

# THE VALLEY AND EAST COAST VOICE

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Those Paper patterns which women use for home dressmaking are as much a mystery to me as you would expect. Whenever, by chance, I have come upon a friend engaged with one of those jigsaws, I have turned away with respect but without interest.

However, I took a different view yesterday when I called unexpectedly at the house of an old friend and found her with her seven-teen year old daughter, deep in a paper pattern session. The girl is a beginner but her mother is a practised hand and she said she was cutting a basic paper pattern for her daughters future use.

It is hardly more sensible to want your daughter to do exactly what you did as a girl (or which you now know would have been wise for you to do) than to ask her to wear that dress which so suited you when you yourself were seventeen. And I think that where there is too great friction between very young adults and their parents and the former are really troublesome in rebellion, the cause may be this overloading of the pattern given them to follow.

And sometimes, in many families nowadays, the opposite applies. Parents, confused by all the contradictory advice of experts on child raising and by giving their young no basic pattern at all. They content themselves with an ineffectual disapproval which never hardens into real discipline because they fear to do the wrong thing. They never take up the shears and cut out that unequivocal basic pattern for human behaviour which their children may use for future guidance.

What is this basic pattern which parents can provide? I believe there are certain values which mankind has now agreed to regard as unchangingly valid in a changing world. We value truth and courage and kindness. We value compassion and justice. We detest cruelty. We believe that material betterment should never be purchased at the price of integrity, or another human beings pain and degradation. We believe that love of our fellow men is more intelligent than hatred.

We know that suffering is inevitable, but happiness is as much a fact of our human existence, enjoyment of living is our right and cheerfulness our duty. We know that in a community, we must work and living in a community, a thoroughly greedy and selfish person is a nuisance. Now all that may sound a little "highflown" and too idealistic for common use. Yet

passing on those beliefs is what the best of parents are doing every day.

And it is wholly practical. There is not much difference in kind, you know, between a man who betrays his country for pay and a small girl who betrays her friends so that she may win approval or popularity. If you let such a small girl know that she has done something wrong you have begun to cut her basic pattern for her. If you ignore or punish her tantrums when she cannot get everything she wants, you are showing her that greed will not be tolerated.

If you loose thunder about her head for an act of wanton cruelty, her satisfactory will evaporate and she will begin to emerge from the unknowing savagery of the child. All these fine words, like truth and kindness, courage and love, joy in life and duty they are no more than the words for a thousand daily acts. They are as domesticated as realistic, as usable as the kettle or the oven. You cut your child's basic pattern from them. And because you know your child's temperament, his weakness and strength, you make that pattern a little more individual by allowing for those weaknesses. You train him to combat such special weaknesses, like indolence, timidity, uncontrollable temper, and so on.

If you manage to imprint this basic pattern deep on mind or heart, then your young people, emerging into their world, will make for themselves the garment they must wear according to the demands of their times.

Today, the young will cut their cloth to fit their world. But, hopefully, the basic pattern will be the good, simple one you cut through all the patient years, out of the good, lasting values.

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We sincerely thank friends and relatives for beautiful gifts, flowers and cards on the arrival of our daughter and sister, Heidi Amanda. Thank you all. Mark, Allison and Paul Owens.

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ST. MARYS LADIES FELLOWSHIP. PROGRESSIVE THE ST. MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL SUPPER 19th March, 7.30pm Mary Targett's. Parents and Friends Association will hold

it's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, March 20th in the School Library at 8.00p.m. Office bearers will be elected for the forthcoming year and general matters discussed. Supper will be served. Ladies a plate please. All welcome.

CHILD HEALTH ASSOCIATION. COME TO THE PARTY WITH A DIFFERENCE. 7.30pm Clinic. Plate Please. REMEMBER THE YEAR OF THE CHILD.

ST. MARYS WOMENS AUXILIARY R.S.L. meeting at 7.30pm in the Institute.

R.A.F.T. The next meeting of the Fingal Valley branch of R.A.F.T. will be held at 7.30p.m. on Tuesday, 20th. March in the Presbyterian Hall, Fingal. All welcome.

HARVEST FESTIVAL STALL organised by the Uniting Church Parish will be held on Monday March 19th at 10.30am on the Hotel Corner, St. Marys.

