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FINGAL VALLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE OFFICIAL OPENING.

On Tuesday March 14th, the Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House was officially opened by the Warden Mr. Robert McKenzie. Many people from the Community attended the opening and enjoyed morning tea in the recently renovated rooms at the rear of the old Tasmanian Hotel Community Centre, Fingal.

Jenny Mead, the instigator in the establishment of the St. Helens Neighbourhood House spoke on the purpose and function of the houses. She said how each house was the same in its role of serving the community but that they differ in that each community has different needs. She also explained that a neighbourhood house is funded through the Department for Community Welfare and is part of a state organisation.

The Fingal Valley Neighbourhood House Committee is very excited to have this lovely facility to offer to the Fingal Valley Community. Everyone is welcome to drop in for a visit, information, a chat or a cuppa!

ACTIVITIES:
Playcentre: Monday and Friday 9am-11am.

Toy Library: Tuesday 1.30 - 3.30pm.

Op Shop: open daily 9am - 5pm.

Classes: watch local notice boards (shop windows) for further information.

If your group needs a meeting place, here's the perfect spot. Check with Cheryl, the co-ordinator to see when it's available. (003) 742344.

There is no charge for the use of our rooms - just leave it as you find it! Remember, this is your house and we love you to come in and use it.

FINGAL VALLEY WELFARE COMMITTEE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

Without any shouting or acclaim, the Fingal Valley Welfare Committee went into its demise on Monday night 20th March after 21 years!

The Committee attended 142 meetings over that period after being

formed at the inaugural meeting under the chairmanship of the then Warden of the Municipality, Mr. A.S. McKenzie with 44 persons attending from St. Marys, Cornwall, Falmouth and Fingal. The 1st Committee met in the library of the St. Marys District School on the 20th May 1968. The committee consisted of:

Mr. J.R. Napier (convenor)

Rev. A.F. Williams

Mr. G. Blakers

Mr. L.V. Snodgrass

Mr. C.R. Barnfield

Mrs. C. Royle

Mrs. W. Scales

Miss D. Simpson

A pilot Senior Citizen Club was to be formed at Cornwall which finally came into existence in July 1968.

At this meeting in July the President of the Committee was elected - Mr J.R. Napier, and Secretary Mr K. Brodribb.

The St. Marys Club was formed at a meeting in the R.S.L. Hall on 24th September 1968.

Home Nursing discussions were commenced with Dr. Lawson in Sept. 1968. A constitution was adopted in October 1968.

A meeting was convened to form a Club at Fingal on Nov. 9th 1968 in the Presbyterian Hall Fingal.

Discussions by the committee with Mr. John Spilsbury on Social Service were commenced in Dec. 1968 and Matron Simpson, with Dr Alan Foster arranged meetings with Cosgrove Park and provision of home units for the district were looked into.

The first Annual Meeting was held on April 21, 1969, at which, Dr. Alan Foster was guest speaker. 42 persons were present from St. Marys, Falmouth, St. Helens, Cornwall, Fingal and Mangana.

To purchase the first vehicle for the Home Nursing service a meeting of the three Clubs with Mr. Brodribb was held for a financial drive, and the "Glamorous Grandmother Drive" was inaugurated. Mangana arranged a euchre party for funds for this and raffles and cent drives arranged at St. Marys and Cornwall Clubs.

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WHAT'S ON

Congratulations and Good luck to Michael Aulich of St. Marys in gaining selection for the Work Skills Australia - National Competition, May 11th - 15th. 43 skilled categories compete in Perth, W.A. over 3 days in 24 hours of competition. Presentations of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals at a ceremony on Sunday 14th.

Winner of each category compete in Skill Olympics in Birmingham, England 26th August to 3rd September 1989 as Australia's representatives. Tasmanian team will be issued with a uniform early in May.;

Michael competed in the 8 hour Regional Competition on November 26th 1987 at Alanvale Campus TAFE Launceston and attained 2nd for the state in the "Industrial Wiring" section.

He competed with 16 others in a 12 hour National "Skill Off" competition in Yallourn, Victoria on the 9th and 10th of March and was selected in the top 10 to compete in the National Competition.

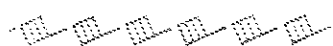
RESULT OF R.S.P.C.A. RAFFLE.....
Raffle won by Liz Baldwin, St. Marys.
Thanking all locals for your support.
Amount raised \$141.00.

