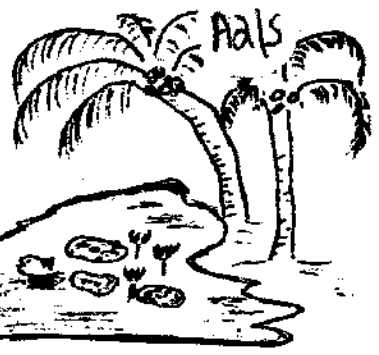


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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There were some good things to be said about the Progress Association Meeting on Tuesday night.

1. There was a good gathering of people - perhaps the largest number ever to come to a meeting of this kind.
2. Especially good was it to see a large number of wellbehaved older school children sitting with their teachers.
3. Mr. Hunter's talk and report was made in simple direct words which everyone could understand, and which everyone could hear.
4. More Aboriginal men were voted on to the Committee. The names are (and the officers following the Committee's first meeting):

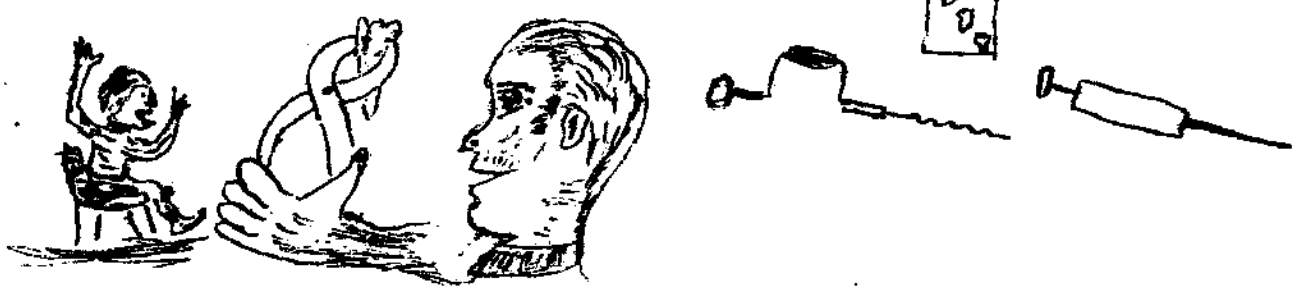
Mr. J. Hunter	(President)	Mr. T. Ibberal
" J. Burnyela	(Vice-President)	" J. Riala
" J. Wilders	(Secretary)	" H. Mulumbuk
" G. Bagshaw	(Business Manager)	" G. Armstrong
" S. Roberts		" L. Weipa
		" R. Wukkawukka

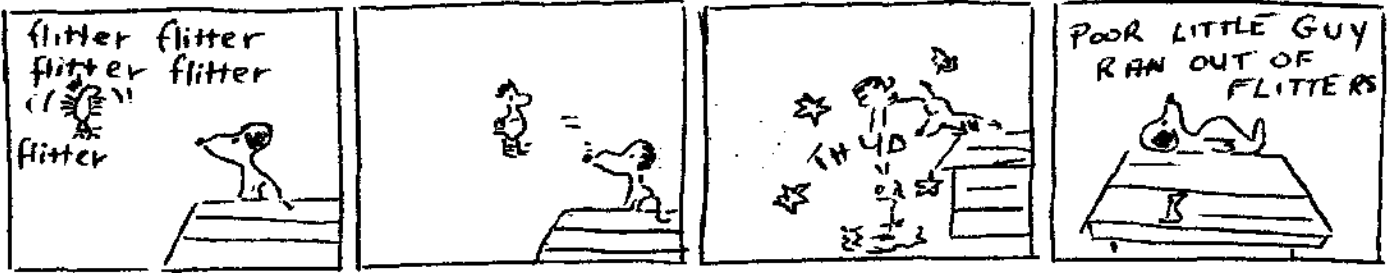
5. Some points from Mr. Hunter's talk:
 - * "Here at Maningrida we have old people and young people.... and people from different tribes.... who have different ideas and different ways of getting the good things they want. These different ideas are going to keep people apart for some time. However, Aborigines must work to understand each other even if they can't agree. One way of doing this is by meeting..... I hope that there will be more occasions when we can meet....."
 - * Your ideas are the Progress Association's ideas, but you must say them. Everyone wants to hear. Everyone has to hear!
 - * If we decide to do things, we must do them properly, and do them in the same way as in other places in Australia Because some young people and some old people who can't find everything they want in Maningrida, will want to live and work somewhere else. When they leave here they must know how to do things properly.

