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## EDITORIAL

### M.P. RISES - SECRETS UNLIMITED

Pay rises for members of parliament are rarely received favourably by the general public and the latest moves in Canberra to upgrade the salaries of members of the House of Representatives are unlikely to receive any favour at all.

It is not only the proposed pay rises that will cause a public outcry but a combination of these rises and the time at which they are contemplated. We don't think we are wrong in conducting that message the Federal Government has been trying to get through for the past year or two is, increased wages cause increased prices and consequently the possibility of inflation. At the moment, whether this is right or wrong is immaterial. The general feeling amongst the public is that it is true.

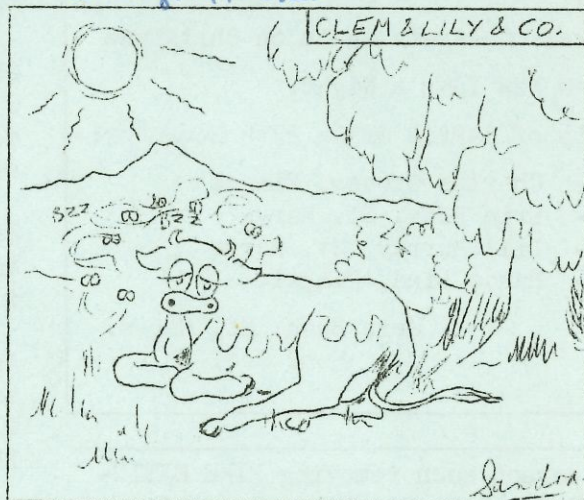
How then can parliamentarians justify considering their own substantial pay increases (over \$19,000 a year is contemplated) in a manner which would make even the most militant and greedy unionist seem like an amateur.

Possibly many M.H.R.'s earn their money and also possibly many don't. The thing is that the ordinary wage earner doesn't have a chance to know either way.

It might serve a very good purpose, if and when any decision to increase parliamentary salaries are muted, to present the whole facts to the public for general scrutiny.

Parliamentarians are in an unusual position of passing their own pay rises and because of this it seems only common sense to give others ALL the facts if they consider these rises are fully justified.

The average man in the street probably hasn't the faintest idea what it costs to run a politician. For instance how much of a M.H.R.'s salary is taxed and at what rate and how much is not? How many hours a week does an average M.H.R. work at his job and what EXACTLY does he do? What expenses is he likely to incur each year and will his allowances cover them? What are his secretarial arrangements and general commitments? We don't know! How many people do?



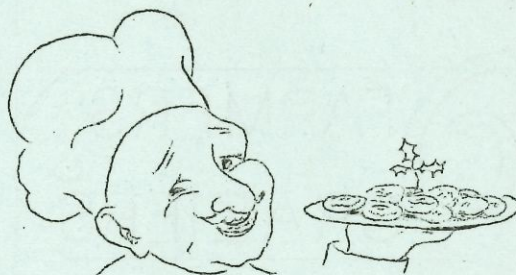
"ANOTHER HOT, FLY-RIDDEN SUMMER - I THINK I'LL GO TO SCOTLAND AND SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH MY COUSIN HAMISH!!"

### TOUCHE'

SOMETIMES when they are scratching to get a quorum, diehard members of the St. Marys Progress Association can be forgiven by being a little depressed by it all. It is, however, a great lift to hear some of the behind the scenes stories. For instance, Bill Graham of Grey Road, St. Marys who spends a considerable amount of his retirement in clearing and improving the walking track up 'Paddy's Head' single handed. And again, Cedric Brown who has, at his own expense, kept the new toilets in St. Marys in such spotless condition during the year. Merry Xmas to them both!

ONCE there was the T.V. show called 'The Flying Nun'. Judging by the distance covered by a white car marked 'St. Marys District Nursing Service'; we have on our hands a 'Flying Sister'.

### S T. M A R Y S B A K E R Y



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# RETURN THANKS

On behalf of the St. Marys Trotting Club I wish to thank all who gave and supported our Cabaret and Raffle on 27th November at the St. Marys Hotel. It was a most successful evening. Special thanks to Dawn and Tas Yates also Bob Hinds, who ran the chocolate wheel. Also thank you to all other helpers. Cabarets again on Christmas Eve and New Year's Night.

Results of Raffle drawn 27th November:-

- 1st - Charles Groves, Fingal
- 2nd - Eric Bean, St. Marys
- 3rd - Lill Murray, St. Marys
- 4th - Maude Lind, Fingal.

