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EDITORIAL

SALVATION OR STARVATION?

The Dairy Reconstruction Plan, which nearly three years ago, was being hailed as the salvation of dairying in Australia is still it appears, grinding slowly forward.

But the latest news from mainland newspapers indicate that there is still much doubt about the scheme, especially from the New South Wales government who are still considering the scheme.

In Western Australia where, along with Queensland, the agreements have been signed, news is that some farmers have already taken advantage of the scheme.

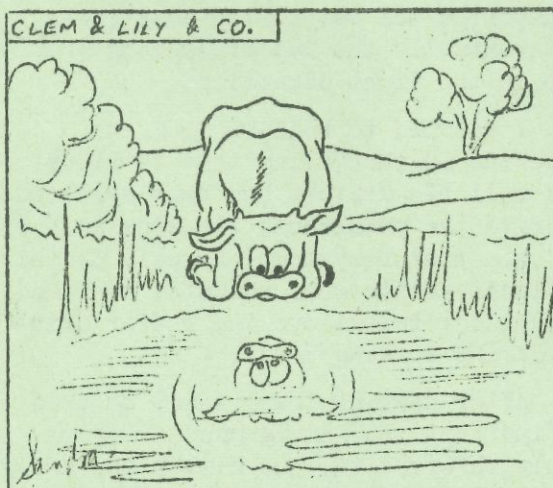
In Queensland some farmers are likely to make use of it in the near future.

South Australia, with Tasmania, have agreed in principle but have not yet signed up with the Commonwealth.

Here in Tasmania one suspects, the answer to lack of government motivation to push this scheme, may lie in the recent decision by farming bodies to implement a quota system in dairying. This voluntary decision by farmers has no doubt relieved the situation for the government for the time being. Unfortunately, it has not relieved the situation for the marginal butter-fat producer, who having done away with his age-old guard against inflationary costs; increased production; is now in more desperate straits than ever.

But in spite of this there seems an ominous sign in his lack of outcry for the scheme to be implemented quickly. Statistics prove there are many of these farmers in Tasmania, but how many do consider this scheme is their salvation? In all possibility, the answer is not many and the reasons why, varied. Mainly it is probably that he is not over-confident that the Reconstruction Plan will offer enough financial incentive for him to vacate his property.

Why should he for instance, receive an amount of money for his house and business that at best could only purchase him a house in the city-where he doesn't particularly want to live anyway? And again having spent his life being a farmer, what does he do then? Get a job as a street sweeper?



"I THINK I'D DROWN MYSELF TOO IF I LOOKED LIKE THAT!"

Editorial cont.

And again, what of those properties that do not suit amalgamation because they either, 1. don't have neighbours at all, or 2. do have neighbours but ones who can't afford or do not want to amalgamate even at the low rates of interest offered?

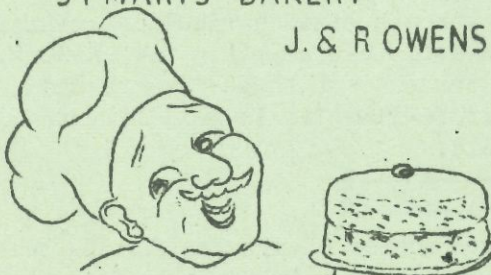
A farmer in such a position can only be expected to be suspicious that the ultimate price the government will offer for his doubtfully marketable property, will be considerably less than it would be for a similar property in a more desirable locality, where several farmers may be clamouring to buy.

Also, any farmer who has learnt by time and necessity to make his own decisions and work accordingly, is not going to take kindly to working for a boss unquestionably, without a good deal of social adjustment. Under the Reconstruction Plan, governments take no responsibility for

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LETTERS

Sir,

Last month the Red Cross altered its much questioned method of ambulance driving. For sometime one group at St. Marys have had this sown up, but as the longer trips (which are worth a considerable amount to the driver) become less frequent, these regulars were less eager to take on the driving. Their attitude to the patients they transported was very often questioned and eventually the Red Cross took a step in the right direction.

I was led to believe from the grapevine in the Valley that thirteen very reliable drivers had been selected to drive the ambulance, one week each run on a roster system. As well as this, two local people were selected to stand by each day to relieve the roster drivers during working hours.

