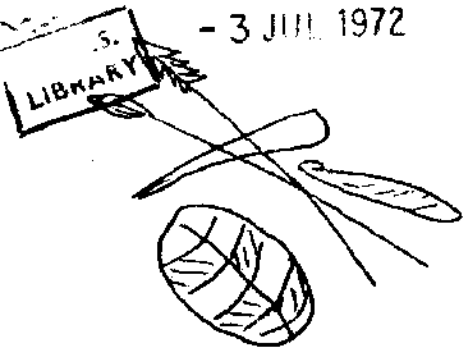


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MANINGRIDA MIRAGE



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Meeting on 11/1/71: 19 Councillors present.

The main points under discussion were:

1. Housing. The President stressed that all carpenters would have to work very hard to keep the supply of houses coming along. A lot of people wanted them. There were some difficulties - Jim Pickersgill's illness, shortage of transport for timber sometimes, underdue wear and tear on finished houses. It was the carpenters duty to give of their best, however, and keep the job going along. People who caused damage to their own homes had better fix it up themselves as carpenters would not waste their time on them. No-one with a skid house was to try and shift it without first consulting the President and the carpenters. Non-working people would not qualify for a house until they did something to earn it, like helping in their own community.

2. Spears and trouble. Several people complained about the recent increase in spear throwing. It was not right, and people were put in a dangerous situation by silly people throwing spears anywhere into any camp. Some councillors wondered who was making the spears; they would like to get hold of him/them. Some suggested that the spears were being sent in from Milingimbi or Oenpelli; the answer though, was no doubt nearer home.

Other people were concerned about recent troubles where balandas were hit by young people. Balandas were at Maningrida to teach new things and to do necessary jobs; they did not come here to be so abused. Young people would have to be taught the proper way to behave towards other people.

3. Council Elections: Council elections came under consideration. There were a lot of difficulties in getting equal representation on the Council. There were several local languages and it was necessary that each one be represented on Council. In some cases the people who had been elected to sit would not join in with Council business. If Council was going to do the job, it had to be represented throughout Maningrida; not just in some areas. Some councillors felt that there were too many Bureras on the Council; others made the point that it was better to have interested people on Council rather than those who did not fully care. There was a further suggestions that a Vice-President be appointed to look after duty rosters, club supervision and other routine tasks. The position could be vacated, and re-filled, at frequent intervals, in order to give a number of people experience in this way. It was decided to continue the debate at the next meeting.

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Messrs. Kirkegaard, Blackney and Carpenter arrived at Maningrida on Wednesday to kick-off the Fisheries plant. Mr. Carpenter will be returning to Maningrida next week, with his wife and family, to take up residence. He will be the new Fisheries Officer and his job is to get the project operational (and producing fish).

This is big news for Maningrida and especially for those men who have been so keen in the past to get under way with full-time fishing.

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BAPA G. ARMSTRONG winged his way to Adelaide via Darwin last Friday for a well earned holiday with the rest of his family. Would you believe it has required twelve people to carry on Bapa's activities while he is away.

PATRICK, RAYMOND, JIMMY & TALBERT returned to Maningrida happy and smiling after more than three weeks holiday in Sydney. Patrick and Raymond wish to thank Mr. & Mrs. Dan Gillespie, while Jimmy and Talbert wish to thank Miss Pullen for the fantastic time they had in Sydney. The boys brought back some presents for their families. But beware! Jimmy and Talbert brought two snakes back with them named Plastic Mac and Elastic Jack.

Late last Friday afternoon, former resident Richard Ollson, now a Patrol Officer-in-Training at A.S.O.P.A., flew in with his wife and daughter for a weekend of chatting and fishing with old friends. They left on Sunday sun-tanned, sleepy but satisfied.

THE COUNCILLORS have willingly agreed to help collect money at the pictures tonight. Thank you very much for your help, Council Men, and it is hoped that everyone will enjoy the films for the next fortnight.

Visiting Maningrida for a month's holiday are PETER AND STEVEN CADD from Glenelg, South Australia. They are the guests of Gil Amies. Peter and Steven attended Scotch College last year and will attend Technical College this year. They are enjoying their holiday and so far have managed to mix it with a shark, a stingray, and a baby taipan (in the bedroom!)

