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THE LONG WAIT for that golden drink has ended.

Two hundred and sixty cartons of beer came Monday evening and the men quenched their thirst with their first three cans on Tuesday evening.

Jimmy Buronylla, the new Club manager, is hopeful that the club will make a go under his leadership.

To get the club out of the red, he announced that beer prices will be upped to 40 cents a can until such time that the club is out of debt.

Many ideas for the running of the beer club were put forward at the Council meeting last Tuesday.

One old rule that still applies is that people who don't work can't buy a beer ticket.

The council talked about selling beer to balandas. Balandas won't be able to buy beer by the carton but can buy tickets to drink at the club. Cost of a fortnight's ticket (40 cans) will be \$16 at present and people can buy their tickets from club manager Jimmy Buronylla.

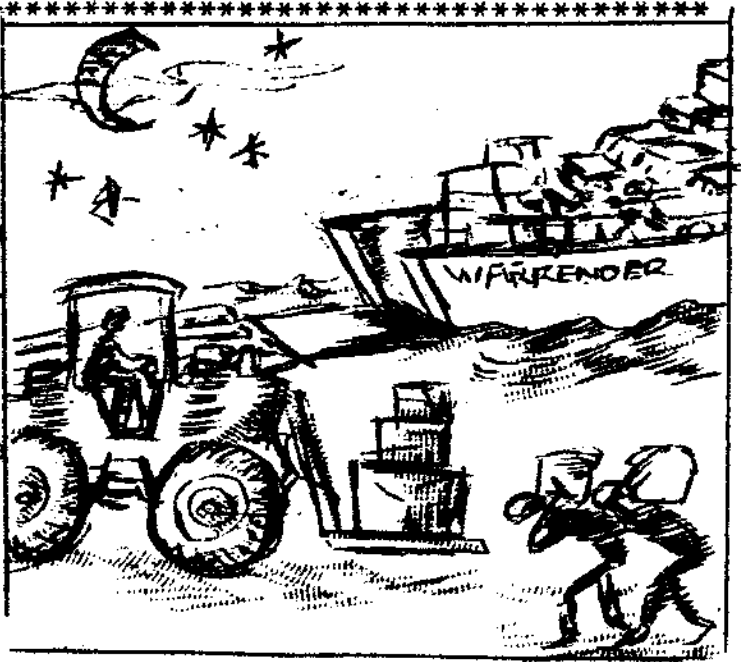
The club will be open from 5p.m. to 6p.m. Monday to Saturday inclusive.

### Barge Story

The Warrender docked at Maningrida on Monday night with 120 tons of long awaited cargo.

Amongst the gear was the hospital's new Toyota Landcruiser, complete with air-conditioning and a refrigerator.

More supplies came for the store, contractors received lots of materials, Forestry's sawmill crane came back and outstation teacher Roger Elliott was re-united with his Land Rover.



The barge crew and Wolpers and Law site engineer, Dave Hutchison worked all night to clear the decks before the next high tide.

The Warrender had to catch the morning tide as the 90ft. dun barge it had been towing dragged its mooring. The big storm during the night

(BARGE STORY (CONT'D.))

blew the dun barge to within 1/2 mile of Entrance Island.

The dun barge slowed the Warrender from 10 to 7 knots on its 10 day trip to Maningrida.

Seas were very rough most of the time and the barge sheltered behind Croker Island for a day when warnings were out for Cyclone Jeannie.

Low tides stopped the Warrender from calling here on the outward journey, the mate, Albert Buhr, told me.

To have enough water to dock here fully loaded the tide charts must show more than 5.2 metres highwater at Darwin.

The dun barge was left at Gove and the Warrender went on to Groota Eylandt.

Coming back past Wessell Island the barge men saw big fires on the shore. Some Aboriginal people were on the island and police went by helicopter on Tuesday to see if they were alright.

After the Warrender's next trip to Maningrida she will be off the run for some weeks for annual overhauling and survey by Lloyds.

V.B. Perkins other bar e, the Fourcroy, is under survey now. When the overhaul is finished her first voyage will be to the Portugese colony on Timor Island, carrying fuel.

From Peter Cooke,

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Peter's Story

This is my first Mirage story. I like to say a few lines about myself. I'm working in the hospital with sisters. I've learnt several things about the Leprosy at East Arm Hospital. I've stayed there for about four years in Darwin until I got married to the girl from Bathurst Island and we've got one child now. I'm working in leprosy clinic helping Sister Carey.