N. Adams.

THUMBS DOWN

The approach to the St. Marys rubbish tip is disgraceful; could something be done to improve it? Also, THUMBS DOWN to the person responsible for throwing a refrigerator in the Falmouth tip complete with door attached.

Anglican Church Morning Tea
April 19th - 10.30a.m.
In Hall at Holy Trinity St. Marys.
A gift for trade table would be appreciated.



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on

13th April, 1989

For appointments - Ph. (003)
322241, 5 Wellington Street,
Launceston.
P.O. Box 414, Launceston 7250.

ATTENTION R.S.L.W.A. LADIES

The time and venue of the General Meeting of the Above Auxiliary has been changed. It will now be held Tuesday April 4th 9.00a.m. at Mrs. Kath Coopers residence NOT 10.00 a.m. at the Institute as previously advertised.

J. LLEWILLYN

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ST. MARYS DISTRICT HOSPITAL
AUXILIARY MEETING MONDAY
3 APRIL, 1989 - 7.30pm

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Fingal 9.30am every week
St. Marys 11.00am 2nd Sunday
St. Helens 10.30am 2nd Sunday

7.00pm 1st,3rd,4th,5th
Sundays

Rossarden 7.00pm 3rd Tuesday

Sunday School

Scamander 9.30am (except for 2nd
Sunday when 8am
Family Service)

Fingal 9.30am

St. Marys 9.45am (with Salvation
Army)

St. Helens 3.30pm Mondays KUCA Club

ALL WELCOME

Rev. Alan Renton Phone 725139

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. HELENS

St. Pauls Church

8.00am

9.30am

7.00pm

every Sunday

Sunday School

3.00pm

Mondays

Pyengana

11.00am

2nd, 4th Sundays

Falmouth

9.30am

1st, 3rd Sundays

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF THE FINGAL VALLEY

Sunday April 7

8.45am

10.45am

Fingal

St. Marys

FS

Sunday April 9

8.45am

10.45am

10.45am

Fingal

St. Marys

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SALVATION ARMY

Sunday

9.45am

Sunday School, Uniting
Church, St. Marys

Sunday

2.30pm

Sunday School, Salvation
Army, Cornwall

2nd Sunday

in month

3.00pm

Afternoon Service

Wednesday

11.00am

Home League/Fellowship

for all women, Salvation
Army, Cornwall, 1st, 3rd,
5th week of month. Uniting
Church, St. Marys 2nd, 4th
week of month.

Tuesday

3.45pm

Joy Hour Games, Crafts,
Fun, Fellowship for all
children 5-12 years,
weekly at Salvation Army
Cornwall.

Thursday

7-9pm

1st week in month, Youth
Group, Sunnybanks, St. Marys.
ages 13-20 years.

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CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. MARYS

St. Marys

Sundays

- St. Mary of the Assumption
April 2, 9. 9.00pm

St. Helens

Saturdays

SS Helena & Stanislaus
Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Fingal

Sundays

St. Joseph
April 2, 9. 10.30am

Mangana

-

Our Lady of the Sacred
Heart

3rd Sunday

Mathinna

of the month 10.30am

5th Sunday of month

11.00am

Bicheno

Sundays

- Community Church

April 2, 9.

4.00pm

PARISH PRIEST: Father Connolly,
The Presbytery, St. Marys.
Phone 722252

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

24 Hodgman Street, Scamander.

Sabbath School

Divine Service

10.00am

11.00am

M O W

APRIL

Sunday 2

Monday 3

Tuesday 4

Wednesday 5

Thursday 6

ST. MARYS

Kevin Faulkner

Selby Targett

Ruth Aulich

Clive Berwick

Margaret Bullock

FINGAL

Aub Oliver

Ruth Saunders

Kath Francis

Jan Marshall

Perce Rowlings

MANGANA

Aub Oliver

Les Walters

Kath Francis

Cros Upton

Perce Rowlings

Sunday 9

Monday 10

Tuesday 11

Wednesday 12

Thursday 13

Yvonne Saunders

Mary King

Wendy Haas

Denise Dawson

Shirley Britton

Roslyn Smith

Vicki Woods

June Hall

Bill Johnstone

Kaye Cook

Neil Ward

Vicki Woods

June Hall

Bill Johnstone

Jack Miller

SPORT

ST. MARYS TENNIS CLUB

MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP & PENNANT FINAL

Due to the washout of the planned date for the East Coast Pennant Preliminary Final, the Pennant Grand Final will now be played between St. Marys Red and Scamander Yellow at Falmouth on Sunday, 2nd April.

