

# ing faces is art

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On 18th of October Grade 3/4L started making wind socks. First we needed two sheets of clear plastic the same size. It looked like a funnel shape. Then we painted patterns and things then we glued their sides together. We put a tail on the bottom of it with streamers and string. Then we hung them in the quiet area. They flew well. I would like to say thank you to Mrs Millar for letting us make them, thank you from grade 3/4L. KELLY THEOBALD.

## GRADE 1R NEWS

Last week I caught some tadpoles in my dam. One of them had a grass seed in it and I brought them to school and Mrs Robertson forgot to feed them. They died and Mrs Robertson poured them down the drain and so I brought some more and they have stayed alive and we feed them insects and boiled lettuce. We keep them in a fish tank. SHEREE.

We've got tadpoles in our room at the moment. We're feeding them boiled lettuce. They will turn into frogs. KATRINA.

Sheree brought some tadpoles to school. The first lot had to go down the plughole. We've just got the second lot. Today Mrs Robertson and Sheree changed the water. Two of the tadpoles are really big. KEIRA.

Frogs are nocturnal and they lay their eggs in water. The male frog calls the mother when they lay their eggs. When they hatch they are tadpoles. ELLEN.

There are all kinds of frogs in the world. Some

frogs are poisonous and kill snakes. They can jump and they are friendly. ZACHARY.

A frog starts as a tadpole and turns into a frog. After it turns into a frog it can breathe and it lives out of water and they are amphibians. CRAIG.

The frogs are still tadpoles. There are four big tadpoles and three are little tadpoles. STEVEN.

## HOSPITAL

On Tuesday, class 4CM went to the Kerang and District Hospital. When we got there, they split us in to two groups. One group went with Leanne the Ward Clerk and the other group went with Mrs Kendrick and the Director of Nursing.

First our group went to the Day Care Centre and Dorothy there showed us around. Our group thought it was good that old people had somewhere and something to do during their days. Then we went into the geriatric hospital called Glenarm. We had a tour around that and when we were nearly finished we walked through a door and saw some of the old ladies cooking.

To leave the Glenarm garden Leanne had to press a code number to open the security gate. Leanne then showed us the Pathology area and the X-ray room. We saw the administration offices and the reception area. We visited the maternity ward and went right into the labour room where many of us had been born. The humicrib for babies that are too small and need more oxygen, and the Nurses' Station were nearby.

Upstairs we saw the operating theatre entrance but we couldn't go in because the doctors were operating. We saw a man wheeled into the operating theatre and we met and spoke briefly to the surgeon who had come from

