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EDITORIAL

It seems that this paper's defence of the Avoca wallaby shoot is to become an annual event.

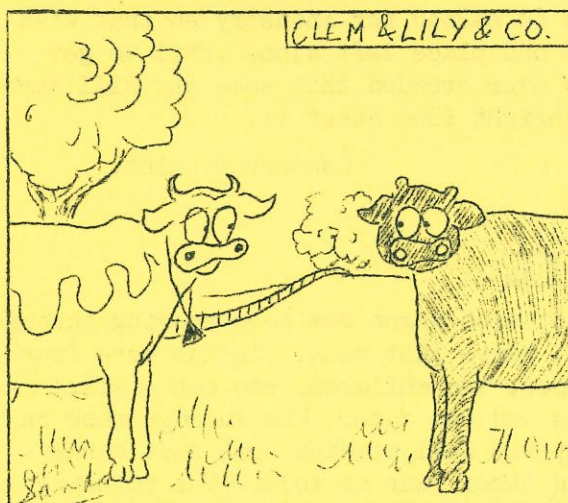
Last week the 'Australian' newspaper took up cudgels against the shoot in no uncertain terms. Dr. Guiler of the Parks and Wildlife Advisory Board has also added his bit by both condoning the shoot as an economic necessity and condemning it as a carnival almost in one breath. Then lo and behold our own provincial newspaper the 'Examiner' has also entered into the spirit of condemnation. This attitude incidentally seems in contrast from past years when it usually takes up a position of fence sitting.

But it is not the fact that the 'Examiner' now sees fit to speak out against this shoot that we consider improper, it is the reasons it gives for doing so. Because the 'Australian' and other critics both in Australia and overseas see this shoot in a bad light (i.e. 'a drunken saturnalia of blood letting', a 'carnival' and 'a sport of barbarians' in a 'state of barbarians') the 'Examiner' suggests it is an image we cannot afford if we are to be a tourist state.

The 'Examiner' suggests we change our ways so that people overseas and on the mainland won't say nasty things about us. Whether these nasty things said have any bearing on the truth seems not to matter.

Armchair critics have been around since the invention of armchairs and they probably will always be with us. As the writer Ernest Hemingway once said 'they are easily recognisable by their fat bottoms and equally fat heads. This year they have surpassed themselves. They see the Avoca shooters as a pack of uncivilised drunkards wading through a sea of wallaby blood laughing insanely all the while and waving high powered automatic rifles at anything that moves.

In fact the shooter is the man next door who a few times a year takes his shot gun from the wall and flogs his legs through twenty miles or so of some of the roughest country in the world in the hope he may be able to bag a few illusive wallaby which can run like the wind. At the end of a tough day he shares a barrel of beer with his mates.



"IF I WAS WHITE, ANGUSINA, WE COULD HAVE A GAME OF DOMINOES!"

Editorial cont.

If, as the 'Examiner' suggests we back down just to appease the utterings of fools who most likely have never seen a shoot, we will eventually be the worse for it for more reasons that there is space here to list.

TOUCHE'

Meanwhile all we blood thirsty yokels can do is pray that the armchair fraternity don't twig the fact that St. Helens holds a fishing carnival each year. This year there were more poor defenceless fish caught than could be eaten. And you should see the empty beer cans after that annual blood letting event.

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



FRUIT CAKES

SPONGES

SMALLGOODS

WHOLESALE

RETAIL

LETTERS

Dear Sir,

I see from the press that the Government has now made Macquarie Island a Reserve instead of a Wild Life Sactuary. What a good thing the H.E.C. can't get at it for improvements. It is a blessing that its most unlikely to be needed for industry so that will be one place left alone until we get so over crowded that some one will have a bright idea about it.

Conservationist.

TOUCHE'

A station wagon was seen passing through St. Marys last week. Inside were four women, two children, one man a small dog and two cats. The luggage rack on top was well stacked with suit cases and other gear as well. The puzzling thing about it was the just married signs all over it. Some pieces of confetti were also noted and even an old boot hanging from the back bumper.

