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EDITORIAL

RECOGNISABLE SHADOWS

In this issue we take a good deal of pleasure in reviewing a book by an author with a long association with this district. The book STRANGERS' COUNTRY is by Geoff Dean and is published by the Cat and Fiddle Press. It is Geoff Dean's first collection of stories and we certainly hope it is not the last.

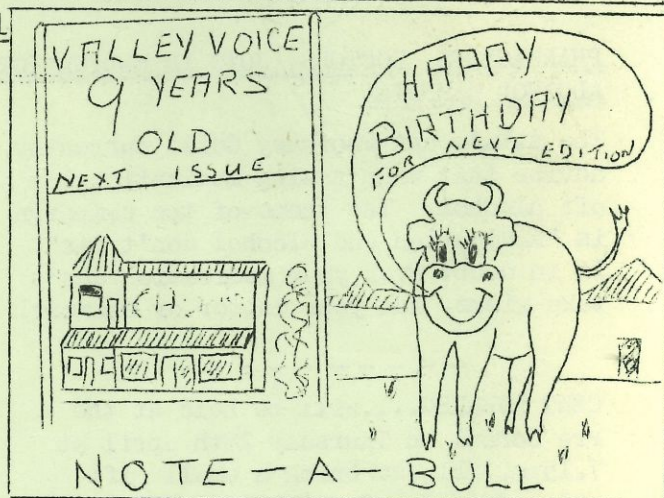
Since the early 1960s Geoff has managed to tote up no less than 62 publications over twenty of which were short stories. All these stories aren't in this collection and the more is the pity for this reviewer found them both very readable and beautifully written.

The blurb at the beginning of the book makes the claim the author if only on the strength of this book alone, is "...irrefutable..." in the forefront of Australian story writers. "Whether this claim is true or not I don't know but I do know it is a very long time since I have read a collection of stories with such great delight.

The fact that some of the stories would inevitably have a connection with this district is also of interest. The author considers this is not necessarily so. His stories are, he insists, like an identikit picture... a bit of this and a bit of that. There is no specific place on any one specific person.

Perhaps, but to my mind it is still possible to find a trace or echo of that which is so familiar to us all. For instance, in The Town Died there are descriptions of a town that was once a coal mining town. There are vague but recognisable shadows here and there of a cafe, a garage, shops, and a Main Street.

The coast not far away and coastal towns keep being mentioned; even a person here and there seems vaguely familiar. This also applies to the title story as well. Where is this farm where Doris and the Italian have their affair - and



who is Albert? No doubt they are as the author states all out of his imagination but some one did say once "...is not imagination after all, just the other side of experience..." Geoff Dean may not have intended to give a definite locale to many of his stories but in my opinion he inevitably did. But don't take my word for it. Buy a copy - you won't regret it, and at the low price of \$3.95, it is a steal. My information is that a few copies are already available at Casbault's shop, St. Marys
FOOT NOTE:

I would also like to point out a rather curious coincidence. Last month there was another book published which also has a connection with this district. The book is entitled IT is by a young author called Chris Aulich. I don't know too much about it yet but I hope to get some facts about IT before next issue of this paper.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Mark Oliver of St. Marys on obtaining his Trade Certificate at "Drysdale House" Hobart, also winning the best overall apprentice in Cookery for 1976. Best of lucky Mark for the Cook Up on the 27th April, 1977.

MRS. MAY MANEY of St. Marys is a patient in Calvary Hospital Hobart where she recently had an operation. All her friends wish her a speedy recovery.

MR. TED HAYES of St. Marys has returned home after spending a holiday at Wynyard with Mr. & Mrs. R. Bye and family.

MR. JACK WALKER of Riverside spent Easter at Falmouth and had lovely weather.

MRS. KEMPTON and son John of Melbourne spent Easter with Mrs. Kempton's niece and nephew Aileen and Tom Parker of Mangana.

MR. & MRS. FRED YATES spent Easter holidaying with Mrs. Pat Ward of Mangana.

MR. & MRS. GEOFF COX and Jeanine of Mangana spent a holiday in Geelong.

GAVIN WARD L'ton Technical College spent the Easter holidays with his parents Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Ward, Mangana.

MRS. JOHNS and her two daughters, Stephanie and Michele and son Alan of Rocklyn, Rosevale, spent the Easter holidays with Mr. & Mrs. Upton of Mangana.

