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Drama at the Airstrip

For some time Jim McInerney has been unwell. Whenever he walked anywhere, he would be huffing and puffing and out of breath.

This week an examination showed that only one lung seemed to be working - so it was arranged for him to travel in on the Medical Plane to Darwin on Tuesday.

At the airstrip, the sister on the plane was expecting to see a stretcher case, and was taken back a bit to see a fellow standing there and laughing and apparently fit as a fiddle.

Dr. Jacobs was on board too, so while the plane was refueling he took out his stethoscope and had a listen to Jim's inner workings and very soon agreed that one lung seemed to have collapsed.

Now a problem arose. Flying at a height with low pressure could cause all sorts of problems for the one good lung. So all kinds of preparations were made to deal with an emergency on the way in and the plane set off to fly low.

We send best wishes to Jim and hope that he will soon be in better shape.

More Drama in the Skies.

On Tuesday morning Mr. Joe Fisher of the Euralba Mining Company arrived to take the Maningrida representatives to Goulburn Island to hear his offers. While here, he took the opportunity to have a quick look at the settlement.

Meantime, the pilot stayed at the airstrip and regaled one of the travellers about a crash he had on one of the Indonesian Islands. The "Queen Anne" which he was flying ran down the strip, lifted about four feet, and then the engine failed!! The wings were shorn off by trees, and the rest of it went up in flames. Mercifully, the eleven people on board escaped unhurt.

After this enthralling story, the party set off. In due course they completed their business, and were heading for home. Toward Maningrida a huge black cloud loomed up and the pilot just couldn't get around, so he had to try his way through it. Everyone's head literally hit the roof, including the substantial form of John H., as the cloud violently threw the small plane around. One or two passengers were even wondering whether a pilot could come to grief twice in one month! Anyway, the fury passed and they landed in the middle of a "shower of rain".

They agreed that it was the roughest trip any of them had known.

Even more Drama

Connair's booking arrangements!!!
Someone has said that getting a ticket and booking out of Darwin is like taking a ticket in tatts.

Old Times Leaving.

On Monday Kevin and Queenie, with their children, will leave Maningrida for the green pastures of Darwin. They were here for 4½ years. Maningrida will have much to thank them for, and they have certainly made several lasting impressions on the Settlement itself. To go over all of them would be too much, so let some of them suffice.

The self help housing was Kevin's brainchild, and the results speak for themselves. The sawmill will be standing for a long time and the Hasty Tasty could never have been operated without Kevin's building abilities, and Queenie's or the kids help. But last of all a ship sailing along the roads of Maningrida - what a sight that was.

Kevin and Queenie - good luck. Thanks for everything.

Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 5.30 p.m. on 9/2/71.

The Superintendent outlined for the attention of Council and visitors, the relevant points of the various proposals put forward by prospecting companies in relation to the Authorities to Prospect. Four proposals were discussed in detail; those of:

Ocean Resources
Euralba Mining
Esso Minerals, and
C.R.A.

An outline was also given of the proposals to form a company with surrounding missions, together with some explanations of the advantages and disadvantages of such a move.

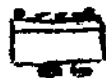
There was not a great deal of discussion, on the proposals, but a number of councillors expressed interest in forming a company with Goulburn Is., Croker Is., Oenpelli and perhaps Milingimbi.

- Notice to Readers -

We are still chasing monies owing for the "Mirage". Please pay as soon as possible to Frank Smith at the office.

STORE

The Fourcroy on Saturday brought a big load of foodstuffs for the store, but some of it was damaged by water - in fact \$300 worth. Mosquito coils were rather too damp to burn, water had been poured onto tea without being brought to the boil, some flour was on to the way to being damper. A hundred cartons of biscuits had lost their outer wrapping, but were still O.K.



A mystery to be solved. Batteries in vehicles owned by Nym, Jack M. and others are running into trouble while still comparatively new.

The barge Alanna Fay on its second trip to Maningrida brought a red mini moke for Jimmy Yamberupa, a powerful motor cycle for Miss Pullen and a canvas topped Toyota for Mr. Brian Jukes.

TO SCHOOL. Geoffrey Bagshaw and Mark (first year) went in on Monday to Carpentaria College and Darwin High School.

Norman and Tim Darcy go in today to live at the Baptist Hostel. Norman will do a motor mechanics course, and Tim a pre-apprentice-ship course.

New



Teachers.

Hordes of new teachers this year; all single men (which is fortunate or unfortunate, depending on the direction you're travelling).

Three of them are living in the notorious pink house and are all products of the celebrated Sydney college A.S.O.P.A.