About two months ago in 'Just Yarnin' this paper did a piece on Mr. Gray from Adelaide. In the article it was sugges- ted that the township of Gray may have been named after his family. A reader however has offered a different origin of this name and right or wrong it seemed worth reporting. His version goes like this:

There was this bloke who worked this rather miserable little farm up that way. It was a very miserable place and the owner was a very miserable bloke. When anyone asked the farmer what his place was like he would answer very simply and very miserably. 'It's just a gray hole'. Soon it was the Grayhole and later The Gray.

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Miss Piffle

DIANNE CRUSE received her Queen's Guide Award at an investiture at Government House on 29 April, 1972. Dianne was accompanied by her parents who along with her local guiding friends were very proud of her achievement.

ST. MARYS HOSPITAL STAFF were glad to welcome new members last weekend. Sister Cathie Laurence from England and Sister Peggy McCabe from Ireland. Both girls have spent some time working in Melbourne and are looking forward to seeing Tasmania.

MRS. A. WILLIAMS of Mathinna has returned home after a short stay with her daughter in Launceston.

MRS MAE OLIVER of Mangana celebrated her 78th birthday with friends and family on Tuesday 2nd. Congratulations Mrs. Oliver.

MRS. LINLEY MANSY has returned to her own home at St. Marys after a long stay in hospital. We wish her good luck and a speedy recovery.

A party of school children from St. Marys District High School visited Flinders Island last week and enjoyed a thrilling trip.

MR AND MRS C. SAUNDERS and son Stephen of Cornwall intend spending a week of the school holidays at Bridport.

MRS and Mr. W. BINNS and son Peter of St. Marys will spend several days visiting Mr and Mrs Binn's eldest son Gordon, who is at present in Sydney.

STORK NEWS. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Baldwin of Fingal on the arrival of a little red haired son on 27th April (Craig Ronald)

DRAMA GROUP FOR ST. MARYS.

Mr. C.J. Johnson of St. Marys has indicated to this paper his desire to start a drama group in the town. If enough people are interested, he intends to put on a concert with acting sketches in the winter and then later, a full comedy play in the spring. Mr. Johnson advises he will hold a meeting at his house on Tuesday May 9th at 8 o'clock. Anyone interested in helping in any way is cordially invited to attend.

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COMING EVENTS

The local Council is planning to start an immunization campaign in the near future. Parents of infants requiring a full course triple antigen, children requiring booster doses and also polio vaccine please contact the hospital, Clinic Sister, Domiciliary Nurse or the school for consent forms.

THE METHODIST Church invites interested people to hear the Rev. Paul Chang on Thursday 11th May at 7.30 p.m. This gifted and educated speaker represents the Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission and is currently their assistant director of the East Asia Field in Hong Kong. Plan to be there now!!! St. Marys

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING...Tuesday 9th May, Hospital 7.30 p.m. St. Marys

WEDNESDAY 10th MAY....FARMERS DISCUSSION GROUP. Valley Voice Office. Continuing with Farm Book-keeping course. St. Marys

URGENT.... URGENT.... URGENT

Cullenswood Parish Womens' Meeting Wednesday 24th May 72. at 2.30p.m. At R.S.L. Institute, St. Marys. Agenda: To discuss the formation of a Cullenswood Parish Womens' Fellowship (the Churchwarden will be in attendance). Followed by afternoon tea. (Ladies please bring a plate)

LOCAL DRAMA GROUP. A meeting at Mr. C. Johnson's house in Cameron St. St. Marys on Tuesday May 9th at 8p.m.

A games evening will be held at the home of Mrs. Dick Stuart, St. Marys, on Tuesday 9th May at 8p.m. In aid of St. Marys Girl Guides. All welcome. Plate of supper please.

