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## LAND RIGHTS & MINING

Mr. Geoff Eames, Legal Adviser to the Central Land Council, addressed the Annual Dinner of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy at the Tennant Creek Hotel on May 6th.

Mr. Eames said that passage of The Land Rights Legislation required a change in attitude from everyone. Contrary to some popular opinion, Aboriginal as well as mining interests are not satisfied with certain aspects of the Act, however it must be lived with as the Legislation probably will not be amended.

A number of myths were circulating, said Mr. Eames, the chief of which was that Lands Councils were anti-mining. Lands Councils adopted a stance of "armed neutrality with aggression" and had no attitude as such on mining. This arose because Aboriginals do not have a consistent attitude on mining. Attitudes vary with the experience that individual Aboriginal groups have had with mining. Some Aboriginal groups are entirely against mining while others take the reverse position, thus Lands Councils have no specific attitude to mining but argue the case for or against, consistent with requirements.

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## NEW TERRITORY PAPER

The Northern Territory is to have its own Travel Newspaper.

Called "Territory Traveller Tales", the paper will cover all regional tourist areas within the Territory as well as Kununurra in north west Western Australia and Mt. Isa in western Queensland.

Mr. Peter Wilkins, Managing Director of the Alice Springs Star, is currently visiting Northern Territory centres in preparation for the first edition in June.

Speaking in Tennant Creek recently, Mr. Wilkins described the paper as "an exciting project which will not only be of benefit to intending tourists, but would help people to understand more about the Northern Territory and the unique and friendly life style of Territorians".

"Territory Travellers Tales" will be distributed throughout Australia and overseas by the Northern Territory Tourist Bureau.

## COMING EVENTS



### MAY

- 13th-25th - Religious Arts & Crafts, Town Library
- 14th - The Larrikins, C.W.A. 8pm  
- Apex Mixed Dinner
- 15th - Standard Pistol & Coaching
- 16th - Air Pistol, Scout Hall 7.30pm  
- Youth Club Meeting, Old NTA Building 8 pm
- 18th - Warramunga Club, Warrego
- 21st - National Anthem Referendum
- 23rd - Softball Committee Meeting, Town Library 7.30 pm
- 28th - Debutante Ball
- 30th - Tennis Championship Nominations Close
- 31st - Tennis Association Committee Meeting

### JUNE

- 2nd - Karguru School Council Meeting
- 9th - Consumers Protection Council, 7.30 pm Area School
- 10th-11th - Boeing Boeing, CWA Hall
- 26th - Arts Council - The Tchaika Cossacks

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## Religious Arts and Crafts

An exhibition of Religious Arts & Crafts will be on show in the Town Library from the 13th to the 25th of May.

The items on show form the major part of a recent competition held in Alice Springs by the Central Australian Arts Society.

The Arts Council would like to thank Frank Sanderson and Grace Bros. for donating their services in helping us bring this exhibition to Tennant Creek.

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

A recent article in the T.T. described the new offer for Local Government in Tennant. To date nobody has put forward any arguments in favour of Local Government. Most residents seem apathetic in regard to this issue. Probably they reckon the Local Government will come eventually and just leave it to someone else to worry about the details.

The article described how over a 5 year period rates would gradually be introduced, Council Chambers would be erected, and eventually some 18 new public servants would be employed.

Why do we need a Council? What good will it do for us? Are we going to have an expensive new office building and 18 new public servants to re-organise the collection of our garbage?

Under the present situation many Tennant residents are actively involved in their community life. There are clubs such as Lions and Apex, many sporting associations, the Community Development Council, The Purkiss Reserve Trustees, the Creche, School Councils, a Craft Group, a Theatre Group, Folk Club and many other community organisations. There are a fantastic number of community spirited activities for a town of our size.

If a Tennant Creek Council comes into existence one could imagine it being asked to take over many of these activities. What would happen to all our hard working community spirited people. They'd probably all sit down and whinge about the poor job the Council was doing, just like people do in the cities.

I think we are lucky that we do not have a Council. Far from being disadvantaged, we are streaks ahead of other communities. We are the enlightened ones unburdened by the trappings of a civic bureaucracy.

And the last thing Tennant needs is more public servants. In these days of high unemployment and inflation our nation can ill afford more public servants. These people would contribute absolutely nothing to the Gross National Product and only serve to increase the amount of crippling red tape that already stifles productivity.

The cost of a Council to the Tennant Community far exceeds any benefit it may provide.  
Bruce Kay.

