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## EDITORIAL

This Bill is now before Parliament and contained within its ten pages and approximately 3,000 words is a comprehensive picture of what both Federal and State Governments consider to be a solution for the ailing dairy industry.

But the essence of the scheme for prospective applicants lies in only a few clauses which explain the procedure of acquisition and disposal of marginal dairy farm.

There is no doubt a great deal of somebody's time has gone in to preparing this bill and if anyone has a couple of hours to spare to wade through it they should be well rewarded by the knowledge they will gain.

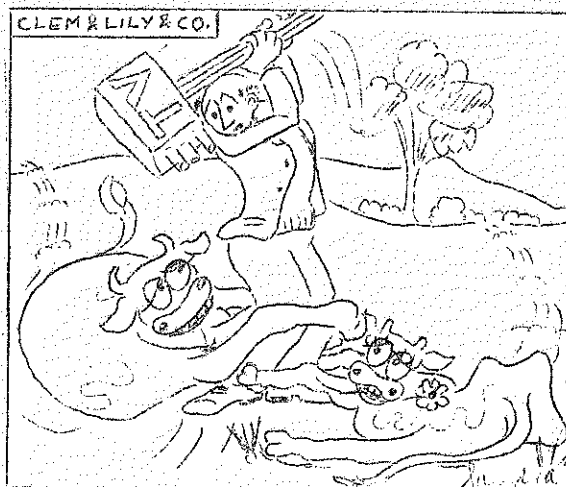
Unfortunately, although the scheme is comprehensive, there are two very grave weaknesses that are open for conjecture.

Firstly, it is stated that the Authority (i.e. The Board of Management of the Agriculture Bank) is not obliged to secure "any particular holding".

A safeguard, no doubt, for the Authority if it has any reservations about any particular applicant. But it could also be construed as a way out for the Authority if a particular holding was either in a difficult to re-sell area or a holding that had many structural improvements to be written off with out substantial financial loss to the Authority.

However, the greatest weakness in the scheme seems to be in the seemingly simple phrasing of the acquisition clause. It is stated that applicants holdings will be acquired by the Authority at "current market values."

But just what is a current market value? Since this scheme was first envisaged several years ago market prices have not just declined - they have in fact collapsed. Farm real estate agents these days are the gloomiest men in town. The majority of properties put on the market in the last year or two have hardly raised a genuine bidder, let alone a genuine buyer, so where is a comparable value.



"SIR, PLEASE SIR, DO YOU FILM  
'BELLBIRD'? HUH? HUH?"

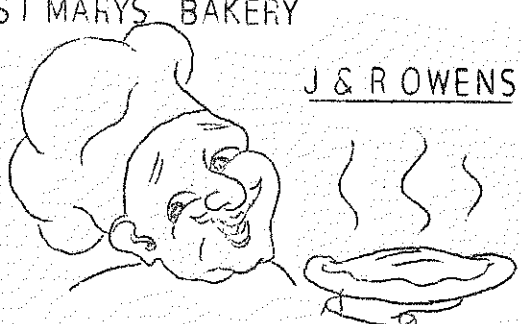
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Nor can a true price be obtained from a property's rateable value, these are so diverse and lopsided from municipality to municipality as to be practically useless. Especially in view of the fact that most unprofitable dairy farms in the state tend to exist in isolated and depressed areas.

Perhaps a system based on the past price paid for the property, plus improvements, plus escalation in land values, BEFORE the farm price depression, will suffice. Or perhaps a production level pricing similar to the method the Agriculture Bank uses for assessing equity for loan purposes will do.

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# TOUCHE'

Announcers on the A.B.C. weather programs continue to perplex us. They keep about the weather being either normal - or wetter or colder, or hotter than normal. In Tasmania, I ask you, what is normal weather? Surely average would be a better mark to work from.

.....while on the A.B.C. It was pointed out to one of our staff in Launceston this week that at the average rate of \$80 for a minute, this paper received over a thousand dollars worth of advertising during Monday's Line-Up show - for NOTHING. Thanks A.B.C. - (said in a whisper of course).

It really happened! A farmer was showing a visitor over his farm. In one paddock the visitor noticed about twenty rabbits run out in front of them. He commented that the farmer seemed to have a rabbit problem and asked what he would do about it.

"At the price rabbits are compared with mutton I'll move the sheep out and fatten the rabbits", the farmer replied.

