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Housing Association to Go it Alone

1. In the meeting at the Maningrida Resources Centre last night, the Maningrida Housing Association was described as a "shoe string organisation" whose financial state was a "disgrace to the government that was supposed to support it."

2. The general meeting, which attracted about 50 local residents, was held to consider the future of the Association in light of the fact that the Progress Association could no longer be depended upon to carry the bulk of the organizational load.

3. Mr Bagshaw, General Manager of the Progress Association, and until now one of the major forces behind the successful operation of the Housing Association, announced to the meeting that he could no longer afford to spend time working in this capacity. This was due to his increasing commitments to his own organization which was expanding rapidly.

He recommended that the Housing Association should prepare to operate separately from the Progress Association, and warned that the Association was likely to experience a number of difficulties. Mr. Bagshaw said that the limitations that were imposed upon the Association in the past as a result of the agreements that it was compelled to make with the A.B.T.F. and the A.C.F. to obtain finance were unrealistic. He doubted that any organization could build a house to the specifications of the Administrator for \$7,500. He spoke of difficulties experienced by the Association when finance took a time to be granted and said that but for the backing of the Maningrida Progress Association the building operations would have had to cease for periods of time. He recommended that the constitution of the Association may have to be amended to enable the committee and the Association to function more effectively.

Mr James Wilson Cooper, a tenant of one of the Association's houses, complained about the floor of his house, and made reference to a lack of a refrigerator. He also drew attention to Darwin Housing Commission homes as a comparison. It was pointed out that the Controller of Stores, who has a statutory obligation to sell furniture to Aborigines, and to whom application had been made some time before, had not yet been able to provide a refrigerator. It was also indicated that the Housing Commission, who had refused to consider the possibility of erecting houses at Maningrida when approached some time ago, were given a comparatively higher financial allotment per house.

Mr Tom Yibberal and Mr Jack Riala both stressed that great financial difficulty was experienced by Aborigines who were attempting to raise their standards of living.

Mr Hunter said that he felt that due to the past successes of the Housing Association, it could extend its functions to including home management services and rental collection services. He also felt that it might possibly take over the responsibility for other housing projects. He said, however, that this would be dependent upon a great deal more financial aid, since amongst other things, an Association manager and staff would have to be employed. Mr. Rod Seymour added that the Association had no essential capital equipment.

Personnel appointed to the temporary committee will be reported on a later page.

FISH



The fishing this week has been very quiet due to the small tides and the phase of the moon, but things should improve with the full moon. Barramundi are still thick at Navy Landing, all being taken on lures. With the onset of the Wet Season, fish deteriorate quickly and should be watched carefully. I lost a fair quantity of fish on Wednesday.

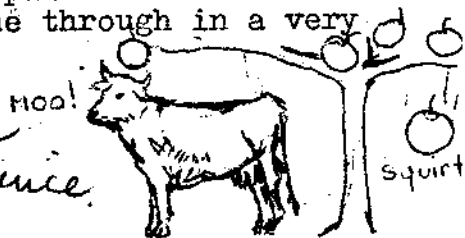


Back to the "CookTown" or "Giant" Threadfin

As I mentioned last week, these fish frequent the discoloured waters in the estuaries, so the logical place to fish for them is on the sand and mud flats, on the rising tide, as they move into the discoloured water feeding on the small mullett and prawns that are abundant on these flats when the tide is rising. Thus follows that the best bait would be live small mullett or prawns, rather than dead bait consisting of the above or small fillets of other bait fish. Lures can be used with results, when the salmon are thick and feeding savagely but they are of no real value when the fish are scarce or the water very discoloured. A trace of about 18" is required, as the salmon have very abrasive pads around the mouth which gives this fish the ability to fray a line through in a very quick time if trace is not used.

Next week = the "Queen Fish".

Fresh Milk and Orange Juice



This week a number of lucky people were able to drink fresh orange juice and fresh reconstituted milk.

The initial samples arrived from the Nhulunbuy Food and Beveridge Co. have been well received, and now the first order is due on Saturday.

A small "satchet" of milk will sell for 10c.

large " " " " " " 45c. 1 litre - 1 1/2 pts.