## Improved Mail Services

The Tennant Creek Branch of the Country Women's Association has asked Mr. Tuxworth, the Member for Barkly, to continue to press the Federal Government for improved mail services in outlying areas. Mr. Tuxworth said he felt the new service between Katherine and Borroloola was a help, but there was still a pressing need for a service to be initiated between Borroloola, Frewena and Tennant and he would fight for this.

## VACATION CARE FUNDS

During the week the Minister for Social Security, Senator Margaret Guilfoyle, announced that funds had been granted to 8 Territory organisations, under the Vacation Care program which is organised by the Office of Child Care, under the Senator's jurisdiction. Between 14 and 27 May 800 children will take part in numerous vacation projects at Amooinguna, Alice Springs, Papunya, Nhulunbuy, Darwin, Tennant Creek, Mataranka and Pine Creek. The activities in which the children will participate include crafts, sports, social camping, arts, bush craft, English instruction, films and painting. A wide variety of past-times in which it is hoped that many children will be able to participate.

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## EDITORIAL

In recent weeks the abundant generosity of Tennant residents has been well in evidence. In a small community like ours it is expected that people are more interested in the affairs of other townfolk, than in a larger community. This concern and the response generated has exceeded all expectations.

The Swimathon, organised by the Regional Branch of the Primary Schools Amateur Sports Association, to help send children to compete in Darwin, raised over \$3000. The wheelbarrow race and dance raised over \$1000 to help a local worker. A large and active crowd attended the May Day Sports and contributed freely to the various money raising activities organised on the day. In all three activities and in many other smaller causes, money and help was given freely and enthusiastically. People worked hard for their money, 5000 laps were swum, and 32 miles were pushed.

There is no doubt that people are willing to give of their time and money to causes they are close to, of which they have some personal knowledge, and can participate in directly.

One of the functions a local newspaper is to give publicity to worthwhile causes. This publicity is given freely, although some people and organisations are reluctant to use this facility.

If you are planning something, let us know about it and help you to get your message across to the people of Tennant, who have shown their willingness to help when they know what they are helping.

## CAR WASH

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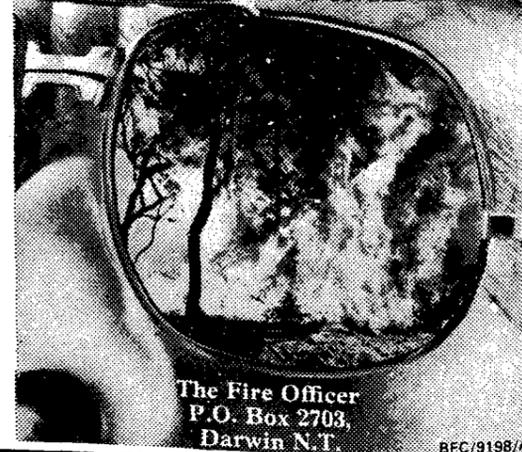
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# Our dead heart

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## Land Rights and Mining

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It would appear that, overall, Aboriginals do not regard their past experience with mining as good. Many see mining as inevitable, but wish it would go away. A current difficulty is the enormous push and pressure for mining from Companies and Government Departments on people with little education. Europeans see the issue in economic terms, however Aboriginals regard culture and land as of greater importance than jobs and wages. If their land is at risk they consider their whole culture to be at stake.

Mr. Eames said that in the past some mining companies had not presented all the facts as known. These companies are distained by the Aboriginals as "Tricky" or "Like a Snake", thus making future dealings very difficult. The Land Councils provide a means for negotiation between companies and Aboriginals and allow many of the pitfalls of direct approaches to be avoided. The Councils present all propositions to the relevant Aboriginal groups, but recommend that companies supply all the information that they can.

In concluding, Mr. Eames said that the challenge for the future is to see that all interests co-incide. Problems could occur if a large section of the permanent population of the Territory were allowed to live in bad conditions bearing a sense of grievance. Tribal Aboriginals have a real attachment to their land and tend to look at the question in terms of life rather than money or jobs. A key question was the relevance of the distribution of money from mining in the N.T., as against money going to the companies. Mining royalties could make Aboriginals less dependent on the Government. The next few years could be testing and difficult if attempts are made to threaten or subvert Land Rights. Real understanding and lack of coercion are required.

## ALP NEWS

The Tennant Creek Branch of the A.L.P. is concerned by the proposed aerial baiting of Dingoes on Pastoral Properties. This method has been tried in the past and the amount of Dingoes killed against the cost was enormous.

We recognise the fact that the Dingo is killing quite a large percentage of young stock, but we feel that the best way to control the Dingo menace is to raise the bounty of scalps to a realistic figure.

