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EDITORIAL

"WHEN I SAY, MOVE!"

There was a Man who, with his wife and three small children, lived at the foot of a big mountain, where the grass was always green. The air was pure and the flowers always colourful and fragrant—the people always warm-hearted, friendly.

The Authority had said to the Man, "I want you to go and live near the Big Mountain where the grass is always green, for there are people there who need your help. You are like them. You love the fresh country air and the green fields—but, above all, you love people. Go to the People near the Big Mountain and help them to understand the mind of the Authority. Roll up your sleeves; get to work and do your best and I will show you lessons in life that you never learned before or ever dreamed possible"

The Man went to work among the People and with his wife and three small children, became one of them. He loved them and they loved him—he learned many valuable lessons and he longed to stay near the Big Mountain forever.

But after three short years, one November day in Spring, the Authority came to the Man and said, "I want you to leave and go to a place that I will show you—a place near the Big Sea, that nestles in a Beautiful Valley" But the Man expostulated, saying, "Sir, the Big Mountain, the green grass, the friendly People. I cannot go!"

"My son, my son," tenderly admonished the Authority, "have you not learned well the lessons I have taught? Go! Do as I wish and you will not be sorry for what you have done near the Big Mountain is just the beginning, and you will find yourself doing many things you have never done before in that Beautiful Valley near the Sea."

"But Sir, the climate is cold and the People are cold and I am one who needs warmth. Besides, it rains every day", plead the Man. "My son", soothed the Authority, "go. I want you for bigger and better things, and there you will begin to discover the meaning of life!"

So the Man, his wife and three children went to the Beautiful Valley near the Sea. The climate wasn't too cold—it didn't rain every day and the People

were warm and friendly, with hearts no less kind than those he had left behind. Soon the Man found many things to do, gaining valuable experience all the time—discovering a purpose and fullness of life. He learned to love the people there, and they him. There were some triumphs and some mistakes, but the Man marked them all up as experience. He was so happy that he could stay there for ever, but.....

One day the Authority came to the Man again and said, "My son, you are learning well the lessons I have taught. You have discovered that I never intended you to be a Master in one field, but a Servant in many. I chose you to be adaptable and flexible in your work. Remember, you owe much to the People in the Beautiful Valley near the Sea, for they have moulded the person I want to work for me in the Coastal Regions. Are you ready? Will you go?"

This time, the Man did not protest. Things were different now. He had his doubts, but the lessons he had learned out-weighed them utterly. The lessons helped the Man to find himself and work towards better things. The People in the Beautiful Valley by the Sea said, "Do you have to leave?" The Man wasn't being unkind in his brief reply, for if only the People could know how much they meant to the Man, his wife and three small children, for all he could say was two little words—

"GOOD-BYE.....THANKYOU!"



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BUNS & PASTIES
PIES



WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

RETURN THANKS

Beverley Mitchell and Peter Rubenach wish to thank the many relatives and friends for their good wishes expressed personally and with cards at the announcement of their engagement.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Ross and Valma Stagg and family wish all their many friends a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Bobby and Stump Morrison would like to wish all their relatives and friends a Merry Christmas and a Bright New Year.

Frank and Rose Turner wish to convey the seasons greetings to their many friends and relatives.

Kaye, Dale and Scott Furley send Christmas greeting and a happy New Year to all.

Harold and Peg Barber and family wish to convey seasons greetings to their many friends.

Christmas and New Year greetings to all relatives and friends from Marion Oliver, Max and Jan Johnson and family.

Merry Christmas Gran all my love Cheryl.

Happy Christmas to Rose from Ivy.

Mr. and Mrs. Upton of Mangana wish their many friends and relatives a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. Mrs. Upton hopes to be home for the New Year.

St. Helens Hotel-Motel management and staff send Christmas greetings to all their friends.

The Editor and staff of the Valley Voice wish all their readers and subscribers a very merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year.

Peter, John, Marge and Mary, the staff of the St. Marys museum and art centre, Todd's Hall, wish everyone a happy Christmas and an antique New Year.