BILL CLISSOLD & EDDIE CLARK, both MWF electricians, have returned to carry on with some more electrical work.

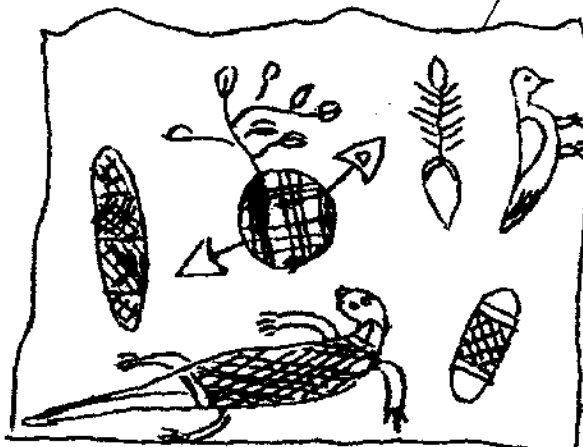
DAISY NAJUNDANGU returned from Darwin Hospital this week after a long stay there. She is looking very fit and well.

JOHN BULAIN-BULAIN, DAVID GULPILIL & KEVIN SMITH returned to Bulman after spending the Xmas and New Year break at Maningrida.

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ABORIGINAL WAY OF LIFE:

In olden times, our forefathers never ever painted on barks like the drawing with this story. They only painted human bodies especially when they made a young man. They would paint the young boy who was to be made a young man, with his own personal moiety.



Although our forefathers passed away many years ago, we still remember the legends that they knew and we are able to perform the sacred ceremonies as well as they did.

When a man or a woman or a child dies, the body is painted with special drawings. The body is kept in the camp for four or five days before burial.

J. Miritji.

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MORE PROSPECTING BUSINESS:

Representatives of CRA (Conzinc Riotinto) visited Maningrida on Tuesday to discuss the possibility of prospecting activities within the Cadell prospect. Their Company is involved in a good number of mining enterprises, notably Hamersley Iron, Weipa and Bouganville. Closer to home, CRA has since 1953 managed the uranium project at Rum Jungle on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Permission was sought, and gained, to overfly the ATP area for observation purposes. No commitment is entered into. The Company is expected to make further contact in the near future.



Nurse: There's an invisible man asking for you, Doctor!

Doctor: Well, tell him I can't see him!

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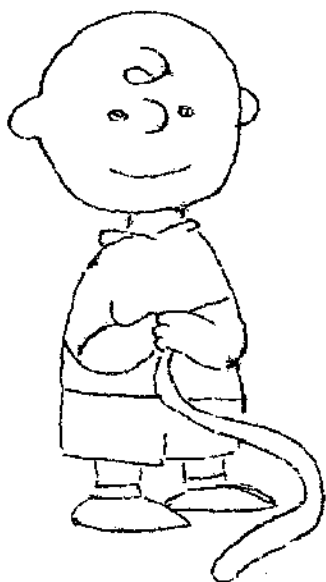
- Q. What did the bald man say, when he was given a comb?
- A. I will never part with it.
- Q. Why did the elephant cross the road?
- A. Because it was the chickens day off.
- Q. Where was the first potato found?
- A. In the ground.
- Q. If you drop a black hat into the Red Sea, what will it become?
- A. Wet!



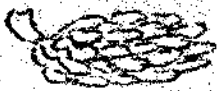
Sharpen your pencils and set to work on this picture. When you have finished pop your entry into the "Special Box" provided at the Post Office/Store.

The two best entries will receive a prize of 50 CENTS EACH.

Extra copies of the picture are available from Mrs. Stevens at the Store. DON'T FORGET to write your name on the form.



Y NAME IS:



FRUIT:

One of the most pleasing increases in store sales during the past year has been the fresh fruit. A year ago our sales approximated 20 cases per month or 3,000 pieces of fruit, even then our losses were a minimum of 25% and at times reached 50%. We were only able to carry some 5 days supply.

Now our sales are in the vicinity of 80 cases per month, or 9 to 10 thousand, roughly 2½ pieces of fruit per head per week, which coupled with the kitchen output is a significant increase; our losses are virtually NIL because of our magnificent cold room, plus the fact that we are never out of stock.

The cold room has a capacity of 100 cases and is set at 43 degrees.