Government admits wage restraint in the Fraser Government's submission to the national wage case in March, it had to admit there was wage restraint: "Clearly there is very little movement outside wage indexation decisions". The Governments own statistics show that for a whole year more than 95 per cent of increases in adult male wage rates were inside indexation. Wage and salary earners have lost more than \$619 million as a result of their share of the gross domestic product (non-farm) dropping in the 12 months to December by 3.3 per cent. And the figures on average weekly earnings show the rate of increase in the December quarter fell sharply to 0.9 per cent, the lowest increase since 1967.

According to official estimates, real wages fall by another 2.7 per cent in the first two quarters of this year.

Authorised by G. Bremner.

## DRUG LEGISLATION

Mr. Ian Tuxworth, Member for Community Services, this week introduced into the Legislative Assembly 3 bills that will relate to the control and provision of dangerous and prohibited drugs in the N.T. The Dangerous Drugs Bill which covers drugs used for medicinal purposes and the Prohibited Drugs Bill which covers drugs that have no medicinal value but hallucinogenic effects (L.S.D., Amphetamines and Cannabis) will have much stricter controls, greater police powers and much higher penalties.

Mr. Tuxworth said that the Legislation was aimed at pushers of hard drugs and the penalties for this offence will be increased to 15 years hard labour for the first offence.

## SCHOOL FEES

At the recent Karguru School Council Meeting concern was expressed that parents may not realise why the fee of \$10 per child per term is charged.

Enquiries at the School revealed that the fees are used to purchase about 15 prescribed workbooks per year for each child (spelling, English, reading, maths), plus reading books, rulers, pencils, exercise books, and so on, which the parent is normally required to buy.

Bulk purchases mean that considerable savings are passed on to the parents and that there is an ample supply of the correct items available at all times. Parents are also saved the time and inconvenience of shopping for these goods.

As well as buying School materials, the fees cover the cost of Arts Council performances at the School throughout the year.

## ETHNIC AFFAIRS PORT FOLIO

Mr. Ian Tuxworth, Member for Barkly, said today that the majority party in the Legislative Assembly would be establishing an Ethnic Affairs Port Folio, which would provide back up services for Migrants and Ethnic Groups.

In the Legislative Assembly this week, Dr. Letts outlined the Country Liberal Party's concern at the lack of facilities such as English Classes, Migrant Information Centres and Interpreter Services which are normally provided by State Governments. Mr. Tuxworth said that at the recent Census it was established that only 50% of the N.T.'s population is of Anglo-Saxon background and with this unique community composition he felt the establishment of an Ethnic Affairs Port Folio would be of benefit to the community as a whole and particularly to Tennant Creek.

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## Primary School Enrolments

The Department of Education has a Policy of admitting children to Primary School through the year at the age of five. Commencing with the 1976 School year conditions of entry were laid down as follows:

- A. For those children who turn 5 on or before February 1st, parents will enrol their children at the School before the commencement of the academic year.
- B. For those who turn 5 after February 1st there will be no direct entry to Primary School. Pupils are admitted to year 1 class via Pre-school after discussion between The Principal, Pre-school Teacher, Infant Teacher and Parent, children being transferred on a basis of readiness. The Principal can arrange for transfer of students from Pre-school on a terminal, continuous, or regular interval basis.

As a result of the regulations the Department foresaw the possibility that some children would be transferred to year 1 classes from Pre-school prior to the fifth birthday, while other children remain in Pre-school for a considerable period after turning five. Children transferring from interstate etc. follow these procedures, however children already at school will be admitted as a transfer student.

The system is designed so that all children spend a minimum of seven years in Primary classes in addition to Pre-school. Students are classed as in year 1 until they have completed one entire February - December academic year. Students entering Primary School part way through the year thus remain in year 1 longer than one year. Students, however, because of their ability and progress may be at different levels in the various subjects.

(Source: Education Department Circular 75/223)

## Progress Party Activities

The Progress Party recently accused the C.L.P. and the A.L.P. of having Sherwood Forest mentalities. Both parties saw subsidies as the answer to any and every problem.

Small business, cattle men and consumers all faced problems and extra costs because of remoteness and the fact that nature has been ungenerous to the N.T. However, the answer lies in removing some of the barriers rather than giving handouts. Reduction of taxes of all kinds, and declaring tax holidays for new and developing programmes, similar to those existing in S.E. Asia, and Canada, are preferable to subsidies.

If the N.T. is to have a future at all our leaders have to stop thinking in a negative manner. The N.T. has a tremendous future if only the shackles placed on us by Canberra could be broken.