I like to say another thing, there were many young girls doing the course in Darwin but when they got back here at Maningrida they didn't turn up for a hospital work. I'm only just staying here for a while until they finish my building over at Cadell Garden. I'm not belong to this area. I have to go back and treat my own people. Well that all news I can say fellas.

Thankyou. Your sincerely, Peter Galarla, Hospital

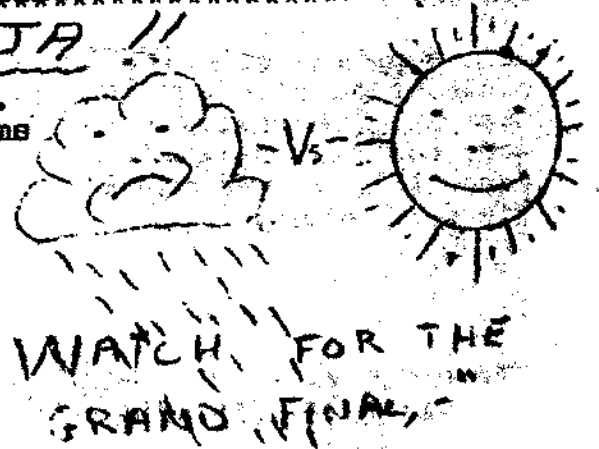
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FROG EAT FROG!

A large green frog, waiting expentantly under the verandah light of a local house, for a feed of crunchy insects, got a choice morsel indeed when the man of the house opened the door to toss out a little brown frog. The green frog went 'gulp' and the little fellow dissappeared!

RIGHT ON RARANDJA !!

- \* The weather is changing a little bit. This week-there have been a few storms from the South and South West - djalitjung - the storms are called lunguruma.
- \* The barge and Larripan Skippers reported that smooth weather is appearing and so are our fishermen who are also catching more fish.
- \* The afternoons are getting a little cooler and hazier - all the signs are that rarandja - the Dry Season is coming - but don't count on it dear readers!



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# News About Mining

Here is a story from "The Australian Miner" 21/3/74 about Ocean Resources, the company which is exploring mining leases for Goulburn Island and Maningrida Progress Associations:

"Was it a fluke or political foresight that prompted Ocean Resources NL to include aboriginals among their shareholders when searching for uranium in the Northern Territory?"

Whatever it was, it appears fortuitous in light of current publicity concerning mining on aboriginal reserves.

Ocean Resources has remained immune from the criticism levelled at Queensland Mines and other Northern Territory uranium explorers.

Yet its uranium lease is on an Arnhem Land Aboriginal Reserve.

Situated north of the Pancontinental strike and west of the Narbarlek discovery, the Ocean Resources area is one of the major hopefuls when exploration begins in earnest in June following the big wet.

The area, Exploration Licence 130, to date has yielded one radioactive anomalous zone, which will be drilled following the wet that started in December.

The aboriginals hold title over the area and the exploration project is a joint venture between the Canadian Superior group and Ocean Resources (50-50).

Also, Aboriginal interests are the third largest body of shareholders in the company.

For this reason, the company's exploration licences in the Territory, (due for renewal in April 1974), may be extended with a minimum of fuss.

To date most of the preliminary exploration work has been completed and the company is hoping for good drilling results this year.

In addition to the Northern Territory areas, Ocean Resources has interests in uranium areas in Western Australia - again with Canadian Superior.

The venture is in its early stages of exploration."

## Women's Basketball

Due to breakdown of the basketball court floodlights, basketball matches will have to be played in the afternoons. All players are asked to be at the courts at 5p.m. next Wednesday for women's fixtures.

## Parents and Friends

The monthly meeting of the P & F will be held in the Resources Centre at 7.30p.m. next Tuesday, 2nd.

## The Flying Kitten

The heart-rending sound of a kitten in distress brought several folk out of their houses last Tuesday. The loud "me-ow" "me-ow" sounds seemed to come from all directions. At last the "kitten" was found... None other than a green cat bird! \*\*\*\*\*

# SWIMMERS BEWARE

A BIG CROCODILE was seen in shallow water near the barge landing on Tuesday afternoon. Jim Pickersgill got quite a good look at it while unloading a boat and estimated its length at about 12 feet. Some children who were swimming at the beach also saw the crocodile.