BABY FOOD:

No doubt due to Sister Filley's efforts, the sale of this commodity has risen from 5 cartons or 10 dozen per fortnight, to 20 cartons or 40 dozen over the same period.

EGGS:

Fresh eggs must be a problem in a situation such as ours. From the date of laying it is usual that an egg is 2 weeks old before reaching the consumer even down South; here we must add another 2 weeks, to age the egg to about 4 weeks.

During the past week we have imported our eggs from Croker Island, and are thus able to market them only a few days old. Anyone who has used these eggs at 35c. a dozen during the past week will appreciate the difference in quality; the richer yoke colouring is indicative that Croker are feeding a balanced diet, including greens, to their poultry. Every effort will be made to keep this supply up if the demand is reasonable.

POST OFFICE:

You will recall that during November a physical count was undertaken of all mail at the request of the Postal authorities. Our Post Office comes under the jurisdiction of far away Port Augusta in South Australia, and not a great deal was hitherto known by them about Maningrida; the result was that our Post Office income was 95c. per day. Following upon our count, this income has now risen to \$3.10 per day, which made our extra work worth while. Our thanks to Mrs. D. and Mrs. B.

THE BARK ROOM:

During Rev. Gowan Armstrong's absence, the Bark-room will continue to operate Monday-Fridays at the usual times. Artists may bring their artifacts for payment Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10.30 - 11.30 A.M., plus all day Tuesdays and Fridays. Should any artist consider that he is not being paid in the manner to which he has been accustomed, a full and complete record is being kept of all items purchased, and Mr. Armstrong will readily see any bark which he thinks deserves more money, and will pay further monies accordingly. Meanwhile, the Bark-room staff are doing their best. We had better not tell G.A. just how much is being paid out in case he leaves the cricket and rushes back to stem the flow.

G.B.



CALLING ALL MOTHERS

REMEMBER - bring all the babies to baby tucker!!
Its served Snorgasbord style in the old kitchen.

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

Floods in Malaysia: Monsoon rains, the same kind of rains that come to Maningrida and other parts of Northern Australia, have caused wide-spread flooding in Malaysia. More than 30 people have died because of the floods and over 100,000 people have nowhere to live.

Patient Attacks Pilot: An Aerial Medical Dove with the pilot, a Doctor, a nurse and a patient on board, nearly crashed at Darwin airport last week. The Dove flew to Gove to pick up a sick patient. When the plane was coming in to land at Darwin airport, the patient said he was being tricked and tried to stop the plane from landing. He pushed the nurse to the floor, punched the doctor and struggled with the pilot. Luckily the doctor and the nurse were able to hold the patient long enough for the pilot to land the plane safely.

Fire in the Desert: Recent rains have made the grass grow quickly around the Alice Springs district. Lately, however, there has been a lot of dry weather which made the grass very dry. Now a big fire is burning this dry grass. The fire might have started from a flash of lightning. People in the desert country are worried that the fire might burn the good grass that cattle need for feed. Can a fire start in the desert? Yes - in the Tanami Dessrt it has.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

DRAW NEAR IN FAITH

Since this Church was built and was opened by the Ministers, everybody was happy at the first time. In about couple of years some people didn't like to come to the services in the morning and in the evening. Why don't you people come to the Sunday services so your life will be changed. The expostulations of our evil doings will be forgiven, for if we sin deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains but a fearful prospect of ludgment. For yet a little while, and the coming one shall come and shall not carry. As we all know Jesus was nailed to the cross and died for our sins and fear. God our father is the only one God, and there is no other Gods before him. Come, let your heart open to him so He may enter into your heart. Come now, my brethren, for the Lord is calling upon you. Make a straight path for him to travel. It doesn't matter whether you're clean or not, young and pure, but in your heart is full of sins, is like the smoke of fire and misty. Our lives in in bad condition. We don't want to be lonely, do we. We need help from our Saviour Lord Jesus Christ. No matter what we do on earth today but he still forgives us. The Lord will heal you, and give you strength and power and your sins will be forgiven. So I'm calling upon you to come to the Lord's temple. Please try to come and serve your Lord Jesus Christ, if you want him to be in your heart. For conclusion, may God Of Holy Spirit be with you and bless you all.

Jimmy Pascoe Matjirri
Teaching Assistant.

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