

# THE VALLEY & EAST COAST VOICE

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## EDITORIAL

On page two of this issue we print a letter from a tourist criticising the untidiness of several towns in this area. At the first reading we considered the complaints exaggerated but on closer examination we are not sure. Finally we considered the best way to find out was to investigate these claims ourselves. The following is the result of a quick trip along the route mentioned in the letter.

The remarks about Falmouth were true. The beach toilets there were indeed in a shocking mess. Inches of sand lay on the floor and it was only too obvious from the smell that some people were still, in desperation probably, using them. They did not look as though they had been cleaned for months. If toilets have been built there, whose responsibility is it to keep them clean?

Other remarks about roadside litter along the coastal strip did seem somewhat unfounded from the car but on closer inspection, i.e. a few hundred yards walk just out of Scamander yielded nearly a sugar bag full of empty cans, bottles and other rubbish of the produce container variety. Perhaps symptomatic with the attitude of travellers along this road was the passing motorist who helped fill our bag by tossing out a paper bag full of fruit peelings as he passed. His action no doubt kept his car clean, but not his environment.

The criticism levelled at pruning and removing trees in St. Helens, although mostly true we considered somewhat exaggerated. The trees removed were not at first obvious and the pruning was not as harsh as many avenues we have seen in the past. However we do agree that most of the buildings revealed by the cuttings were certainly not as picturesque as the trees were in full leaf.

All the towns mentioned though, were untidy and they all contained their fair share of litter. In St. Marys one short section of guttering was mostly filled with paper wrappings etc.

cont.

## LILY IN SCOTLAND!



"IS SHE RELATED TO YOU, HAMISH?"  
"NOT EXACTLY — HE'S A STAG!"

## Editorial cont.

Our letter writer then seems mostly right. We are an untidy lot both locals and tourists. However there is just one mitigating circumstance, in the distance we travelled we saw only three rubbish bins and these were overflowing. The problem then arises. If you've got a bag full of rubbish, where are you supposed to put it?

Surely some well placed council bins wouldn't cost much neither would they be much trouble to be serviced regularly. How about it councils? At every turn we are exhorted by the authorities not to burn Tasmania. No one seems to bother about rubbishing it.



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# LETTERS

Sir,

I wish to draw the attention of your readers, particularly those of St. Helens and Falmouth, and to a lesser extent, those of St. Marys and Scamander, to the filthy state of their streets and public areas.

I write as a visitor and one who has always had a particularly soft spot for the beautiful North East and its charming towns.

However, on my recent visit to this area, I found rubbish in greater profusion than anywhere I have been in twenty different countries in the world, with two exceptions; Central Station and Centennial Park in Sydney.

At Falmouth the public lavatories on the beach looked as though they were last used by shortsighted Aborigines round about 1850.

The Tasman Highway between Enstone Park and Scamander produced a rip-top can at the rate of one per post, not to mention bottles, milk shake cartons cigarette packets etc. etc. by the truck load.

St. Helens was only a shadow of its former glory with trees truncated, like fuzzy green toffee apples and others gone altogether. What is exposed to view would be better hidden. Pavements full of potholes at the Town Centre and only one small and overused rubbish tin.

I realise that the bulk of this pollution is possibly caused by visitors as surely those who live in the North East would not want to foul it, but visitors will not be tidy if a place makes no attempt to encourage tidiness.

Next year I think I'll go back to Switzerland.

"FIP VAN WINKLE"  
(name supplied)

TOUCHE

After reading the editorial anybody who noticed a rather disreputable character with a sugar bag full of beer cans over his shoulder near St. Helens last week will now know what he really was doing.

The mostly variable and wet spring and early summer weather conditions in the district have again produced a fair amount of harvest stories. Saddestone must be the St. Marys farmer who has already lost over five thousand bales of hay this season. But the wet did have compensations, several other

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farmers report record hay cuts. One man for instance, swears he baled four hundred and eighty bales off a four and a half acre paddock.

