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Arnhem Land Games

On 14th of next month 80 children from Oenpelli, Milingimbi, Elcho, Goulburn and Croker will arrive to compete in a week's sport. Mr. Stevens has finalised the sporting programme which includes Athletics, Swimming, Basketball, Volleyball, Softball and Football.

As last year, the girls will be accommodated in rooms 7 and 8, and the boys in the Scout Hall. It is hoped that "Skip" Wilders will once again organise a "Campfire" evening, which was so successful last year.

The Maningrida team has now been selected and are undergoing HEAVY training under the expert eyes of Stevens/Williams.

Last year Maningrida won both the Swimming and Athletic Carnivals (but only marginally from Elcho). This year the competition is expected to be much closer with the inclusion of Oenpelli.

P.W.

Council

PRESENT: 10 Councillors. A lot were away at Bulman and Milingimbi. 70 visitors.

BUSINESS: Trouble at Maningrida: Cr. Fry outlined some of the troubles which had taken place at Maningrida over the past two weeks. The Council and the people had to take more responsibility in looking after trouble and they were trying to do this now. He had already enforced the law that people who were in trouble had to stop drinking for 2 weeks and gave a list of those who had been stopped to date. He also said that the people at Maningrida were very happy when the President returned from Milingimbi, and he felt that there would not be so much trouble now that he was here.

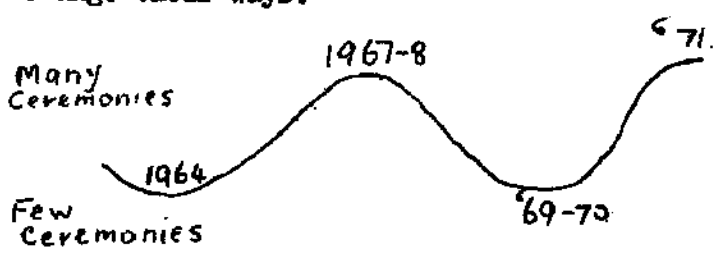
President said that he knew there had been trouble at Maningrida as he heard about on the radio. He knew that there were a lot of problems at Maningrida but the people had to face up to them and try and do away with all the trouble. They had to accept responsibility for what went on.

Cr. Muryal said that people had to bring their problems to the Council to have them settled. If trouble kept on then the grog would have to be cut out. If that happened then it would cost \$100. to drink. It was better for the grog to keep coming here so all should leave their weapons and change their ways.

Ceremonies Everywhere.

1971 seems to be a year of much ceremonial activity, when one corroborree closely follows another. In recent months, there have been 2 big Kunapippis and now a third is being planned by Burada Matay people.

Many Gunwinggu people are at the Gumadir for a Madayan ceremony while a number of Blyth River people have just finished a Marajeri ceremony at Milingimbi. A year or two ago, initiation ceremonies seemed to have almost become a thing of the past. Now they come along very frequently. At present Finity is getting read.



The Wonders of the Sea.

By way of a change from cooking, Jim Mussig and Bill Armstrong put to sea in a rubber boat on a Saturday morning a couple of weeks ago. They were in the waters off-shore from Jim's place. The weather was pleasant and all was going well.



They were approaching a mangrove stump and were on the point of stringing out a long line of a dozen hooks. One of the hooks happened to be dangling over the side out of sight and Bill, thinking that he was about to clear the line ready for action, gave it a tug. S.S.S.S.S.S.S.S.S went the rubber boat - port side, amid ships. "S.nake" yelled Bill.

"Head for shore!" roared Jim, and remembering the story of the little Dutch boy at the dyke, plunged a finger into the hole.

The starboard engineer William was ready to go down with the ship and its cargo, but urged on by the skipper, he vigorously paddled for the shore. Fortunately they were some distance from the sewerage outlet. They managed to run ashore just as the boat collapsed.

Coastwatcher Smiley Hanning observed the outing from the beach with not a little enjoyment.

Looking back on the incident, Bill considers that "the whole trip would have been very successful but for the misplaced fish hook". In fact, fish hooks should now be listed among "Marine Hazards" in Admiralty publications.

Basketball

Tuesday night Cadell 54 defeated Dolphins 36. Jimmy Madama scored 26 and Charlie 12 points. The second match, Cape Stewart 84 defeated Kupanga 74. Jim Jam scored 40 (that's highest points), Terry 30 points. So far, the matches have been clean and fair. Maybe we are graduating!

Last Thursday's matches, - Pioneers 59 defeated Dolphins 48. The second match, Garatpu 53 defeated Eagles 48.

Best Players:	Jim Jam 40 points	- Kupanga
	Terry D. 30 "	- Cape Stewart
	Jimmy M. 26 "	- Cadell
	Dick B. 26 "	- Cape Stewart
	Jacky P. 20 "	- " "
	Larry W. 16 "	- Kupanga
	Charlie G. 12 "	- Dolphins
	Morris N. 12 "	- Kupanga
	Jerry M. 10 "	- Cadell

We also welcome James from Milingimbi to play basketball and wish him a successful stay while he is here for 2 months. Now he is working at the school.

