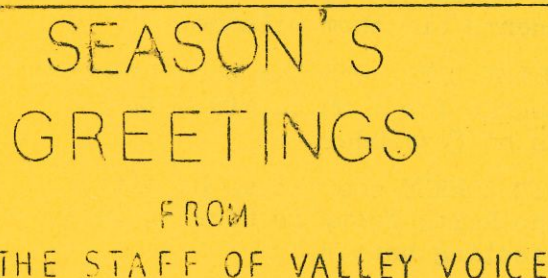


EDITORIAL

Ah yes, how soon we might win the world if only we practised the realism of Christmas all the year around.



A St. Marys citizen of sober habits ? ?
He doesn't mind when he sees a pink
elephant - But a pink Torana ! ! !



SEASONS GREETING

LETTERS

Dear Sir,

I like your pink cover ..
V.V. 17.11.72. Reading the editorial on good manners reminded me of some prov-
erbs in a small book given to me by a friend at St.Marys. They are called "Favourite Sayings to Warm the Heart"; here are a couple.
"Politeness is to do and say the kindest thing in the kindest way."
"Hearts, like doors will open with ease To very, very little keys,
And don't forget that two of these Are 'Ithank you', and 'If you please'."
Another page of the book contains
"Oh, better than the minting of a gold-crowned king; is the safe kept memory of a lovely thing."
I remember the "Valley" as a lovely thing . . . do hope you all enjoy a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Jean (Sydney)

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MORE PIFFLE (from Page 3)

MR AND MRS LANCE KIRKWOOD and sons and dog ha_ come to live at Scamander. They have bought the house belonging to Mrs C.Royle. Residents bid them welcome.

MR SELBY DAVIS who has been staying in Zeehan for a while, is home again at Scamander.

MR SYD LOHREY who was in hospital in the North West, is home again and feeling better.

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COMING EVENTS

MISS PIFFLE

Visiting the district over the past week were Mr. & Mrs. Jack Dennis of Corowa N.S.W. Jack well remembered by many of the old folk of Cornwall and St. Marys as the twin son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Bill Dennis of Cornwall. Jack moved with his parents at the age of 5 years to the North West Coast in 1917. During his stay in St. Marys he has met up with many relatives, namely the Salters and Mrs. Jess Bushing & Mrs. May Maney. Mr. & Mrs. Dennis visited the old home that Jack was born in at Cornwall in 1912. Having met Mr. Ern Haas, Jack gathered a great deal of information having learned that his father felled out and split all the timber required for the home and built it himself. It is known to be the oldest house at Cornwall today and is nearly 100 year old. At present it is occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Pilgrim.

CONGRATULATIONS to Paul Spilsbury for being selected as one of four Tasmanian children to attend the diabetic association camp in Melbourne. The camp will be from January 8 to January 18 with all expenses paid.

MR. & MRS. F. SPENCER and daughter Lois are spending a fortnight's holiday touring Tasmania with their daughter Sr. Carroll Spencer of St. Marys District Hospital. They will return to Sydney on Monday next.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Mr. & Mrs. Stucci of the "Homestead" Bicheno on the birth of their son Vadim Gottfried brother for Janine.

CHRISTINE WALTERS made a lovely bride at her wedding to Michael Triffitt last Saturday wearing a soft white crepe chiffon gown. Her bridesmaids - Carol Faulkner and Lesley Hughes wore crepe gowns in rich mauve with white trim and white picture hats. These blended beautifully with the purple velvet jackets over mauve shirts and purple ties worn by the groom, best man and groomsman. The bride's mother Mrs. K. Walters wore a floral dress of aqua tones and small white floral hat. The mother of the groom, Mrs. Triffitt wore a blue floral ensemble and blue floral hat.

MRS L. MILES AND HER DAUGHTER KATHY will soon be off to New Zealand for their holidays. They will fly to Auckland and go on a nine days tour. They will then spend some time in Christchurch with Mrs Miles' friend whom she has known for 25 years.

ADDITIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTICES

December 30th (Sat.) 6.30pm St Helens
December 31st (Sun) 8.30am St. Marys
10.30am St. Helens

ST. MARYS TROTTERING CLUB Race meeting. January 1st 1973. Please come and make this day a success.

CABARETS: St. Marys Trotting Club will be holding cabarets at St. Marys Hotel on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. Lots of good prizes.

ST. MARYS CHRISTMAS PARTY. Come along children and Mums and Dads! Father Christmas will arrive on the lawn next to McGee's Garage and Gill's at 2.30pm Saturday December 23rd.

