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"THE CUSTOMER'S RIGHT."

by Senator John Watson.

Did you know that a retailer is not legally obliged to sell an item at the price marked on the tag?

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Incorrect weights and measures = one offence detected was the retailers failure to mark random weight articles.

Motor Vehicles = complaints about motor vehicles, including price increases between the day of contract of sale was signed and the actual delivery date, and manufacturing defects even though some manufacturers who became aware of the defect publicly announced the nature of the defect and undertook to rectify it free of charge.

Insurance = consumers are often influenced in their choice of insurance policy by the amount of premium payable. They assume that most insurance companies have similar policies; however, not always do two policies contain the same provisions. The situation is exacerbated by the lack of standard form insurance policies making comparisons difficult, and the use of terminology which the layman finds difficult to understand. If you purchase a faulty or defective item, you have the right to seek redress; however, you should always inspect goods carefully before purchasing. When you return defective goods to the seller your primary right is to have your money refunded. The seller may often offer a refund in the form of a credit note, but you need not accept redress in this form if you do not wish.

In some cases you may prefer to have the faulty item repaired, replaced or discounted. However, you are not entitled to redress when: you change your mind; find the item cheaper elsewhere; find you cannot really afford it; or later decide it is not the right colour or style or fit.

While some shops may allow you to return the goods for these reasons, it is done as a gesture of goodwill, and not as a legal obligation.

A wise consumer will shop around, and inspect the goods to avoid purchasing over-priced, shoddy items; however, if you do have a legitimate reason for complaint, first approach the store management for satisfaction. If you are still dissatisfied after your initial approach, the Consumer Affairs Council is there to protect your rights.

NEWS RELEASE

27th January 1982

A community centre in the Fingal Valley would fill a great local need, the Chairman of the Parliamentary Labor Party, Mr Polley, M.H.A., said today.

Mr Polley was commenting on an appeal launched by the Advance Australia Group at Fingal to build a \$150,000 centre, for which he would seek State Government support.

He said he would meet the group next month to discuss their program.

The "Advance Australia Fingal Valley Park", the site for the proposed complex had been given to the Fingal Council by Kilndried Hardwoods Pty. Ltd., following the highly successful Fingal Festival last March, and the Council had begun work on a toilet block.

Mr Polley said the Complex would be a central meeting place, and would provide facilities for a number of sports.

These included swimming, basketball, badminton, volleyball, squash and indoor bowls, with ample outdoor playing areas for children.

Mr Polley said the second festival in March already had attracted considerable interest, and proceeds would go towards building the centre, which would become self-supporting.

Valley Voice is back for a further 12 months, and would like to wish our many readers and contributors a very Happy New Year, and hope you will continue to support us through 1982.

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WHAT'S ON continued

St. Marys District Hospital Aux.

Hospital Fair will be held in the
Community Hall, St. Marys on
March 27th 1982.

Annual Meeting.

St. Marys R.S.L. Sub Branch
Annual meeting 8th March at 7.30.
(PM) All members please attend as
this is important.

J.F. McGee.

R.A.F.T.

The next meeting will be held at
8.00pm on Tuesday 23rd February
in the Fingal Uniting Church Hall.
All Welcome.

Bicheno Garden Club.

On January 15th the Bicheno
Garden Club held its monthly
meeting in the garden of Mr &
Mrs R. Tanner. A most delightful
spot and was enjoyed by all whom
attended. The main business of the
meeting cont page 6

OPTOMETRISTS

MR. T.J. FOWLER

OPTOMETRIST will be attending
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WHAT'S ON

FINGAL VALLEY FESTIVAL

MARCH 6th to 7th
1982.

