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Gunwinggu War Games FRI 14 TH JAN

In a brief innings on Tuesday night the Brothers four took on a side of mixed odd bodds to draw tentatively one all (sundries unaccounted for) before play was interrupted just prior to half-time. An attempt to resume the innings was foiled by a successful appeal against the light and then postponed indefinitely pending an enquiry by the stewards, both of whom were expected to arrive on Thursday.

The final match-tally remains undecided until they have finished hearing appeals,, but a number of disqualifications are expected.

Play may, or may not be resumed on some future date as yet to be annouced.

Handicapped Persons Rehabilitation Centre

For a long time now, Dr. Hargrave has been 'pushing' to start a place at Maningrida where people who have not the full use of their hands, could do something interesting and constructive. With the help of Mrs. Ruwoldt of East Arm, and under the guidance of Mrs. Carpenter the "Rehab" centre was set up last year.

It is situated in one end of the old infant feeding building, near the kitchen. With the aid of a paint job, some lights and a hobby atmosphere it is an interesting place to visit.

There each morning, you will find a number of ladies engaged in the intricacies of creating shopping bags, belts and other craft items from plastic materials which are purchased from south.

The main ingredient is small plastic tubing which is in rolls, in various colours, and then cut into pieces for use in the patterned craft items. A couple of young mothers have also joined the group -- which currently totals eleven.

Police Visits



Police officers are currently visiting Maningrida to investigate various misdemeanours. Some of these have been held over since Christmas whilst the others are of very recent date (this week). These include the latest Gunwinggu war and theft of money from the headmasters office on Wednesday night.

Police are also investigating the theft of money and various articles from Eagle Constructions camp. The latter offence took place on Thursday morning -- just before the police were due to arrive.

Visit By Mr. Giese

On Thursday the Lands Board visited Maningrida to hear two applications by the Progress Associations for building blocks near the new saw-mill. These blocks are for two 3 bedroom houses. On this occasion the local lands board members were Messrs John Balliya and Joe Fry.

The Progress Association has now sought a total of 9 leases for homes and business premises. All the sites are built upon or contain a building which is very near completion. The new blocks sought are for the "Brownbuilt" type prefabricated houses of which a total of 4 are in transit -- the other 2 being for Maningrida Housing Association. The Housing Association also holds title over 16 building blocks as a result of earlier applications to the lands Board.

VISIT BY MR. GIESE:- Mr. Giese, Assistant Administrator (Welfare) visited

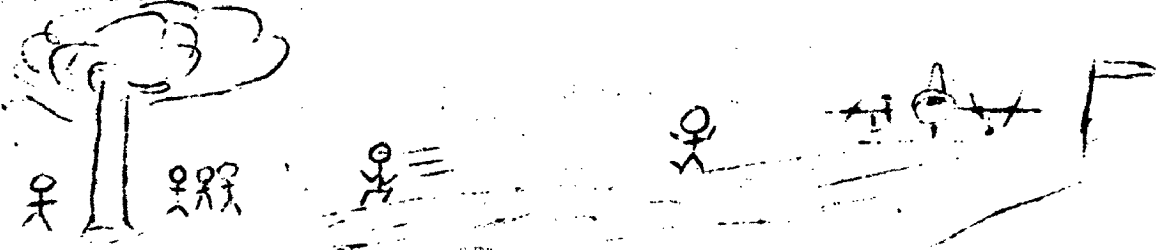
with the Lands Board on Thursday. Whilst at Maningrida he took the opportunity to inspect progress on the pre-school and resource centre building currently under construction.

The Wing-Ways Worrysome W.C. (idelp)

EPISODE 2,017 -- A Day in the life of a Pilot.

We all have certain daily functions to perform but when you are a Comair pilot at Maningrida complications can arise. The present partially completed grey-brick spectacular affords ample accommodation for the male species under certain circumstances. These circumstances prevailing, wind conditions and publicgaze cause little discomfort. Alas fate stretched forth her hand on Wednesday morning. A three striped uniformed gentleman was seen walking right across to the other side of the airstrip.

