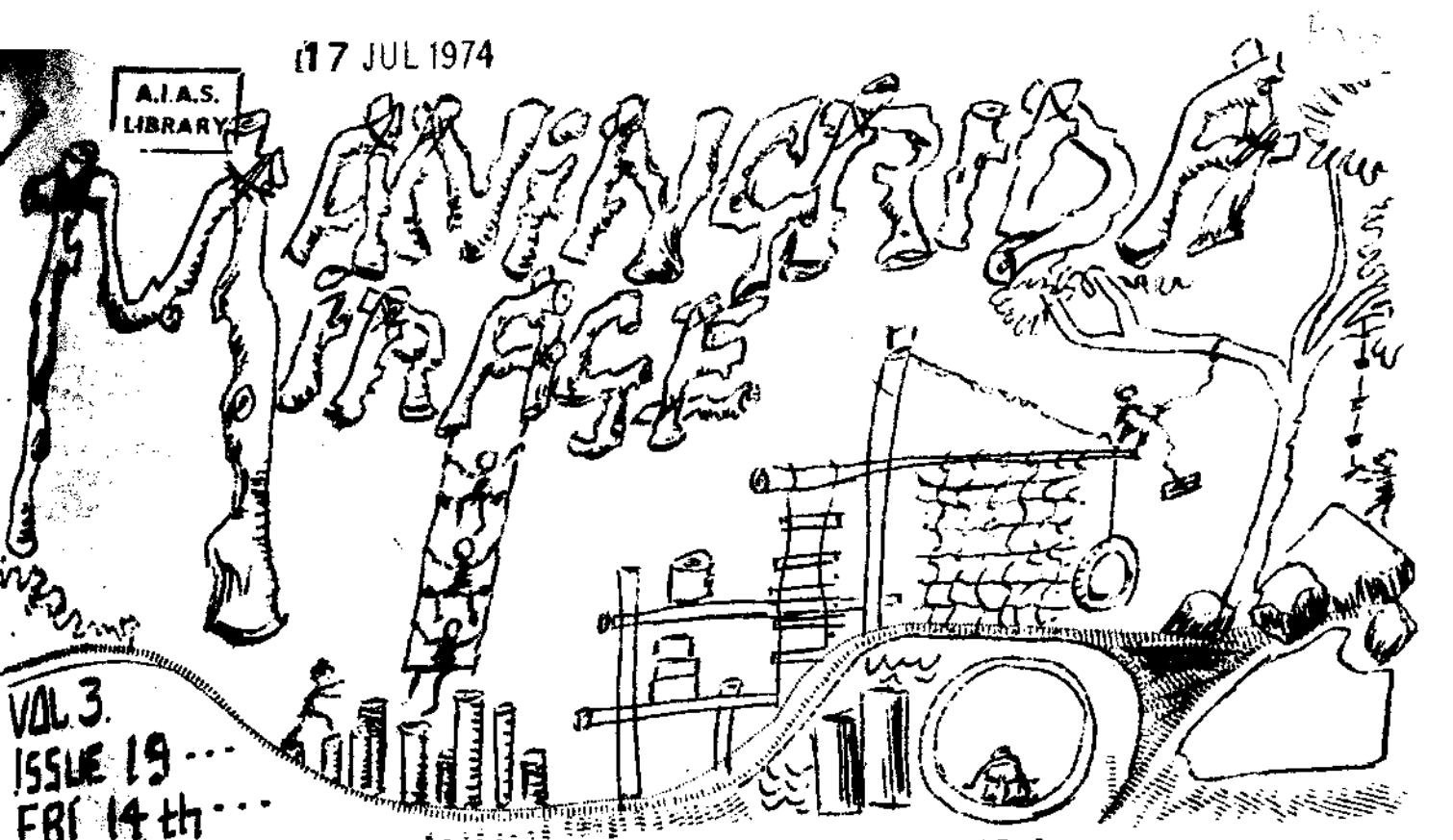


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Children living on the western side of Maningrida will have a new playground by Monday ; if enough people join in a working bee tomorrow.

A lot of material for the playground has been located. It is hoped to have a good supply of old tyres, poles, cable reels, planks and even an old cement mixer on the site by lunch time tomorrow ...ready to start putting things together in the afternoon.