THE ST. MARYS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION are anxious to obtain Daffodil bulbs to plant on the bank of the St. Marys Rivulet. Anyone having bulbs to spare is asked to leave them at the Valley Trading Company, Main Street, St. Marys or contact the President, Mr. G. Dean. Donations of money will also be used to buy bulbs.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MANY

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ME IS VERY GRATIFYING.

ANDREW LOHREY

FROM THE PULPIT

Somebody Needed Help

"Daddy," called a little girl at the door of the parsonage study, "somebody wants you." That was the sixth time the Pastor's study had been interrupted by callers that morning. With some impatience he left his room, muttering about the petty annoyances of the pastorate, when the echo of the call, "Somebody wants you", arrested his impatience and gave him a new view of his calling. "Well," he thought, "am I not in the ministry because I thought somebody wanted me? Ought I not to be pleased rather than annoyed when somebody wants me? Did I not enter the ministry because I thought somebody would want me? Would I care to continue in this work if nobody wanted me?" Out of this brief walk from the study to the front door there came to him a new inspiration for the service, in the thought that "somebody wanted him."

MEDICAL NOTES

Why do babies suffer so much with wind? "We all swallow air with our food and so get bubbles of air in our stomachs," says a medical expert. "If a baby is hungry and gobbles his food, he is liable to swallow more air than his stomach can hold. He will feel distended, until he brings up the wind or passes it. "Babies are also apt to swallow air when they cry. So one who has cried for food for some time may get indigestion when he eats."

COLDS

This is the season when many people are likely to be afflicted with autumn colds. How soon after "catching" a cold can one expect the germs to take effect? "There are many different viruses which can cause symptoms of the common cold," says a medical expert. "Different viruses behave in slightly different ways, and many people are aware of having a slightly dry sore throat and a tickle in the nose after sitting for only an hour next to a person who has a cold. "On the whole, however, the old saying is still pretty accurate that a cold is 3 days coming, 3 days there and 3 days going."

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May 7th
St. Marys Pastor Clarke 11a.m.
St. Helens Pastor Clarke 7.30p.m.

May 11th Thursday
St. Marys Rev. Paul Chang 7.30p.m.
(A warm welcome to sister churches)

May 14th
St. Marys Pastor Clarke 11a.m.
St. Helens Pastor Clarke 7.30p.m.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

May 7th
Fingal Holy Communion 8a.m.
Avoca Family Service 10a.m.
St. Marys Evensong 7p.m.

May 9th
Storeys Creek Holy Communion 7p.m.

May 12th
Fingal Institution of Priest in Charge. 8p.m.

May 14th
Avoca Holy Communion 8a.m.
Cullenswood Family Service 10a.m.
Mathinna Holy Communion 3p.m.
Fingal Holy Communion 7p.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

May 7th
St. Marys 8.30a.m.
Avoca 9.45a.m.
Mangana 10.30a.m.
St. Helens 6.30p.m.

May 14th
St. Marys 8.30a.m.
Avoca 9.45a.m.
St. Helens 10.30a.m.
Fingal 6.30p.m.

MEALS ON WHEELS

May 7th Rupert McGee
8th Robert Legge
9th Mrs. Col Dakin
10th Jill Faulkner
11th Mrs. P. Dwyer
14th Vince Oliver
15th Sue Saunders
16th Jan Dawson
17th Dawn Yates
18th Ken Johnson
21st Lance Parker

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To think of self she has no right,
She is a farmer's daughter.

She milks the cows in wind and rain,
She feeds the pigs and calves,
A jackaroo who works in vain,
She is a farmer's daughter.

She scrubs and cleans and cooks the meals
And wields the garden tools,
So sad, forlorn and down at heels,
She is a farmer's daughter.

She carries wood and water, too,
She separates and chruns;
The old folks take it as their due,
She is the farmer's daughter.

If to the town she has to go
Her work must first be done;
No holi:ays for her, oh no!
She is the farmer's daughter.