The guaranteed keeping time refrigerated is 7 days.

The first dispenser for each buyer will be free and thereafter 50c.

A large "satchet" of orange juice (1 litre) approx. 65c.

Flavoured milk and icecream should be available shortly.

Men's Basketball

We all knew that there was going to be a knock-out competition on Tuesday and Thursday nights, but nobody came. So the game was forfeited. There was a notice on the board at the shop and everyone might have seen it or read it, but nobody bothered to come. Next week s draw.

Tues. 24/10/72.

7p.m. Jinang v Cadell. Sp.m. Nakara v M.P.A.

Thurs. 25/10/72

7p.m. Pioneers v Diana Sp.m. Ganda-yala v Cape Stewart.

Rules to Remember.

- A. A player is not allowed to wear different shorts, socks, and singlets.
- B. If a person wants to play for another team, he shall wait for 28 days.
- C. There'll be no informal debating or fighting at the Court while the game is on, and if you lose your temper, you'll be on duty for 4 or 2 weeks. And if you do it again, you will have one whole year off of playing. We know that these are strict rules, but we have to obey them. Those of you who can read and understand them please explain this rule to your team so that they can understand it, and not play in unsportsmanlike ways.

Jacky Pascoe J. Cooper

Women's Basketball.

A re-e-ally good game last week with plenty of action, competition and a responsive audience - (a little worrying at times). Flamingoes 40 def. Peacocks 28. Flamingoes 60 d. Peacocks 22.

Best & Fairest 1. D. Uibo 2. Lorna Most Improved - Connie

Gordon Sweeney School Notes

Today we welcome one and all to the annual Fete in the school grounds. Fashion parades, dancing and the usual stalls and refreshment booths will be on offer.



This term sections of the school are taking turns in travelling by bus to Tomkinson Hole and Dakarladorna for swimming and water safety instruction. This will culminate in our annual swimming carnival in the last week of term.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

MONDAY 4th December - Swimming Carnival at Dakarladorna
TUESDAY 5th December - Concert and Prize Night - venue to be announced.
FRIDAY 8th December - Closing day for Christmas Vacation.
Infants Swimming Carnival will be at Tomkinson Hole, date to be announced.

We welcome to our staff Mr. Bruno Nimanis - Bruno and his wife have been travelling around Australia and decided to make a short stop in the North.

This week we also bid farewell to Jenny Tuite. Jenny has run the preschool for nearly five years and her contribution to the Maningrida educational scene has been considerable.

3-WAY SPORTS MEET:

In the second week of term Roger Pink and Nancy took 18 boys and girls to Milingimbi for Athletics. Competing schools were Elcho, Milingimbi and ourselves. Results, Elcho 121, Milingimbi 92 and Maningrida 73. This turned the tables of the 1972 Arnhem Land Games which Maningrida won. From results, Elcho juniors are a force to watch in the next few years. Rosemary and David did well for Maningrida. The Home Team cleaned up the field in Basketball and Football.

Over Ten Tons of Water Melon.

Never before has so much watermelon been eaten in Maningrida. 26,000 lbs. have been sold through the shop!! And the end is not yet.

9,396 lbs. of sweet potato have found their way from the shop shelves to cook in local heaps of hot ashes. At the Cadell Gardens 5,000 gladioli bulbs are sending up their green stems and presently they should come into flower at the rate of 1000 per week.

Future Fruit & Vegetables

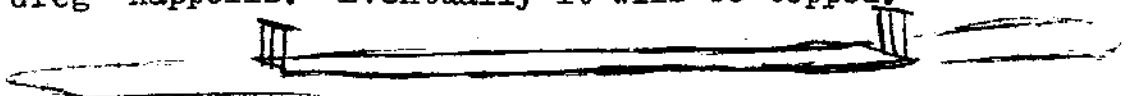
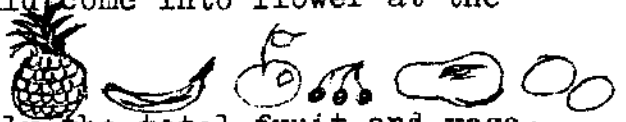
The shop expects to be able to supply the total fruit and vegetable needs of the customers by early December. At present good quantities of lettuce are available, also spinach, silver beet as well as watermelons and sweet potatoes.

