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HEALTH CHANGES

From 1 September 1981 there will be changes in Australia's Health Care System & it is important to know how the changes will affect you.

From this date free medical & hospital care will be provided by the Commonwealth only to those in need. There are an estimated three million people who qualify & who will not have to pay for their basic medical & hospital care.

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In addition, Commonwealth Medical Benefits will be paid for all people insured with registered health funds.

Those who do not insure with a registered health fund could have to pay all their medical & hospital bills.

Full details of the new arrangements are contained in a leaflet available from either the Department of Health or the Department of Social Security.

AUSTRALIAN BICENTENARY

Senator John Watson

The Australian Bicentenary is to be celebrated in 1988. The commemoration of the founding of our nation

200 years ago will be an opportunity for all Australians, irrespective of background, to come together & look at ourselves & our nation.

An independent organization, the Australian Bicentennial Authority, was established in May 1980 to coordinate the year-long programme of celebrations to take place in 1988.

However, the organization is intent on generating ideas & plans at the local & community level rather than making the decisions for everyone. To initiate this the Authority will establish a network of advisory groups & citizen committees at the state, regional & local levels, to plan the programme for 1988.

In this way every Australian Citizen will be encouraged to participate & demonstrate their national pride.

As a relatively young nation we have still to strengthen our national identity & enhance further our international status. The Bicentenary is a unique opportunity for one & all to take a good look at our nation, our achievements & our shortcomings. Such a realistic assessment will promote ideas for the future, develop national goals & plans to make Australia a strong & forward-looking country.

The general manager of the Bicentennial Authority, Dr. David Armstrong, has stated that it is important that we rededicate ourselves to the task of solving the problems that still confront us as a people -- racism, philistinism, materialism, lack of national pride, widespread inequalities of opportunity, desecrated historic sites, polluted streams, ignorance of our collective past, as well as remembering things past & reaffirming the best values in our society.

The proposed theme of the Bicentenary is 'Living Together'. The celebrations can be seen as an opportunity to promote the unification of our multiracial society into an homogeneous nation composed of people who are proud to be Australian.

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Next meeting of Local Association after the luncheon, August 12 at approx. 2.30pm.

Tasmanian Pensioners' Union.

Fingal - St. Marys Branch

A meeting of the above branch will be held in the Institute, St. Marys on Wednesday 12th August at 2pm. All pensioners' are invited to attend. Ladies a plate please.

P.D. Llewellyn,
President.

Church of England, Annual meeting at Avoca on Friday 14th Aug. at 7pm in C.W.A. Hall.

Street Stall August 14th 10.30am in aid of Holy Trinity Building Fund.

Church of England, Annual Meeting 2pm. 16th Aug. Parish Hall. St. Marys. Afternoon tea. Ladies a plate please.

A street stall will be held on Friday August 28th in aid of the Catholic Church.

St. Marys Tennis Club. Annual meeting on Wednesday 12th August in the Kindergarten. New members very welcome.

Two-Day Coaching Clinic. Two professional tennis coaches, David Tunbridge & Greg Jack, will be conducting a two day coaching clinic on Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 August at the school courts. Cost

per head is \$20.00. This clinic is open to both adults & children. If you are interested please contact Maureen Bushing (PH. 72 2318) before Friday 7th for further details.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION.

Next meeting will be held on Tues. August 18th in the School library at 8pm. The school fair & girls winter uniform will be discussed. Ladies a plate please.

CENT EVENING FOR FOOTBALL CLUB FUNDS.

Tuesday 11th Aug. 7.30pm.

At Audrey Wright's Home.

Football Ladies - Plate for Supper Please. Everyone Welcome.

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

Sunday August 16

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

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. HELENS

St. Pauls Church

8.00am Eucharist every Sunday
11.00am 1st Sunday sung
11.00am M.P. second Sunday
11.00am 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday

St. Michaels & 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.

ANGLICAN PARISH OF AVOCA, FINGAL, ST. MARYS

Sunday August 9

9.00am Fingal M.P. (Rev. Walker)
10.30am St. Marys M.P. " "
7.00pm Avoca " "

Sunday August 16

9.00am Fingal H.C. (Rev. Walker)
2.00pm St. Marys E.P. " "
Followed by Annual Meetin 2.30pm
Parish Hall Afternoon Tea. Ladies
a plate please.
7.00pm Avoca H.C. (Rev. Walker)

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. MARYS

St. Marys - St. Mary of the Assumption August 9, 16. 9.00am

St. Helens - SS Helena & Stanislaus Vigil Mass Saturdays August 8, 15, 5.30pm

Fingal - St. Joseph

August 9 10.30am

Mangana - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Sunday August 16 10.30am

Bicheno - Community Church First Sunday each month 4.00pm

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Devotions to Our Blessed Lady, Stations of the Cross, and Weekday Masse - as announced at Sunday Mass.

