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SELF HELP HOUSING SCHEME.

Self help housing arose from a great number of requests for improved housing. It did not appear that the Government housing programme was making any significant inroads into its demand, at the present rate of construction Maningrida would have 100 houses by the turn of the century.

Mr Kevin Enniss, who was working for Welfare at the time, designed and constructed a simple housing unit. It was to be of such a design as to be erected by local aboriginal carpenters, unassisted, and was to cost as little as possible in order to suit local pockets. The first such unit was occupied by Mr. Tom Imbaral in late 1966. Since then 27 houses have been erected and one is currently under construction. A good number of people have been involved in construction including Messrs Enniss, Wilders, Riala, Milanguna, Gabaranga and Nemerabil. Others, notably John Baya and Henry Jimingal have made significant contributions from time to time. The sawmill has supplied all timber, free of charge, whilst the occupier must purchase all the fittings, including iron. At the present time this would be \$40 per house. The allocation of houses is in the hands of a committee comprising Messrs J. Fry, J. Gulerawuna and T. Imbaral. As stated before a good number of people have sought houses and many are waiting on the list at the present time. With some more organisation and particularly with the assistance of a skilled builder it would be possible to eliminate all the wurlies (over 100) at Maningrida within 2 years. The "self-help" housing scheme is not intended to be a final solution, it can however furnish a substantially improved standard of accommodation pending the erection of permanent houses. The N.T. surveyors have surveyed something like 200 building blocks according to the official Town Plan. It is hoped that intending lessees might commence to occupy their blocks, with self-help houses, in the coming 12 months.

J. Hunter.

CAREY'S COSY COTTAGES.

While the school holidays are on the older school children are being employed - giving them some pocket money and keeping them occupied. The girls are working in the hospital, home management and in the kitchen, and most of the boys are attached to Mr. Ed Carey. Earlier they assembled the electric freezer at the Hasty Tasty, and now they have made a beginning cutting out the timbers for "Carey's Cosy Cottages" at the sawmill (part of the self-help housing scheme). Two Kornilda boys are working in the Co-op., and a third is with the Mobile Works force.

the new co-op store is coming along steadily, the external work is completed and work has commenced on the all important interior layout. Bob, Jim and staff are doing an excellent job in this and I believe most of us will be more than happy with the finished store. It will have many advantages over the existing one, chiefly a much greater degree of comfort for our customers, a greater opportunity for self selection, a wider range of goods, and a much more effective layout of available merchandise. It would be our hope that March, 1970 will see our move into the new building.

TO HAND Chickens, Steaks, Chops, Mince, childrens thonga, singlets, napkins, axes and men sun glasses.
GIRLS SHIRTS \$2.50 - \$2.75. BOYS PANTS

BREAD. No one is more concerned about the bread position at Maningrida than the Co-op. Store is. It is our earnest hope to be able to increase the output of Maningrida bread, this we have been able to do to a considerable extent with the vital assistance of the kitchen staff, we hope to be able to further increase production in the near future. Darwin bread has it problems, firstly availability of aircraft space, we cannot depend on supplies coming through on days ordered, new quantities needed, it is purely a service to our customers and our inability to cater for our needs with local bread that causes us to import our Darwin supplies, it is not economic to do so - the profit on 100 loaves is 90cents providing we can assure that all our empty cartons are returned in first class condition, and that a single loaf is not tossed out, affected with the blue mould.

BANKING.

The bank opens on those mornings when pensions and child endowment is being paid, usually between 10 and 11 am.

In the afternoon the hours normally are as follows, between 3.30 and 5pm.

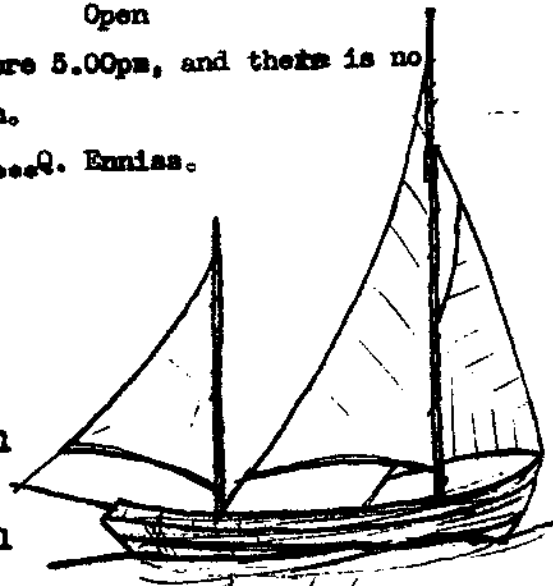
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If the banking clients have dried up before 5.00pm, and there is no business in sight the bank may close then.

***** Q. Ennis.

PROGRESS REPORT PRO. DALE & STRAND
BOATBUILDERS
MANINGRIDA SHIPYARD.

The "IRASCOMBE LUGGER": (not to be confused with a Japanese pearling boat) overall length of 18' and beam of 6', yawl rigged (2 masted) powered by an auxiliary (helper) 5 h.p. outboard motor with steel centre plate and rudder.



