you promise to care for an item for someone else? Check insurance take steps to protect and don't trust to luck for safety. You have a good aspect for projects at work now and it should improve. Lucky days 13, 18.

SCORPIO: Oct. 23 - Nov. 22

Show your willingness to co-operate with others, this should make it easier to get help should you need it. Be ready to accept part-time work to help your earnings, later you may get a chance with a hobby.
Lucky days 11, 13.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Personal projects and family matters are good just now, but conditions regarding health and employment are mixed so watch your health and observe safety regulations at work.
Lucky days 13, 15.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Taking charge of a situation can make you concentrate on efficiency and you may prove yourself valuable to others near you, keep a hand on your purse strings and save your money. Lucky days 12, 15.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Conflicts between your career duties and family obligations are likely to cause problems just now, let others take the lead in career concerns, be content to work behind the scenes.
Lucky days 10, 17.

PISCES: Feb. 19 to Mar. 20

Schedule important joint endeavours early this month when you can count on co-operation with your partner for those who are laid off try again you may be lucky.
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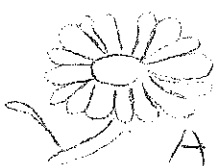
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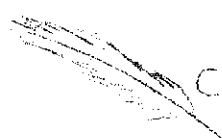
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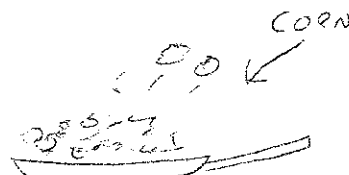
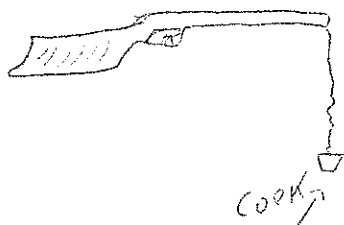
On Mules we find two legs behind
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Last Saturday evening an elderly lady, a pensioner, suffered a painful and unnecessary accident. The copper was boiled for the bath. The lady then proceeded to carry the hot water from the outside laundry to the bathroom in a kerosene can. She didn't get there. Her feet slipped on wet concrete, resulting in her being severely scalded and taken immediately by ambulance to Launceston. Did this accident need to occur?

The house has no hot water, it has no septic tank, the sanitary collector does not call, the roof leaks into living rooms. It is a rented house, within the town boundary. The landlord, already the proud owner of many similar substandard dwellings, probably believes the \$25 per week is not sufficient to allow any civilized improvements to be made. The rent, upon purchase by the existing owner, has trebled. It's a cruel, inhuman ripoff that has borne fruit in the unnecessary, agonising scalding of an elderly lady. What can be done?

Robert Cook.

Dear Sir,

Local Government (Rates & Charges Remissions)
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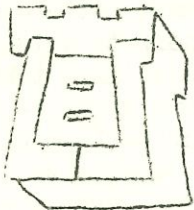
Remissions) Act of 1977 was amended by Bill No. 22 which included its passage through the Parliament when passed by the Legislative Council on Thursday 27th. I had the honour of piloting the Bill through the Council.

The amending Bill had a particular and a general application. Firstly it extended the application for a Remission of Rates and Charges for the year ending 30th June, 1978, to 31st May, 1978. Therefore those people who missed out on applying before 31st December, 1977 have an opportunity to make application to the Council Clerk before 31st May.

Secondly, eligibility was extended to pensioners who live in a house on land held under a Temporary Licence granted under section 42 of the Crown Lands Act, 1976.

The amendment is of particular importance to areas such as Mathinna and Cornwall where many residences are situated on Crown Land held under Temporary Licence, a peculiarity of old mining towns. Pensioners in these circumstances will be eligible providing they comply with other eligibility conditions under the Act. Applications must be made before the 31st May for this financial year and every year thereafter before 31st December to the Council Clerk on the prescribed application form.

Yours sincerely,
George A. Shaws
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The annual Garden Club Meeting was held on April 27th. Visiting members were welcomed by the President Mrs. Marj Aulich. It was nice to see members from the following Garden Clubs:- Bicheno, Fingal, St. Helens, one member from each branch received a posy. Birthday posys were received by L. Rattray B. Rubenach, M. Oliver and A. Jarvis.

