



THE YMCA FRIENDSHIP CAMP '73.

....."where friends can meet in bonds of friendship true...."

BROTHERHOOD WAS the theme of the Y camp Held at Crab Creek on the 3rd of Sept. to the 7th. The Camp brought together 50 children from the different tribes. Although the camp was originally planned for 39 children, in the bush, word about the camp spread like bush fire and soon campers from as far as Navy Landing and Kopanga trekked to Crab Creek to join in a week of action, fun, and fellowship. The staff was unperturbed by the sudden turn of events... readjustments especially to food rations were immediately done. Thank Heavens, the plane of John Hunter refused to take off the day we needed more supplies.

Cooperative living accented the weeks' activities. Girls took turns in kitchen chores, boys in fetching water, everyone in gathering firewood, crabs and fish. A team of boys earlier have worked on a house they have fondly christened "DALA D'KAPA" (House of Brothers) a semi-permanent structure made of wood and bark... a home in the wilds that they could go back to again and again for the joys of untrammelled nature.

Activities in the camp included fishing at which the Navy Landing boys and girls proved their prowess, crabbing, swimming, hiking, boating, bush cooking, games, (boxing was the favorite so much so that the gloves are now rendered unfit for boxing) story-telling which was championed by Stephen and dancing which had Trevor as the most outstanding dancer, and singing around the campfires... each group outshining the other... voices falling into a symphony with the wind and the sea.

Activities starting humming at the first streak of dawn and reached crescendo at noon when hot and hungry, the queue of restless kids lined up for lunch. The children would be occupied for an hour and soon they swarmed around for drinks and biscuits. The campers were always famished.

A "floating" staff of 10 included Bruce and Margret Neale, Joe and Carmel Donnelly and Erica Ilyn who came with her brother from Sydney. They all lent a helping hand. With their help, the camp ran smoothly.

Later in the week, we had visitors who braved the high tide to come and see how things were going. The Hassalls were there, although Merryl and the children had to be ferried across... David was too heavy for the fragile boat and so he waddled across. Bob Stutchbury came too with his camera and beth the stilt that he already is, the water which would come up to someone's neck only reached his knees.



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Condor Constructions have reached a standstill with the Nurses Homes because someone hasn't sent them the steel to build with.

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"You have the Power to save your POWER from going off all the time" says Ken Ackland. If you are using something that is not regular, have a talk with him and you may be surprised at the results that will take place. If you are running something new, electrically, you are advised to consult the Dept. Works Electrician that will be soon. Your house may not have the Power to run the 'something', even though it has the Power Point. It may save you and your house.

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I think the YMCA deserves a pat on the back for the one success that they have had. At last things are beginning to take shape and the kids are getting used to the idea of having something and someone to go to. They could have more successes if more of you would offer assistance. The assistance they received for the camp proves my point.

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Dawn Cuthbert is leaving us for a few weeks. It will be a tense time for both her and Ian. All the best Dawn. We'll look after Ian for you.

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The new boats of the Tycoons will be here soon. They will probably be coming by road. Of course you are all expected to guard of honour the road as they come into town and cheer for the one that you think is the best. Perhaps we could have a boat race. That would be unfair as Prince Charles' boat could never be equalled. He would have to be heavily handicapped. He is isn't he?

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~~She~~ is back at the Post Office. She has asked that you be made wa aware that the Post Office is to be closed on the morning of Wednesday, 19th September. It is only for that day.

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Start saving your pennies for the School Fete. Remember be charitable, it is a charity.

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time we win and sometime we lost. YMCA is good fun.

2. After that we were eating fish.

3. Yesterday Y.M.C.A. were running and jumping and singing and everyone very happy. We learn new games and songs. It is happy time at YMCA.

4. Peter show us exercises. We lie on the ground, we put up our feet, we push up, we do many more. Tired but good.

Gilbert Jarmirilla Grade 3.

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Y M C A A N N O U N C E M E N T S.

CALLING ALL YOGIS! - The interrupted yoga sessions will go on as usual on Međa Monday 17th Sept. at 7.30 over at the Resource Centre.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL will recommence on Monday at 7.30 p.m. See BETTY WANDUG!!

MEN'S BASKETBALL on Tuesday evening at 7.30p.m. See LUCKY BALAKA.

MEN & WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL Thursday evenings at 7.30p.m. at Town Hall -

SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!!!!

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CHURCH NEWS AND NOTICES.

The Sunday School classes are going to meet at the same time and places on Sunday morning just after 9.00am. You are all welcome to join us. Theme to be discussed "THE BODY OF CHRIST". At the same time the Church Service will be held at Cadell camp and a team of Christian leaders is leading by Johnny Giabaka to conduct this service.

On Sunday night in the church at 7.30 pm. Mr. Silas Roberts will lead the worship. During this service we are hoping to have the new General Secretary of Methodist Overseases Mission with us and Rev. G. Symons. The new Secretary Rev. Harvey Perkins will speak to us. Mr. Billy Yirriyin is going to welcome him to Maningrida and also express the appreciations and good wishes for his new task.

After the Church Service of the same Sunday evening there will be a cup of tea for the congregation outside church background. During this relaxing time you may be able to meet and talk to our visitors.