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Clinics will be closed as follows:

St. Marys - December 29th
Fingal - December 20th
December 27th
Bicheno - January 1st

Watch for opening date

Travelling Clinic dates in the next issue. Sister will be away from Dec. 25th to Jan 1st. She would like to wish all mothers and their families a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

ST. HELENS CHURCH NOTICES - C of E

Christmas Day 12MN St. Helens H.C.
7am St. Helens H.C.
9am Falmouth H.C.
11am Pyengana H.C.
December 31st 8am St. Helens H.C.
11am St. Helens H.C.
3pm Scamander H.C.
At Caravan Park

ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION

There are several young boys who wish to start Cubs early in the New Year - BUT - they need a leader, male or female. Please contact P.O. Box 100 St. Marys if you are willing. The more the merrier! Any boys between 7yrs and 11yrs may also contact the above if they are interested in joining.

SURGERY HOURS

Dr. Marwood will be at St. Marys for morning surgeries only, 26th-28th December and normal hours on Friday 29th.

Dr. Mackie will arrive on Monday 1st January for the usual surgery hours at St. Marys and Fingal.

Dr. Marwood plans a comeback on 1st February to commence work on Tuesday 2nd February.

FROM THE PULPIT

The Stranger in St.Marys.

Knock! Knock!
"Quick, answer the door, Janie!"
A tall stranger stood smiling at our door that Christmas morning.
"Good morning Mrs Stapleton."
How did he know my name? Who was this fellow?
"Do you have my place ready for me today?"
I was startled and stunned.
"You do realise that it is my birthday today don't you?"
How should I know anything about him? Just then Jim came in with the picnic hamper as the kids raced around with their new toys. I was anxious to go out with the family..... but this stranger was intruding.
Jim called me aside.
"Who's that guy? Give him a dollar for Christmas and send him away."
Janie said "He's got a cheek to walk in on us like this on Christmas day."
"Did you see the scars in his hands!"
"He must be a gangster!"
All the time our youngest, Sallie, looked intently at the stranger.
Jim handed him the dollar and we bundled the kids into the car.
Ten minute later Sallie said "Was he Jesus Mummy?"
Oh!
Then I remembered:
..... the smile
..... the hands
..... his birthday
Was I too busy for Jesus Christ on His Day?
Will you also fail to recognise Christ on His day?
Will Christ have first place in your Christmas?

J. Campbell.

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MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTERS

ST.MARYS:

December	17th	Mrs Jean Schier
	18th	Sister Young
	19th	Mrs E. Williams
	20th	Sister Spencer
	21st	Sister Hulton
	24th	Sam Gregson
	25th	Hospital Staff
	26th	J. Napier
	27th	Theo Thomas
	28th	Mary Viney
	31st	Mr H.Camplin
January	1st	Mrs A. Wright
	2nd	Colleen Barnes
	3rd	Molly Aulich
	4th	Ruth Owens

ST.HELENS:

December	15th	Fishermens Wives
	18th	Golf Ladies
	19th	G.MacMichael
	21st	E. Fysh
	22nd	J. James
	25th	B. Campbell

CHURCH NOTICES

METHODIST CHURCH

December 17th:	11am	St.Marys
	7.30pm	St.Helens
December 24th:	11am	St.Marys
	7.30pm	St.Helens
December 25th:	10am	St.Marys
(Christmas Day)	7.30pm	St.Helens
December 31st:	11am	St.Marys
	7.30pm	St.Helens
(Covenant Services and H.C.)		

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

December 17th:		
8am	Avoca	Holy Communion
10am	St.Marys	Sunday School Anniv.
8.30pm	Fingal	Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols by Candle-light.
December 19th:		
7.30pm	Storeys Creek	Christmas H.C.
December 20th:		
7.30pm	Rossarden	Christmas H.C.
December 24th:		
7am	Mangana	Holy Communion
9.30am	Mathinna	" "
8.30pm	Royal George	" "
11.30pm	Fingal	" "
December 25th: (Christmas Day)		
8am	Fingal	Holy Communion
10am	Cullenswood	" "
7pm	Avoca	" "

CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 17th:	9.45am	Avoca
	10am	St.Marys
	8am	St.Helens
	5.30pm	Mathinna
December 24th:	9.45am	Avoca
	10am	St.Marys
	6.30pm	St.Helens
December 25th:	12 midnight	St.Marys
(Christmas Day)	8am	St.Helens
	9.30am	Fingal
	10am	St.Marys

MEALS ON WHEELS - ST.HELENS (cont.)