Some ideas for play equipment are: Swings and climbing frames (made from old tyres), scramble nets, a see-saw (scrap timber), platforms, walks and ramps (poles from the bush). The big scramble nets, weighing nearly 100 lb, were flown out free by Connair.

A rough plan, based on playgrounds in other places, has been drawn up, but new ideas on the job will be most welcome.

The playground idea came from the school. Other Government departments here are helping with tools, but it is up to the people of Maningrida to do the work.

Anyone who wants to help will find the action just across the creek, past the workshops any time after 1p.m. tomorrow. If it's raining, the working bee will be put off to the next week.

There should be plenty of tools and materials, but extra hammers, nails, bolts and tyres would be appreciated. For further information see Bruce Neale or Peter Cooke.

HOUSING at HOOKER CREEK ---

It is interesting to compare the history of the Housing Association at Maningrida with the Yuwarli Housing Association at Hooker Creek, a comparison prompted by the last issue of the Mirage.

The Association was incorporated in mid-1973 and received its initial grant of \$760,000 from the Department of Aboriginal Affairs. The Aboriginal executive of the Association, with the assistance of its consultants, Cutteridge, Haskins, & Davey Pty Ltd, hired a building supervisor, Mr Harry Koops. Mr Koops lived for a time at Maningrida, building the mission house.

Basic equipment was bought immediately. A JCB back-joe, compressor, tip truck, two-ton truck, and a couple of brick-making machines. A security yard and cement shed and workshop complex was the first project, completed in 1973.

In 1974 work has begun on six staff houses -- for skilled tradesmen who will be brought in to supervise and instruct. At present Mr Koops and his son Henry are the only two European tradesmen employed by the Association, and about 40 Aboriginals.

From Page one...

There are only two Aboriginal houses at Hooker Creek: A Kingstrand house accommodating Mr Sandy Jurra, the ganger, and a mud brick house accommodating Jimmy Jambajimba, the kitchen supervisor and his family. The remaining population of about 650 live in humpies of corrugated iron, canvas and scrap timber. The camps are very mobile, situated at various locations around the town, and groups will not hesitate to shift camp should there be a death or should there be too much trouble in one area.

There have been ten Mobile Works Force pre-fabricated houses nearing completion for several months, and the community is waiting and waiting. Mr Giese promised their completion in 1971.

From J.G. Brown,

Footnote: Jonathan Brown will be doing Jack Gardiner's job while Jack jet-sets around the place for the next few months.

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Gladys Pascoe.



The school hopes to hold its Fete early in June this year. Anyone who has brilliant ideas or is willing to slog away to help the school improve its financial state is welcome to come to a meeting (gathering) at the Neale Residence on Friday 15th at 5.00p.m. We will be waiting for you. Bring along your refreshments.

FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL NOMADS - (Joe and Carmel Donnelly in Nepal)

(Joe and Carmel taught at the school here part of last year)

We have been trekking 2½ months through the lowlands (Nepal) up to the Himalayas. We have just completed the Mt. Everest trek which was a 220 mile walk up to an altitude of 16,000 ft. to the base of Mt. Everest. We walked up a glacier under majestic peaks to within three miles of the Tibetan border and the sights were spectacular. It was so cold that great flowing rivers of water have been frozen and hang in wide waterfalls in the still air. The colours at that height are very vivid and the forests are full of the scent of pine and daphne, the sounds of yak bells tinkling and warm sunlight. The people of the regions are very hardy. They live a life of survival and their days are filled with the effort of carrying huge loads of wood and they eke out a living from the leached mountain soil, yet they are happy and positive about life and they remain practically untouched by the western world and its 20th century developments.

The days on the track were hard for us. Food is not readily available and is poor in quality. (Wild rice and potatoes). We stayed in local homes (really poor housing). Stone walls, rooves of boughs, slate and slabs of turf and no chimney which means plenty of noise and smoke, so the tent, even on a freezing night, is preferable.

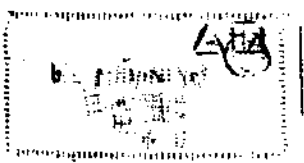
We are now in Kattmandu recovering. After weeks of amassing sweat and grime, a hot shower is bliss!