It is the first sailing boat of it's kind to be built at Maningrida. It is almost finished and will probably be launched on Sunday. The champagne party to be thrown at the launching - bring your own (and caviar too). A second boat of the same type is partly completed, and will be launched "sometime" !

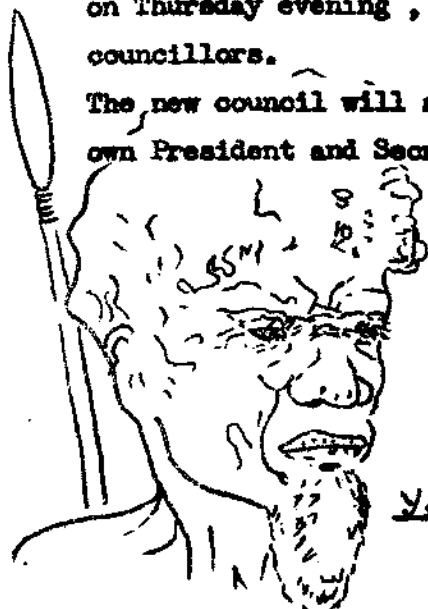
MANINGRIDA COUNCIL.

At a series of meetings held during the last week it was decided to re-constitute the Maningrida council in order that the body might exercise greater influence over local affairs. It is particularly important that all the people of Maningrida know and support their councillors. Three people are to be chosen, by next Monday, from each of the major groups, Rembarrnga, Burada, Gunavidji, Nakara, Gunwinggu, Jinang, Gunardba. This will be done by each group who should hold a meeting on Thursday evening, or over the weekend and collectively choose its councillors.

The new council will sit on Monday next at 7.00 pm and will elect its own President and Secretary.

J. Hunter.

Today.



Yesterday



HOME MANAGEMENT TRAINEES.

Alice Ganwarbi, daughter of Barney Baybananga, returned this week after a 5 months course at the Central Training Establishment in Home Management.

Mrs. Gill Amies has since received a glowing report. Alice did very well at the course. Matron Kelly said that she showed ~~gax~~ great intelligence and capacity for leadership. Her personal hygiene was excellent.

She enjoyed the cooking part of the course, especially the chocolate cake, ginger cake and the little pan-cakes she made. Instruction in scrubbing floors was different! "I didn't like to scrub the floors". One can't blame her!

In the afternoons there was time for softball, pictures at the Star Theatre on Friday nights, and the beach or visits to the hospital at the weekends.

Susan Magard did the September home management course and also received a very good report. She has continued to show great promise since returning.

TRAINEE NURSING ASSISTANTS.

Today's plans, all being well, will take Fam and Laurie Magaldagi to begin the 6 months course in Darwin. Each has a young child which will be cared for by relatives while they're away. Like Valerie they will go to lectures and work in the wards of Darwin Hospital.

PEOPLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Glasgow and children expect to come to Maningrida for 3 weeks.

~~Mr. and Mrs. Dave Glasgow and children expect to return today after 3 weeks absence.~~

Johnny Mundurug Mundurug - will probably be out in 2 weeks, Lurick Fordham and Nancy Ekins Warren both O.K.
 David, son of Roy Rewa - could be out in another week.
 Melva and Gloria will be in for a while yet.
 Elisabeth - is out of hospital, and Helen at Bagot.
 Daisy, Molly Warouguba and Virginia are doing Alright.

AT THE THEATRE.

PAY NIGHT: *The Oklahoman - C/Sceps.*
 SATURDAY NIGHT: *Not here yet.*

AT CHURCH.

SUNDAY : 9.30 am All age Sunday School.
 7.30 pm Holy Communion.

WEEKEND DUTY OFFICER : Mr. E. Carey.

WEEKEND DUTY SISTER : Sister E. Tilley.

Hospital hours at the weekends are from
 7.00 am to 4.00 pm.

THE BUSHMAN'S PARAGRAPH.

A truly beautiful sight - the cabbage palm adorned with big clusters of bright yellow and red berries. Some good examples were seen on New Years Day, at the swimming hole about 500 yards downstream from the old stockyard bridge crossing on the Gudjerama, Worth a coloured photo!

JAMBIDJ CEREMONY AT OENPELLI.

Tommy Ibaral will lead a party of maybe 14 men (Nakara, Burada-Maringa, Jibang and Gunavidji) to Oenpelli for a Jambidj ceremony. About five years ago a group of Oenpelli people gave the bones and shell of a long necked fresh water turtle to George Irindilly. The Maringrida men will dance and ceremonially return the turtle remains, and also give the fibre string from the ritual emblem of a sea bird (Jambidj).

RAINFALL.

Mrs. Q. Emmas, our weather lady, reports the following 9.00a.m.

rainfall recordings : Wednesday - 4 points.

Friday - 187 points.

CHRISTMAS FUND.

Donations to the Christmas Fund amounted to \$627.00. A worthy sum!

The New Demountables

The stumps and

posts are in position

~~from the building~~

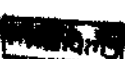
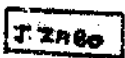
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Pre-School shower

blo & etc.



New 3 Bedroom house



2 new single bedroom



smaller + trees

at the creek with the

D. FRYER

Maningrida Mirage

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