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED TO RENT in St. Marys or near vicinity, a house or suitable accomodation for young mother, reliable, non smoker. Please reply to D. Langley c/o P.O. St. Marys.

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PHONE ST. MARYS 63

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WHAT'S ON ?

PIFFLE

The Clinic will be holding a Christmas Party at St. Marys Clinic for Children who don't attend Pre School. 18th December, at 10.30 a.m. Gift to \$1.00. Anyone requiring information ring St. Marys 97.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

The St. Marys Hospital Auxiliary will conduct tis annual Carols by Candlelight on Sunday December 15th at 8.30 p.m. at the hospital. Everyone is invited to attend and join in the celebration. Candles and programmes are supplied free, seating is available. Guest artists will be attending. The programme will last about one hour.

The lions Club of St. Helens is running a raffle to get new equipment for the hospital. Tickets will be available from most shops at 40 cents each. The prizes are quite valuable and these are "Dishwasher \$341.00, Cassette \$169.00, Deepfryer \$40.00. Tickets can be obtained from Christmas week.

St. Marys District School Presentation Night in the St. Marys Community Hall, tonight at 8.00 p.m.

The St. Marys Methodist Sunday School will be holding a Christmas Party in the Church hall tomorrow night, 14th December, at 7.30 p.m.

A Cabaret dinner will be held at St. Helens Hotel-Motel for the Winnaleah School on Saturday 14th, 1974.

ST. MARYS TENNIS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY.....

Members and their children are invited to attend this Saturday December 14th, at the Community Hall at 4.00 p.m. Santa Will Be There.

An interdenominational Christmas service will be held in the old Union Church Gould's Country, at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 22nd December. All welcome. Afternoon tea to follow in the "Travellers' Rest" Inn.

The Lions Club are having a Christmas Dinner on Saturday 21st it is Ladies night.

The St. Helens teachers are having their end of the year get together on Thursday 19th at St. Helens Hotel-Motel.

A public farewell will be tnedered Mr & Mrs Glarke and family on Monday 16th at 8.00 p.m. All Welcome. Ladies a basket. Any Donations towards same can be left at Mr. J. Bullocks, Mrs. K. Bullocks or Mrs. C. Royle. This farewell will be held in the Institute.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Yates of Longford are visiting Mrs. J. Ward of Mangana.

Miss Denise Burt of Mangana is a patient in St. Marys Hospital, all her friends hope she will be home soon.

Sister Carol Spencer of St. Helens Hospital will be going home to Sydney for Christmas and to attend her brothers 21st Birthday.

A big party was given for Cheryl Turner at her parents home Mathinna and much enjoyed by all, her birthday was December 2nd and this was her 21st party.

Mr. & Mrs. Ross Stagg have moved from Mathinna, they will be living in St. Leonards, friends have given quite a few farewell parties for them.

Friends of Mr. Jack Turner of Storeys Creek will be sad to hear he has passed away on December 7th, he will be greatly missed.

Mr. & Mrs. J Stanley of St. Helens have returned home after a stay in Melbourne.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Walker of St. Helens are in Western Australia watching the Test Cricket, they will be back on December, 21st.

Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Bailey, St. Helens are celebrating their golden Wedding Anniversary on New Years Eve and will be at home to friends and relatives afternoon and evening.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

The Hospital Auxiliary has been active in the past year and raised over \$1400 with which to add to patient comfort in the hospital. Some of the donations given to the hospital this year are:- A childs playpen, a baby pusher, \$300.00 for patient water jugs, \$140.00 for medical instrument cupboard, planter tubs for indoor plants and dressing gowns for patients use.

The Annual Carols by Candlelight, provided by the Auxiliary, will be held this year on Sunday December 15th at 8.30 p.m. at the hospital. As usual, carol sheets and candles will be supplied to everyone, free of charge.

It is commendable that the tradition of Carols by Candlelight is carried on in St. Marys, whereas in most places this simple but enjoyable Christmas celebrator has been allowed to fade away. Your support will encourage the organisers to provide the Carols each year.