We have been reading, resting and eating well for a week and are preparing for a long trek into the Annapurna Amphitheatre in a few days. I think this will be our last month of trekking in Nepal and late April will find us in the Himalays of Kashmir. From there it will be west to Europe and adventures of a different nature.



We often think of our friends of the sunburnt North Australia....

Carmel has also written a letter to the children from her class.



From a letter to
Bruce & Marg Neale.

An Addendum: to last week's school art centre story.

It is really good to see different associations in Maningrida co-operating together and supporting the tradition of trading in favours. A lot of structural changes around the art centre were made possible by such co-operation. So I would like to thank the Housing Association Forestry and Dowsett for allowing me to use their time and energy saving machines. Also thanks to the Y.M.C.A., Stephen, and some Aboriginal men for offering their time and knowledge.



Marg Neale
(Art/Craft Teacher).

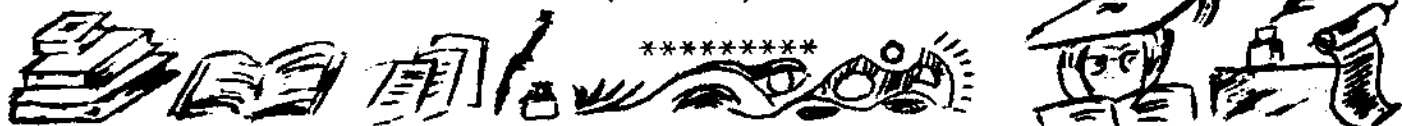
book
POLICE BOAT/ARRIVES!

A Seaspray Safer Boating booklet has been made available free of cost by the editor in chief of the Australian Seaspray weekly. The book can be perused at the Police Station by interested boating enthusiasts.

Then there was the kangaroo that broke it's leg..... It had to have an hoperation..

SCHOOLS IN - UNISTABLE

Once again there are a few "crazy" people studying with Queensland University in their "spare" time. Marg and Bruce Neale are still hungry for the Englishes. They are doing 2 semesters, Australian Literature A and B after successfully passing last year's studies. Judy Le Cheminet is going to tackle 2 Education semesters while Bob Hale being the hungriest of all (or the craziest) is doing 2 Australia History semesters and 2 semesters on Politics. Whatever you do, don't argue with Bob on Politics. (Grrrrr!)

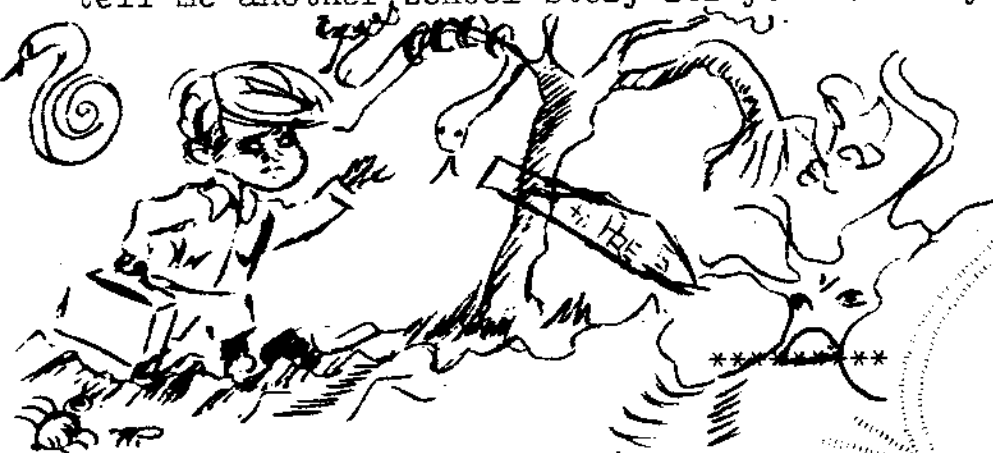


Monday we visisted Kopanga. Thursday we pushed up the Liverpool River past Bat Island and Tomkinson River to Mungaladi in the boat carrying rations. Twice we stopped with engine trouble. An Mungaladi the Mormega people bought rations and loaded the boat with craft things. Maragulidjban people at Midui bought rations from the boat because the river was so high we put the boat under a huge gum tree.

