

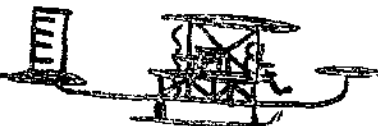
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THOSE MAGNIFICENT MEN.....

Last Saturday saw the arrival of Connellan's "Super Heron"; suitably re-engined and modified to the tune of \$90,000. Mr. George Taylor, chief Conair pilot, said that the "new" aircraft enjoyed considerably improved performance all around, 20 M.P.H. faster, a slightly increased pay-load and a climb rate of 1,000 feet per minute. He said that Connellans were hoping to purchase another new aircraft before June of this year - it was a Nord 282, twin turbo-prop, like a little Friendship. It would cruise, fully pressurised, at 240 knots, with a pay load of 24 passengers or 5,000 lbs of freight. It was also planned to convert Connellans two remaining Herons when circumstances permitted.

If the Nord proved successful it would become the front line aircraft of the fleet and the Super Herons would take over the work now being done by the familiar Beech Bonanza. For the present Connellans are seeking to dispose of all the aircraft smaller than the Bonanzas, leaving the latter, and Herons, to do all the runs.

J. Hunter.

FOOTBALL CAMP.

Four Maningrida lads have been selected to attend football training and selection camp at Koruilda College, from January 8th till 30th.

They are :
Tim D'arcy
Barney Winnwidj
Jim Walbaraga
Norman Anguliegu.

Successful participants will later join a team to tour the Southern States.

EXP.S. Tim and Jim have just returned from several weeks in Victoria, and do not wish to travel again for a while. So they have asked to be excused. Barney has been in Sydney for some time.

So much travelling - "can't finish 'im up"!

THE POLICE STATE.

One of the key figures in the permits argument is Mr. Paddy Nagglominj of Goulburn Island. Paddy is a brother to Rev. Lazarus Lailani and the almost M.P. George Winanguj. He is said to be the brightest member of this quite bright family although his interests are different. He has done some pearl shell and buffalo horn carvings, but generally he lives on a pension, and what he wins from card games in which he is keen

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player. His wife died in East Aru last year. He lives in a two room house adjoining Winanguj's.

When Paddy invited Mr. and Mrs. Bills to visit him (as we can readily imagine any friendly Maningrida character doing) did he expect that they would come to his place to stay and stay with a staff family as European visitors do, or that they would eat and sleep in his house? It is inevitable that times do come, even on bigger places like ~~Maningrida~~ Maningrida, when a number of visitors arrive at once that the "Full house" sign has to go up.

One can imagine Mr. Bills bunking down with Paddy but the presence of Mrs. Bills might introduce a complication. It would be a good thing when Aboriginal families do have houses large enough and the facilities to accommodate visitors satisfactorily. It could be that Ray Muryal and Michael Majalba have these facilities at Maningrida.

Doubtless the incident is making many of us think about the merits of the permit system. The delegates at the Village Councils Conference meeting at Goulburn Island last year said that they wanted it to remain. Perhaps local village councils could be consulted in doubtful instances. In fact a part Aboriginal woman presenting a paper at the AnN.Z.A.A.S. (Science) Congress in August advocated that the local councils, rather than a government authority, should have the right to grant "the freedom of the city".

JOCKEY BUNDABUNDA.

On Boxing Day Jockey arrived at the Sports just as the spear throwing contest was almost over. He took a spear and with one throw went bang through the middle of the target.

A splendidly built fellow Jockey was a loyal and trusty guide to patrol officer Syd Kyle-Little in his journeys across Arnhem Land. Anyone who wants to get to know Jockey should read about "Oondaboond" in the book "Whispering Wind". He was born at Nasalaidja, near where the Juda Point Road comes out through the bush to the sea.

His travels began when he was a child and he went to Goulburn Island with relatives. He even went to school there for a time, "but I ran away". Like all young men he went to Darwin, his first job was cutting wood for a family at the 10 Mile. One day Bill Harney, the Welfare officer, came to him and said "You stop in one place".

During the war years he was working with a buffalo shooting group east of Darwin. One day three Japanese planes, white ones, came over the horizon from Darwin with two American planes after them shooting with their machine guns. One Japanese plane fell down in the bush and burned as far as the new saw-mill is from the Gunavidji camp. The other two came down also and the Americans "went mad" spinning around. That night the buffalo hunters didn't make a fire or give a light of any kind. Next day Army trucks arrived and soldiers in a long line moved towards the planes only to find that the pilots were dead.

In his patrolling days he travelled to Mainuru, Booroloola and beyond to Alice Springs (accompanying prisoners and to give evidence in court) Wave Hill, Newcastle Waters and other places.....

Regrettably the price of flour has risen in all capitals, which has meant an increase in the price of bread - Darwin bread costs 50 cents for 2lb loaf to land here, and now retails at 55 cents.

Our very large trade over the past 5 weeks has temporarily caused a shortage of some foodstuffs, however we expect the big red boat on Saturday, and having placed large orders of all food we hope to have a very good stock by this weekend.

We also hope to put our milk shakes back on the market next week - they proved so popular that we ran low on milk supplies.

TO HAND. Small boys and girls shorts, fly spray, pumps, records, bike repair kits, bike tubes, dresses - all sizes, towels, torch globes, axes.