After hearing this, I was shocked to find that the same group as previously referred to, had driven the ambulance on three occasions in two weeks, all being trips of reasonable length. If the method had been changed, why weren't the present standby drivers notified?

I am sure each driver is only too pleased to give an occasional weekend or week away to help the less fortunate, but if they are being overlooked, it won't be too long before the list of relief drivers will have dwindled away.

Come on drivers, jack up and watch for what is happening. You are having a convenience made of you.

DIRTY WORK, St. Marys.

See Editor's comment below.

EDITORIAL (Con't)

this or any other social problems that may arise.

Thus the marginal butter fat producer is again forced to the wall. Should he stay and go bankrupt, or should he change his whole way of life for little or no gain? It is a terrible choice for any one to make.

Perhaps state agriculture minister Mr Beattie can supply a few answers. For the sake of these farmers and their families it is well time that he did.

EDITORS COMMENT:

The new roster of drivers for the Ambulance covers relief work only. These men have willingly volunteered to drive the ambulance at night and weekends.

Sir,

The general Committee of the St Marys Football Club wish to express their sincere appreciation to Misses Coral Bessell, Pearl Parsons, Roslyn Nailer and Dorothy Stuart, together with their parents, who worked so hard. Also the general public for their magnificent support and response during the period of the Queen Carnival. The grand total raised was \$2477.32, which will assist greatly in the erection of the new Football Club rooms. Again we say a big Thank You.

K. FAULKNER(sec)
ST MARYS.

Sir,

I wish to thank sincerely all those people who assisted me during the St Marys Football Club Queen Carnival. I thank all my committee members for their tireless efforts throughout the quest; also the members of the St Marys Football Club; all donors of trophies and other items; Mr Bob Bye and Miss Pam Haas, Mr D Pescott; all those people who lent their homes for the functions and everybody who so generously helped in any way. I have enjoyed myself immensely while working for the club and wish them every success with the building of the new rooms. Would everyone please accept my heartfelt thanks.

ROS NAILER,
PALMOUTH.

Dear Sir,

This is a petition from the youth of St Marys. The teenage population of OUR town would like a youth club or Police Club. Will the Valley Voice help? We are asking for your assistance and guidance.

Yours sincerely,
Barbara King.

NOTE... This petition was accompanied by a list of 32 names.

Sir,

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all those who supported me in raising \$1043.81 to assist the St Marys Football Club during the recent Queen Carnival. Special thanks to my energetic committee and the business houses for the generous use of their premises for fund raising efforts.

CORAL BESSELL.

OFF TO THE CENTRE:

Miss Carol Faulkner and Miss Rosemary Aulich leave Tasmania next Thursday, for four weeks holiday on the mainland. They are going to Darwin and Alice Springs.... Have a good time Girls!

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MRS. LACON of Melbourne, has been spending a few days with her Mother, Mrs. Ethel Chesshire of Mangana.

MRS. MARY WALLISH of Melbourne spent an enjoyable week with her niece and nephew Mr. & Mrs. Morton Francis of "Strathspey", Fingal.

MRS. RUSSELL, son Malcolm and daughter Shirley, spent the weekend with Mrs. Russell's mother, Mrs. Oliver of Mangana.

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COMING EVENTS

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MOTHERS MOTHERS MOTHERS
of all Brownies and Girl Guides at St. Marys. L.A Meeting will be held at the Home of Mrs. Bill Cruse, St. Marys on Friday Nov. 6th at 2.30 p.m. All Mothers are asked to attend. Your daughter's continuance at the Brownie Pack and the Girl Guides depend on your support.

ST. MARYS METHODIST CHURCH
November 1st at 11 a.m. Rev. B. Wise H.C.
November 8th at 11 a.m. Mr. B. Mansfield.

ST. MARYS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION meeting, 10th November at 8 p.m. at Home Arts Building, St. Marys High School. We need new members. Come along and support the progress of your town.

SENIOR CITIZENS WEEK: Starting 19th November. Car trip to Bicheno with Basket Lunch. Senior Citizens from Fingal, St. Marys and Cornwall. Cars leaving Royle's Shop, St. Marys at 11 a.m.