WHATS ON

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RED CROSS GENERAL MEETING...R.S.L. INST. 7.45pm 2nd May, 1977.

IMMUNIZATION will be at the St. Marys Hospital May 2 Monday starting at lpm.

THE NATIONAL HEART FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA Morning Tea. 10.00am Thursday 28th April to be held in the Presbyterian Church Hall Fingal. All Welcome. Trade Stall.

R.A.F.T. The letters in the title stand for Rheumatism & Arthritis Foundation of Tasmania; a foundation set up to assist people of all ages who suffer from rheumatism and arthritis. There are over 26000 Tasmanians whose daily lives are affected and made uncomfortable because of these two conditions. If you stop and think for a second the chances are you can name friends and neighbours who suffer from either condition. R.A.F.T. is dedicated to helping those people, both medically and socially, to lead a fuller life and to increase public awareness of these most common ailments. On Wednesday April 27th a public meeting is being held in the Presbyterian Hall at Fingal at 8.00pm to bring to public attention the existence of R.A.F.T. Dr. Wood, a sufferer himself, will be attending as a guest speaker. Everyone is invited to hear this most interesting man and see how those afflicted may be assisted.

In September this year ST. MARYS DISTRICT HOSPITAL will be 50 years old and to mark its Golden Jubilee, the Board of Management will sponsor activities of an historical and informative nature. Put a mark on your calendar for Friday September 2nd. Already arrangements are being made for bands, floor shows and entertainments.

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Sunday April 24th

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| 8.00 am | H.C. | St. Helens |
| 11.00 am | M.P. | St. Helens |
| 11.00 am | H.C. | Pyengana |

Sunday May 1st

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|----------|------|------------|
| 8.00 am | H.C. | St. Helens |
| 9.15 am | H.C. | Falmouth |
| 11.00 am | H.C. | St. Helens |

ST. MARYS - ST. HELENS METHODIST CIRCUIT AND THE FINGAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday April 24th

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| St. Marys | 11 am | Vincent |
| St. Helens | 7.30pm | Vincent |
| Fingal | 9.30 am | Vincent |

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. MARYS

St. Marys - St. Marys of the Assumption

Sundays March to December 9.00 am

St. Helens - SS Helena & Stanislaus

March, April, May, September, October,
November, December - Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Saturdays

Fingal - St. Joseph

March to December - 1st, 2nd and 4th
Sundays - 10.30 am

Mangana - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

3rd and 5th Sundays 10.30 am

Bicheno - Community Church

1st and 3rd Sundays 4.00pm



MEALS ON WHEELS



APRIL

ST. MARYS

FINGAL

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| Sunday | 24 |
| Monday | 25 |
| Tuesday | 26 |
| Wednesday | 27 |
| Thursday | 28 |

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| Greg Tapp |
| Jess Cornelius |
| Mary King |
| Geoff Gill |
| Keith Bullock |

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| Mr. R. Saunders |
| R.I. McKenzie |
| J. Woods |
| R. McGee |
| B. Hughes |

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| Mrs. Death |
| Mrs. Sweeney |
| --- |
| J. Miller |

JUST YARNING

Many of the romances that have been of importance in our valley in the past have naturally enough been forgotten over the years, but one that is still remembered by some of the older folk was that of Jane Rowe, who was then a pretty little maid working at "Bona Vista", near Avoca.

She was being courted by two suitors, each passionately keen to gain her hand, and one suspects she had flirted with both, playing one off against the other, not realising what havoc she was causing. Eventually there was a show-down one evening on the wood-heap where the victor slew his opponent with an axe. However when the heat of the battle was over he realised he could not stay to claim the damsel, but must get away quickly before the police arrived so he disappeared, no doubt into the thick bush in the foothills of Ben Lomond.

In time Jane moved to "Mariposa" at Falmouth where she worked for Miss Steel, and I expect it was there that

she met Bill Pantin whom she married with the blessing of her mistress. For some 60 years they had the white cockatoo in a cage which Miss Steel had given them as a wedding gift. Some said she also gave them the little stone cottage in which they spent all their married life.