The craft things, biggest mobs (large quantities!) of barks, baskets and mats were probably brought to the site by their tractor. These people were very happy to see the new company boat and are using it with Mormega people for business up and down the river.

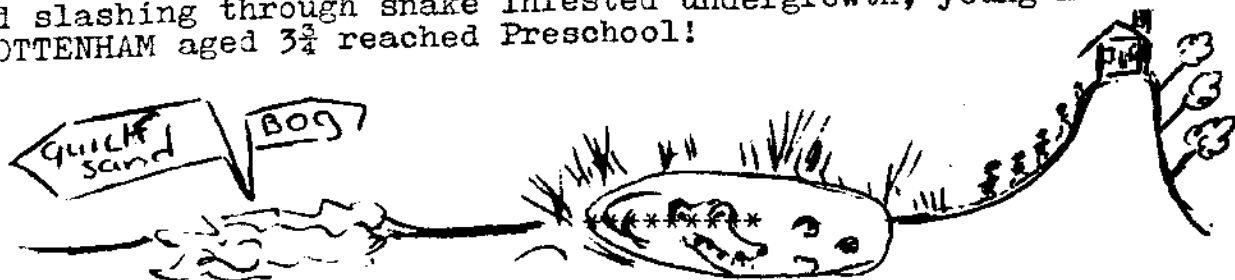
I heard some interesting school stories this week. People have told me school story for their country. May be one day we put a school story in the Mirage paper. This week at school and in the camp you tell me another school story for your country.

Roger Elliott.



"HELP PLEASE" Believe it or not.....

After trekking through knee deep mud, negotiating water filled crevasse and slashing through snake infested undergrowth, young HORATIO TROTTEHAM aged 3½ reached Preschool!



From now on all cargo for the barges must be measured metrically.

The "Warrender" had a hard time on the way back from Gove this week. She was forced back into Gove twice by seas breaking straight over the front of the vessel.

Once she got under way she lost her radar and auto-steering systems at separate times but skipper Dave was able to repair them while the "Warrender" was loading at Maningrida.

Next Barge: the popular guess is for about next Friday.

Craft Shop.

There is a good supply of baskets and barks at the Craft Shop at present
pandanus mats however are as scarce as rocking horse feathers.

From now on we are going to shut the Craft Shop on Tuesdays and Thursdays
to enable us to get on with packing a number of outstanding orders and
do some outside work.

We will be open for shopping and browsing on Mondays, Wednesdays and
Fridays, between the hours of 10 and 12 in the morning and 3 and 5 in
the afternoon.

Dan Gillespie.

Foundation Meeting.

Willie Djakala, Gunavidji leader, is going to town for an important
meeting. You remember last year there was a big bunggul at Maningrida
organised by the Aboriginal Theatre Foundation.

The Aboriginal Theatre Foundation is now changing so that it will be run
by Aboriginal leaders - not just Council men but old custom bosses -
law men.

At the meeting there will be boss men from all along the coast starting
from Western Australia and going over to Queensland.

Willie is taking Billy Yiriyin with him as a helper.

D.G.

To all contractors, tradesmen etc. at Maningrida..... Help us to
keep you popular!

If you have to switch off electricity or water supplies to any part of
town and you know about it beforehand, let the Mirage know.

This place is getting too big to allow services to be shut down without
warning - sometimes for long periods - leaving people without water,
cooking and freezing facilities etc.

We realize that you can't often give
exact times but ~~even~~ a fair warning
is better than nothing - e.g. "there
will be a 4 hour water interruption
Thursday" etc. etc.

If this applies to you, give any
information you have to Dan Gillespie,
Gladys Pascoe, Clive McMahon or Noel
Soutter or drop a note for one of us
at the Post Office.

We will always find a place in the
Stop Press for this kind of notice.

If you can't get your info. into a Mirage in time - put up more notices
and spread the word around a few of the institutions in the community.



HERE GOES THE
DRY SHAMPOOING
AGAIN!!

NOT MORE FRIDGE
FLOODS AGAIN!!

