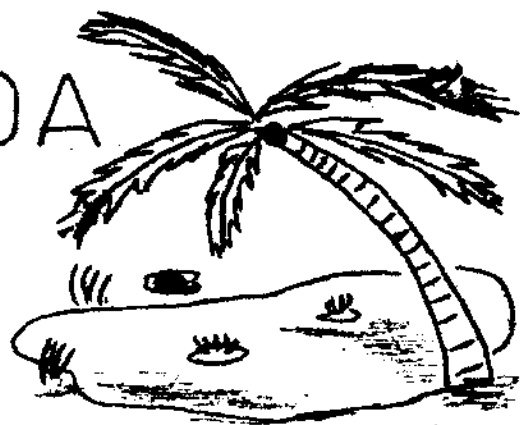


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The Fish are Biting

Early this week Billy Yiriyin dangled a long line with 50 hooks into the waters near Entrance Island and soon the catfish were taking the bait. In one hour Billy hauled in 700 lbs. weight of fish. Mr. John Carpenter, Fisheries supervisor, said that this would be a pretty good catch among fishermen anywhere.

On Wednesday the "Porpoise" (Marnba) crew put to sea in a dinghy and brought home 140 lbs. of assorted fish, worth approximately \$50.

School

Cupid's arrow struck Mr. Ray Townsend recently and drew him south to get married. We wish him good luck and are sorry to hear that he will not be returning to teach at Maningrida.

Discharged

During this week there was a "ceremony" for four boys - Jimmy Jabarali, Tim, Clark, and Nelson - in front of the post primary boys. They were reminded that the teachers and councillors had tried hard to encourage them to come to school, but they would not. The Headmaster, Mr. Williams, said that the school had finished with them now.

If the boys have a change of heart in the future and want to come back, the school door will be open, but it is up to them now.

Attendance

350 children are attending school this year, - the best attendance ever. Mr. Williams wishes to thank the councillors for their help in encouraging children to come.

Truant Officer

Mr. John Phemister, Deputy Headmaster, will visit the parents of boys and girls who stay away from school.

Visitors

One-time Maningrida teacher and now Master Art Teacher, Mr. Denis Schapel, and the Supervisor of Manual Arts, Mr. Keith Theile, are visiting the school this week.

Kangaroo

The school truck is sick at present and hops about.

Stop Press.

William Wombana (not David W) died at Milingimbi on Thursday. He had been visiting his sister, Mary Mitchell, for a few days, and had travelled to Milingimbi on the morning plane. He had worked here at intervals in earlier years. For some time he had been receiving psychiatric treatment.

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

Remembering the Darwin air raids.

Some older Maningrida people saw Japanese bombs fall on Darwin. Last Friday the Governor General, Sir Paul Hasluck, came for a ceremony to remember this time. 243 people died and 400 were hurt in 1942.

Yirawala

In Adelaide newspapers this week, some people said that Yirawala's paintings are more important than Albert Namatjira's work.

A sculptor (like a wood carver) was going to carve the head and shoulders of Yirawala out of brass. First he made a clay head, like Wunawun used to make (out of wood)

However, the old painter got frightened when he saw his face in the clay. The sculptor broke it up.

Yirawala thinks that the big cities are like ant beds.

He said some other things in Gunwinggu language which the newspaper men wrote down. We wonder how they understood what he was saying....



Cyclone

The cyclone Fiona did not travel across Arnhemland and turned around and went back over Queensland, bringing heavy rains and blew roofs off houses.

Groote Eylandt trouble

At Groote Eylandt, balanda miners who fight with Aborigines get the sack straight away. Last week there was a fight in the Happy Club there. Some Aboriginal men waited for a balanda to leave and then hit him. The balandas say that there should be the same law for Aborigines as for them. They should get punished if they fight, too.

Basketball.

Entrance Island found the basket in the second half of their match with the Dolphins and narrowly defeated them 23/20 in a very close finish.

Cape Stewart's Pascoe brothers were too good on the night putting in many fine baskets - right under the basket.

Arnhemland fought back in the second half with George netting some good shots which were not quite enough. Cape Stewart won 48/36.