THE ST. MARYS FOOTBALL CLUB Ladies' Committee meeting will take place at the home of Mrs. C. McCarty at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday evening March 14th. New members welcome.

#### THRIFT SHOP ROSTER

March 9	C. White	D. Morris
March 16	Hospital Fair	
March 23	Mrs. Toby Spilsbury, U. Camplin	
March 30	M. Hayes	M. Maney

ST. MARYS CHILD HEALTH CENTRE. Sister will be in attendance at the Clinic on Friday, 9th. March from 1p.m. to 3p.m.

If anyone is able to give 2 hours to the Thrift Shop about every 3 months would they please let the Rector or Mrs. Camplin know. Thankyou.

IMMUNIZATION DAY at the St. Marys Hospital on Monday, 12th. March from 1p.m.

CORNWALL CHURCH OF ENGLAND Sunday School Sunday School resumes at 10.00am. Children from St. Marys very welcome.

THE ST. MARYS SUB-BRANCH of the R.S.L. wishes to advise that a deposit of \$2.00 will be placed on keys for all future bookings of the Institute.

INDOOR BOWLS - Cornwall, every Wednesday afternoon, Friday evening. All welcome.

ST. MARY'S BADMINTON CLUB has begun practice. New players welcome to join. Practice is on Monday nights, Community Hall at 7.30p.m.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY FAIR is on Friday, March 16th. Bargain stalls, novelties and prizes. In the Community Hall, beginning at 1.00p.m.

MR. & MRS. TAS YATES and daughter Kim, have moved to Bothwell to live. Tas has commenced duty as Supervisor for the Bothwell Council. As time was limited they did not have time to say goodbye to all their many friends in St. Marys and surrounding districts but hope to visit St. Marys from time to time.

COUNCIL ELECTION: ST. MARYS WARD is on Saturday, March 24th. There are no elections necessary in other Wards.

COPY DEADLINE for this newspaper closes on the Tuesday before publication.

MR. J.V. BUSHING is holidaying with Mr. & Mrs. R.W. Cawthorn, New Norfolk before going to live at Bothwell.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA FINGAL-PORTLAND PARISH

### Sunday March 11

9.30am	Fingal	Vincent
11.00am	St. Marys	Vincent
7.00pm	St. Helens	Vincent

### Sunday March 18

9.30am	Fingal	Vincent
11.00am	St. Marys	Denney
7.00pm	St. Helens	Vincent

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH ST. HELENS

### Sunday 11th March

8 a.m.	St Helens	H.C.
10am.	Sunday School	St.Helens
11a.m.	St.Helens	M.P.
11a.m.	Pyengana	H.C.

### Sunday March 18th

8 a.m.	St. Helens	M.P.
9.15 a.m.	Falmouth	M.P.
10a.m.	Sunday School	St.Helens
11a.m.	St.Helens	M.P.

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Have you read a Psalm lately ?. If not why dont you take your Bible and read one Psalm a dayO.

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## CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. MARYS

St. Marys. - St. Marys of the Assumption.  
Sundays 11th & 18th 9.00am.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS - Every Friday in Lent at 7.00pm. The Catholic Community in St. Marys cordially invites members of other churches to come and join with them in this traditional Lenten devotion each week.

St. Helens - SS Helena & Stanislaus  
Saturday 10th & 17th Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Fingal - St. Joseph  
March: 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays 10.30am

Mangana - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart  
March: 3rd and 5th Sundays 10.30am

Bicheno - Community Church  
March - last Sundays in month 4.00pm

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, devotions to our Blessed Lady, Stations of the Cross and Weekday Masses - as announced at Sunday Mass.

Reconciliation in the Sacrament of Penance .  
You may go to Confession in each church before Mass, and at other times as announced. At any time by private arrangement.

The Sacrament of Baptism is given during the celebration of Sunday Mass after suitable notice and preparation.

Parish Priest: Father Geoffrey Jarrett, The Presbytery, St. Marys. 7215. Phone 72 2252.

