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Congratulations to Emil and Torcelia John on their wedding.

CAYEMBE TELEGRAPH

FISHING AROUND YUPUKARI VILLAGE

Fishing around the lake, the Rupununi River and nearby ponds is very hard these days, say some of the villagers in Yupukari. There appears to be a great community discussion as to the issue surrounding the difficulties local fishermen are having. For many years the dangers of poisoning ponds were not taken into consideration, and in doing so it was reducing the fish population. When a pond is poisoned, all the living things are killed by the poison from the iari plant roots.

People used to light dried ite leaves to shine fishes along the edge of the lake. Today you can have the brightest light and you can hardly see any fishes.

The human population is also growing rapidly and seines were introduced, which did

more damage. Persons are saying if the bows and arrows and fishing lines were still being used, fishing would not be so hard. There would be a lot of fishes still around.

These days fishing is very hard at the lake compared to many years ago, when you could have gone to the lake to fish for about five minutes and you could catch so much.

Recently outside fishermen have started to come to fish with seines and iceboxes, in these places the village depends on. Some villagers are encouraging these persons to come, but due to the large amount of fishes being taken, fishing has become more difficult. Certain individuals are asking the leaders of the village to look into these matters.

Persons who are interested in

buying fish should buy them in the village and not come to do fishing.

Certain fishermen who come to fish are catching arapaima, placing them at the bottom of their icebox and placing common fishes on top. Some villagers are aware of these things and they don't do anything about it, knowing that killing Arapaima is against the law of Guyana. Many persons are not employed so they depend on catching fishes to sell.

Mr. Clifton Laurindo says, the breeding season should also be taken into consideration. "I saw persons coming to catch fish during when the water begin to rise. At this time the yakutu

[*prochilodus rubrotaeniatus*] are laying their eggs. This fishes lays their eggs and they are good to go after that because they don't have to be there to look after their eggs."

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PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER TEACHER IN YUPUKARI

Sarah Ambriz is living in Yupukari. She is twenty three years of age and from the United States. She has been graduated from college last December and has been working as a volunteer for the Peace Corps. It is her first time in Guyana and she is very excited to be here. She likes the place a

lot, she says it's beautiful and she also says it's like being on an adventure. She will be living in Yupukari for the next two years.

Sarah is staying at Kaigan House. She is a community education promoter. Her official assignment is to work with the primary school. Headmaster Bryan Li is her supervisor. She is here to help with the primary

school literacy and also here to work in the library by using the resources that the library has.

Sarah says, "I want to be able to get the children excited about reading if they are not already excited about reading."



The present cupboard in the health centre.

Some villagers are complaining that the Community Health Worker is not always at the health centre when they visit. Some persons also are complaining that when an incident happens the health worker does not attend to the patient. A lady came walking all the way from Murucca to visited the clinic a few weeks ago and when she reached to the health centre the doors were all locked on a working day, she was very annoyed and she said “It is very hard to walk so far at my old age to come here and there is no one there.”

Being an health worker in the vil-

lage is not so easy says Sylvester Holden, the community health worker who has been working here for almost a year since Mary Ambrose the former health worker left for training. The job of a health worker is not just to stay in the health center all day but to visit homes to check on sick people and to check pit latrines. Mr. Holden says, “Most times I don’t be around there because sometimes no one comes there, so I leave to go home and sometimes I go visiting patients and it so happen that only when I

am not there people seems to come.”

Mr. Holden also said he needs a cupboard to store some of the drugs that he has because drugs are supposed to be kept locked up. Holden says he has mentioned this to the Toshao and the Village Council, and up to now no one did anything about it. “The Village Council suppose to invite me every time they have a meeting but they never did.” I love my job a lot and I hope to be here to serve people more until Mary comes back.”

SPORTS

A three days football tournament on the 29th, 30th and the 31st is coming up this month end at St. Ignatius.

Yupukari Sports Club male and female football teams are practicing to participate in the upcoming tournament. The club thinks that they can make it through to the finals due to games being played earlier in the year.

There will now be a Central Games male and female football event to be held in St Ignatius. There will also be a

cultural attachment to the event with events such as archery, basket weaving etc for which representatives are being invited from each village. A correspondence is being sent to the respective Village Councils about this event. Upon conclusion of this competition a team will be selected to represent Central Rupununi at male and female football as well as a cultural team. Teams that are participating in the tournament are asked to provide their own ration. The host village will be providing

transportation and accommodation.

The Heritage games which are usually held in Georgetown will be held this year in St. Ignatius. There is also a male and female football team coming from Region 7 to challenge the teams. These matches will most likely be held to close off the Heritage Week, from September 21st to 27th.



Orange-backed troupial
Icterus croconotus

Orange-backed Troupial [*Icterus croconotus*] was spotted in Crane Pond close to Karanambu about a month ago by Kenneth Mandook, Shamir Khan, Anthony Roberts and Chris Collins. This is a new bird in Guyana and the bird is not in the checklist of *Birds of Guyana*, which was recently

ORANGE- BACKED TROUPIAL

published in its second edition. “This bird forages for invertebrates, alone, in pairs or in small flocks, from sub canopy [lower in dense grow that edges and in clearings often in dead leaves. They are also found along rivers, clearings, tracks, lagoons lakes and ponds. This bird frequently visits fruiting

and flowering plants, takes over nests of other orioles, kiskadees or caciques.”

One of the whistle of this bird is like this who-hu-chu-who-who-hu-chee-oo-oo. Sexes frequently duet, often from high perch.