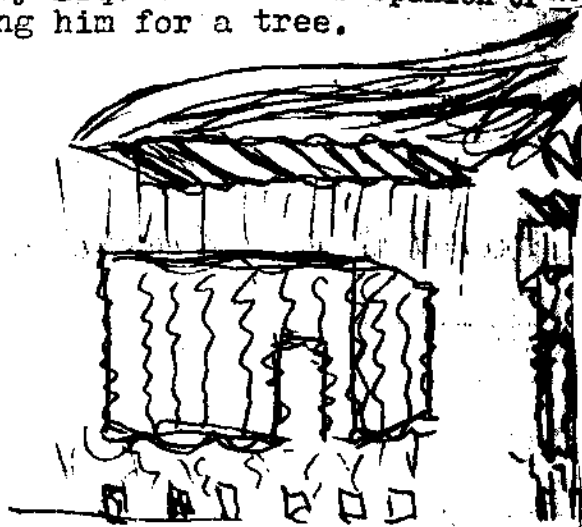


STOCK EXCHANGE NEWS

The management of Woodchuck Enterprises Pty. Ltd. issued a statement today expressing profound disturbance at the fluctuations in Woodchuck \$1 shares and an urgent investigation into the relationship between fluctuations and movement regs. has been ordered.

Toby, faithful companion of R. Ainsley Esq. showed his opinion of R. Ainsley Esq. last pay day, by mistaking him for a tree.

Divine retribution visited the department at 7 minutes past 1 on Tuesday afternoon. A whirlwind whipped the roof off the oil store and toilet at the forestry workshop. The efforts of Mr. Ryder to do the same thing with his bulldozer is now shown up for the bungling amateur attempt that it was. Usually unreliable eyewitnesses say that "the roof rose 10 feet in the air and took off over the fence in an E.S.E. direction".



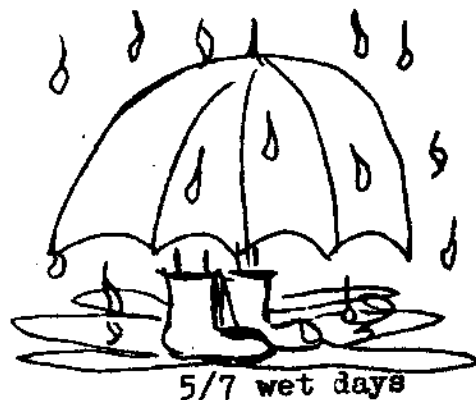
Col Wilson has been to Maningrida to interview applicants to replace the present exhausted forestry clerk, who is due to go out lizard bashing with the rest as soon as possible. The present incumbent wishes to thank all those who have made his job so appalling and intolerable.

Dripping smearing, meat burning, mechanic, Frank Phillips is due for leave as soon as possible.

Due to the lack of a log truck, forestry is now logging just behind the timber mill. It is hoped that the short haul with the trailer may be sufficient to keep the mill going. So PLEASE TAKE CARE on the Fisheries-Airport road as the logging track has only a narrow entrance.

Weather....or not.....

RAINFALL: 7/3/74	4.8
8/3	Nil
9/3	2.6
10/3	16.8
11/3	1.4
12/3	Nil
13/3	4.0



Scouting News.

The Scouts had their first meeting on Tuesday night with 22 boys turning up. Games were played and the meaning of the scout law and promise was discussed. To end the evening we had a camp fire with many good songs being sung and a number of good stories from Barry and Jimmy.

The boys decided to have the meetings at 6-8.30p.m. next Tuesday and anyone over 12 could join in the games. They also were enthusiastic for a trip to Indonesia at the end of the year. Only those who are attending now will have a chance of going, so hurry and join now.

