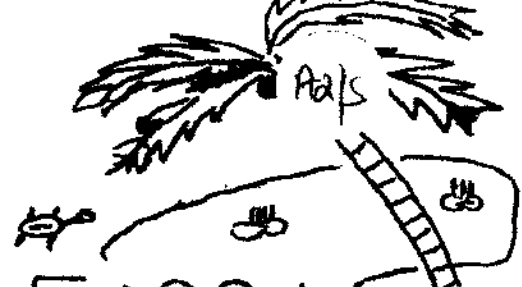


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# MANINGRIDA MIRAGE



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## JAMBOREE OF NEW ENDEAVOUR:

When the Scouts of Maningrida left Darwin for their long awaited and prepared-for trip to the Jamboree in Sydney, the clouds were gathering for our usual wet season afternoon rain storm. We were all happy to leave the rain and humidity behind to enjoy the warmth and sunshine of (according to Mr. Hunter) the best State in Australia. Somewhere along the line something must have gone wrong because, on arrival, the rain started to come down and the cold shivers ran up and down the backs of the poor, miserable, drowned, over-watered Scouts. We arrived at the camp site at 12 o'clock that night and slept in one of the big Army tents already erected beforehand. The next day we put up our own tents and, except for one patrol, were able to sleep in them, taking care not to step in the little creeks running through the tents. The end of the rain came on the third day in the form of a hail storm which astonished the boys as they had never seen them before. With a little bit of explanation, the boys understood what it was, and the hail was eaten by the handful.

The cold was replaced by very hot and humid weather, and the boys started to enjoy themselves.

Several trips were made into Sydney, and on one of these trips, one particular patrol under the leadership of an Assistant Scoutmaster, instead of visiting Australia Square as planned, landed at Kings B..... Cross to see the sights there. This particular outing was very educational according to the A.S.M., who was promptly told not to go with the boys again.

On several Campfire nights, the boys had to perform on the stage, but the last performance of the Jamboree was the best of all. This was an informal Campfire with the Papua-New Guineans, and, because of being of the same skin, was a great success.

Except for Sydney, where the buildings were too high, the cars too many, and the people too much, the boys enjoyed the Jamboree and made many friends from either sex.

For the rest of the trip, see next week.

J.W.

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## TELEPHONE

Advice is to hand that our radio telephone equipment will be at Maningrida next week. It would appear that the P.M.G. Dept. will go pretty close to their original schedule of February 1971, given some 8 months ago.

G.B.

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# MIRAGE SUBSCRIBERS

A NOTICE to all people who receive a copy of the Mirage. Your payment for the paper is now due. Franks Smith will be collecting money owing. Please pay as we need the money for more paper and ink.

F.S.

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HOUSING:

The Progress Association is currently concerned in a 3-way housing complex -

a. The houses for our builder, Mr. Cross, and the Baker, are to hand, the site cleared and an early start on erecting is anticipated. Housing is never cheap in the Territory, but we expect to halve the normal costs of a similar type dwelling.

b. The Housing Association dwellings as per grant from Aboriginal Benefits Trust and Office of Aboriginal Affairs.

The legal details of Incorporation are satisfactorily under way - see N.T. News 15/1/71. A Mr. Sattelle has been employed and will arrive at Maningrida late March. A second builder is currently being sought for this project. Plans and specifications are completed and are awaiting the Administrator's approval.

c. Self Help Housing. In the absence of a settlement carpenter, the Progress Association has, at the request of the Council, undertaken the task of building 30 units. The Association does not profit in any way from this venture, nor does it expend significant sums of money on it.

The Association has not at any time adopted a sales policy; the requests for these units far outnumber our ability to erect them, and the waiting list is a long one.

M.P.A.