## FINGAL COUNCIL GRANT

Mr. C.E. Ingemells, M.E.A. has revealed the following breakup of the Fingal Council Grant : 1970 - 71

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## LETTERS

Following is a communication between Mr. Gil Duthie M.H.R. and Mr. Colquhoun, Director of Posts and Telegraphs regarding the Cornwall Post Office.

Dear Mr. Duthie,

I refer to your communication of 15th March, 1971, in which you draw to my attention the concern being expressed at Cornwall regarding the possible closure of the non-official post office there.

I am happy to be able to assure you that there is no truth in the rumour that a closure of the Cornwall office is contemplated.

However, my officers are concerned by a detectable falling off in the general business transacted at this office and we would be very relieved if this trend were to diminish.

I understand that some of the Cornwall families refer to conduct their postal business at St. Marys when the latter centre is visited for other reasons, but we would be very pleased if, whenever possible and convenient, the facilities at Cornwall were more frequently used.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,  
R.S. Colquhoun.

## CATHOLIC SPORTS

Campbelltown, St. Marys Catholic Parish Sports held at Fingal, March 21st.

A Folk Mass commenced the proceedings and the celebrant was Rev. Father Kirkham, Priest of Campbelltown. Rev. Father Buckley of St. Marys preached. The guitarists were Rex Parker of Mangana and Warren Speers of Tower Hill.

### RESULTS:

Boys under 5 yrs.: 1. Paul McShane, 2. Colin Francis, 3. Roger Johnson.

Girls under 5 years: 1. Stephanie Commons, 2. Shandel Elmer, 3. Wendy Cruse.

Boys under 7 years: 1. Scott Gray, 2. Nickie Hall, 3. David Cruse.

Girls under 7: 1. Kathryn Treloggen, 2. Alison McGuishen and Sareen Bunt, dead heat.

Boys under 10 yrs.: 1. Patrick McShane, 2. John Rubenach, 3. Stephen Treloggen.

Girls under 10: 1. Donna Grey, 2. Diane Oliver, 3. Mary Treloggen.

Boys under 12: 1. Chris Hall, 2. Andrew Sedgeman, 3. Anthony Cruse.

Girls under 12: 1. Michelle Hall, 2. Loanne Ellis, 3. Conna McGuishen.

Open: Boys: 1. Paul Hall, 2. Michael Cruse  
Girls: 1. Janene Hall, 2. Denise Burt, 3. Helen Cruse.

Ladies under 7: 1. Mrs. Smith 2. Mrs. Grey, 3. Miss Egan.

Buffer Race: 1. Neil McShane, 2. "Brownie Street.

Miss Piffle

MR and MRS MICHAEL FURLEY who were married 27th February at St Thomas's Church Avoca spent part of their honeymoon in Scamander and part visiting friends in the South. Mrs Furley is better known as Sister M McCann of the Avoca District Nursing Centre.

Friends of MRS BRUCE SPILSBURY will be pleased to know that she is progressing satisfactorily in St Vincent's Hospital after her recent operation.

Stall held at MANGANA in aid of the Annual Carnival of the St Marys District Hospital Auxiliary on April 3rd raised \$47.38. Organisers were Mesdames Upton, Sweeney, Francis, Oliver, Burt, Ward, Johns, Parker and other helpers. A wonderful effort.

Official guests SIR MARCUS AND LADY GIBSON were welcomed at the Annual Meeting of the Senior Citizens Welfare Committee in St Marys on Monday by the Warden Mr Alec McKenzie and Mrs McKenzie, and the Committee President, Mr J Napier and Mrs Napier. Sir Marcus spoke of the work of the Tasmanian Council for the Ageing and of Plan for Retirement. He complemented the work of the Clubs in the Fingal Valley and wished them a prosperous year.

The BREAK AWAY CAMERA CLUB held its first social evening of the Season recently. The evening was enjoyed by all present.

JEANETTE NIEL of St. Marys left on 12th March for an extended working holiday. She and two friends propose to work in all states before returning to Tasmania. Jeanette has worked at the Campbell Town Hospital for some time.

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### THE ST. MARYS AMBULANCE

The St. Marys Ambulance Committee released a press statement for this issue, through the secretary, Mrs. J.M. Niel from Dr. A. Foster, (Bass) the shadow minister for Health, following questions relating to delays in the transfer of an injured boy to Launceston on 20th February last.