More reports of U.F.O's in the district. This time from both St. Marys and Bicheno. The St. Marys sightings were described as a bright light over the back of Cullenswood which hovered for several minutes then shot off at a fantastic speed in a North Easterly direction. The other description was a little more lyrical, i.e. a string of lights directly overhead that looked like a flock of pelicans with tail lights



Miss Piffle

COMING EVENTS

MR AND MRS H.LEGRO of Fingal, have received word that their son-in-law, Major Ian Bayles, of Curtin; A.C.T. was mentioned in the Queen's New Year Honors List, and received the M.B.E. in the Military Div. for devotion to duty, and outstanding ability in recruiting. Mrs Bayles is the former Doreen Legro.

SEVENTEEN MEMBERS OF THE FINGAL BRANCH of the C.W.A. accepted the invitation of Mrs Bert Pitt, Killymoon, to a luncheon to aid funds. The branch meeting was held in the afternoon.

MR BOB WHITE, who will be remembered by residents of the Fingal Valley for his work with the Agricultural Department, recently visited the district with his second wife and three sons, Rodney, Terry and David. Mr White and Family are now living in Melbourne.

SISTER CAROLL SPENCER of St.Marys Hospital has just returned after four weeks of holidays in Sydney with her family. While there she attended a surprise party at her parents home in Hornsby Heights for grand-parents, Mr & Mrs F.Spencer of Harden, N.S.W., to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Present were all descendants of the family including 3 children, 13 grand-children and 3 great-grand-children. Highlight of the evening was the reading of telegrams from Sir Roden Cutler, Governor, Sir Robert Askin, Premier, and Mr Pat Hills, M.L.A. and others.

A WARM WELCOME to Pastor and Mrs G.W. Clarke and children from Lilydale, who are settling into St.Marys Methodist Parsonage.

FRIENDS OF MRS S.KEDDIE formerly of St.Marys were pleased to see her back recently, when she attended Pastor Clarke's induction at the St.Marys Methodist Church.

OVERSEAS NEWS . . . . .  
Hamish McTavish of Aberdeen, Scotland, will be farewelling Lily at a party in her honor, before she returns to the Fingal Valley in Tasmania.

The grand old lady Mrs. Faulkner celebrated her 90th birthday last week and the staff of the Hospital gave her a lovely party and all the family would like to say a big thank you. Mrs. Faulkner has 87 descendants, 10 children - 24 grandchildren - 53 great grand children and 10 great great grandchildren

Mr. Andrew Burket has returned home to Sydney, N.S.W. after visiting relatives at St. Marys.

WEEKEND SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SPEAKING.  
Adult Education Weekend  
February 25th - 27th . . enrollments to be in by Feb 14th. ( see details in this issue )

A STALL will be collected on Friday February 11th in aid of the Guido Dog Appeal, which is the C.W.A. State project for 1972.

RESUMPTION DATES:  
St.Marys Brownies - February 8th  
St.Marys Guides - February 9th

St. Marys District Farmers Discussion Group:- First meeting for 1972, Feb. 9th at 8 p.m. at the St. Marys Institute or as later advised. For this meeting it is hoped to have Mike Greenhill D.A.O. to talk about his recently completed course at Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

St. Marys District Progress Association first meeting for 1972 Tuesday 8th Feb., 8 p.m. Matrons Office St. Marys Hospital. How about making 1972 a progressive one. New members and intending members welcomed with open arms!

St. Marys Child Health Centre will close on Friday Feb. 4th. Future arrangements for clinics in the area have not yet been analyzed. Sister Eley wishes to thank all who have supported the centres in any way during her two happy and rewarding years in the area.

MISS PIFFLE cont.

Mr. & Mrs. Col Parks and their son Robert and Family have returned to their homes in Melbourne Victoria, after spending a holiday at Mathinna where Mr. Parks was born many years ago. They also visited friends at Fingal and St. Marys on their way to Scamander where they stayed at Pelican Sands Motel for a few days before continuing their tour to other parts of the State.