# MEALS ON WHEELS

MARCH	ST. MARYS	FINGAL	MANGANA
Sunday 11	Marj Spilsbury	L. Rubenach	
Monday 12	Ruth McGiveron	K. Johnson	J. Miller
Tuesday 13	Mary Richardson	M. Francis	M. Francis
Wednesday 14	Margaret Bullock		
Thursday 15	Paula Cook	B. Saunders	J. Miller
Sunday 18	Joanne Aulich	M. Saunders	
Monday 19	Judy Costain	B. Hughes	Mrs. Needham
Tuesday 20	Wendy Aulich	L. Parker	Mrs. Sweeney
Wednesday 21	Kaye Nailer		
Thursday 22	Karlene Richards	R. McGee	R. McGee

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH OF AVOCA FINGAL AND CULLENSWOOD

### Sunday March 11th

8.30 a.m.	Avoca	H.C.
10.30 a.m.	St Marys	H.C.
7 p.m.	Fingal	E.P.

### Sunday March 18th

9a.m.	Fingal	H.C.
10.30 a.m.	Cornwall	M.P.
7p.m.	St.Marys	E.P.

### Tues March 20th

7.30 Mangana  
9.45, 10.15, 10.45, 11.15, 11.45

St Marys District Hospital Fair.  
Come & support your Hospital Friday March 16th OPENING of Doors 12.30pm. Monster Raffle will be drawn during afternoon. Well laden stalls & novelties.

# SPORTS

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## FISHING NEWS

Anglers Diary :- Sunday 18th March,  
Scammander Angling Club surf contest at  
Wrinklers Beach from 11 am to 3 pm.

:- Sunday 25th March,  
St.Helens Game Fishing Club Rally day.

There are several exciting reports this week from the game fishing world. Last Monday John McGivaron of St.Marys fulfilled the dream of every deep sea fisherman. He landed a 267lb Striped Marlin using a feather lure on 50 lb line. He took two hours to land it and in that time the boat was towed nine miles out to sea. John was fishing in a contest organised by the Tuna Club of Tasmania out of Pirates Bay, Eaglehawk Neck.

Frank Titley is still the local champ - he caught a 25 lb Bluefin on 6 lb line off St.Helens last Saturday and thus qualifies for a Gold Button. On the same day, Matthew Fisher (15) landed a 41 lb Bluefin on 6 lb line. This took him one hour to land and exceeds the existing Tas. Australian and World records. An application for this is being made.

The results of the St.Helens Game Fishing Club Rally last Sunday would appear rather ridiculous after these three remarkable feats. Sufficient to say that a perfect day and numerous striped tuna provided a good days sport. In view of the threats and spiteful remarks passed in the last few weeks, no mention will be made of "top rods".

Scammander Angling Club members have been requested to support the St.Helens Hospital Fete on Saturday 24th March. Proceeds will be spent on more equipment for the Hospital. Fishing can be a dangerous sport on occasions, so help the Auxiliary if you can.

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### VOLLEYBALL NOTICE (MEN)

It has been decided by team delegates that to be eligible for any finals matches players will have had to play five roster matches. Also the Grand Final will be played over the best of seven sets.

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### St.Marys Football Club Committee Meeting

There will be a committee meeting on Wednesday 21st March at 7.30 pm. at the sheds all committee members MUST attend.

## FROM MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

Dear Mr. Shaw,

I refer to your letter of the 7th February concerning educational opportunity in music and visits from the Tasmanian Ballet School on a regular basis in the Fingal Valley and St.Marys district. I am very conscious of the importance of the recommendation in the T.E.N.D. Committee report and I fully support the idea of making cultural activities available in the report on District Schools.

Two lines of action will be followed:

1. Your letter will be taken into account when consideration of priority and time schedule for the implementation of T.E.N.D. recommendations is finalised within the next few weeks.

2. It will be referred also to the Policy and Planning Committee District Schools particularly as it relates to St. Marys District High School.

Thank you for your letter and for the interest you have shown in this important development in provision for rural schools.

Yours Sincerely  
Harry Holgate.

This information was supplied  
to us by Mr. George Shaw  
M.L.C.

## FINGAL COUNCIL ELECTION ST. MARYS WARD

VOTE ☐ LOHREY T. F.

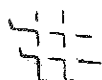
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Authorised by,  
D.Williams  
St. Marys.

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WOMENS VOLLEYBALL NOTESROUND 8 27.2.79

Game 1. This was a 3-0 game with Kiwis defeating Targett's Garage. Sharryn Binns and K. Richards played well for Kiwis and Heather Hayes and J. Pitt for Targett's Garage.