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MEALS

WHEELS

AUGUST

Sunday 9
Monday 10
Tuesday 11
Wednesday 12
Thursday 13

Sunday 16
Monday 17
Tuesday 18
Wednesday 19
Thursday 20

ST. MARYS

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CYSS
Keith Bullock
Miss Thorold

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Pearl Davern
CYSS
Karlene Richards
Wendy Aulich

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Mrs. C. Rankin
Mrs. L. Mellows
Mrs. H. Mills
Mrs. A. McKenzie
Mrs. T. Vance

FOOTY NOTES

by Tiger Tail

Seniors: Well we made it the hard way with a great exhibition of team football and to win by 62 points against Swansea, makes us a real Finals prospect. The morale of the players on and off the field on Saturday was a great boost to coach Terry Targett and this Saturday 1st Semi against Fingal at Avoca will be a big step towards winning this years flag as there is no second prize. So all football followers make the trip to Avoca this week and give the boys the support they deserve.

Seconds: They completed the double on Saturday and are also in the finals, and will play Swansea on Saturday at Avoca. On paper they have a good side but they will have to put it altogether for a 10 minutes and get that teamwork going and you will be a real threat in the finals series, so all players get to training this week.

Thirlds: The season finished for them on Saturday but over the year they have done a wonderful job to win 5 games and next season they should be in the finals. With another year some of these young boys should be great footballers and stick by our Club and Coach because you are the tigers of the future.

Best and Fairest Count: The best and fairest count was held on Saturday night after the Swansea game and what a great night it was thanks to players and supporters alike for your great effort. Seniors Winner was Robert Schier 35 votes. Runner-up was Les Newman 34 votes. Robert won on the last vote to be counted. Other players to pole well were Stephen Brown, Ken Maynard, Kerry Franklin, Raz McDonald and Stephen Cooke. Seconds winner was Vice Captain Trevor Midson with 47 votes from Shane Goss 33 votes, Roger Salter 26 votes.

Congratulations go to Stephen Cooke for winning the Fingal Football Association Best and Fairest with 17 votes. Runner up was Robert Richards from St. Helens with 12 votes. Trevor Midson was runnerup to M. Vizard of Avoca in the Seconds Competition. Stephen Jones finished equal 3rd in the Thirlds division. This was won by W. Kean from Swansea with 26 votes. Stephen polled 16 votes.

FOOTY NOTES cont.Social Notes:

Sat. August 8th 1st Semi Final at Avoca: -

Seniors	St. Marys	v	Fingal
Seconds	St. Marys	v	Swansea
Thirlds	St. Helens	v	Avoca

See you there.

ST. MARYS GOLF NOTES

Members - Jack Nicklaus Day
1st Div. R. Spilsbury on c.b. from L. Cook 64. 2nd Div. J. McGee on c.b. from G. Hayes 66. Nearest Pin Jack McGee.

Associates - Mrs. D. Holmes Trophy Eclectic. Mrs. H. Hayes 27½, Miss C. White on c.b. Mrs. Y. Davern 29½, Mrs. R. Gill 31.

Monthly Brooch Eclectic Mrs. H. Hayes 31½, Mrs. I. Brennan on c.b. from Miss C. White, Mrs. E. Herring 32½

Members D. Holmes Trophy G. Oliver (19) 63. J. McGee (19) 65, G. King (21) 65, L. Cook (14) 65, Nearest Pin: Paul Davern.

Associates Stroke Miss C. White (25) 65, Mrs. M. King (20) 74, Mrs. H. Hayes (31) 75.

Stroke (Wednesday) Mrs. G. Holmes on c.b. from Miss C. White 68, Mrs. K. Wright 70.

SOFTBALL

Softball will commence on Thursday 24 September at 10.00am Recreation Ground. Any ladies interested are very welcome to come along. Plenty of room for children to play.

RETURN THANKS

LAURA WILLIAMS wishes to thank all her friends for their good wishes and cards sent during her stay in hospital.