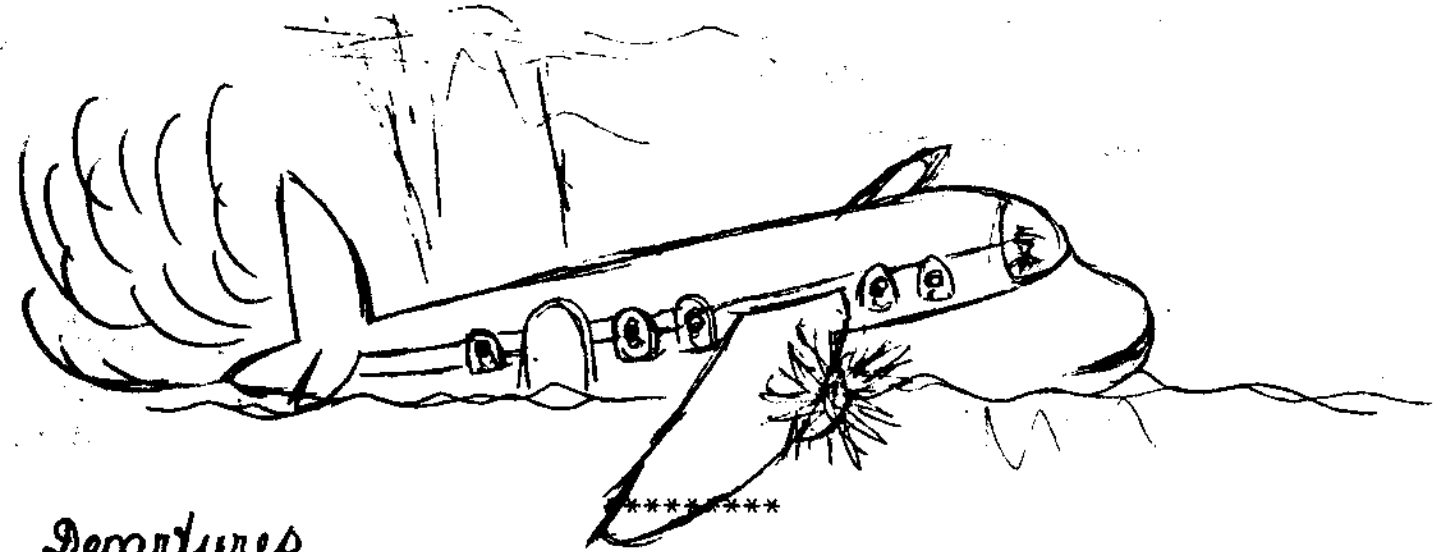
Stephen Joseph.

New foreman Tony Boulter has arrived with his wife Asheya and children June 11, Aleta 9, Kurt 7, and Sheena 5. They come from Emmaville, N.S.W.

Shuffling Housing plumber Tony Split-pin has lost a letter containing a truck driving licence, if anybody finds it.

Bonnau Mishap.

Last Friday the D.C.3 got bogged on the grass verge at the side of the airstrip. According to reliable sources E.J. (2 for the price of 1) Carey towed the DC3 out with a Galion grader.



Departures

Micky and John have gone to Darwin for a further course with the Health Department.

Sr. Heather left Maningrida last Wednesday.

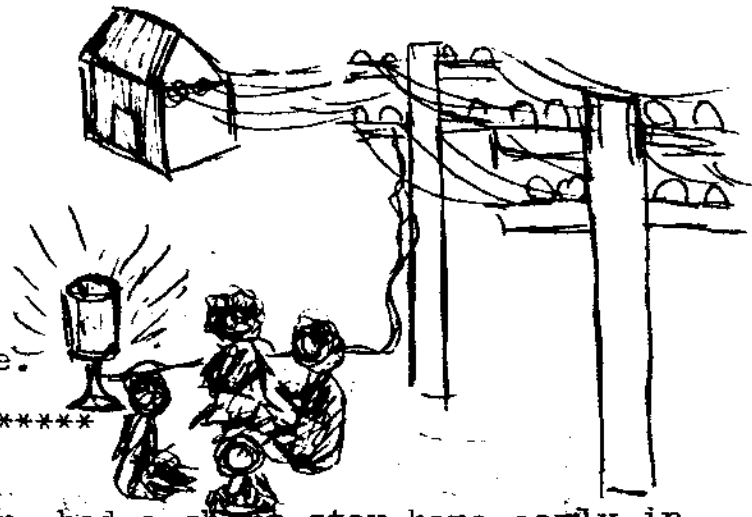
Sr. Sherry leaves Maningrida today.

