

# THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

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## EDITORIAL

### TOO LITTLE AND TOO LATE

St. Marys District Progress Association has won \$100 in the Cosgrove Parks Award for 1970-71. A very pleasing financial bonus.

All such prizes and Government donations are a great stimulus to any volunteer body which sets out to beautify its town and district.

Unfortunately such money is often too little and too late. Recently Scamander Progress Association received several hundred dollars for one of its projects but it had to battle for years to get it. St. Marys Progress Association

has also spent a considerable amount of its time and energy acquiring adequate money from the Government. Swansea, another go ahead town, has many times in the past been restricted in its tourist projects by the lack of Government support.

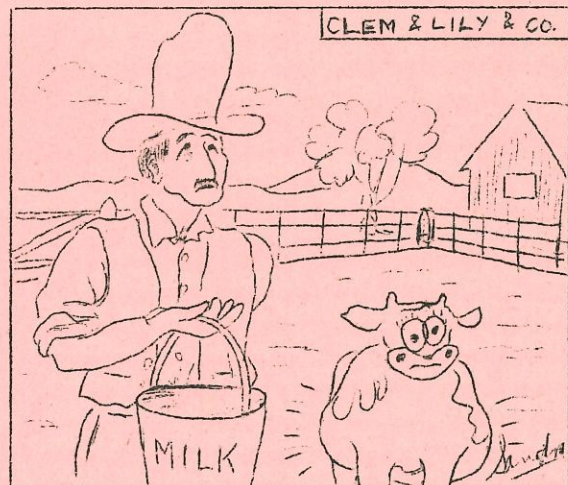
The present Government has demonstrated its interest in the tourist industry by a continuing policy of up-grading the industry but if it is going to stint its spending when others are willing to do the work in a voluntary capacity, its proclamation of encouraging all bodies in the State to work for a common cause, begin to ring hollow.

Surely if a voluntary project is approved by the required authority then the Government should step in and back it to the hilt financially.

The present \$ for \$ for such projects is miserly enough without voluntary bodies have to fight tooth and nail to get it as well.

These people want to get on with the job of beautifying their towns and districts and not spend their time and energy writing begging letters to the Government for financial aid.

Under such conditions it is no wonder that so many progress associations in the State exist in name only.



"I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WHITEWASH FOR THE BARN?!"

### TOUCHE!

Like sentiments must also apply to the present game of 'carrot and donkey' by Mr. McMahon (holding the carrot) and Mr. Bethune (now he sees it and now he doesn't).

We refer to the Bell Bay Rail link. Let us face it, the money necessary to build this railway is only a drop in the Federal bucket.

Woodchips are now a reality and will probably become Tasmania's greatest export earner. A financially sounder Tasmania will pay the original sum back many times over. Mr. McMahon knows it. Mr. Bethune knows it and we know it.

So for goodness sake, give us the green light and let us make a start laying down the sleepers.

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# WOODCHIPS START NEXT SPRING

The Director of Northern Woodchips, Mr. Alan Rice has told a representative of this paper that woodchip activities will begin in the Fingal Valley and a section of the East Coast next spring.

The first shipment of chipping timber will leave St. Marys next December. Mr. Rice also indicated that it was likely the timber would be transported by rail to Launceston then off loaded for the short road haul to the chipping plant near Longreach.

In St. Marys district alone nearly 400,000 tons of standing timber had already been signed up or was being negotiated.

Mr. Rice said he was somewhat overwhelmed at the amount of timber available in the Fingal Valley region.

On the prospect of a local satellite chipper to be installed, Mr. Rice said, if and when it was financially warranted this would be done. At the moment it hinges on the Bell Bay rail link and if this line is put through then it was almost certain a chipper would be installed at either St. Marys or Fingal or somewhere in between.

Mr. W. Meadows, Tamar Region manager for A.P.P.M., has also indicated that his company intends to cart timber from these districts next year; July at the latest.

# LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE DIGESTION

A family lent its male guinea pig to neighbours to mate with a female. After seven new guinea pigs resulted, the father of the first family thought this was a good opportunity to explain the birds and the bees to his nine year old son. "Son," he said, "You probably have some questions about the guinea pigs and their new babies." "Yes, I do," the boy replied. "Can I charge a stud fee?"

There's a new French perfume in honour of the Vietnam peace talks. It's called "Eternity in Paris."

Two women were discussing the high rate of divorce. "I wouldn't think of divorcing my husband," declared one, "Why, he's just like one of the family."

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EASTER MONDAY, 12TH APRIL.

GRAND DANCE AT NIGHT



*Miss Piffle*

MR. & MRS. SID STONE of St. Marys are enjoying the company of their daughter Judy and their grandchildren Jason and Timothy. They will stay until after Easter, when they return to Melbourne.

Friends of DONALD SUTER of St. Helens will be pleased to hear he has won a Commonwealth scholarship. Donald is doing a course in hotel management in Melbourne. He will be spending Easter with his parents at St. Helens.

Former pupils of St. Marys District School, were pleased to say hullo to Mrs. DOROTHY RAMSHAW last weekend. Mrs. Ramshaw who taught for some years at the school spent the weekend with Mr. & Mrs. Keith Bullock of St. Marys. Reason for the visit was the Hospital carnival.

DR. IAN RODDICK of St. Marys has spent the last ten days in St. Vincents Hospital, Launceston but is hoping to be home for Easter.

JULIE SMITHS of St Marys, is on Annual leave. Three weeks she will spend with her Aunt and Uncle in Melbourne, then 2 weeks in Launceston.

STEWART HEDDLE is spending his Easter leave from R.A.M.P. Victoria, with his mother and family at St Marys.

Sister JUDITH ALBY of St Marys leaves on the Princess of Tasmania, Sunday, for 3 weeks' holiday with her parents in Adelaide.

#### CAKE STALL

Help send the Girl Guides to Sydney. Friday April 16th, 10.30 a.m. Please remember all GUIDE MOTHERS!!!!

Also please note all Guide and Brownie Mothers.

L.A. Meeting Friday, April 16th, 2.30pm at the home of Mrs. Bill Cruse. Remember,

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#### COMING EVENTS

A Meeting will be held in the R.S.L. Institute, St Marys on Tuesday, May 4th at 7.30p.m. SHARP, with a view to forming a MEALS ON WHEELS service in the district. Any person interested in this project will be most welcome.

BLOOD BANK will be in attendance at the R.S.L. Institute St Marys on Monday 19th April from 7p.m. till 9p.m. Still more donors are required. Your blood could save a life.

R.S.L. bi-monthly meeting to be held at R.S.L. Institute, St Marys on May 3rd at 7.45p.m. New members very welcome.

A MEETING of the ST MARYS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION at St Marys District High School at 8 p.m., Tuesday 13th April.

MOTHERS!!! PLEASE NOTE - St Marys Child Health Clinic will be closed until May 7th. - For any advice, please contact St Marys District Hospital.

EASTER SPORTS MEETING AND CARNIVAL, Easter Monday, 12th April. Commences 10.00a.m. Don't miss this big event of the year - Bring the whole family. ALSO...DON'T FORGET...Grand Dance at night held in the Community Hall. Top Band.

#### CAKE - STORK NEWS.

Congratulations to:-

Mr & Mrs T. Targett of St Marys, on the arrival of their first baby. A boy, born on 21/3/71, Q.V.E. L'lon, Shannon Lee.

Mr & Mrs Lynch of St Marys, on the arrival of their first son Jason, born St Marys District Hospital on 31/3/71.

Mrs Ellen Howell of St Marys, on the arrival of Simon John, born St Marys District Hospital, 26/3/71 - first grand son for Mrs Reddie, St Marys.