St. Marys welcomes to the District Hospital the following Sisters:-
Sr. Bradbby, Biggs, Amphlett and Blake.

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CHURCH NOTICES

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Falmouth 9.00 am H.C.
St. Helens 11.00 am H.C.

December 28th (Sat)

Binalong Bay 3.00 pm E.P.

December 29th

St. Helens 8.00 am H.C.
St. Helens 11.00 am M.P.

ANGLICAN PARISH OF FINGAL/AVOCA/CULLENSWOOD:

December 15th

Fingal 8.00 am H.C.
Cornwall 10.00 am S.S.A.
Avoca 8.00 pm Carol Service

December 22nd

Avoca 8.00 am H.C.
St. Marys 10.00 am H.C.
Fingal 7.00 pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve

Royal George 8.30 pm H.C.
Fingal 11.30 pm H.C.

Christmas Day

Avoca 8.00 am H.C.
Cullenswood 10.00 am H.C.
Mathinna 2.30 pm H.C.
Mangana 5.00 pm H.C.
Fingal 7.00 pm H.C.

December 29th

Fingal 8.00 am H.C.
Cullenswood 10.00 am M.P.
Avoca 7.00 pm E.P.

UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN This is both a statement of prophecy and an accomplished fact. A CHILD IS BORN ! The Christ Child. He is the child of all families, sent of God to every home. Let us open our homes to Him. Let us open our arms and hearts to welcome Him. He wishes the love of every heart, and He is a joy for all people.

He is born today, born under every sky and for every heart. We still hear in the air the song of those who announced His coming. The humble cradle always remains rich in promise for the future, because all our hopes come from it.

Think what it could mean if on this Christmas Day persons and families in every nation would humble themselves before God to thank Him for His gift and to adore the Christ! Their prayers would express the new song in their hearts in reply to the heavenly song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men"

CHRIST IS BORN TODAY—under every sky,
FOR EVERY HEART.

A blessed Christmas to all.

CHURCH NOTICES

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. MARYS:

December 15th

St. Marys 9.00 am
Fingal 10.30 am
Bicheno 4.00 pm
St. Helens 6.30 pm (Sat, 14th)

December 22nd

Fingal 9.00 am
St. Marys 10.30 am
Mathinna 3.00 pm
St. Helens 6.30 pm (Sat, 21st)

Christmas Eve

St. Helens 10.45 pm
St. Marys 12.00 pm

Christmas Day

St. Marys 8.00 am
Fingal 9.30 am

December 29th

St. Helens 8.00 am
St. Marys 9.30 am
Fingal 11.00 am
St. Helens 6.30 pm (Sat, 28th)

METHODIST PARISH OF ST. MARYS-ST. HELENS:

December 15th

St. Marys 11.00 Confirmation Service
St. Helens 7.30 pm Confirmation Serv.

December 22nd

St. Marys 11.00 am Pastor Clarke
Gould's Country 3.00 pm In Union Church
St. Helens 7.30 pm Pastor Clarke

Christmas Day

St. Marys 10.00 am Pastor Clarke
St. Helens 7.30 pm Pastor Clarke

December 29th

St. Marys 11.00 am Supply
St. Helens 7.30 pm Supply

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. HELENS:

December 15th

St. Helens 8.00 am H.C.
Falmouth 9.15 am H.C.
St. Helens 11.00 am Sunday School
prize-giving and Festival

December 22nd

St. Helens 8.00 am H.C.
St. Helens 11.00 am M.P.
Pyengana 11.00 am H.C.
(Christmas Communion)

Christmas Day

St. Helens 12.01 am H.C.
St. Helens 7.00 am H.C.

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On December 24th, Christmas Eve, I will have been at St. Marys for five months having been transferred here on the 24th June. I think it would be most appropriate at this stage, for me to say expect-ally in this Christmas issue of the Valley Voice, for 1974, that my stay at St. Marys, so far, has been a most enjoyable one indeed.