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ANZAC DAY

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ANZAC DAY SERVICES

EDITORIAL

Next Monday, 25th April, will be the 62nd anniversary of Anzac Day. On that date in 1915, men of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps went ashore on the beaches of the Gallipoli Peninsular. The campaign was a military disaster. The combined British forces lost 115,000 men killed or wounded, the French 47,000 while our Turkish enemy estimated their total casualties at 350,000. The eventual evacuation of the Allied forces has only been equalled by that at Dunkirk in May 1940. The official history of World War one reads "Though the expeditionary forces of the two Dominions were only in their infancy, and afterwards fought with success in greater battles, no campaign was so identified with them as this. In no unreal sense it was on the 25th of April, 1915 that the consciousness of Australian nationhood was born." And from this concept came the vision of an Anzac Commemoration Day.

It is necessary to understand just what this day means to the ex-servicemen - it is not a glorification of war, but a day of remembrance and reunion. Throughout both countries the presence of men and women at the various cenotaphs and war memorials is a symbolic visit to the graves of the fallen, scattered throughout the lands and oceans of the world.

Because of this, it is a day which is observed by their relatives, their widows, and their children. Therefore it is a day which could be and should be observed by people of all ages and not just ex-servicemen. Today, we have in our community, citizens who are not Australians by birth but we invite them to share the day with us for many of them have their own memories of war and their own National days in which they can no longer take part. Also, in the Australian community today we have a population half of which are under 29 years and one third are under 16. "None can speak more eloquently of peace than those who have known the tragedy of war," and we who have known war would like to pass on this message to those who have not.

Anzac Day provides this opportunity. This day, we remember the wounded, the sick and the maimed, all those who suffer from war. Many carry secret wounds, wounds of the mind which are not outwardly visible - no man woman or child can experience war and not be effected in some way. The ex-servicemen will be remembering the bad times and the good times - we have memories of battle, of bombing and of monotony. We will recall the inspiring voice of Winston Churchill, the voice of the Traitor, Joyce, from Berlin, calling us "rats" and that of Tokyo Rose. We remember visiting other lands and meeting people of many

DAWN SERVICE will be held at 6am at the Cenotaph conducted by Pastor Vincent, followed by breakfast in Institute.

A march commencing at 10.30am led by Tasmanian Youth Band followed by 11am service at Cenotaph. All public will be welcome to attend both services.

Do not let us forget this day of remembrance, the tomb in which our Anzacs lie.

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SILVER THREADS CLUB - ST. MARYS

On Tuesday 29th March the Club entertained 41 members from the Sandy Bay, Snug and Hobart Clubs to dinner.

After all had enjoyed a very tasty meal, supplied by the Ladies of the St. Marys Club, the guests were entertained at Cards and Indoor Bowls and a very enjoyable afternoon tea had by all. Afternoon tea supplied by the St. Marys & Cornwall ladies, ended the afternoon after which our guests journeyed on to Scamander where they spent the night, returning to Hobart the following morning. Prizes were won by Mrs. Jones - Glenorchy; - Mrs. Lewis - Sandy Bay; Mr. Easther - Sandy Bay; and Mrs. Gillies - Tarcoona.

The Silver Threads Club would like to express their appreciation to Mesdames K. McGiveron, M. Targett and J. Spilsbury for their help during the day.

On Sunday 3rd April, the St. Marys Bowls Club were visited by 48 members from the Deloraine Senior Citizens Club who arrived by coach at 11.30am and after partaking of lunch supplied by the St. Marys Ladies the afternoon was spent playing Bowls and Cards.

After a very pleasant afternoon, all adjourned for afternoon tea and then our visitors set out on their journey back to Deloraine.

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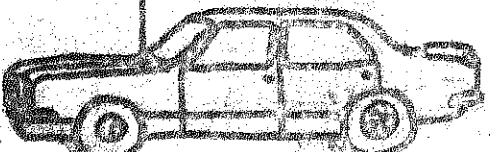
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CONGRATULATIONS to Eileen and Don Smith on the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

MR. & MRS. COWEN and Sister Parker spent Easter break with their parents Mr. & Mrs. Jack Parker, Mangana.

