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Toilet - school ground

Every on Friday and Saturday when pictures start, Boys and Girls they always toilet around the school houses behind. Because nobody judie around school. Look after the boys and girls what they always do at school every pictures time. All the Councillors they were sleeping and also all Teaching Assistants, we didn't look after the School Ground too. On Saturday dinner time, I went past the upstairs and I smell toilet everywhere under building at school house. But I thinking we all Teaching Assistants we have to look after school house every pictures time, and I like to we have to meeting for it. These on Wednesday we all Teaching Assistants only please. Because this is school ground not toilet room and I like to every Teachers read these my story and tell your school children please. So no toilet any more at the school ground children please. Because this is not for balandas school ground, These our school.

I just remember you kids and think about these please. No toilet tonight and Saturday. I'm very, very worrying for our school. You always toilet school ground.

Thank you kids. No toilet anymore school ground, tonight and tomorrow night please.

Mr. G.R.Garawun.

Fish for smoko.

Last week the Forestry stick picking contingent were on their way to the New Cadell Road. George Gawarra spotted a fish in a pool beside the road at the Gudjirama Creek crossing. Horace Minamalin threatened it with a shovel and it raced across the pool where Dian Tibarbuk ambushed it with a 5 pound axe. The good sized saratoga was consumed for smoko by the stick-pickers.

From Peter Cooke.

Stock taking

Last call for volunteers to assist with annual stock taking at the Store. If you are able to lend a hand, please see Graham Inglis or Glen Bagshaw before store closing tomorrow.

Dan G.

Forestry notes

At long last our logging crew have been able to bring in some logs as the big Leyland Log Truck is mobile again.
The Botgardt crossing is still impassable as the Cadell is flowing very fast and at a depth of about 3 feet.
Charles Prince has this week become a yacht owner and we expect to see his sailing skills shown in the near future.
I am going on 5 weeks Leave from Thursday (trusting Connair and the weather), and hope to be able to see Rosemary Walters whilst in Canberra. If anyone has messages for Rosemary I'll be glad to deliver them.
John Thompson was seen practising for the annual lawn mower derby

this week. John was beautifully attired in matching helmet and shorts which were offset by a pretty yellow T-shirt. As long as the mower doesn't break down, John should easily lead the field as his fearless driving (using the term loosely) is known to all.

Bob Fisher.

Gordon Sweeney School Notes

Visiting from Oenpelli for a few days is Ian Taylor. He is working as an honorary carpenter at the school Resource Centre, building much needed shelving.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

On Sunday we went to Galadorna on the school truck. We paid 40c.. When we drove on we saw two caravans and a D7 and the trailer. Then I heard a mini-moke. It was Harry Cox.

Luke Ringingyarri.

When I went to Darwin, I met a lot of people from Maningrida when they were drunk. When I was t ere, I went to Big W with Raymond. And that night at the Star Theatre I saw a picture about Johnny Wayne.

Ningle Waramunba.

OUR SCHOOL 10 YEARS AGO:

Tom Sands, the electrician arrived to commence wiring or rather, lighting in the new building. Each room to have 11 fluorescent lights. Miss Kilham's boys and my boys assisted in planting trees along the forestry residence.

Cricket

Cricket match Saturday next 31/3/73 at the M.C.G. Play to start at 1.30p.m. sharp. All players please be at the Ground by 1.30p.m. so as teams can be picked. SELECTATORS WELCOME:

A Bar-B- will be held at the Berryman residence owing to the huge success and response to the last one. Beginning at 7.30p.m. (After the match). An admission fee of \$3 per male and \$1 per female (children free), will be charged to raise funds for the Sports Club.

Food and ALL refreshments will be supplied. Open invitation to all (Not only cricketers and families).

Bring your own chair please if you have one.

R. Berryman.

Maningrida Sports Club

The following officers were elected at the A.G.M. on Tuesday night.

President; Joe Fry
Secretary; Charlie Godawa

Vice President; Graham Inglis
Assist. Secretary; Jacqueline Newman

Treasurer; Tim Darcy

Assist. Treasurer; Ron Berryman

Committee Members; 1. Jim Cooper
2. Larry Weipa
3. George Stewart
4. Jacky Pascoe
5. Gladys Pascoe

The next meeting will be an Executive Meeting on Wednesday April 11th. Over Easter a Men's Basketball Representative team from here will be playing in the Easter Basketball Competition in Darwin. The squad is now training with Jim Cooper as coach. The team itself will be chosen a few days before it goes to Darwin.

EDITORIAL:

This week the Northern Territory News carried an interview from a Melbourne newspaper with the Roman Catholic Bishop of the N.T., Dr. John P. O'Loughlin.

