

THE VALLEY & EAST COAST

VOICE

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EDITORIAL

FIRE!! FIRE!!

Are you fire conscious?
 Is your property safe from fire?
 Are you interested in fire protection?
 Do you know that St. Marys has a Rural Fire Brigade?
 Do you know that this is run by volunteer personel?
 Are you prepared to assist in this function?
 If so, to what extent?

No doubt you are aware that fire when not controlled becomes a dangerous master. With the summer months approaching the fire risk increases.

To keep the fire risk at a minimum requires a concentrated effort by all citizens. St. Marys does have a Rural Fire Brigade which is operated on a voluntary basis.

For this service to operate at a maximum efficiency it is essential that a number of residents offer their support. It would be fair comment to say that only too often these emergency services are left to a minority to ensure that they operate efficiently.

Please give this matter your serious consideration, as fire has no respect to persons, and it could well be that you may require the services of the brigade at some future date.

REMEMBER, the future of the Brigade and the efficiency of some depends upon the support that is forthcoming.

If you are interested in supporting this worth while service, immediately contact Mr. Gerald Aulich at McGoes Garage or phone him at his home at St. Marys.

REMEMBER, tomorrow may be too late.



"PSST! - ANY VACANCIES THIS YEAR?"

TOUCHE

Sympathy is extended to Margaret Sutton of Fingal. A typographical error in the last Valley Voice mentioned "food wishes" - hardly fair to one who is supposed to be on a diet!

TOUCHE


Coincidence or Sabotage? Two Valley Voice Staff members had the engines of their cars "blow" this week. If our readers thought that our last editorial was "Way Out" they could have said so!

SEASONS
GREETINGS

FROM

ALL MEMBERS OF THE VALLEY VOICE.

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



FRESH BREAD DAILY

C L A S S I F I E D S

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

To those certain misinformed bally colonists and other backward antipodians, I am not a Pommy, come on lads play up and play the game.

Geoffrey R. Carr.

RETURN

THANKS

MRS. ELSIE TARGETT sincerely thanks her many friends and relatives for cards, letter and beautiful floral tributes in the recent loss of her brother Selby Davies. Also many thanks to the staff of the St. Marys District Hospital for their kindness to him.

The Mother, Father and Family of the late Ricky Freeman wish to express their sincere thanks for all the loving sympathy extended to them through cards, telegrams, letters and personal visits and for the beautiful floral tributes from all in their sad loss of a loving son, and brother. As cards etc. were too numerous to answer individually would all please accept our sincere and heartfelt thanks.

greetings

ST. HELENS HOTELS PTY. LTD. wish all their friends a happy Christmas and New Year. Finest of food, accommodation and entertainment available at all times.

PASTOR CLARKE & FAMILY extend warm christian greetings to all friends for a joyous Christmas and a happy new year.

CLASSIFIEDS CONT'D

Casual Day Work wanted. Experienced farm hand. Will take anything. Own transport. Contact R. Winning, Lot 10 Main Street. St. Marys.

WANTED TO SELL.....Banana lounges - outdoor chairs. The latest in casual living - "Bean Bags. Stan Graham, phone St. Marys 194.

CHILD PHOTOGRAPHY A SPECIALITY
Fill the gaps in the family album with photographs by Allan Jackson. St. Marys 37

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL - Jarvis Walker fibre-glass fishing rod and rell \$8.95
Stan Graham, St. Marys. Phone 174.

REGISTERED PLUMBING AVAILABLE
For all your plumbing requirements. Reasonable quotes given and all work guaranteed. Private Bag 8, St. Marys or phone Launceston 26 2615

RELINE BUS SERVICE from St. Marys. They distribute this paper quickly and efficiently. Why not let them work for you?

ST. MARYS PHARMACY WILL BE OPEN SATURDAY MORNING. Closed only Xmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day. Otherwise as normal.

ALL DRESSMAKING EXPERTLY CARRIED OUT. Prompt service. Satisfaction guaranteed. GLAMOUR GOWNS, upstairs, Show's Arcade, Launceston. Phone 25170. Open Saturday mornings.

CAMERAS - CAMERAS
Instamatic, Polaroid and 35mm cameras \$8.95 to \$71.10 at ST. MARYS PHARMACY

WANTED TO SELL....Sunbeam Vertical Grill - Toasters special at \$4.50 with rack. Limited supply of Pop-up toasters, sunbeam mini-mix, Hecla Frypans and kettles. Cheap sunbeam irons. Stan Graham, Phone St. Marys 174.

