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The last few days have seen several of Maningrida's cherished projects emerge from the depths of the Governments Archives and the financial arrangements for these projects have been finalised.

The Community Hall, this project is scheduled to commence on the first of April next year. The Government grant has been allocated and Maningrida share of the cost is in hand.

The housing enterprise has got under way and the cheque from the Housing Trust for the sum of \$30,000 arrived last week. Already the trustees Messers Hunter, Bagshaw and Yibberal, and the management committee Messers Wilders, Roberts, Irindilly and Warijal have advertised in the south for another builder and an early appointment is expected. When this builder arrives a start will be made on these houses.

The mineral claims on behalf of people at Maningrida and a combined claim on behalf of Maningrida and Goulburn Island people have been lodged. These were advertised in the Darwin News a week ago and we must now wait and see if appeals are lodged against the granting of these claims. It is not expected that these claims will be finalised in Darwin until next January and serious prospecting should get under way at the end of the wet season.

The latest news from the mining court is that six appeals have been lodged against these applications, so we must now await the hearing of these appeals.

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## WEEKLY REPORT.

This week we carried out a survey of the food children like . We publish the rather startling results.

### FAVOURITE MEALS.....

1. Roast chicken with cabbage, carrot and potato chips.
2. Meat balls and spaghetti.
3. Prawns and fried rice, with peas and onions.
4. Fish and potato chips.
5. Chicken maryland with chips and green peas.
6. Roast meat with rice, cabbage, bacon and eggs, and tomato.
7. Fried egg with stew, and onions and tomatoes.

### FAVOURITE SWEETS.

1. Pears with strawberries, and custard.
2. Custard with bananas.
3. Pancakes with honey on the top.
4. Bananas with custard.
5. Vanilla ice-cream with peaches.
6. Ice-cream with bananas.
7. Yellow jelly with custard.

The big dislike.

They all agreed that curry was too hot for them.

The moral of the story is... Dont play up in the kitchen or they will serve more curry.

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### LOCAL TIMBER....

At last the Government have released the cost of producing timber at Maningrida. In a recent letter from Canberra it stated that the cost of producing timber at Maningrida was \$24 per hundred super feet, plus another three dollars per hundred super feet for dressing. By way of interest the cost of similar timber at Elcho Island is \$21 per h.s.f.

# From the newspapers

At the meeting on 2.11.70 the following matters were included in business.

1. FETE Profit was \$900 approx. Our thanks to individuals and groups involved was officially recorded. There was discussion of a new time and format but this will not be resolved until next year.
2. PICTURES Takings at the pictures are at a low ebb. It was decided to have a campaign on tickets. Some barriers will be erected to discourage fugitives. The number of Europeans still not paying was thought to be most discouraging.
3. EXCURSIONS Teachers are taking a total of 9 children on educational excursions to Sydney at Christmas. \$25 per child was set aside to help difray expenses.
4. BADMINTON The P & F will contribute 50% (\$40) to the cost of setting up a badminton court in the Scout Hall.
5. THE TOWN CLOCK Ah woe is us! The fabulous Maningrida Town Clock has arrived but after consultation with our honorary electrician Mr Jim Mc. it seems that the movement of our clock and the rating of Maningrida's power supply do not agree, with the result, that the clock loses  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour per day. It was suggested that someone could be hired to push the minute hand along twice a day but it was felt more expedient to send to Sydney for a new movement. Never fear folks - one day you'll be able to synchronise your watches with convenience.

Dan Gillespie  
for the P & F Committee

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The end of round one - and what a close round it's been.

Dolphins v Chalkies: As expected Chalkies went down but they were far from mutilated as our expert staff predicted last week. Dolphins were very casual in the first half and lost a lot of possession through sloppy passing which Chalkies took advantage of. Chalkies star was Mickey who worked hard and piled on the goals. Tim Darcy was very accurate again.

Final Score: Dolphins 54 - Chalkies 42  
Best and Fairest: 3 points Tim Darcy, 2 points Mickey, 1 point Tom. W.

Gorillas v Crocodiles: Gorillas were not quite good enough to keep Crocodiles accurate shooters quiet. They also dropped some easy goal shots. David Yirindilly had a good night for Gorillas as did Kevin M and Dick Bundlil for Crocodiles.

Final Score: Crocodiles 31 - Gorillas 26  
Best and Fairest: 3 points Kevin M, 2 points David Y., 1 point Jimmy M.