SATURDAY:

- 9.30 Judging garden club entries
- 9.30 Commencement Coal Shovelling.
- 10.00 Judging decorated bikes.
- 10.00 Golf "Hole in One" Comp.
- 11.00 Presentation of Garden Comp. Prizes.
- 12.00 Championship Chopping.
- 12.00 Novelty Events:
Rolling Pin Throwing
Gum Boot "
Stepping the Chain
Tug-O-War (6 man teams).
- 1.00 R.A.A.F. Flyover
- 2.00 Judging Miss Festival.
- 2.30 Official Opening by Mr. Kevin Newman M.H.R.
- 3.00 Official Afternoon Tea.
- 4.00 Final of events, presentation of awards.
- 6.30 Barbecue tea & Music at Fingal Hotel.
- 8.00 Band, Mardi Gras. Fingal Hotel.
- 12.00 Close.

Added Attractions:

V.F.L. Personality
Tasmanian Police Pipe Band
Girl Guide Exhibition
Craft Display
Hang Gliding Exhibition
Tasmanian Police Display.

SUNDAY:

- 9.00 Sheep Dog trials.
- 9.30 Festival Service - St. Peters Anglican Church.
- 10.30 Cricket match - limited overs Bush Test.

SUNDAY cont.

- 12.00 Little Valley Band - Live Music.
- 2.00 Red Cross Sky Diving Team.
- 2.30 Canoeing exhibition at swimming hole. (will confirm).
- Displays, Crafts, Barbecue, Refreshments.
- The judging of Miss Festival will be at 2.00p.m. Sat. Entries taken from 12.30 to 1.30. No post late entries. Entry fee 50c.
- 4 Sections 1-6 yrs Tiny Tot
7-10yrs Junior Miss
11-13yrs Junior
13yrs & Senior up

Judges: Miss Tasmania - Bronwyn Johnson

Les Hodge - ABC Radio.

Any queries are to be made to Mrs. Brian Woods, Victoria St. Fingal.

A.A.F.G. FLORAL ART COMPETITION

Sections for the Floral Art Competition at the Fingal Festival are:-

1. Floral Art
2. Floral Arrangement
3. Autumn Arrangement
4. Dry Arrangement
5. Bottle Arrangement
6. Table Arrangement
7. Vegetable Arrangement
8. Fruit Arrangement
9. Best Bloom

Entries are 5c each and all entries are to be at the Festival ground by 8.30a.m. for judging. The judge will be Les Hodge. All entries welcome.

Any queries to Mrs Gwen Johnson or Mrs Madge French, Fingal Garden Club.

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Sunday February 21

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

Sunday February 28

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

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. HELENS

St. Pauls Church

8.00am Eucharist every Sunday
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11.00am M.P. second Sunday
11.00am 3rd, 4th, 5th, Sunday

St. Michael's and All Angels Church
Pyengana

11.00am Eucharist 2nd Sunday
11.00am M.P. 4th Sunday
7.30pm Eucharist 2nd Sunday
7.30pm Eucharist 4th Sunday

Falmouth Church

9.15am Eucharist 1st & 3rd
Sunday.

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St. Marys - St. Mary of the Assump-
tion - Sundays February 21, 28
9.00am

St. Helens - SS Helena & Stanislaus
Vigil Mass - Saturdays February 20,
and 27 - 6.30pm.

Fingal - St. Joseph
Sunday 28th February 10.30am

Mangana - Our Lady of the Sacred
Heart - Sunday Feb. 21st 10.30am

Bicheno - Community Church
1st Sunday of each month 4.00pm.

PARISH PRIEST: Father Joe Medwin,
The Presbytery, St. Marys, 7215.
Phone 722252.

ANGLICAN PARISH OF FINGAL VALLEY

Sunday February 21

9.00am Fingal H.C.
10.30am Cornwall - Harvest Festival
7.00pm Avoca H.C.

February 24th

Ash Wednesday - 7.30pm Fingal.

Sunday February 28

9.00am Fingal
10.30am St. Marys - No service to
let people travel to
Bicheno for Centenary Serv.
3.00pm Mathinna H.C.
7.00pm Avoca H.C.