SEE THE RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL TOYS AT
St. Marys Pharmacy

KINGS BUS SERVICE, St. Marys, St. Helens Winnaleah, Bicheno, Swansea. Phone Winnaleah 218.

MENS GIFTS - including
Gifts by Yardley, Cobb & Co., Old Spice, and Cedar Wood. Available at
ST. MARYS PHARMACY

WANTED TO BUY - Good Sheep & Cattle dog. Working. Phone 174 after six o'clock.

christmas greetings

To the Editor, Staff and Reader's of the Valley and East Coast Voice, I extend Christmas Greetings and best wishes for a New Year of health and happiness.

From
George Shaw. M.L.C.

Andy and Anne Lohrey of St, Mary's wish all their friends a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

The St. Helen's Lions Club would like to thank East Coast residents for their support and take this opportunity of wishing one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas Greetings to the Staff and patients at St. Mary's Hospital.

From
Susan Semmens. Fingal.

The Management and Staff of Valley Trading Co. extend the Season's Greetings to all. We appreciate your support over the last year and look forward to a bright future for the district in 1974.

We have arranged to distribute \$50 amongst the following local charitable organisations as a practical means of saying THANKYOU.

Pre-School, Parent's & Friends, Brownies, Elderly Citizens, Red Cross Hospital Auxilliary.

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F A R E W E L L

With this edition, Valley Voice has to say farewell to yet another member of the staff. Miss Mary Dawson has given TWO years of service to the district through this paper, and is about to depart for Western Australia.

Mary is the youngest and quietest(??) member of the team. Her quiet unassuming nature has been clearly evident as she has gone about her duties with us. She is patient, efficient and courteous, and in many ways would seem to be indispensable.

Best of luck, Mary-- do come back again.

RECORDS: Out Now as advertised on T.V.
30 Smash Hits of the War Years
Get the ever popular "Play it Again"
Give Mum, Dad or the kids a record for Christmas. Stan Graham. PH.174

WHATSON?

THE ST. HELENS LIONS CLUB will be entertaining their ladies at a Dinner Dance at St. Helens Hotel, Saturday night 22nd December.

ST. MARYS JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB tonight 7pm at the Methodist Church. Children are asked to bring their own food for barbecues - cordials supplied.

ST. MARYS SENIOR YOUTH CLUB
The dance has been cancelled. Next meeting will be Friday 11th January at 7pm.

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FIRE PROTECTION

Associated with drought and the general shortage of moisture in the soil, growth rates of grassed ferns and scrub are retarded. Such dry periods will allow uncontrolled fires to become very damaging and extensive. This was the case last spring and summer. Currently the growth of vegetation throughout the state is abundant because of extensive rains and the recent patchy warm conditions. In many instances the presence of undergrowth in the common scrub, gorse, bracken and rough grass will in the next few weeks dry off and constitute a severe fire risk. Fire hazards are abundant in many districts where property owners are slow to recognise that growth without commercial or scenic value constitute a grave problem when engulfed in fire. Few fire-fighting authorities are equipped or organised to deal with extremely hot fire in dense undergrowth irrespective of terrain or locality.

An appeal is aimed at all readers to put their own property in order by firstly keeping the property tidy and clear of waste vegetation, giving support to your local Rural Fire Brigade, by becoming part of it. Our homes, out-buildings, and vehicles usually represent a lifetime of savings, but these are often lost from extensive fires simply because a family had given inadequate thought to its fire protection. Many are concerned about the hazards on neighbouring properties where another owner appears to be oblivious to the risk his property constitutes to an entire district. Now is the time---- not next week, but this very day to review fire protection in your town, the home, shack or any other property.

FIRE HAZARDS:- Long grass, dirty spoutings and down pipes, accumulated rubbish, faulty incinerators.
"ARE YOUR PREMISES SAFE FROM FIRE?"

FROM THE PULPIT



CHURCH NOTICES

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT:

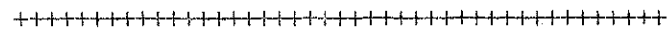
The birth of Jesus is now recognised by millions. The world really thinks a lot of Jesus Christ, more than it is prepared to admit, perhaps. Even Hermann Goering, with tears in his eyes, sang "Silent night, Holy night" and recited the Lord's Prayer with eleven other Nazis on trial at Nuremburg, at a Christmas Eve service held in the prison chapel.

The wealth of legends and customs of Christmas are a fascinating subject. Each land has its variations of the old story and its particular religious and national customs.