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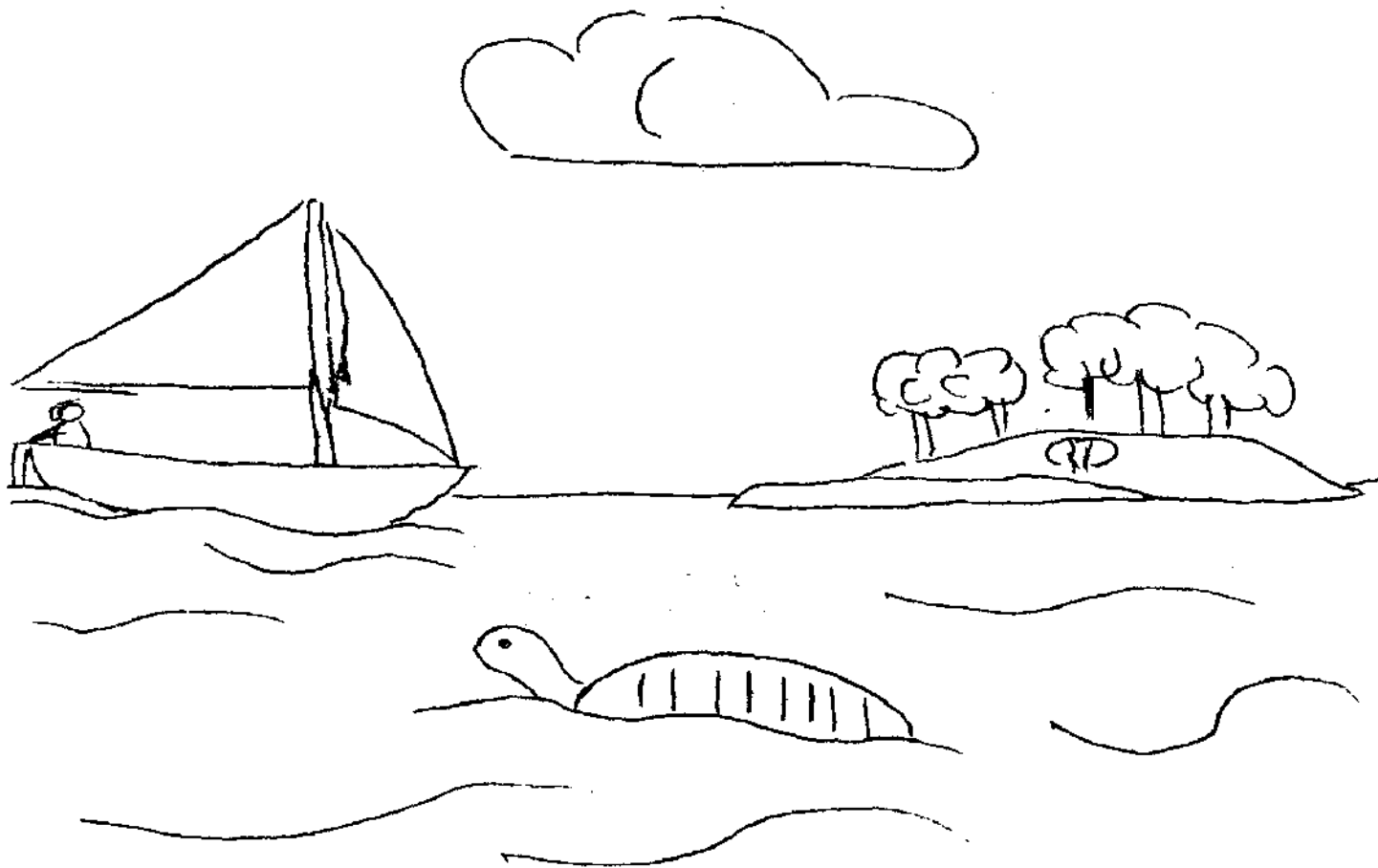
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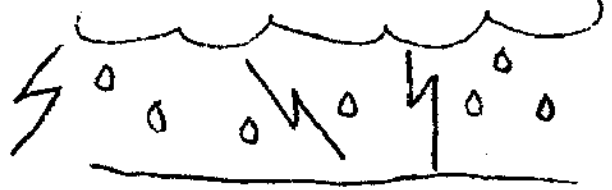
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Try your hand at colouring in this picture - two prizes of 50 CENTS EACH as before, and don't forget to put your name on the bottom.