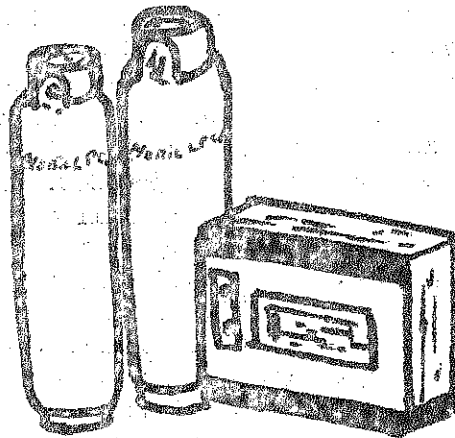



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FISHING NEWS

Forthcoming events:- At 12 noon on Saturday 7th May, St. Helens Surf Angling Club will start their annual open Tasmanian Surf contest at Swincart Beach & this will conclude at 12 noon on the following day. On the 1st May, St. Helens Game Fishing Club will attempt to hold a Rally Day (the previous four having been cancelled due to bad weather). On 15th May, Scamander Angling Club will conduct a surf contest at Wrinklers from 11 am to 4 pm proceeded by the usual casting contest at 10 am. On Good Friday, Scamander Angling Club held a surf contest at Four Mile with the usual result - 31 entrants fished for five hours to beach a total of three fish. Two of these were landed at once by Ferdie Richards who took first prize and the third by P. Wright of Launceston. No weights will be published. Ferdie completed a good day by casting his standard fishing rig 118 yards which puts him in front in the annual competition with probably only one more event. What a pity Shirley was not there to see & hear the comments. Since then, there have been a few reports of the occasional salmon being caught at Wrinklers and Four Mile, but they have been swarming Georges Bay for those lucky enough to own a boat. Easter Saturday and Sunday saw the Game Fishing Club of Northern Tasmania conduct the annual open game fishing contest. The fleet of 27 boats in line astern sailing down the Bay made an impressive sight. It is estimated that the value of the boats totalled over half a million dollars and for that money surely the Government should improve the barway. Conditions were difficult on Saturday, particularly for the smaller boats and many retired early. Only four boats caught fish - a grand total of seven striped tuna and one bluefin. The latter was the heaviest fish for the day and for the whole contest. It was hooked under peculiar circumstances but modesty prevents me from reporting the details and also the name of the angler. Sunday saw near perfect conditions and there was a big catch of striped tuna. Winning boat was "Lani" skippered by Bob Breen who once again showed his almost miraculous ability to land fish on a cobweb (6lb line) when everyone else was trying just broke

\$\$\$ JACK POT \$\$\$ BINGO

TUESDAYS 7.30 pm

Supper.....Afterwards

R . S . L . I N S T I T U T E

their lines. Next day saw yet another mishap on the barway and Mr. John Davey and his friends were lucky that help was so close to hand at the time. The St. Helens Game Fishing Club is seeking an appointment with the Hon. D. Baldock M.H.A. Minister for Main Roads to suggest possible remedies and also for provision of a launching ramp at Burns Bay so that rescue craft do not have to cross the barway to help those in trouble.

ST. MARYS BADMINTON

The beginning of the Badminton Season is in swing. St. Marys travelled to St. Helens on Monday 18th April. A win was scored by St. Helens, the difference being 6 aces. We are pleased to see some new faces, and we congratulate both teams on the sportmanship of their members.

Golf Notes by Tee-Up.

Associates 1st Round R.G.A. Bowl Stroke.

E. Herring 1st 102-31-71
C. White 2nd 101-22-79
M. King 3rd 106-22-84
Putting 39 E. Herring.

2nd Round L.G.A. Bowl

M. King 1st 87-22-65
R. Gill 2nd 94-27-67
C. White 3rd 92-22-70
Putting P. Davern 29.

Final L.G.A. Bowl Strokes

Mrs. E. Herring 1st 93-31-62, Mrs. J. Cornelius 2nd 96-30-66, Mrs. G. Holmes 3rd 86-75-71. Miss C. White 94-22-72. Putting Mrs. J. Cornelius 29 Putts. Mrs. E. Herring winner of L.G.A. Bowl.
ELECTIC Mrs. M. King 1st 29, Mrs. R. Gill 31½, Mrs. M. Nolan 31½, Mrs. N. McLeay 32.

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| | Wednesday | 4.5.77 |
| St. Marys | Thursday | 5.5.77 |
| | Friday | 6.5.77 |

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Event 2. 15T SB NOVICE
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12m W. Kerrison 12/15
13m P. Lohrey 14/15

NORTH EASTERN DISTRICT SINGLE PARREL CHAMP.