Other Matters

The new fishing boat is in Darwin waiting to be sailed to Maningrida. The Welfare Branch is sponsoring a 2 day conference in Darwin 30-31st Oct. Mr. Ray McHenry will chair it.

The 16 or so commuting Garnardba gardeners have an excellent organiser in Mable

Maningrida now possesses a cricket pitch 27yds. x 6' x 3 1/2". The first concrete was poured yesterday under the supervision of the construction firm, Carey, Cross & Co. and it is expected to be completed by the end of business today. The concrete will have to cure (harden) for 2 weeks before it can withstand any Dennis Lillee or Greg Chappells. Eventually it will be topped.



THAT TIME AGAIN

In Brisbane when the Jacaranda trees bloom students traditionally shake for exams. Well, its Jacaranda time in Maningrida and some people are even shaking in Maningrida. This year's unwilling candidates for the Arnhemland Examination Centre will be Bruce & Marg. Neale, who are studying Introduction to English Literature, and Dan Gillespie, who is studying Shakespeare to the Romantics.



COUNCIL MEETING: FIRE FETE FOAM

Present: 6 councillors and 2 visitors.

Fire: President asked the councillors if they had talked to the people about the bush fires. Cr. Baleiya said we should first go to Guyun on a truck. President said we haven't enough trucks.

Fete: Superintendent said this week on Friday there will be a fete at school. There will be a dancing competition too. Council agreed to this.

Promise President talked about the promise system. He said that when

System: a young girl was promised to an older man she found it very hard. If she wanted to marry someone else there was a lot of trouble.

Cr. Yiriyin said two girls had had trouble. The two men they were supposed to marry didn't want them. The girls wanted to marry into a different tribe, but the older people wouldn't let them.

Beer: Cr. Baleiya said men from Kupanga wanted to buy beer tickets and have beer when they came to Maningrida. Superintendent said "No". The only people to drink beer are the people who live and work here.

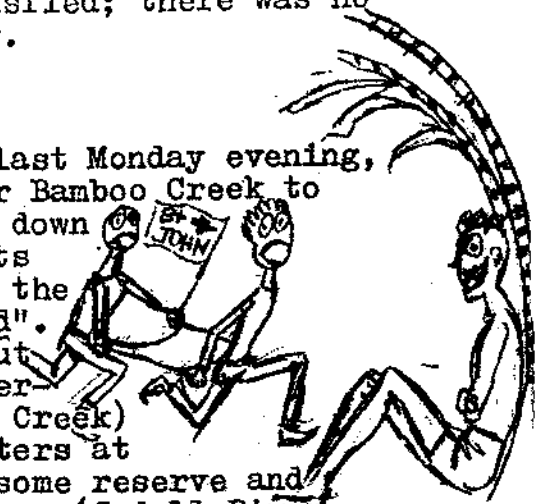
Houses: Ken Trewin will start building the self-help houses soon.

Beer: Cr. Baleiya asked President if 4 cans of beer can be served at the Happy Club. Superintendent said "We can't change yet!" Cr. Baleiya asked where the Club money is kept and how much money is raised from selling beer tickets. Superintendent said about \$1,500. for a fortnight and of this money we bought the bus.

He also talked about the future of Maningrida - all people should stop thinking about different tribes and think of themselves as being members of the Maningrida community. It didn't matter if they lived away from Maningrida - for example, Cadell Gardens produce was sold at Maningrida not only to Gunardba people but to everyone, black and white. Same thing for fishing and the things that come from Kupanga. Every person had a responsibility to make Maningrida, their community, keep growing. People in a moving community could be satisfied; there was no way of being satisfied in a dead community.

SIR HAD A GALLON TO THE RESCUE

In response to a plea for assistance last Monday evening, a hurriedly formed rescue party made a dash for Bamboo Creek to recover a man reportedly injured after falling down a hole. Upon the party's arrival the residents of Bamboo Creek were highly amused and were of the opinion that the rescue party had been "tricked". The party returned to Maningrida, arriving about midnight. The following day two men were interviewed and they blamed someone else (at Bamboo Creek) for circulating false rumours. Further disasters at Bamboo Creek will most likely be treated with some reserve and could even be referred to the St John's Ambulance (Cadell River Division) who has also had some experience with these matters.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOC.