**LATE NEWS**

The men from Crocodilus captured the big croc late on Wednesday night. It took a four hour game of cat and mouse to bring him ashore.

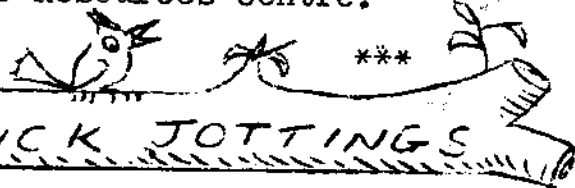
Official length is 8'6". More about his fate next week.

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## SPORTS CLUB

Only a few people turned up at the Sports Club meeting last Tuesday night and the meeting had to be cancelled. The Sports Club is still trying to get a constitution together before it can become official.

Until that is done the club can't do much for sport in Maningrida. If you are interested in sport come to a special meeting next Wednesday at 7.30p.m. in the Resources Centre.



Under the inspired leadership of a gratuitous accident, the number of logs felled and delivered to the mill this week has reached a record. Wild rumours are circulating that no-one at the mill is moaning about the shortage of logs. We stress that it is a wild rumour.

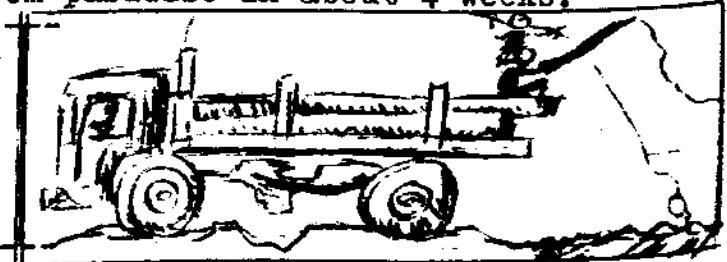
Three gullible woodchucks were foolish enough to believe a report from a highly unreliable source concerning the size of Mangrove Jack to be caught at the new barge landing. After enduring several hours in that sandflicked hell, they returned home with their illusions sadly battered.

That roving piece of "machinery", the sawmill crane, has returned home again after six months of maintenance. The paint is yellow.

Liz Foster, Forestry clerk at Berrimah outstation, came to study the office management of the previous admin. officer to ensure that such neatness and efficiency can be introduced to all Forestry establishment.

Harry Mugabi and his family are departing for a holiday in Melbourne next week. We hope he'll return from paradise in about 4 weeks.

Auto electricians have been here to fish and in their spare time to re-wire the log truck. They shamed us all by starting the truck first go and catching 6 big barra.

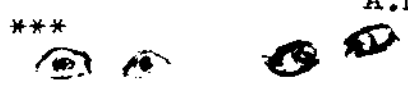


Woodchuck shares have been withdrawn from the market while investors study the implications of the Proposed Management Plan.

This week nothing happened to the Workshop oil stove.

A.M.

Who said that?



At least Robinson Crusoe got everything done by Friday....

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## From the School

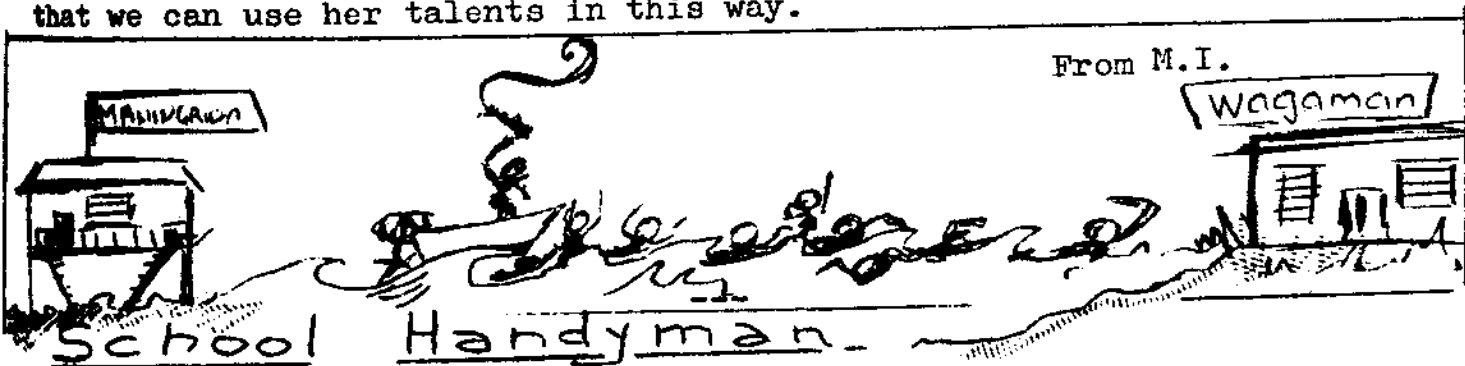
This week has seen the first exchange visit of Wagaman students, accompanied by Mary Sheradan and Alison Millard, to Maningrida. We hope this stay is enjoyable and many new friendships established. The grade 6 class are looking forward to their trip to Wagaman after Easter.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the community who have been assisting the school in many ways. Such things as billeting students and teachers, helping with the organisation of the school fete, time given to teach activities at the school and many other tasks too numerous to mention, are greatly appreciated by the staff. We would welcome any other people, both Aboriginal and European, with special talents who are prepared to come along.

