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TIMBER TRUSS MANUFACTURE.

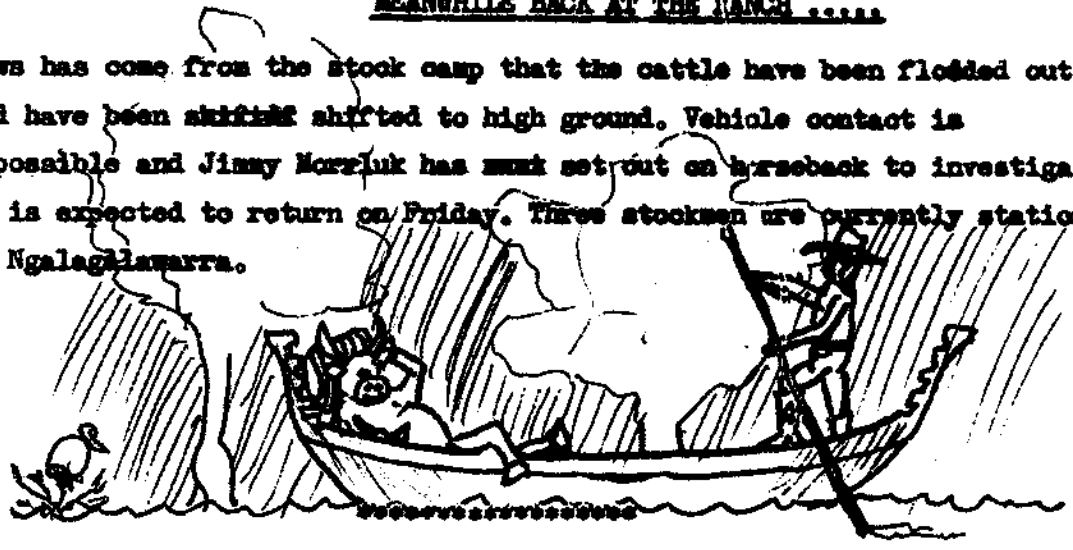
A committee comprising Messrs Imbaral, Riala, James Wilson, Malangava, Wilders and A. Galvin (Forestry, Darwin) was formed at a meeting held last Monday. Their job is to apply for \$50,000 with which to build and operate a timber truss factory at Maningrida. The enterprise is to be owned and operated by Aborigines, under the guidance of a Manager employed by the company.

Timber trusses are prefabricated with a gang-saw assembly plant and can be used for house and shed construction. The plant can also be modified to produce modular building components for use in house erection. It is to be hoped that this will give a substantial boost to the house building programme not only at Maningrida but at other settlements in the Northern Territory.

Mr. Jack Larcombe, Chief Welfare Officer, took the application to Darwin where it will be considered by the Aboriginal Benefits Trust.

MEANWHILE BACK AT THE RANCH *****

News has come from the stock camp that the cattle have been flooded out and have been skiffed shifted to high ground. Vehicle contact is impossible and Jimmy Morzuk has must set out on horseback to investigate. He is expected to return on Friday. Three stockmen are currently stationed at Ngagalawarra.



CADELL RIVER.

The Cadell River at Kojjan-Jindidi is a magnificent sight. The river rose about 6 feet in the last rain and is maintaining that level. The rain and flooding caused minor damage to the bridges at Gudjerama and Dogaladorma but the road party has gone out to put things right. Both creeks are now flowing strongly. All is well at the garden where more piping is being laid preparatory to an extension of the banana plantation.

CROCODILES.