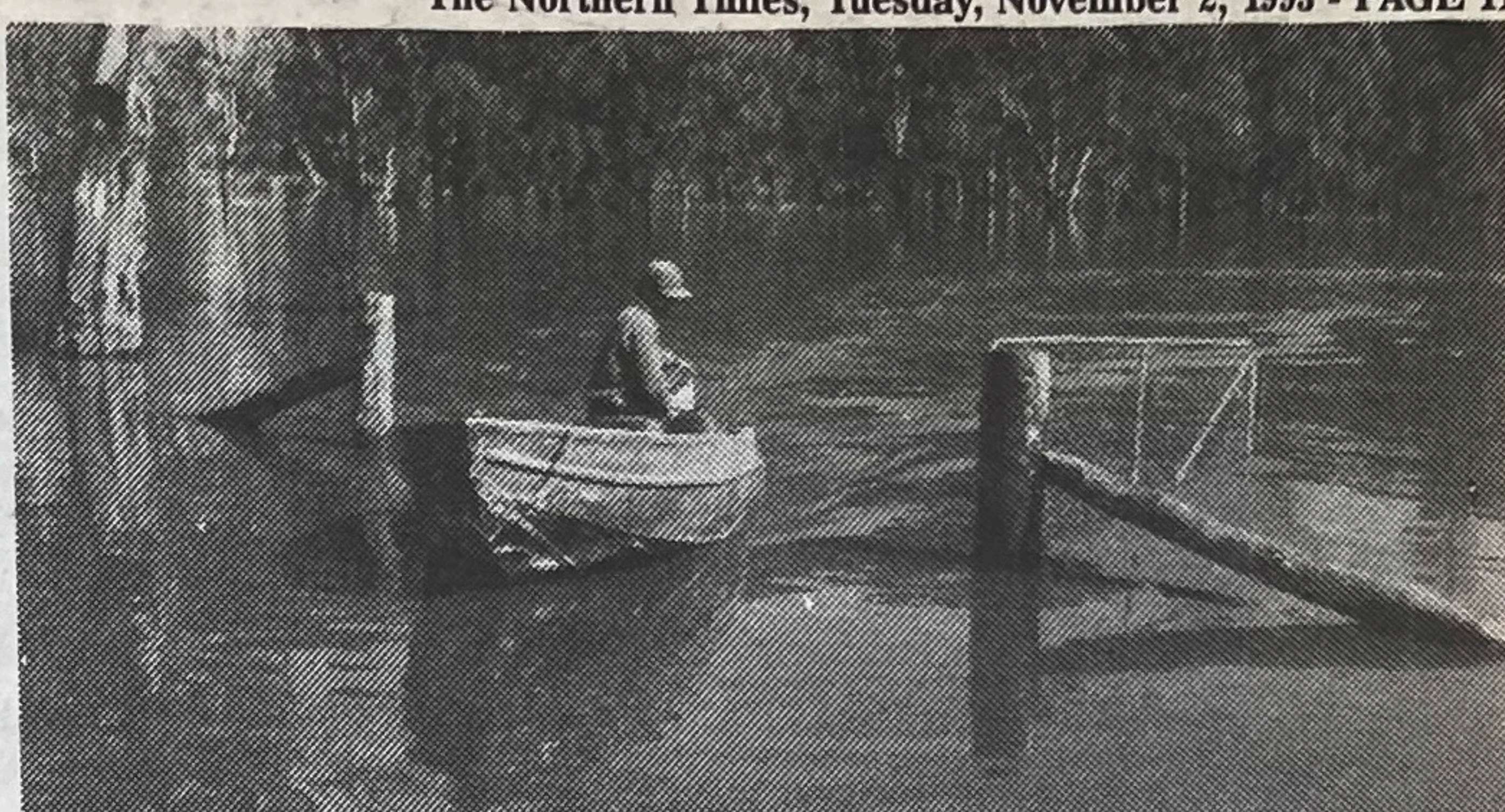
## Happenings at Kerang Primary School

Melbourne.

Mr Hastie took us down into the boiler room where a great big gas boiler heats the water. If the power goes off, within 20 seconds the emergency generator automatically starts so that the hospital is not without power. We peeped into the enormous kitchen and saw Alexander's Mum.

We saw a lot of interesting things at the hospital and we are keen to learn more. By TARA MANUEL, ADAM BUJDOSO, LISA MITCHELL, KRISTY BOYD.

On Tuesday Grade 4CM went to the Kerang and District Hospital for a tour around the hospital. We were split into 2 groups. One group went with Mrs Wright and Mrs Kendrick, and the other group went with Mrs Cav and Lorraine. Mrs Wright's group started off at the Boiler Room, then went to the Labour Ward. We saw some photos of recent babies. We even saw a new born baby! Next we went to Glenarm where we saw the elderly making their morning tea. Then we saw the gate that had a special code and leaver, you could only get in and out if you knew the special code. Outside the gates there was a beautiful garden and a little fountain. Inside the gates there was a big laundry where the elderly's washing is washed and dried. Next we saw the Day Care Centre where elderly people go for the day. They are kept busy playing games with their friends sometimes go on outings and meet new friends. Then we went back through the Day Care Centre, through Glenarm, and saw their little bathroom. By RACHEL PAY, CHANTEL BERRY AND VERNESA INGRAM.



Almost 90 per cent of John Ficken's "Merran Downs" property, 11 km north of Murrabit, is inundated and he believes he will have to resow some pasture before his sheep return from agistment. He needs a boat to reach his back door after checking his paddocks.

## Emotions high with flood fault claims

AS FLOOD levels recede in the eastern and central sections of the Murray, Edward and Wakool floodplains, and the flood peak nears the Wakool-Murray junction, concerns are being expressed by people affected, particularly the rural community.

Losses along the floodplain have been significant, in some cases farms have been completely inundated with disruption to lifestyle and damage to crops, pasture, property and roads.

Although flood heights in some areas were in excess of those of 1975, Department of Water Resources records indicate the volumes and duration of flooding was reduced.

Severe criticism has been directed at authorities over flood problems, including the DWR, and allegations of "bureaucratic buck passing".

A DWR spokesperson said that one fact that must not be overlooked is that some areas where the strongest concerns have originated are "flood prone" and are subject to inundation even in minor floods.

"Some levees are poorly constructed and maintained, built of unsuitable material and despite advice, are inappropriately located and it is inevitable they will fail. In some cases banks are constructed or raised in the face of rising floodwater.

"Failed levees in some areas certainly have eased the pressure on other locations as proved by the Native Dog Creek levees, downstream of Tocumwal, reducing the peak flow down the Tuppal and Taylors Creeks, and therefore the impact at Deniliquin," he said.

Unauthorised levees or those not conforming to the floodplain guidelines do present a problem and if landholders do not comply with the guidelines and remove contentious levees or construct levees without approval, the overall floodplain management plan becomes "shaky".

"Landholders must remember the guidelines were designed at the request of an organisation which represents them, the Central Murray Flood Mitigation Committee. This committee fully supports the concept of guidelines and their implementation.

"It is acknowledged the implementation has

been slow due to other priorities, however the events of the last three years must indicate the matter is now urgent, this has been recognised by the DWR and has increased activity on the floodplains," the DWR spokesman said.

