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Beaver Searches the Rock Country.

On Wednesday a "Beaver" plane flew in from Sydney. In days gone by this sturdy aeroplane has been used on farms to spray crops and spread seeds but now farmers haven't much money to spend on such things. And a beaver must be busy. So it has come to Arnhemland to help look for minerals.

It has two pilots - Noel Hall and Joe Graygar - who both come from Sydney. The Beaver itself was built in Canada and is under contract to Canadian Aero Services.

The plane has a fuel capacity to fly for about 5 hours. While it flies in an east-westerly direction, at approximately half mile intervals technician Mr. Peter Hillman will be in the cabin keeping an eye on the aerial camera which will photograph the strips of country flown over, and on the scintillometer (like a very sensitive and selective geiger counter) which will record radio activity in the rocks below.

When the plane lands, Mr. Jackson will take the film and develop the negative in the "darkroom" - the old staff room at the school. Later, all the aerial maps will have the "anomalies" marked on them; then the men on the ground will make closer investigations.

The "Beaver" will ^{fly or} "chug" as someone says, for about 3 to 4 weeks.

Coming Soon

P & F Secretary, Miss Cheryl Pullen, wrote to 20th Century Fox in Sydney and asked if the film "Walkabout" could come to Maningrida.

This week they replied "Yes. You can have it in September. It will be free. You will only have to pay the freight." Maynmak!

Crime Doesn't Pay

In their recent visits, police have investigated a variety of matters including assaults on divers people, larcenies of valuables and mainly the illegal use of motor vehicles, breaking and entering etc. As a result several people are summonsed to appear in the Darwin Courts during the coming month and two more are awaiting the outcome of investigations.

J.H.

Money Matters

At the Progress Assoc. meeting last week, the Business Manager, Mr. Glen Bagshaw said that prices for goods at the store had remained stable during the year, despite the considerable freight increases. The Store had a turnover of \$77,000 during the past three months.

The Hasty Fasty had a surplus of \$2,371 in its trade. Arts and Crafts received \$8,234 from sales during the quarter. The total turnover for the past 12 months was \$23,700 as compared with \$14,500 for the previous year.

Wangga

A newspaper has been started by Mr Gillespie's class and the children call it WANGGA which means 'speaking in Burada Language' or a story. Mr Gillespie is hoping that the writing of articles will deepen the children's interest in the developments which are taking place around the settlement.

Mr Stevens class has also a Newspaper.

Some other classes are thinking of starting a paper too.

First a frank statement on "Our class" by Finity Elsie and Ronnie:

"OUR CLASS"

"We have 25 children. Our Teachers are Mr Gillespie and Mr George. Our Room is full of giggles and fights. We make our teachers wild and angry. Steven is the worst. He makes all the boys angry because He teases girls.

There are children from many tribes in our class. we have 11 Burada children, 4 Jinang children, 2 Gunardba children, 4 Gunavidji children, 2 Gunwinggu children, 1 Gubabingu boy and 1 Guragonno boy."

Then an article full of optimism:

"EISTEDDFODD"

Maningrida children are going to Darwin for the Eisteddfod and we will have good fun. Then we are going shopping at the Wool worths. We will have many good things. We are going to Howard Springs. We are going to dance about Emu dance, Flag dance, Judayudamun and Boswick dance We will win the shield and we will be very happy like last year. Maningrida won the shield and all the other countries lost."

by Andy, Julietto and Mandy.

THE ARMY WAS HERE



On Sunday afternoon, the Army arrived . They were the advance party for a survey unit who are to follow later on. They said that they had to winch their way across three creeks between Oenpelli and here.

While at Maningrida , they were entertained by the "Navy" and according to local intelligence sources - 'The Navy came out on top'. They drove out of the Settlement at mid-day on Monday.