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DO YOU REMEMBER

After reading about Cornwall in the "Do You Remember" in last issue of Valley Voice, many people have been and told me many stories of Cornwall long before my time. In the years from 1895 there were hundreds of miners living here with their families, there was one hotel, 3 boarding houses which were for the single men and married men away from home. They had their own cricket team and Brass Band. There was no Hall those days so every Saturday night they would dance and sing around a large camp fire all night, then they built a Hall with everyone helping to build it. There was also a Mid wife who used to nurse the Mothers and Babies as there was no Hospital those days. She was a very kind and lovely lady whose name was Mrs. Ted Haas, always known as Nanna Haas. Her youngest daughter still lives here. Then came the great war, 1914-1918. Many young men went from Cornwall so in memory of these young men Pine Trees were planted, each one was named after them. Strange as it may seem, a young soldier got killed and the pine tree in his name just withered and died.

B. Nolan, Cornwall.

Sir,

I read with great interest my old friend Gordon Salter's memories of yesteryear. (July 10) What a great enthusiast he has been over the years! Gordon contributed much to the press in the days when we were battling to have T.A.B. established in this state. He was a tower of strength. I remember the riders he refers to and I agree with the correspondent who referred to his great ability as a horseman. There were few better amateurs, or for that matter professionals. The best jumping rider I ever saw was Ted Webster who, although he was restricted by weight from riding regularly on the flat, was the premier Tasmanian jockey in 1921-22 with 28½ wins and 31 unplaced rides. There were big fields in the jumping races and I saw a steeplechase, a hurdle and a jumpers flat one day at Mowbray. Webster steered the winners of the 3 jumping races at Deloraine one Easter Monday. Adam Lindsay Gordon and Brian Smith did the same at Flemington. When next Gordon and I meet we will journey down memory lane

together as we have done on many occasions.

With my appreciation to an old friend.

W.C.S. Oliver
Launceston.

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Tenders to be in the Secretary's hands August 23rd.

G.W. Oliver,
Hon. Sec.

PASSING THOUGHTS

Ambition is a good accelerator, but it's wise to watch the speedo.

We should all be concerned about the future because we will have to spend the rest of our lives here.

People who worry about adding years to their life should try adding life to their years.

A Gossip is a person with a keen sense of rumor.

A thankful heart doubles our blessings - when we receive them, and when we remember them.

DO YOU REMEMBER???

I am writing to the Valley Voice to add my memories about some of the early history of Gray.

Gray is situated a few miles from St. Marys, towards Bicheno.

The people who first went there to carve out a home in rugged conditions, must have had hearts as big as Phar Laps.

There was thick scrub, big timber and some land was very steep and hard to work. They had to cut the scrub down and burn it to clear the land. By ring-barking the big timber, they were able to save the good splitting timber for fencing, building and shingles to roof their houses.

The horse was a very useful animal in those days. There was a fair bit of road-making done, and the men with their horse and box drays, would cart the rocks.

Road men would break the rocks with small stone hammers to get a good road surface. The men would tie bags around their legs to save their trousers and their shins.

When the farmers got their land to producing stage, most of them went in for dairying.

They made cheese and butter, and some cured their own bacon. Their orchards were about 1 acre in size and usually produced good fruit.

I have heard it said that some of the farmers in those days, carted some of their cheese as far as Hobart to the market.

Most of the farmers and their wives made their own bread. Some grew their own wheat, carted it to Fingal to be ground at Mr. Bean's flour mill. They baked their bread in stone and brick ovens.

There was a fairly large school at Gray. Also 2 churches. The Post office was run by the Morris family.

There would have been about 60 children attending the Gray school when I was there. The main teacher was Mr. G.H. Geoppen, who came from Hobart, and who married a Miss Thorp from there.

The farmers held a sports day with running and chopping, also holding a concert at night. Some of the children would take part. There was a Mrs. McHugo who would come up from St. Marys, and I remember one song she sang "Coming through the Rye".

Our mail came about 3 times a week. Mr. Fred Hill would drive his pony and jinker from Bicheno to St. Marys in the mornings and wait for the evening mail and then drive back to Bicheno again. Not a very nice trip in the winter time. When he gave it up Mr. Jack Hill took it on and he bought an A Model Ford, which helped improve things.

There was a family of Coopers living at the foot of Mt. Elephant. The view of the coast from there was very nice.