They are:

Bob Stutchbury; a Sydney man who is thought by some to be Dan G's elder brother (not true). At one time in his checkered career Bob played in a Sydney rock group featuring on that historical classical instrument, the electric guitar.

Roger Pink; Roger's country is Armidale in New South Wales - centre of the New England Tableland. We hear that Roger has been connected with the tilling of the soil from time to time.

Brian Jukes; Brian is a Darwin man who completed two years' training in Sydney, then went to Melbourne for a special one year course in Art and Craft - which makes him one of those elusive species - three years trained teacher (formerly found only in the pre-school).

Trevor King and Ray Townsend live in that big tall house next to the Craft Shop. Trevor hails from the Sunshine State and Ray is from Victoria - he trained at Geelong Teachers College which was responsible for turning Dennis Strand and John Phenister loose on the world.

D.G.

School Leavers at work.

Store Don Nagadili, direct from the upper reaches of Maragalidban, has finally accepted the post of Assistant Director of Stores, Maningrida.

Previous experience - looking after the Maragalidban supplies of yams, geese and barramundi. Great things are now expected in the development of store procedures.

Hospital

The lilac uniformed nursing assistants are joined by Betty Wandjuk, Laurie Mabadug and Roslyn Gotjuringu.

Office

For the first time an Aboriginal person is working in the Office - Rita Djitau. Rita did a commercial course while at Kornilda. She learned to type and is familiar with various types of forms (e.g. applications for child endowment, pensions, etc.) commonly used in the office.

In Reserve

Messrs. George Gonadir and Gordon Narila are still enjoying leisurely days at home. Possibly work does not attract them.

Advertisement

The Pre-School would appreciate any old dresses, shirts, high-heeled shoes, hats, handbags and ties for dressing up, as well as the usual boxes, material scraps and Christmas cards, etc.

Thanking you for your co-operation,

Mrs. T.

TRIMARAN

The big trimaran which Kevin Ennis has been building over the last couple of years took to the sea on Wednesday. It looked impressive riding high on the water.

Kevin hopes to sail it to Darwin early next week. Allan Brady will accompany him.

DUTIES:

Duty Officer: Mr. Bert Ryan
Duty Sister: Sister Ena Pickersgill
Nightwatchman: Mr. Jack John

STAR THEATRE:

Friday: *How to steal a Million.*
Saturday: *Sandokan the great.*

CHURCH:

Sunday theme - Problem of evil - "Pushing others out"
9.30 a.m. All age Sunday Schools.
7.30 p.m. Evening Service
Thursday 7.30 p.m. Fellowship

In December 1954 a Darwin minister had to argue with Railway officials in Alice Springs so that four men from Arnhemland - (Stephen Banbaitjan was one) - could travel in proper carriages of the "Ghan" on their way to a Youth Convention in Sydney. Today this could hardly happen anywhere in Australia.

However, some balanda and Aboriginal people get pushed out from other groups because they have different ideas, beliefs or ways of living.

Countrymen once took Jesus out of their town to a hill where they wanted to throw him down. He dodged them and got away to continue his work.

Have we helped to push some others out without thinking what we were doing?

BIRTH:

Daniel - son of Julie Gamela and Benny Mudurrig on Sunday, February 7th.

Franklin - son of Marie Junguwarumba and Jacky Garguridj on Monday morning, 8th of February. Franklin will be No. 10 in this Burada family, which includes Betty Wandjuk.

RAINFALL:

Sat.: 17 points Sun.: 17 points Mon.: 42 points
Tues.: 210 points Wed.: 9 points Thurs.: -



Menygrida People in the News.

In the paper on Monday there was a story about Kornilda College. There was a picture of Nellie, trying on her new shoes, and a picture of Helen, signing her name in the book at Kornilda. This year Kornilda will be a very busy place - there are so many people that new buildings are being put up. The story in the newspaper was written by an Aboriginal boy who want to

Kornilda and now has a job with the Darwin newspaper writing stories about things that happen in Darwin.

In Thursday's paper there is the story of Bob Bunda before the Darwin court. He broke into the Forestry single men's house and carved 3 times and stole beer and spirits. The magistrate sent him to Pannic Bay goal for 6 months.

Bathurst Men going to Adelaide.

At the Eisteddfod many children saw brother Howley who was looking after all the Bathurst boys. Brother Howley is taking 6 of the best runners on Bathurst down to Adelaide to be in a big competition against people from all over South Australia and the Northern Territory. The boys who went to Darwin with Mr. Fryer will remember what good runners the Bathurst people are.

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