J. Pascoe.



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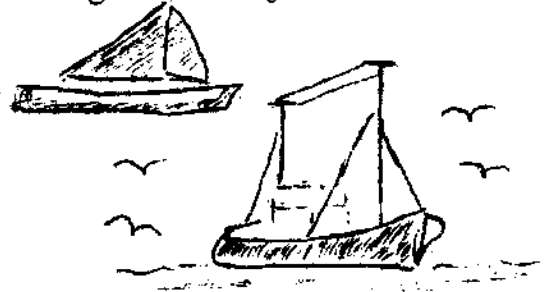
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FROM CANOE TO MOTORBOAT

Two part article discussing the fishing industry.



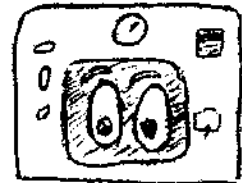
A close look at the situation surrounding Aboriginal fishing enterprises in Arnhem Land brings to light a number of factors which should be studied, evaluated and acted upon.



Before going into detail regarding our own problems and the similar problems of other coastal missions and settlements in the Top-End, it is worthwhile having a look at some basic facts in the history of fishing as an industry, (in other words an employer of labour and economically viable).

Fishing, as with many industries in recent years, has accelerated technologically at an incredible rate since the end of the second world war, when many advances were made under military pressure in the fields of engineering, electronics and the applied sciences .

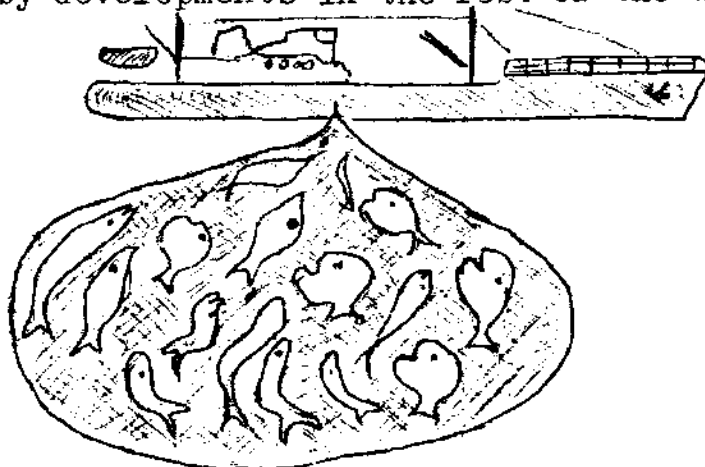
The industry, on a world wide scale has been quick to utilise the benefits of advanced radio equipment, radar, echo sounding and sonar equipment.



The design of fishing vessels (in all classes) has evolved and improved to accomodate new techniques and equipment.

The bulk of the world's fish production comes from countries who have taken part in these advances, necessarily, because of the enormous populations requiring high protein foods. There are still many countries with large populations who do not have the benefit of a highly efficient, ' new-style ' fishery and who, consequently, have to import product if they can afford it, or as is often the case, go without. This problem is being worked on in a very realistic way by the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (F.A.O.), who operate a system where all member countries make a contribution to a general fund according to their economic situation. This money is used in turn to aid the development of emerging and less privileged nations of People (interesting parallels here) in all kinds of industry. Obviously , agriculture and fishing are of paramount concern and occupy much of the effort of the organisation.

Readers are probably wondering at this stage just what all this has to do with places like Maningrida.... It has a great deal to do with it because these places are ~~any~~ one small part of Australia and it is the national fishing situation which will have the most direct effect on what occurs here and in turn, what happens in Australia will be greatly determined by developments in the rest of the world.



From Canoe to Motorboat.....

So, we can build up a picture of a total situation, learn what we can from it and act accordingly.

Before this revolution, fishing was a highly personalised affair involving traditional skills and local knowledge which was passed on in the 'father to son' format.



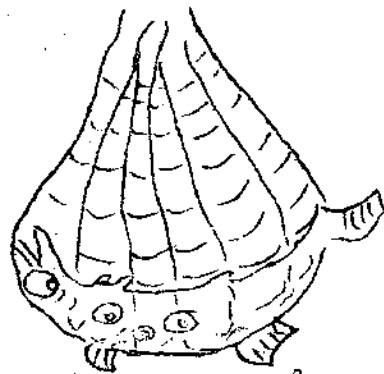
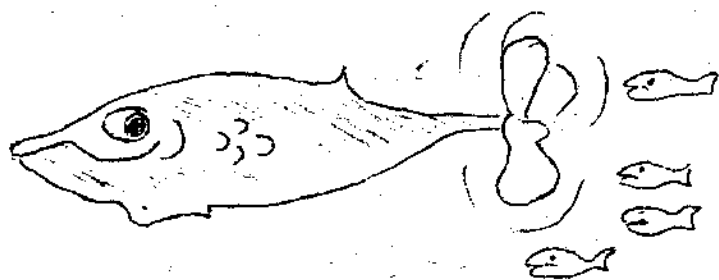
Before engine power of various kinds was introduced, sail power and oars were used and this has thrown back even to this day where we often see the sailing boat configuration (two masts, wheelhouse aft etc.) being employed in the newest of boats.