Mr Arthur Cooper told me, when he was a young man, he snared a Tasmanian Tiger there. I'm not sure of the right date, but it could have been around the 1880's.

DO YOU REMEMBER????

Cont'd From previous column

The Wardlaw's of Chain-of-Lagoons being sheep farmers, he sold the Tiger to Mr. Robert Wardlaw for £5/-/-.

(I imagine it would be worth a bit more now, but I am afraid they are all gone).

Mr. Arthur Cooper had a brother Joe, who returned from the Boer War, and later became the Police Sergeant at St. Marys.

Johnny Lehner.

Yes! I do remember the Cornwall days, although my memory doesn't go back as far as 1925.

I was born in 1936 and spent the first 8 years of my life at Cornwall.

My father before me, spent his childhood there, and married in 1935.

I can recall there being three shops, but only remember the names of the owners of the bottom one. They were Mary and Fred Nolan.

Mrs Targett was the Postmistress, and Donald Faull was the Headmaster of the school, along with Edith Cook as the infant teacher.

The events which really come to mind, are the regular Saturday night dances, that my father would go along to and play his Cornet, together with Mary and Fred Nolan, and Miss Midge Hayes.

The Saturday night bus to the St. Marys picture show was also very popular.

I used to enjoy the annual school concerts, which were a credit to the teachers and parents.

My family and I have been living in Avoca and the Fingal Valley since 1945 and often meet up with some of our Cornwall friends.

Although the town has lost a lot over the years, the memories will stay with us.

It would be nice to read more letters like these.

R. L.

We are still receiving "Do you Remember" articles. Keep up the good work. Our readers enjoy your thoughts of long ago.

(Editor, V.V.)

We wish to thank Mrs. Olga Targett who came up with the idea of "Do you Remember".

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. & MRS. SELBY TARGETT on their 40th Wedding Anniversary.



DO YOU REMEMBER?

ST MARYS HORSE CLUB

AUTUMN GYMKHANA

SATURDAY APRIL 8TH 1944

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS:

- 1--BEST TURNED-OUT HACK OR PONY. First Trophy (donated by Mr. V. Oliver) Entry 1/-.
- 2--NOVICE HACK. First Trophy. Entry 1/-.
- 3--MAIDEN HUNTER. Sweepstake of 4/- with 10/- added; Second 5/-.
- 4--OPEN GALLOP (6 furlongs). Sweepstake of 5/- with 10/- added; Second 5/-.
- 5--OPEN TRIAL OF HUNTERS. Sweepstake of 4/- with 10/- added; Second 5/-.
- 6--UNREGISTERED TROT (1 mile). First 10/- (donated by Miss K. Wardlaw); Second 5/-; Entry fee 2/-.
- 7 PONY RACE (4 furlongs) Sweepstake of 4/- with 10/- added; Second 5/-.
- 8--SECOND CLASS GALLOP (5 furlongs) Sweepstake of 4/- with 10/- added; Second 5/-.
- 9--LIGHTWEIGHT HUNTER. Sweepstake of 4/- with 10/- added; Second 5/-.
- 10--STEER RIDING CONTEST. Sweepstake of 4/- with 10/- added; Second 5/-.
- 11--PONY RACE (Child Riders). For small ponies. First 10/-; Second 3/-; Entry 1/-.
- 12--POTATO RACE. Sweepstake of 2/-.
- 13--MUSICAL CHAIRS. Sweepstake of 2/-.
- 14--STEPPING CHAIN. Entry fee: 6d. Prize Trophy.
- 15--CATCHING GREASY PIG. For schoolboys.
- 16--RELAY RACE. For schoolboys. First 10/-.
- 17--POINT TO POINT STEEPLECHASE (about 1 1/2 miles). First Cup valued £5/5/-; Second 10/-; Entry fee 5/-; Cup donated by Mr. Gordon Salter.
- 18--WALK, TROT AND GALLOP. Sweepstake of 2/- with 10/- added; Second 5/-.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Sir,

Congratulations to you and your staff on the added interest of "News of bygone days". I'm sure the articles are jogging a lot of memories.

Mr. Gordon Salter's story was very enjoyable and brought back many memories to me.

St. Marys is full of interesting anecdotes, which only need seeking out. Please let us have some more.

Bicheno Reader.

SOCIAL NEWS.

SURPRISE FAREWELL DINNER AT BICHENO.