The farmer dons his Sunday best,
And drives his motor car;
Salena's home to do the rest,
She is the farmer's daughter.

The old folks sit and nose about,
And lose their beauty sleep;
She may not have an evening out,
She is the farmer's daughter.

Her pals in town they work and play,
As happy as can be;
She has but gaol, from day to day,
She is the farmer's daughter.

The old folks once did gad about,
And have a jolly time,
But they forget it all and shout:
"She is a farmer's daughter!"

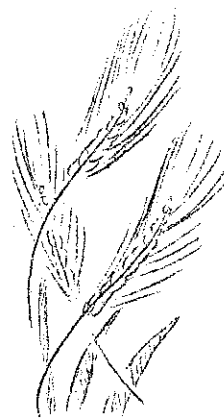
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FISHING NEWS

The Scamander Angling Club held a successful surf contest at Wrinklers Beach on Sunday 23 April last with 47 entries. Results were:-

Heaviest scale fish: 1st. S. Sutton, 2nd F. Bailey and 3rd L. Sutton.

Ladies: Mrs. E. Turner Junior: M. Weldon. Shark: W. Richards Skate: E. Linton.

Our next competition will be held at Wrinklers Beach on Sunday 11th June from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. This will be the last opportunity to win the trophy for the heaviest fish for the year (at present Mrs. D. Davis is leading with 31lb 15oz.) Next Sunday is the big day and night at Swimcart Beach where St. Helens Surf Fishing Club is conducting their annual open contest.

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SOLUTION FOR BICHENO'S GULCH?

After a visit to Bicheno last month to meet the fishermen, three of whom lost their boats in the recent freak storm, Mr. G. W. Duthie M.P., Federal Member for Wilmut, said "the Industry could be lost to Bicheno if a breakwater were not soon built at least at the northern entrance to the Gulch. He said that a breakwater on the southern entrance may also be necessary."

"One of the boats lost, belonging to Barry Mason, was lost without trace and would cost \$15,000 to replace. Fishermen cannot readily find that sort of money and will need some form of Government assistance."

"The Gulch is a treacherous haven for boats, Mr. Duthie said. It is too small for large boats and too exposed to extreme weather. Unless an answer is found, these men may have to leave Bicheno for safer anchorages elsewhere. There is \$250,000 invested in boats alone in this fleet of thirty-one fishermen. Another \$250,000 is invested in the homes of the people of Bicheno. The town is largely dependent on this Industry".

There is no truly ideal harbour between George Town in the north and Triabunna, a distance of about 160 miles. Safe harbours are the first consideration in developing a viable, safer and progressive fishing industry. The Public Works Department has made soundings at the Gulch. It has been estimated that a concrete breakwater would cost \$1,250,000. The State claims that it has not this sort of finance available. I have, therefore, asked the Minister for the Navy, Hon. Malcolm McKay M.P. to investigate my suggestion that one or two obsolete Warships be sunk by the Navy across the northern and southern entrances to the Gulch. The fishermen support this idea which would be relatively a cheaper solution to a pernicious long-standing and frustrating problem of a breakwater."

Mr. Duthie said the advantages would be considerable:-

1. A safe enlarged harbour - 80 fathoms deep capable of sheltering boats of up to 140 feet in length would be an asset.
2. It would stabilize an important export fishing industry, backed up by its two processing works in Bicheno. The value of the haul each year is \$250,000.
3. Give an assured future to thirty or more fishermen and their families, as well as to the town of Bicheno.
4. It would enable big boats to come in from Eden, N.S.W. to unload, shelter and take on stores.
5. Give a boost to bigger boats for the tuna fishing which, at present, is monopolized by foreign fishing fleets, for Tasmania's East Coasters.
6. Give the East Coast of Tasmania another first-class harbour.

The Minister for the Navy is at present investigating this request." Mr. Duthie concluded.

ST. MARYS GARDEN CLUB.

