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### Mining

#### An Historic Day in Arnhemland

Yesterday representatives from Goulburn Island, Oenpelli, Milinginbi and Maningrida met in the Scout Hall with Director of Welfare, Mr. Giese, and Mr. Jack Larcombe of Welfare Branch and Rev. Gordon Symons and Mr. Laurie Fuller of M.O.M., to discuss the formation of a mining company and the details of offers made by various mining companies.

It was decided to form a company in which Maningrida, Goulburn Island and Oenpelli would each hold a 25% interest; Milinginbi 15% and Croker Island 10%. From now on the business dealings with the mining companies will be conducted by the company and not by individual communities. The company and its lawyers will ask the mining firms to give more details about some aspects of their offers. When this is done the company will be able to decide which offer is most favourable to the Aboriginal people. In all the discussions the rights and employment of Aboriginal persons has been of prime importance.

At lunch time, a delicious meal was served by Mr. Dan Pollard and Mrs. Gill Amies and their staff.

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The Progress Association is happy to announce that Mrs. Gill <sup>Amies</sup> ~~Amies~~ has assumed duties at the Hasty-Tasty on Mrs. Sine's departure, for the time being. Mrs. ~~Amies~~ will be responsible for the running of this very useful adjunct of the Association; we hope to announce further assistance for the Hasty in the near future.

Please do not ask for cheques to be changed at the Hasty Tasty. This service is only available at the Bank or Store.

#### HOUSING ASSOCIATION:—

Mr. Rod Seymour of Biggenden, Qld., will be arriving at Maningrida 3rd week of March, and Mr. C. Sottele of Adelaide in the 1st week of April to really get cracking on the Housing Project. Material for the first 3 houses is already in Darwin and some at Maningrida. Our ability to construct and gainfully use our allotted monies during this first year, will depend subsequent grants.

The New Store has been open 1 year this week.

### Community Hall.

No more washed-out pictures etc.? Christmas 1972? Bob Cross will be returning approximately 20.4.71 with, of course, the new Mrs. Cross and work will commence at the hall. Our brick-making machine has been undergoing trials and a sample loo are currently drying in the shed.

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# Pillage Council.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 5.00 pm ON 1/3/71

PRESENT: 17 Councillors and 54 visitors.

BUSINESS:

CLUB ROSTER: This week - John Baleiya  
Albert Warijal  
England Mangirinyin

NIGHT-

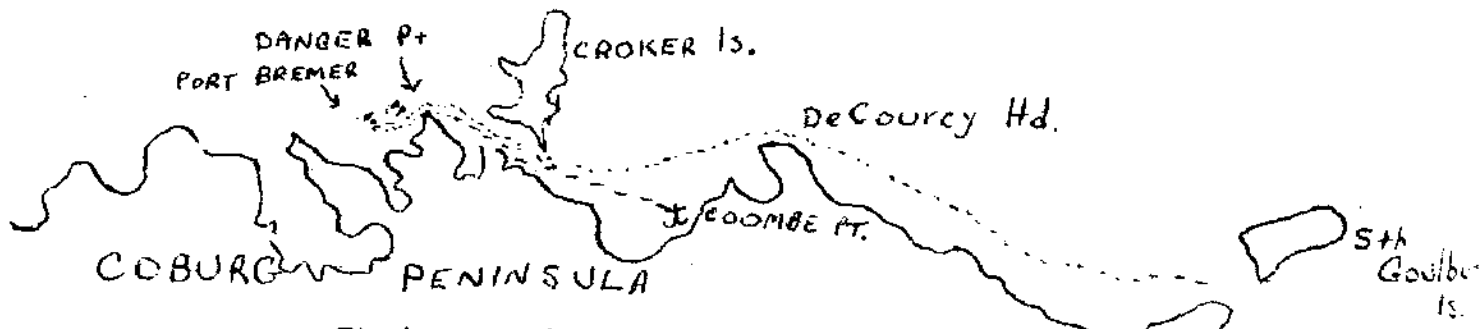
WATCHMAN: This week - Jack John.

COMING  
EVENTS:

1. Progress Assoc. meeting on Wednesday night at 7.30 pm at the school.
2. Mr. Giese was coming to visit Maningrida on 4th March to meet with the people who are interested in prospecting. They were from Maningrida, Milingimbi, Goulburn Is., Croker Is. and Oenpelli. Councillors should attend the meeting, at the Scout Hall, and also lunch afterwards.
3. Mr. Carpenter, of the Fisheries, wanted to talk to Councillors about Fishing. Decided to ask him to visit next Monday night.

BAGOT  
MEETING:

The minutes of the area conference of Village Councillors which was held at Bagot from 8-10/12/70 were read out to the Councillors. The President spoke on a number of points arising from the conference, including the leasing of land, permits to enter reserves, tourism and liquor. Some other councillors and visitors also spoke. The main concerns were that non-aboriginals should be supervised when they travelled around reserves, and that no land should be give to non-aborigines. It was also important to mark out sacred areas before people started to move around, so that they did not unknowingly tamper with them. Some people talked about developing their own areas, but they had to have something to improve before they could develop. There were places, such as Kupanga, which were just "sand-groud" and therefore not useful for development.



