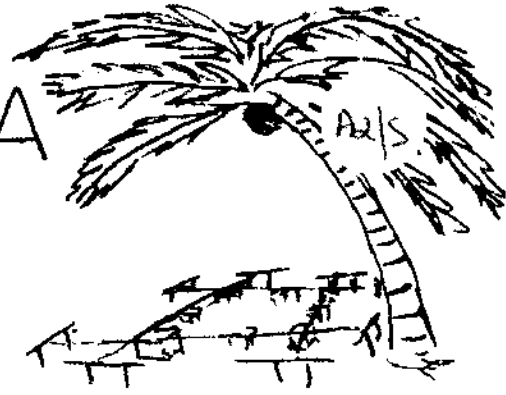


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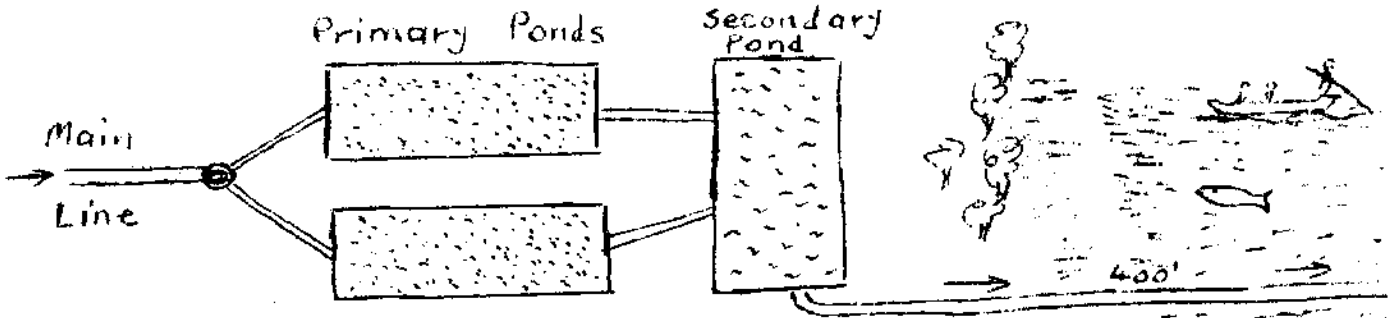


## DOWN THE DRAIN

The main sewerage line will begin in the area beyond the Jinang camp where new houses are planned. (9' underground at this point). It will run up the side of the cypress pine plantation, past the new telephone exchange (at the shop) under the proposed super highway and continue on to the treatment ponds. There will be odd new lines put in to connect with the old system. The old treatment works (near where Mr. Jock Mason used to live) will be removed and replaced with a pumping station. 2000' of line will run from the pump and join the main line at approximately half way across the paddocks at the bottom of the approach to the airstrip.

Some trouble arose in the section now being worked on (in the paddocks) where we struck a large quantity of sand stone, but thanks to the help of Alan Brady and others concerned, we have now managed to get through the sandstone. Unless we strike more rock, you won't be hearing any more heavy bangers going off or have any more glass ware broken.

Some details of the work: Approx. 11,300ft of pipe to be laid, 48 man holes to be installed, approximately 30,000 yds of earth to be excavated for the treatment ponds which will serve a population of up to 1,500 people. This job is being carried out by that screaming Terex terror that you hear so pleasantly going by every morning.



In the primary ponds the refuse will dry out and break up, and the water in the secondary pond will be fairly clean. This water will then run down a 400' long pipe into the sea. A 6' high man-proof fence will go around the ponds, so that may cramp the style of any junior swimmer.

Other work to be carried out by Wolpers & Law will be the connection of 3,000 feet of pipe line to the bores No.6 and No.9, the erection of power lines to the same and repositioning the power lines in the town area. We expect that both projects will be completed within the next three months.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to Mr. John Hunter and the people of Maningrida settlement for accepting us in the community and for the generous assistance given to us.

Kevin Stein, Wolpers & Law.

## Building

### Single Quarters.

The Housing Assoc. builders have started to erect the 3 sets of 4-man single quarters, opposite the Power House.

# COUNCIL

## Statement by the President.

President wanted to point out some things about people who wanted to shift to their own places. Mr. Giese wasn't going to push them to do it; he was waiting for them to take the initiative so he could see what they wanted to do.

President had been to Bulman and had met Rembarrnga, Ngalakua and Gunarba people there. He had told them that they had their chance at Bulman. Other people had made the road through and got it started but it depended on the local people now. They should not think of it as only their country, though, everybody should be able to have a part in it; just as they would have a part of Maningrida, if they came to live up here. It was a very interesting idea, to have many different peoples working together. President intended to go to Bamyili, to put these ideas to the people and see what they thought. He was asking Councillors to give their own opinions now.

## Visit to Bamyili.

Cr. Baleiya wanted to know if it might not be better if some Bamyili people came to Maningrida. Maningrida already had some places going and it might be easier to show them these.

Decided that Councillors should go to Bamyili to get as wide an expression of opinion as possible: To go:-

President  
B. Yirinyin  
J. John.