Bishop O'Loughlin, as usual had many sensible and perceptive things to say on the problems that confront Aboriginal people today. The Bishop pointed out that the work that Aboriginal do should be proper work and not women's work-- it should mean something.

Bishop O'Loughlin said that by remaining in their traditional home areas Aboriginal people could feel that they belonged and draw strength from this. He also said that it had been his aim to bring up the standard of whole communities rather than taking out special people and bringing them forward.

All these things I agree with -- and most people would. The Bishop goes on to say however:

"I believe it would be a mistake to preserve too much of the Aboriginal tradition, or to place too much emphasis on the ritual ceremonies of the past. By all means preserve their art, dancing and singing. (My underlining.) But as for religious ritual, I don't believe that will help them live in the 20th. century. I am convinced their knowledge and acceptance of the Christian religion will serve them in good stead as they try to fit themselves to our western, Christian based religion".

The good Bishop is proposing what was in essence the Aboriginal policy of the previous Government- though it was never stated so bluntly. In effect -By all means (overwhelming generosity) preserve the items of Aboriginal culture we can sell, tape record and gawk at but the rest is an embarrassment to be done away with as quickly as possible.

Once the religious ritual has been done away with, as the Bishop proposes, from whence will the art, singing and dancing come? Would Michaelangelo and da Vinci have produced their great works without the inspiration of their religious ritual? What would have become of J.S. Bach's beautiful Masses if a superior invading culture had proscribed the religious ritual upon which they are based?

Come off it Bishop O'Loughlin! You know better than I that once the religious ritual of an Aboriginal people is gone the whole culture is in ruins.

For the moment, the traditional religious ritual of the various cultures of Maningrida is surprisingly alive and well. It continues to be a source of the togetherness, strength and belonging that you were talking about.

How long this will remain so is open to conjecture. But then that future is none of my business ---or yours.

Dan Gillespie.

HO HUM DEPT:

Grave concern is being felt in Public Health circles over the increasing evidence of a 'Teacher/Deafness' syndrome.

The eminent English specialist's report is now to hand and briefly his report finds that:

- A. It is confined almost exclusively to the female teachers.
- B. A curious feature is the inverted age factor, in that, the younger the teacher, the more severe the handicap., the youngest having an audial range so low as to be almost unmeasurable. Normal clearly spoken perfectly modulated speech does not appear to register at all.
- C. the spread of the ailment to the town baker cannot yet be confirmed.
- D. The specialist was greatly distressed on their behalf.

What steps the Educational authorities will take remains to be seen but the situation is decidedly serious.

C.P.

Hold it your power very strongly.

In what way can we really hold it our money very strongly? Saving bank? Or is it relations? Who would keep the true passbooks? Playing Cards. Is it countrymen? Making a tribal tribes fund accounts? Promised wives pay~~s~~ for your wife. Case you don't understand that the learning is a practise. Yes perhaps he is a stupid and silly m deaf man, Why is he mad or lazy. Because he writes in the Mirage? This help had been playing in a happy wild game for a long time. Why is it no good? Spoiling the road way to go in the future. It is with plenty seasons past few years ago that he started. Yes, it find it was so funny things to live in truely. Painting barks and gettin a very good money often saved in the bank for pleasures, but still takes some always out to buy things one needs and wants. Spending ~~more~~ most of the money for foods to eat, not like new clothes to wear. Important to him is only petrol bought for his car. This mean that he may carry them for hunting in the bush. The rest of the money (rupia) is wasted on their four pictures, this is because of raining nights and the ground was too wet.

For example the goose truck is a woman, she has never been afraid of using ones ~~her~~ money for needing all parts for it. But still drives without lights, windows and brakes., but she asked for a police permit ~~in~~ so that she could go out for a walkabout. Once she had got the licence for three years, but then the licence never returned back to her.

She has been travelling for so many years and nobody was hurt yet. For the man, it doesn't matter because of his interest for seeing new ways. The man should accept her and should clean her when she is dirty. As the anteater (the man) himself has to say, he would make his campfire to cook the meals and stay among them instead of eating raw takka.

He believes that plenty spirit men follow his wrtings and that sometimes when he frightens people with his wrtings, they think of him as devil devil.



At the weekend.

Duty Officer: Bert (the Shirt) Ryan

Duty Sister: Sr. Lee

Church: As usual

Movies: Friday: Angel in my pocket

Saturday: Might be something

Weather & deities permitting

1st Junior Basketball

On Tuesday:-

Boys Djunnewunya 36. N. Landing 28.
Kopanga 18 Navy ~~15~~ ^{Entrance 15}

Competition Table

Kopanga 10, Entrance 15.7.
Djunnewunya 6, Navy Landing 1.

On Thursday:-

Girls: Guyon 30 beat Kopanga 16.
Bamboo Creek 14 beat Ent 15.12.

The girls are playing very well now.

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