MELBOURNE CUP. Social Day at the St. Marys Golf Club. 12 noon. Afternoon tea. All welcome. Tuesday 3rd November.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND Fair, Public Hall, Cornwall. 13th November at 7.30 p.m. Lots of stalls. Bargains galore.

RED CROSS MEETING - Tuesday 3rd November at the Institute. Please note change of Date.

SENIOR CITIZENS Executive Committee Meeting. 7.30p.m. on 30th November. At Domestic Science Block at St Marys High School.

A.I.P. Fingal Branch. White Elephant Sale Soon. Any articles you don't want or articles you would like sold on commission please contact Mrs. G. Bean or Mrs. D. Parker (both on phone). Remember any article is acceptable, no matter how old or how worthless."

EVENSONG will be held at Cullenswood Church on November 22nd at 8 p.m. This will be a special service at which there will be a dedication of memorial gates by his lordship the Bishop. After the service congregation is invited to a supper in the Cornwall Hall.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND Mothers Union Meeting will be held on Nov. 4th at 10.30 a.m. For final discussion on fair.

FAIR...NOV. 13th. 7.30 p.m. Church of England fish pond...Bran Pie, Sweets, Cakes, Drapery, Produce. Donations for Stalls would be appreciated.

HERITAGE CORNER,

ARTHUR'S CIRCUS, BATTERY POINT

A survey plan of 1841-42, drawn up by Sprent the surveyor, shows the formation of the circus as it is today, called after Lieut. Gov. Arthur, who sought the land after the breakup of the grant to the Rev. Robert Knopwood, Tasmania's first chaplin.

The site of Arthur's Circus was included in land sold to Henry Jennings by Knopwood's creditors in 1829. The latter sold it to Arthur. It is said the Wild White Man, William Buckley, who was killed by a fall from a cart, lived in the circus at the time of his death.

The circus was built in this form so as to form a village green. It was also said to be used as a village for military pensioners.

Richmond has a village green also and one at Westbury was recently re-formed.

VISITORS AT ST. HELENS

Last Thursday the members of the St. Marys - St. Helens Methodist Circuit entertained visiting delegates from Victoria, who were on a tour of the East Coast following the Methodist Sesqui-centenary Conference recently held in Hobart. During the evening slides of Tasmania were shown.

Singing and friendly fellowship over a lovely supper made the evening very enjoyable, and the visitors spoke highly of the friendliness and kindness of Tasmanians.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT MANGANA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8th, will be a special day for the residents of Mangana. They hope that ALL past and present residents and friends will attend the celebrations to mark the Golden Jubilee of the present Catholic Church. This building was built in 1910 to replace the original structure which was of wood and built in 1860.

The celebrations will begin at 2 p.m. There will be a croche for children. Afternoon tea will be available. The children will be taking part in games at the school during the afternoon. At 5 p.m. all will attend a special service in the Church. ALL DENOMINATIONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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FROM THE PULPIT

'Life's Real Problem'

The problem of sailing is not to keep the vessel out of the water but to keep the water out of the vessel. In like manner, the problem of true Christian living is not to keep ourselves out of lifes' cares, trials and temptations, but to keep these cares and temptations out of us. As the sea is the normal element of ship sailing, so care is the normal element of life in this world. But we must keep the sea out of our hearts. Some people make the mistake of letting their cares and worries creep into their souls. The result is that they grow discontented, fretful and unhappy. The secret of peace is to keep the heart free from needless care and anxiety, even in the midst of the sorest trials. This peace we can have only by opening our hearts to Christ and doing his will.

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MRS. OLIVER SAUNDERS FINGAL, WOULD LIKE TO THANK SINCERELY HER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS FOR THE WISHES CONVEYED TO HER DURING HER RECENT STAY IN HOSPITAL

Coming Events cont.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES, PARISHES OF AVOCA, FINGAL, CULLESNWOOD.

CORNWALL. Sun. Nov. 1st 9.30 a.m. H.C.
Sun. Nov. 15th 11 a.m. H.C.