At the meeting on Monday night it was decided to place the Association's truck at the disposal of the Superintendent for use in Meals on Wheels which had come to a standstill because of the acute shortage of Welfare vehicles on the settlement. The Association will also bear the running costs.

Also an attempt is to be made to have some of the old books on Arnhem Land re-printed, and among those mentioned were "Whispering Wind" and "Arnhem Land: Its History and Its People". Assistance was allowed for three Aboriginal Craft teachers to carry them over the period till their Adult Education rates came through.

On a less happy note, 16MM have failed to supply us with most of the films we requested despite Mr. Saltmarsh's assurances. The Treasurer will write to voice our displeasure.

J.Gardiner Sect.

WHERE DOES ALL RRUPYA GO?

The income for the Parents & Friends Association for the first nine months of this year has been \$5824. So far \$3350 has been spent on the school; 65% of the turnover (not bad?) Major expenditure this year has been the purchase of a Thermofax Copying machine, and the Gestetner 460 Duplicator, both of which have proved invaluable to the teachers and headmaster.

As usual the Eisteddfod expenses were subsidized, and new gear was purchased for the Areyonga trip.

The balance is made up in Art materials, getting the School Library functional, pre-school books and equipment, and other sundry needs to keep the school moving.

R.Pink Treas.

NANGKALALA FOOTBALL MATCH.

Milingimbi won the toss and elected to use the strong down-field win in the 2nd and last quarters. This together with Maningrida's poor kicking were the most important things in the game. Milingimbi were a younger faster side and this helped them in the last quarter when the Maningrida men were very slow

	<u>Milingimbi</u>	<u>Maningrida</u>
1st Quarter	1 - 2	2 - 5
2nd Quarter	8 - 5	4 - 7
3rd Quarter	9 - 7	6 - 16
Final Scores	17 - 13 (115)	8 - 18 (66)

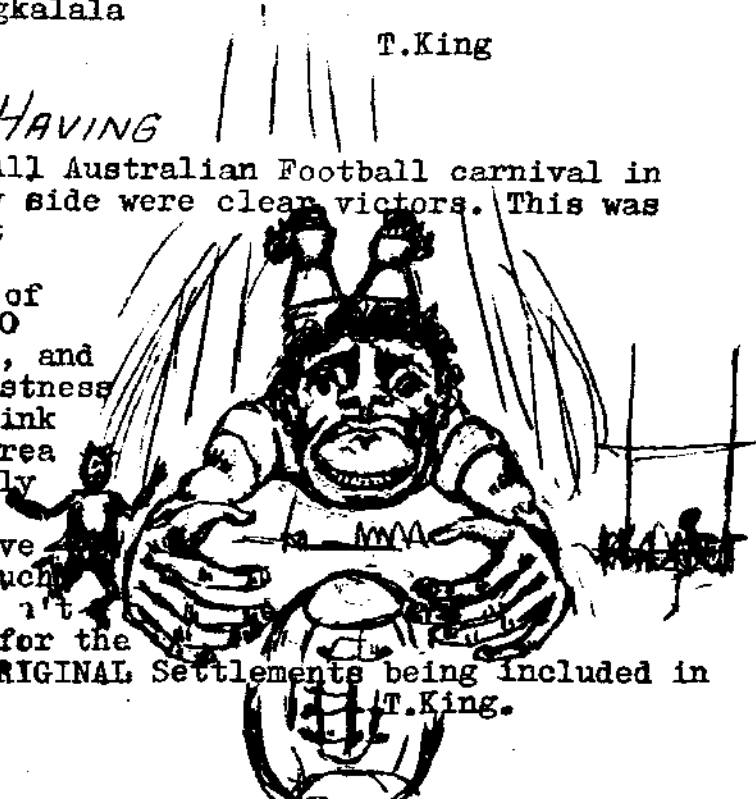
Best player for Maningrida was Dick Gabal who took many good marks, and made many crashing runs.