MY NAME IS: .....



BACK TO MANINGRIDA:

David Irindilli and his sister Nappy from holidays at Oenpelli. David says that there are lots of people there and things are pretty good generally. Some people told him that they are going to come over to the Liverpool River after the Wet to make a station. There are 14 prospective "pioneers" and they have their own tractor and trailer. The station will most likely be at Maragulidban.

BACK FROM ALL POINTS SOUTH:

The Scouts and their leader, John Wilders. See their story elsewhere in this issue.

BACK FROM DARWIN:

Dick Smith (Senior and Junior), with their new acquisition, a Landrover, plus a not insubstantial amount of passengers, the latter seemingly acquired from all points on the way through Katherine, Beswick, and Bulman. Just as well it wasn't a Leyland.

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# THE BIG STORM

Maningrida really copped it on Tuesday night. After a fairly innocuous beginning the biggest and best lightning storm of the season hit the settlement, together with a torrent of rain. The main damage (other than to local nerves) was to the switchboard in the powerhouse, and the settlement was in darkness for an hour or so until the situation was restored. The weather station recorded 320 points of rain.

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THE MIRACLE OF THE FISHES (NO LOAVES IN THIS EFFORT)

The Maninga fishermen, under their leader Captain Roy Marlububu, struck the proverbial jackpot on Wednesday last. After a pretty barren spell since the restoration of their outboard, the scooped the pool (curse those puns) with a catch of about 300lbs of whitefish and trevally. Roy says that they struck a good hole, off Juda Point, and got "properly sore arm" pulling in the catch (on handlines). They did fairly well on the following day with a catch of 100lbs.

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SHIPPING NEWS

The Fourcroy called on Thursday with freezer cargo only. The next barge is loading over the weekend (general cargo only) and is due at Maningrida mid-week. Fourcroy Voyage 87 is due to leave Darwin on February 16th to arrive at Maningrida on February 18th.

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MEALS ON WHEELS:

The meals scheme for pensioners, proposed at this month's MPA meeting, is due to get under way on Monday next. The vehicle with the meals, under the control of Mr. Joe Fry and Mrs. Rosie Roberts, will start moving around at a little after 11.00 a.m., to various areas in the villages, where the meals will be sold. The charge - 30c per meal for men and 20c for women. Initially, there will be only one "mobile meal" per day, but the service may be extended according to demand and the capacity to operate it. This effort is only possible through the offer of the MPA of its vehicle to carry the meals.

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DUTY Duty Officer: Mr Eddy Carey  
ROSTER: Duty Sister: Sr. June Doohar  
Night Watchman: Peter Gangalara

STAR The films have not yet arrived. May possibly come  
THEATRE: on Saturday.

CHURCH Sunday 9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools - "The Problem of  
NOTICES: Evil - Stealing."  
7 p.m. Evening Service.

DEATH: HELLIE GADALILA, at Meningrida, on 27.1.71. The  
deceased was the wife of Mr. John Godowa Snr., and  
had been in poor health for some time. She leaves  
only one son, Micky Miller (Juwaragara) who has been  
living in Darwin for some time.

RAINFALL:

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NEW STORE AT OENPELLI:

The Administrator, Mr. Chancy, opened a new store at  
Oenpelli this week. Built at a cost of \$80,000, it provides  
a self-service grocery, butcher's shop, bulk store, cold storage,  
and other amenities.

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EVERYBODY NOTE: Monday, 1st February is a Public Holiday in all  
States - AUSTRALIA DAY.

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

Owing to the non-arrival of the pays so far this week, the  
shop will be shut on Saturday morning but will be open for the  
1 to 5 p.m. trading hours on Saturday afternoon. This will be  
dependent, of course, on an appearance by Connair on Saturday  
morning. Keep your fingers crossed, folks.

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NEW ARRIVALS:

Due to the sudden departure of three Forestry men, we  
now have some new faces about the settlement and sawmill.

Jack Kirstenfeldt and Eddy Webber have recently arrived,  
and a new dozer driver, Peter Ganley.

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