As this was the date set for the Club's Mixed Doubles Tournament it has been necessary to change this tournament to Sunday, 16th April, Names to be left at Clubrooms or Health and Beauty Centre.

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

The finals for the Mens and Womens Singles Championship will be played on Saturday, 8th April. The day will commence at 12.00 and there will be barbecue and refreshments available for members and friends.

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner will be held at Scamander Beach Resort Hotel on Saturday, 29th April. Names to be left at Clubrooms or Health and Beauty Centre before Friday, 21st April. A bus will be available for transport if there are sufficient numbers. People wanting to travel by bus to the dinner at Scamander are asked to put their names on the list at the Clubrooms or Health and Beauty as soon as possible.

ST. MARYS GOLF NOTES by TEE-UP

Eighty Five starters took the field for the Legacy Day held at the Golf course recently. The club is most thankful for the help given for this wonderful day - all the food donors for salads etc and the helpers. For the outside boozers Bruce, Lester and Paul, The donors Westpac, Colin Fletbher, Dot White, Mike Oakley, Glenn Trotter. Hoping that nobody has been overlooked with thanks for your part in this very important Day. I heard that \$1000 had been given to Legacy. Wonderful effort isn't it? The associates had an Easter Egg Raffle which was won by Heather Fleming. Come in handy Heather ah what!

LEGACY RESULTS

A.I.F. Cup - C. Johns (27) 63 nett
Ex- Servicemens Trophy: D. Campbell (24) 63 nett

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Golf notes cont.

LAND FORCES TROPHY- H.F. Easthed (13) 67 nett
AIR & NAVAL FORCES- S. Mitchell (17) 64 nett
BEST GROSS J. Russell 72
Play off: D. Clarke 72 & B. Harris 72
BEST NETT:
A. GRADE: D. Clarke (14) 58 nett
B. GRADE: A. Beach (15) 61 nett
C. GRADE: A. Dickenson (25) 60 nett
Best Right Hander: B. Clarke (17) 59 nett
Best Left Hander N. Taylor (22) 65 nett

Legacy Trophy: R. Field (13) 61 nett
60 & Over gross: B. Reeves 83
60 & Over nett: S. Jansen (26) 64 nett
Nearest Pin: 4th J. Russell
5th R. Tolputt, 7th: M. Seymour
8th: B. Harris.
BRADMAN SCORE: J. Maloney A lot.

MEMBERS ECLECTIC

K. Burgess Watson (8) 27 nett
R. Mc Giveron (4½) 27½ nett
P. Wines (13½) 27½ nett
J. Reeves. (8) 28 nett
NEAREST FIN 7th P. Wines.
CHICKEN RUN WINNER: J. MILES 29½ nett
MONTHLY TANKARD
Chris Hayes (14) 60 nett
M. Herring (21) 62 nett
J. Newman (10) 65 nett
T. Cashen (16) 65 nett
M. Seymour (20) 66 nett
A. Beach (15) 66 nett
NEAREST FIN: 5th: A. Beach
7th: S. Wilmot

ASSOCIATES

STROKE: C. McGee 30 64 nett
K. Wright 30 68 nett
M. Cook 17 71 nett
J. Lohrey 29 73 nett
2nd Shot 8th C. McGee.

ST. MARYS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

STAFFING:

Since the beginning of the school year, additional primary teachers have been appointed - Mrs. Kathy Fitch (2 days per week) and Mrs. Susie Loane (1 day per week).

During Mr. Neil Allen's sick leave, Mr. Alan Beach will be Acting Senior Master. Mr. Klaas Oosterloo retains responsibility for Mathematics.

A teacher has been appointed to teach Mr. Allen's classes. He will take up his appointment on Monday, 17th April.

SAFETY:

In the interests of the safety of our students, parents are asked not to bring their cars into the school quadrangle to drop off and collect children.

Please park in the car park in front of the school and avoid parking along the side of the Science block.

MOTHERS CLUB:

The Annual General Meeting of the Mothers Club will be held in the Kindergarten at 1.30 p.m. on Friday, 7th April.

The Mothers' Club raffle was drawn on Thursday, 23rd March. It was won by Mr. Des Faulkner Jr. of Scamander.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION:

At the meeting of the Parents and Friends Association held on Tuesday, 21st March, the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 28th February was declared unconstitutional.