Robin Hood died 600 years ago, however, the Government, instead of allowing his principle to die with him, have developed a more tragic slant. They now rob Peter and Paul with great equanimity.

The Progress Party stands for reduction in taxation and big Government, to be achieved efficiently, but with the minimum disruption to the community. People of Australia pay 50% of their incomes from all sources in direct and indirect taxes. As well, they pay approximately 15% extra tax by inflation. Giving more subsidies means an increase in taxes, or inflation, or both.

Authorised by B. Duck,  
Secretary.



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### FRIDAY 13TH MAY

- 3.30 Play School
- 4.00 Sesame Street
- 5.00 Flashez
- 5.35 Last of the Wild
- 5.55 Dad's Army
- 6.25 Regional News
- 6.30 News; Weather
- 7.00 This Day Tonight
- 7.30 Pot Black
- 8.00 The Two Ronnies
- 8.45 News; Weather
- 9.00 It Ain't Half Hot, Mum
- 9.30 Friday Forum
- 9.50 British Soccer

### SATURDAY 14TH MAY

- 3.20 Stanley Cup Ice Hockey
- 4.20 Pot Black
- 4.35 Countdown
- 5.30 Big League
- 6.25 Weather
- 6.30 News
- 6.45 Sports Review
- 7.00 Presenting Nana Mouskouri
- 7.45 Four Corners
- 8.40 Movie: Nobody's Perfect
- 10.20 Funky Road

### SUNDAY 15TH MAY

- 10.30 Divine Service
- 11.25 Music
- 11.30 Simon in the Land of Chalk Drawing
- 11.35 Squiggle
- 11.50 Wind in the Willows
- 12.15 In Your Garden
- 12.30 Four Corners
- 1.25 A Big Country
- 1.55 Movie: Springtime in the Rockies
- 3.30 The Banana Splits
- 4.10 Dr. Who
- 4.25 Countdown
- 5.30 The Big League
- 6.25 Weather
- 6.30 News; Weekend Magazine
- 7.10 The Duchess of Duke Street
- 8.00 News; Weather
- 8.05 Red Cross Appeal
- 8.06 Royal Heritage
- 9.05 The Emigrants
- 10.20 Music Makers

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### MONDAY 16TH MAY

- 7.30 Sesame Street
- 8.30 Music
- 9.00 Play School
- 9.30 Music
- 12.05 Weekend Magazine
- 12.30 News
- 12.40 Horizon-5
- 12.59 Weather
- 1.00 Music
- 1.20 History
- 1.40 Music
- 3.25 Play School
- 3.55 Sesame Street
- 4.50 Flashez
- 5.20 British Soccer
- 6.15 Sports Roundup
- 6.25 Regional News
- 6.30 News; Weather
- 7.00 This Day Tonight
- 7.30 In the Wild
- 8.00 When the Boat Comes In
- 8.50 News; Weather
- 8.55 Monday Conference
- 9.45 Documentary: The Poor Old Woman

### WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY

- 7.30 Sesame Street
- 8.30 Music
- 9.00 Play School
- 9.25 Music
- 11.20 Primary Science
- 11.35 Music
- 12.30 News
- 12.40 Horizon-5
- 12.59 Weather
- 1.00 Music
- 3.30 Play School
- 3.55 Sir Prancelot
- 4.05 Sesame Street
- 5.00 Flashez
- 5.30 Last of the Wild
- 5.50 Points North
- 6.00 Bellbird
- 6.25 Regional News
- 6.30 News; Weather
- 7.00 This Day Tonight
- 7.30 Andy Williams Show
- 7.55 News; Weather
- 8.00 Movie: No Room to Run

### TUESDAY 17TH MAY

- 7.30 Sesame Street
- 8.30 Music
- 9.00 Play School
- 9.25 Music
- 9.50 Primary Science
- 10.15 Music
- 12.30 News
- 12.40 Horizon-5
- 12.59 Weather
- 1.00 Music
- 1.55 Romantic versus Classic Art
- 2.25 Music
- 3.30 Play School
- 3.55 Sir Prancelot
- 4.00 Sesame Street
- 5.00 Flashez
- 5.30 Last of the Wild
- 5.50 Points North
- 6.00 Bellbird
- 6.25 Regional News
- 6.30 News; Weather
- 7.00 This Day Tonight
- 7.30 Holiday