We are not trying to establish an open system of education at Maningrida School. However we do have a team teaching unit with both Judy Le Cheminant and Dodie Cash teaching the infant 3 group. Those who would like to see it at work are invited to join the class and work along with the students and teachers.

In early April, Dr. Brandel and John Britton will be spending some time visiting the outstations at Maningrida to assess the possibility of establishing schools in some larger centres. They will be accompanied by Brian Deslandes and Roger Elliott on their journey. Until this visit has been completed, all work on outstation schools has been held over.

The sweet music coming from the pre-school during the afternoons is from classes taken by Lee Pinder. Both staff and students are happy that we can use her talents in this way.

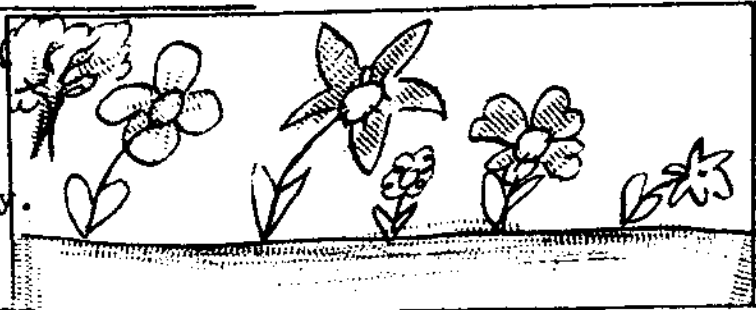


The school wishes to secure the services of a part-time handyman. The headmaster will be able to authorize non-tradesman maintenance jobs costing less than \$100. Quotes for labour (hourly rate) and a unit price on freighting of materials should be submitted to Brian Deslandes within a week of publication of this notice. A 10 percent mark-up on Darwin labour rates is allowed.

## T H I S I S M Y G A R D E N

There are many flowers in my garden.  
There are pretty flowers in my garden. Some people smell them and pick them. They are very pretty.

From Dawn.  
Grade 4.



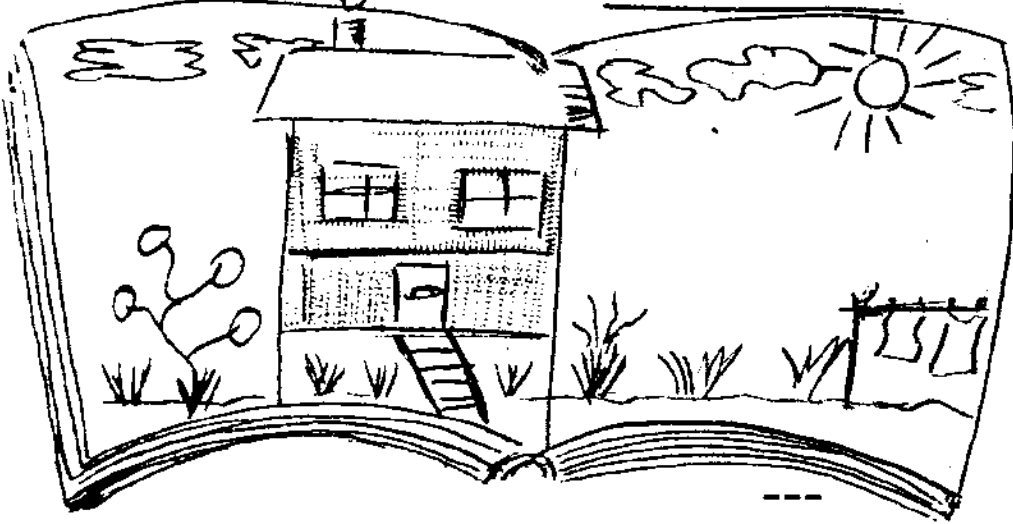
## A L E T T E R

Dear Roger,

I hope you are well. Did you have a good time Dhupama? I had a good time at Maningrida. Did you see good country at Dhupama? I work very hard in grade 4. Do you work very hard? Write soon.