The meeting of 21st March was then declared to be the Annual General Meeting and the following office bearers were elected:

President - Mr. G. Aulich
Secretary - Mrs. S. Spilsbury
Treasurer - Mr. J. Brown

THE CURRICULUM:

The principles set out in the Education Department policy statement - Secondary Education: The Future - are designed to meet the challenge of educating our young people and equipping them for their adult lives.

The "curriculum" covers all the planned programs of study and learning activities provided by a school. These programs and activities should take account of changing economic, technological and social conditions.

The curriculum should provide all students with opportunities to gain knowledge and to participate in experiences that:

- are widely regarded as being valuable because they enrich life and understanding;
- contribute to the students' development as independent and interdependent people;
- prepare them to become adult citizens who contribute to the culture, welfare and prosperity of the community; and
- enable students to develop a sense of Australian identity and international understanding.

The most important fields of knowledge and experience are:

- languages - using and studying the English language and other languages;
- the sciences and mathematics - including their applications;
- the arts - including literature, music, art, drama, the media and other expressive and practical arts;
- the social sciences - including history and geography, and studies of economics, politics, cultures and religions;
- the study of work and daily life;
- health, physical education, and recreation.

The courses studied should illustrate and apply ideas and principles that are generally regarded as being central to the fields of knowledge and experience from which they are derived.

The curriculum should provide students with opportunities to develop the competencies and characteristics that are essential for life and work in our society.

Indoor Bowls were in full swing at the Silver Threads and Golden Years Clubs while Fingal Club (Sunshine Welcome) conducted a Forestry Tour of Plantation which resulted in younger members joining the club. Mrs. Dawn Yates was a tower of strength to this club.

The second Annual Meeting was held in the St. Marys District School on 20th April 1970. Guest Speaker Dr. Abbot promised that when the "first vehicle for the Domicillary Service is presented the Government would provide the Domicillary Service forthwith, and replace the vehicle as it was required".

On July 20th 1970 the Glamorous Grandmothers were selected by the three clubs, and were:

Cornwall: Mrs Wally Haas
St. Marys: Mrs Doris Berwick
Fingal : Mrs Mick Street

Quotas decided were:

\$100, \$600, \$500 respectively. In the event the result was Cornwall \$297.86, St. Marys \$805.69 and Fingal \$1023.13 Total \$2126.48!

Meals on Wheels Services was discussed first at the meeting on 31.5.71 for the whole Municipality based on the system already in operation at St. Helens. Mrs Gill was the first President and reported the service commenced, at a meeting held on 5.7.71.

Since those halcyon years the Committee has continued until now. Other bodies such as Lions Clubs formed in the district now cater for our senior citizens, the clubs flourish in each town. Home units are built, and the Hostel at the St. Marys Hospital under the care of a Special committee. There isn't a role for the committee to continue, it was felt as the meeting called for the 20th March to wind it up elicited no response from the general public so it was reluctantly disbanded.

Mrs Amy Jarvis, Mrs Una Camplin (pres) Mr P. Mills, Mr G.S. Lowe and Mr J. Miller (Sec) were all who attended. Mr G. Shaw M.L.C. was the only person to express verbally his regrets and the Committee accorded how he had been such a help to the Committee over the years. Other bodies and people have been numerous but the Wardens of the Fingal Council have always been a tower of strength and help, the Lions Club, Forestry Commission, St. Marys District School Hospital Board and the Clergy of the Municipality - and not the least the Valley Voice who have consistently published Annual Reports and articles in their columns.

A minute expressing appreciation of the work of Mr Keith Brodribb who died in 1972 was entered in the Minutes of the Organisation.

Mr Brodribb had nursed the be-

ginnings of the Committee with his great talent and he would be missed greatly.

Other members of the Committee over the years added to the original were: Father Buckley, Jack Miller, Athol Woods, Dr Roddick, Sr. Gernie, Margaret Sutton, Sr. Young, Perce Llewellyn, Rev Hendricks, Mrs Gill, Rupert McGee, Sr. Bartel, Matron Whitworth, Una Camplin, Pastor Clarke, Mrs Spilsbury, Fr Aarden, Kath Cooper, Sr. Refshaw, G. Lowe, Rev. Dobson, Fr. Jarret, W. Lohrey, Matron Johnson, Noel Bradbury, Amy Jarvis, D. French, Rev. Eric Cave, Rev. C. Purton, Matron Lavelle, P. Berwick, Ruth Saunders, Rev. P. Walker, Mrs Denny, Sr. Burgess, K. Glatte, Joy Luck, Prev. Mills, Sr. Miller, Sally Walters, Sr. Holloway.