Game 2. Although Blackwood Hodge only had 5 players they played really well to defeat Toby's Team 3-1. Mrs. Thorne (played her first game) and Janine Williams were best for Blackwood Hodge and K. Bean and T. Gillies for Toby's Team.

Game 3. This was the highlight of the night with Bankcard defeating for the first time this season Trendsetta. It was a very tense and exciting game, score 3-1. All Bankcard team played well and J. Wright and M. French best for Trendsetta.

ROUND 9 6.3.79

Game 1. Targett's Garage have really improved and it shouldn't be long before they get a win. This game was against Blackwood Hodge who played with their full team this week. Score 3-2. Best for Blackwoods: J. Williams, M. Williams, and S. West (playing her first game). Targett's Garage: All played well but Tanya Leedham was outstanding.

Game 2. Trendsetta defeated Toby's Team 3-0. Kerry Oosterloo playing her first game for Trendsetta and Jenny Midson both played well. Best for Toby's Team: Judy Aulich, Tamara Gillies.

Game 3. Bankcard are slowly but surely forcing their way to the top of the ladder. This time they defeated Kiwis 3-1. Once again all played well for Bankcard and J. Lynch and M. Targett were best for Kiwis.

POSITIONS:

Trendsetta	32
Blackwood Hodge	24
Kiwis	20
Bankcard	20
Toby's Team	12
Targett's Garage	0

Round 10 13.3.79

Toby's Team	v	Bankcard
Targett's Garage	v	Trendsetta
Kiwis	v	Blackwood Hodge

Round 11 20.3.79

Blackwood Hodge	v	Bankcard
Kiwis	v	Trendsetta
Toby's Team	v	Targetts

ST. MARYS GARDEN CLUB

Ten members were at the St. Marys Garden meeting on March 1st.

Apoligies from :- J & E Hughes, M. Royle M. Le Fevre, B. Barnard

Roll Call, what achievement left in our lives would we like to forfill, some answers were ; To travel, paint, draw.

Open Arr.....A. Llewellyn 1st & 3rd  
L. Rattray 2nd

Int.....R. Brough 1st & 2nd  
L. Mitchell 3rd

Vegetable of the Month Lettuce  
P. Llewellyn 1st  
L. Rattray 2nd

Any other Vegetable  
L. Rattray 1st & 3rd  
P. Llewellyn 2nd

Raspberry Jam... L. Rattray 1st & 2nd  
P. Llewellyn 3rd

One Bloom Arr...L. Rattray 1st & 2nd  
L. Mitchell 3rd

Raffle Winner...M. Aulich  
Lucky Door .....P. Llewellyn  
Competition by L. Mitchell won by  
L. Rattray

Next Meeting March 29th

Home Produce Short Bread  
Vegetable of the Month- Red beet  
Special Floating Bowl of Flowers  
Raffle Donor M. Oliver  
Competition M. Aulich  
Lucky Door R. Brough

Members are invited to attend the St. Helens Birthday meeting on Mar. 20th at 2.00 pm.

Scamander Garden Club

Eighteen Members attended the Scamander Garden Club Meeting at the home of Mrs. Helen Harris. Three visitors were given posies and welcomed. Mrs. Enid Jamison received a birthday posie. Happy 21st. Flower of the Month a Fuschia Winners,

1st....B. Turner 2nd...H. Harris  
3rd....J. Davies

Any other Bloom  
1st....L. Eastley & E Foley  
2nd....D. Lyle 3rd.... K. Booth & J. Davis

Something Representing a song,  
1st....H. Harris 2nd.....J. Davis  
3rd....E. Sasche & I. Worsley

Next Meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Z. Scott on March 21st.

March flower of the Month...Geranium  
Special Cacti Garden in a Dish no larger than 10 inches.

The meeting closed at 3.30 pm and a very enjoyable afternoon tea was enjoyed by all.

Thank you Mrs. Harris.

# MENS VOLLEYBALL. 22/2/70

Game 1: C.B.A. V FOOTIE FRANKS  
This was a marathon game lasting 80 minutes and victory finally went to a disorganised C.B.A. 3-2. Footie Franks played a lot better in this game than they have in recent weeks and were probably unlucky to lose. McCloud has got to learn that six players make a team not one and then the Franks would win a lot more games. Shane Goss was easily Footie Franks best player and then he was unexplicably subbed off and left off the court for over 2 games. It was during this time that C.B.A. gained the upper hand and with Rob. Schier & Peter Bradley playing well took the points. Other good players in the game were "Powder" Morris, Gus Richards & Chris McGregor.