FEBRUARY/MARCH

ST. MARYS

FINGAL

MANGANA

Sunday 21
Monday 22
Tuesday 23
Wednesday 24
Thursday 25

Les Lavelle
Judy Aulich
CYSS
Ruth McGiveron
Tania Freeman

Mrs. C. Rankin
Mrs. D. Woods
Mrs. H. Mills
Mrs. A. McKenzie
Mrs. J. Burbury

N. Ward
J. Miller
M. Francis
A. McKenzie
C. Upton

Sunday 28
Monday 1
Tuesday 2
Wednesday 3
Thursday 4

Pauline Berwick
Mary King
CYSS
Keith Bullack
Miss Thorold

Mr. J. Clements

Jean Miller

NOTE: . Mangana drivers to check and see if any meals for Mangana.

HOW TIME FLIES!!!

Eight years ago, Ian and Jan Mawson and their family, Kerry, Glen, Raymond and Leonie, said their "Farewells" to St. Marys. Ian, who was Postmaster at St. Marys for a number of years, was transferred to Corryong in Victoria, where they are still living.

The whole family are keenly involved in many sports. Ian has purchased shares in a race horse called "Vinti", which was expected to start racing last November. He is a member of the Lions Club, and is very interested in Youth Exchange Schemes, also football.

Jan likes to play Badminton and Tennis, and also Netball, playing with the married women's team. She also enjoys accompanying Ian on Lions Ladies nights.

Kerry, the eldest of the family, is now 23, and is very happy with her job at the pre-school. She leads a very busy life, being secretary of the local basket-ball association, and also playing. Kerry and her former friend, Jamie Bond, (no relation to 007) have been going together for 20 months.

Glen has a permanent job with the Forestry, as an Assessor, and works at Cann River most of the year, but spends at least 3 months of the year in the Head Office in Melbourne. He plays football as often as his job allows, but he can be sent anywhere in the state, assessing trees.

Raymond is doing very well at La-Trobe University, and is quite dedicated to his studies. He is 20 now, and has 2 years to go to finish his course, which involves Geology. Raymond would like to return to Tassie when he graduates.

Leonie is now a working girl, and has a job in the local State Bank. She won the over 17 championships at the school house sports last year. Leonie also won best and fairest in the basketball competitions, and likes to play Tennis.

The family still keeps in contact with Mrs Shirley Britton and Mr Gordon Salter, and are still interested in the Fingal Valley, and would like to be remembered to all.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Valley Voice would like readers to write in with any news about other past residents, friends or relatives, of St. Marys and surrounding districts, as to where they are and what they are doing now.

Over the next few issues we would like to publish any items received.

From Page 6.

Early Childhood Services
Activities for children of all ages.
Preventive work with families
facing difficulties. Parenting skill.
Come along and have a say! Meeting
Dining Room St Marys Hotel THUR 25th
February at 2.00 pm.

LIBRARY NEWS. By M. BAMPING.

Most people immediately think about books when libraries are mentioned but, nowadays, this is only part of the service they provide. Did you know that you can also borrow records, cassette tapes, Recorded Book tapes and large print books? There are literally hundreds of thousands of books available to you through the State library service on topics ranging from coping with middle age to aerodynamics, from psychology to lace making. And there is an excellent range of children's books to suit all ages. Space does not permit large stocks of books or other material to be held in branch libraries or book mobiles but any of the books, records or cassette tapes can be requested from your librarian or the bookmobile staff. Part of the book-stock of branch libraries is changed every three weeks. The library assistants will be happy to look up information for adults and to advise young borrowers on where to find information for school projects. If you've got out of the habit of calling into the library, or if you've always meant to go but never got a round to it, why not make a New Year resolution to go today. You'll be very welcome. Fingal Library is open 1*-4.30 Monday and Wednesdays. 1-4 Fridays. 6.30 -8 Friday Evenings.

ST MARYS FOOTBALL CLUB.

Football training is now in full swing. Every Tuesday and Thursday nights at Recreation Ground.

On Sunday 21st February at the Four Mile Creek beach there will be a training run commencing at 11am sharp and followed by a barbeque. Make this a family day. All new intending players welcome.