Dr. Foster said he was very mindful and knew at first hand the sterling work done by the local Red Cross in providing a free ambulance service to the district. The import of his question, asked in the House, was a serious attempt to see that the chapter of circumstances occurring in the case in point, largely through communication difficulties, did not re-occur in the future.

It was Dr. Foster's hope, that set precedures for casualty evacuation would be instituted on a State-wide basis. He was aware that the Ambulance service was conducting its' annual appeal and had been informed that his questions in Parliament had wringly caused a loss of public support for the ambulance.

"Far from doing this," said Dr. Foster, "the undertakings given by the Minister for Health following the questions, should ensure an even better service and as such should attract the support of every resident in the area."

It was Dr. Foster's opinion that the St. Marys Red Cross Society was a body which would welcome any help in making the service not only the most public minded ambulance service in the State, but also the most efficient.

### ST. MARYS RED CROSS AMBULANCE APPEAL

In a report from the President of the St. Marys Red Cross Society, Mr. C. Niel said that the new ambulance, which had cost \$5,500 had 33 calls in the period from 1st July to December 31st, 1970. Twenty of these calls were to Launceston. Running costs were under 9 cents per mile; this included driving, petrol and maintenance.

This service had for twenty three years provided free transport for stretcher patients.

Mr. Niel also pointed out that if anyone had missed the recent Appeal, donations may be forwarded to the Honorary Treasurer Mr. John Spilsbury, St. Marys. Any donation over \$2 was tax deductible.

The Red Cross still requires Blood Donors. The next donor night will be in April, at a date to be advertised later. Why not become a donor; your blood could save a life.

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### Catholic Sports cont. from page 2

Tossing the Rolling Pin: Miss O. Summers,

Ladies - Gents: Michael Commons,

Nail Driving Contest: Ladies only:

1. Mrs. Gibbons

Back Race - Boys: Scott Grey, John Sweeney,  
Danny Hall.

Girls: Donna Grey, Donna  
McGuishen, Diane Cruse.

Tug-o-war - Men: Campbelltown Parish.

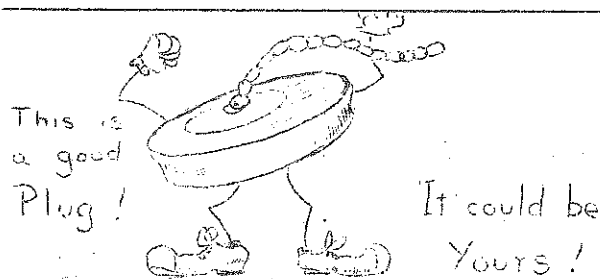
Ladies: St. Marys Parish.

Miss Picnic Quest:

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COMING EVENTSCRICKET MATCH: CRICKET MATCH:

Sunday 28th at St Marys Recreation Ground at 12.30p.m. Come and watch the farmers play the business men. Sandwiches and cordials available in aid of St Marys Progress Association.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES.

ST MARYS 11am ST HELENS 7.30p.m.

MARCH 28th Mrs S Keddie

APRIL 4th Mr Don Hall. Mr R. Denney

GOOD FRIDAY (10am St Marys) Mrs S Keddie.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER...TONIGHT... IN AID OF ST MARKS DISTRICT HOSPITAL.....

1st Course... 7.30p.m. at the home of Dr & Mrs I.C. Roddick.

Main Course... Hospital Recreation room. Sweets ... at the home of Mr & Mrs C.

Boyle.

Coffee...at the home of Mr & Mrs J. Gill

\$2 - Bookings with Matron.

COME AND HELP TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS AN EVENING NOT TO BE MISSED.

GIRL GUIDE AND BROWNIE L.A. MEETING at the home of Mrs Bill Cruse, St Marys on Friday April 2nd at 2p.m. All mothers of Guides and Brownies are asked to PLEASE ATTEND.

ST MARYS METHODIST VARIETY CONCERT..

8 p.m. THIS SATURDAY NIGHT in Community Hall, St Marys. An evening of entertainment and fun for all the family. Admission Adults 60 ¢, Children 30¢. Tickets available at the door...be early and get your seat.

DON'T FORGET THE HOSPITAL CARNIVAL .

April 3rd at the Recreation Ground. Interest for everyone. The fun will start with a Vintage Parade at 11a.m. BE SURE AND JOIN IN THE FUN!!!!

