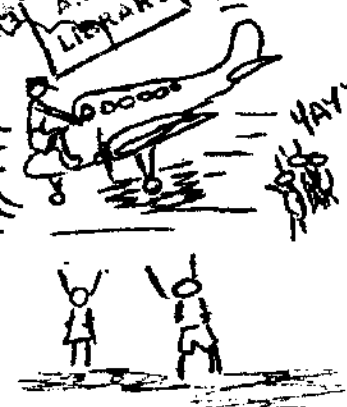
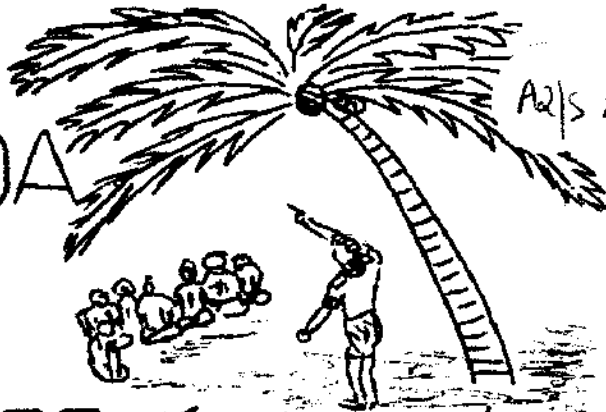


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THE SEE SAW PLANE

It just had to happen. Try and stuff a very substantially proportioned Superintendent and an equally substantial visiting mechanic from the Darwin Welfare (he is nameless, of course) into an already well loaded plane and something's just gotta give, folks. In this case the Cessna subsided, albeit gracefully, onto its tail skid, assuming the climbing altitude somewhat prematurely.

The star of the show, the pilot, disembarked and thrilled a large gallery of cheering onlookers by calmly climbing up upon the nose, thus moving the centre of balance slightly forward, and the plane to a more orthodox non-flying attitude.

No problems, though; a little re-arranging of the cargo, a cautious approach by the portly passengers, a good long take off run, and away they went. + + + + +

Council.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22/3/71

Present: 16 Councillors.

Business: Club Roster: Ray Munyal
B. Yirinyin
W. Jolppa
Nightwatchman: J. John

President asked Councillors to make better contact with their own people. They were responsible men and had a duty to perform. He knew that Nakara and Gunavidji councillors talked to their people and felt that Burera councillors did not do enough.

Councillor Baleiya said that he was always talking, not only in his own area, but anywhere.

Councillor Munyal said that it was very important for children to attend school regularly. He made sure that Jinang and Wulagi children did, and they co-operated with him very well.

Councillor Baleiya talked at length on the matter of the Council and Club moneys. He was not sure that they were being looked after properly. He wanted to know why the Club couldn't supply an extra can of beer each day.

President said he was ^{not} listening to that story any more.

Councillor Baleiya walked out.

Councillor Riala wanted to know about Mr. Wilders. He had heard that he was going away. Mr. Wilders had done a lot of good work at Maningrida and no-one wanted him to leave. Superintendent said that Government people had to go where they were told to. They couldn't expect to stay anywhere for a long time.

COUNCIL MINUTES CONT'D

There were requests for toilets and fly-wiring. Also a request to move all the toilets around. Superintendent said he would see what he could arrange.

Councillor Jack John said that Councillors needed the Police to help them when they got too much trouble. Councillor Mulyal suggested that it cost too much money to pay for the Police's plane fare to Maningrida. Mr. Giese had enough money to pay but if he wouldn't pay, then the people should pay themselves.

The President said that he was afraid that there was going to be trouble one day over guns. Several instances were outlined where one person had threatened another with a gun. There had been two deaths in the past couple of weeks, one at Milingimbi and one at Maningrida. Councillor Yirinyin said that everyone should be made to keep their guns at the office and to come and collect them when they wanted to go hunting. It was decided to think the matter over for a week and talk about it again at the next meeting.

