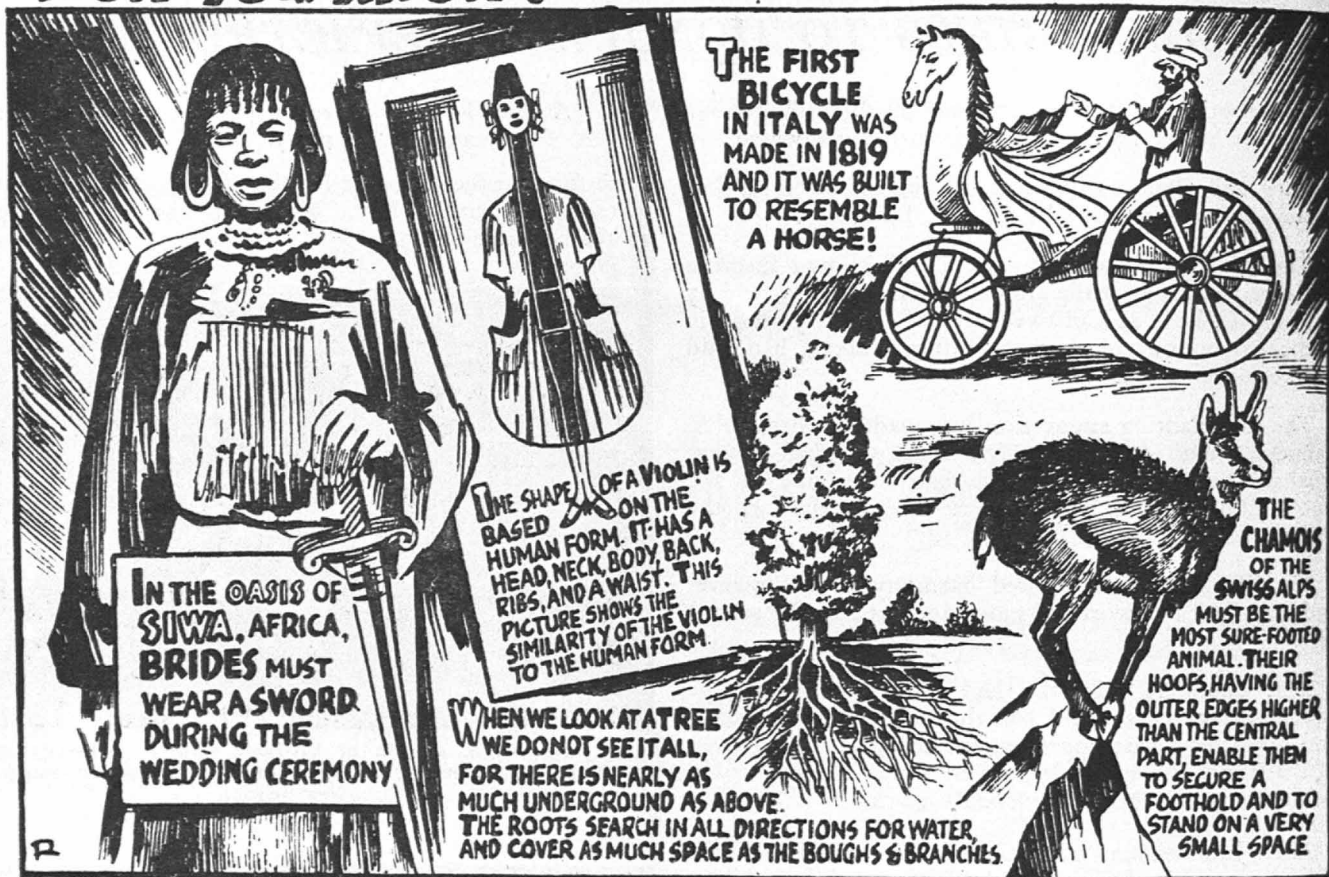


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## FLOODS RAVAGE STATIONS

### MUCH DAMAGE DONE IN NORTH

The recent disastrous floods on the North Coast of New South Wales caused very considerable damage to many aboriginal settlements but fortunately there was no loss of life.

#### Cabbage Tree Island

This recent flood was the highest one ever recorded on Cabbage Tree Island. The situation was serious, but fortunately, never critical. Water rose in the majority of dwellings with the exception of the Hall, ration and treatment rooms, Manager's residence and the homes of Charlotte Kapeen, Dick Roberts, Frank Marlowe and Robert Moran. A high ridge at the rear of the houses was not covered.

The Manager was in contact with the police stations at Broadwater and Wardell and arrangements were made to evacuate if conditions got too dangerous. This, however, was not necessary.

During the height of the flood, telephone communications were cut and the Manager ordered flood relief rations as an emergency measure.

The launch, "Elsie," a 5 cwt. cement block and mooring drum were swept away in the gale and flood, and Robin, the station horse, was drowned.

#### Tabulam

The Manager of Tabulam Station, M. G. Carlin, said the station had had a rather grim time. The

pumping plant and engine was at one time 30 feet under water. Mr. Carlin said there had been considerable damage to the fences and at one point the boundary fence had been completely washed away.

#### Ulgundahi Island

The Supervisor of Ulgundahi Island told how the Clarence River had flooded in record time after a terrific day and night of wind and rain. He said that as the aborigines from Ashby had returned to Ulgundahi Island, it was again necessary to remove them on account of the danger to their lives. The Supervisor could not make the crossing but the Maclean Police, with a large motor boat, took them all to Maclean where they were housed in the Showground.

There was floodwater all over the reserve, he said. No buildings were lost, but a quantity of timber from the old store building was washed away.

#### Cubawee

When the flood was at its peak on Cubawee Reserve the level of the water was about 7 feet above ground level.

One house was completely destroyed, furniture was badly damaged or destroyed and the residents lost their bedding and everything except the clothing they were wearing. These people were later issued with food relief, blankets, clothing, boots or shoes.