---Your loving brother, Kennet N.

MY HOUSE



This is my house. It has got a red chimney. The roof is yellow. It has two windows and one door and it has a good garden round it I like my house. From Mary, Grade 4.

Foaming mad?

TACT is..... getting your point across without stabbing someone with it.

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Money Saving---

" I N S U R A N C E "

Are you interested in "Insuring" for any of the following:

- "Life"
- "Health"
- "Fire"
- "Personal Gear"

then see Ron or Lynn Berryman for all details. After working hours please.

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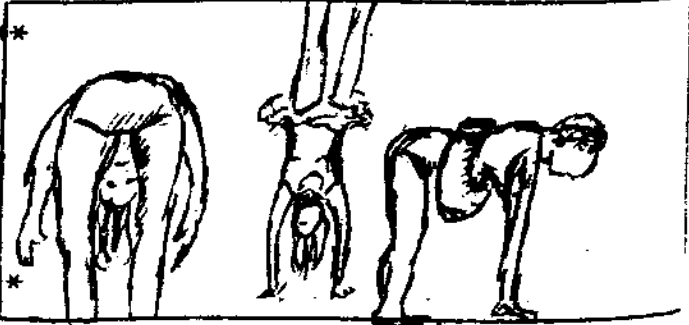
NO BONES ABOUT IT---

For you poor fella fishermen (and women) who can land lots of little sharks and kindly leave the barra for the experts here's a tip to make you think all that sunburn and those sandfly bites are worthwhile after all...

Firstly, catch a shark. Next cut it's tail (making sure head of shark is firmly tethered!) so it will be bled. After half an hour or so, fillet shark in usual manner. You may wish to soak the fillets in cool water with vinegar added when you get home but this isn't necessary. If you're a little squeamish about eating shark, store in your deepfreeze until there's another food shortage. Deep fry battered fillets and serve with chips. Tastes yummy!

YOGA ONCE AGAIN

A notice to all you energetic ladies. Yoga classes will be held at the Resource Centre every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm, commencing 2nd April. Please bring a mat or some padded article (?).



GIVE GENEROUSLY

A Red Cross "Door-Knock" appeal will be held on the weekend of 6th-7th April; Have your money ready. Any donations can be handed to Mrs. Lee McMahon at the hospital or her home. Anybody wishing to volunteer to assist as a collector please contact Lee McMahon.

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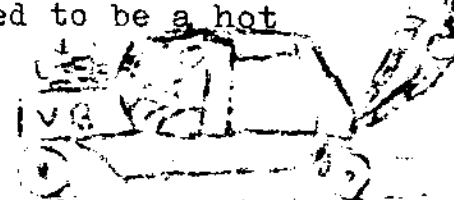
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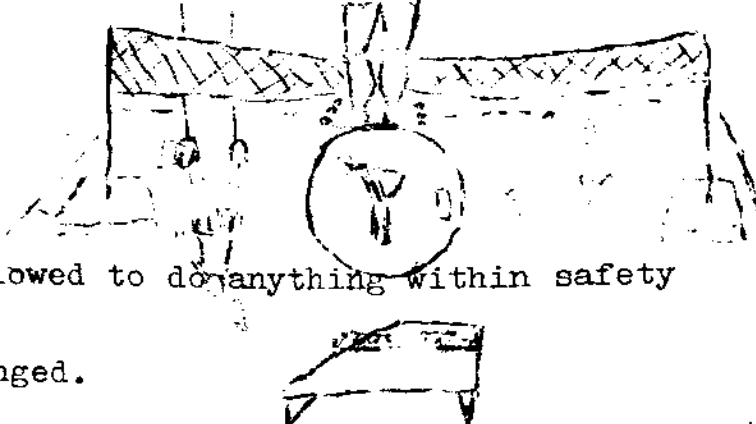
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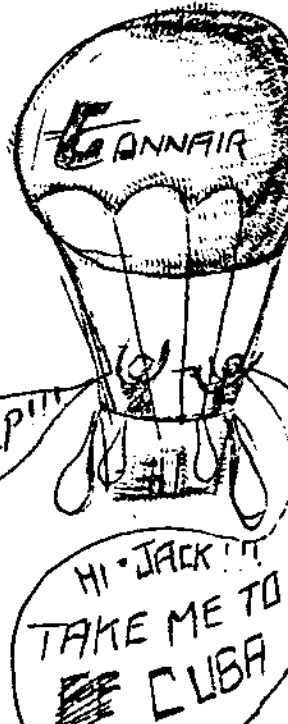