MR. & MRS. M. SPINGLE and Family of Avoca recently spent a holiday at Scamander.

MR. & MRS. E.O. PHILLIPS of Rosny Point recently spent a few days with Mrs. A. Tilley of Scamander.

MRS. C. RUBENACH of Avoca has recently been transferred from Campbelltown Hospital to Springslade Nursing Home at Legana. We hope she enjoys her stay.

MR. & MRS. I. DARLING and sons of Stonehenge have been holidaying at Scamander.

AN ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY at 'Akaroa' was spent by Mr. & Mrs. G. Stanley and family of Avoca.

## FROM THE PULPIT.

"He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God." Psalm 40:3

After one of the terrible battles of the American Civil War, a dying Confederate soldier asked to see the chaplain. When the Chaplain arrived, he supposed the young man would wish him to beseech God for his recovery; but it was very different. First the soldier asked him to cut off a lock of his hair for his mother, and then he asked him to kneel down and thank God. "What for?" asked the surprised chaplain. "For giving me such a mother. Thank God that I am a Christian. And thank God for giving me Grace to die with. And thank God for the Home He has promised me over there."

And so the chaplain knelt down by the dying man, and in his prayer he had not a single petition to offer, but only praise and gratitude.

Ingratitude is one of the greatest sins of mankind. God's blessings to us are certainly numberless and we should at least be grateful. What shall we do to show our gratitude? Give Him our love. Love Him supremely. No natural gifts are ever worth as much to God as our heart's affection. He wants us. For when we love Him and give Him ourselves the question of material gifts is solved, since He then becomes Lord of All. Then the matter of loving, protecting, and helping our fellow men of whatever race or nationality is settled, brotherhood becomes a reality. God lives in us and manifests himself in our living. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto me. Here-in is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit and the fruit-bearing is through loving one another." If we have love and gratitude in our hearts, then we will surely have a new song to sing "even praise unto our God"

**B.P.**

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## THE VALLEY HISTORY GROUP.

The inaugural meeting of the Valley History Group was held at St. Marys Hospital on January 18th. The Group consists of any persons interested in the history of the area. The meetings will take two forms. "Just Yarnin'", when anyone may come along and either bring interesting articles of historical value (e.g. books, knick-knacks etc.) or just yarn. On other occasions, the Group will ramble amongst historical buildings and places. The next "Just Yarnin'" meeting will be held at St. Marys District Hospital on February 14th. at 7.30pm. The next "Ramble" will be from Fingal to Mangana on March 26th, details of which will be available later in this paper.

## ST MARYS GARDEN CLUB

The monthly meeting held in the Institute on Wednesday, January 19th was very well attended, 19 members being present.

Arrangements were made for the annual flower and vegetable show to be held on Friday, February 18th.

Results of Competitions were: - Dried arrangement made in a Shell. Mrs. Llewellyn first, Mrs. Royle second, Mrs. Rattray third. Floral Art - Mrs. Royle first, Mrs Rattray and Mrs Llewellyn equal second. Intermediate floral art - Mrs. R. Brough first and second, Mrs K. Lohrey third. Best bloom - (Gladioli) Mrs Royle and Mrs Llewellyn equal first, Mrs Rattray second and third. Home Products - (Raspberry Jam) Mrs. L. Mitchell first and second, Mrs. R. Jarvis third. Vegetables (Plate of Peas) P. Llewellyn first and second, Mrs. V. Haas third. and other Vegetable, Mrs Royle first and third, P. Llewellyn second.

Next months competitions are Single Bloom - Carnation, Vegetable - Lettuce. Home products - an unfilled Pavlova. Extra competition - an arrangement made from the Bush.

The nature strip competition which was to be judged last November ~~was~~ extended to March owing to insufficient entries. The Club has now found it necessary to extend to next Spring, and unless six or more entries are received by August they will have to abandon the Competition.