Eric Bean, St. Marys.  
Hon. Sec.

WOULD person seen removing FIRE EXTINGUISHER from the St. Marys Community Hall, please return same to Hall steps, to save further police action to recover same.

H.J. AULICH, Hon. Sec.

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## Miss Piffle

The Brook 0' Day Speakers held their Changeover Dinner at the St Marys Hotel. Members would like to complement Mr and Mrs T Yates for the delightful meal and the service. Miss Joan Woodbury was Guest Speaker and delighted all with her 'Travellers Tale'. Other speakers were Norma Roddick, Maisie Royle and Eileen Mc Manus and the outgoing President Colleen Barnes handed her gavel to Betty Dean who will be in office for the next six months. The Speaker's Award for Best Speaker of the Year was won by Sandra Young.

Residents of St Marys will be interested to know that Madam Caroka is setting up her tent and bringing out her crystal ball again. This weekend she will be at Nubeena but using her Maiden Name - Claire Voyant.

Sandra Young is off to Scotland to spend Xmas with her family this weekend. Friends at St Marys Hospital will be saying Bon Voyage at a party tonight. Also off to U.K. is Sister Helen Green who leaves next week for a working holiday.

MRS. DAISY VINCENT of Mathinna is at present 'baby sitting' for relatives at Longford. All her friends send their kind regards.

IST St. Marys Girl Guide. Company spent an enjoyable weekend camping at Falmouth. Miss Roden of Launceston visited the camp during the weekend. Miss Roden is the State camping adviser for the Girl Guide Association.

### STORK NEWS

Congratulations to:

Mr. & Mrs. R. Stone of Scamander on the arrival of their daughter born Q.V.H.

Mr. & Mrs. Johns of Fingal on arrival of their infant born Q.V.H. 30/11/71.

Mr. & Mrs. R. Legge "Cullenswood" on arrival of Edward Vincent born Q.V.H. 29/11/71.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Cunningham of Mathinna on arrival of their son, Allan born 27/11/71.

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Cook, St. Marys on arrival of their daughter Sally Jane, born St. Marys District Hospital, 26/11/71.

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### COMING EVENTS

**XMAS PARTY** - The following business people of St Marys have arranged for Santa to be at their Annual Xmas Party on Xmas Eve at 2.30pm so come along children and tell Santa what you want for Xmas

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Mr R Hinds (Bookmaker)

Colin Royle (Drapery Shop)

T & D Yates (St Marys Hotel)

B & G Gill (Grocery Shop)

G Singline (Shoe Shop)

Adults can also have a talk to Santa but we do not give a guarantee that Santa will grant your wishes.

**SENIOR CITIZENS XMAS PARTY** in the Institute; Cornwall and St Marys will combine for this Annual Event. Ladies a basket please, each member to bring a gift costing no more than 50cents 7.30pm

**ST MARYS GARDEN CLUB - THE ANNUAL DINNER** and presentation of prizes will be held on Sat. 4th December at Scamander River Motel at 7.30pm

**AMERICAN TEA** at old School, Mangana Saturday 11th at 3 pm. Bring a gift and Buy a Gift - Chocolate Wheel Proceeds in aid of Church of England and Catholic Church.

Church of the Holy Cross, Mangana, **CHILDREN'S XMAS & FAMILY SERVICE** followed by games and supper. Parents please bring a plate. Sunday 12th December 7pm

Dec 12th.....  
**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** in the grounds of St Marys District Hospital at 8.30pm  
Featuring Kings Meadows Choir of 70 voices.  
**A GENERAL MEETING OF SCAMANDER PROGRESS ASSOCIATION** will be held Tuesday 7th Dec. 8pm at Scamander Hotel, ALL WELCOME

**IT IS PROPOSED** to organise a party of carol singers, particularly younger people, to sing in various parts of the St. Marys - Cornwall district during Christmas week. Anybody interested should inform Mr. C.H. Johnson (Telephone No. 77)

**FARMERS MEETING:** Wednesday 8th December at 8 p.m. Valley Voice Office St. Marys. Subject for discussion - Rural Reconstruction and Repayment of Drought Loans. Guest visitor, David Scarborough D.A.O.