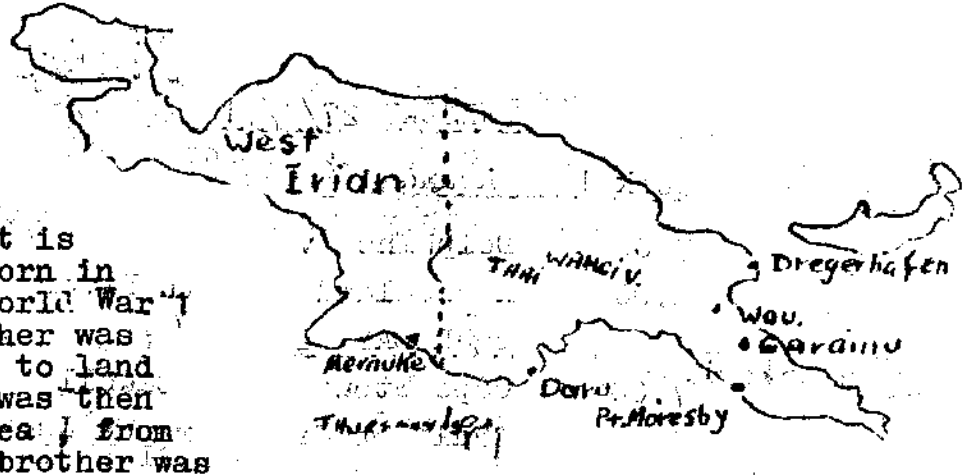
Senators

On Monday a party of Parliamentarians led by Mr. Sam Calder and Mr. Rupert Kentish visited the Settlement. Among them , was Senator Don Jessop who is responsible for Aboriginal voters in Northern South Australia.

Lecturer.

On Wednesday, Mr. Keith Boyd of the Geelong Teacher's College came for 2 days. Mr. Boyd helped to train Misses McClellan, Westman, Kath Jones and Messrs. B. Strand and J. Hemister. Two of his students were working at Bathurst's. and Hermansburg for a period.

No Stranger to the Bush



Mrs. Jan Croft is a Papuan by birth - born in Port Moresby during World War I. Before that, her mother was the first white woman to land at Merauke, in what was then called Dutch New Guinea, from Thursday Island. Her brother was one of the early explorers to travel

into the Highlands and discovered the ^{Waka} and Tari Valleys.

Jan spent some time as Assitant to the Director of Medical Training in Port Moresby, teaching students who were going to train as nurses and doctors etc.. During the War, she served with the Intelligence Corps in an area East of Port Moresby.

She taught in schools at Daru, Wau, Dregerhafen and Garainu in the Waria Valley. At Garainu she had to start from scratch.

Mrs. Croft is very interested in Girl Guides and is quite a keen car driver - having driven her car from Sydney to Darwin. We say Welcome Mrs. Croft.

Departure.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walter and family, Fisheries Fitter left on Wednesday - possibly heading into Queensland country.

The Bardi Co-operative.

From "The West Australian" comes a full page article on the Bardi people and the work of Mr. David Drysdale among them - on Sunday Island, near Broome.

"Mr. Drysdale was one of the founders of the highly successful Maningrida Settlement in Arnhemland. His experiences there convinced him that the Bardi people might also be successful growing tropical fruits and vegetables"

The story tells how Mr. Drysdale was having a holiday in Broome in 1968. Two old Bardi friends told him that they wanted to go back to their own country on Sunday Island - where years ago Mr. Drysdale had been a missionary. The men said that they needed help. Mr. and Mrs. Drysdale decided that they would come out of retirement and help. They sold their house in Perth and bought a 4-wheel drive vehicle, exchanged their car for a 24' launch and gave money to help the Bardi Co-operative.

"They live frugally in the old school master's house. They eat mainly tinned food except when the Bardis bring fish, turtle or dugong.

Mrs. Drysdale makes bread in an old oven. Water has to be carted 200 yards from the only serviceable tank on the island.

"I owe all this to my old friends," said Mr. Drysdale, who knew them in the years between 1925 and 1930."

"If we establish a fishing industry we could have a population between 150-200 people ... the Bardis would be together again ... and regain their pride.."

All Maningrida-ites who remember Mr. and Mrs. Drysdale from the early days or who have known of them since, salute them for the work that they are doing, and send best wishes to them.

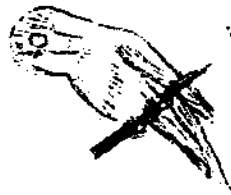
(The Government store, where Barry and Harry, work used to be their home here.)

FISHERIES

Mr. John Carpenter said (at P/A meeting) that there are now 5 self employed units at Maningrida and there should be 8 by the end of the Dry - engaged in fishing.

Two trial consignments of fish have been sent to Mountain Valley.

Birdwatcher



Varied
Lorikeet



Red Collared
Lorikeet

Lorikeets are parrots but are particularly adapted to feeding on the nectar (honey) of flowering eucalyptus by being endowed with a special brush-like tongue. A colourful, noisy bird with a swift and direct flight, they travel from year to year in a cyclic movement following the flowering of eucalyptus. Table manners are unknown to them as they gorge themselves with nectar hanging head down and screeching away to their hearts' content. The adaption of a brush-like tongue is found also in the very large order of "honeyeaters" which are also nectar feeders.