That experienced fisherman-sailor-forestry foreman Mr Alan Brady returned with some interesting stories of life at sea after sailing with Mr Kevin Enniss, John and Chris along the coast in a trimaran. They had originally intended to travel to Darwin, but struck some very high winds (North Westerly) and strong tides. Between Point Danger and Port Bremer, the jib sail was being used to tack, and the 7 hp motor was working hard, but the trimaran was going backwards. The tides and winds are notorious in this area and ever barges such as the Keats have to wait for favourable tides. All the sailors travelled well, though a couple did have a bout or two of sea sickness. After three days of sailing they decided to return to Coombe Point and drop anchor there. Kevin may take the trimaran around to Darwin during the Dry Season.

# Hours of Business.

As from 1st March 1971 the following hours of business will be adhered to:

## Hasty-Tasty:

Monday to Saturday - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Pay Saturdays - 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## Store:

Monday to Friday - 9 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Pay Saturdays - 8.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Non-pay Saturdays - 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

These are hours when doors will be open for trade; staff will work longer hours as per their awards. There is an increasing need for before and after hours preparation and cleaning.

## Post Office:

Mondays: 9 a.m. - 12.45 p.m.; 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

<sup>x</sup>Tuesdays: closed 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

<sup>x</sup>Wednesdays: 9 a.m. - 12.45 p.m.; 2.30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursdays: 9 a.m. - 12.45 p.m.; 2.30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Fridays: 9 a.m. - 12.45 p.m.; 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturdays: 9 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

Bank: as above.

# Progress Association.

Within the next few weeks the Association will commence a subscription register and will be collecting annual subscriptions. Why is this hitherto neglected chore necessary now?

As a Co-op. Society it was essential under the ordinances governing such bodies to sell shares to all intending members; it was, in fact, illegal to trade through the Society with other than approved shareholders. This was not adhered to during the past 3 years because of the pending liquidation of the Society and some latitude was allowed by the authorities.

However, now that the Society no longer exists, word is to hand this week of the final liquidation details, and the assets and liabilities of the former being vested in the Progress Association; we have been instructed to institute a Register and lodge same in due course. This Register will contain the names of all persons who have paid this annual subscription for membership of the Association. It is expected that the great majority of Maningrida people will so subscribe. In the event of obtaining a sufficient number of members, contingencies will exist for associate members (non-paying) and reasonably expected to be people of a transitory nature.

As a Society we were eligible for taxation, as an Association such as ours we are not; therein lies the basic difference and the reason for all the problems of the past 18 months. Constitutionally the annual subscription must be a maximum of \$2 and a minimum of 50¢. There is no reason why the minimum of 50¢ should not be adopted.

The Association asks support at an early date in this matter, as pressure will certainly be brought to bear on us. It is simply not legal for the Association to trade with other than members or associate members. Thus in showing a majority of the population as members, no problems should arise.

This applies equally to Aborigines and non-Aboriginal persons.

# Basketball.

Draw for March 9th. - Tuesday.

7p.m. Dolphins v Cape Stewart .

8p.m. Chalkies v Blyth River.

Thursday March 11th.

7p.m. Eagles v Cadell R.

8p.m. Entrance Is. v Arnhemland

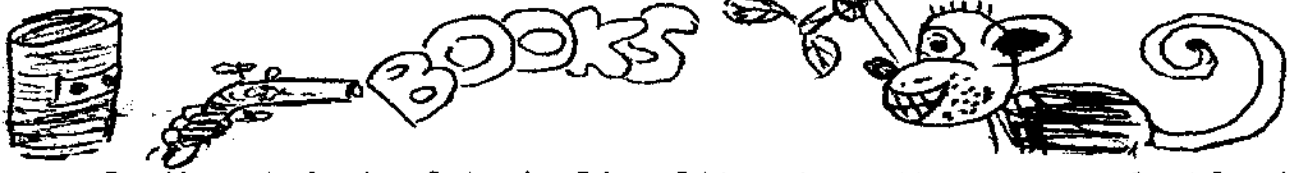
Note: Last Week's game between Cadell and Blyth River was a draw and not a win for Blyth R. as reported in last week's Mirage.

After a thrilling battle of tactics , Cadell beat Chalkies 30/28. Chalkies were a little ahead at half time but a few quick goals by Jimmy soon put Cadell back on top.

Wearing goggles and with the aid of flippers , Blyth River were able to swim faster in what could only be described as a game of water polo. Everybody got drenched , but really enjoyed the game .

Score 40/26 with some fine shots by Lucky.

Cape Stewart ran away from Entrance Island in the second half of their game to win 58/38.



To the student of Australian literature there are only about twenty significant books which were written before the turn of the century. It is to these the Lloyd O'Neil Publishers have turned to produce a fine-bound set of twelve books at a reasonable price. Titles include Rolf Boldrewood's "Robbery under Arms", Ralph Rashleigh by James Tucker, and "For the Term of His Natural Life" by Marcus Clark. "Such is Life" by Tom Collins is probably the only book that can claim to be a "totally Australian" novel. The author drew on his experiences as a Government Land Agent for his characters and the setting of the novel, and the people who lived in Western New South Wales in the 1890's really come to life. All of these books are worth the small outlay of \$2.50 each.