"He gone bush walk", seemed to be the alarm expressed on several travellers faces. Hastily the forestry hire-truck was dispatched to assist the bush-walker on his return journey,



Our Feathered Friends

Our part of Australia bears some unique forms of waterfowl, and one of these is the Burdekin Duck. It is mainly a white bird, with a dark chestnut band across its breast, and on the wings. You usually see them on the wing, or in small family parties dabbling in shallow waters or on muddy banks. In the dry, as the water dries up, they come together to the last available water holes and lagoons to form large concentrations of hundreds.

For ducks they have the unusual habit of perching in trees, and it is common to see them in paperbark trees, overhanging water. They are fast fliers and will demand the best from any shotgun while in flight.

It is confined to the coastal tropics of Australia and New Guinea, but it is nowhere very numerous. Its strongholds appear to be between Campelli and Darwin, but the occasional bird is still to be seen on brackish water about Maningrida.

They are not migratory, but have only slight movements in response to changing food supply; in fact its movements are very similar to those of the Magpie Goose, I told you about some time ago.

It appears from the very limited research that has been done, that once a pair has been formed they are faithful "til death us do part". Sexual activity begins just before the Wet, and by the first rains (about now) the males are very pugnacious in defending their territories, and a nest site is soon selected by the pair in hollow limbs of trees, in water, or nearby--- here it is usually a paperbark tree. It is thought that the same pair of birds will use the same hole year after year. After the young have hatched, the birds waste no time in moving off before the waters dry up.

The Burdekin Duck is also known as the White-headed Shelduck, and is a member of the tribe of 15 Shelducks and Shelgeese which are mainly in S South America and Africa. We have only two Shelducks in Australia, the Burdekin Duck, and the beautiful Mountain Duck of the southern states.

Some of these notes have been taken from Dr. Frith's book on Austr waterfowl. Dr. Frith is the leading ornithologist of the C.S.I.R.O., and in 1962 headed the Division of Wildlife Research.

Feathers.

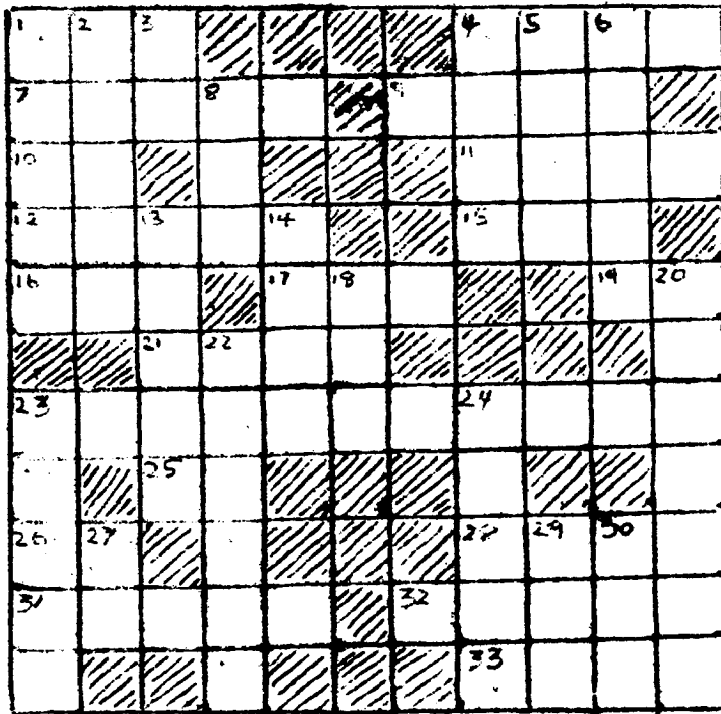
"No Commend" Department

Said by office employee across the chest high varnished bench, to infamous gent: "Are you working Michael?"

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RAINFALL: Friday 82 points.
 Saturday 11points.
 Sunday 14points.
 Monday --
 Tuesday 83 points.
 Wednesday --

CROSSWORD NO 1



ACROSS.

1. Female Ecclesiastic.
2. Linear measure.
7. smell.
9. Recognised mark.
10. Instinctive impulses of individual.
11. Extended song (operatic.)
12. Be conscious of.
15. Sign of the Zodiac.
16. Before.
17. Collection of sayings.
19. Negative reply.
21. Few and far between.
23. Stage of advancement.
25. Regal initials.
26. Position (prep)
28. Bad (Greek prefix)
31. Rake projection.
32. Inflicts with heat.
33. M.H.R'S. have one!