Mr. Bill Connors gave a very interesting talk on testing soils, and the growing and companionship of different vegetables, flowers, rose care, lemon trees. Our grateful thanks to Mr. Connors. All members have some very good home and garden hints. Mrs. Marj Aulich was elected president. Mrs. Molly Aulich elected as Secretary/Treasurer. Linda Rattray and M. Oliver as Vice Presidents. M. Royle Posy hostess. Bottle arrangement: Bottle container - A. Llewellyn 1st, L. Rattray 2nd and 3rd. Open arrang.: L. Rattray 1st, M. Royle 2nd and 3rd. Int. R. Brough 1st, Linda Mitchell 2nd and 3rd. Novice: A. Jarvis 1st 2nd and 3rd. Silver beet: Jack Hughes 1st L. Rattray 2nd. Any other vegetable M. Royle 1st, P. Llewellyn 2nd and 3rd. Mrs. Muriel Legro Fingal won the raffle and also lucky door prize. M. Royle conducted a competition, Won by M. Oliver. The next meeting will be held on the 25th May at Methodist Hall 2pm. Bring a biro.

Our many thanks to Mrs. Colleen Barnes who gave up her time in her shop to do the judging Also our thanks to the ladys for the lovely afternoon tea and those who stayed back to help clean the room etc. All new members and visitors welcomed.

SPORTS

FISHING NEWS

"Fishing is an allusion surrounded by liars in old clothes".

Forthcoming events:- Tasmanian Open Surf Angling Championships at Swimcart Beach starting at noon on Saturday 6th May (tomorrow) and finishing at noon on Sunday 7th May. Late entries will be accepted. Sunday 21st May, surf contest at Four Mile together with a barbeque to aid our St. Marys Entrant in the Tasmanian Multicap Quest, Miss Carmenr Summer. Sunday 26th May, Seamander Angling Club surf event at Wrinklers. Quite a busy month for surf anglers.

St. Helens Game Fishing Club held a successful Rally Day on 23rd April. Three teams fished from Bicheno and enjoyed the new scenery of Cape Tourville and wineglass Bay. The two Saturday crews got good catches of Albacore and striped tuna, but strong winds on Sunday kept the charter boat close inshore for shelter and this crew had to be content with stripeys and cotta. At least two Bluefin were hooked on Saturday but both escaped. Meanwhile back in local waters, Ferdie Richards landed a 26lb bluefin about one mile off the Doughboys to become top rod for the day. The entry and weigh-in point for the Multicap event will be in the paddock next to Four Mile Creek as this is a most suitable location for the barbeque. Entry will be \$1 for men, 50 cents for ladies and 20c for juniors. Several good trophies have already been promised, so bring the family, save Mum from cooking the lunch or making sandwiches by shouting a barbequelunch and in doing so, support a worthy cause.

ST. MARYS GOLF NOTES

St. Marys Ladies are busy playing competition golf in Launceston. We look forward to hearing the results in the next issue of the Valley Voice.

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SELF HELP

Over the years frustrated cries ring out like "Why don't the Councillors do something?", and more often "The Government ought to do something" from us the public who pay the taxes. But that is just the point, the money these bodies have is what we pay them, and there is never enough of it to do all we clamour for, even if carefully expended.

with shorter working hours, and more leisure time why not try to do more to improve our own immediate environment by getting together and working in groups. When the Progress Society worked in and around St. Marys they did great things like making that little play park complete with pleasant amenities, and the other green corner with bench and table which is so much more acceptable than a burnt out shop. All these improvements help to raise self respect of the citizens in a township they can be proud of. This group of workers who had enough vision to look beyond their own fences also made tracks to a waterfall at the top of the Pass, with a picnic spot, and improved the track up St. Patrick's Head among other things.

And in Palmouth there is now an avenue of red flowering gums growing up on what used to be the unkept verge of the main street into the village, with more trees gradually being planted in other streets. All these efforts were by interested citizens usually assisted by funds from the Council who seem glad to help those who show initiative enough to improve their surroundings.

We, the people who live here are the ones who see what is needed, and are therefore the very people to get up and get it done.



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May 19	U. Camplin & E. Spilsbury

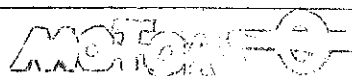
RETURN THANKS

I WOULD like to thank all those friends, and relations who were so kind in sending cards, letters, phone calls and personal expressions of sympathy in the sad loss of Pauline my daughter-in-law. Please one and all accept this as my personal thanks.