My wife, my family and I would like St. Marians to know that this hospitality is something yet to be equalled.

It is not easy for myself, being a police officer, to administer the Law, and at the same time, overcome certain public resentment towards the police, but I must say, that I have not sighted any such resentment since I arrived at St. Marys. This goes to show that there is good relations between us, the police and you the public: and your assistance over the past twelve months has been appreciated. Don't lose sight of the fact, that we as police, represent you the public, and I hope that over the last twelve months we have faithfully served our public in this area.

I am proud of my fellow police officers at St. Marys and I trust that you, the public share with me that equal trust. I hope that each and everyone enjoys the happiness of Christmas and the festivities of the New Year.

From my family, myself and my fellow police officers, I send to you greetings for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I want also to leave you with one thought in mind over the holidays. Drive carefully, Enjoy yourself and help your family and your neighbours to enjoy their Christmas by keeping a cool and clear head, if you drive don't drink, Don't speed, just take things quietly when you are at the wheel.

H. F. ALOMES.
Inspector.

MEALS ON WHEELS

DECEMBER

<u>ST. MARYS</u>			<u>FINGAL</u>		
G. Aulich	Sunday	15	R. Yates		
Ruth Gill	Monday	16	T. Juhasz		
J. Cornelius	Tuesday	17	J. Burbury		
J. Miggeridge	Wednesday	18	H. Williams		
J. Faulkner	Thursday	19	M. Francis		
B. Rochfort	Sunday	22	J. Woods		
L. Shennen	Monday	23	Rev. Henricks		
J. Spilsbury	Tuesday	24	B. Saunders		
Hospital	Wednesday	25	Vacant		
D. Bullock	Thursday	26	R. McGee		

PORTLAND

Golf Ladies	16	B. Campbell	23
G. MacMichael	17	P. Burns	24
B. Bailey	18	S. Hume	25
B. Fyeh	19	Pre-School	26

On Saturday December 7th, a most entertaining afternoon of sport was held at St. Helens with four visiting teams of Basketball players from Mersey Valley Association, Devonport competing against four local teams.

The junior girls match proved to be the match of the day with a very close and most exciting game.

The half time score saw St. Helens holding the lead by 13 points to 10. At full time the score was 20 points all, so a further 5 minutes had to be played. Each team scored 2 goals and a penalty goal, the score, once again being even, so a further 5 minutes were played. Devonport snatched the lead and went on to victory by 28 points to 25. Points for St. Helens: A. Garth 10, L. Chapman 8 and D. Coleman 7.

The junior boys match also proved a most exciting match with a very narrow victory going to Devonport. St. Helens held a very good lead at half time with the score being 10 points to 2, but the experience of the Devonport players showed in the second half and they went on to win by 1 point, the final score being 13 points to 12. Points to St. Helens D. Strochnetter 6, G. Forsyth 6.

The womens match saw a jubilant St. Helens team lead throughout the game and go on to a ten point victory. The first half saw a very close game with the score at half time being 12 points to 10 in St. Helens favour. The second half saw St. Helens shoot 8 goals to Devonports 4 - the final score, 28 points to 18.

Points for St. Helens G. Gray 8, W. Scott and M. Davis 6, L. Sulzburger and C. Spencer 4.

The Devonport mens team proved far too superior for St. Helens and they went on to a most convincing win by 54 points to 14.

Points for St. Helens D. Strochnetter 6, S. Richards, M. Gray, M. Jaffray and G. Forsyth 2. The week-end concluded with the end of season barbecue, held at the home of Gaye and Mal Gray. A most enjoyable time was had by all in attendance.

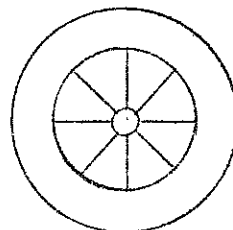
The raffle for the Christmas Hamper was drawn: The winner being C. Spencer of St. Helens.