December	26th	C. LeFevre
	28th	Pre-School
	29th	P. Bushby
FINGAL:		
December	17th	Mrs Y. Johnson
	18th	Mrs I. McKenzie
	19th	Mrs J. Burbury
	20th	Mrs C. Ransom
	21st	Mrs A. Legro
	24th	Mr Wayne McGee
	25th	Hospital Staff
	26th	
	27th	
	28th	
January	1st	Mrs M. Barnes
	2nd	Harry Street
	3rd	Mrs R. McKenzie
	4th	Ken Johnson

Just Yarnin'

AN ARTICLE BY ONE OF OUR READERS:

In the early days of settlement in Van Diemens Land the pioneers who made their way eastwards from the Midlands, or who came over the steep track from Falmouth, made their first shelters of split slabs with bark roofs and stone and mud chimneys.

When the new settlers gained a little time to attend to their living conditions huts of sawn boards and a few cottages of rough stone or squared blocks became the centre of local life.

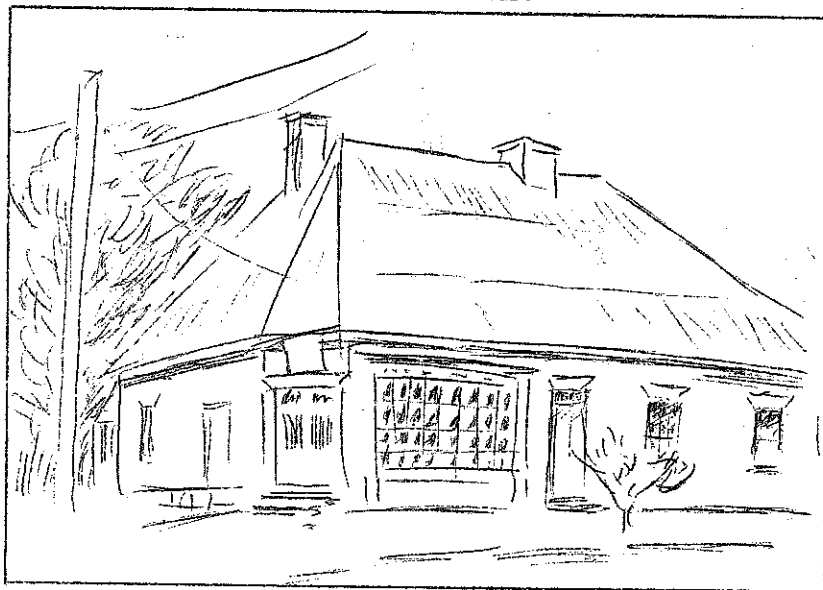
Towns were laid out near the Valley's two river junctions at Avoca and Fingal, and by early Victorian times life was settled, roads were improving and mining brought prosperity to Fingal. Most of the buildings were of wood: the district has a poor supply of clay for bricks or sandstone for building blocks, but two solidly built brick buildings of the period survive on the northern side of the main street, and have been given an "A" classification by the National Trust.

This classification is a recommendation that every effort should be made to preserve the buildings because they are good, simple examples of the best period of Australian architecture. This period began when the new settlers had time and money to spend on something better than makeshift shelters, and before the mid-Victorian boom had spread bad taste and over-decoration across the land. Such buildings at Fingal are particularly valuable because they give character to the main street and because there are no other town buildings of similar quality in a radius of fifty miles.

A few months ago, the Fingal council bought the block on which the old Commercial Bank building stands. Despite an appeal by the National Trust the building is to be destroyed within the next few weeks and the site used for a new block of Council Offices.

Fingal town consists largely of open space and the reason for the destruction of the old building and the siting of the new offices between the main road and the railway is not apparent. Development of the block behind the old bank building as a village green on the Longford model would be in the interests of the people and the building itself could house the public library and perhaps rest rooms for visitors and shoppers from the country. Perhaps this would require too much imagination to be expected from the local rulers.

As we watch the bulldozers crushing the golden-red hand made bricks early in the New Year maybe we can spare a sympathetic thought for the louts who tear out public telephones, ringbark trees, slash bus seats and set matches to the dry bush - they are after all only following the lead of their elective representatives.



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THE FUNNEL WEB SPIDER

Recently a local child was bitten by a funnel web spider. These spiders do exist in small numbers in this area and we are supplying the following information.