#### LAUGHS FOR EASTER

The late James Thurber once said, "At the age of 65 it occurred to me if there were fifteen months in every year, I'd be only 52. That's the trouble with us - we number everything. Take women for example. I think women deserve to have more than 12 years between the ages of 28 and 40."

When his usual 'how-de-do' didn't do the job, the young wolf cried, "Oh, excuse, I thought you were my mother."

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THE FIFTH: Honour thy mother and thy father and all other passengers.

THE SEVENTH: Thou shalt not commit inebriated driving.

THE EIGHTH: Thou shalt not steal - not they neighbour's eyes with thy headlights nor his ear with thy horn nor his enjoyment with thy litter.

THE NINTH: Thou shalt not bear false witness with thy signals.

THE TENTH: Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's right of way.

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And it was the preparation of the Pass-over, and about the sixth hour: and Pilate said unto the Jews, "Behold your King!" But they cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him."

Pilate said unto them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus and led him away. And he bearing his

cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha: where they crucified him, and two others with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

Luke 24: 1-6

Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. They entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: and as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!"

Church Notices:Coming Events:-

Methodist Church St. Marys - St. Helens.

Good Friday 10 a.m. 7.30 p.m.

Mrs. S. Keddle.

Easter Sunday (A.C.) 11 a.m. 7.30 p.m.

Rev. H. Freeman.

Catholic Church, St. Marys.

Good Friday

Fingal 11 a.m.

St. Marys 3 p.m.

St. Helens 6.30 p.m.

Easter Saturday

St. Marys 7.30 p.m.

Easter Sunday

St. Marys 8.30 a.m.

Fingal 10.20 a.m.

St. Helens 10.30 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.

SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR FOR SCHOOL

The Liberal member for Wilmot in the House of Assembly; Hon. C.R. Ingamells, said yesterday that he had been advised by the Minister for Education, Mr. Mather, that a swimming instructor will be available at the St. Marys District School in November, 1971, to undertake a learn-to-swim campaign.

Mr. Ingamells went on to say that the Education Department regretted that a full time physical education instructor could not be acceded to at present.

HOW QUIET IT ALL IS

The visitor to Japan can obtain, upon request to the National Police Agency, Rules of the Road, at a cost of \$1.00. This is a very wise precaution, for motor-ing in Japan is a much more hazardous under-taking than in Europe - as a former Rules of the Road, issued in the 30's, politely emphasized:

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"Beware of the wandering horse that he shall not take fright as you pass him. Do not explode the exhaust box at him. Go soothingly by, or stop by the road-side till he pass away.

"Give big space to the festive dog that make sport in the roadway. Avoid entangle-ment of dog with your wheel-spokes.

"Go soothingly on the grease-mud as there lurk the skid demon. Press the brake of the foot as you roll round the corner to avoid the collapse and tie-up.

A literary masterpiece like this puts our own prosaic parking tickets to shame. Surely the land which produced Shakespeare should be capable of producing something which, even though unwelcome, would at least make us laugh?

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(For Fortnight beginning April 8th)

ARIES: March 21 to April 20.

Don't let people get you down. Socially you will be very active. Avoid advice that may seem impetuous. Control ambitions.

TAURUS: April 21 to May 20.

Hazards ahead in next few days, then the way is clear for good fortune. Great time socially. Beware of romance. Later you will meet an old friend.

GEMINI: May 21 to June 20.

Romantic dreams will come true. You will have to buy a special gift. A phone call or letter will bring good news.

CANCER: June 21 to July 22.

Surprises all round. Someone special visits at weekend. Do not work too hard. An embarrassment will spoil a happy time. Danger of loss of property.

LEO: July 23 to August 22.

A little adjustment will answer a great problem. Major social doings demand all your time. A letter you write will bring fortune.

VIRGO: Aug 23 - Sept 22.

Trust in the reliability of friends. Be firm. You will finish a difficult chore. Trouble with neighbours ahead. Good news on 20th.

LIBRA: Sept 23 - Oct 22.