Meat & refreshments supplied. A Committee meeting will be held in the club rooms on Monday 22nd February, at 7.30pm.

Agenda will include a report from the Association meeting & preparatory arrangements for Season 1982. Committee members & other interested persons most welcome.

See Article on page 6

Meeting - dining room at St Marys Hotel, Thursday 25th February at 2.00pm. For The Family Support Services Program.

BICHENO CHURCH CENTENARY

During the March Long Weekend, the Bicheno Church will be holding its Centenary Celebrations.

This quaint little weatherboard church situated on the coastal side of the East Coast Highway was 100 years ago built by voluntary subscriptions and labour to serve the spiritual needs of the entire Bicheno Community. It is very interesting to note that over those past 100 years this one little church has been able to serve all of the Christian denominations as their centre for worship.

For 100 years (and let's hope at least another 100) this one little church building has been host to hundreds and hundreds of locals, and thousands of tourists.

It is hoped that many of those people who have worshipped in this church will return again in the March Long Weekend to participate in the Church's Centenary Celebrations.

The following is the format for the celebrations.

SATURDAY 27th February:

GOLF COMPETITION held at the local Golf Course. Bicheno Church Centenary Trophy, Associates & Mens

BOWLS COMPETITION held at local Bowling Club. (Actual competition date 30th Jan. due to roster game)
Trophy presented 27th Feb.
Bicheno Church Centenary Trophy.
Ladies & Mens

CHURCH CENTENARY BALL: Bicheno Memorial Hall. 8pm - Midnight
\$5.00 per adult \$1.00 per child
Light supper provided
Four piece band 'LOCKETTS' from Campbelltown

SUNDAY 28th February

CENTENARY COMMEMORATIVE CHURCH SERVICE

11.00 am at the Bicheno Church to be conducted by representatives of all faiths that use the church. Service to be followed by community luncheon in the Bicheno Memorial Hall. (a platter would be appreciated to help out)

Display of memorabilia of the life of the church and Bicheno will be in the Hall Annex.

(If you have anything to loan that would help with this display please ring 751 176 Mrs. Tanner)

CENTENARY SOUVENIER BOOKLET:

A brief historical background of the 100 years life of the Bicheno Church is being prepared and will be

available for sale during the Centenary Celebrations. As there will only be a very limited number of these printed place your order for one now.

Naturally to assist with arrangements the Centenary Committee would like to know the approximate numbers to anticipate. You could assist by contacting the following people:

1. GOLF COMPETITION... President
Ken Davey ph. 751 253
2. BOWLS COMPETITION...
Mrs C.B. Widdicombe ph. 751 223
3. CENTENARY BALL...
Mrs B. Pyke ph. 751 252
4. COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE...
Mrs C. Tanner ph. 751 176
5. SOUVENIER BOOKLET...
Mrs C. Tanner ph 751 176

Or for any of the above write to
Bicheno Church Centenary Committee
c/- Post Office,
BICHENO. 7215

ST MARYS GARDEN CLUB

The next meeting of this club will be held in the RSL Hall on the 25th February to commence 2pm.

Anyone who would like to come to our afternoons would be very welcome to attend.

Details of this meeting:
Special Arrangement... one consisting of fruit & vegetables
Home Product... raspberry jam
Vegetable of the month... lettuce
Competition... Marj. Aulich
Raffle... S. Blackman

Remember too, that we have our trade table & we welcome donations here.

Garden Club news Cont. Page 2

Was the preparation for the coming yearly Show on Saturday Feb 13th. Every endeavour is being made to have it as attractive as others years. After the meeting afternoon tea was served in the garden & points read out for "The bloom of the month" and the vegetable too. The raffle was won by E. Hughes.