The important point to remember is that in nearly all fishing countries, the fisheries and methods employed tend to have grown from humble beginnings and the labour available has stabilised itself with skills in keeping with the work involved.

There are exceptions to this of course, one of the main ones being the comparatively recent development of the prawning industry in North Australian waters. This now important industry still has many problems, one of the main ones being the shortage of really skilled labour, because the fishery has been instigated on such a large scale , rather than having been developed and grown to its present scale over a longer period.



There is no doubt that fishing as an occupation is pre- eminently suited to the labour available on missions and settlements, but to what extent we should develop the industries and at what pace is a matter of conjecture. The problems that we have are diverse. In some places too much has been done and too much money spent without a definite aim in sight. In other places virtually nothing has been done deliberately and yet the fish is coming in, be it in small quantities and there is foundation for a small industry. There are common problems, such as boat and engine maintenance, suitability of boats, isolation involving excessive freight costs, availability of ready markets and a shortage of back-up skilled personell. These are things I will discuss in next weeks Mirage. (with the kind permission of the Editor)



Drawings by Tricia.

John Carpenter.

Thursday's Basketball

Chalkies were in form to beat Eagles 29- 22 in a slow game, in which no one player starred.

Arnhemland (Jinang) beat Pioncers 50-42 in a tight , fast game. Pioneers were quick to attack at all times, but the Jinang men put through a lot of good baskets to keep the lead.

People.

Mrs. Betty Wanduk returned from her nursing course in Darwin this week . Betty will begin work at the Hospital next Monday.

Mrs. Lyn Berryman has her mother staying with her. We hope that she has an enjoyable time in this fair land.

The "Little Blue Aren" will appear in next week's issue.

WEEKEND
DUTIES

Duty Officer: Mr. Bert Ryan ✓ Mr. Eddy Carey
Duty Sister: Sister Elaine Jardine
Fire Officer: Mr. Eric Quick

STAR
THEATRE

Re-introducing 2 films on pay weekends - please pay your \$1 admission.

Friday: "Stage to Tuscan" (might be a cowboy one) plus news, serial

Saturday: "Who was that Lady?" plus short & cartoon

CHURCH

Sunday, 9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools

7 p.m. Holy Communion

Tuesday 5.30 p.m. Prayers for the Crusade.

About 14 people are expected to come from Goulburn Isld. for the Crusade - the three men who will address the gatherings and the choir. They will arrive next Friday afternoon.

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BIRTH

REGINA, baby daughter born to Mavis, in Darwin Hospital.

People

Mr. Willie Walili and his wife Binyali from Galiwinku are having a short holiday with Rosie and Silas Roberts. Binyali is a mother to Rosie.

Mr. James Gurrwengu, teaching assistant from Milinginbi, and family are here for 2 months while James is on transfer to the school.

Mr. David Gulpilil has been in the South for the premiere of the film "Walkabout". In fact, David was doing quite a walkabout himself - Brisbane on the 14th, then down to Sydney and Melbourne and back to Maningrida tomorrow.

Mr. Tom Yibberal and George Fry arrived back from the Mara-Jeri ceremony at Milinginbi.

Harry Mulunbuk, Raymond Milangana and his brother Henry Burumbal, George Gandjibala and Jimmy Gulalmuna went across to Ngangalala for a weekend of singing and dancing.

Mrs. Kathy Glasgow with Colin and Miss Margaret Cowan will arrive in Maningrida on Tuesday, November 2nd. Kathy will stay for 4 weeks. Dave will come out for the last week or so in November.

Kathy writes "We are bringing with us a revision of our booklet 'You can read Burera' as we are adopting a new spelling, closer to the English with regard to P and B, J and Ch and K and G.... These items are creating interest among the Burera young people at Kormilda College and the Baptist Hostel."

Sister Carlie Creed - (here 4 years ago) - is now nursing at Chermiside Hospital in Brisbane, wrote this week about an elusive mat, posted some time ago.

About this time of year in 1967, there was a serious water shortage in the settlement and all the aboriginal people were evacuated to Dugala dorna and Tankinson's Hole. One morning the mobile kitchen - cum dispensary - cum shop was just about to leave Tomkinson's Hole when someone rushed up and said: "Sister, come quickly, Rose Maialpi is having a baby." Carlie dashed across to the shelter and found the baby arriving there and then. Everything turned out well and the child was named Carlie.

Sister Cec goes on holidays in 2 weeks and hopes to meet Carlie. Chermiside is a big hospital where a lot of thorassic surgery (chests, T.B., etc.) is done and Carlie is doing a course in the intensive care needed to look after the patients.

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