Game 2: ST. HELENS V ALPINE.  
St. Helens won this game 3-1 but not without a good fight from Alpine. Some very good rallies were played & balls were recovered from impossible situations. This was Alpines best effort for a long time & St. Helens showed that they are a strong prospect to snatch a place in the "four". Best were Kim Charlesworth, Tony Dilger, Bruce Cornelius and "Fingers" Johnson.

Game 3: ADIDAS V ROOSTERS.  
Adidas breezed through this game without ever getting into top gear winning 3-0. Best were Derek Summers, Glenn McDonald & Greg Tapp & Mike Brown.

Game 4: T.R.C. V Jetsetters  
T.R.C. took a clear 3rd. position on the ladder after winning this game 3-0. Final points being 45-27. Peter Hingston again played well for T.R.C. and will be sorely missed as he has been transferred in his employment. Best players are unavailable for this game as the result sheet was not finalised.

Game 5: ROOSTERS V JETSETTERS  
Jetsetters having to play 2 games in a row did not let the heat worry them & easily defeated Roosters 3-0 (45-17). Best players were Peter Lohrey, K. Cook & Mark Read for the Jets & Greg Tapp for Roosters. This win has given Jetsetters chances of making the "four" a boost.

## 1st. MARCH.

Game 1: FOOTIE FRANKS V ROOSTERS  
This was a very evenly fought game with the result in doubt right to the final point. Roosters eventually won this 5 setter 3-2 with final points 70-73 in favour of Footie Franks showing just how close the game was. "Midnight" must have appreciated the stir last issue as he was the most consistent server on the court. Best were Mike Brown

# VOLLEYBALL CONTINUED.

Geoff Morrison & Glen Lodge for the Roosters & Stephen Cooke & George Gall for Footie Franks.

## Game 2: ADIDAS V JETSETTERS.

Jetsetters put their game together very well in this match and gave Adidas a run for their money before going down 3-1. (55-49). This now takes Adidas's tally of games to 25 straight wins which is probably the reason their opponents receive the support from the spectators. Best were Les Newman & Michael Wright for Adidas & Kent Wells & Keith Cook for Jetsetters.

## Game 3: T.R.C. V ST. HELENS

The 2 new sides reversed their earlier result in the roster with St. Helens winning this time 3-1. I did not see the game as I was having a cordial at the time so therefore only best players can be recorded and they were Steve Richards & Murray Gofton for St. H. & Mick Miller & Phillip Midson for T.R.C.

## Game 4: C.B.A. V ALPINE

This saw a full strength C.B.A. take on a depleted Alpine side and win easily 3-0 (45-13) which drew comments from the spectators that C.B.A. were now the side to beat. (St. Helens don't think so). Best were John Marshall, Claus Oosterloo, Peter Bradley, Tom Hendley & Shane Gavaghan.

## Game 5: C.B.A. V ST. HELENS.

This proved to be the upset of the season with ST. Helens playing well as a team and doing the easy things defeating C.B.A. 3-0. C.B.A. only have themselves to blame as time and time again they hit the ball out of court trying to spike too hard, while St. Helens were content to let them make mistakes. Best were Steven Richards & Graeme Bevans for St. Helens & Peter Bradley for C.B.A.

The roster is now moving into its final weeks and six teams still have a chance to make 3rd. or 4th. positions as only 1 game separates 3rd. position from 8th. at this stage.

## LADDER.

ADIDAS	36	
C.B.A.	28	
T.R.C.	16	
ST. HELENS	16	Percentages
ALPINE	12	have not yet
FOOTIE FRANKS	12	been worked
JETSETTERS	12	out.
ROOSTERS	12	

On Friday the 30th. March at 7.30 the St. Marys Football Club will be holding a calcutta at the club-rooms for our Jetset best & fairest



COPY OF INFORMATION FROM GEORGE SHAW

The Hon. N.L.G. BATT, M.H.A.,  
Deputy Premier,  
HOBART.