At the present time there are two species of lorikeets at Maningrida, the Red-collared Lorikeet and the Varied Lorikeet. The latter is a small green bird with scarlet-red on its face, and the less common of the two. The latter you can see every day at dusk as they fly high over the settlement calling to themselves. Like many other birds they have a routine whereby they fly from their feeding grounds at the end of the day to drink and roost in a separate area, and this is the flight we see every evening. It has a blue head, red collar and bib, with a black band across the front and yellow below. In times or places of little drinking water, these birds can suck up water entrapped by leaves or the interlocking fronds of trees, and will bathe by fluttering along foliage soaked by dew. It is closely related to the better known Rainbow Lorikeet, and most ornithologists now agree that it is a geographically isolated subspecies of the latter. They are found only on the top end of the Territory.

J.G.

Basketball Begins Again

Our usual basketball competition will start next week. I'd like to say briefly that EVERY TEAM MUST BE in full uniform wearing singlets, shorts (no working clothes), basketball shoes or sandshoes if possible.

Every team should know the Rules - for instance, no arguing with referees, charging, pushing, swearing or fighting while at the court, as it says in the rule book. If you do all these silly things then you will be off from playing basketball or you'll be fined a certain amount of money. So let us not be squabbling about each other. Please advise this note and tell your team about the matters of being in court.

I hope that you do your best and for your coming future. Not only you are trying but also you are giving enjoyment to the people who are watching the game. So fellas, try your best.

The Draw

TUESDAY 27/7/71

Week 1 Round 1

7.00 Dolphins v Eagles
8.00 Anthenland v Blyth River

THURSDAY 29/7/71

7.00 Cape Stewart v Cadell
8.00 Chalkies v Entrance Is.

From The Mailbag

Two very good poems for the Poetry Competition. Keep them coming.

John and Mary Sime are travelling in East Malaysia at present and expect to arrive in Darwin shortly.

Mr. Jim McInerney will start teaching at Two Wells School, about 30 miles north of Adelaide, shortly.

Miss "Liz" McClellan (here 1968-9) left Yuendumu at the end of the first term and began teaching at St. Bede's in North Balwyn, Mel

bourne. Speaking of her mixed grade 1 and 2, she says "I never cease to be amazed at their English! I miss the Territory ... the kids here have everything ... Mostly from professional families. Not as rewarding."

Mrs. Melva Buzza has taken over the leadership of the Bunbury Girl Guide Company. Melva is hoping to speak on the radio to Scouts and Guides here and at Elcho Island during the Jamboree of the Air. She writes "Great for Skip to have his services acknowledged pass on our congratulations I have 28 girls in the Group and hope to recruit some Aboriginal girls.... our new baby is beautiful..."

The dirty Milk Bottle and the Silly mother.



Mother picks up dirty milk bottle.

Takes it to Baby tucker without washing it.

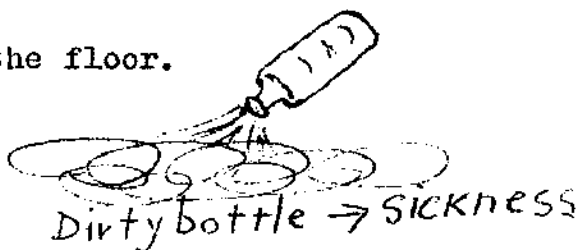
Sister: "A dirty bottle could make the baby sick.
Get a clean one from the hospital."

Mother: "I want milk. I bought this bottle in the Co-op."

Sister: "That's not a true story! There are no bottles in the Co-op."

Mother: (changing her story)
"I bought it in Darwin!"

and then threw the milk all over the floor.



SR. EDITH.

Remember!

Clean bottle → healthy baby

New arrivals.

Contractors of Eagle Constructions.

They arrived this week and may be seen driving in that lovely shamrock green coloured utility. They have come to build the police station etc.

From the Dhawumirri, at Milingimbi.

Several of the Sisters and people travelling to and fro will know Sister Jess Smith. The Dhawumirri reports that she was farewelled with some fine dancing by the old veteran Djawa and a big bunjgul (dance) after working in the Crocodile Islands for 17½ years. In August she will take up a position in the Darwin Hospital.

MANINGRIDA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

A/SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 21/7/71

The 1969/71 year has been a successful and exciting one for the Maningrida Progress Association and indications are that the coming year may bring developments of further expansion and success.

Hereunder is a brief resume of the more important undertakings of the Association in 1971.

MANINGRIDA STORE - The store had a year of record turnover and profit - due in no small way to the efficiency and enthusiasm of Mr. Bagshaw and his staff.

CRAFT SHOP & HASTY TASTY - both these establishments had record turnovers for the past 12 months.

BAKERY - The Maningrida Bakery is now complete; the baker has been employed and production is expected to begin in approximately two weeks.