Why has Christmas become a universal festival? Is it because it appeals to our best instincts? Is it because what we call the Christmas spirit - shared briefly at this time by millions of non-Christians - is the nearest that men have ever come to the heavenly happiness of a truly Christian world - a family world?

The Christmas lesson is needed every year, but never was it more pertinent than in 1973, when hundreds of millions are in abject misery from which only good-will can rescue them. A new hope needs to arise, a hope of brotherhood and peace, such as the shepherds at Bethlehem knew on that night of miracles so long ago. What an empty world this would be were we deprived of all things spiritual. Perhaps we will resolve now with Charles Dickens, "I will honour Christmas in my heart and try to keep it the year round". Resolve, when Christmas Day has passed, not to slip back into our old moods of worrying and nagging and squabbling as if we would say, "Well, that's over for another year and now we can get back to realities!"

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



CHURCH NOTICES CONT'

Anglican Parish of Fingal/Avoca/Cullenswood.

<u>December 23rd</u>		
Fingal	8.00am	H.C.
St. Marys	10.00am	F.S.
Avoca	8.30pm	Carols Service
<u>December 24th</u>		
Royal George	8.00pm	H.C.
Fingal	11.30pm	H.C.
<u>December 25th</u>		
Avoca	7.00am	H.C.
Fingal	8.30am	H.C.
Cullenswood	10.00am	H.C.
Mathinna	2.30pm	H.C.
Mangana	5.00pm	H.C.
<u>December 30th</u>		
Avoca	8.00am	H.C.
Fingal	10.00am	H.C.
Cornwall	7.00pm	E.P.

METHODIST CIRCUIT OF ST. MARYS-ST. HELENS

December 23rd

St. Marys	11.00am
St. Helens	7.30pm

December 25th

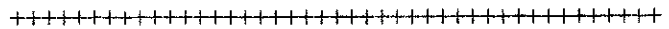
St. Marys	10.00am
St. Helens	7.30pm

December 30th

St. Marys	11.00am
St. Helens	7.30pm

January 6th

St. Marys	11.00am
St. Helens	7.30pm



ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. HELENS

December 23rd

St. Helens	8.00am	H.C.
Pyengana	11.00am	H.C.
St. Helens	7.30pm	Carol Service

December 25th

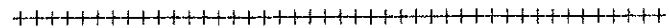
St. Helens	12.01am	H.C.
St. Helens	7.00am	H.C.
Falmouth	9.15am	H.C.
St. Helens	11.00am	H.C.

December 30th

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

January 6th

St. Helens	8.00am	H.C.
Falmouth	9.15am	H.C.
St. Helens	11.00am	H.C.



ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. MARYS

December 23rd

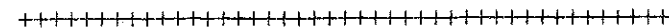
St. Helens	8.00am
St. Marys	10.00am
Fingal	6.30pm

December 25th

St. Marys	12.00 Midnight
St. Helens	8.00am
Fingal	10.00am
Bicheno	6.00pm Christmas Eve

December 30th

Fingal	8.30am
St. Helens	10.30am
St. Marys	6.30pm
<u>January 1st</u>	
St. Helens	8.00am
St. Marys	9.30am
Fingal	10.30am
Bicheno	6.30pm New Year's Eve
<u>January 6th</u>	
St. Marys	8.30am
Mangana	10.30am
St. Helens	6.30pm



D. F. & M. D. MATTHEWS

ELECTRICAL RETAILERS

33 CECILIA ST. ST. HELENS

May we take this opportunity to wish you, one and all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

We offer these special prices to make the old year more prosperous for you.

RONSON CARVE & SLICE KNIVES - were \$29.95 - now only \$22.95

Look at our low prices on Classic Automatic Ironmasters - only \$9.95

STEAM & DRY IRONS - Sunbeam \$12.25

FRYPANS from \$16.50

HECLA & SUNBEAM KETTLES from \$19.95

VERTICAL GRILLS - \$29.50

TOASTERS from \$4.95

DEEP FRYERS - \$38.95

BIRKO DRINK HEATERS from \$13.50

FOOD MIXERS from \$40.95 - MIXMASTERS \$68.50

ELECTRIC JUGS

CASSETTES from \$48.50, \$62.00, \$66.60, \$87.50

CASSETTES with RADIO \$113.95 3 band PORTABLE CASSETTE

PORTABLE RECORD PLAYER - OUR SPECIAL - \$42.00

SOLID STATE STEREO 8 - \$95.00 - Twin speakers

TRANSISTORS from \$23.00

MANTLE RADIOS from \$41.50

SHAVERS - Ladies & Gents from \$17.95

VACUUM CLEANERS - barrel types, Constellation and upright cleaners recommended by carpet manufacturers.