Fear Mr. Minister,

FORESTRY WORKING FORCE FINGAL

I write to request information regarding both the short and long term policy of the Government in relation to the workforce employed by the Forestry Commission in the Fingal Valley.

My understanding was that the number employed would be held at about 60. However, I believe that as inevitable retirements take place the vacancies created have not been filled so that the number employed today has fallen to about 52.

If this is so, I am disappointed and hope that more can be employed in the early future.

In requesting this information, I acknowledge the wonderful and creative part played by the Government through the Forestry Commission in developing forestry and creating work opportunity particularly in the Fingal Valley and I trust that the Government Policy will continue to support this activity which is recognised as a sound investment in Tasmania's future.

Yours Sincerely,  
(George A. Shaw)  
Member for Macquarie.

JOB SEARCH 1979

The C.E.S. car, mounted with a large 'JOB SEARCH 1979' sign created a lot of interest, recently, as it sped its way through the Fingal Valley on its promotional and job searching activities. While some of the C.E.S. team called on employers asking them for jobs, other members called to see schools, C.Y.S.S. project schemes officers and council clerks seeking out information about the area.

The car itself created interest and, when it was left parked in the streets, proved to be a focal point for people to come and make enquiries about the C.E.S. activities. In fact, this article was requested in just that way by Ron Sumner coming up to the job search car in St. Marys for a chat and a request for news.

Briefly, Job Search 1979 was launched as a community campaign to increase the number of job opportunities for Tasmanians; it was purely a Tasmanian project. Its objective was to raise 1,979 vacancies in the month 22 January to 23 February, 1979, and it was highly successful; the Job target was gained one week ahead of time and the final total of 2,554 jobs was reached, by the

JOB SEARCH 1979 cont.

close of the campaign. The operation of Job Search 1979 was undertaken by involving the community service clubs and particularly the media whose messages cover such a vast audience - TV, radio and newspapers all assisted.

The C.E.S. vacancy canvassing team was full time "in the field", it was comprised of specially trained employment officers, who spread their calls over as large an area as possible - in fact more than two thousand employers were visited and others were telephoned.

Employers were eager to assist and, in turn, found out more information on what was available to them under the Government manpower schemes - the national Employment and Training System (N.E.A.T.) which includes the special Youth Employment Training Programme, (S.Y.E.T.P.), and Commonwealth Rebate for Apprenticeship Training (C.R.A.F.T.) which includes living away allowance for young people who have to leave their homes to take up apprenticeships.

As a matter of interest, a national advertising campaign will be underway during March when these schemes will be given space in the nation's daily newspapers. Meantime any enquiries can be forwarded to the C.E.S. office. The Job Search campaign was aimed at increasing C.E.S. penetration to the job vacancy market in an effort to stimulate the flow of job to the C.E.S. where people are waiting for jobs. The campaign sought to gain an increase of 20% on the same period in 1978 - its achieved much more during the 5 weeks involved and the months ahead should show a continuing sympathy to the unemployed from employers and the community.

NAOMI KING  
Manager  
C.E.S. LAUNCESTON

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### Casey's Column

We have had a quick look at the history of a couple of the many taxes with which the country is burdened. A much more recent innovation is called Value Added tax, or VAT. It is another tax on industry and effort which passes down the line to the final user. It is potentially inflationary.

At the moment VAT is only being considered in this country but the Treasury mandarins seem to have a liking for it, so I fear we will end up with it or something very like it. If sales tax is known as the 'nightmare tax', then I would call VAT the 'horror tax'. It works like this.....

VAT is collected at each stage of the process of production and distribution of goods and services. Let's assume, for the purpose of illustration, that there is to be a 10% standard rate of VAT.

At each stage of production or distribution, a taxable person or business is charged by his suppliers with 10% VAT on the value of the goods and services they supply him for his business. The tax he pays is called input tax. When he, in turn, supplies goods and services to his customers, he charges them 10% VAT and this is called his output tax.

The next step follows with grand logic. At the end of each quarter our bemused businessman makes a return to the Government department handling the tax. He adds up all his input taxes and all his output taxes and deducts the

smaller sum from the larger. If output tax is the larger sum, he hands over the difference to the Government. If input tax wins, the Government repays him the difference.....Eventually.

Now it may seem that this is too simple. Of course it is; we must try harder to make it incomprehensible.