HOUSING - The Association building team this year has completed the Business Manager's residence and almost completed the residences for the baker and one of the builders. In addition 17 Self-Help houses have been completed in the past 12 months.

MINING - One of the year's most exciting developments was in this field. The Association has now completed agreements with surrounding missions and a mining company for the exploration, and possible exploitation, over the next 3 years, of various Authority's Prospects held by Aboriginal people from Maningrida and other centres.

FISHING - The Association is exploring all avenues in an attempt to put the Fisheries operation on a commercial footing. Developments are expected in this area in the near future.

PASTORAL - Preliminary discussions and feasibility studies have been carried out on a possible joint venture between the people of Bamyili and Maningrida in the pastoral industry. The venture would incorporate a large area of land at the Bulman, Beswick Station and a proposed slaughterhouse and abattoir. This is another area in which further developments are soon expected.

MARKET GARDEN - The Association is exploring the possibilities of obtaining skilled personnel to assist in the establishment of a market garden.

SPORTING COMMITTEE: The Sporting Committee has in hand the construction of a second basketball court, using funds provided by the National Aboriginal Sports Foundation. It is planned to seek further grants from this body in the coming year.

STORE MANAGER - As the Association's activities have become widely diversified and this trend appears likely to continue, it was felt that the running of the Store, in addition to the other activities of the Association, had become too great a burden for one man. The Association has therefore engaged a Store Manager who will commence duty within a month. Mr. Bagshaw will be responsible for the overall conduct and co-ordination of the Association's business affairs.

HALL - Finance is to hand. Contract let for steel fabrication and construction due to commence on completion of 2 staff residences.

LAND - Three Special Purposes Leases have been applied for and the Lands Board has heard the applications. These are for the civic area (approx. five acres) and two residential blocks. Four more applications are awaiting hearing.

D.A. GILLESPIE
ACTING SECRETARY.

TODAY IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY - DARWIN SHOW DAY!!

Weekend Duties
Duty Officer: Mr. Eddy Carey
Duty Sister: Sister Heather Cross
Nightwatchman: Mr. Michael Ngulabiya

Star Theatre Friday: "Doctor, you've got to be kidding!"

Church Sunday, 9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools "The Law of Moses"
7.00 p.m. Holy Communion.

Thursday 7.30 p.m. Fellowship.

In the newspaper story about Mr. Drysdale there was a photo showing him and some of the Bardi people in an old shed, taking part in a Church service - worshipping God.

The first law in the Ten Commandments (laws) says "I am the Lord, your God. You shall have no other gods before or in front of me."

If we make money our god - always after higher wages and putting that first, - cards, or keeping things only for ourselves - we are putting a "thing" in front of people and God. We are then breaking the **Law** and we may break ourselves and spoil the lives of others.

Births in Darwin Hospital

TIMMY - on June 23rd to Nancy Bandiama and Frank Guvamanamana (little brother for Albert and Sam)

Jonathan - on July 1st to Lena Aramimba. Lena is at East Arm for a time.

Nicki, Mary - on July 5th to Beryl Bernama and Jumbo Wungki.

Yvonne - on July 4th to Nancy Badamulanga and Billy Gayulwa. (A sister for Frank Sinatra.)

Arthur - on July 12th to Kim.

Ottie - is the name Alice Gunwarbi and Morris have given their daughter.

Warren son of Judy Minjiramiringa and Alan Mavagiyana.

Cherry - daughter to Minnie Nanarjali. Born at Maningrida.

DEATH: Maggie Bamagula, widow of the late Tom Nalagandja, at Cadell Garden, aged 50 years.

about Births.

In the last "Mirage" the birth of Hans, son of Agnes, was reported. Hans was very small and the sisters felt that it was wise to keep him in hospital for an extra night. Minnie, ~~sister~~ of Agnes, agreed to stay and keep her company.

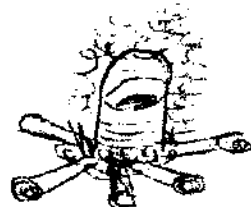
At 7 a.m. next day, the sisters were stunned to find 2 small babies. Minnie (who had Cherry) was completely unconcerned, and Agnes was worrying for a match.

Also recently reported was the birth of Frankie, son of Kathleen and Jumbo Wungki. Now comes news that Junbo's second wife, Beryl, has Nicki Mary.

Jumbo is "multiplying his seed", as they'd say in the old days.

* Monday, August 2nd, is Northern Territory Picnic Day, and we all get a holiday to go for a picnic.

ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY BUT
BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE



PLEASE TELL MR. QUICK ABOUT BUSHFIRES.

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