The Tasmanian Funnel Web Spider Atrax venenatus was described in 1927 by Professor V.V. Hickman of the Tasmanian University. It ranks as a species distinct from the Funnel Web spiders of mainland Australia, of which there are possibly half a dozen more. It is however, closely related to the highly venomous Atrax robustus which occurs around Sydney.

The Tasmanian species is fairly common and widely distributed having been found in and around Hobart, Launceston, Ben Lomond, Mt. Hobbs, St. Marys and Coles Bay. It favours a rainforest type of habitat but may also be found along the banks of creeks, in gullies and in cool damp situations where the vegetation provides shade.

It forms a burrow, usually in the soil beside litter, and lines it with a dense sheet of silken web. At the surface the tube like lining is expanded to form a funnel like entrance from which strands radiate to entangle insects and give warning of possible prey. Females are usually confined to their nests but males live a rather nomadic existence and may wander about in search of a mate. Because of this habit they may sometimes enter houses.

The spider is generally black, females growing to 25mm. (one inch) in body length, excluding their legs, with the males slightly smaller in their body but much longer in their legs.

Its aggressive attitude when disturbed is fearsome and a good indicator of identity. It raises its front two pairs of legs, fangs extended and stands on its back legs, ready to strike. When angered, drops of venom may appear on the tips of the fangs. When at rest the fangs fold beneath the head and lie almost parallel. They have a fine channel which runs from the venom sack to the tip of the fang and thus they act as hypodermic needles in conveying venom to their victim.

Unlike most spiders, their fangs operate as stabbing weapons, being used with a sharp downwards thrust and not with a pinching action. It is one of our most deadly animals and few snakes have larger or more efficient fangs.

TREATMENT OF BITE

If the bite is on a limb, apply a constrictive bandage.

Wash the bitten area.

Apply a cold compress.

Immoblilise the limb and keep the casualty at rest.

Reassure the casualty.

Do not delay in obtaining medical aid. Bring the spider for identification if possible.

THE CONSTRICTIVE BANDAGE

The ideal constrictive bandage is flat rubber 2 inches wide but suitable materials are- Belt, Strip of cloth, necktie, handkerchief, broad rubber tubing. Unsuitable materials are - Shoelaces, cord, rope, electric light flex. These are unsuitable because they cut into the flesh and may damage major blood vessels.

Application: Apply the bandage between the bite and the heart.

Apply above elbow or knee.

Apply sufficient pressure to obstruct the main artery to the limb.

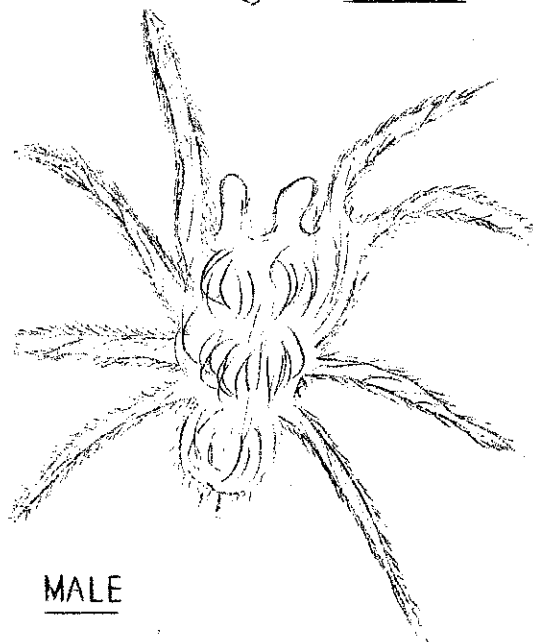
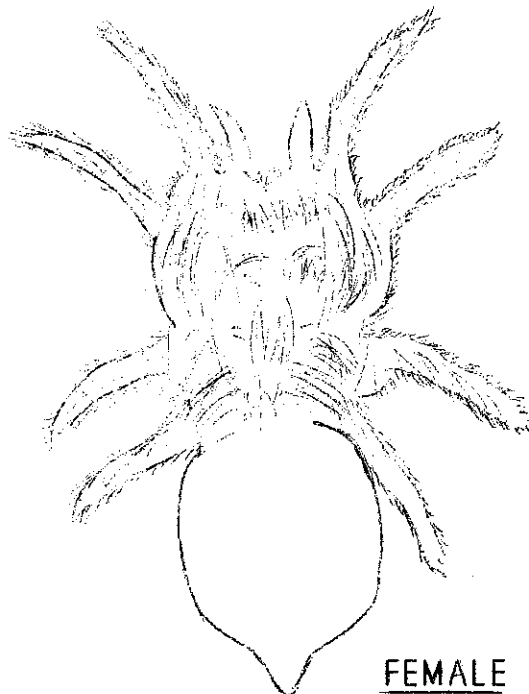
Complete stoppage is judged by obliteration of the pulse below the bandage.