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER cont'

<u>ST. MARYS</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>FINGAL</u>
29 Theo Thomas	29 Mr. L. Rubenach	
30 Kath Lohrey	30 Mrs. B. Hughes	
31 Betty Alomes	31 Mrs. J. Hall	

PORTLAND

30 N. Scott
31 J. Barber



POSITION VACANT

GARDENER - CLEANER

ST. MARYS DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

A part-time job, up to 16 hours weekly, is available to energetic male for exterior cleaning (mostly windows) and yard maintenance at St. Marys Hospital. Current adult pay for 16 hours is \$42.68, junior according to age.

A second part-time job is available at St. Helens for an imaginative and energetic gardener/yardman to maintain hospital properties in St. Helens. Current adult pay for 16 hours is \$45.05, junior according to age.

Should any person wish to combine the two positions into one, this will be given favorable consideration and hours may be extended to 40 per week if satisfactory. Apply direct to me giving employment history indicating the date you could begin.

K. M. COOK.

Secretary.

POSITION VACANT

My new found friend Amma has just left after joining me in my morning Milo and whole-meal toast, it's good to have a friend who enjoys the things I do. She shares my delights in long walks across the rolling paddocks, of running fast down hills, she's better at running up them though, she has boundless energy, running after our dog in her rabbiting adventures leaving me panting on the hills.

Amma is leaning against the kitchen window sill listening to my chatter with the children, I have Amma to talk to now as I hang up the washing we sympathize with each other over the long wet spell we're having, both of us being sun lovers.

The children love her, she goes with them on their walks patiently watching Sky the 2 year old repeatedly jumping off big rocks yelling, "watch me!" it's easier to spot the girls around the farm now that there is a taller member in the party to look for.

It's hard to find a friend who shares so many interests and puts up with an untidy house full of little animals, two families of kittens tumbling around playing chicken with our feet, one of those boisterous little dogs always bouncing up and down against us or the scratchy baby brushtail possum making suicide leaps from shoulder to passing shoulder or sudden commando charges up or down legs, not to mention the two children who are just as wild yet loving as everything else.

Amma shares these things with me.

She's gentle with the kittens, playful with the dog, tolerant and trusted with the children. It's hard to believe Amma and her kind are persecuted in their homeland, shot or sent away.

Even harder to see my trusting gentle friend as a one year old wild bush donkey from the Kimberleys.

Caroline Wassens.

LATE ADDS.

One ginger kitten 6 weeks old male, free to good home. R. Whitworth St. Marys 2.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

EVERYONE

A GAME THAT ONE SIDE CAN'T LOSEPART II

He makes several passes at the tortured bull, waiting always to get him in a good position for the kill. His movements are made with grace and skill. So it went on - thrust and parry, attack and defence.

And now the moment has arrived. The bull stands motionless, the matador advances, thrusts the sword between the shoulder blades. The bull stumbles forward and collapses. He is still alive, and the coup de grace is administered by a dagger man.

After the bull is dead a team of horses and men appear and drag the beast away and out of the ring at a gallop.

If the bull has shown courage, as this one did, the crowd applaud his exit.

So ends 15 to 20 minutes of murder and there are still six bulls to be killed this afternoon.

Now let's see what is happening among the crowd. They are mad with delight. The Matador and all the others who have taken part in this spectacle now march slowly around the ring to the accompaniment of band music. Prominent officials jump into the arena and embrace the matador.

Articles of clothing, cameras, handkerchiefs are thrown into the arena as tributes to the matador's bravery. Everyone is excited (except we tourists).

I have bookings to see the bullfight at Barcelona the following week, but I shall not be there. The sight I have witnessed this afternoon I shall never be able to erase from my memory.

Back at my hotel at night I discuss bullfighting with a knowledgeable Spanish gentleman (in English). I tell him of my impressions and my disgust.

He tells me how the Spaniards look upon their national sport, how they find it exciting and beautiful, how it has been inspiration from every art - poetry, music and literature.

I tell him I consider it is cruel beyond words and should not be allowed, but he shrugs his shoulders and says: "You have fox hunting, coursing." Yes I can see his point.