## Visit by Hooker Creek Councillors.

President stated that 3 Hooker Creek Councillors were coming to Maningrida 19-21/6. It was important that all Councillors helped to make their visit both interesting and mutually profitable. He had already finalized arrangements for their accommodation.

## Children.

Councillor John commented that he didn't see European kids running around Darwin late at nights and wondered why children at Maningrida had to be running around so late. He had to work hard to control them, even in the middle of the night.

Councillor Segandra thought there was nothing wrong; let them walk around.

President said he was wrong. Parents had to be responsible for the actions of their children.

Councillor Munyal supported him. He thought there should be more nightwatchmen to chase after the kids.

President didn't agree. The proper thing was for parents to be responsible; this was the council's job, to teach these things.

Councillor Baleiya said that parents didn't understand these things and couldn't teach their children. Some of the children who had been to Darwin should already know, though.

## Statement by President.

President pointed out that Councillors should regard themselves as teachers. First they had to learn the right way and then they had to pass their knowledge on. That's what they were councillors for.

## Gadji.

Councillor Munyal said that he and Baku and Bilinyara were determined to return to Gadji. They were starting a company.



HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Duty Officer	B, Tuite	B. Tuite	B. Tuite
Sister	Heather	Sr Heather	Sr Ena
Nightwatch	M. Ngalabiya	M. Ngalabiya	M. Ngalabiya
Kitchen	Breakfast only	Breakfast only	Breakfast only
Shop, P.O., Bank	Normal	Closed	Closed
Club	Normal	Normal	Normal
Hasty Tasty	Normal	Closed	Normal

Buy some tucker on Friday or Saturday.

*Continuing the Council Minutes.*

Councillor Mungal - The Gadji men were starting a company bank next pay day. They did not want to borrow; they wanted to use their own money.

(The questions from President)

The money to be accumulated before the move, only Jinangs were involved.

The president stated that he agreed with the idea. He would help them if they planned the move in the right way. They could see how Cadell River Garden started off. The people started from nothing but kept at it and they get help from the Progress Association. Anyone can do this, but they have to be sincere. The Jinangs had already cut a track to Gadji. Once Mr. Giese could see what was going on, he was more likely to help.

Chat.

Decided to bring all the drinkers together. They shouldn't split up into tribal groups. This was not the idea.

Roster: M. Brown, H. Mulumbuk, G. Ganjibala.

14 Councillors and 14 visitors were present.

*Visit to Bulman by Aboriginal Benefits Trust Advisory Committee.*

The ABTF Advisory Committee visited Bulman last Friday. They had a good look around the immediate station environs and had asked a lot of questions about the proposals for future developments. Mr. Rex Jettner, who is carrying out consulting work on the Bulman project, stayed at Bulman over the last weekend to gather information.

*Farewell Frank*

Last Saturday morning Mr. Frank Smith boarded Connair for Kormilda -- not as a student -- but to take up the position as Clerk. Frank had been here for about one year. He took an active interest in basketball, the soft-ball, and the training of Aboriginal drivers for their licences. We wish him well in his new position.

*Police Station*

The contract has been let for the erection of the police Station. Eagle Constructions, of Darwin, have the job and they have to finish it by April 1972.

*Movements*

Miss Rita Djenu has transferred from the office to the School

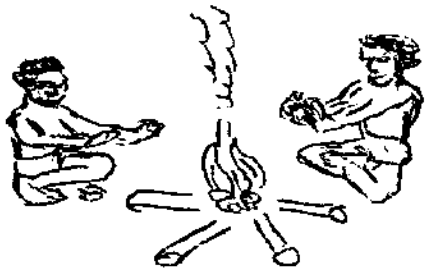
Artists Jack Ganabi and George Anaragayura have taken a holiday in Darwin.

# Forestry

The helicopter which starts up and flutters off in the mornings and returns late in the afternoon taking the survey men to places which they could not reach otherwise - swampy grounds etc, has completed its work and gone back to Darwin. Bill Goodwin and Peter Snell have reason to remember the last trip. The helicopter broke down at Maningrida around 3 p.m. and left them to walk home from beyond the Gudjerama. They arrived back at 2 a.m. "in high spirits".

Six more Aboriginal men have been employed - 2 to work at the mill and 4 to do bush work.

Michael Munbulmara a reliable benchman from the early days is on holidays and Mark Placid from Snake Bay has come to relieve him.



FIRE IS A GOOD SERVANT BUT A BAD ENEMY.  
DON'T LET CHILDREN PLAY WITH MATCHES.

## LOST

Small yale key. Two or three little white horses are also on the wire ring. Finder please see Mrs Bagshaw.

## From the Newspapers.

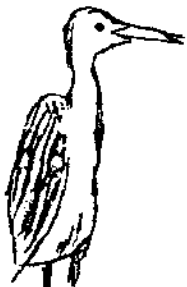
TALK ABOUT LAND FOR TIWI: Last Saturday the Tiwi people at Bathurst Island held their Open Day. One of the visitors to Bathurst was Bishop O'loughlin, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Darwin. While he was there he made a speech saying that the government should think about giving Bathurst Island back to the Tiwi people because it was their country. The Bishop said that if the people did not own their country soon they would start to go away and the Tiwi tribe would be broken up.