CAR RADIOS & AERIALS to suit all makes & models of cars.

GIFT PEN LIGHTS from 45 cents up to the Big Jim Flashing Lantern at \$12.75.

J U S T A R R I V E D

NEW RANGE OF VICTA LAWN MOWERS complete with grass catcher fuel tin and wind row attachment \$145.00 - others to choose from.

Washing machines, Twin Tubs, Semi-automatics & fully automatic all at city prices. Yes we guarantee good trade-in prices and after sales service.

T.V. SETS 25" and 23" Low, low prices!

Latest styles in radiograms and good brand names - Kriesler, H.M.V., A.W.A. at prices to suit all budgets. Yes we also have a large range of records to choose from 33's & 45's.

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FURNITURE RETAILERS

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BLOW UP AIR BEDS \$8.95. BEACH UMBRELLAS good quality from \$12.50.

OUTDOOR SETTINGS

For that unexpected guest fold-a-way beds from \$29.95

SINGLE & DOUBLE BED MATTRESSES from \$14.50

SINGLE & DOUBLE BED foam overlays.

LARGE RANGE OF PILLOWS - as low as \$1.45 each.

DOUBLE BUNKS from \$39.95

SINGLE & DOUBLE BEDS - bed spreads all colours & sizes. Large range of mats - carpet runners and carpet squares - non slip kitchen & bathroom mats all in a beautiful range of colours.

LOUNGE SUITES - 3 piece - all below city prices - Yes, You compare these prices when you see styles that are available.

FIRESIDE CHAIRS - Bean bags, pouffes - foot stools - bedroom stools.

CARPET SWEEPERS - carpet cleaners very - very reasonably priced to beat all other prices.

BIG RANGE OF KITCHEN SUITES AND KITCHEN CHAIRS to choose from 5 and 7 piece in chrome and black magic finishes.

MAGAZINE RACKS - LIGHT SHADES - FLOWER POT STANDS - ONLY SOME OF OUR RANGE OF XMAS GIFTS.

BUFFETS - CHEST OF DRAWERS, SPARK SCREENS, RADIATORS - for that occasional cool night - saves time and cleaning the fireplace for that hour or so.

Smokers stands - clocks - bedlamps - companion sets - bar stools. Kiddies night lites in Rabbit shapes, "Porky the piggy", Skippy the Kangaroo - Yes. The Kiddies will love these - Santa's special only \$4.95.

Lots 7 Lots of incidentals - Batteries, L.P. needles, Victa and Turner spare parts. Xmas lights and a host of others too numerous to mention.

DON'T FORGET SANTA CLAUS 8 P.M. MONDAY NIGHT IN MAIN STREET, ST. HELENS.

The St. Helens Lions Club will hold a Public Auction on Saturday 26th January, 1974 commencing at 10 a.m. at the Recreation Ground.

Any donations of articles will be greatly appreciated.

Help us to help you. We will sell articles on a commission basis.

Contact:- D. Mathews, Ross Lefevre or C. D. Bailey.

CRICKET

On Saturday 8th St. Marys travelled to Campbelltown for a one day match. Campbelltown lost the toss and was sent to bat in a sweltering heat. At the close of their batting time they were 7 for 169. Bowling for St. Marys: L. Newman 4 for 59 off 16 overs; N. Rist 3 for 68 off 18 overs.

In reply to Campbelltowns 7/169 St. Marys scored 175 for the loss of 5 wickets. N. Rist, dropped at 46, ended with 108 not out. D. Wright hit 25 with the usual towering six over square leg. The win by St. Marys consolidate their position as ladder leaders.

Saturday 15th was the first day of a two day match against Ross. This match is being played at St. Marys and tomorrow is the second days play, beginning at 1.30 p.m.

Ross won the toss and batted and were all out for 104. Les Newman bowled well to record 5/28 off 12 overs; N. Rist 3/38 off 13 overs and Brian Birrell 2/18 off 8.

Poor fielding in patches by St. Marys allowed Ross to score more than they should have done.

Rain set in as St. Marys innings began and when play ceased because of the rain St. Marys was 1/43, with D. Hamilton on 10 and N. Rist 23.

Although country cricket defies prediction St. Marys should record a first innings win in this match. The match concludes at St. Marys ground tomorrow.