CHILDREN - WATCH FOR DETAILS OF SPECIAL FILM SHOWING DURING THE MAY SCHOOL EXHIBITS. FURTHER DETAILS LATER.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES.

28th March 10a.m. Cornwall  
4th April 10a.m. St Marys - Comm.

LENT & EASTER SERVICES

Apr 1st 7.30p.m. St Marys. H.C.  
Apr 6th 7.30p.m. Cornwall H.C.  
Apr 9th Good Friday. 10a.m. Cullenswood.  
Apr 11th Easter Day. 8a.m. Cullenswood.

Mothers Union, April 7th. Wednesday  
1030a.m. Cornwall.

GLAMORGAN YOUTH CLUB...Will be conducting a dance in the Memorial Hall, Bicheno on Easter Saturday, 10th April at 8.p.m. Music by "THE BANNED". Refreshments available.

FROM THE PULPIT."Great is Thy faithfulness"  
(Lamentations 3:23)

Everyone who reads these four words, surely has cause to utter them today out of a thankful heart. Throughout this year God is again proving Himself faithful. "But", someone may say, "my blessings are not so many this year as before". And another may add, "But there is so much trial in my life these days". Yes, for some of us, these things are true. They were certainly true for Jeremiah, who wrote the words of our text, for if ever a book came out of affliction, Lamentations did. Yet, if we look around us, we can still say, with grateful hearts "Great is Thy faithfulness". For if blessings have been meagre, there is the possibility that we have been limiting God by refusing to rely upon His promises, to exercise real faith, and take Him at His word. Or it may be that our loving Father has been letting us go through a fiery trial for our discipline and the forging of a stronger hold upon Him. It still remains that with Him there is "no variableness, neither shadow of turning". Let us therefore bless the Lord for all His wonderful mercies, and cry out to Him who loves us with an everlasting love "Great is Thy faithfulness,"

CALLING ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS!!!!!!

Join in the Vintage Parade on the Way to the Hospital Fair. Come in your best Vintage Costume. Prizes for all age groups.

For a position in the Parade, see Matron, or ring St Marys 2. Those in Parade will assemble 10.30a.m. at St Marys Railway Station. Parade moves off at 11a.m.

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Firstly:- "No child (a person under 16 years of age) shall smoke or use, or be found in possession of, cigars or cigarettes, or tobacco in any form."

PENALTY on first conviction - fifty cents  
On a second or subsequent conviction - one dollar.

Secondly:- "No person shall sell, lend, give, or supply, or offer to sell, lend, give, or supply cigars, cigarettes, or tobacco in any form, to, or for the use of any child.

PENALTY....forty dollars.

Where, by the operation of a vending machine, a person obtains from that machine, any cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, the occupier of the premises shall be deemed to have supplied them.

Furthermore, all persons who in the course of their business, sell cigars, cigarettes, or tobacco, must exhibit in bold type in a conspicuous position in their place of business, a notice with the wording:-

No person shall sell or supply (either directly or by means of a vending machine,) to any person under the age of sixteen years any cigars, cigarettes or tobacco.

No person under the age of sixteen years shall smoke or use or be found in the possession of, any cigars, cigarettes, or tobacco.

It is suggested that parents offer some timely advice to their children, on the legal aspects in which they may become involved, as well as the unnecessary habit to which they may become addicted.

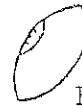
## JOHN SCHIER APPEAL

Further donation for this appeal.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Sweet, Fingal	\$3.00
Mrs. Sid Targett, St. Marys	2.00
Mrs. E.A. Crawford, Falmouth	1.00
N. & D. Cunningham, St. Helens	5.00
J. & E. Hughes, Chain of Lagoons	2.00
St. Marys Butchery	2.00

This appeal is now closed. We would like to thank all those who contributed to this appeal.

# FOOTY



Bye One Eye

The footy season is less than a moon away, and the bar talk is that the Swans are again favourites, this rumour apparently started at St. Helens. The Blues, Tigers and mountain boys have other ideas and with Avoca and Swansea rallying behind playing coaches Anderson and Cuisick a good season seems assured.

It is pleasing that the clubs in the district have, during the summer, worked hard on their grounds and facilities, with much needed fences around the St. Helens and Avoca grounds, Rossardons new sheds on the way and St. Marys new clubrooms well under construction, this in addition to the already good conditions at Swansea show that footy is really booming in this valley.