DENTIST:

Many are the teeth which have ached for the arrival of Zon and Odiele Darveniza, the dentist and nurse. They arrived on Saturday from Groote Eylandt and expect to be with us for 6 weeks.

THE DENTIST WILL EXAMINE STAFF MEMBERS NEXT SATURDAY, 15/8/70, AT INFANT WELFARE, 9.00 A.M.





COMMENT: MAYBE CONNELHNS ARE NOT USING ENOUGH 'FLITTERS' LATELY.

COUNCIL

Meeting Held at 6.30 p.m.

Business.

- (1) Mr. Hunter spoke about the children who do not go to school. He said that their names could be taken and later on the parents could be brought before the Court.

a warm debate between Jack Meritja and Jimmy Gulerawuna followed (according to the two men concerned.)

Cr. Meritja suggested that the Council should fine parents who dont send their children to school and the money could go into Council Funds.

Cr. Gulerawuna said that this method had been tried and it had failed in some other matters.

- (2) The president said that as the Council had grown in strength its members should be able to handle the selling of the beer tickets at the Club and do it properly now.
- (3) The President also spoke about the Councillors, in each group to they belonged, gathering the people together and talk about some of the changes that are taking place. People could talk about such things as fishing, land, gardens etc.
- (4) Mr. Hunter spoke about the General meeting of the Progress Assoc. at the school on Tuesday night and the need to elect new members for the committee.

Long long ago
 The first dark man
 And the first dark woman
 Lived and hunted in
 Their tribal country.
 They knew nothing about
 White men or brown men
 Or red men or the outside world.
 They lived naked
 and were happy.

Among themselves
 The dark men and women
 Were Happy and their only
 Fights were about women.

A white man came
 To teach the dark man
 and the dark woman
 How to read and write,
 How to wear clothes
 and how to think about

The outside world.

The white man showed
 Them how to work
 and to find money.

White men fight
 amongst themselves,
 Like enemies they fight
 About everything, land
 money everything.

Now dark people
 fight like white men.
 Silly people fighting about
 Land and money and motor cars now.

Poem by J. Miritji.

PARENTS & Friends.

APOLOGY! Due to pressure of Eisteddfod preparation and a more than usually forgetful brain I neglected to advertise last Monday's Parents and Friends meeting. I extend apologies to all interested persons who may have missed the meeting through this over-sight.

The following matters were discussed at the meeting:

1. SCHOOL FENCE:

That heavy project, the school fence has again come upon rocky ground. A conservative estimate for a pigwire and star picket construction put the cost at \$1500. This was thought to be too high a price for the benefits that would result.

2. RELIGIOUS FILMS:

The Church Council has requested that attempts be made to secure films of a religious theme for the off pay Saturday programme. Don't panic atheistic film lovers - such films as "The Robe", "Ben Hur" and "The Ten Commandments" were suggested. It was also suggested that some health films be secured for inclusion in programmes eg "Cancer and Smoking", "Alcoholism" and "The Treatment of Soft Knees". Enquiries will be made by the Secretary as to how these films can be obtained. The Church Council has offered to bear any extra charges.

3. SCHOOL FETE:

That highlight of the settlement calendar, the school fete, is coming. A tentative date has been set at the first pay weekend in October.

4. EISTEDDFOD GRANT:

The Parents and Friends have granted \$300 towards the cost of the children's trip to Darwin for the Eisteddfod. This will cover purchase of additional clothing and foot wear etc and the hire of a vehicle to convey children and teachers to various Eisteddfod activities. About 45 children and the Gunavidji-Gunwinggu dancing team (which is the team that won the Open Day contest) will begin to leave for Darwin on Monday next.

5. TOWN CLOCK:

The famous Maningrida Town Clock has been ordered and should reach us at any time according to the manufacturer's correspondence.

6. ICE CREAM SALES:

Because of the struggle that has been occurring lately for the last few ice creams at the pictures on Friday nights it has been decided to increase the ice cream stock by 50% for a trial period.

Dan Gillespie

for the P. and F. committee

For the Bird Watcher.

The Terek Sandpiper.

This little brown bird is seen on the beach at Juda Point. He feeds on little crabs etc. in the sand.



He is a great runner. Sometimes he sees food in a distance and runs so quickly that his thin legs become a blur while his body and head are held steady; then he stops quickly and jabs his beak down into the sand.

He must be a great flyer too, because Mr. Cayley, the bird man, says that his home is in Northern Russia and Western Siberia - far, far away from Juda Point.

