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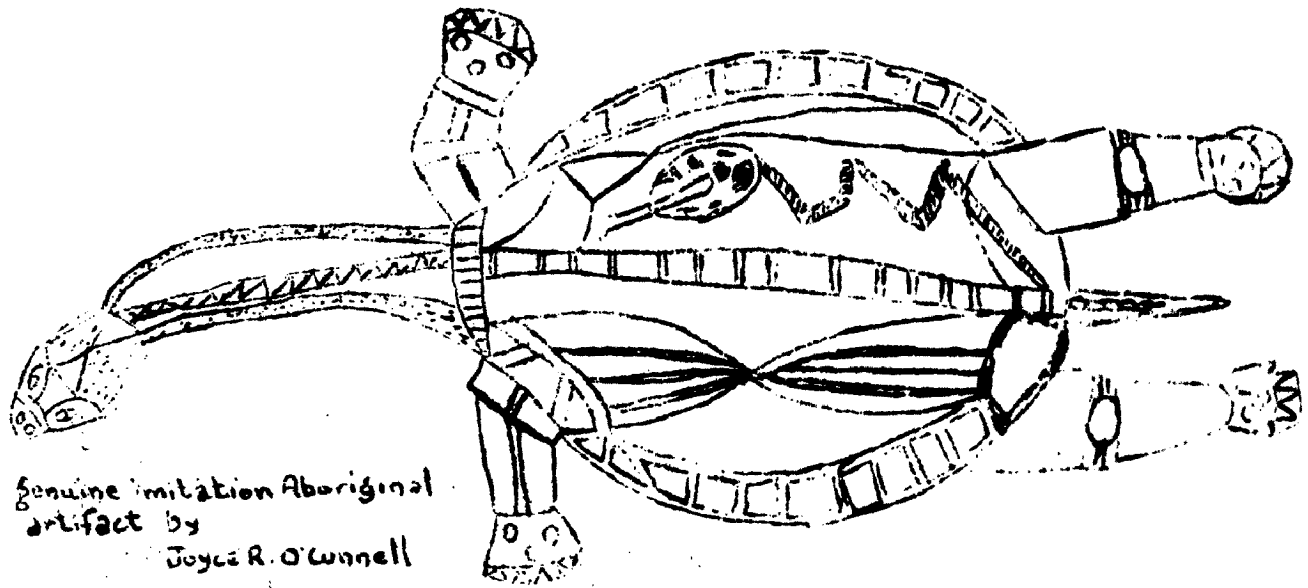


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Genuine Imitation Aboriginal
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Maningrida 2-10-73.

2½ weeks ago my Aunt Virginia and I rode into Maningrida with Eddie and Roy, intending to spend 1 or 2 days getting their disabled trucks repaired so we could go out to Katherine. We made our camp in the bush just North of the Condor Camp. Lucky circumstances found me substitute camp cook for 5 days and my Aunt and I enjoyed living in one of their big green tents. The men there are a happy lot in spite of living in wall to wall bull-dust. It could be all the fresh crab they eat. After one week we were surprised to find ourselves still in town. By this time my Aunt had been on several walkabouts and found herself many friendly people to talk with. After our 2 years of volunteer hospital service in Nepal, my Aunt, who is a registered nurse, was cwey interested in the hospital and welfare set up. In a small community as this it did not take very long to see the same faces over and over and become familiar with this place. It was easy to see the complex interaction between peoples and organizations that were responsible for the growth and progress of this settlement. Each individual is an important part of this town.

A lot of my time was spent on the beaches and in the creeks. Aunt Virginia and I, alternately spent a day out at Caddell river. Our thanks to Mr. Latu for making it possible. My thanks also to Margaret who caught the bait I used for catching catfish in the river, who took me around the camp, and swimming with laughing Leo and Nola.

Camping a couple of days at Juda Point meant plenty of good "tucker" from the sea... oysters, crab and trevali, as well as the delightful clear surf for swimming. Fishing by night provided shark sandwiches and a ghostly show of phosphorescent plankton glittering on the dark ripples.

Life is very different up here. The peace, and natural gifts of sea and land far out weigh sandflies and isolation. Even a long wait for a telephone call can be spent in observation of the "center of town" the store. We even took advantage of the Yoga instruction last night. Thanks, Jan.

When our tour of Australia, and New Zealand is over and we are home in the U.S. we will remember our adventure in Arnhem Land and particularly the friendly and unique Maningrida, with particular appreciation to the Latu family - the Condor family, the "Mechanics" and every smiling face.