### THURSDAY 19TH MAY

- 7.30 Sesame Street
- 8.30 Music
- 9.00 Play School
- 9.25 Music
- 12.30 News
- 12.40 Horizon-5
- 12.59 Weather
- 1.00 Music
- 3.30 Play School
- 3.55 Sesame Street
- 4.55 Flashez
- 5.30 Last of the Wild
- 5.50 Points North
- 6.00 Bellbird
- 6.25 Regional News

- 6.30 News; Weather
- 7.00 This Day Tonight
- 7.30 The Good Life
- 8.00 The Of Show
- 8.30 News; Weather
- 8.35 Documentary: Yes, But What Do You Do For A Living?
- 9.25 Gardening
- 9.40 World of Music

### FRIDAY 20TH MAY

- 7.30 Sesame Street
- 8.30 Music
- 9.00 Play School
- 9.30 Music
- 9.50 History
- 10.10 Music
- 12.30 News
- 12.40 Horizon-5
- 12.59 Weather
- 1.00 Music
- 3.30 Play School
- 4.00 Magic Roundabout
- 4.05 Sesame Street
- 5.00 Flashez
- 5.35 Lorne Greene's Last of the Wild
- 5.55 Dad's Army
- 6.25 Regional News
- 6.30 News; Weather
- 7.00 This Day Tonight
- 7.30 Pot Black
- 8.00 The Two Ronnies
- 8.45 News; Weather
- 8.50 It Ain't Half Hot, Mum
- 9.20 Friday Forum
- 9.50 Soccer

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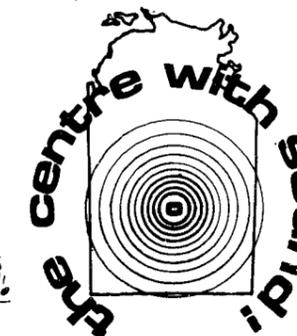
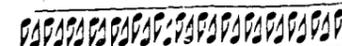


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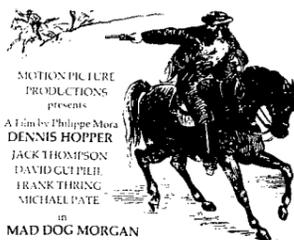
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## Movie News...

Four Walt Disney Films will be screened at the Tennant Drive-in during the school holidays.

The first programme this Sunday May the 15th and at Warrego Wednesday May 18th is the fantastic double feature "THE ISLAND AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD" and "ESCAPE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN"

Both these films will appeal to all age groups not just children.

Screening at the Tennant Drive-In on Wednesday the 18th of May and at Warrego the 22nd May "THE BEST OF WALT DISNEY'S TRUE LIFE ADVENTURES"

This film opens with a pictorial salute to the man himself, whose belief that animals were fascinating, that birds could be amazing, and that all of nature was startling and dramatic resulted in this special form of screen entertainment.

Screening at the Tennant Drive-In next Friday 20th May and at Warrego Sunday May 22 "MAD DOG MORGAN" made by the producers of Sunday Too Far Away, and based on the book "Morgan the Bold Bushranger"

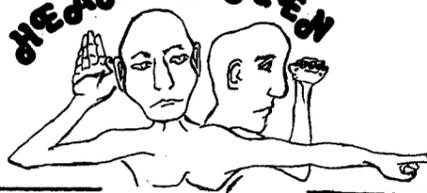
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## HEARD & SEEN



Heard some hard luck golf stories on Sunday, but one fellow came in smiling after his ball hit a tree on the 13th and landed on the green for two. Missed his birdie though!

Heard that there is a new janitor at the Area School. He is a shortish chap with light brown hair and a moustache & speaks with a refined accent.

Heard that the Golf Club has started its burning off program a little earlier this year and closer to town.

Heard that the local horse doctor is taking an interest in ham.

Heard that a certain school teacher may be ALP nominee for the Stuart electorate.

Seen - Apex boys on 4 wheels - skating???

Heard that there's been a few flying saucers up around Elliott.

Heard that the majority of people involved in a recent demonstration in Alice Springs were Committee Members of a certain political party and their families.

Seen Goldfields man wearing a smile in place of his beard.

Heard - The Sisters accomodation in the new Hospital should be ready by June, and the Hospital will be nearing completion in November.

Seen, heard and felt - Suzie won the bumping competition at the Golf Club dance by a long shot.

Heard Ken & Wendy had a daughter, Bronwyn Maxine. Congratulations.