Avoid weariness tomorrow. Later you will sparkle. Socially, things will be in full swing. Your taste is excellent. 21st a good time to buy.

SCORPIO: Oct 23 - Nov 22.

A romantic problem can be solved shortly. A surprise phone-call from someone special brings good news. In-laws give problems. Patience is needed.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23 - Dec 21.

You will be tempted to do something slightly unethical about money. Take care over a chore next week.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22 - Jan 19.

You will win an advantage over someone but do not gloat. Later things you plan will not be very successful. This will prove a delightful day.

AQUARIUS: Jan 20 - Feb 18

Special opportunity tomorrow. Avoid making excuses. Face up to responsibilities. Time for a small splurge next week.

PISCES: Feb 19 - March 20.

Social life all go. A good time for signing contracts. Your business sense will serve you well. A stranger will present you with a problem.

## FINGAL TENNIS NOTES

A special game was held at Fingal on Saturday 27th March, between a team from Evandale and a home team. Evandale showed their superiority by winning five rubbers to two.

Weather conditions were ideal and spectators and players alike, enjoyed the warm sunshine.

A feature of the afternoon was the delicious afternoon tea provided by the Fingal ladies and was made all the more enjoyable by Mrs. R. McGee's kind hospitality. The Club appreciated her help in making her home available in this way.

The results of play were: (Evandale players mentioned first) Mrs. & Mrs. Lewis d. Miss C. Hughes and Mr. R. Hughes, 6 - 1.

Miss Hart and Mr. Garwood d. Mrs. C. Howe and L. Hall, 6 - 4.

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Hart lost to W. McGee and B. Hughes 2 - 6.

Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Parker d. Mrs. L. Vincent and Miss B. Williams, 6 - 0.

N. Parker and B. Littlejohn lost to N. Spears and R. Parker, 3 - 6.

Mrs. Dakin and Miss A. Littlejohn d. Mrs. N. Hughes and Miss T. Johnson, 6 - 2.

T. Hart and Miss McCormack d. Miss C. Hughes and J. Snodgrass, 6 - 2.

It is hoped to make the Fingal - Evandale match an annual event.

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The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped in the door-knock, also to the people who so generously supported us.

Late donations are still being received and this will make our total the highest for many years.

In addition to this, St Marys Hotel and Patrons have generously donated \$97.70 and Mrs I Harvey has passed in \$68.00 raised by functions at the hotel.

Our grateful thanks to these people and all who supported them.

Clesby Niel.  
PRESIDENT.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY VERY SINCERE THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO VISITED ME WHILST I WAS IN ST. VINCENTS HOSPITAL. ALSO THOSE WHO SENT ALL THE LOVELY CARDS AND GIFTS, AND ALSO ALL THOSE WHO ASKED AFTER ME. I AM NOW FEELING MUCH BETTER. I WOULD LIKE EVERYONE TO ACCEPT THIS AS AN EXPRESSION OF MY THANKS.

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# FOOTBALL



With the first match only a week away all teams appear to have improved on last year and in practice games played so far, St. Marys, St. Helens and Fingal have all had good wins against North East and Midlands teams.

St. Marys and Ringarooma played as though it was mid-season, and with players of both sides appearing to be nearing top condition. The outstanding players for St. Marys were Turner, Midson, Wardlaw, Newman, Ricky Freeman, and Tony Rawnsley (who is the centre of a clearance dispute at the moment) played exceptionally well at centre half forward. All in all it was a great day at St. Marys on Saturday with entertainment for everybody, with chopping, two 'footy' games, legacy golf and a magnificent display of floats which was a credit to the workers who put so much time and energy into making it a success.

My St. Helens spy tells me that the "Bay" boys also played well at Winnaleah and have a good recruit in Robert Mock who is showing excellent form and with David Riley, John Bailey, Lionel Freeman, Ken Scott and Joe Bailey, all finding good pre-season form, will be hard to beat again.