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It is a dangerous practice to judge books by their covers, but let's hope it is a little safer to pick them by the titles, and I have picked on these two for that reason. The first, "Fun while it lasted" by Barnaby Conrad is an autobiography of a man who has tried all the more devious as well as the routine jobs: bull-fighter, artist, novelist, diplomat, film maker, teacher, and finally secretary to a man of letters. Noel Coward's remark is probably the best review of this book: "Gored but never bored". (Price \$5.50)

The second is "A Bush in the Tunnel" or 'James Joyce by the Irish'. Twenty-four living Irish writers have combined to write about this man of controversial genius. (Price \$5.50)

The new Penguin releases "Up the Monkeys" by Trevor Bostock delves into the mischief and goings-on among the youth of a small Yorkshire mining village. An entertaining book and well worth the price of \$1.

The two volumes of the Simenon Omnibus contain six new Maigret stories and therefore, at \$1.55 each, these are bargains for the person who likes his detective stories.

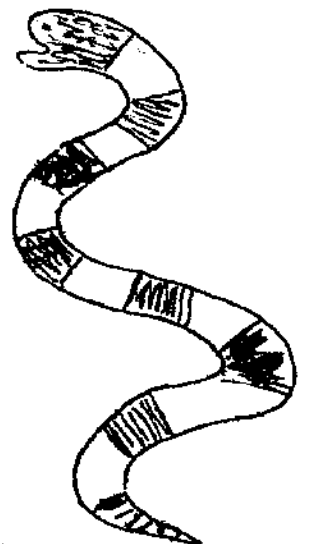
J.P.



DON'T CARRY GOOD FOOD HOME WITH THE RUBBISH

Snakes Alive ! and dead.

A 16" black and white striped snake was picked up near the home of Mr. Alf Dickfoss yesterday. The remarkable thing about this fellow was that he had swallowed a brown snake only 2" shorter than himself. Perhaps he had heard about that saying, that affectionate saying "...I could eat you".



Messrs. Alan Grieve and Brian Jukes have started to collect snakes, and they have found that this chap is named 'Bandy Bandy'. He can grow to a length of 24". Although he is slightly poisonous, he cannot hurt people.

According to the text book, he is only found in Southern states.

Stop Press.

Birth. Debra born to Helen and Stephen Gunjulma in Darwin.

DUTIES:

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

STAR  
THEATRE

Friday: Batman  
Saturday: Three on a couch



CHURCH

Second Sunday in Lent. - "Temptation and Sin"  
9.30 a.m. - Sunday Schools  
7.30 p.m. - Evening Service  
Thursday 7.30 p.m. Fellowship

Temptation is not our fault. It is part of life.  
Sin is our fault.

BIRTH:

Henry Morgan - (after a well known pirate) -  
to Margret Wangarga and George Guwara (Burada)  
Darran - the name of Jean Gadenbua's boy (see last week)

RAINFALL:

Friday: 10 pts.                      Tuesday: 28 pts.  
Saturday: 94 pts.                    Wednesday: 42 pts.  
Sunday: 83 pts.                      Thursday: 15 pts.  
Monday: 55 pts.



Ray and Melva Buzza have written to say that they like Bunbury, W.A., very much and are waiting for two happy happenings.

In mid-April a new baby is expected, and soon their new home, which is being built, will be ready.

Messrs. Bill Goodwin and Peter Snell arrived on Wednesday to make a survey of the quantity and quality of timber in the area inside the "loop road". In Darwin they have studied the aerial photographs for the best areas of cypress. They will be here for about 10 days.

Mr. Kevin Ennis will make his first official visit back to Maningrida next Monday if plane booking can be arranged.

Mr. Bill Scott has written to say that, after a long wait he will go into the Repatriation Hospital on the 4th March to have an operation on his hand. Evidently, he must have been thinking about the operation, as he writes: "At long last, the must have acquired another pocket knife from some source. See that MYERS have some advertised. Made in Japan, and guaranteed to cut anything from cheese to carbuncles, at 25¢ a pop." We all hope that the operation will be a success and send our best wishes to Bill.

*Tragedies in Eastern Arnhemland.*

Many people were shocked last week to hear of the tragedy at Milinginbi in which an Aboriginal man killed himself with a .22 rifle. (His death was reported in last week's issue.)

The event took place within an hour of the plane, of which he was a passenger, landing at Milinginbi.

Then last Saturday two vehicle loads of people travelled north of Elcho Island to make a road to a new campsite. The health officer (hygiene supervisor) Mr. Roger Baum, travelled on his motor bike. When the new track had been blazed some distance, Roger decided to try and ride his bike through the bush to the area about 1 1/2 miles away. Although never more than 2 miles away he became lost in the bush. About 100 people joined in the search. Almost as a last resort, on Tuesday, some men travelled up a tidal creek in a motor boat. The tide in this creek runs very strongly. Apparently Roger tried to wade across it and was swept off his feet and drowned.

The whole community attended his funeral at Elcho on Wednesday afternoon.

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