CULLESNWOOD: Sun. Nov. 22nd 7 p.m. Evensong
Dedication of Memorial Gates by the Lord Bishop

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Sir,

I find I am in total disagreement with several conclusions you made in your editorial on road safety. I believe that Dr. Abbott, our Minister for Road Safety, must be held responsible for the excessive number of road deaths in Tasmania. The number IS excessive, if we are to compare the deaths per head of population with more advanced countries, such as Japan; a country which has more road traffic, yet less fatalities per head of population, than Tasmania.

This fact must point to the conclusion that more can be done in Tasmania, to lessen the number of deaths on our roads. Yet your editorial accepts fatalistically that Dr. Abbott can do nothing more.

I believe that the Liberal Government not only has the power to take the necessary steps to lower the number of road fatalities, but it also has a responsibility to Tasmanians to do so.

Dr. Abbott has not tried to improve driver education or skill, nor has he looked at the question of speed differentials. Neither has he brought in a standard of minimum safety for cars. The way is open for our Minister for Road Safety to act in an appropriate manner. In his eighteen months of promises, he has not done so.

I believe that the ad hoc methods Dr. Abbott and the Liberal Government have been applying to road safety have proved useless. For this reason and also because road accidents are so unusually high in Tasmania, I believe it is necessary to hold a Royal Commission into the causes of road accidents. This would give the Government systematic and accurate information with which to work.

The Labor Youth Executive have suggested that Dr Abbott should resign if his government will not call a Royal Commission. I agree with this. As the Minister for Road Safety, he must be held responsible for road safety, otherwise ministerial responsibility does not make sense.

ANDREW LOHREY, Battery Point.
Hobart,

See Editor's note next column

IN THE EYE OF THE LAW

The period from 25th to 31st October is being observed throughout Australia as "Fire Prevention Week", the main purpose of it being to endeavour to create a more positive appreciation of the necessity on the part of all sections of the community to take all possible precautions to prevent fire damage.

It is reported that 196 lives were lost because of fire during the year ended 30th June 1970, as well as the huge monetary loss resulting from property damage.

Many such fires are the result of carelessness or neglect on the part of some person to take reasonable precautions to avoid them, and it is with this in mind that the Australian Fire Protection Association has been formed, its chief purpose being to advise the respective authorities on the best methods of combating fire.

Since the disastrous fires in Southern Tasmania in 1967, the Government has revised the Rural Fires organisation throughout the State, and all Municipalities are being progressively supplied with fire fighting equipment, for use by their local brigades.

However, we should keep in mind the age-old saying "prevention is better than cure", and take all possible action to remove unnecessary fire hazards, such as rubbish, inflammable materials, etc., and by so doing perhaps avoid property damage, personal injury, or even loss of life.

The co-operation of all members of the community is sought in this worthwhile cause.

The Road Toll

In last issue's editorial it was not meant to imply that nothing should be done in regard to the road toll. By all means driver education should continue, as should all other necessary means to reduce this terrible carnage. All the editorial was endeavouring to do was to point out that by the latest overseas statistics it seems to be conclusive that driver education and more stringent laws only effect a minimal reduction to road deaths compared with the premise of safer cars.

Editors.

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SCAMANDER GARDEN CLUB NOTES

Despite the rather windy weather the Club held a successful meeting at Mrs. M. Peterson's home.

Mr. Alan McBeth visited the Club and helped members by answering questions on their gardening problems. Mr. McBeth also gave a demonstration on wiring for sprays.

A raffle for a pot plant was won by Mrs. Gratzer and realised \$2.30 for the Club. A trade table added \$3.60 to club funds.

A competition for a one flower arrangement was judged by Mr. McBeth and resulted in a win for Mrs. Powe, with Mrs. Peterson second and Mrs. White third.

Members are reminded that the next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Harvey on Tuesday, 10th November at 2.30 p.m.

PORTLAND MEALS ON WHEELS

The first meals were served on October 19th last. Mr. Siddall of Hobart, who is supervisor of Meals on Wheels was representing the Government, Sister Young, Deputy Matron and Mr. Keith Cook, secretary of the St. Marys District Hospital were also present.

