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## OVERLAND TO MILINGIMBI.....David Nabana.

Last week the football team from here went to Milingimbi to play. Some went in the "Bikini" on Thursday and some of us went in the Nakara's boat. We didn't make it, because of engine trouble just past Juda point, so we came back to the settlement (9pm) Thursday.

When we got here Baluka and I went to Ray Mulyal's home. We asked him and he said "I'll take you tomorrow." "How much money will you charge us?" we asked. He said "\$20 for one person so we (7 players, driver and one other man) left the settlement at 9.45 am. We had a long ride in that land rover. When we were getting close to the Blyth River (it was 25 to 12) one of the tyres got flat, so we stopped there for lunch. Jimmy Burayila and I looked around for the right sized tool to take the nuts off the wheel, but we couldn't find any. So we told the other boys to cook dinner for us while Jimmy and I made a fire to heat some bars to take the tyre off.

While we were fixing the wheel the other boys caught 4 grannas and one fresh water tortoise. We finished this tyre at 4.30pm and put on the other spare tyre. We came to Blyth River crossing at 5.30pm and got to Gadji at 6.30pm. We came to Arafura at 7.15 where we had supper. From there we left at 8.30pm and went to Babila landing. There we gave the torch light signal and they gave us a signal back. The Bikini came after 15 minutes and we went on it. The lights were still on at the Mission and when we were getting close they went off, so we knew it was 10.30 pm. The other lot had arrived on Friday afternoon at 2.30pm after campin, near Cape Stewart.



## BARK PAINTINGS

The first reports of the Rigby Gallery Exhibition of the 50 Maningrida barks got under way with TV Cameras from two stations and photographers and reporters from two newspapers. The guests at the opening ceremony sipped wine and sherry and nibbled cheese - when really they should have had 2 open cans of beer, or a cup of black tea with plenty of sugar and a piece of damper.

George Nulumba's big flying fox bark - a real gem which many people admired in April and May, sold for \$125. By the end of the first week almost half the barks had been sold and the last report indicated that sales had been going well.

Rigby's clip 55% off the price of each bark sold to cover the costs of cheese nibbled etc. Rigby's will send the amount due to each artist direct by cheque. More news later.

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## THE ARAFURA "C"

As yet the Barge has not rounded the far Cape. Strongest of the many rumors has it MONDAY of next week. Hence we continue to be out of Soap (all types) Camp Pie, Cake, and many lesser lines.

Good news we have a shipment of good quality Suit Cases at \$6 large; \$5.50 medium; and \$5 small.

Ladies and older girls frocks, a very good range, modern and varying designs from the House of Tanno, sell at \$5.50 and \$5.75 while they last.

Bananas and Watermelon 500lb of each, and the best quality yet.

## BE AT YOUR BEST DAY AND NIGHT

Mens shorty pyjamas have arrived at \$2.20 a pair.

Father Xmas is not with us just yet but the first of the Xmas toys (a big range) have arrived.

Mosquito nets and thongs, adult and child's due any day.

During the past 3 weeks we have been well off for fresh fruit. Oranges Apples, Bananas and Watermelon have meant that we have not been out of one or other during this time.

We can still offer Biscuits and fruit juice, steak, chickens, and ice cream. Great quantities of Maningrida bread have been available through Co-operation with the kitchen staff at 40 cents a loaf.

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SISTER SANDRA - while enjoying her rest and recreation leave fell ill and has been in the Darwin Hospital.

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"Brrrdt"



PLAY THE GAME!

David Wambana

(a Milingiabi man working at Maningrida;)

When the game ended suddenly in the last quarter Milingiabi were leading Maningrida 12 goals 25 points to 2 goals 1 point.

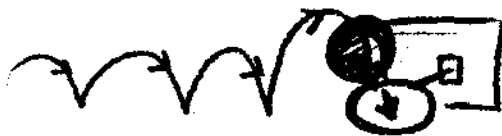
Maningrida were playing alright but that umpire didn't give us many free kicks. Mr Ray Fry umpires every Saturday and sometimes Milingiabi boys made trouble for him, (there are a couple of chaps at Maningrida who have had this sort of experience at Maningrida)

Trouble case when one Milingiabi man who had lived at Maningrida for 5 years or so, and was playing for Maningrida on Saturday said "Your'e a bad referee Wawa" and then said to the Maningrida boys "We are going to grab him after and give him a hiding". So they did it in the last quarter. Two or three Maningrida players hit the umpire and broke his glasses. I and Mr Vander Stall stopped all the boys.

Note (If a player hit an umpire in the Darwin League or in the Southern States he could be put out of football for life. Giving cheek to an umpire is serious. If players reckon that they are not getting good go, they have to wait until after the game and then put their complaints to the football leaders.)

POSITION VACANT

Central Umpire for football.....  
Life insurance essential,  
Ability to give each side an equal number of free kicks is desirable,  
Aerial medical available within 90 minutes if required.....  
No dirt or danger money  
Its a community service.



Basketball.....

Special request this week - expand it a bit.  
The organiser of chaos did a very good job last week. The evening started like any other evening - the sun went down.

At some later hour two teams fronted up to the umpires and did battle at the main jungle arena. The Gorillas emerged from the jungle and were victorious over Demons. In the pool the Dugongs floundered against Hawks. Chalk this one up - Chalkies can't. Kiwis won after a very slow start - could be that the game started early and they weren't awake.

Premiership table reads as follows.

GORILLAS: DEMONS: KIWIS: HAWKS:

FORTUNATELY IT WAS DEAD!

Young Daniel Jensen saw a snake crawl under the work shed at their house.

Next morning Alison was hanging out the washing, when out of the corner of her eye she saw the baby holding a snake in his hands. Her heart jumped into her mouth. She yelled "drop it!" Then grabbed the baby and the 3 year old and rushed inside with them.

Then she returned to the snake. It didn't move! Its head was missing! It was dead. The cat had killed it and left a 2'6" length of snake.



WANTED SELL

1 Large Baby Bassinette with Stand

Apply Mrs E.K. Mines.

AT THE THEATRE:

FRIDAY:

SATURDAY:

*Films hadnt arrived when we went to press.*

AT THE OVAL:

Wanderers v Maningrida

Central Umpire:

CHURCH NOTICES:

Sunday 9.50 am

All age Sunday School

7.50 pm

Evening Service

Soloist Mrs A. Jensen.

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THE EXODUS

Jim-Jae, Tim Darcy and Tom Wurtial are going down into cold country with John Wilders (Traralgon Vic.). Gill Amies is also going soon and

To balance these departures John Hunter fresh from those pleasant pastures of Southern N.S.W. (Bega) has returned.

The Highway Men have completed the crossings over Gudjerama Creek (where all those boards used to rattle) and at Du-gala-dorna.

The influence of men upon men.

Forestry men tell a story about a husband who loves his wife but doesn't hold with this cup-of-tea-in-bed idea for wives. The women got on to him about this. Nothing happened on the wife's birthday, but on the following morning, husband came in with a hot cup of tea. His friends reckon they talked him into it.

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