Joyce O'Connell.

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WOODLAND JOTTINGS.

On Monday 8th we will be having the Official opening of the new toilet block at the forestry workshops. Persons wishing to attend, should wear galoshes as there is expected to be standing room only and there are many "poor shots" amongst our men.

Last Saturday Old Judah Point beach was very busy with people coming all day. Many crabs were caught.

WOODCHUCK MOVEMENTS.

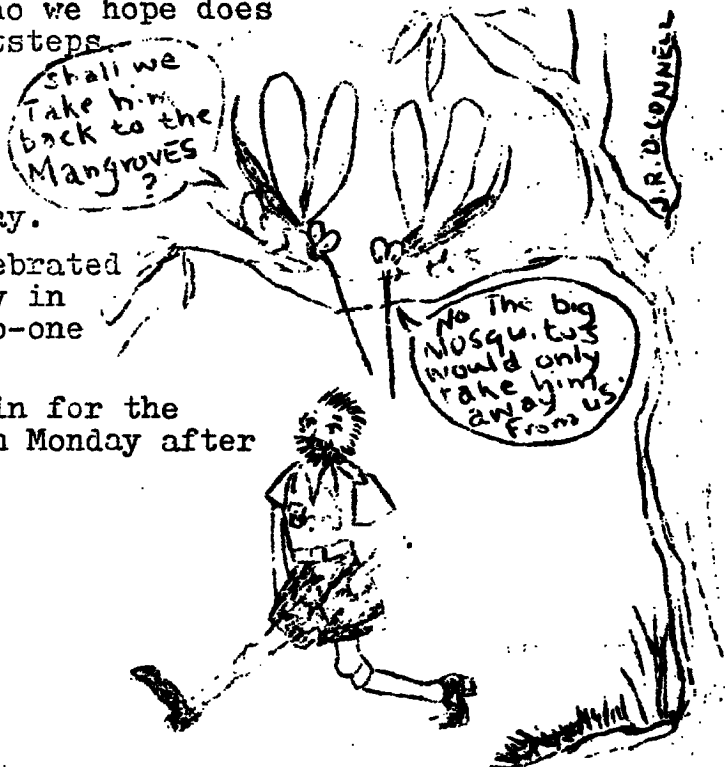
Senior Woodchucks Ryder and Edwards went to Darwin last week to relieve their "tensions."

Senior Woodchuck "Stout Gooseberry and Mark Spreader" Bill Hilliger was out here surveying new roads for us. He returned to Darwin this week with his protege Tony Rord who we hope does not follow in Bill's enormous footsteps.

Junior Woodchucks Bourke and Michelsen were out this week to look around the Sawmill; they returned to Darwin happy and suntanned after a pleasant stay.

Junior Woodchuck Lance Webber celebrated his majority at an exclusive party in a wardrobe at the Koala Motel. No-one was cordially invited.

Junior Woodchick "Tommo" slipped in for the weekend. He returned to Darwin on Monday after a well spent week-end.



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FOR SALE

FISH TANK 25" x 15" x 12" ... Complete with pump, aerator and filter etc. (Sorry no fish)

\$15 SEE DAVID HASSALL.

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If you have had anything to do with the rope that was hanging at Takala Adorna, tell Peter Pinder about it because he is interested in its progress.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO AVOID ANY FURTHER CONFUSION THE FOLLOWING TIMES ARE BEING RE-
STATED:

Maningrida Cub Group meets every Wednesday for about 2 hours
after school. An arrangement has been made to use the bell near
the church as a signal to call the boys.

Thank you; M. Uibo.

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Lena Araminba returned to Darwin last week for more treatment to her
leg.

Judy Mindjararmarayand and her son Johnny Bat both went into hospital
in Darwin for treatment.

Rita Jidawugu returned from Darwin with her baby Rebekah, her husband
is David Galbum.

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HELP CONSERVE WATER: The top-end of town has trouble getting water
because one of the bres is not functioning. There is a Settle-
ment-Wide ban on sprinklers. Please observe.

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The Airport will not be closed until further notice.

J. HUNTER.

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FOR SALE:

5 hp YAMAHA OUTBOARD MOTOR with spare propellor, points plugs
and shear pin.

Includes 20 gallons fuel.

\$175

Bob Fisher.

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CLOTHES AND STUFF !!!!!!!

If you have anything too good to throw away, but not good enough
for you, give them to Alan Christopher for the Petc. He will collect on
on Saturday 13th October if that will suit you.

See BIG AL NOW.

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