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The Policeman made his visit to Maningrida this week to conduct a number of investigations and enquiries. He paid particular attention to instances where people have thrown spears around in the village and all the persons spoken to in this regard can expect that proceedings will be commenced against them. He also spoke to one young man who had produced a gun to "frighten" people during a fight on Saturday night. This is an offence and is forbidden by the law. The Social Welfare Regulations state quite clearly that such behaviour is forbidden on a reserve, and any person who offends can expect trouble.

The Police also interviewed another young man who attempted to hinder Councillors who were doing their job. Councillors who are trying to protect people and to keep the peace must not be prevented from doing their work.

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SPEARING:

In an incident on Sunday morning last, George Smith was speared in the foot with a fish-wire. The injury was not serious and he was permitted to go home after receiving treatment at the Hospital.

Police interviewed another man in connection with this matter during their visit this week.

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PROWLER:

Several reports have been received of a person prowling around the staff houses late at night. Any persons with useful information are asked to contact the Council President or the Superintendent.

A new face behind the counter.

Under a special training arrangement, Mavis is doing her academic work and some domestic arts at the school and she is training as shop assistant on two mornings and two afternoons each week. She likes this very much.

For the Bird Watcher.



Little Kingfisher.

This colourful little bird with its blue head and bluey-black back, and white front, are often seen around Maningrida now.

They like to live in the mangroves and in jungles. England Mangurinyin has seen them there. They make nests in hollow logs between November and February. During recent weeks local cats have sometimes had little kingfisher for breakfast. They are found along the Northern Territory coastline and also in North Queensland. True to their name, they eat fish.

NOTICE

Wednesday will be the last day in the Progress Association financial (money) year, All the goods in the shop have to be counted.

THE SHOP WILL BE SHUT

ALL WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY.

The Hasty Tasty will be open. Also the kitchen.

Progress Association.

900 lbs of assorted fish (barramundi, parrot fish etc.) will be airfreighted to the Adelaide market this week.

The Shop and its customers were very pleased with the first rate quality of the fresh fruit and vegetables and other goods which arrived with the Outback Services plane last week.

A plane will be coming each week but customers are asked not to rely on this supply as there are bound to be some teething problems in a venture of this type.

The fishermen have a large supply of oysters on hand, and as soon as the containers arrive they will be packed ready to sell.

The bank did a record amount of business during the last quarter.

The auditor, Mr. Doug Gamble, will be out next week for the end of the year stocktaking.

From the Newspapers.

Back in 1949 a man was hunting a Kangaroo and found some yellow and green stones. It was uranium. Later many people came to work at the uranium mine (Run Jungle) and the treatment works where the good uranium was separated from the rubbish. The town was called Batchelor. Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson (here from 1963 to 1965) and Sister Sandra lived there for a time.

Batchelor is to close down now. It may become an Aboriginal Training Centre.

A man in Melbourne has ideas of starting a big kangaroo farm. The kangaroos would be used for the meat.

Two Groote Eylandt stories.

Mr. Jaboni Lalara is a mechanic who is saving up his money to build his own garage. At present, he fixes up a lot of government and private cars.

People can have pictures every night now by watching television. There are 13 T.V. sets at Angurupu.

Football.

Maggies 18-12 (120) defeated Waratahs 14-20 (104)

Both teams with renewed spirit turned on the best game seen for many weeks. Maggies raced away to an early lead which seemed unbeatable at half time. Waratahs under the good leadership of Harry took up the challenge but time beat them.

Progress points for the Best and Fairest - Second week.
Terry Darwin 9, George Wayarka 6, Lucky 4, Thomas 3, Billy 2 3, Alan, Stanley George) (M) 2, Jerry, David, Larry, Jimmy (M), Michael Stewart all 1.

A request to all vehicle drivers - Please do NOT use the two "roads" across the oval.

T.K.

Basketball.

Program for Tuesday 31-3-71

7p.m. Dolphins v Blyth River.
8p.m. Cape Stewart v Chalkies.

Thursday 2-4-71

7p.m. Arnhemland v Eagles.
8p.m. Entrance Island v Cadell River.