The April meeting of the Garden Club was held in the institute with an attendance of 12 adults and the junior members. The best slide taken of a flowering shrub shown and judged by Mr. J. Napier was won by Mrs. L. Rattray, Mrs. C. Royle was second and Mrs. J. Hughes third. Competition in floral art etc. was disappointing. Results:-

Best single bloom (Chrysanthemum)
Mrs. P. Llewellyn first and second,
Mrs. J. Hughes third. Floral art (senior)
Mrs. P. Llewellyn first and second.
Special Arrangement (Harvest scene)
Mrs. Llewellyn. Floral art, Intermediate
Mrs. R. Brough first and second.
Any other bloom - Mrs. Llewellyn first,
Mrs. Hughes second and Miss C. Haas third.
Home products - Mrs. L. Mitchell first,
Mrs. Llewellyn second and Mrs. L. Mitchell third.

Vegetables - Silver Beet Mr. P. Llewellyn
Any other vegetables - Mr. P. Llewellyn first and Mrs. J. Hughes second.

Judging for all classes was done by Mrs. V. Oliver.

Mrs. Llewellyn and Mrs. Royle however, judged the Junior Section of floral art, as they were pupils of Mrs. Oliver. Competition was keen and difficult to separate. Results were Kerry Mawson first, second and third.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday May 17th.

Heart Foundation Report.

Mrs. A. McKenzie and her helpers had a lovely morning for their stall morning tea on April 20th. Mrs. R. Marshall Fingal, Mrs. J. Slocomp Rossarden and Mrs. R. McKenzie were in the kitchen preparing tea for a great number present. Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. C. Haas, Mrs. Murphy worked hard at the tables with help from Mrs. Boucher, who also helped outside on the stall. Mrs. Sweeney, Mangana was on the door with Mrs. D. Rice. Mrs. A. McKenzie and Mrs. B. Hogan ran the loaded stall. The members were very pleased to see Father Buckley and Reverend Hendricks there. The hall was crowded, and the stall was sold out. Over \$80 was realised for the morning. Not a bad effort.

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TIGERS' REVENGE

by One Eye

St. Marys travel to Rossarden on Saturday to prove whether they are "tigers" or NOT, and I feel that they will decide themselves. They are playing for their coach, committee, families and all supporters.

Last week I witnessed the Fingal - Rossarden clash and wondered how Fingal annihilated St. Marys the week before, because St. Marys should defeat Rossarden on Saturday by a comfortable margin, at least twenty points.

Les Newman will be the key to St. Marys success and he is finding form early in the year and is one of the most improved footballers to date. Veteran John Dain along with Williams brothers, Bob Bye, Ashley Stone, Steve Salter, Graham Mc Carter and I presume the selectors will include Birrell and Cruse in the line-up for Saturday. This forms a nucleus for the side which will defeat Rossarden on Saturday.

Rossarden have a good side and Robert Lowe will have a big say in the game as he is a very elusive footballer and capable of turning a game off his own boot. Parish will be a handful for his opponent but I feel that Turner will be nullified by Salter, who is rucking well for St. Marys. St. Marys rovers will have to pull something out of the fire as Gary Tapp is playing brilliantly and will shark all Salter's taps if he is given the chance. Kitchen will fully extend Bob Bye and this should be one of the best clashes of the day. Kettle who in my opinion was the best man on the ground against Fingal last week, will also cause coach Wright and skipper David Pendlebury some trouble. Greg Tapp from St. Marys who is one of the "Tigers" better players, will have his hands full while resting against young "Badger" Blair who has potential of making senior football. (I believe that state coach and now M.H.A. Darrell Baldock has already approached this boy.)