Thanks Milingimbi and Nangkalala

T.King

A MOTTO NOT WORTH HAVING

In the recent Aboriginal All Australian Football carnival in Darwin, the Northern Territory side were clear victors. This was a good victory, but what about the price! From an unofficial source the N.T. team consisted of ONE Oenpelli, ONE Yirrkala, TWO Bathurst Island, ONE Snake Bay, and the rest Darwinites. In the vastness of the Northern Territory - think small. It would seem that an area radius 50 mile from Darwin amply defines the N.T. Top End for some people. Sure there may have been training problems. With such expense already incurred, I can't see any financial explanation for the lack of ABORIGINAL men from ABORIGINAL Settlements being included in the side. "WIN NO MATTER WHAT"



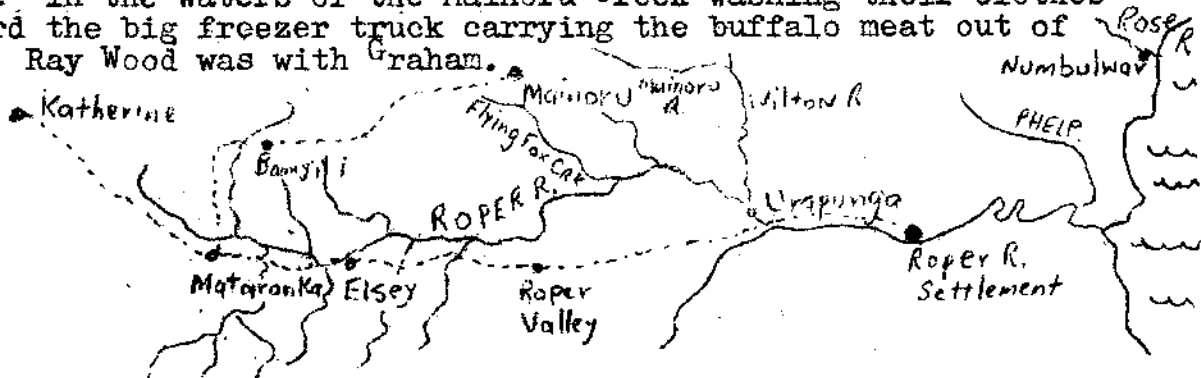
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Walkie - Talkie.

Linguist Graham McKay has recently returned from a Language Survey among people living between Beswick and Numbulwar. At Beswick there some men well known to the Rembaranga people, Smiler Martin, Rex Campion and a venerable man known as Chuck-a-duck.

While they were at Mainoru, the Banyili trucks went through loaded with dancers and footballers on their way home from the Dancing Festival at Maningrida.

They had intended to go into Bulman, but decided not to, when they heard that there was only a buffalo shooter and 3 Aboriginal men working with him there (and possibly a couple of others). While they were in the waters of the Mainoru Creek washing their clothes they heard the big freezer truck carrying the buffalo meat out of Bulman. Ray Wood was with Graham.



Elsey Station was the home of the birds - cormorants and herons, hundreds of galahs, peewees, parrots, geese and plenty of water lilies. The few Aborigines living here are mainly old people. While there, they saw Clancy Roberts bring in a truck load of wild brumbies. This horseflesh is used for tinned dog meat & pet food.

Roper River was interesting for a number of reasons. Here they met Skip Wilders who was keeping his hand in at the buildin trade, and sends his best regards to Maningrida-ites. They met Barnabas Roberts (Silas' father) and Sam Thompson the boss of the famous sacred and scenic place known as the Ruined City. Sam is the lone surviving speaker of the Ngandi language. He said that most of his relatives had been killed in spear fights in earlier days, but his father had managed to stay alive and teach him the language.

They spent two days at Numbulwar where they met alot of Ritharrngu people

Back at Roper Valley they met approximately 100 Rembaranga people and listened to a lot of crows. They also visited Urupunga and Mountain Valley.

from G. McK.

Our New Sporting Feature - From the Grandstand.

Wherever footballers assemble for a game there will inevitably be a barage of football fanatics - people who know all about the finer arts of the game. At Nangalala on the weekend we saw these fanatics, people who live for football - the Honourable Dr. Baku, Jarabili, Pre-School Charlie, Dick Smith Senior, Margaret Bani-Bani and the 'Famous Three' (Bridget, Agnes (Agornes) and Margaret) plus assorted offspring.