Power House

Wolpers and Law have moved into their comfortable camps up near the Housing staff quarters. Their foreman Dave expects to have his full team of 8 men on the job by today.

The construction of the new power house and new power lines will take about three months. Wolpers will only be doing the building - the machinery will be looked after by someone else.

They will be bringing power down into the Gunavidji and Gunwinggu areas and when this has been done Housing will be ready to build there.



Impressed Visitor.

Chris Cox's mother, Mrs. Rene Beaton, had a short stay here early in the week. Rene and her husband Frank (who passed away recently) had lived in Darwin since 1939 apart from the war years. Rene and Frank were some of the first market gardeners in Darwin. Bananas and gladioli being two of the biggest money earners. In 1951 Rene and Frank got together with a few friends and in that year the North Australian Show Society was formed.

As it was Rene's first trip off the beaten (no pun intended) track, she was amazed at the beauty of Arnhem Land. Cadell Gardens, naturally, received the highest praise, especially the bumper crop of passionfruit.

M Y P E T

I once saw a big dog. He was chasing me then I climbed up the tree then I got down and then he started to chase me again so I ran home. He came in and I locked the door then I gave him some foods. He now lives with me. He can do lots of tricks; he can run very fast he looks after the house when we go out.



Graham
Grade 4

I have a dog.

I feed him every day. My father bought him. I like my dog. I wash him with the hose. My dog is a watch dog his name is Toby. He looks after the house when we go out. I will teach him some tricks. Goodbye.



David
Grade 4

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF FROG

How are you? My name is Bobby the frog. My family lives in the well where the water is. And I live with the little fish in the pond. When I'm hungry I kill the little fish and eat it. Then I call to my family "I caught lots of fish. Come on my family I caught lot of fish". One day I went for a walk with my friend. I saw ten frogs in the well. so I went to live with them. You can come and live with us. Will you?



Laurie
Grade 4

Maringudá Dings

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| Saturday | 10.30am | Softball at the cricket ground. | Tuesday | 7.30pm | Scouts at Scout Hall |
| Monday | 11am | Leathercraft - open to all - in the Art Centre at the school. | Wednesday | 7.30pm | Drop-in Club at the Hall.
Women's basketball - new players welcome. |
| | 7.30pm | Mirage meeting at Gladys Pascoe's house. | Thursday | 2pm | Mother's Club at Home Management - talks, pictures, cups of tea etc. |
| | 8.00pm | Electronics class in the Resources Centre. | | 7.30pm | Men's basketball.
New players welcome. Gym at the Hall. |

PUBLIC! TAKE NOTICE - power warning

Another major power interuption today - up to 5 hours
and possibly one on Monday.....

Connair wishes to advise - *****

Due to the closure of the Darwin Airport between 09.30 and 12.30 on Monday 18th March, 1974, for R.A.A.F. excercise "Young Trojan" it will be necessary for that day's flight times to be changed as follows:

Darwin	08.45
Maningrida arr.	11.05
" dep.	11.35
Darwin	13.05

N.S.

CHURCH NOTES.

Sunday:

9.30am Sunday School classes in the church and camp.
7.30pm Evening service.
Church visit to Guyun on Sunday in the morning.
Theme of study for this week:
"No need for shame". The Bible readings II Timothy 2:15,
Romans I: 16 & 17, Psalms 119: 2, 11, 105.

Tuesday:

5.30pm Prayer meeting when the bell rings.
7.30pm Church Fellowship with sing song and Bible discussion groups.

Thursday:

8.00pm Bible Study with prayer meeting at the Cross's home.
You are welcome to these meetings of the household of believers.

WAIT AND PONDER Proverbs 10:32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked speaketh forwardness.

On duty this week *****

Duty Officer: Mr Ron Berryman

Duty Sister:

Star Theatre *****

Friday:

Surprise Showing

Saturday:

Unknown! - no plane =
no films yet

The Mirage Committee would like to apologise for the change so often in the volume numbers. The holidays caused some confusion for the take-over people, thus, the mixed numbers. The volume number will change after every 100 issues.

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Kindly accept our apologies and continue to enjoy the material inside the pages.

Thank you,

Gladys Pascoe.

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