Fingal had a big win against Oatlands and at this stage from report, have reunited well and will be a much better side this year, although like all other teams in the Association, it is hard to assess their strength until they settle their permit and clearance difficulties which turn up every year prior to the season getting under way.

Rossarden have finally got a coach in Colin Cruickshank and if they get behind Colin who is a mighty footballer and sportsman, could raise themselves up the ladder and be a threat this year.

Avoca have had good numbers turning up for training, but unfortunately like Swansea I haven't heard of their gains or losses, so will have to wait for the ball to bounce before assessing their strength.

My predictions for the first games are last years premiers, St. Helens to beat Swansea at Swansea.

St. Marys to beat Avoca at St. Marys and Fingal to beat Rossarden at Fingal.

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## CHAPTER 14. THE ROYAL SLAVES

"The royal slaves," laughed Joey but neither Suzy nor Bill thought it a joke.

"As long as she doesn't get her whip out," muttered Bill with a weak attempt at humour.

"I've got a feeling this is for real; she really does expect us to be her slaves," Suzy said, thinking of the pictures she'd seen of galley slaves in ancient times and negroes chained to gether building the pyramids or some other historical building.

"Come along, no loafing mind; you've all got to earn your keep," cackled Queenie. "Bill, you're the chief gardener; get the others to work. I'm hot, I'm going to paddle in the creek." And Queenie went off, her ragged clothing trailing behind her. She didn't bother to unlace her boots or lift her skirt but sat happily on the bank and simply got wet.

Bill marked out several spaces with a stick with narrow tracks between them for the water channels. He commenced to dig and Suzy came along after him with the hoe. Joey was very happy. He loved to play in the water at any time and the thought of making a garden seemed to him to have a real purpose. Whether or not they found their dad, he felt they had found a home.



It was several hours later when Bill straightened his aching back and announced they were ready to plant the seeds. "We had better have some dinner first," Queenie said, "You can all have a rest and I'll go and bring something down here. We'll have a picnic." Bill and Suzy lay down thankfully in the shade of a gum tree but Joey had no intention of stopping. The channels were dug and now he was busily damming the creek so that the water would run into his carefully built tunnels. He had lined them with small stones and pebbles from the creek. "Look," he shouted, "It's running in; isn't it a terrific job?" "The Royal Waterer is a good name for you," Suzy said lazily, squinting through the gum leaves at the sky.

"I wish our queen would hurry up with the food. I'm famished."

"Here she comes," Bill said, sitting up and watching Queenie walk across the clearing with the picnic basket.

"I hope she hasn't brought those awful rats with her," Suzy said, shuddering. But Queenie had only brought food - a large rich fruit cake, a little ragged round the edges but still quite good. Some apples and pears and a tin of camp pie and a packet of rather old boiled sweets.

"I've been saving them," Queenie explained. "James and Shirley don't really like boiled lollies, but I'm sure you kids will."

They all sat in the shade of the trees near the creek and ate. It was very hot and even the birds were silent. The children felt drowsy and content. Queenie wasn't such a bad old thing, Bill thought; maybe she was a bit crazy but she was quite harmless. Perhaps they should stay here and plant a garden for her. Once it was planted, she would be able to look after it herself. To tell the truth, Bill rather disliked the thought of setting off again. It all seemed a bit difficult and there was always Spider boy and Dan.

They would probably still be looking for the loot or at least the children. We are really the only ones who know where the paddle steamer is, Bill reflected, except for Queenie and I doubt if they would take any notice of her.

"What's wrong with Skipper?" Joey said, pointing at the dog. Skipper stood erect, his ears pricked and the hair along the back of his neck bristling.

"Someone is coming," Queenie said beginning to pack up the picnic basket with trembling fingers. She hated anyone coming to her home without an invitation. Until she had met the Robinson children, she had never given an invitation to anyone.

TO BE CONCLUDED IN THE NEXT ISSUE