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## GORDON BLUE

There have been some very favourable comments on the last few recipes from my Queensland cuisinieres, so here is another beauty. I made double the quantity suggested in the recipe given to me - and even then the only complaint was that there weren't enough! One usually staid colleague even went so far as to misappropriate a few for his special friends. I'm sure they enjoyed them. I was told in advance that they were "really very delicious". So thanks to Jean Freeman of Brisbane for this week's delicacy:

### Jean's Cheese Scones

2 cups Self-Raising flour. A pinch of salt  
1 1/2 cups grated cheese 2 grated onions  
2 eggs and milk mixed to make 1 1/2 cups.  
Mix all together in mixer until all blended. Drop into greased patty pans in a hot oven - 500° F. for about 10 minutes.

GORDON BLUE

## C.W.A. NEWS

A successful Mothers Day Fair was held last Saturday morning. The cake and goods stall made \$38, the raffle, for a beautiful cake, made \$39, and was won by Mrs. M. Brand and is to be their small daughter's birthday cake. There were successful stalls for Arts & Crafts, Plants, Pre-school Kaguru Books and the Pensioners Association.

It was a friendly, chatty occasion, which we must have again.

### DEPARTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION

TENDERS/QUOTATIONS closing with the Area Manager Department of Construction, Tennant Creek at 2.00 p.m. on the 26th May, 1977, are invited for:-

TPQ 55 ELLIOTT - Police Station - reroof office and replace water tanks.

SPECIFICATIONS are available on application to the offices of the Department of Construction, Tennant Creek.

QUOTATIONS must be on the official form and enclosed in a sealed envelope which is endorsed with the name of the work and addressed to the Area Manager, Department of Construction, Tennant Creek N.T. 5760.

A. JACKA,  
Area Manger.

TENNANT CREEK MEMORIAL CLUB  
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## YOUTH CLUB MEETING

The Committee met last Tuesday evening with eight members and parents present.

The skating is to continue on a Saturday night, with good attendances to date. The children are abiding by some new rules, such as not walking around the school but staying in the skating area.

It is most disturbing that parents are not interested in their children's activities as they get so much fun out of skating. It was lovely to see a family all skating last Saturday night, also some of the older teenage boys taking part. Parents should remember we are not cheap babysitters. Boot skates are available at discount prices through the Club.

The boxing has commenced under the instruction of John Durney at the Catholic Hall each week night from 4.45 p.m. for approximately one hour. All ages.

Is any girl interested in Judo? We have an instructor interested so let us know.

We are still looking for new ideas for more activities.

The next meeting will be on May 16th in the C.D.C. office, old N.T.A. building at 8 p.m. All most welcome.

## TENNIS

Only two matches were played last week as the local derby between Warrego Red and Warrego Blue was deferred because of the Technical Meetings at the Mine.

The feature this week was the fine effort by School. After their dismal defeat last week they came close to taking a point from Rockbusters. If they continue to improve like this they will be a real force in the competition. In the second game Pebbles had a good win over Apex.

### RESULTS:

Rockbusters - 5 sets 44 games def.  
School - 4 sets 33 games.  
Pebbles - 7 sets 48 games def.  
Apex - 2 sets 25 games.

## GOLF NEWS

Considering that the Mother's Day 4888 event was played within hours of the highly successful Associates Dinner, the scores were surprisingly good. The 4 Ball Best Ball V Par was won by Basil and Molly Courts with plus six. Runners-up on a count-back from Tex and Erica Russell were Dave Thomas and Beth Staunton who scored plus five.

Members without Associate partners played a similar event, which was well won by E. Parade and R. Boylan with plus eight. Ron Lear won nearest the pin, and almost won the long drive too, but M. Bennett's magnificent drive was a winner.

Captain R. Boylan, speaking after the presentations, commended the Associates for the ability, hard work and planning which went into their very successful Dinner on Saturday night. The result had been a fantastic night's enjoyment, attended by approximately 140.

# NATIONAL COACH VISIT

Dave Went the National Baseball Coach paid a visit to Tennant Creek last week. Dave played baseball in Melbourne and was six years in the Victorian State Team and a number of years in the Australian Squad. In 1971, he was appointed Assistant Coach to the Australian Team for the International Series in Asia. In 1973 he was appointed National Coach and since then has supervised the training and game strategy of the Australian Team.

To keep in touch with advancing coaching techniques, Dave spent about six weeks with the Cincinnati Reds, a major professional team in the U.S.A. He has a vast wealth of baseball knowledge and it was most generous of him to come to Tennant Creek after attending the N.T. Championships in Darwin.

Baseball, Softball and T. Ball coaches and players were very pleased to attend various coaching clinics and lectures by Dave. He outlined many simple techniques which could be put into practice in Tennant Creek by nearly all players to improve their game. As well as the simple tips for all, Dave also included more advanced training and coaching schedules leading to various double plays and put outs in a game situation.