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"Keep the door of my lips"

No prayer should be oftener spoken by us than that of David in one of his Psalms: "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips."  
There is nothing in all our life to which most of us give less heed than to our words. We let them fly from our lips as the leaves fly from the trees when the Autumn leaves blow. Many people seem to think that words scarcely have a moral character. They watch their acts, their conduct, and then give full license to their tongues. This is not right. A true Christian should have a Christian tongue.  
Words have terrific power for harm if they are wrong words, and blessed, immortal power for good if they are Holy words. We need pray continually that God would keep the door of our lips and set a watch before our mouth. Only love should be permitted to interpret itself in speech. Bitterness and all evil should be restrained.

QUEENS GUIDE AWARD.

The Queens Guide badge is the highest award that any Girl Guide can gain. This week, Dianne Cruse of 1st. St. Marys Girl Guide Company, was presented with her Queens Guide Badge by the Divisional Commissioner, Miss D. Simpson. Dianne has worked hard for the past four years and her efforts have included Commonwealth knowledge, Camping and Bush Craft, First Aid and Rescue, Home Nursing and Child Nursing, Arts and Crafts, Cooking and other achievements. Friends and relatives congratulate her on a job well done. She is only the third Guide to attain this award in the Middle-East Division.



S T. M A R Y S B U T C H E R Y

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SCAMANDER GARDEN CLUB

Despite a dismal wet afternoon, the Scamander Garden Club meeting, held on Tuesday 9th November, was most successful. The meeting was held at Mrs. M. Petersens home and members enjoyed seeing the garden and admiring the snow of flowers.

The competition was for a Christmas decoration and was won by Mrs. Petersen. Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Petersen were equal first in a competition for the best Iris. Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Pitt, both of St. Marys were the judges and they both remarked on the high standard of entries. The Club will go into recess until February, after the Christmas party, which will be held on Tuesday 14th December, at the Scamander Hotel.

Club members held a successful afternoon recently at the President's home. A jewellery show was conducted by Mrs. Brooker of Scottsdale. The raffle was won by Mrs. M. Savage, Scamander. The Club benefited by \$12.30. Funds will be used for the Christmas Luncheon entertainment. Members will invite guests to this special meeting where progressive prizes for the current year's competitions will be presented.

BREAK O'DAY CAMERA CLUB

The final meeting for the year was held at the home of the President Mr. R. Legge of Cullenswood. The competition points for the year were totalled and the Forsyth Trophy was won by Mr. Tim McManus of Falmouth. The Club Trophy was won by Mr. Allan Jackson of St. Marys. Both members have shown continual talent throughout the year. The next meeting will be the Annual Dinner at the Scamander Hotel.

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continuing from Mr Tom Hall of Cornwall -

"As Cornwall progressed a hall was built which was a Community Centre, in which the State School was held also. There were concerts, Sunday School, Religious Services and later band practices. Our first school teacher was Mr Pitt, who was also a lay reader in the Methodist Church.

"When I was a young lad my father had a white mare (called Topsy); whenever we wanted to leave Cornwall our only transport was horse and cart. Our schoolteacher, Mr Pitt, asked my father to lend him Topsy for the day - he was taking a service at Mathinna. Next morning when my father went to feed the horse he found it to be of different sex to the one he had loaned and consequently Mr Pitt had to make a second trip to Mathinna to put things right. My father ordered a 'penny farthing' bike from Launceston without seeing it and there was great excitement when it arrived by train at Cullenswood Siding. The crate was as big as a piano case and my father and of course me walked round and found the case many times before opening it - we didn't expect a bike to come in such a huge case. I used to ride it to school in St Marys and double dink my mate Edgar Homan who had to stand with one foot on the bolt.

"Things regarding health were rather primitive. The patient had to be very ill indeed before considering a trip by horse and cart to visit Doctor Hoskins at Pingal. Those who could wait for the Doctor's visiting day which was once a week would walk to the roadside and sit on a log.

"I remember one occasion, a miner's wife had severe toothache and the Doctor had to do an extraction, (no injections of course); 'Will it hurt Doctor' she said, 'No of course not,' he replied then when he had a firm grip with his instrument, 'You know you can't extract a tooth without hurting a bit.'

"As the years advanced we were able to look with pride on our achievements. Our Brass Band was second to none in the State, the Bandmasters were among the best brought from many parts of the State. We had a Choral Group providing entertainment on most Sunday afternoons and when the first gramophone was brought to Cornwall our happiness was complete. One storekeeper, Mr Harry Frogwell would bring his to the front window every Saturday night and while people sat on the verandah to listen they would do brisk business behind the counter.