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A hospital any stink for pus and blood, in that lies its beauty, for it receives the sick with their disgusting sores and horrible diseases. The Church is Christ's own hospital. Millions of patients are treated in it, with love. The Church accepts sinners - they continue to sin, and for their transgressions the Church is blamed. To me, on the other hand, the Church is like a Mother who stands by her children even when they commit crimes. The politics and prejudices of its servants are distortions of what comes from God - that is, the Bible and its teachings, worship and the sacraments. Whatever its faults, the church has much that is sublime in it. The sea drowns thousands of people every year, but no-one contests its beauty.

From "In God's Underground" by Richard Wurmbrand.

Billy Graham says "I came over to England in 1954 for a crusade. I was asked at a press conference why I didn't travel like Jesus - why would I come on this big, beautiful, luxurious Queen Mary. I said, "Well, Jesus travelled on a donkey. You find me a donkey that can swim the Atlantic and I'll try to buy him."

David Frost to Billy Graham: "But no-one's come up with one?"

Graham: "No, I haven't found a donkey that can swim the Atlantic so "

I'm afraid I'M going to have to continue to use airlines and ships."

P. Christopher.

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LOST LOST LOST LOST LOST !!!!!

1 MOTHER CAT - Black and White. Missing since Monday.
See Mrs Welch c/- Housing.

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HOSPITAL NOTES.

Mabel Malgudja took sick out at Cadell and was flown into Darwin Hospital. The same Medical Plane took Lena Jarringmora who was brought in from the bush as her baby was arriving, luckily she arrived at Darwin Hospital and now has a baby boy. She was very sick but is getting better now.

Rita Djigarworga had her baby in the bush, a girl named Rebekah. It was very small, Sister Edith and Silas Roberts travelled many miles to bring it to Maningrida, they were taken to Darwin Hospital on the Medical Plane the following day.

Ross m Minnie and Eddie Arden returned from Darwin after check-ups in Hospital.

Una & Beverly Barbadupa went into Darwin for check up.

Elizabeth Marlalangurga also is in Darwin Hospital for investigations.

Laurie Magaldeggi returned from Darwin with her new baby William Scott, Husband is Peter Marauangae 2.

Ray Munyal is also in Darwin for a check-up.

Peggy Djarbi Djarbi went into Darwin Tuesday for investigation in Darwin Hospital.

Topsy Kalaidjang with baby Moses was also swnt in for treatment.

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HOLDEN CAR FOR SALE !!!!!

130 Horsepower Motor.
Automatic Transmission
12 Months Registration
New Set "Gates" tyres
New set shock absorbers.
Other spare parts including fanbelt, radiator hoses,
fuel pump kit, oil filters, spark plugs etc.
Full price \$650 or \$480 with standard Tyres.

ENQUIRIES TO "HONEST BOB" ROESTRY.

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The Gordon Sweeney Staff had a lovely morning tea party on Thursday to celebrate the birthday of Little Dobby. He was thrilled with the good wishes he received.

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Beautiful but exhausting... sum up the camp. Beautiful with the echoes of laughter still ringing in the mind... the songs by a blazing fire... the heart finding oneness with nature and with fellowmen... the beautiful sight of a white boy and his black brother snug beneath one blanket... Exhausting... with 50 children to feed... to cope up with... to yell at in times of stress... nerves cracked, never ~~be~~ broken, tempers falred never lost but all went all.

The unfinished Balad'japa will stand as a monument to the Friendship Camp... a solitary structure... as frail as its heart is stout.

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MY HOLIDAYS.

Monday 10th of September 1973.

Last week we went to the bush with Peter and Lee. Other children go too. We went away four days. We help carry things on our head to the Y House on Crab Creek. The water was high when we arrived there. And so Peter say that we carry our things across. So we made long line and everyone put something on his head. I am only small boy so I had big tin of juice on my head. Big boys carry boxe of sugar and milk and meat and other tucker. We were camping at Crab Creek. We had good fun especially I like good food. Sometime Lee say we have cook our own breakfast so we get mobs of billycans, we build our own fire and we then we cooked porridge. Really good food. We played games and run race, played ball, boxing, singing songs and Stephen sang Bah Bah Black Sheep, sometime he sing like Elvis Presley, and we dance too. Lee show us Philippine dance with sticks. Trevor hold sticks and Lee jumps in between. Peter and big boys also get barks for our house. And then we saw a hammer head shark in the beach. It is really big. Much big than Mr. Donnelly shark. And then Clarence were chasing some boys, they throw the pillow and the ball at him.

I like to go camping again.

Gilbert Jarmirilla Grade 3.

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On holidays we went with the YMCA camping with Peter and Lee Pinder. We ate porridge and rice and meat and vegetables. We also catch crabs and fish. We went hunting for goannas and other bush tucker. We help slice onions and carrots and peel potatoes for Lee to cook in a big big can. Then we make long line for food. It really good good. I like most the dancing and singing around the fire at night.

Laurie Yarimalnga.

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Wendy Gaboror Grade 3

Monday 10th September 1973.

During the holidays at Y.M.C.A. camp on thursday night at crab creek all the boys were eating dinner and Clarence all the boys and ran away from him.

Mavis, Dawn and I we were swimming and we were floating on our back and it was great fun.

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About Y.M.C.A.

Monday 16th July 1973.

Yesterday boys and girls went to the crab creek. Peter and Lee went too. We show them how to catch crabs and throw them in the fire. It make good tucker.

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At Town Hall.

1. Yesterday we were playing volly ball. We play with the boys. Some-

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