## THE CARLYLE

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# Just Yarnin'

Article of local interest published in the Illustrated Tasmanian Mail May 12th 1926

It is many long years since the first few enterprising settlers reached the then uncleared land of St Marys, with a view to carving homes for themselves out of the dense forests that existed there. The bush here was not nearly so dense as in other parts of the State, although there were some splendid patches of trees suitable for timber out of which the first houses were constructed. The settling of the country around St. Marys was conducted on similar lines to that of other parts of the island where men were in search of land for farming purposes. The fact that there existed some areas of first class land on the East Coast became known, and men who were unable to obtain what they required nearer to established settlements traversed the country as far the coast. As invariably happens in a district where the inducement to settle is first class land, the early settlers who drifted to the district, whether from the mainland or from further across the seas, were of the class calculated to advance the interests of the country. It is only country that is settled as the result of mineral discoveries that has a population consisting to some extent of undesirables. The men and women who venture into the way back lands where the sound of an axe has never previously broken the stillness of the bush are of the calibre whose spirit is not easily daunted and who are not afraid of the difficulty and drawbacks associated with the settling of a new area of country. It was this class of individuals who first ventured into the unsettled portion of the country round St Marys, and the descendants of these pioneer settlers who for the most part own the land in the district today possess all the stirring qualities of endurance that enabled their progenitors to make good in the forest lands whither they have gone in quest of better opportunities than were available in the more thickly populated parts of the island.

(To be continued)

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## MEETING DIARY

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### St Marys

- Feb. 7th Hospital Auxiliary Meeting  
7.30pm Recreation Room
- Feb. 8th Progress Association  
8pm Matron's Office
- Feb. 9th Tasmanian Farmers Discussion Group  
8pm R.S.L. Institute
- Feb 6th Cullenswood Parish Council  
Vestry after evensong

### Cornwall

- Feb. 1st Holy Communion - Mother's Union  
Meeting - C of Good Shepherd

### Fingal

- Feb 2nd St Peters Women's Guild - Rectory

## CHURCH NOTICES

### Church of England

#### January 30th

- 8am C of Good Shepherd Holy Communion
- 9.45am St Peter's Holy Communion
- 2.30pm St George's Mathinna Holy Communion
- 7pm St Thomas' Avoca Holy Communion

#### February 6th

- 8am St Peter's Holy Communion
- 9.45am St Thomas' Family Service
- 11am St Paul's Holy Communion
- 2.30pm C of Ascension Holy Communion
- 7pm Holy Trinity Evensong

### Roman Catholic

#### January 30th

- 8.30am Our Lady of the Assumption
- 9.45am Avoca
- 10.30am St Joseph's
- 6.30pm St Helens
- 5pm Avoca

#### February 6th

- 8.30am Our Lady of the Assumption
- 9.45am Avoca
- 10.30am Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
- 6.30pm St Helens

### Methodist Church

#### January 30th

- 11am St Marys 7.30pm St Helens  
Pastor G W Clarke

#### February 6th

- 11am St Marys 7.30pm St Helens  
Pastor G W Clarke

Sunday School resumes February 13th

## MEALS ON WHEELS

	St Helens	St Marys
Jan 28	J James	
30		Lance Parker
31	P Busby	Neita Brown
Feb 1	N Brownrigg	Heather Mills
2		James Napier
3	E Treloggen	Jenny Payne
4	R.S.L.	
6		Wayne McGee
7	K Brown	Mrs Bob McKenzie
8	G Cairns	Vicki Barr
9		Mary Viney
10	D Hutchinson	Mrs J Brodribb
11	M Haley	
13		Rupert McGee

## INDUCTION SERVICE AND WELCOME TO NEW

### PASTOR

Last Tuesday a large congregation filled St. Marys Methodist Church for the Induction Service of Pastor G.W. Clarke. The Rev. M.E.J. Stansall of L'ton., new Chairman of the District was assisted in the service by Rev. J. Hamlett of Invermay. An inspiring address was given by the Rev. Stansall. Organist for the service was Mrs. Death of St. Marys. Visitors came from distant areas for the occasion.