We hope to include a number of the tips in a regular column in future editions of the Tennant Times. If everyone puts them into practice there will be a great improvement in the standard of play, to the benefit of players and spectators alike.

## In Sympathy

Members of the Tennant Creek Pistol Club express their deepest sympathy towards Greg. and Margaret Harris in the loss of their baby daughter.

Our thoughts are with you.

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Hotel SATURDAY, JUNE 4th  
SUNDAY, JUNE 5th

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## TEE BALL COMMENCES

The Tee Ball season commences this Saturday morning and below is the draw for one round.

All games to start at 11 a.m.

### LOCATION - AREA SCHOOL

- Diamond 1. Northern Oval - nearest Paterson St.  
2. Northern Oval - " Thompson St.  
3. Southern Oval - " amenities Blk.  
4. Southern Oval - southern end

### ROUND 1

14.5.77 21.5.77  
Panthers V Sharks (1) Warrego V Tonys Team (1)  
Tonys T. V Marks M. (2) Larrikins V Marks M. (2)  
Larrikins V Devils (3) Devils V Wombles (3)  
Wombles V Souths (4) Sharks V Souths (4)  
Warrego - Bye Panthers - Bye

28.5.77 4.6.77  
Sharks V Warrego (1) Tonys T. V Devils (1)  
Marks M. V Devils (2) Wombles V Panthers (2)  
Wombles V Larrikins (3) Marks M. V Souths (3)  
Souths V Panthers (4) Warrego V Larrikins (4)  
Tonys T. - Bye Sharks - Bye

11.6.77 18.6.77  
Sharks V Marks M. (1) Larrikins V Panthers (1)  
Tonys T. V Wombles (2) Devils V Sharks (2)  
Warrego V Souths (3) Souths V Tonys Team (3)  
Devils V Panthers (4) Warrego V Wombles (4)  
Larrikins - Bye Marks Men - Bye

25.6.77 2.7.77  
Panthers V Marks M. (1) Panthers V Tonys T. (1)  
Wombles V Sharks (2) Larrikins V Sharks (2)  
Devils V Warrego (3) Marks M. V Warrego (3)  
Tonys T. V Larrikins (4) Souths V Devils (4)  
Souths - Bye Wombles - Bye

9.7.77  
Sharks V Tonys T. (1)  
Panthers V Warrego (2)  
Marks M. V Wombles (3)  
Souths V Larrikins (4)  
Devils - Bye

## LITTLE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The first carnival of the season took place last Saturday morning and despite the early start children, along with their parents, were keen participants.

The children competed in sprint events, shot putt, long jump and for the first time a 200m walk. A total of 65 children took part in these events.

All competitors are given little stickers as a record of their performance - these are to be pasted into their own Result Book. This will enable them to compare and improve their efforts.

Every child who has paid their registration fee of \$5 has been given a Registration form for their parents to sign - the club would appreciate these forms be signed and returned as quickly as possible. Registrations are still welcomed from interested children, and they are more than welcome to attend a carnival and compete to see if they would like to be in the fun of things. Ages are as of the 1st October, 1976 and the age group is from under 6 to under 13. Carnivals are held every Saturday morning starting 7.45 a.m. at the South Oval at the Area School.

The Club would like to see the parents along to help with scoring, timekeeping, etc.

# SOFTBALL

## Softball Results 7.5.77

1st Game: Saints v Pumaralis

Because of limited time this game was drawn: Saints 9 Pumaralis 9

Safe Hitters - Saints: Nelson, Renfrey, Rodgers 1 each. Ahang, Westlund 2 each. Parsons 3. Pumaralis: Mathews, Kerrin,

Ellery, Sullivan, Pointon-wales 1 each. L. Tarca 3.

Run Getters - Saints: Nelson, Campbell, Renfrey, Rogers, Westlund 1 each. Paradine & Parsons 2 each.

Pumaralis: L. Tarca, A. Tarca, Barton 1 each. Mathews, Kerrin, Ellery 2 each.

2nd Game: Tomboys v Lions

Tomboys 25 defeated Lions 13.

Safe Hitters - Tomboys: Stein, McKauley, Fitz, Dequemin 1 each. Olden, Young, Whaites 2 each Johnson 3.

Lions: Wooldridge, Knape, Lembre, Paterson 1 each. Christopher 2. Kelly 3. LeCerb 4.

Run Getters Tomboys: Fitz 1. Morgan 2. McKauley, Young, Whaites, Duquemin 3 each. Stein, Olden 4.