This week's Play.

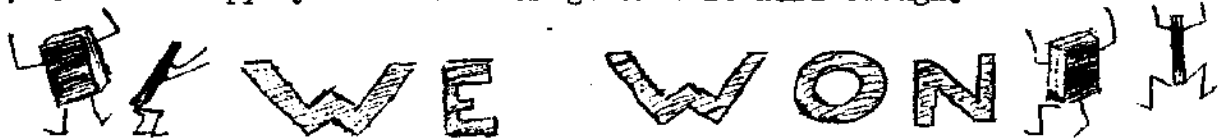
Dolphins had too many tricks for Chalkies, running away to a comfortable win in the second half, lack of speed left Chalkies gasping many times. Score 40 - 27.

In a very close fought tussle Cadell pulled out a close win over Arnhemland 49-40. Arnhemland looked the better team, intercepting many dashes, but didn't have an answer to the tall man under the basket who patted many fine goals and rebounds.

Heavy rain on Thursday evening washed out play.

Last week's play not reported in last week's issue.

Blyth River lacking their usual dash were defeated by Arnhemland 42-30. A slippery ball made things a little hard though.



In one of the most spectacular games ever witnessed at Maningrida, Chalkies, displaying all the characteristics of ballerinas defeated Entrance Island 26-22. More fumbling or clumsy play from Chalkies could hardly have been seen anywhere. Too funny, Too much.

R.P.

A launching

Last Friday morning, just after cup o' tea, the Maningrida Sea Scouts celebrated the happy event of the launching of the "Kalamalara". The name is a Gunavidji word meaning 'sea gull'.

At the Week-end, Skip took the sea scouts for a cruise. Mr. John Carpenter will be the Sea Scout leader.

To Snake Bay.

We send our best wishes with Mr. John Wilders as he goes to relieve the Superintendent at Snake Bay. He expects to be away for three months.

Plastic Sheets needed.

The craft room would welcome any spare pieces of plastic; 3' x 2' up to larger pieces. They are used to put between bark paintings which are being sent away.

ACKERS MEETS HIS FATE

In the confines of the R.S.L.
Where heroes take their rest,
Our hero's story, he will tell
with low and sated breath,
Of how he took his midnight stroll
and how he met his fate.
of how he took his just revenge,
All this I'll now relate.

One lovely night, the moon was high
And so was Ackers, Bye and Bye.
His stance was not what you'd call straight,
Nor was the path he took so late.
It led him, through the highest grass,
Which covered not a place, alas.
Where Brolga and his Merry Ten,
Had made a nest used for man's end.

And so poor Ackers stopped his stroll
To dive straight down this ugly hole.
"I'll rise no more" thought he with fear -
"This grave I have not earned.
Warm blankets and a spot of beer,
Is all I ever yearned."

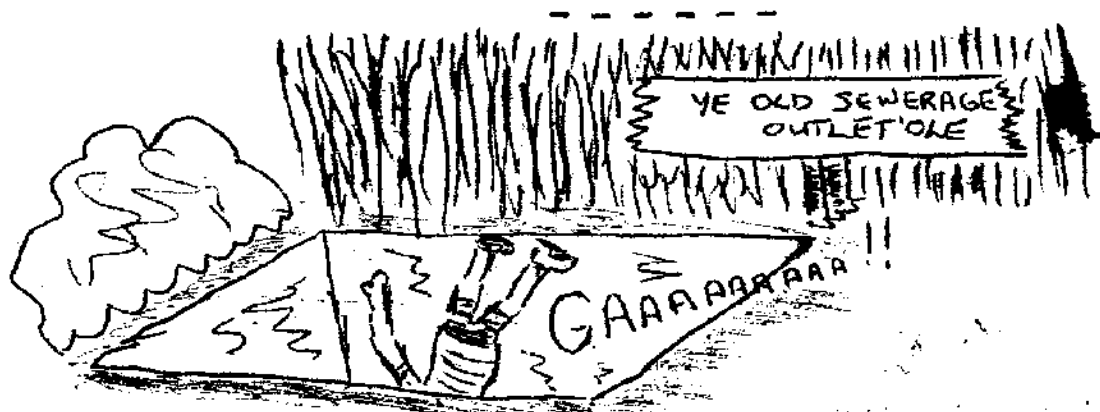
He ranted, raved and beat his breast,
He clawed his thinning hair,
Alas, no gleam of rescue came,
To ease his dark despair.