Following the service, an informal gathering was held in the Church Hall.

Items on the programme included a delightful monologue presented by Mrs. Dorothy Aldred Smith, and an organ recital by Robert Lim.

Addresses of welcome to the new Chairman, and to Pastor and Mrs. Clarke and children, came from Mr. R. Denney who spoke on behalf of St. Marys-St. Helens Circuit members. Mrs. A. Jarvis spoke for the Circuit Trust, and Father Buckley extended greetings from the Ministers Fraternal and other Churches. Rev. T. Evans of Campbelltown spoke on behalf of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. . Haas (Warden of Fingal) and Mr. Fysh (Warden of Portland) brought greetings from their Municipalities.

Leonie Mawson of St. Marys presented Mrs. Clarke with a lovely sheaf of flowers.

The Church and Hall was beautifully decorated by Mrs. B. Denney and Mrs. A. Wright. Ladies of the Church served a delicious supper at the close of the evening.

### WEEKEND SCHOOL AT ST. MARYS

The Adult Education Board will be conducting a weekend school in Public Speaking at St. Marys on Sat. 26th and Sunday 27th February. Miss Joan Woodberry, the wellknown lecturer and writer will be conducting the course.

Morning and afternoon tea will be provided, but students are asked to either bring a picnic lunch or make their own arrangements. There will be two sessions on Saturday starting at 10 am, break for lunch at 12.30. Afternoon session to start at 1.30 pm.

Sunday morning 10 am. - 12.30 pm.  
" afternoon 1.30pm - 3.30 pm

All interested persons are asked to enrol with Mrs. G. Dean St. Marys, Phone 17 before 14th February as the course is filling rapidly. Fee for the weekend will be \$5.00 Further details will be published in the next issue of the Valley Voice.

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My two year old son was having a wonderful time pushing a small block of wood along the floor, to the accompaniment of furious revving noises. Entering the spirit of the game, I commented, "That's a fine car you have there."

"That's not a car, Mum," he said, interrupting his revving to give me a pitying look. "That's a block of wood."

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## TAURUS: April 21 - May 20

News from abroad will brighten your immediate future. With the valuable help of a friend great gains are to be had. Financially things are very bright. Love is out.

## GEMINI: May 21 - June 20

Good news - to share, and make use of. Pay heed to advice next month. It is best to avoid overspending at this time. A time for changes shortly.

## CANCER: June 21 - July 22

Forge ahead - good fortune in the near future. You need to be smart to avoid some misunderstanding in the family. Social life dull next month.

## LEO: July 23 - August 22

Not the best time to travel this weekend. Take care with spending - funds are much needed soon. Romance in the near future. Action is needed on the business front.

## VIRGO: August 23 - September 22

A generous gift is coming your way but it may start a family quarrel. Be tactful. Begin next month with a good plan there are financial gains to be had.

## LIBRA: September 23 - October 22

A false friend will try to influence you in a wrong decision - beware. There will be a bright side to a difficulty in your work. Your best efforts will pay off.

## SCORPIO: October 23 - November 22

You will be in the lime-light next week. Open your mind to some new ideas. Money matters are bright for next month. Channel your energies to a charity.

## SAGITTARIUS: November 22 - December 21

A marital problem - not yours - will need your attention to help a friend. Be generous to your family. There is a surprise soon which will bring you some money.

## CAPRICORN: December 22 - January 19

Write to friends far away. Be on your toes, do not be left behind. Money making chance just around the corner.

## AQUARIUS: January 20 - February 18

Good news at the end of this month helps you make a difficult decision. Beware of a stranger with a message. Social life full.

## PISCES: February 19 - March 20

Extra expenses may stun you, but there is money coming shortly. Promotion is also in the wind. Don't be afraid of change.

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