Lions: Isbester, Kelly, LeCerb, Knape 1 each. Christopher 2. Lembke 3. Patterson 4.

Double - T7 - L7

Next Weeks Games: Pumaralis v Tomboys  
Lions v Saints

Committee Meeting to be held 23rd May, Town Library at 7.30 p.m.

Town Squad training for Senior and Junior, Thursday nights 5 p.m. at Thyer Field - Coach K. Mearns.

## Social Tennis

Social tennis is being organised for Wednesday mornings. All welcome.

Social Membership - \$3 per annum or 50¢ a time. This entitles members to use the courts at any time except on competition nights (Wednesday, Thursday) and team practice nights (Monday, Tuesday).

Nominations for championships close on 30th May - 50¢ per entry. All welcome to enter. Entries may be handed to team captains and/or left at Geopeko.

There will be 6 events:-

- Men's Singles
- Ladies Singles
- Men's Doubles
- Ladies Doubles
- Mixed Doubles
- Junior Singles (under 16) (Subject to support)

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# SPORT REPORT

## BASEBALL...

Spectators at Sundays baseball games saw two games of a standard generally below that expected.

In the first game, erratic pitching by Kerrin brothers saw 21 walks conceded including 5 batters hit by pitchers. Both teams scored 3 runners in the first innings which saw a full line up batting. Costly errors by Tigers let Pirates score again in the second and third innings before Tigers answered in the third to make the score 6-4. Six safe hits by Pirates in the fifth brought in 9 runs to give them an easy victory.

Pirates 15 Runs 7 Hits 1 Error  
Tigers 4 Runs 3 Hits 5 Errors

Main Safe Hits - R.Williams & P. Vander Helder 2 each

Battery - D. Kerrin 9 K<sub>2</sub> 3 Hits 8 Walks  
K. Kerrin 3 K<sub>2</sub> 7 Hits 13 Walks

In the second game, Braves got away to what proved a winning lead in the first innings when 3 runners scored, mainly on fielding errors. The game tightened and both teams scored 1 run in the third for a final score of 4-1 to Braves. Both teams had six scattered hits and with Landry pitching well, it was only the early fielding lapse which counted heavily against Dodgers. Braves are to be commended on an errorless game in the field.

Braves 4 Runs 6 Hits 0 Error  
Dodgers 1 Run 6 Hits 3 Errors

Main Safe Hits - Braves K. Williams 2  
- Dodgers T. Bethel 2

Battery - K.Williams 2K<sub>2</sub> 4 Hits 3 Walks  
J.Laitinen 4K<sub>2</sub> 2 Hits 1 Walk  
R.Landry 6K<sub>2</sub> 6 Hits 0 Walks

At the completion of the first round of the competition, the point score is:

Pirates	6	Dodgers	1
Braves	4	Tigers	1

## BOWLING NOTES

### MENS BOWLING

#### Final Mens Fours Championship, 1977

Joe Gerards, Rex Holcroft, John Henderson and Ian Butler became the first Club Champions by defeating Murray Henderson Snr. and Jnr., Tom Darlington and Woody Woodroffe 20 shots to 15 shots.

This game was close all the way, and Joe's Team trailed 15 - 14 on the 21st end, but finally managed to sneak away at the finish for a well deserved win.

#### Saturday 7.5.77

Trophy winners were Basil Sando, Debbie Henderson and Woody Woodroffe.

#### Sunday 8.5.77 - Ladies Day

Two very exciting games of Mystery Triples produced some very narrow results, but the champs on the day were Keith Wilson and Ethel Parsons.

#### Coming Highlights

Semi Finals Mens Singles - Sunday 15th May  
Gerards Vs Baker and Joswig Vs Winner Collins/Wortley.

### LADIES BOWLING

#### Wednesday 4th May

Judith Bradley, Annette Yates, Beryl Rains 8 shots defeated Debbie Henderson, Wilma Elmy and Francesca Farkas 7 shots.

Millie Sharp, Ethel Parsons, Beth Staunton 7 shots drew with Jan Gerards, Inez Cornish and Ann Gerards 7 shots.

## Baseball Draw

### BASEBALL DRAW - ROUND 2.

#### SUNDAY 15th MAY:

1st Game (1.15pm) Braves v Pirates  
2nd Game Dodgers v Tigers

#### SUNDAY 22nd MAY:

1st Game (1.15pm) Pirates v Dodgers  
2nd Game Tigers v Braves

#### SUNDAY 29th MAY:

1st Game (1.15pm) Dodgers v Braves  
2nd Game Tigers v Pirates

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