On the eve of her departure for Ireland, Mrs. Elsie Hughes received a wonderful surprise when her family and close friends gathered to farewell her.

Claire, Anna, Sharon and their husbands, prepared and cooked a delicious 4 course meal.

Star show of the evening was her great grand-son, who at 11 months of age, decided to show one and all how he could walk for the first time.

Mrs. Hughes and her son Owen will be away for 3 weeks and we all wish them well.

Bon voyage, Elsie and Owen.

HISTORY OF AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL SECURITY
Prepared by the Research and Statistics
Branch, Development Division, Dept.,
of Social Security, Canberra. (continued)

1970.....1980

There were more major changes in 1976 with the introduction of substantial increases in rates of child endowment, now called family allowances, and the abolition of tax rebates for children. The increased rates ensured that low-income families received the same level of support as other families.

In the same year legislation was passed to provide for automatic 6-monthly increases in the standard and married rates of pensions and benefits other than unemployment and sickness benefits for people aged under 18. The increases were based on price movements.

Also in 1976 income tax was extended to cover most social security pensions and benefits payable to people under age pension age. The major payment still remaining exempt was invalid pension.

The first adjustment took place in 1977. Supporting parents benefit replaced supporting mothers benefit in 1977 so that male supporting parents, including widowers and divorcees, now became entitled to the benefit.

Also in 1977 handicapped child's allowance was extended. Parents on low incomes became eligible for the allowance if they faced continuing substantial costs associated with a handicap marginally less severe than the normal requirement for the allowance.

In 1978 maternity allowances were abolished; a partial income test on age pensioners aged 70 years and over was imposed; and the procedures governing automatic increases in pension benefit rates were modified. Blind pensioners are not subject to this income test.

Legislation passed in November 1979 restored 6-monthly indexation. The first 6-monthly increase occurred in May 1980. Single unemployment benefit recipients without dependants, however, remained outside the scope of indexation.

In 1980 the 6-monthly waiting period applying to the payment of supporting parents benefit was removed. At the same time, the Government announced that provisions covering subsidies to the States for assistance to sole parents in the first 6 months would be repealed. In the same year the unemployment and sickness benefits' income test was eased and Pensioner Health Benefits were extended to sickness beneficiaries.

OVERVIEW

After the commencement of the Australian social security system between 1909 and 1912 there was a long period in which no new payments were introduced but the existing provisions were improved. Attempts to broaden the system and to change its methods of financing were not

being largely overtaken by events.

The years of the 1939-45 War, and immediately after, saw a major expansion of the cash payments system with the introduction of child endowment, widows pensions, unemployment and sickness benefits. Attention was concentrated during the 1950s and 1960s on improving existing provisions. Major developments included a substantial easing of the pension means test and the introduction of additional forms of assistance to pensioners.

The 1970s saw a period of rapid change. New cash payments were introduced; automatic rate increases were provided in pensions and benefits; and the means test now an income test ceased to preclude persons aged 70 and over from eligibility for age pensions.

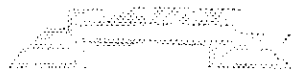
As the above suggests, the development of the Australian social security system could be said to have proceeded in alternative stages of expansion and consolidation. The system that emerged now provides a wide range of cash payments designed to cover the major contingencies of life, including the cost of children.

By way of conclusion, it should perhaps be added that the private sector continues to play an important role in the provision of financial support to people in major contingencies. Private employers are required by State government legislation (and equivalent measures in the Commonwealth Territories) to ensure their employees against work injuries and specified occupational diseases; industrial awards usually provide for a measure of sick leave; and occupational pensions schemes are frequently offered to employees on a voluntary basis.

Employees in the public sector are also entitled to work injury benefits and paid sick leave, which are financed from general revenue, and are covered, often compulsorily, by occupational pension schemes to which a government, as the employer, and employees both contribute.

Coverage against the financial consequences (third party insurance is compulsory for motorists) of road accidents is provided through insurance, and a large volume of life insurance is written.

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Letter to the Editor.

Dear Sir,

It is difficult to agree entirely with the author of the Letter over the name of Graeme Deane (V.V. of 29/5/1981.)