I retire for the night, but I cannot sleep. The afternoon's performance is haunting me so I dress and take a walk along the streets of lovely Madrid.

The streets are full of people, yet it is 2am. But this is typical of Spain. People seem reluctant to go home. They sit around and drink and enjoy the passing parade.

Waiters dart around tables on the street serving ice-cold drinks.

Blind men with lottery tickets pinned on their coats for sale move slowly along and shoe-shine boys ply their calling.

Delightful people these Spanish - courteous, helpful, very hospitable and charming in every way.

But why thousands of them can enjoy the spectacle of bull fighting remains a riddle to me.

Gordon Salter, St. Marys.

CLASSIFIEDS cont'

WANTED TO BUY: one oval front China cabinet - lead light glass front. Apply Mrs. G. Gill St. Marys.

See the growing Christmas range of gifts at St. Marys PHARMACY. Browse around now and be early for Christmas.

FOR SALE Toaster \$2, Electric jug \$2, Boot last \$2. Phone 725113

"THE TEA HOUSE" For a pleasant cup of tea or coffee, sandwiches or scones, spend a friendly half hour at "the tea house", Todd's Hall.

FOR SALE: calves on mother, ewes and fat lambs. Phone Mathinna 22 after 7pm.

WANTED Locally made handcrafts suitable as Christmas gifts for re-sale through the handcraft shop Todd's Hall, enquiries see Peter or John or phone St. Marys 201

WANTED TO BUY: Old style dining table and chairs, two chest of drawers, old style side board, two dressing tables. A. Lohrey, phone 17 at weekend, sea view St. Marys.

WHATS ON cont'

St. Marys Kindergarten. Would all mothers of children 3yrs 6months and over by the 1st January enrolle their children with Mrs. Munley at kindergarten before 19th January. Sec. A. Birrell.

Church of England, Sunday School Anniversary Cornwall, Dec. 15th at 10am.

Thrift Shop Helpers.

Dec. 13th Mesdames L. Faulkner and J. Faulkner.

Dec 20th Mesdames R. Legge and M. Oliver

Drawing of Christmas Dinner - Dec 20th at Thrift Shop. Many thanks to Doners of the contents of Dinner.

they call it golf i

-by A.E.K. & G.W.C.

Near the High School there is a green field and in that field there are some trees. I sometimes park near that field and from the safety of my car, I view the strange goings-on, for weirdly attired humans can be seen moving amongst the trees and daisies, even in the rain. Occasionally there can be seen one or two emerging from a water hazard or a sand trap with scowls upon their faces.

I have watched very carefully, but I'm not sure what it is that they do there. It's either a sport or a religion. It could well be a religion for it seems to have more devout followers than some other sects and even the Almighty gets a frequent mention.

Some say that it is a course game with lots of hazards in it, such as trees and scrub patches, water holes and sand traps; but nobody seems to care to have them removed. The members start off with a Ball and a Tea, the menu consisting of such delicacies as "mashie", "sliced greens" and "birdies". They take the tee from the caddy, but they don't make a cup; they plant it in the ground and have a beer.

Well, after they have their ball and tea they make strokes with a stick at a small rubber ball....if they hit it, that's a stroke of luck.....if they miss it, that's a stroke of bad luck. Sometimes when the player does manage to hit the ball he hits a birdie—that's why you see so many one-legged seagulls at the beach.

The player tries to hit that tiny ball into an equally tiny hole a kilometre away, then he walks up and takes the ball out again and hits it onto the next hole till he reaches the 19th hole, where that tiny battered ball gets roasted or toasted according to its performance.

You would think they would drive cars from hole to hole, but I heard someone mention exercise, although the oldies often use a buggy. In fact, a lot of old people play the game, like old "Pa"....about 70 or 80 he goes to every match. "Pa" even goes on "ladies" day. Perhaps he goes to frighten away the bogies I heard about.