The limb may swell, become red, blue or pale in colour.

The bandage MUST be released after 1½ hours.

The time of application should be prominently marked on the casualty's forehead.

If practicable keep constricted limb cold and moist.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

GEOFF AND RUTH GILL wish every one of their customers and friends a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Christmas Greetings and a big thank you to all Meals on Wheels Drivers from Mr. & Mrs. Tom Brough, Cornwall.

GEOFF AND BETTY DEAN and family wish all friends a Merry Xmas and a Prosperous New Year.

PASTOR GRAHAM AND MAVIS CLARKE and family, extend to staff and readers of the Valley Voice, Parishioners and friends, their warmest wishes for a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DAWN & TAS YATES, Hotel, St. Marys, wish all their relatives, friends and patrons a Merry Xmas and a Prosperous New Year.

NOTICE

It has come to the notice of the company that employees are dying on their feet and refusing to fall over.

THIS PRACTICE MUST CEASE FORTHWITH

Any employee found dead on the job, in an upright position, will be immediately dropped from the payroll.

In future, if the foreman notices that an employee has made no movement for two hours, it is his duty to investigate, as it is almost impossible to distinguish between death and natural movement of some employees.

FOREMEN ARE CAUTIONED TO MAKE A CAREFUL INVESTIGATION.

Holding a pay envelope in front of the selected corpse is considered the most suitable method. There have been, however, cases where the natural instincts have been so strongly ingrained, that the hand has made a spasmodic clutch, even after rigor mortis has set in.



RETURN THANKS

We would sincerely like to thank the many people and police who organised a search party when Garry went missing. Sincere thanks to one and all.

Shirley and Max Britton.

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ARIES March 21 - April 20

You might be tempted to defy someone with more practical wisdom and this could cause a change in your relationship, which you wouldn't like at all. Keep your mind on good things, show love.
Best days 17th, 20th & 25th.

TAURUS April 21 - May 20

Keep in touch with former companion, let no one feel left out of your life now. The year may end with a message of good news about business prospects and wishes fulfilled in employment.
Best days 17th, 21st, & 24th.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

Catch up with neglected projects as this year approaches a close. You will be called on for extra help. In the spirit of the season, do this without complaining.
Best days 17th, 19th & 25th.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

Make a world of magic for Christmas where children are concerned. Go out of your way to please them. There is probably lack of harmony and interest in your occupation.
Best days 18th, 20th & 22.

LEO July 23 - August 22

You do not know your own mind too well this month and that alone worries you, since you like to be a person of firm decision. A new and fascinating personality enters your life and heart.
Best days 18th, 19th & 25th.

VIRGO August 23 - September 22

Enjoyment seems to come first, so give in or give up - and rejoice. Beware of too much entertainment at Christmas and New Year. Best days 19th, 25th & 28th.

LIBRA September 23 - October 22

You should have great success through your personal influence or magnetism. Don't let a possessive and jealous person ruin your day at Christmas.
Best days 15th, 19th & 25th.

SCORPIO October 23 - November 22

Keep the season glowing and happy for those in your environment - let all your most helpful and affectionate qualities come out. Work to make Christmas a success for your loved ones and good friends.
Best days 19th, 24th & 28th.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 - December 21

Festive entertainment in the home can be full of sparkle and guests may feel as though in a land of dreams come true. Dress up in your best as the opportunity for a romantic meeting is very favourable.
Best days 17th, 25th & 28th.

CAPRICORN December 22 - January 19

Make diplomacy your team-mate today. Tact will get you all you want. People like you and they show it. This makes for a happy time.
Best days 15th, 19th & 24th.

AQUARIUS January 20 - February 18

Your best bet for taking care of the holidays is to entertain in your home. The year will end happily with promise of financial improvement to come immediately. Best days 18th, 23rd & 25th.

PISCES February 19th - March 20th

You may have some haze of trouble from emotions getting in the way of thought, but you will get through the holiday season well enough. At a party, you may meet someone attractive who will take over in your romantic concern.
Best days 16th, 20th & 25th.

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