Councillor Ray Mynal and his Milingimbi confederates reigned over the game with an air of gentleman-like authority while one Milingimbi councillor (featuring the very popular wrap-around sunglasses) assured the crowd "be good game, no fight, Milingimbi win, Maningrida win, no fight, all friend."

Jarabili continually re-assured the groaning crowd as another goal-ward shot went astray - "No worry, him still one !boint, no worry, him 'elp."

During the whole game Baku Ray was only heard to mutter a few words - "ah, bootball, Gudgi, ah."

As Tim Dancy tried for a goal, Margaret Bani-Bani lent the vocal support that every player needs to boost his game - "Come on, my little brother."

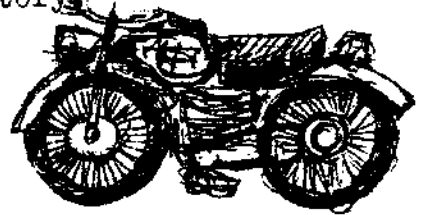
What a day, so many sporting identities assembled in the one place. Who knows, next year the kick of the ball may draw the crowds to the

Newspaper Stories

Princess Margaret, who is the sister of the Queen of England, came to Darwin this week. She went to Kormilda College and spoke to the children and looked at the buildings. Some Aboriginal people camped outside where she was staying. They wanted to tell her about things they are worrying about like land and houses, but she didn't speak to them.

At Angurugu on Groote Eylandt a policeman went to arrest an aboriginal man who brought drink on to the settlement. Some other men bashed him Police say and now eleven of them have to go to court to tell their story and the Police will tell their story.

A policeman goes to Kormilda now to teach the pupils there to ride motor bikes and to look after them. They also learn the rules of the road. They had their picture in the paper.



Housing Committee

A temporary committee comprised of Mr. John Hunter (President) Mr Glen Bagshaw (Treasurer) Mr Bob Cross (Technical Adviser) Mr Gavin O'Brien (Secretary) Mr James Wilson Cooper, Mr Johnny Bal-eiya, Mr Jack Riala and Mr Nym Manalpuy was formed to run the Association until the Constitution was re-appraised, and a proper committee elected.

Over the Sea and Far away.

Do you remember the three sisters who were here last year - Sisters Christine (from Holland), Wendy (England) and Anne (Aust.) They are now back in Europe, and recently Heather Cross received a long letter from Christine, from a hospital in Hague in Holland. Christine describes the places which she and Wendy visited on the way back from Australia.

Hong Kong is a bustling city. Fascinating but poor. You really need two pairs of eyes to see everything. About 80,000 people live on boats.

In Kowloon they showed us where they filmed "Suzie Wong".

On the 8th. of May we flew to Bangkok. The Royal Palace is very beautiful and the Thai architecture is fantastic. The outside of the Palace and the surrounding buildings are decorated with mosaic, gold leaf and paintings. The inside is a picture too. All the walls are handpainted from top to bottom. Bangkok was once the Venice of the Orient. Where you find main roads now, there were still canals, 10 years ago.

In New Delhi, Wendy and I couldn't walk through the city by ourselves. The beggars surround you in no time. Children, old people, women with sick children, cripples - it is just sickening. We saw Ghandi's tomb.

The average wage of a labourer in India is \$6 a month. You find the rich and the poor. The temperature in India was around 110 deg. F when we were there (mid-summer.). In Agra, the Taj Mahal is the most beautiful building I have ever seen. The Emperor must have loved his wife very much to build a tomb of such beauty.

In Teheran, you hardly see any women. It's a man's world. It gives you a strange feeling. Wendy and I didn't like Teheran.

We walked through a bazaar and found it very creepy, and saw the crown jewels. The jewels are very pretty and you can admire a small fortune there.

We travelled by coach from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. We saw a lot of citrus orchards. The country is very rocky here. The Israeli's have planted millions of trees to protect the earth against erosion.