COMMUNITY WORKER TO ASSIST FAMILIES

A submission is being prepared by a group of interested local people for funding of a local resource worker for the Fingal Valley area (including Storey's Creek, Rossarden, Avoca, Royal George, Fingal, Cornwall St Marys and outlying areas.) The funds would be provided under the Family Support Services Program and the resource person would be responsible to a local committee. Possible areas of need are; Cont F.7

TASMANIA'S TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Over the next few issues, Valley Voice will publish a list of tourist attractions to be seen in Tasmania, starting with the far north-west today, so why not....

VISIT YOUR OWN STATE ATTRACTIONS FIRST?

HISTORIC STANLEY, in Cape Country.

Stanley, the only classified historic village on the North-West Coast of Tas., is clustered in the shadow of the "Nut", a monolith of 520 feet, and in some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. Here visitors can see buildings and relics of the past in a peaceful unhurried village steeped in history --

"HIGHFIELD", first settlement and residence of the Governor of the Van Diemen's Land Company in Tasmania.

The cottage has been restored where the late Hon. J.A. Lyons, the only Tasmanian Prime Minister of Australia was born.

The Union Hotel (1849) with its nest of cellars, narrow stairways, catering for travellers. Hot counter meals available.

The two historic Inns, Plough (1843) and Commercial (1842) have both been restored.

"PLOUGH INN", Church Street, Stanley.

This historic building was built about 1840 and operated as the "Plough Inn" from 1854 until 1876. The license was allowed to lapse when Mr. Spicer bought the building and during his occupancy which extended to 1924, the building housed his chemists business and printing works. At various times the building housed a branch of the National Bank of Tasmania, a Solicitor's Office, doctor's consulting room etc. The building has been fully restored and furnished with period pieces by the present owners and has been the recipient of four awards for restoration. Features include a cider bar and craft shop, handling local craft work, with emphasis on woodwork from timber grown and milled in the district.

"DISCOVERY CENTRE", situated next to the Plough Inn, is a Museum and Art Centre with a difference, which gives a good insight into the area and its people. A permanent art exhibition is an outlet for work by many local artists, while souvenirs on sale are unique and also made by locals.

A Tourist Advisory Centre is located at Bob De Jonge's Manchester and Gift Shop. The Henry Hellyer Caravan Park at Stanley caters for all travellers, and tent sites and on-site caravans are available.

If you are at all interested in anything historical, I can assure you a visit to Stanley is very worthwhile, so don your travelling togs and take a trip soon, to

STANLEY, Historic Village.

(Extract from "Let's talk about Tasmanian Tourist Attractions, published by

Tasmanian Tourist Council.)



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DRAUGHT HORSE SHOW.

The Tasmanian Draught Horse Assoc. is hoping for a crowd of more than 2000 at its field day at Beulah Park, at Gawler, near Ulverstone, on Sunday February 21st.

One of the highlights will be a cow-dung throwing contest. Peter Kaye, of 7EX, has challenged all media to take the title of Tasmanian bull-tossing champion from him, and a 7 BU representative is reported already to have accepted. The association secretary, Mr Ira Killworth, believes it is the biggest field day of its kind in Australia.

It is the biggest program planned by the association since it was formed in 1979.

The draught horses are entered in five categories- breeding stock championship, driven classes, farm ploughing and field working, driven classes in wheeled farm vehicles, and the pulling competition. These events will be explained over a public address system.

Mr Royce Hodgetts, an approved royal show judge, will instruct draught horse owners on the presentation of animals for showing. He will also judge the lead classes. A women's man-fern chop, a gumboot-throwing contest and a nail-driving competition are included in the fun events for the public. Refreshments and parking will be handled by the Beulah Football Club.

WHAT'S-ON CONTINUED

ST. MARYS TENNIS CLUB

Mens & Ladies Singles Tournaments will be conducted over a three week period with the finals on Saturday 20th March. Entries close Friday 26th February. Ladies names to be given to Maureen Bushing (ph 722318) and mens names to Stephen Cooke (ph. 722327). Entry fee \$4 per head. Open to St. Marys people only.