On Thursday Night.

Eagles defeated Chalkies in a very close game 28/20.

Blyth River defeated Cadell River 28/26. After a late start some good basketball was seen. Cadell did not show the polish of last week and Blyth River were able to capitalise on this.

Notice. All teams please note. You must be at the court ready to play at the stated time. You can be allowed ten minutes and after that time, the game will be called a forfeit.

Next week's games.

Tuesday March 2nd.

7p.m. Chalkies v Cadell River.

8p.m. Eagles v Blyth River.

Thursday 4th. March

7p.m. Entrance Island v Cape Stewart.

8p.m. Dolphins v Arnhemland.



Going North.

John and Mary Sime leave next week and will travel to Mary's home town, Kuala Lumpur in West Malaysia, for a holiday. They will probably visit Malacca where John was born.

John and Mary wish to say "good bye" to all Maningrida people, and we send our best wishes with them.

Council

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22/2/71

Present: 11 Councillors.

Business: President asked Councillors what they thought of his trouble (with Robert Waga Waga). He had made a mistake in going back to the old way. People could not go back; they could only look forward. Several councillors spoke; as far as they were concerned, the trouble was between two brothers; no-one else was involved.

CLUB ROSTER: It was decided to roster three councillors on Monday to Saturday to supervise the beer issue. This week's roster -

- Bill Yirinyin
- Ray Munyal
- W. Julppa.

Only these people could issue beer.

NIGHT PATROL: Jack John was rostered on for this week's duty.

SCHOOL CHILDREN: Jack John, David Irindilli and John Wilson were to assist the school each day during the week to chase up, absentees.

LAND BOARD: The President, Tom Yibberal, and Bill Yirinyin, were to sit on the Land Board when it made decisions on land applications by Maningrida People.

CADELL GARDEN: Council agreed with the idea to get a Fijian man to help with the Cadell Garden. The Progress Association was going to write to Mr. Giese about this.

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Two ways of thinking about money.

"My wages are mine - to spend how I like"



One Way.

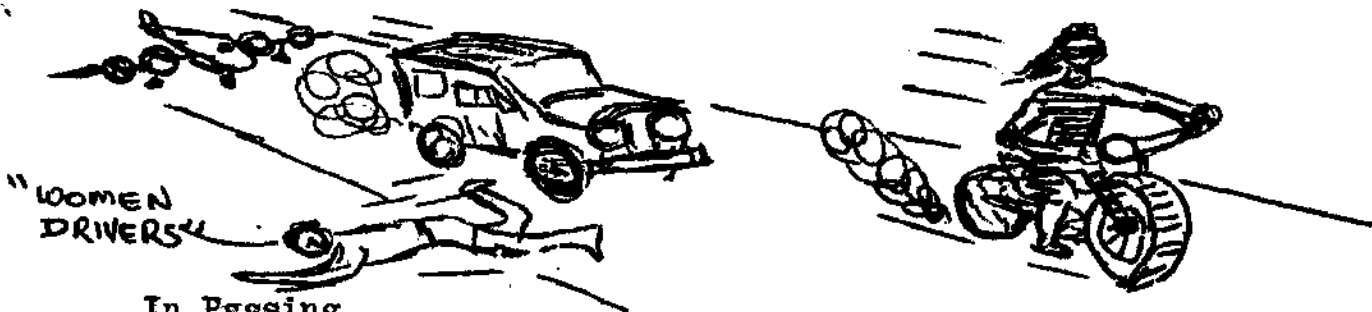
"You have got baby money. That's yours."



"I work for my family not for myself. We all share"



Another Way.



In Passing

Recently, an observer - (actually a one-time sailor) - was passing a well known piece of flat ground where long distance runners are often seen jogging up and down. On this occasion there was a young lady astride a powerful Yamaha motor bike, getting experience in the management of this Japanese creature. Further over, some Aboriginal drivers were having lessons in the art of driving a Toyota. It struck the observer that long distance running these days could be quite dangerous.