We went through the Jaffa Gate to the Old Jerusalem. It is a fascinating place with its narrow streets and the Arabs in their small shops with all sorts of goodies. We went into the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where Jesus was buried.

Athens. In the Museum we saw sculptures, vases and all kinds of articles from 650-500 and 400 years B.C. It is unbelievable.

In Rome we saw St. Peter's Cathedral, the masterpiece of Michaelangelo. In one word it is fabulous.

We had the usual trouble with the taxi driver - they always ask for too much money.

The following morning we landed in rainy Amsterdam, where a happy family was waiting for me. Now I am back to good old work again. Anne is working in a geriatric hospital in London. Wendy is doing her mid-wifery in London. I think that I will return to Australia, I miss the sunshine very much.

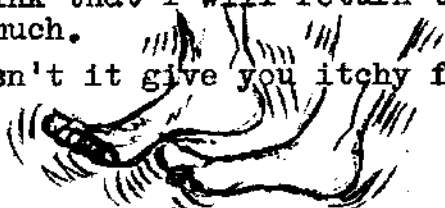
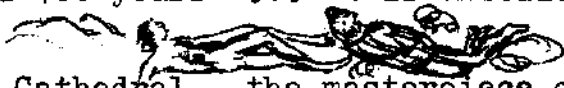
Reading about such things - doesn't it give you itchy feet?

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Maningrida Sports Ground.

The game was drawing to a close and Agernes made a very profound statement - "Maningrida will get lost" - and they DID.

???? Did someone say that the Connair agent became sick on his flight back from Darwin? Was it homesickness or airsickness?



R Stuck.

Duty Officer

Duty Officer: Mr. Brolga Beckett
Duty Sister: Sister Betty Reister



Star Theatre

Friday: "McCabe and Mrs. Miller" Warren Beatty and Julie Christie. In a raw rugged northwest border town, gambler McCabe buys three girls and starts a casino. The casino/bordello is such a big success that a mining company tries to buy him out - but McCabe wouldn't sell at first - then it was too late.

Saturday: "A Man For All Seasons" Orson Wells, Susannah York and Paul Schofield. Winner of 6 Academy awards, King Henry VIII is determined to divorce Catherine so he can marry Ann Boleyn. He clashes with Thomas Moore and the church of England with Her rry as the head is established.



Sunday 9.45am Sunday Schools
7.15pm Evening Service
Films: "Profiles of Promise" & "Link of Love"
Tuesday 7.30pm Choir Practice

The twelve Oenpelli people are due to arrive in two weeks for the weekend.

* "A Christian lives not in himself but in Christ and in *
* his neighbour. He lives in Christ through faith, in his *
* neighbour through love." *
* Luther *

People

Charlie Gunbuna went into Darwin Hospital on the Medical plane on Tuesday. Bulun Bulun has gone in to look after him.

Peter Banjuljul has re-joined the Arts & Craft staff, and is making a very helpful contribution. A number of good Gunwinggu basket and dilly bags using a type of brown dye in the pandanus not usually seen here, are coming in.

Mr Bramble, Public Relations man with The Department of The Interior visited Maningrida on Monday. He is involved in the publication of a new magazine called "Aboriginal Newsletter" which will put forward an unbiased Departmental view relating to events and Aboriginal personalities in the Territory. While he was here, he asked about aspects of housing, and sought materials for stories, etc.

Dowsett Engineering rolled into the Settlement on Wednesday night and will build 6 Welfare staff houses during the next 4 months. They came by road, and had a lot of trouble in the sand at the Mann River crossing.

Dr. Cook came to see Maningrida and its people on Monday. He is a very well known personality and a real part of the Territory's history. In the 30's he was the first Commonwealth Protector of Aborigines in the N.T., and worked on a budget of \$6000 p.a. He was also the Superintendent of the Health Department and an expert in tropical medicine. He had been at Maningrida well before any house was built, and before the time of Gordon Sweeney Jack Doolan or Kyle-Little. Toby Malagaliya was the only person who recognised him; that was a long long time ago. He called in on the Health meeting and made many comments, particularly about the dentistry service.

The Gridians. Welcome to a "Pyjama Party" at Lynn Berryman's on Wed, 25th, Oct. at 7.30pm. Please come suitably attired.

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