FORESTRY

SMOKEY THE BEAR
SAYS



Always put out
your fires when
you are finished
with them.

BURNING OUR OWN MONEY.

As from the 1st of July, Forestry have to pay money (a Royalty) for every log of timber they take from the bush. This money is paid to the Aboriginal Benefits Trust Fund. The men who were here last week with Mr Giese (James Galavaway etc.) recommend how this money is to be used to help Aboriginal people. We are asking for a lot of this money to buy the fisheries factory from the Government, build houses etc.

Last week a big fire broke out between the Gudjerama and Cadell river. By Friday morning it was burning on a five mile front and was not put out until Wednesday. It burnt out 3000 acres. Fortunately there wasn't very much good timber burnt.

How did it start?

Probably from one of the billabongs where people have been hunting. Maybe from somebody who lit a fire and did not put it out.

This is a great pity. From now on every good tree burnt, is like the burning of money. Silly!

We need new houses and many other things.

So everyone must be very careful with fire. Put it out when you've cooked your tucker.

"Let fire be your servant (worker)
and not your master" (boss).

DUTY FIRE OFFICER THIS WEEKEND: Mr Eric Quick

SOON TO LEAVE MANINGRIDA:

Mr Jock Leask - diesel fitter for the saw mill
Mr Keith Hodgson - painter

WEATHER: Wednesday. Did you feel the heat? 93°
Perhaps not. The humidity was 22%, the lowest for the year.
Fire danger very high.

KUNAPIPPI:

Visitors have been arriving from Goulburn Is. for the ending of the ceremony here at the weekend.

A while back, when Kunapippi was at Marawalidban (higher up on the Liverpool River in Peter Maralwanga's country) it divided into two parts. George Namarabila and one group went to Oenpelli and they have now returned and joined with the others here.

Following this weekend the ceremony will move up the Liverpool River to Marawalidban for the grand finale.

Three young men, Willie Jerimeri (George Namarabila's brother), Caruso's son Peter and Mandayngu's son Tim are initiates.

Births.

A baby Boy. Born to Nancy Gundabuma in Darwin Hospital on Sat. Aug. 8th.
Lewis son of John DalngaDalnga . . Rita Laminwanga born at Maningrida
on Aug. 11th. Premature .

Mr. Raymond Nalur is home from Melville Is. for a holiday, and then he is going South to W.A. to learn how to make bricks.

WEEKEND DUTY OFFICER: Mr Barry Tuite

WEEKEND DUTY SISTER : Sister Helen Miller

STAR THEATRE: Friday
Saturday

} The late plane on Thurs.
brought the films.

CHURCH NOTICES: Sunday 9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools
"The people of God"
7.30 p.m. Evening Service

There is an old story told (not really true but it has a meaning) about Jesus arriving at the Gates of Heaven after finishing his work on the earth. Michael, the chief angel met him and asked "Who have you left to carry on your work on the earth?" Jesus replied "Oh Peter, James, and John and the others." Then Michael said "But what if they fail?" Jesus answered quietly "There are no others."

FROM THE POST BAG:

Jimmy Matjiri: I'm here in Sydney for the World conference for 2 weeks and one week in Canberra then to the Snowy Mountains for 3 days and on to Melbourne for 3 days.

We left Darwin on Sat. 1st August back to Darwin for the Opening Day at Kormilda College and also the Eisteddfod.

Mrs Merv. Mason: Mervin goes to Vietnam next Tuesday 12th. At our reception Ian and Esther Thompson, Nicholette Mason and her fiance and a Darwin boy It was almost like being home again, seeing all the familiar faces.

Sister Hilary Anne Grootius: I am going to relieve at Umbakumba for 7 - 8 weeks they want a t.c. at Snake Bay and Hooker. I feel I'd like to go to Hooker.

POST OFFICE

NEWSPAPERS:

Readers of the N.T. News are asked to pick up their papers at the same time as they get their mail.

POSTING MONEY:

People quite frequently post money in the form of coins. For 25 cents these envelopes could be registered and travel with much more security.

SATURDAYS:

Arrangements have been made with Conair to carry mail for Maningrida on Saturday mornings. Consequently the Post Office will not open on Saturday afternoons.

PEOPLE:

Mrs Cavell Williams leaves today for her home country to wait for the stork to arrive. She goes with our best wishes and we look forward to hearing some good news in the future. Dean will accompany his mother.

Welcome to Mr Peter Lewis (acting manager of the shop while Glen and Jean are on holidays). Good to see some of those West Torrens kicks at football practice the other evening.

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