Mrs. Eddington of the St. Helens Red Cross, Mr. Geoff Carins, Treasurer and Mr. Peter Burns secretary of the Meals on Wheel Committee were present. Mrs. K. Brown, accompanied by Mr. Siddall and Mr. Burns delivered the first five meals.

Sister Kingston supervised the meals which were prepared at the St. Helens District Nursing Centre by the staff.

RESULTS OF THE ST. MARYS FOOTBALL CLUB RAFFLE DRAWN AT THE QUEEN CARNIVAL BALL

- 1st - Weekend for two at New Gateway Motor Inn, Devonport - Mr. G. Tapp, St. Marys.
 2nd Prize - 44 gallons petrol - Mrs. D. Berwick, St. Marys.
 3rd Prize - Dinner for two Scamander Motel - Mrs. Don Hayes, St. Marys.
 4th Prize - Automatic Hotpoint Jug - Mr. Joe Maney, St. Marys.
 5th Prize - Dressed Lamb - Mr. J. Kellaway, Scamander.
 6th Prize - Electric Toaster - Mr. M. Curry, St. Marys.
 7th Prize - Bag of potatoes - Mrs. R. Richardson, 83 Hargrave Cres. L'ton.

FINGAL TENNIS NOTES

The season is getting off to a slow start. Opening day (15th November) should see the revival of some interest. A meeting will be held next week to decide what type of tournament will be held on that date.

Will all last years' committee members please attend? Watch the shop windows for the time and place. Anyone interested in joining the committee will also be welcome.

Meanwhile, the help of Mr. David Lowe, the practise board is being faced with flooring boards.

That is all for this week. We should have some details of Opening day in the next issue.

L.J. Snedgrass, (Hon. Sec.)

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SCHOOL CLASS ROOMS

Mr. Ingamells, M.H.A. advises that there has been financial provision made in the loan fund estimates for three class rooms at the St. Marys District School. These rooms should be ready for occupancy either late this month or early in the next financial year.

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The story so far...The three Robinson children, Bill, Suzy and Joey run away to find their father, after their mother's death. They scramble onto a goods train and are feeling rather pleased with themselves until they realise they have left their dog Skipper behind. Now read on.

CHAPTER 3 THE SEA

Suzy put her arm around Joey and tried to comfort him, which was a bit difficult as they were forced to lie full length along the potato bags.

"Well, we can't very well jump,"

Bill said, peeping out from the tarpaulin at the speeding track. "We'd probably be killed."

"What ever will Skipper do?" sobbed Joey. "He's only happy when he's with us, especially me. You know he even used to wait outside the school gate for me."

"Perhaps he'll follow the train," Suzy said without too much hope. "Look Joey, let's have something to eat and we may think of something. You said you were hungry."

"I'm not any more," Joey said, rubbing his dirty hands into his eyes and making his face dirtier than ever.

"Well, we're not going to help Skipper by starving ourselves and getting too weak to even think," Bill said, beginning to undo his pack. "It's a bit hard to eat here so perhaps we'd better just have a few biscuits."

The children ate in silence and even Joey managed to force a couple of biscuits down.

Later, the children lay along the bags in silence listening to the hum and whirr of the track. They all felt rather depressed and Bill wondered if they had done the right thing by running away. Joey, worn out by excitement and his worry over Skipper, slept a little. Suddenly the train jerked and jolted and the children were thrown violently against the tarpaulin.

"We've stopped," Bill said peering out, "Let's get out. Come on, quick you two, before we're seen!"

He jumped out and helped the other two down. Joey looked expectantly around; he hadn't really expected to see Skipper, but perhaps.....

The countryside had changed quite a lot and the tall trees near their own township had given way to short, scrubby bushes.

"What's that?" Joey said, pointing towards something blue and glittery.

"Looks like water," Suzy said, "Do you think it could be the sea?"

The three began running excitedly towards the blue glitter. None of them had ever been to the sea-side and the thought filled them with joy. Even Skipper was forgotten for the moment.

They stumbled out of the bushes at last and before their delighted eyes stretched a long expanse of golden sand lapped by gentle waves.

"The sea," breathed Joey and Suzy together. In a moment they were tumbling across the sand, laughing and falling.