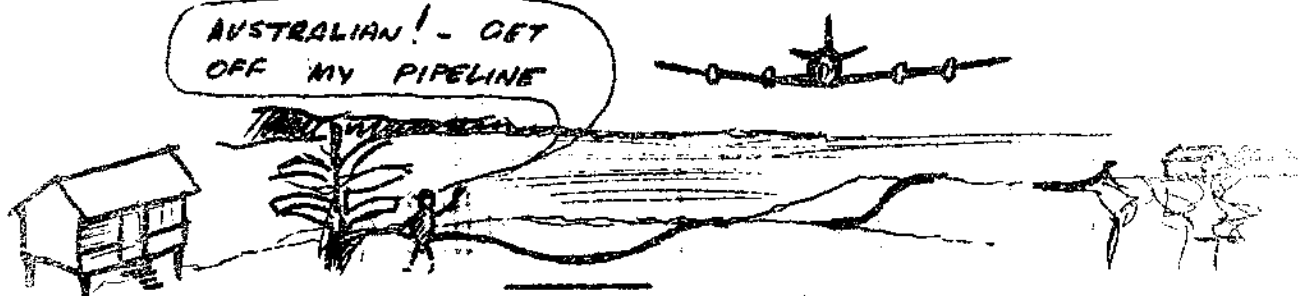
We reluctantly say goodbye to Norman, who will return to Darwin this week, to attend the Football School.

CHEESE is a very good food, in fact one of the best. We have plenty - Buy one, try one - and reduce our stocks.

We expect to see some crocodile skins pretty soon, now that Johnny Naliba has his new spotlight and equipment; he's on the job now and has promised to show us a pile of skins!

Our commendation to the enterprising citizen who imported a hose through the Co-op. When in need of water for his residence he pipes it effectively from the commercial tap.

AUSTRALIAN! - GET OFF MY PIPELINE



If anyone finds their footwear less comfortable than anticipated we might be able to help - we have a number of boxes containing 2 left boots or 2 right boots!

WITCHES-BRITCHES - at 75 cents in stock, not to be used for headwear as one young lady was doing!

PEOPLE

Barry, Jenny and Mark Tufts are due home on Monday.

Some back copies of the "Kaningrida Mirage" were put in a parcel of bark paintings to the Crookers at Mount Druit, N.S.W., recently. Peter read them and wrote in a letter "The Mirages made me feel quite "homesick" for the Territory. You know if it didn't mean up-lifting a family I'd be back this year. " - "Christmas was a much more leisurely and unhurried affair this year for us. It's the first Christmas since 1964 we didn't spend packing up to move on."



DUTY OFFICER beginning on Friday : Mr. Keith George.

WEEKEND DUTY SISTER : Sister Helen Miller.

People are reminded that the Hospital hours are 7am to 4pm.

SHOWING AT THE THEATRE.

FRIDAY : " NIGHT OF THE GRIZZLY ".

SATURDAY : NIGHT BE SOMETHING - IF WE ARE LUCKY!

CHURCH NOTES. SUNDAY : 9.50 am All age Sunday School.

7.50 pm Evening Service, Film.

On wednesday of next week it is expected that Rev. and Mrs. G. Armstrong and Mr. Jimmy Gularaw-una will go to Yirkala for a 2 weeks Church Leadership course. Representatives from Churches along the northern coast and from Groote Island and possibly Numbulwa will attend. It will be led by Rev. Jack Goodluck, Director of Christian Education with M.O.N.

SCOUTS VISIT.

The "Riversong " is due to arrive with Milingimbi Scout Master, Mr. Ray Bell , and a party of 15 scouts, for a week's camp with Maningrida boys.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

ELIZABETH WARANGANBA (mother of Tom Wogbara) had a baby who unfortunately died on January 6th, MOLLY and VIRGINIA are booked to come on Saturdays plane, HELEN will probably be home then too. LURICK FORDHAM (son of Paddy) is booked to come on Monday. JOHNNY MUNDURUG MUNDURUG will be out in another week. DAISY and DAVID are going along well, GLORIA will be in hospital for a while yet. MELVA could be out soon if some tests show a good result.

SISTER CEC CAREY is leaving on Tuesday, 15th January, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Alan Ingram, formerly of Maningrida, in New Britain. She will stay at Lae for 2 nights en route. We hope that all will be quiet on the Gaselle Peninsula! Cec will spend a few days in Melbourne before returning home, and will be away for 5 weeks.

SISTER MAIJA is due to return from Singapore on Wednesday, 14th January.

TOURING AT TERRALCON.

The three boys who went with Skip had a wonderful holiday. They went rabbit shooting, fishing at Bairnedale , shopping in Melbourne, visiting at Maxwell High School (where they meet some Aboriginal children ,and a correspondence between Tim and Dot has commenced , and with some boys too.) milking cows at a dairy farm and a journey to the mountains. They had a good Christmas at Mr. Van Rossun's house . The great thing was T.V. Skip described how on cold mornings they would be confined to bed until 9.00 am then get up and have breakfast and into the T.V. After a while they became quite selective in their choice of programmes. The boys were well behaved and without being asked cleared off the table and helped with washing up. They didn't overlike cool Victorian weather.

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