His complaint concerning the deterioration of journalistic qualities and standards of Valley Voice is an opinion to which he is entitled, though a little unfair, perhaps. It is true that most contemporary publications operate with different motives and objectives. The overall result is that while others publish to meet a materialistic requirement, in the main V.V.'s principal objective is moral. This is possible for a local paper which is managed and produced by a voluntary staff. It does not mean that V.V. is without its problems so much as that these will be different. The overall result is a very pleasant difference, principally in V.V.'s honest presentation of views and opinion - a factor for which Mr. Deane is grateful, no doubt. There WAS a time, we know, when most papers pursued the same policy, though few do so now. Today it is general practise to distort, conceal or omit reports of views or events which do not conform to a narrow wishful-thinking. The harvest is as regrettable as it is inevitable. Papers using such a policy are no longer regarded as the reliable sources of information they once were and so are increasingly being purchased for such information as reports, advertisements etc. I sometimes wonder if you, whose efforts

of V.V. we readers enjoy, realise the extent of the benefit you bestow on the community you serve, or the magnitude of the loss to be suffered should the voluntary effort which is responsible for this publication cease.

The articles by Senator Watson to which Mr. Deane takes exception seem no more objectionable than any other from the same sources, and having the same objectives. To suggest that another party in government might be different is to disregard facts of history. Policies of the main parties vary only in detail. Look at the result achieved this century, and observe the evidence to the effect that major parties have common objectives. This is made possible largely by party insistence of the implicit obedience of their candidates as a condition of continued party support - without which few candidates are to survive. The ultimate result of such a policy can only be a degeneration from a Democracy to a Tyranny. The alternative might be that electors demand a first priority on the loyalties of the candidates elected to represent them - party affiliations notwithstanding. The extent, if any to which such an alternative might meet with Mr. Deane's approval is not clear, since he specifies only that public statements should not be Liberal in origin.

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By Grandma Moses
Fortnight beginning 6th August.

LEO: July 24 - August 23

Keep to the rules today, you could well be your own worst enemy. Long term projects & promotional matters are favoured now, try to avoid guesswork at all times.

BEST DAYS: 8, 11, 15

VIRGO: August 24 - September 23

You may have to do a lot of entertaining about now, despite your forebodings all will be for the best. Cultivate a broad outlook & a proposal will be accepted.

BEST DAYS: 7, 12, 17

LIBRA: September 24 - October 23

Trust in the judgement of others today, avoid speculation & all your worries will take care of themselves. Dictate your own terms & don't feel guilty about taking a well earned rest.

BEST DAYS: 9, 13, 20

SCORPIO: October 24 - November 22

Conflict on the domestic level is best avoided, you must resist the urge to act. Hidden matters in the finances may be resolved in your favour. A wish may be fulfilled.

BEST DAYS: 11, 19, 15

SAGITTARIUS: November 23 - Dec. 21

Elders could be in an irate mood today so you must head for shelter at the first signs. Be wary of instructions on Thursday, someone could send you in the wrong direction. Take good care of health.

BEST DAYS: 8, 10, 14

CAPRICORN: December 22 - Jan. 20

Travel & links with the past bring in harmonious conditions for some time. Co-operation from others will bring many benefits but you will have to meet them half-way. Know your limits at all times & plan carefully.

BEST DAYS: 12, 18, 19

AQUARIUS: January 21 - Feb. 10

Outdoor interests bring much enjoyment now. Patience is needed with new projects & contacts for time. Romance is highlighted for a few days, concentrate on pleasurable interests with a Leo.

BEST DAYS: 8, 11, 17

PISCES: February 20 - March 20

Non-material issues come to the fore soon. Make early plans for all future events, rains are shown on many levels.

BEST DAYS: 10, 14, 15

ARIES: March 21 - April 20

Positive thoughts will attract the desired conditions. It is likely that someone from the past will cause you to change your plans. Security could be affected by emotional considerations, allow others to make the plans.

BEST DAYS: 12, 16, 18

TAURUS: April 21 - May 21

Enjoyment with family members will depend on your ability to give some measure of freedom. Plan each day carefully, changes will take time. Attend routine matters soon.

BEST DAYS: 6, 9, 19

GEMINI: May 22 - June 21

A need for variety on the emotional level could create problems with a loved one. Friends look to you for solutions. Try to keep yourself as impartial as possible. Speak your mind, honesty is the best policy.

BEST DAYS: 7, 11, 12

CANCER: June 22 - July 23

Tolerance will bring home a happy family, be prepared to cultivate a live & let live attitude. Career interests bring many benefits now. News received will settle some worry concerning a loved one.

BEST DAYS: 13, 14, 17

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