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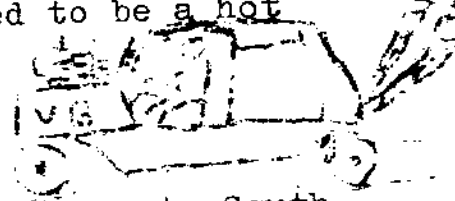
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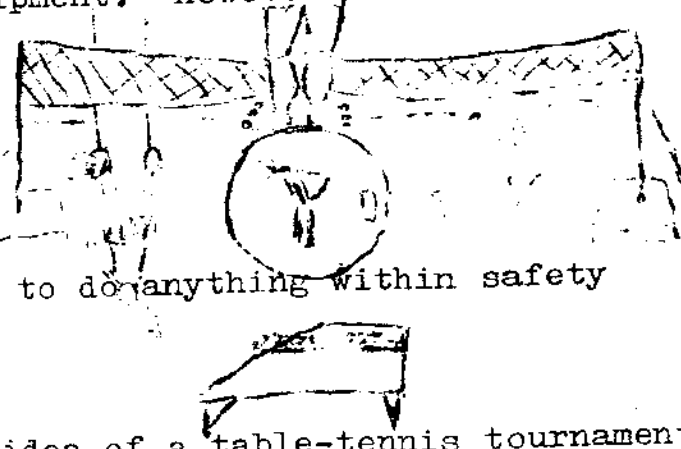
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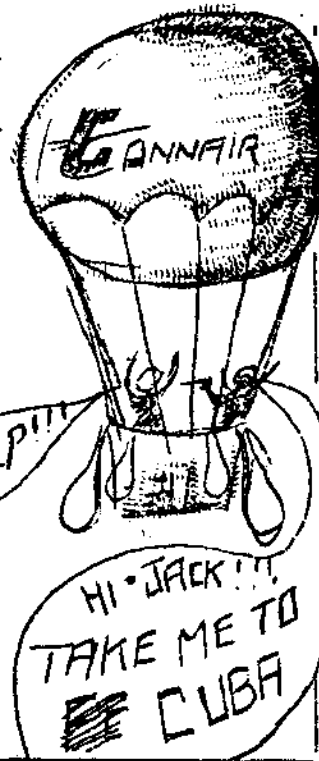


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# Weather

## RAINFALL

Thur	12.8
Fri	1.8
Sat	Nil
Sun	Nil
Mon	Nil
Tue	8.6
Wed	1.2

## Temperature

Max.	Tue	32
Min.	Fri	22

# Church Notes

Theme of study for this week "Home Bible Study" Read Mark 1:1-11

The Sunday School classes and Church Fellowships will be held at the same times as usual when you hear the bell.

You are all welcome to attend any of our meetings. Come along and you will be strengthened with the power of the Lord.

## WAIT AND PONDER:

Phillippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true whatsoever things are honest whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

# On duty this weekend - - -

DUTY OFFICER: Mr. Brolga Bill Becket

DUTY SISTER: Sister Betty Reister

# Star theatre \*

So far, the films have not arrived. Another surprise viewing.

# Parents and Friends

There will be a P & F Meeting in the Resource Centre on Tuesday 2nd April at 7.30p.m. All welcome.

# FOR SALE

- 1 set of 5 aluminium saucepans \$15.00
- 1 frying pan \$ 2.00
- 1 triple steamer saucepan with egg poachers \$ 5.00

OR

the whole lot for \$22.00

See Sister Lee McMahon

# CONNAIR AMENDMENT \*

The lunch time flights will be on Monday, Thursday and FRIDAY not SATURDAY. Sorry for the mistake.

**Maningrida Mirage**

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