Elsie Targett

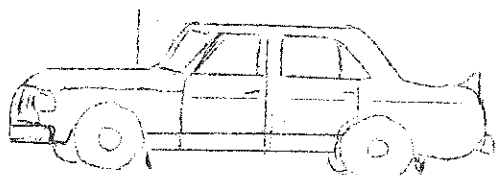
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PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION ST MARYS

DISTRICT SCHOOL. The monthly meeting of the Parents & Friends Association will be held on Tuesday, May 16th, at the Fingal Primary School at 8.00 pm.

WOMANS AUXILIARY OF THE ST MARYS R.S.L.

will hold their meeting on Monday May 10th at 7.30 pm, in the Institute. All members please attend.

FASHION PARADE ST HELENS. Saturday May 13th NEW SEASONS WINTER GEAR

PLUS

CABARET with "THEROUM" at St Helens Hotel-Motel.

BICHENO Garden Club are having a special day next meeting on Friday May 19th at 2.30pm. A talk on growing Australian Native Plants will be the highlight of the afternoon, the speaker is an expert.

BASKETBALL started at St Helens on Wednesday May 3 at 6.30. It will be played every Wednesday evening now.

All players welcome.

HAVE YOU ANY ?

We are trying to round up LARGE PRINT BOOKS which are loaned by the Red Cross through the Hospital. Many books have gone astray over the last few years. Could you please check your bookshelves and if you find any, please return to the St Marys Hospital. Thank you.

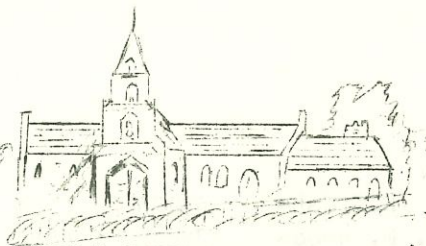
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Ruth McFadzean
Teacher in Charge.

FISHING CONTEST and Barbecue Four Mile Creek Beach 21st May, 11am to 4pm.

CHURCH NEWS



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA FINGAL PORTLAND PARISH

Sunday 7 May

Fingal	7pm	Vincent
St. Marys	11.00am	Vincent
St. Helens	5pm	Denney

Sunday 14 May

Fingal	9.30am	Vincent
St. Marys	11.00am	Vincent
St. Helens	5.00pm	Vincent

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH OF ST. HELENS

Sunday 7 May

St. Helens	8.00am	H.C.
Falmouth	9.15am	H.C.
St. Helens	11.00am	H.C.

Sunday 14 May

St. Helens	8.00am	H.C.
St. Helens	11.00am	M.P.
Pyengana	2.30pm	E.P.

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Fingal - St. Joseph
March - December 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays
10.30am

Mangana - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
3rd and 5th Sundays 10.30am

Bicheno - Community Church
March - December 1st Sunday of each month
4.00pm

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WEEKDAY MASSES as announced on Sundays

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MEALS ON WHEELS

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Monday 8	Mary King	Mrs. H. Mills	J. Miller
Tuesday 9	Mary Richardson	Pastor Vincent	Mrs. Sweeney
Wednesday 10	Pat Burgess	J. Klug	
Thursday 11	Jean Schier	R. McGee	R. McGee
Sunday 14	Greg Tapp	R. Saunders	
Monday 15	Audrey Wright	Mrs. J. Burbury	J. Miller
Tuesday 16	Mary Targett	Miss C. Cox	Miss C. Cox
Wednesday 17	Wileen Ross	Mrs. W. Davenport	
Thursday 18	Jim Napier	Mrs. Sharon Hall	Mrs. A. Tanner

WHAT IS A MOTHER?

A Mother is the only creature on earth who can cry when she is happy, laugh when she is heart broken and work when she is feeling ill.

A Mother is a curious mixture of patience, kindness, understanding, discipline, industriousness, purity and love. A Mother is "old fashioned" to her teenager; just Mom to the third grader; and simply "Nana" to little two year old sister. But there is no greater thrill in life than to point to that wonderful woman and be able to say to all the world "THAT IS MY MOTHER".

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