"Let's swim," Bill said, already beginning to tear off his clothes. "We all need a bath anyway."

They must have played in the water for a couple of hours but as none of them had eaten more than a few biscuits the whole day, they were soon ravenous.

Bill said, "I think we'd better look for a place to camp. If we went over to the scrub, we could soon make ourselves comfortable and we'll cook something to eat."

It seemed they had found the ideal spot. The low bushes which bounded the beach grew out in a fan shape and were heavy and bushy at the top. Underneath the clean sand was warm and there was plenty of room for three children to crawl in.

Bill gathered a stack of fire wood and Suzy unpacked their bags, while Joey looked around for some fresh water.

"We'll have bacon and eggs," Suzy said, her mouth already watering at the thought. "Hurry up with that fire Bill."

There was a shout from Joey. "I've found a creek," He said, running across the sand and spilling water from the billy at every step. "It's even got tadpoles in it."

"I hope you didn't get any in the billy," Bill said, taking it and putting it near the fire.

"Course not," Joey said. "This is the most wonderful place. Everything would be perfect if only Skipper was here."

Soon, they were all seated around the fire eating bacon and eggs and drinking mugs of strong, black tea. It was getting dark. Except for the thought of poor Skipper, who was probably waiting hopelessly near the railway track for the children to return, they could not have been happier.

"I'll make up the fire, then we'd better go to bed," Bill said, throwing on some more logs.

Suzy was already arranging the coats over a pile of dry leaves. There was only one blanket which they would have to share.

Joey crawled under the bushes and pulled the blanket up to his chin. "Come on Suzy, come and keep me warm," he said.

Bill said, "Quiet you two, there's something in those bushes." He seized a large stick from the pile near the fire and stood poised, ready to strike as a large, black shape leapt into the firelight, scattering the billy and mugs.

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TAURUS: April 21 - May 21

Concentrate on creating harmony especially with partners. Do everything in your power to keep relations on a high level and this will truly be a month to remember. Observe safety precautions to the full.

GEMINI: May 22 - June 21

Concentration of influence from the stars puts you in the way of a lot of good luck. Your best dates are 3rd, 9th, and 11th. You may have to be discreet about a new companion. Romance could be difficult.

CANCER: June 22 - July 23

You will need to take a strong line with insurance and protection for valuables. The peace within the home circle is in danger of disruption. Be ready to tackle a big romance and if not applicable....a small one.

LEO: July 24 - August 23

It is all go for business affairs on the 3rd. Don't push yourself too hard, things will turn out whatever. Save your energy for greatest efforts will be required later.

VIRGO: August 24 - September 23

You will need to take a strong line with insurance and protection for valuables. The peace within the home circle is in danger of disruption. Be ready to tackle a big romance and if not applicable....a small one.

LIBRA: Sept. 24 - October 23

Use extreme care with financial matters. Be alert to grasp opportunities on the 6th, 8th and 11th. Impromptu gifts and a sprinkling of happiness is for you in spite of all.

SCORPIO: October 24 - November 22

Special occasions lie ahead and these will advance personal affairs. Best days for money transactions - 3rd, 9th and 11th. Romance is in the stars for most but take care not to let your heart rule all.

SAGITTARIUS: November 23 - December 22

Make the most of fortunate developments on the 3rd. Harmony with partners will make your month. You may be at a weddingeven your own in mid November. Restore your physical fitness program. Keep up good intentions.

CAPRICORN: December 23 - Jan. 20

You will realise a cherished ambition and if you make contact with the right people on the 3rd and 9th success will not be far off. But watch out for an abrupt change in fortune near the middle of the month.

AQUARIUS: January 21 - February 19

A good time for money affairs but they need careful handling. Romance could be a little unsteady but for those in love this can be easily avoided. You will take a trip soon.

PISCES: March 20 - April 20

The first two weeks of this month holds some of the most spectacular aspects of the year. There are definite gains to be had with ease. It is time to launch that new campaign.

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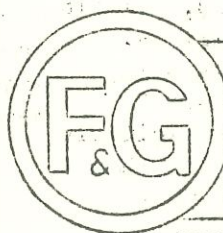
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