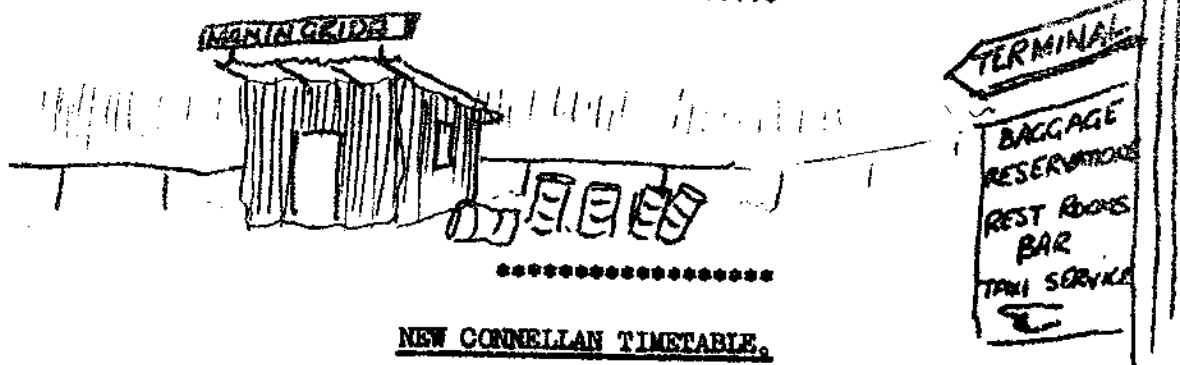
John Maliva who has been hunting around the Namangara Creek area came back last week with a beautiful 40" skin. He says that there are two more big ones in the creek so beware all you weekend crab catchers. Nym Maralkay has also reported two large "salties" in the Cadell at Kojjan-Jindidi. This does not deter the locals in enjoying the delights of swimming in cool fresh water. It is pretty hot out there.

J. H.

Mr. Jack Maccombe announced that the Works Department has £100,000 to spend on exploring a road from the Mainoru area to Maningrida. The chief roads engineer, Mr. Green, has already made a survey flight north of Mountain Valley to determine possible routes.

EXPANSION OF AIRPORT FACILITIES.

Those who are want to frequeate the airstrip will notice a magnificent edifice arising for the convenience of air travellers. If Manarx Darwin can do it so can Maningrida!



NEW CORNELLAN TIMETABLE.

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
Darwin	8.20	7.40	7.40	12.30	10.15	7.55
Maningrida	10.10	9.10	9.50	2.45	11.55	{ 10.40 1.50
Darwin	12.50	11.15	12.15	5.00	2.05	5.00

Planes go to Milingimbi and Elcho on Tuesday and Saturday.

W A T E R.

The pump at Leper Hole is temporarily out of service so watering should be restricted to 5.00 to 7.00 pm daily.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

In the Darwin Hospital is SILAS ROBERTS who is O.K., but likely to be in for a while, LAWRENCE DANIGA who is also alright. In the Bagoß Hospital is Daisy Nararabanja and twins, also MARY NILIPIA who will be in for a while.

SISTER SANDRA.

Sister Sandra spent her childhood days in that pleasant city of Mt. Gambier where people drink and wash in blue water. Would Mr. Freud think that those crisp blue uniforms arise from this childhood influence? Sandra trained in Adelaide and Melbourne. After a time in Mt. Gambier she went overseas to do a post graduate course in paraplegic (people whose backs have been broken and who have lost the use of some of their limbs) nursing, in England. She then lived in Denmark and while there accompanied the Danish paraplegic team to the Para Olympics. They ~~participated~~ competed in flat races in wheel chairs, weight lifting, fencing, archery, etc. Then followed a period in Florence and a course on the Renaissance at the University there. Much of the city was still suffering the effects of the big flood, and along with others she helped in the painstaking

OUR CIVIC FATHERS.

The newly elected Village Council has met twice. The President is Tom Imbaral and the secretary John Malangowa. The representatives are :

GUNWINDOU - Silas Binjululu, Oscar Nalawid & David Irindilly.

GUNAVIDJI - Albert Wurjal, Billy Yirijin, John Malangowa.

NAKERA - Tom Imbaral, Toby Malagaliya, Willy Tolppa.

BURADA - Jack Riala, Robert Wukkawukka, George Banabarali.

GANARDA - Peter Gangalara, Jack Milirawurlwurl, Jimmy Madama.

REMBARARGA - Jacky Milirawurlwurl, Jacky Banabarali.

JINANG - Ray Muryal, Jack Maritja, Jimmy Burnyila.