Event 3. 20T S.B. CHAMPIONSHIP
A Grade A. Styles 19/20
B Grade A. Guy 29/29
C Grade M. Phair 17/20
High Gun A. Guy 29/29

Event 4. 10T DB H/Cap
1st A. Tucker 34/34
2nd M. Thomas 33/34

Event 5. 10 Pr Deanville Doubles
1st B. Bailey & H. Thomas 15/15

Next shoot to be held on 15th May - 10.30am

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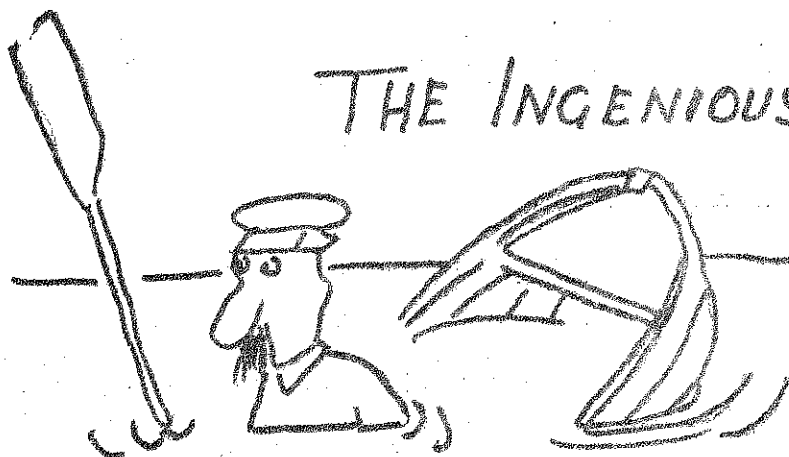
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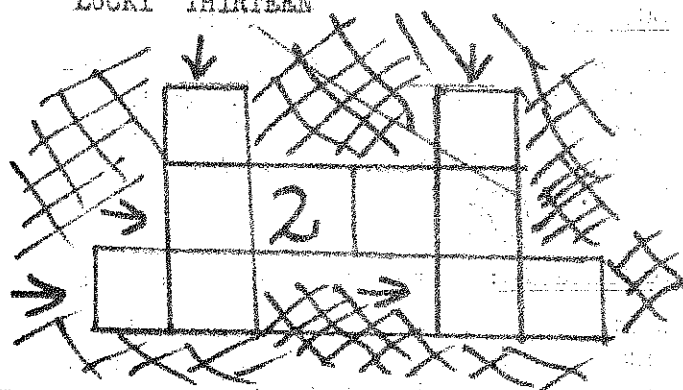


THE INGENIOUS LITTLE OLD MAN

A little old man of the sea
Went out in a boat for a sail,
The water came in.
Almost up to his chin
And he had nothing with which
to bail,

But this little old man of the sea
Just drew out his jackknife so stout
And a hole with its blade
In the bottom he made
So that all the water ran out.