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MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

ST. MARYS	FINGAL
23 Mr. G. Aulich	23 John Lowe
24 Mrs. K. Lohrey	24 Supply
25 Hospital Staff	25 Hospital Staff
26 Mrs. R. Pitt	26 Mrs. Lockett
27 Mr. Llewellyn	27 Mrs. A. Miller
30 Supply	30 Supply
31 Supply	31 Supply
1 Hospital Staff	1 Mrs. A. French
2 Mrs. J. Freeman	2 Mr. N. Sutton
3 Miss Thorald	3 Mr. K. Johnson
6 Mrs. J. Mawson	6 Mrs. Y. Johnson
7 Mrs. B. Crawford	7 Mrs. C. Saunders
8 Mr. C. Royle	8 Mrs. Burbury
9 Mr. G. Gill	9 Mrs. R. Saunders
10 Mrs. A. Wright	10 Mrs. R. McKenzie

ST. HELENS

- 21 P.F.W.A.
- 24 B. Campbell
- 25 C. LeFovre
- 26 Lions Ladies
- 27 Pre School
- 28 T. Williams
- 31 N. Brownrigg

FISHING

The big news this week is from the game fishing scene. Tom Tucker took his "Maybe" to seas last Thursday and boated four Albacore tuna, the heaviest being 18lb. This was followed last Sunday on another trip when Mrs. Sue Breen caught the first Bluefin for the season - weight 21lb on 12lb line. Club president Mr. Bob Breen landed a 14lb Albacore on 6lb line. St. Helens Game Fishing Club committee decided to run a Club Rally next Sunday and members reacted by booking the two charter boats within 24 hours of the announcement. The next Rally will be on Sunday 27th January, 1974. Scanander Angling Club is holding a combined surf and bream event on Sunday 30th December. Entry and weigh-in for both events will be at the boat ramp by the Scanander Bridge. Visitors are eligible to compete and are welcome. To all anglers, A Happy Christmas, tight lines and lots of big fish in 1974.

THIRD WORLD NEEDS BEING HELPED.

The Executive Director of Austcare-Freedom from Hunger in Tasmania, Mr. R. Glasby, has reported that \$77,000 has been received from Tasmanians up to 30th. November. \$41,000 has been raised by Tasmania for the recent Ethiopian Famine Appeal.

The Fingal Municipality was responsible for raising \$828.44 during the appeal held in September.

Rev. T. Henricks reports that \$13.08 was offered by the congregation at a recent Senior Citizens Service to be used in the work of the St. Mary's District Hospital. A recent Bread and Cheese function at St. Helens raised \$102.79 for the Ethiopian Appeal. \$11.00 of this was in donations.

Keep up the good work.

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FOUND.....1 purse left in Doctors Surgery. Sufficient identification will return. Contact Secretary, St. Marys Hospital. Phone St. Marys 20.

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STARPROBE

By Pegasus

Fortnight beginning Dec. 21st.

ARIES: March 21 - April 20

You may realise that what you want is a major change, a big move, the end of a boring set of circumstances. A permanent friendship may be established. A fortunate experience may thrill you. Best days 21st, 26th & 30

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; be able to throw off any slights or slurs aimed at you. Best days 23rd, 26th & 28th.

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. Beware not to over spend. Best days 24th, 28th & 31st.

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. A splendid outcome through a new friend. Best days 24th, 26th & 27th

LEO: July 23 - Aug. 22

This is not a good time for your health to be under difficulties of heavy eating and drinking which may go with the season. An excellent time for a short trip. Best days 22nd, 25th & 29th

VIRGO: Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

A fine time to make use of any talents you possess. Home favored, also affections of all kinds. You can remain cheerful, but there is nervous tension. Best days 24th, 28th & 31st.

LIBRA: Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You feel you have the right romantic companion due to such shared tastes and cultural interests. Be cautious about accident late in the cycle and also try to avoid contagious ailments. Best days 24, 30 & 31.

SCORPIO: Oct. 23 - Nov. 22

Avoid a wedding this month, putting it off until the new year arrives is wisest if you want endurance and certainty about love. Best days 24th, 25th & 28th.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

New energy will drive you to greater efforts, but don't overdo things. Someone wishes to be introduced to you. Do not be stand-offish. Best days 26th, 27th & 29th.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Entertain as much as funds allow, buy some new games and make the holidays bright with simple enjoyment. Make sure your children get around to seeing a disabled relative. Best days 22nd, 24th & 26th.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Make most of the gifts you give and take them personally to people where it is possible. Observe all the conventions lest you be in danger of messing your good name. Best days 24th, 28th & 31st.

PISCES: Feb. 19 - March 20

You may plan a trip around Christmas time, but driving might not be wise. In fact, you could get into an accident that would send you right back home. Best days 25th, 29th & 30.

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