Each player takes along his card and oldbag. At first I thought the old bag went to make the tea, but it is simply the bag for carrying the spare balls and bats. Some players need to take about a hundred balls for a single game! So if they make a hole in one, there are lots more to replace the punctured ones.

With the card, they keep their own scores.....saves alot of arguments and fights.

I've heard that FOUR is very prominent in this game. It could mean the number of players or the kind of pants they wear..... plus four, that would be, but whatever it may mean, they always yell out "FOUR" very

loudly, whenever I pass that field. If you happen to be down the course, or even walking along the footpath towards the school, and you hear that word, you dive for the scrub or bite the dust for it means that a missile has been launched up-field and is likely to hit you on the napper -- so GIT! "FOUR" is a polite way of saying "GIT OUT OF THE SO AND SO ROAD!"

But you haven't really heard anything yet, for these simple folks actually talk to the ball! --- addressing it, I think they call it. A fella stands in front of the tee with a ball on it, waving a wicked looking stick. He often addresses the ball in a loud voice, working himself into a real frenzy. Often the help of the Deity is invoked at this point. No one cheers....you have to keep mum. Nothing must be allowed to distract the player at this point for even a sneeze can produce a mighty swipe that ploughs up enough ground to sow a row of potatoes. And if he misses? The Deity is quickly forgotten and the air around that green field is likely to become as blue as the sea! Everybody and everything is blamed for the mishap.....even the ball is accused of moving. And so ends the game? Oh, no. Not on your sweet life.

He addresses the ball again, this time with very audible remarks, injunctions and threats. Right now it is a good idea to stand well behind the player...not to right or left.....for even he doesn't know which way the ball is going; but it is less likely to go over the back of his head than anywhere.

So, that's called talking to, I mean, addressing the ball. Yes, not only is the poor ball blasted, it is often addressed in flight and even after it lands, particularly if it lands in an undesirable place like the trees, water holes and sand traps that careless people have not bothered to remove from the field.

Addressing the ball eh?

Do you mind if I just sit in my car and talk to myself for a while?

As for no barracking and keeping your own score, well..... just give me good old "AUSSIE RULES" any day!



FISHING NEWS

The following list shows forthcoming events in the fishing world. Next Sunday (15th Dec), St. Helens Game Fishing Club will hold its first Rally day for the 1974/75 season. So far there are no reports of any captures in Tasmanian waters. At the time of writing, there is still one vacancy on the charter boats available to the first member to contact the Secretary. Embarkation and disembarkation will be at the main wharf and anglers should report no later than 7-30 am.

On Sunday 29th December, Seamander Angling Club will hold a combined bream and surf contest from 12 noon to 6 pm. Entry and weigh-in will be at the boat ramp by the bridge and no fishing is permitted from the bridge superstructure. On Saturday 4th January, St. Helens Surf Fishing Club will hold its annual George Bay contest from 8 am to 4 pm. Entry and weigh-in is near the Bay View Hotel and fishing is permitted from boat or shore. Entry fees are 70 cents for adults and 50 cents for juniors and there are some fine trophies to be won. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Medea Park Homes for the elderly. I understand that the Committee has ruled that sea snakes will not be weighed this year.

Surf angling has been poor so far this season both in numbers and size so it must be better in 1975. A Happy Christmas to all and if you want a New Year Resolution - "don't litter our beaches".

Tight lines for 1975.

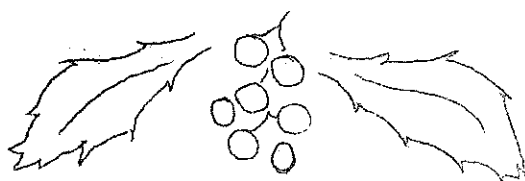
MINERS RIFLE CLUB

On the 30th November the club fired the 3rd stage of A series over double 300 yards, A. Gray being top of the rifle with 65.