DOWN.

4. Loud outcry.
2. To do with lactation.
3. Negation.
4. Small bottle.
5. Giant.
6. Vegetable.
8. UNITED Israel Society. (init.)
13. Sinew or tendon.
14. Title.
18. New.
20. Frontier position.
22. Put air into.
23. Finished proper.
24. Membrane secretion.
27. Prep.
29. French metric unit of square measure.
30. Canadian's Nationals Association (init.)

But, It's the Thought Behind It

Some prominent citizens of Maningrida have been known to go to Darwin periodically on what is known as a "nature run." Last week it was reported that the Rev. Gowan Armstrong and his family had gone to Darwin for a holiday. The Addressees of two letters received during the week were somewhat dismayed. Jin, expecting ~~good~~ word on a consignment of goods, received Sunday's church notices. Trevor was deflated with his "Dear Jin" correspondence. It has been suggested that you might come home today, Gowan.

WEEKEND DUTIES: Duty Officer. RON BERRYMAN.
DUTY Sister. Sister HELEN.

STAR THEATRE: Friday "Reluctant Maiden."
Saturday "Mr. Hobbs Takes a Vacation."
CHARGES: \$1 each adult, 40c. each school child. This entitles you to 3 full length movies.

CHURCH: Second Sunday after Epiphany.
9.30a.m. Sunday School.
7p.m. Evening Service.
Wednesday 7.30.p.m. Crusades Fellowship.

Last Sunday morning in a Darwin Church a baby was brought for baptism. At the appropriate time the minister said, "Name this child." The Father replied, "William Henry." These first names are often said to be the boy's Christian names.

A few weeks ago a thoughtful young aboriginal discussing matters with a friend said "Isn't everyone a Christian?" Everyone has Christian names!"

- A. Perhaps in general conversation we should always speak of William as a boy's first name and Henry as his second name, rather than of Christian names.
- B. A truly practicing Christian is one who continually tries to live in the vows made at baptism- to follow Jesus as his Lord or Boss of his life, and trust Jesus as his Saviour.

PEOPLE: Hechter Cross and Philip Anthony returned from Darwin on Wednesday. Our roving reporter was raving last week with Philip Anthony.

DEATHS: The sad news of the death of Mrs. Topsy Yana-Yana was received at Maningrida on Tuesday last. Well known to many and a friend to all, Mrs. Yana-Yana had been suffering from cancer. Her funeral was held at Millingimbi.

J.H.

Bad Calamities

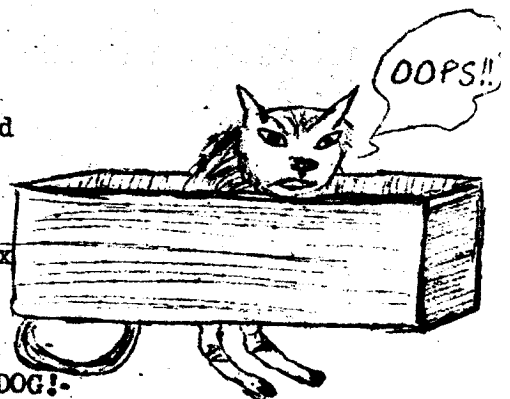
When Miss Scott left on holidays, she took her house companion, Becky the cat.

At the beginning of the journey, some complications developed - largely the result of the fact that dampness in cardboard tends to weaken it - and cats like all creatures have need of the toilet. So Becky almost fell out through the bottom of the pet box at Darwin Airport.

However on the Sydney end of the trip, more drama was due. The sky was raining cats and dogs and passengers were getting away from the Air Port as quickly as they could.

Scotty quickly up the luggage and pet box and away into the car. Presently she took the lid off the box to see how well Becky had travelled on the long trip-

She flipped up the lid, and behold, someone's DOG!



Attention - All motor bike enthusiasts

2.00 P.M. Saturday 15 th Jan.,

MANINGRIDA GRAND PRIX TRAIL ENDURING RIDE

All are welcome. There is only one girl entry, so come and show those men what you can do.

50¢ Entrance Fee. Start at Fisheries Beach. Be there. Ambulance at hand.

Chris. B

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