All clubs have recruited well and the March champions appear to be Gonninon at Rossarden, "Butch" Dickson, John and Chester Bullock and the return of John Bushing at St. Marys, with Skipper and Kenny Scott, fully recovered, at St. Helens moving well under coach Stephen Salter's critical eye.

Fingal has a new coach in "Brindle Woods. Brian is evidently getting plenty of support and the Blues should again be a force to be reckoned with.

Bob Bye has a few of the keener players training regularly, but would like to see all intending players on the track as soon as possible.

In closing the first of the seasons footy notes I would like to wish David Pescott and his family all the best in their new venture. David during his stay at Scamander was not only a good supporter of the St. Marys club but of football throughout the valley.

MR. & MRS. NEIL CHESHIRE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE FOR THE KINDNESS, CONCERN AND THE MANY GET WELL CARDS FROM FRIENDS WHILST NEIL WAS IN HOSPITAL.

Q. Why did the chicken cross the road softly?

A. Because it couldn't walk hardly.

# BICHENO SPORTS-MEETING AND CARNIVAL

WATCH THIS PAPER FOR FURTHER DETAILS

## THE ADVENTURES OF THE ROBINSONS

The story so far...The three Robinson children BILL, SUZY and Joey run away to find their father, after their mother's death. They are befriended by a peculiar old woman who takes them to her tumbledown shack in the bush. She tells them she is the real queen of England, but gets into a terrible rage when Suzy asks about the reigning queen. Now read on...

### CHAPTER 13. THE THREE SLAVES

Queenie pranced round the room, stamping with rage.

"Don't you ever DARE talk to me about that stupid woman. I'm the real queen and that woman sitting on the throne will never be a real queen, no matter how much she has her picture in the papers."

"If I ever hear any of that talk again, I'll tell James; he knows I'm the queen. He'd probably attack anyone who didn't believe, wouldn't you love?" she crooned to James, her rage going at the sight of the black rat.

"We believe you, we believe, yes, we all do," Suzy said hastily, trying not to look at James. She hated rats and the sight of James and Shirley and all the little rats, made her feel quite sick.

"Gosh," Joey said in wonder. "I've never seen a real queen. I would never have guessed. I suppose it's because your disguise is so good Queenie."

Queenie patted Joey's head.

"You're a bright boy Joey," she said.

"How what about a bite to eat?"

Although Suzy found it rather hard to eat the baked rabbit and stale bread Queenie produced, the boys ate hungrily. Suzy couldn't help wondering if the rats had had a go at the food before they had all arrived. Queenie fed her pets from her plate and let them run over her lap as she ate. They were very tame and squeaking noises as they gobbled up the food. In fact, they seemed to eat far more than Queenie.

"Queens always have very delicate appetites," she explained, "It's because they are so royal."

After they had eaten, Suzy collected the plates and cups and took them to the creek to wash. Queenie didn't seem to have any plans to wash anything in the shack. Joey thought it was not likely that queens could be bothered with such things.

When she had finished, Suzy sat on a rock and dabbled her feet in the clear water. She thought of the shearer, Jack Dooley, they had met at the carnival. He was a friend of their father. She wished they had talked to him more. She wondered if he would tell their father about seeing them. It all seemed so long ago now.

"What's up with you?" Bill said, coming and sitting beside Suzy. "You look sad."

"I wish we had talked to that friend of Dad's," Suzy said. "Queenie seems

awful rats. Do you think we should try and run away from her Bill?"

"Not tonight, I'm too tired," Bill said. "It seems ages since we had a good sleep. We'll talk about it in the morning."

The children slept soundly in the lean to behind the shack. Queenie had suggested they sleep with her but when Joey pointed out that Skipper was not too keen on rats, to Suzy's great relief, Queenie had agreed quite readily to their sleeping in the lean to.

The morning was bright and sunny and after a meal of weevily porridge and burnt toast, Queenie turned to the children and said briskly,

"Well now, I've got great plans for you all. If you're going to live with me, you'll have to earn your keep. I think the first thing you can do is to make me a vegetable garden. I've been going to make one for ages, but my little friends take so much time. Come along, I've got a good spot all picked out, down near the creek."