Demons v Oysters: Your correspondent missed this game which saw the return to the Demons side of Jim Cooper from Snake Bay. After a long extra time session Oysters won 40 - 38.

## AWARD POINTS TO DATE

### BEST & FAIREST:

Tim Darcy  
Jim Jam

### GOAL SCORER:

Tim Darcy 109  
Captain 66  
Dick B. Smith 61

## NEXT WEEKS DRAW

Crocodiles	v	Demons	-	unpredictable
Dolphins	v	Gorillas	-	Dolphins to win
Cadell	v	Chalkies	-	Chalkies to win

# Books.

Kath Walker's long awaited book "My People" has been released by the publishers. This volume contains not only the author's recent poetry, but her prose works and speeches as well. The publisher claims this book is a must for every thinking Australian. I do not go this far but I feel this work is a serious attempt by the author to air the problems of the Aboriginal race in a highly literate form. It is good reading and provides an insight into how at least some Aboriginal people see their role in the Australian society.

"My People" by Kath Walker. Price \$3.90

Good News for Readers of our "Know your Bird Series". The outstanding but expensive book "Australian Birds" by Robin Hill, has been released in a popular edition at a reasonable price. So if you are a Bird Watcher this volume is almost a must.

"Australian Birds" (popular edition by Robin Hill) \$4.90

## For the children:

The new edition of "The Animals Noah Forgot" by A.B. (Banyo) Patterson and illustrated by Norman Lindsay has been released. This is one of the most outstanding children's books ever published in Australia. The characters Weary Will the Wombat, Benjamin Bandicoot and Old Man Platypus will appeal to all children.

For children just beginning to read, "The Zoopic Zats" will be one of the books the child wants to read and have read to it. A well written and brightly illustrated story.

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## CAMPING IN THE BUSH

My father and I went into the bush and we shot many geese. Suddenly the sun went down ----- it was very dark.

We put up our tent and went to sleep. A buffalo came, my father shook his head and woke up. Then he got his gun while I climbed up a tree. The tree was shaking.

When morning came we put our things in the tent and our buffalo meat on the tree while we went hunting. Dingoes came and took our meat.

Steven  
Grade 3.

We were camping in the bush,  
went by truck  
ate lily roots and damper  
caught many fish  
went swimming  
saw a buffalo  
father shot some geese .....

ten geese.

Then there was singing and dancing.

Ben  
Grade 3

## Jet Age Rhymes

Space Man  
Space Man  
Where have you been.  
I've been to Mars to visit the Queen.  
Space Man  
Space Man  
What did you there.  
I met a Martion with blue hair.

Mark B.

# Sporting Review

## softball.

Another fine turn up for us and we had two good games.

First was Swallows v Magpies, it was very close for awhile as both teams played well and it looked like Magpies might beat the No 1 team, but not to be.

Results Swallows beat Magpies 11 to 7.

Next was Leopards v Herons and for the first half Herons were leading but Daisy Malwaringa for Leopards scored a home run and the match finished up

Leopards beat Herons 11 to 10

We award each team two points for a win each week so the score is Swallows 6 - Leopards 4 - Magpies 2 - Herons nil. We have about five more matches before the holidays so things could change. If a tie occurs the teams will play the last week for the winner.

Thanks again Mr Strand for your umpiring and interest in us. Also all others who lend a hand.

Next week - Swallows play Leopards  
Magpies play Herons.

Mrs D.F.

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## Volleyball

Arrangements are almost completed for the lighting and laying of the volleyball court. With a little luck some competitions will commence this year.

## Badminton

It is hoped to start regular competitions in the new year. Arrangements have been made to lay the court in the Scout Hall and the equipment should arrive within the month.

## Arnhem Land Sports

Maningrida will be the host school for the inaugural inter-school sports held for north coast schools. This will be the first inter-school sports meeting held in the Territory where all visitors will be flown to the competitions. Sports listed for competitions are softball, athletics, swimming, basketball and novelty events.

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November is the month of the big count at the Post Office. A physical count of all inward and outward mails at the Post Office will be made from the 1st of November until the 30th. These figures will be forwarded to the P.M.G who will then assess the amount to be paid to the Progress Association for conducting the Post Office during the next twelve months.

The Progress Association therefore ask that you post whatever you can this month because the greater the volume of mail traffic the greater the stipend. The Mirage Motto.. Post early.... Avoid the Christmas rush...