Then in the settlement, another new figure on a motor bike is John W. When he lets the throttle out, he gives the impression of a famous war-time character called "Wall of death Wilders" or some name such as this.

Scouting Adventures - continued:-

Following the Jamboree in Sydney, the Scouts travelled to Melbourne and then on to Traralgon (Skip's home country). While there, they travelled to a ghost gold town called Walhalla, and had with them a visiting Scouter. The visitor and some of the bigger boys went exploring on their own and, to their horror, found that they were lost. When they found their way back, the poor man was sweating - not from exhaustion but fear!! He was frightened of being alone with such dangerous fellows as Don Waybananga, Charlie Godjuwa, etc. - probably worried about getting speared. What he didn't realise was that the boys were scared too, because they were in strange balanda country. In the end everyone had a hearty laugh about it all.

On the last night at Traralgon, a campfire was held in one of the parks, and many people both from traralgon and surrounding townships and also 3 carloads of people from Melbourne. The boys danced and entertained the people in appreciation for a wonderful week.

The next port of call was Queenscliff, down near the mouth of Port Phillip Bay, about 5 miles away from Portsea where Mr. Holt was lost. No Scouts were lost here, but judging by the mail arriving in Maningrida a few young ladies could have lost their hearts. Skip says: "Many letters from Scouts all over Australia and Papua New Guinea have been received, but it has astonished me to find the number of letters from girls of Queenscliff."

The last place on the list was Adelaide where a night and a day were spent. A visit to a T.V. studio, seeing the city lights from Windy Point, boating and games were some of the things done. At 9 p.m. the jet took off from the Adelaide airport and sped through the Central Australian night.

For the boys it was a memorable experience. One or two points Skip makes are:

- X By letting the boys bear the brunt of the organising part of the trip, many headaches were forestalled.
- XX Aboriginal boys, when trained young, are able to handle themselves as well as European boys of the same age.

Scouts & Cubs

Mr. Allan Grieve is assisting Skip and the Aboriginal Scouters with the junior and senior Scouts. They met on Wednesday night. The Cubs had their first meeting yesterday afternoon.

DUTIES

Duty Officer: Mr. Barry Tuite.
Duty Sister: Sister Helen Miller.
Nightwatchman: Mr. Jack John

STAR THEATRE

Friday: "Bandolero"
Saturday: "Many Rivers to cross"

CHURCH

First Sunday in Lent.

Sunday 9.30 a.m. - Sunday Schools - "The flesh is weak"
7.30 p.m. - Evening Service.

Wednesday 7.45 p.m. - Choir practice. Mrs. Cavill
Williams will conduct the choir while
Mr. Bob Cross is on holidays.

An Arnhemland story tells of a young man who was warned by the old men not to drink from a certain water hole; but he felt like drinking from it and he did. Later in the day a big storm came and the Lightning man threw axes that cut off the top of his head and other parts of his body.

In some tribes boys who have been made 'young men' are not allowed to eat certain fish and other foods for a time.

Each year Lent is a time of discipline for Christians, too. If we think seriously about Jesus going to His cross we will want to discipline ourselves by giving up, for a time, some things we enjoy.

Even more important, we will try to remember to do helpful things we often forget about.

BIRTH

A boy, born to Joan Gadambua, in Darwin Hospital.

RAINFALL

Monday - 7 pts.
Tuesday - 113 pts.
Wednesday - 16 pts.

PEOPLE

Sister June, Shane and Helen recently to meet June's husband, Captain Tom Doohan, who has just returned from service in Vietnam. They are now holidaying in N.S.W. and will move to Canberra as soon as a house becomes available there. Properly cold country there, in the winter.

Mrs. Gislinde Craven and Oliver will be winging their way back to Australia from West Germany next week.

Mr. Allan Brady is the acting sawmiller until a man is appointed to take Mr. Kevin Ennis' place.

Mr. Richard Djangalin returned from Adelaide this week after running in Australian athletic events.
In the 200 metre race, he ran second in the heat but did not get a place in the final run.
In the 100 metre race, he ran fourth.

Mr. Dan Gillespie travelled to Darwin the medical plane on Thursday after having some severe stomach pains.

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