"At one time we had four stores all doing a good trade and now like the 'ten little nigger boys' we have none."

## MEETING DIARY

Dec 17th

### ST MARYS

Dec. 6th Hospital Auxiliary, Hospital 7.30pm  
Dec. 12th Progress Assn. 8pm  
Matron's Office

### SCAMANDER

Dec. 14th Garden Club 2.30pm

### PINGAL

Dec. 8th C of E Guild 7.30pm Rectory

### CHURCH NOTICES

#### Church of England

Dec. 5th

8am St Peters Holy Communion

9.45 am St Thomas' Family Service & Baptism

2.30pm St Georges Sunday School

Anniversary & Baptism

7pm Holy Trinity Evening Prayer

Dec. 12th

8am St Thomas' Holy Communion

10am Church of the Good Shepherd  
Sunday School Festival

5pm Church of the Ascension  
Family Service

7pm Church of the Holy Cross  
Xmas Family Service

### CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dec. 5th

8.30am St Mary of the Assumption

9.45am Avoca

10.30am Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

6.30pm St Helens

Dec. 12th

8.30am St Mary of the Assumption

9.45am Avoca

10.30am St Helens

6.30pm St Joseph's

### METHODIST CHURCH

Dec. 5th

Dec. 12th

### MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

Dec. St Marys	St Helens
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6th Mrs J Barbury	Mr & Mrs K Brown
7th Mrs J Alukner	Mrs Brownrigg
8th Miss B Wardlaw	
9th Mrs I McKenzie	Mrs Hutchinson
	Mrs Eddington
12th Mr N Tapp	10th Mrs Haley
13th Mrs N Miller	Mrs M Bailey
14th Mrs P Dean	Mr G Cairns
15th Mr N Sutton	
16th Mrs E Bye	Mrs E Fysh
	Mrs Doyle
17th	Fishermens Wives

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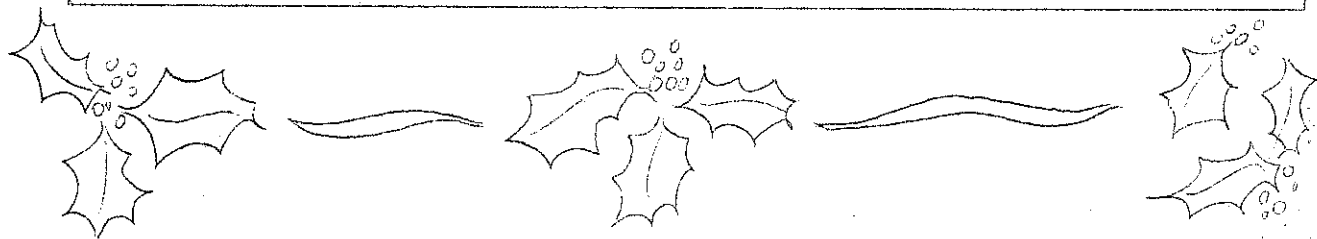
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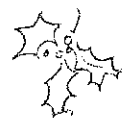
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Details: G.Toombs 33 -35- (0)- 68  
C.Toombs 34- 27- (1)- 62  
W.Scales 29- 29- (3)- 61  
G.Shier 33- 20- (5)- 58  
M.Shier 29- 23 - 52

Team Shoot: The shoot for the No.2 District Rifle Association Shield over 300, 500,&600yds resulted in a victory for Fingal.Fingal established a 6 point lead over CampbellTown at 300 yds.scoring 167 to 161..Miners finished this range with 159. Shooting was even at 500yds with Miners and Fingal each scoring 168,while CampbellTown shot 167.At 600yds.Campbell Town recorded 165,Fingal 164,Miners 159. Possibles were scored at 300yds by L.Howard(CT) W.Johnson(F) at 300yds.by Jan.Hayden(Miners) L.Howard (CT).