And picking up a rusty spade and hoe, Queenie started gaily off

"We can't stay here," Suzy whispered to Bill. "We'll have to tell her. I think we should go back to the carnival and find Jack Dooley. There must be a road somewhere."

"I don't mind it here," Joey said, joining them. "I'm sick of not having a home and anyway, we might run into Dan and Spider boy again. Or the police. I thought we didn't want to be put in a Home."

"We don't," Bill said slowly, thinking.

"But Suzy is right. Jack Dooley had seen Dad and he'd probably help us. We really won't be able to stay here with old Queenie. She's off her rocker. How can she be queen of England?"

"I believe her," Joey said stoutly. "I like her and anyway, how do you really know she's not telling the truth? Lots of kings used to give their daughters away once. I've read about it."

"In fairy tales," Bill said scornfully.

"Come along, no talking, let's get to work." Queenie cackled from the creek.

"Bill, you are Chief Gardener. Suzy can be the Under Gardener and do as you tell her. Joey is the Royal Waterer and must make channels from the creek to water the garden."

Queenie dug into her ragged clothing and produced some rather old packets of vegetable seed.

"Look, I've got everything," she laughed her funny laugh. "And now I've got the best thing of all - three slaves!"





# STARPROBE

Fortnight beginning March 26th.

ARIES: March 21st - April 20th.

Things may get beyond your control, but with care you can overcome this. Watch your spending until 1st. April, then you will come into good fortune. Be positive in your approach.

TAURUS: April 20th - May 21st.

The next week, stir clear of a big financial outlay. Socially very busy. Do not forget the mundane. Be firm in finishing a chore. A younger person will find romance.

GEMINI: May 22nd - June 20th.

You will feel like a change, but take care not to throw over a worthwhile venture on 28th. You may find a person to whom you are romantically drawn.

CANCER: June 20th - July 22nd.

Beware of a deceit or sham. Be careful of your criticism of others. You will receive an influencing call from an old friend.

LEO: July 23rd - August 22nd.

Someone else's mistake will be costly to you. Do not be so trusting. Romance will come on 8th. Curb a spending spree.

VIRGO: August 23rd - Sept. 22nd.

An important person will bring success to your plans. Socially your life will be very gay. You will make a journey shortly which leads to success. Take heed of criticism.



LIBRA: Sept. 23rd - Oct. 22nd.

Great chances to build your popularity. 28th - Romance is at the helm today. A special telephone call will take you by surprise. Be awake to premonitions that could ruin your plans.

SCORPIO: Oct. 23rd - Nov. 22nd.

You will gain encouragement from those around you. The outcome of a plan will be great success, don't be afraid to tackle a big chore. Be sure to set aside some time for relaxation.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23rd - Dec. 22nd.

Get all money matters into focus. Keep a tight rein on your budget. A legal matter will take your attention. Do not commit yourself for any big job.

AQUARIUS: Jan. 20th - Feb. 18th.

26th - go all out for pleasure this evening, especially if you are planning a party. A call next week may give you problems, but financially the future is attractive. Do not overspend on the strength of this.

CAPRICORN: Dec. 23rd - Jan. 19th.

A brief journey brings you success. 31st. may look bleak, but the following week is full of fortune. Don't be afraid of new interests.

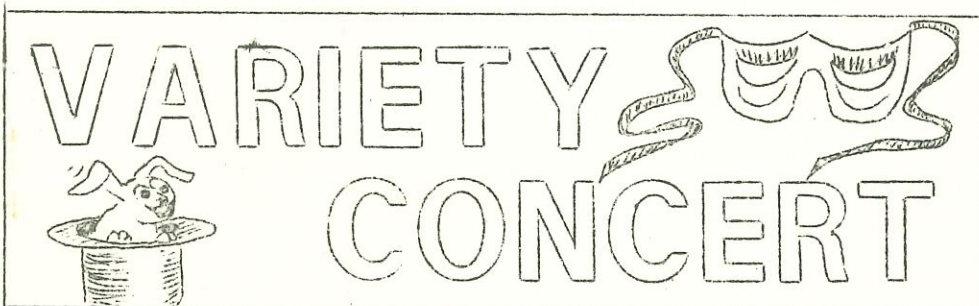
PISCES: Feb. 19th - Mar. 20th.

26th - you will be given a chance to go ahead on a creative task you have long wanted to tackle. A delay next week may upset you, but a call later will bring excellent results.

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