LUCKY THIRTEEN



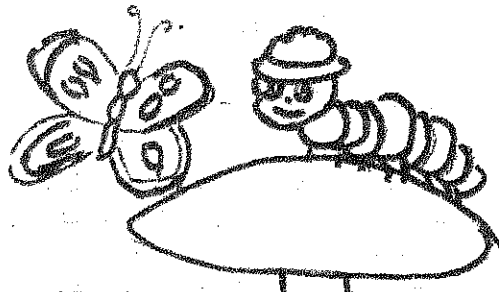
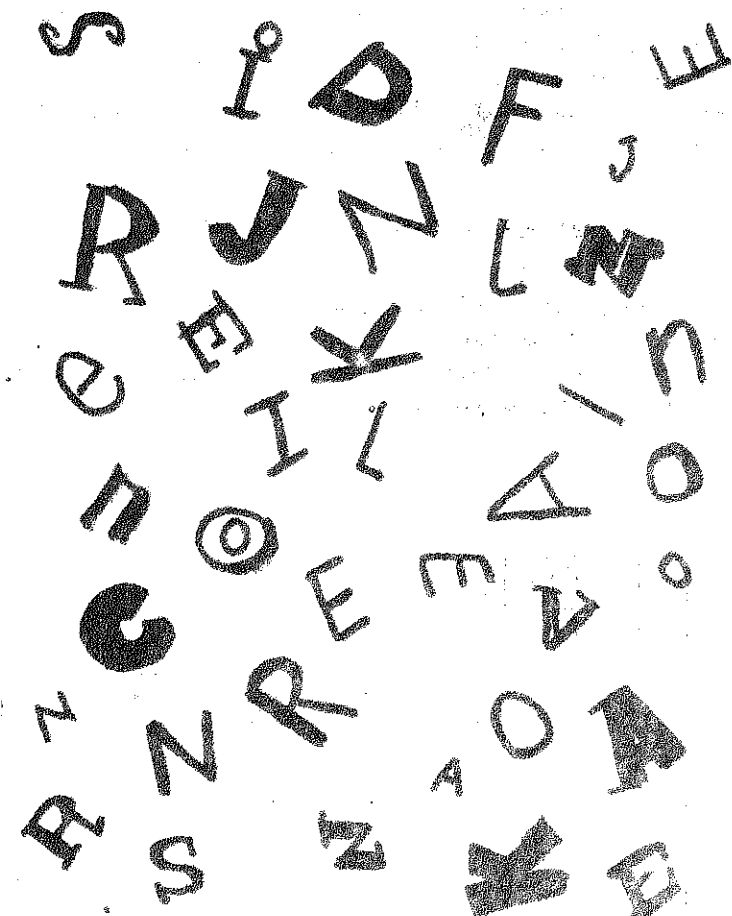
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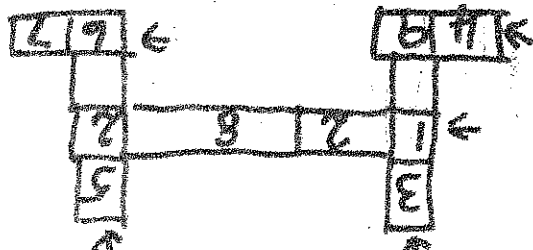
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Mixed Names



4 Girls names. Joan, Rose
Yvonne, Erid.
4 Boys names. Frank, Leslie
Jack, Rommie.

CRYPTOGRAM
A wise man spends less than
he earns.



LUCKY 13

4 GIRLS NAMES. 4 BOYS NAMES



STARDUST



by Mercury

Fortnight beginning 22 April, 1977

ARIES: March 21 - April 20

Financial difficulties are indicated just now. It is necessary to secure your assets and make no change on your own. More favourable aspects later. Lucky days 23, 26.

TAURUS: April 21 - May 21

Upsets are indicated in such things as family, transport and timetables so be wary. Your skills may advance family projects soon so get on with it. Lucky days 24, 28.

GEMINI: May 22 - June 21

Do not be secretive about anything now. If you make a mistake bring it into the open and get it sorted out. Take all care to protect your health. Rest and relaxation are important too. Lucky days 26, 30.

CANCER: June 22 - July 23

Aspects are good for your best interests. You may expect help from an unexpected source for your projects. Joint affairs become more promising. Lucky days 27, 30.

LEO: July 24 - August 23

Give more time to trying to improve your knowledge and self-improvement. This can be very useful in the future. You will find that older people are willing to listen to your ideas. Lucky days 1, 4.

VIRGO: August 24 - September 23

A time when you should avoid making hasty or impulsive decisions about work. Think first. A major aspect stresses the value of co-operation with fellow workers. Lucky days 4, 6.

LIBRA: September 24 - October 23

Personal enterprise seems the best way to ensure your future provided that you are not too impatient your employment, mental interests and health should get off to a fortunate start. Lucky days 29, 2.

SCORPIO: October 24 - November 22

Aspects are favourable to take the initiative in career matters now. It is recommended that you use tact and keep alert for new developments. Lucky days 28, 5.

SAGITTARIUS: November 23 - December 21

Wait a while before you promote an important project. Aspects are more favourable later on. when financial matters should ease a bit, provided you are not extravagant. Lucky days 30, 3.

CAPRICORN: December 22 - January 20

A fortunate trend is coming up, but it is necessary to have projects in operation in advance of these trends if you expect to receive help from them. Take steps to do this. Lucky days 27, 5.

AQUARIUS: January 21 - February 19

Career and partnership matters may run into a bit of an upset just now. Keep calm. Attention to paper work can be done. You will be able to sort out the worries. Lucky days 22, 26.

PISCES: February 20 - March 20

Make the most of developments to increase your earnings just now. Some trends are favourable for increased work and pay. Guard against adding to health problems. Lucky days 1, 4.

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