Results: A. Gray 32 - 33 (2) 67
G. Schier 27 - 28 (10) 65
G. Toombs 31 - 32 (1) 64
C. Toombs 33 - 29 (0) 62
W. Scales 29 - 30 (1) 60

7-12-74 the club fired 3rd stage B Series over 500 and 600 yards A. Gray being top off the rifle 66 and also scored the possible 35 at 500 yards.

Results: G. Schier 32 - 28 (10) 70
A. Gray 35 - 31 (3) 69
G. Toombs 31 - 34 (2) 67
W. Scales 33 - 29 (1) 63
C. Toombs 30 - 29 (4) 63

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The St. Marys Garden Club Annual supper was held in the Insitute on Thursday 28th. There was a very good attendance and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Prizes were distributed to the members who exhibited and gained points through the year, Mrs. L. Rattray won first prize for the most points gained during the year closely followed by Mr. A. Llewellyn only 3 points away.

This Garden Club will now go into recess until February 1975.

GARDENING NOTES

Mulches are good at this time of year, they protect the plants from drying out, or being blown away, especially vegetables such as lettuces which get battered and pulled out and taller plants can have their leaves ripped off. Some advance work is first needed as the soil ought to be thoroughly moistened, and most weeds pulled out.

The mulches may be of straw, (very good in wind) compost or black polythene which is used on strawberry beds or ornamental stone gardens. If you are near a peat marsh then that is a good cover, besides being very good compost the worms love it and they are very competent gardeners. Mulches are also good in winter by reducing the dangers of freezing and the roots being brought to the top of the ground. Any organic waste can be used, nature in her own way always covers bare soil, it is thus kept warmer and moist so the microorganisms and worms can work together to keep the soil healthy thus we can have better plants and soil.

Let's Laugh:

Anyone who can afford to pay the interest these days doesn't need a loan.

The cost of timber has become so ridiculous its hard to believe it grows on trees.

Father to neighbour; "my son is at the awkward age, he doesn't know whether to give a girl his seat in the school bus - or race her for it.

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Fortnight beginning December 13th.

ARIES March 21 - April 20

You had better postpone any journey you have planned. You are in a nervous mood and apt to confide in the wrong people.

Best days 18th, 19th & 22nd

LIBRA Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

The help you give a cause will be much appreciated. Offer your help to a Church or neighborhood project. A chance for a new career.

Best days 17th, 18th & 23rd.

TAURUS April 21 - May 20

It is a big month for you, one of happiness and adventure. Do not let the words of a relative penetrate deeply; let them go over your head.

Best days 16th, 23rd & 24th.

SCORPIO Oct. 23 - Nov. 22

Take trips, attend to correspondence. Contact people in authority. Make contacts which can eventually help you in furthering personal aims.

Best days 15th, 25th & 26th.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20

You may be the one to be giving most holiday entertainments this year. You may decide upon a big open-house for one of your activities.

Best days 17th, 20th & 21st.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23 - Dec 21

Your holidays will fly by swiftly and you may work just as swiftly to keep them at the height of glowing rapture and with an atmosphere of love.

Best days 14th, 19th & 20th.

CANCER June 21 - July 22

When you have guests in the home, be at your best and say nothing at all critical. Build up pleasant memories of yourself for others.

Best days 14th, 25th & 26th.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan 19

Entertain as much as funds allow, buy some new games and make the holidays bright with simple enjoyment. Visit during the festive season.

Best days 13th, 22nd & 23rd.

LEO July 23 - Aug. 22

The spending of money can lead to a large outlay than you had planned on. Keep your eyes open. Take care of home needs.

Best days 13th, 15th & 16th.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

If unmarried, you will be in a kind of paradise with a new romance. It can be fun getting a kick with very little spent.

Best days 20th, 21st & 26th.

VIRGO Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

The domestic atmosphere is inspiring for you now. Entertain, be good to people. Late hours favorable. This is an exciting and active time.

Best days 21st, 22nd & 24th.

PISCES Feb. 19 - March 20

Loosen the purse latch for gift spending and entertaining. Buy new clothes for yourself, tap your savings a bit to have something you want.

Best days 19th, 24th & 25th.

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