"A sorrier fate I've never met,
My spirits have been lighter,
I'll fix that Brolga's main outlet,"
Said the godforsaken blighter.

To leave the hole he took an hour.
Of course, this made poor Ackers sour.
He climbed upon his ballpoint pen,
Complaining of fate and nice and men
To those in higher power,

Complaining of the lion's den,
Which crossed his path so late that night.
To show that it was there, at all -
There was no sign, no word, no light,
For which he had to pay the toll.

So from now on, I'm sure you'll see
Somewhere behind some grass or tree
A light which shines through hell and leather,
for good friend Acker 'neath the weather.



ACKERS GETS A ROYAL FLUSH

WEEKEND DUTIES:

Duty Officer: Mr. Bill Beckett.
Duty Sister: Sister Ena Pickersgill.
Nightwatchman: Mr Jack John

STAR THEATRE: Friday: "Fantastic Voyage"
Saturday: "Thirty Six Hours"

CHURCH NOTICES:

Passion Sunday

9.30 a.m. Sunday School
7.30 p.m. Evening Service. World Vision Film.

We all like to be bosses, sometimes, but its much more important for us to think of how we can help or serve others. Jesus knew that he was a king but he took a towel and some water and gave the dusty feet of his friends a wash.

Josus is king, because he thought like this.

Thursday 7.30 p.m. Fellowship.

RAINFALL:

During March of last year only 326 points fell. During 1971 we've had over $6\frac{1}{2}$ " so far.

Biggest fall this week was 137 points recorded between 9 a.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. Monday.

PEOPLE:

Mrs Ingrid Drysdale writes from W.A. to renew her subscription and says "We love hearing about our old friends and I really enjoy hearing of some of my babies - now big school boys or girls - one name I noticed especially was Ningle, and I can still hear Peter saying proudly: "I will call him Ningle after my friend in Darwin."

Mrs Drysdale has just had a long spell in hospital following an x-ray which showed that her hip had come right out of its socket. We send our best wishes to her and Mr Dave Drysdale.

Mr Johnny Guyawbaka will come back to Maningrida next Friday. Mrs Kathy Glasgow writes "he is an excellent translation helper."

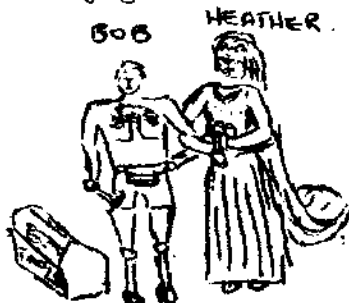
Mr John Baya is reported (in DHAWUMIRRI) to have returned to Milingimbi with a large box of tools and gear and says that he will be staying for a long time.

Mr John Laklak, another old Maningrida resident, brought his wife and new daughter (second child) home from Darwin yesterday.

Mr Slim Woodcock returned from Bulman most impressed with the development there. Slim was there early in the piece and says that the work done is a credit to Danny and his men. Lyn is doing very well with her garden.

Mr Tom Dean of the Territory Art Gallery on the Stuart Highway in Darwin visited Maningrida this week to arrange for more bark paintings to be shown.

Among other things, Tom mounts pictures and bark paintings in frames. He brought one of Jumbo's fish paintings mounted and framed and it looked very good.



On this Saturday, in Daylesford, Victoria the marriage of Mr. Bob Cross and Miss Heather Jackson will take place. Sister Sandra will be bridesmaid.

All Maningrida people hope that this will be a very happy day for Bob and Heather.

Some interesting telegrams have been sent to wish them well.

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