So...not all goods and services attract the same rate of VAT. Some are zero-rated and some are exempt. Same thing? No..not to the taxman. Here is how the simplicity is erased. It is true that in the case of both zero-rated and exempt goods and services no output tax is charged on supply. But VAT charged on inputs related to zero-rated supplies can be reclaimed but you cannot reclaim input tax on exempt supplies.

Further refinements are perfectly possible. Any accountant worth his salt will quickly see that having a single standard rate of VAT makes the game unnecessarily simple. The obvious thing to do is to have a variety of VAT rates to be levied on different categories of goods and services, from luxury items down to necessities.

You may wonder what happens to the consumer. Nothing much. He is the end of the daisy chain, the place where the buck stops, or really where the bucks come from to pay this tax. It is like the children's party game where everyone stands around in a ring and passes the slipper. When the music stops the one holding the slipper is the booby. In this case the consumer is always the booby.

It seems, if you think about it, that using Mr. Businessman to collect the tax in this way would enable us to dispose of a great many employees in the Government tax Department.

Alas, not so. Not in Britain anyway, where this tax is used. There, the relevant Department, in this case Customs and Excise, celebrated the birth of VAT by employing an extra 6000 staff to administer the system....and the number grows.

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# STARDUST

By Grandma Moses  
Fortnight beginning March 9th

PISCES: February 20 - March 20  
You may receive help from outside sources with a career project. Stay out of the public eye, avoid conflicts with your partner. Health is good and finances may improve unexpectedly. You must be content with routine chores. BEST DAYS: 9, 15, 22.

ARIES: March 21 - April 20  
Investments yield excellent dividends if you follow your partners advice. Chances of travel are good-avoid air travel though. Some joint project will be more succesfull than you expect.. Spend some time with an elderly relative. BEST DAYS: 11, 13, 20.

TAURUS: April 21 - May 21  
Take care in health & employment matters, accidents at work may take a heavy toll. There may be an important decision to be made, Take a back seat and let your partner take the initiative. Finances not especially favourable. BEST DAYS: 9, 16, 19.

GEMINI: May 22 - June 21  
You may have serious conflict between career obligations & family plans - do what's best for your family. Keep your temper in check at all times. Creative hobbies will pay dividends. Plan an outing with the whole family - you'll be pleased you did. BEST DAYS: 14, 18, 21.

CANCER: June 22 - July 23  
Travel may be extremely haxardous - take particular care on the road. Your creative work may earn you special recognition. Plans will be made to beautify your home though it's doubtful if any progress will be made. BEST DAYS: 10, 12.

LEO: July 24 - August 23  
Now is an opportune time to take special care of personal relationships - especially with elderly folk. You'll find it is a lot of fun. Finances may be bad so clear those outstanding projects that don't need more outlaid on them. BEST DAYS: 11, 17, 18.

VIRGO: August 24 - September 23  
Don't pass on malicious gossip you hear about people of authority. Romance may be a bit rocky-be patient as time will heal. Entertain guests in your home for all round pleasure. Tread softly with relatives - they may be easily hurt. BEST DAYS: 14, 17, 21.

LIBRA: September 24 - October 23  
Finances, hobbies & romance are all very favourable. Everything is on your side just now. Live life and make the most of it. You may be invited to take an extended journey - consider all aspects carefully before deciding. BEST DAYS: 9, 16, 18.

SCORPIO: October 24 - November 22  
Consider carefully any social invitations before accepting - one may cause an open break with close friends. Caution is indicated on the job and in romance. Your artistic flair may gain special recognition. BEST DAYS: 13, 20, 22.

SAGITTARIUS: November 23 - December 21  
Beware of conflicts between your job & family plans because of last minute emergencies. Don't start any new projects just now - better to complete those already begun. Romance improves but remember to be discreet. A good time to increase your savings. BEST DAYS: 10, 15, 22.

CAPRICORN: December 22 - January 20  
Partnership matters should be very good after a difficult period. You should reduce travel to a bare minimum. There may be pressure put on you to keep personal expenses down- a good idea. BEST DAYS: 10, 17, 21.

AQUARIUS: January 21 - February 19.  
Exercise the utmost caution in money matters - don't get yourself into debt. Enjoy the simple pleasures of life for a change - a quiet walk, an outing with the family. Health good and romance favourable. BEST DAYS, 10, 17, 22.

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