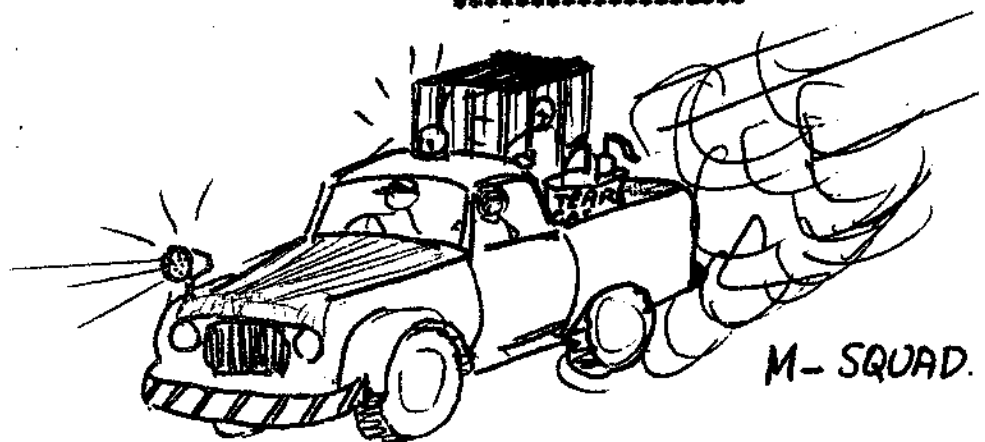
COUNCIL BUSINESS.

At the first meeting it was agreed that the Council should have a truck to check up on and stop trouble in the village. So the 21 members each gave \$5 as a first payment of it's cost.

The Council agreed that if a dispute arose only 2 people should fight it not a whole crowd. (This resolution was made before a large scale war broke out in the Nakara camp.)

At the second meeting this week there was discussion about how small children walk around on the roadway by the office and the kitchen sometimes because mothers are working.

The discussion then moved to beer, beer, beer argue, argue, argue! The Councillors want to be able to drink more beer and " what about the women?" - " They savvy in Darwin and other places ". The chairman asked the Supt. " Are you going to change ?". Mr. Hunter replied " I can't agree ". After a long argument in the Council Ray Muryal said "We are not going to come next week to talk about beer ... leave it till next year ... we'll have 2 cans every week night and 5 on Friday and Saturday Nights... "



SISTER SANDRA CONTD.

task of cleaning a Church and books in a library.

Then up to Scotland and here she was able to see a good deal of the countryside. Sandra's view is :

"If you want to enjoy life - Italy is the place ".

"If you want to live well - Denmark is the place. "

"If you just want to be - Scotland is the place . "

Now she is with the Dept. of Health and along with sisters at Bathurst Island and Milingimbi doing a "Nutritional Survey ".

THE ARAFURA "C".

In co-operation with the Maningrida Council we have officially adopted a policy of not selling tobacco or cigarettes to children 14 years or under.

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Good stocks of food, hardware and clothing are available - especially blankets, mosquito nets, swag rolls, mattresses, sheets, tents, guns, saucepans, lanterns, knives and ammunition.

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The new Co-op. should be completed this month. The electrician is delaying us now, as he will have about 3 weeks work. Our first loads of stock have already gone into the new store.

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FUEL - Someone is swiping our Petrol - I'll try this approach first!
PLEASE DON'T DO IT !!!

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Our thanks to Jin McNerny for his great helpfulness in fixing our deep freeze only hours after his arrival back from holidays.

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If we haven't got it we will get it - or give it a good try! During the past month we have sent away for all manner of items from equipment for the Cadell Gardens, iron for Aboriginal housing, Wireleses, Bikes and such clothing .

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Susan Maligrid began work in the Co-op. last week, and is doing a very good job, she will soon settle into our group, and will be a valuable member of our staff.

TO SELL.

ONE PHILLIPS STEREOGRAM - NEW COST \$130, WILL SELL FOR \$50.
P. WILLIAMS.

RAINFALL.

Rainfall recordings during January - 998 points.

This week; recorded 9 a.m. 5. 1. 70. - 40 points.

WEEKEND DUTY OFFICER

- Mr. Keith George.

WEEKEND DUTY SISTER

- Sister Helen Miller . People are reminded that the hospital hours are 7am to 4pm.

SHOWING AT THE THEATRE.

FRIDAY :

AT CHURCH.

SUNDAY : 9.50 am - All age Sunday School.

7.30 pm - Evening Service, Holy Communion.

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