A Mixed Doubles Tournament will be held on Saturday 27th March. Partners will be drawn. Entry fee \$3 per head. Names to be given to Maureen Bushing or Stephen Cooke by Saturday 20th March.

ST. MARYS LADIES FELLOWSHIP

will meet Monday 22nd February 7.30pm Clinic. New ladies very welcome.

ANTENATAL CLASSES

Commencing 25th March 1982. Anyone interested please contact Matron at Hospital.

CLASSIFIEDS CONTINUED

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Maximum hours - 10 hours per week.

PLEASE NOTE

Hospital Fair Date 26th March NOT 27th.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Beauty aids from the kitchen:

One egg is sufficient to make a shampoo for the hair and a face pack. The egg yolk is used for the shampoo and the white for the facial. Mix the yolk with 1 tablespoon cold water, add a few drops of perfume (provided it has no allergic reaction upon your skin) and mix well. Wet hair evenly and massage the egg yolk into the scalp and hair. Rinse well in tepid (never hot) water.

An egg white mask can be prepared to suit either a dry or an oily skin. For a dry skin, add four drops of olive sesame or almond oil to the lightly whipped white. For a oily skin, substitute 1 teaspoon lemon juice.

Malt vinegar and lemon juice can be used to give sheen and lustre to hair. About 2 tablespoons vinegar in the rinsing water after a shampoo can be used for dark hair, the same amount of lemon juice for blonde hair.

THIS WEEK we say goodbye to Grandma Moses who has been with us since 1979. Editor and Staff of Valley Voice would like to thank her for her views and contributions to this paper.

Sir,

I refer to your leading article explanation of the very complicated current procedures designed to restrict, or disqualify, the pension rights of selected citizens. (VV 27.11.81)

The term "tax avoidance scheme" implies a plan to enable a citizen to avoid a tax payment for which a liability exists. This is not true of the plans advertised, which are based on the principle that no person shall be liable for more than the minimum tax prescribed, and, as such, are legal and moral. Average individual earnings have increased in excess of a hundredfold this century, but the benefit has been largely offset by the counter influences of taxation and inflation. Taxation has risen from some 2½% of average earnings to exceed 65% and is still rising. Inflation, known also as a camouflaged tax, robs the value from the remnant income. Assessment to determine tax liability has been transformed from simple and straight-forward to a complicated and involved process, often requiring specialised knowledge and training, but is important to the tax-payer, as it determines the amount left to live on, from earnings. Is it any wonder that the "tax avoidance" business has assumed industry proportions? Surely your article is not suggesting that the "proliferation" of schemes, and interest in them, to reduce the tax liability is due to any reason other than it coincides with the highest tax-take ever imposed on the Public of this country? I suggest that the activity, and public interest in the "tax avoidance industry" is a reliable indication of the tax-take level applicable to a given time.

What is surprising, indeed, is the admission that this very natural form of self-defence was not foreseen when the new pension rates were being drafted. It is now painfully obvious that, had this been done, a considerable wasting of public funds may have been averted, and many spared needless, and avoidable anxiety. The culprit selected by your author to carry the blame for all this waste, cost, confusion and anxiety, is one, who being possessed of private resources, prefers to reduce income in order to qualify for improved pension benefits. Present numbers of those in this

category are described as small, but must obviously increase as taxation and inflation further decrease the values of capital and income, and increase needs in proportion. Many of this group have contributed to their retirement benefits, and continue to do so after retirement age has been attained. Is it not very unjust that such people should be made the target for abuse for claiming a benefit for which they have paid, even though the charge levied has been in the form of an undeniable demand?