As the damage is being assessed where water has receded and rising levels are being fought in western areas, emotions are high, with claims and counter claims rampant. When the floods have receded, the principal parties in floodplain management with DWR, Local Government and landholders need to begin a negotiation process to resolve the many problems.

The DWR says that some landholders need to review their ability to flood proof in all situations, while others need to assess the effects of

their actions on the neighboring community.

The DWR is keen to convene local landholder meetings to discuss local issues. Matters of major importance can then be discussed by the Flood Mitigation Committee.

Any earthworks on the designed floodplain must have an approval before construction, applications must be lodged with the DWR, advertised and investigated as required by legislation. In some cases approval is also necessary from Councils.

The DWR is seeking the co-operation of landholders by them providing information on flood damage, and remind landholders flood damage forms are available at DWR and Local Government Offices, Rural Lands Protection Board and the Police Station at Tocumwal.



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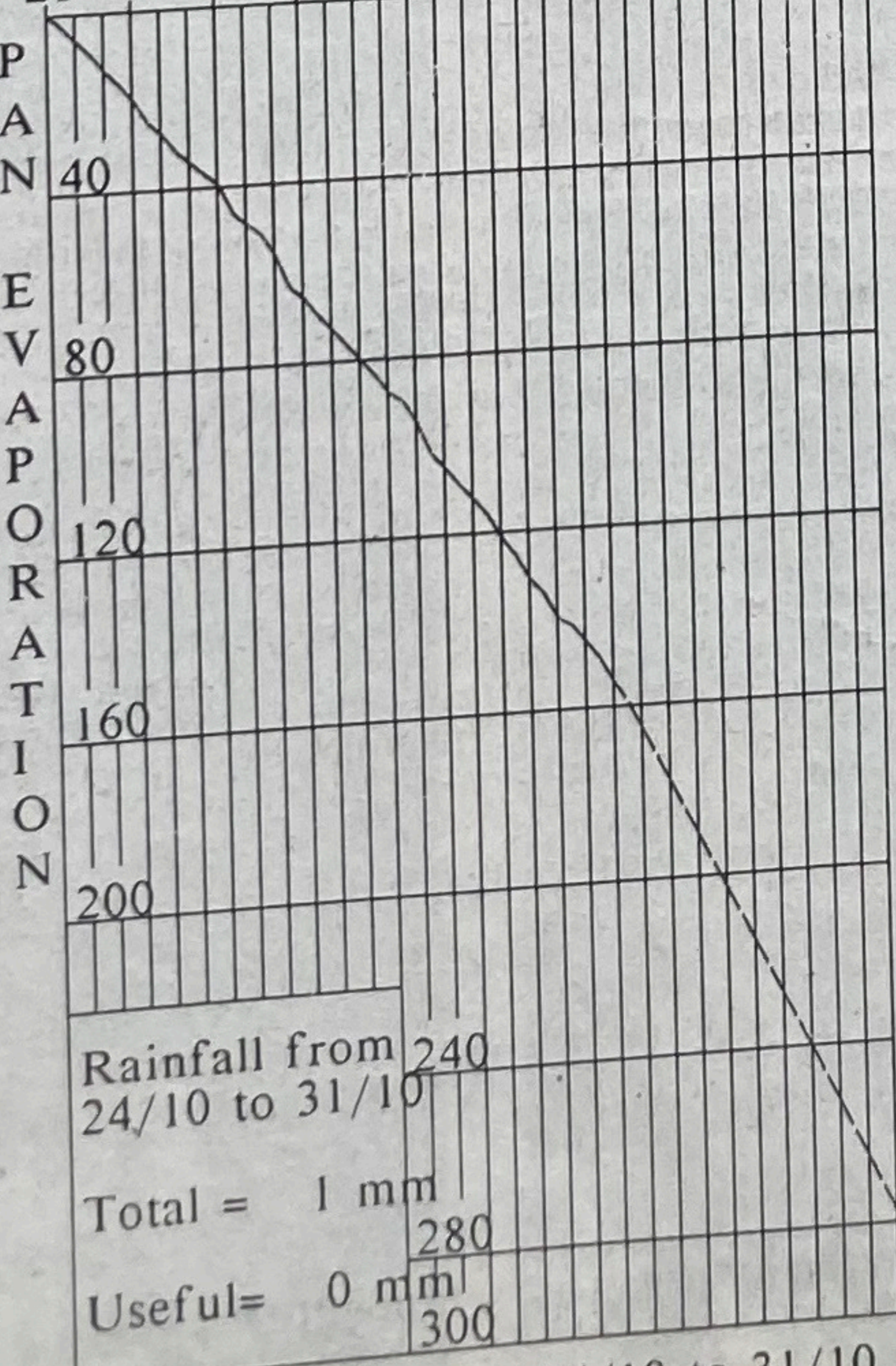
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