Fingal travel to Campbelltown and this should be a good game. My spy at Campbelltown who is in opposition to their coach at work, informs me that they are the goods this game and will be HARD to beat for the flag. I can't say much about Campbelltown as I haven't seen them play. Fingal have a good big side and one extra special rover in John Smith. Campbelltown will find Kenyon (ex North L'ton) a standing block at centre half back. Wayne McGee, Casey Laurence, Dyer and Greg Sulzberger, who is the most improved footballer in the camp at this stage of the year, will cause the "Bridle" some trouble.

but I feel Fingal will come back after last weeks defeat and win comfortably.

I might win some fans from the Fingal ladies after this prediction.

Avoca travels to St. Helens where a good victory for the Avoca boys should be the result. I'm sorry Lionel but I feel Avoca have a little too much for the "bay boys", but I would like to see you prove me wrong. St. Helens, who have the youngest side in the competition are a very fine bunch of footballers and with players like Lionel and Wayne Freeman, Chappel, Barr, Cocker, Macrostie and the Franks' twins playing well, will not be good enough for Avoca, who have an experienced side in Williams (2), Cairns, Youd, Ruffin, White, Ransom and Hay (ex Tas. player) in their side along with the talented youngsters. Before leaving this match I must congratulate Lionel Freeman on the way he has his team dedicated and Macrostie I'm told is assisting the St. Helens forwards and playing well himself.

SELECTIONS:

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| Rossarden | ST. MARYS |
| St. Helens | AVOCA |
| Campbelltown | FINGAL |
| Swansea | bye |

Next Week

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| ST. MARYS | Campbelltown |
| FINGAL | St. Helens |
| AVOCA | Swansea |

Rossarden . bye

Readers please note:

Due to circumstances beyond my control, football notes were left out of last week's issue. My apologies for any inconvenience caused.

One Eye.

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ARIES March 21st - April 20th

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TAURUS April 21st - May 20th

Your creative abilities will come into use more and you will be interested in all you do at work. There may not be any extra money for things you do in use of skills but good results will have a lot to say when future rewards come around.

GEMINI May 21st - June 20th

It is a remarkable time for weddings and happy travel circumstances. A romance may come to marriage early in the month. Your honeymoon may be short but bring much pleasure. Guard your health.

CANCER June 21st - July 22nd.

You may seek to start a new career, but be somewhat frustrated. You will feel you are not working with your true talents. However this could be a desire to break into a difficult field - one of the arts, journalism or such.

LEO July 23rd - August 22nd.

You may have many invitations, find some people far too insistent on your being present at certain meetings or church services. Try not to lose your temper with those who would take your freedom away from you.

VIRGO August 23rd - September 22nd.

Try to understand other points of view, don't let anything become unpleasantly controversial, particularly when it is all rather arbitrary anyhow. Keep a sense of humour and be witty in speech.

By Pegasus

LIBRA September 23rd - October 22nd.

Be slow, sure, ambitious and clever. Competition can arrive suddenly and be unscrupulous. A deceptive person may pretend friendship, while working all the time for your downfall. Say very little.

SCORPIO October 23rd - November 22nd.

Do not be tempted to renew an old friendship which never had much appeal anyhow. Turn down invitations from someone you knew long ago. Keep your life fresh, forward looking and full of learning.

SAGITTARIUS November 22nd - December 21st.

Your personal life picks up new interests and enjoyment is good for your health. Parties and glamour, romance and joyous mediation are quite the thing for you now. You may find yourself feeling you have met your ideal and marriage is desirable in the future.

CAPRICORN December 22nd - January 19th

Do not be demanding, be pleasant in the home. Keep your health up. A good time for a dental check. If you have any unusual pains, have the region checked. You could have a minor back problem.

AQUARIUS January 20th - February 18th

A health problem may come up and you may have to yield to a doctors say so. This could confine you for a brief time. Do not worry about work if this condition of health requires immediate attention. Work will wait.

PISCES February 19th - March 20th

Your mystic nature shows quite a lot now. You seem preoccupied, aloof, unfriendly. Only a loved one can fully understand such moods and even that person will wish they didn't take such a reserved, unapproachable trend. Try to find something to laugh at, as this brings out your better nature.

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