There is evidence of wide-spread lack of confidence and respect for government inspired initiatives. A major component of this condition is a steadfast refusal to heed the opinions and interests of the Public. An illustration of this disregard is provided by the Book Publisher's Protest against the current expansions and increases of sales tax proposal (Bulletin 20.10.81), which estimates a cost to it's industry of \$50millions to collect \$6m. of this tax for the Government. Thus, a total of \$56m. is to be charged to the Public, via increases of production costs and tax, to produce a benefit of \$6m- and this, less the cost of administration. Should this cost absorb say, 50% of the tax, the nett Public benefit has shrunk to \$3. - or, a benefit of about 1 3/4c for each \$ that it cost to produce it. Is your article not drawing a red herring across the trail of the real, and basic problem? Should not the first priority be assigned to raising efficiency levels of public administration? Precisely what savings have been estimated to become available from the present clumsy, easily misunderstood, and difficult-to-police procedures, after increased departmental costs have been considered? The foregoing might be condensed into two issues, as under:

- 1) That government, at all levels, should and must be held responsible and accountable for the TOTAL of the costs to the Public, of their fundings.
- 2) The VV article, which is the basis of these observations, and comments, is, at least in part, a confession that the standard of efficiency is lamentably low, and wanting, in one government department, anyway. Perhaps a shake-up of responsible personnel is over-due.

I hope to read the further discussion of this subject in your columns in the near future.

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By Grandma Moses

Fortnight beginning 19th Feb, 1982

AQUARIUS: January 21 - February 19
A busy round of engagements will keep you busy most days. When the pace eases later in the week you will find yourself achieving more. Social contact can be very rewarding and home life is happy.
BEST DAYS: 20, 23, 27

PISCES: February 20 - March 20
Energy output is high now and you will be well occupied with a lot of activities. Social life is full ensure enough time is left for home and family affairs. You will feel very contented.
BEST DAYS: 26, 1, 4

ARIES: March 21 - April 20
Good news about your finances makes a good start to the week. It seems that you will meet a number of new friends that will prove to be genuine. Try to complete overdue tasks.
BEST DAYS: 24, 25, 3

TAURUS: April 21 - May 21
It seems likely that you will have to offer your time to help another in need. Be prepared to give all your help & concentration. Try to relax when possible to conserve your stamina. You will need all possible energy for the weekends.
BEST DAYS: 21, 26, 28

GEMINI: May 22 - June 21
Although you will find you have plenty to do, finding the necessary energy may be difficult. Try to find some time to yourself otherwise you will be hard to live with. You may receive good news from a distant friend.
BEST DAYS: 24, 2, 3

CANCER: June 22 - July 23
Your social encounters should leave you with a warm glow - enough to tide you over a very demanding time. Life will be so busy that you will look for some respite. The weekends offer you some leisure, enjoy it.
BEST DAYS: 27, 28, 4

LEO: July 24 - August 23
Your time is largely committed with meetings & other obligations but there will be time to spend on your own self, particularly on social invitations which offer a delightful change to atmosphere.
BEST DAYS: 22, 25, 3

VIRGO: August 24 - September 23
Doing things for the family takes up a lot of your time for a few days but then things become a little more stimulating, perhaps even a little romantic. Good news in the form of a visitor may be anticipated.
BEST DAYS: 19, 27, 1

LIBRA: September 24 - October 23
You will be so busy that the days will pass so rapidly that you wonder where the time went. You really do feel on top of the world despite the rush. Relax at the weekend, you need to conserve energy when possible.
BEST DAYS: 23, 2, 4

SCORPIO: October 24 - November 22
Anything can, & probably will, happen so best be prepared for all sorts of happenings. Money appears to flow freely for a few days, take care of your expenses when possible. Enjoy your garden, it should provide you with valuable relaxation.
BEST DAYS: 24, 28, 3

SAGITTARIUS: November 23 - Dec. 22
You will enjoy yourself with a nice financial gain and a period of living-it-up. After that will come a time of hard work which must be endured with a minimum of fuss. Good family news appears to be coming.
BEST DAYS: 26, 1, 2

CAPRICORN: Dec. 23 - Jan. 20
The vibes now are for a lot of good times and a lot of enjoyable social contact. You should feel very bright & vital & ready to enjoy yourself. The weekend could bring news of a financial or family nature.
BEST DAYS: 21, 23, 25

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