DETAILS: FINGAL

W.Johnstone 35 - 34 - 34 - 103  
W.Davenport 34 - 34 - 33 - 101  
K.Davey 34 - 33 - 33 - 100  
T.Johnstone 33 - 34 - 31 - 95  
Jan.Johnstone 31 - 33 - 33 - 97

499

CAMPBELL TOWN

L.Howard 35 - 35 - 32 - 102  
M.Evans 33 - 34 - 34 - 101  
W.Croome 33 - 33 - 32 - 98  
P.Lockett 31 - 33 - 33 - 97  
T.Davidson 29 - 32 - 34 - 95

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MINERS

G.Toombs 34 - 33 - 33 - 100  
Jan Hayden 31 - 35 - 33 - 99  
W.Scales 34 - 34 - 31 - 99  
J.Hayden 31 - 33 - 31 - 95  
C.Toombs 29 - 33 - 31 - 93

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COMING SHOOT...Sat. Dec.4th Second Stage of "C" Series over 600& 700yds. Sat. 11th.Dec. Team Shoot..Miners Vs Campbell Town for Blundstone Shield at Campbell Town over 300,500 & 600yds. commencing 1pm.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

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Dec 5th. St. Marys 11a.m. Mr M. Clayton. St. Helens 7.30p.m.

Dec. 12th. St. Marys 11a.m. Mrs. S. Keddle.

St. Helens , 7.30p.m. Mr. D. Hall

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LET'S LAUGH

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Like many American housewives, she kept several kinds of coffee. Recently, while entertaining some Australian visitors, I offered them a choice of three varieties: coffee with the caffeine removed, coffee with acids removed and caffeine left in, or instant coffee. "I say," answered one of the Australian, "would you possibly have some coffee that hasn't been interfered with?"

A passer-by asked a hippie what time it was. "Twelve o'clock," replied the hippie.

"Goodness," said the man, "I thought it was later than that."

"Man, it never gets later than that around here," said the hippie. "When it reaches twelve o'clock, we start over again."

My father, who is hard of hearing, underwent an operation. A day or two later, when I went to visit him, the nurse was just completing his bath. As I waited quietly just outside his room for her to leave, I overheard the nurse say pleasantly, "I wish I had a million patients like you." "What did you say?" my father asked. The nurse repeated, a little louder, "I wish I had a million patients like you." "I'm sorry I still didn't hear you." The nurse, still louder, but lacking her former verve, replied, "I said I wish I had a dozen patients like you."

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## ARIES: March 21- April 20.

You can be too emotional and will ask for trouble this way. You may make others unhappy. A mood of pessimism about money may be here. Best days 3rd. and 10th.

## TAURUS: April 21- May 20.

You may think that traditional arrangements for holidays can take the place of luxurious gifts, but they can't. Be open-handed with the young ones. Best days 4th, 11th and 16th.

## GEMINI: May 21- June 20

The news you get may cause a change in plans. Older relatives enter in quite heavily in your picture now. You may not be able to entertain as you hoped. Best days 7th and 15th.

## CANCER: June 21- July 22

Your holiday season may start early and be very big, due to guests that are unexpected. You may need to have everything shining, have your work done right up to the day in order to take full advantage of companionship. Best days 5th and 12th.

## LEO: July 23- August 22

You may take a long trip to join loved ones at a distance. You may be very generous, loaded down with gifts and good things for others. Best days 12th and 15th.

## VIRGO: August 23- Sept. 22.

Let generosity and thoughtfulness be the base of your spending for Christmas. There may be a crisis in your career, a big decision to make about mid-month. An executive may have some ideas for your benefit. Best days 6th and 12th.

## LIBRA: Sept. 23- October 22.

You may receive high honours in your career. On 11th romantic skies are your day. You will be better to concentrate on doing good things for the household, being extra generous with those you love. Best days 8th & 11th.

## SCORPIO: October 23- Nov 22.

You will be very busy with social life now and may have little time for anything else. Your romantic life becomes more interesting but you'll be wise to let it take a backseat while you attend to broader interests. Best days 9th and 13th.

## SAGITTARIUS: November 22- December 21

You could be defrauded the first week for you may be unusually gullible and trusting. There may be someone malicious who starts talking about you this month. Best days 7th and 15th.

## CAPRICORN: December 22- January 19.

You will have pleasant surprises this month. You can be very happy with family and friends. Your home may be a centre of attraction. You'll be at your best and very sociable. Best days 5th and 13th.

## AQUARIUS: January 20- February 18

Your career is demanding and you may get a promotion this month, more money and quite a lot of prestige. Your efforts to improve educationally have much to do with the good things that are happening. Best days 9th & 14th.

## PISCES: February 19- March 20

Impressions you make are most important. You will enjoy the warm affectionate things of the holidays, like talking some handiwork to friends as a gift. Making things can be a lot of fun when a loved one co-operates. Best days 10th and 15th.

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