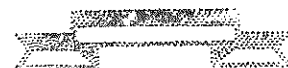
J.S. Miller (Hon Sec)

CHOKING ?

From August Health and Lifestyle (Dr. Wickham)

HOW DO YOU HELP A PERSON WHO IS CHOKING?

If a piece of food or other foreign body is caught in the windpipe, the person may die from asphyxiation in a few minutes. It is essential to dislodge the blockage as rapidly as possible. In a child, turn him upside down, and while holding him by the feet bang firmly on the back. In an older child or adult, with the patient sitting or standing, place your arms around them from behind, and cross your wrists over the breast bone. Firmly compress the chest by pressure of the breast bone to force the air out of the lungs, and hopefully the foreign body out of the windpipe. If unsuccessful, lie the victim on a table or bed, with the body above the waist hanging over the edge, and bang on the back several times before repeating the chest compression. These manouvres are successful in the vast majority of cases. If you fail to dislodge the food blocking the windpipe, and the patient is turning blue, mouth to mouth resuscitation should be started, in an attempt to force some air past the blockage and into the lungs.



THUNDERSTORMS

PROBLEMS: The customary stormy weather and associated activity normally accepted at this time of year in NSW and Queensland seems to have also moved south to Tasmania. Dr. Stephen Gumley, General Manager of Component Resources Pty Ltd., confirmed that Tasmanian areas have been affected by some two or three thunderstorms and accompanying lighting activity each month since October, with severe storms in December and more recently on Monday, January 9. During recent years the norm has been only 5 days per year on average for Southern Tasmania. There have been many recent instances of damage to equipment directly or indirectly caused by the lightning. These have caused physical damage and loss of operations to many businesses.

Dr Gumley suggested that most electronic equipment including microwave ovens, personal computers, facsimile machines, television sets, cash registers and office PABX telephone systems relied on well regulated power supplies close to 240 volts. The presence of lightning induced spikes on powerlines or telephone lines will cause damage and operating problems to unprotected equipment. The pulses can be many thousands of volts in amplitude with large and dangerous energy content. Dr Gumley said that Component Resources Pty Ltd is continuing its development of a wide range of innovative power filtering and telephone-dataline protection equipment.

Mr Buckley said that while Tasmanian homes and buildings are unlikely to be "hit" by lightning strikes, that protection devices now available are being assessed and installed by more businesses where any disruption to normal services is a major problem.

The higher than average level of storm activity in recent months may be related to an atmospheric oscillation in the Pacific basin, known to meteorologists as the El Nino - Southern Oscillation (ENSO). Although the ENSO goes through a full cycle on an average 3 to 5 years, it is very irregular and appears at this stage to be unpredictable.

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TASMANIAN MASTERS GAMES 14th-16th July 1989 - LAUNCESTON

You may not be aware that the first Tasmanian Masters Games will be held in and around Launceston on 14th - 16th July, 1989. They are being sponsored by the State Government, the Launceston City Council with additional sponsorship from the Tasmanian Bank, the Launceston International Hotel, Thrifty Car Rental, and others. It is hoped to hold this event every second year in a different venue around the State.

They are being held to encourage some of the 'older' members of the community back to taking part in some form of sport.

Entry forms can be obtained from any branch of the Tasmanian Bank, or the Regional Offices of the Department of Sport and Recreation in Launceston Burnie and Devonport. Failing that please do not hesitate to contact me at Either P.O. Box 501, Launceston or by phone on Launceston 322207.

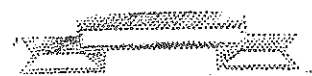
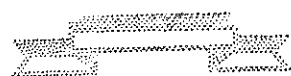
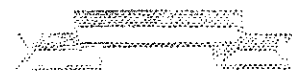
The St. Marys Hospital Auxiliary wishes to thank the people in our community who supported our annual fair. Special thanks to those who organised collections or functions in their areas and those who generously assisted with the raffle prizes. Also thanks to everyone who either BROUGHT or BOUGHT!