AT THE WEEKEND.

Duty Officer: Mr. Buite

Fire Control: E. Henderson.

Duty Sister: Sr. Pickersgill

Nightwatchman; Robert Wugawuga.

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star  
theatre

"MORO WITCH DOCTOR"

Friday... Illicit tribal rites exploited for profit.

" THE SECRET OF MY SUCCESS"

Saturday... Three beautiful girls, love, fun , murder and  
\*\*\*\*\* money.

Sunday.. 9.30am. All Age Sunday School

"Scattered in the World".

7.30pm. Evening Service.

Thursday, 7.30pm. Fellowship. At Sister Maija's.

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Church  
Services

Again we have "hit the headlines" this time the "West Australian" has had the cheek to christen the Mirage "The most primitive newspaper in Australia". The West Australian claims that we have a circulation of 500 and that most of our readers are illiterate tribal Aborigines who regularly murder each other by sorcery and magic. Perhaps it may be in our interest to have the West Australian "sung" so that their circulation may drop to the level of ours.

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EXCURSION

The scouts have received a note from the people of Traralgon in Victoria to say that they are already preparing for the M'grida Scouts visit in January. They have collected \$266 and have been promised 175 loaves of bread, 40 lbs of butter and 140 pints of milk. A mini bus will be put at the disposal of the visitors and a large bus will be made available for longer excursions.

The other excursions authorised are for small groups of school children to travel with Dan and Libby Gillespie, Cheryl Pullen and the Phemisters. The jumble sales arranged for this Friday are to assist in financing these excursions.

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PEOPLE

Norm Carroll from Works Department and three inspectors, arrived on Monday.

Men from Harris James to carry out maintenance on demountable buildings.

The Administrator Mr Chaney, and the Director Mr Giese paid a visit to Bulman on Monday.

Peter Litchfield from the Works Force with a refrigeration mechanic and a sheet metal worker to carry out work in the kitchen.

Denis Puffett and two mechanics to carry out maintenance on the Fisheries Plant.

Mr Bert Ryan has gone to Darwin to purchase a vehicle, he will probably drive back through Katherine and Bulman.

Gil Amies formerly Home Management Supervisor here, is now in Darwin and has asked Welfare for a job here.

Tony Spaul from Welfare Head Office was here overnight on Wednesday and Thursday.

COUNCIL NOTES

At Mondays meeting most of the time was spent discussing the current fights, and council decided that:

- 1) Anyone who fights in a "public place" that is, the kitchen, the basketball court, the store, or on the roads, will be reported to the police.
- 2) Anyone who fights with a weapon, anywhere, will be reported to the police.

Councillar Yibberal said. "Too many things are happening here lately, too many fights, in the kitchen, at the basketball and at the pictures. We got everything from the white people and we didn't touch him yet. We didn't swear at him. We should be ashamed. What are we going to do now? Are we going to make war and make rubbish of ourselves. We have good Superintendents but if we still do wrong things they will go away. All we will get is more Police and other white people who will not help us."

The President said, "We cannot touch the body of white man. You look for yourself, what they do for you. If their law is not strong enough we will call the police. For us it is a different story our law is not strong enough and when men make trouble we must call the police."

Cr Yibberal said, "If you want to fight do it at your own place, not at the pictures."

Cr Riala said, "Everything has trouble even birds and trees, but we are men and must change and live a better way."

Councillars also expressed concern about the growing habit of letting children have guns and bullets.

It was decided that people who did this would be reported to the police.

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As from Monday 2nd November the CONAIR schedules have been revised. Flights are now.

FLIGHT.	1225	1224	1225S	1225	1224	1225	1225	1225
Day.	Mon.	Tues.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
DARWIN	1000	0700	0950	0845	0730	1000	0930	0700
Croker.					0905			
Goulburn					1000			
Oenpelli						1110(X)		0805
Maningrida	1140	0840	1130	1015	1100	1210	1100	0855
Milingimbi		0940			1200			0950
Elcho Is.		1020			1240			
MIL.		1100			1300			
Maningrida		1140			1400			1030
Oenpelli	1300							1130(X)
Munmalary								1200
Goulburn		1240						
Croker		1330						
DARWIN.	1415	1500	1330	1210	1600	1415	1300	1300

(X) indicates an optional call.

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NOTICE. To all shareholders in the Maningrida Coperative Society. It is anticipated that all payments for shares will be made within the next seven days.

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