MAIN RAFFLE WINNERS:-

1st Melissa Aulich, Cornwall
2nd Mary Bird, Fingal
3rd June Hall, Fingal

STALL RAFFLE WINNERS:-

Easter Chocolates	- Mrs M. Scott
Hospital Hamper	- A. Wright
Ken Done Scarf	- Mrs. N. Brown
Dinner	- Mrs. D. Wright



THANK YOU

On behalf of my committee and myself, I would like to thank those people who attended the ball and made it a success on Friday night. Also thank you to the people who donated food as well as cash donations. I would also like to thank Mr Barry Snigg and the Grade 11 & 12 students for their Kind donation. Your help was deeply appreciated.

Thank you.

Belinda K. Lynch

Entrant

(Princess of Tasmania Quest)

WET WEATHER DRIVING

Simply put, when driving on wet roads -SLOW DOWN!

Extra care should be taken, the distance to the car in front should be doubled and all manoeuvres should be indicated early and clearly, especially in poor visibility.

Forward vision is usually impaired in inclement weather, so maintenance is essential.

Deteriorated wiper rubbers and a fogged, smeared interior windscreen are not conducive to clear vision.

Be very careful on wet roads after a dry spell. The build up of oil,

grease, rubber and dust usually results in slippery surfaces.

During heavy rain, flooding can often occur from overflowed gutters and rivulets. That's when aquaplaning can occur.

A car aquaplanes when it builds up a cushion of water ahead of the rolling tyre. If the tread grooves cannot allow sufficient water to pass through, the tyre loses road contact and actually floats on a wedge of water.

When that happens, brakes and steering are virtually ineffective.

The remedy? Slow down until speed drops sufficiently for the tyre to make contact again.

Generally, the deeper the tyre's tread depth, a faster speed is allowed before road contact is lost.

Modern high performance radial tyres with special drainage channels can be driven at quite high speeds without loss of contact.

If you need to brake suddenly, apply the brakes progressively, to avoid wheel lock-up. Suddenly slamming on the brakes -especially in the wet - will usually result in locked wheels, followed by a sickening slide into the rear of the car in front!

REMEMBER: The basic keys to safe wet weather motoring are -slow down, be alert and maintain a safe margin to the car in front.

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FORTNIGHT BEGINNING MARCH 30th, 1989

ARIES: March 21 - April 20

Decisions to make, plans to put into operation, responsibilities to shoulder will all tend to exert pressure this fortnight. It should be a bright happy time.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 11, 2, 19.

TAURUS: April 21 - May 21

Communication with others will need a special effort as at times you could lack patience this fortnight. There will be unexpected meetings and social events.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 20, 7, 4.

GEMINI: May 22 - June 21

Your friends and associates will really prove their salt during the coming fortnight. Mending ties that have been broken will be possible with people you haven't seen for a while.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 2, 18, 20.

CANCER: June 22 - July 23

A confident keen approach will move mountains this fortnight. Don't let others put words in your mouth as they may misrepresent you and land you in trouble.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 4, 20, 24.

LEO: July 24 - August 23

Socially and romantically, this month should be a joy and you could also have a windfall. Define your goals and your responsibilities and stick to them.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 18, 5, 12.

VIRGO: August 24 - September 23

People will tend to be elusive this fortnight and pinning them down could prove difficult.

You'll find things turn out for the best if you manage to hang on to your temper.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 34, 10, 5.

LIBRA: September 24-October 23

You'll feel better and cope more easily with stress this fortnight if you can organise a few restless interludes. This will recharge your batteries.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 15, 18, 6.

SCORPIO: October 24-November 22

The attitude you adopt will have a great bearing on the relationships you share with others, so be prepared to give and take; it will help to promote understanding.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 8, 27, 11.

SAGITTARIUS: November 23-December 22

Dynamic new attractions are very likely this fortnight while established relationships will be warm and passionate. You will need your independence this week especially. This is a period of personal growth.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 15, 3, 16.

CAPRICORN: December 23-January 20

Don't be too serious this fortnight especially about other people, as they may be changeable and inconsiderate. You may find that you are a driving force at work and home.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 3, 8, 29.

AQUARIUS: January 21-February 19

You will abound with ideas and inspirations this fortnight both at work and home. In the latter part of the fortnight you won't be able to put a foot wrong. Social signs are good.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 9, 1, 20.

PISCES: February 20 - March 20

Success is in the air for you. Refuse to worry! You'll achieve more and cope better that way. You will feel stronger and more purposeful and enjoy yourself to the fullest.

LUCKY NUMBERS: 6, 23, 8.

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