WAVE HILL MINING: The Gurindji people at Wattée Creek near Wave Hill are starting to think about mining the same way as the people of Goulburn, Croker, Oenpelli, Milingimbi and Maningrida have been doing. They have been given permission from the Mines Branch of the government to look for minerals on four pieces of land around Wave Hill Station.

CHANCES FOR ABORIGINAL SPORTSMEN: Last year the Aboriginal Sports Foundation came to Maningrida. Many people talked with Charles Perkins, David Kantilla and Doug Nicholls. These men have been talking in the newspapers. They are ready to give money to help really good Aboriginal sportsmen - runners, football players, basketball players - so that they can have good training from men who know a lot about these sports. Already a very good Aboriginal soccer player from South Australia has been given money so that he can go somewhere in Australia or another country to learn more about soccer. The Foundation wants to hear about good Aboriginal sportsmen in the Northern Territory to see if it can help them too.

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The  
Pied  
heron.



A few weeks ago a young heron perched on some timber near the new bakery. He had a yellow beak, white head and long neck and breast, dark back feathers and long legs. Cayley, the bird man, says that they breed between March and May. They are found in mangroves and swampy areas across Northern Australia and are believed to be migrants to Australia. See "Birds of the N.T." 1970

# "WALKABOUT" STARS.

Film stars David Gulpulil and Dick Bandalil have not forgotten Australia while they have been on the other side of the world.

While in London they both wrote to Mr Giese, who very kindly shared their good news with us.

David began "How are you going on there at Australia? I am so happy here in London, also Dick too ... I am very happy that I am going all over the world."

Dick wrote "Mr Jan Aterator ... a good man, takes us to pictures ... and ... to visit city ... London is great ... we saw Queen Elizabeth houses ... she not there ... we never seen before city like that ..."

Rolph Harris gave them a didjeridoo because theirs had cracked.

While they were in France they were playing the didjeridoo to some people in their hotel. The waiter had never heard this kind of music before and came in to ask. "Monsieur, what is wrong with the Plumbing?"

Lana Wells a reporter in New York wrote in an Adelaide paper "Americans and Australians living here are raving about a film called "Walkabout". It may never win an Oscar or make a million dollars but its one of the most beautiful movies I've seen.

## PEOPLE cont.

Sister Holon, really Matron at Theodore now, writes that Cathy is the captain of two of the school's sports teams. Helen has been moving house, developing X-rays, and while some staff have been away "doing some of the slogging..." "but thank heavens the 'slogging' isn't anything like that at Maningrida."

Mr Lucky Balarka has gone into Darwin to attend a 16 week course which aims to help young sportsmen to take part in organising games and other recreational activities.

## Maiden Voyage.

The new barge "Warrenda" arrived on her maiden voyage shortly after 5p.m. last night. While she was near Goulburn Island, during the morning, her captain rang Mr. Bagshaw on the telephone.

Ringging Up. - Reception on the new telephone has been excellent. The Katherine Exchange recommends that long distance calls be made before 6p.m.

## New Arrivals

Maningrida has another 'cook', Mr. Smiley. His training started work yesterday in the No. 2 kitchen. Smiley has been in the Territory for 10 years, mainly in the RAAF, where he was a cook. He lived at Tindal when 5 ACS were building the airstrip and later went on to Darwin. His wife Margaret, is the sister of Annette Koops who lived here about 3 years ago. Smiley and Margaret have two little girls, Margaret Anne and Donna-Lee. Welcome to Maningrida Smiley and Margaret.

## Off on Holidays.

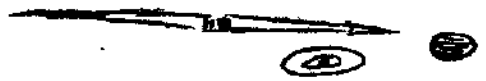
That celebrated chef, referee, and President of the Archery Assoc., Mr. William (Wild Child) Armstrong, finally made it out on his well-earned holidays. Always the complete busier our lad successfully made it to Darwin but according to our correspondent, had to give up his blue heeler dog and cabbage tree before they let him get on the Brisbane jet.

Sadly missed by the Maningrida Archery Association. Horace, and the skeleton crew.

J.E.

Council discussion on Gudji will be reported in the next issue.

Ready, Set, GO



Soon after lunch today, the RAAF DC 3 will appear in the sky. It will come to take 13 school boys and 8 girls, plus javelin thrower Tommy Dudanga and sprinter Richard Djangalan all in the care of Mr and Mrs John Stevens to Darwin for the Athletic Games on Monday, June 14th.

In Darwin itself the team will be strengthened by Tim Darcy, Norman Angulagula and Rose Ngardlyin and if the "search and find" operations are successful Peter Galara and Joshua Morlurg.

The children have been training pretty well. Mrs Robin Stevens has been out on the oval in the lunch hour of each day "walking" in the "walking practices", and showing a remarkable burst of speed to her trainees and interested onlookers.

Bamyili, Daly Rivor, Pt. Keats, Bathurst Is. and Milingimbi are among the places to send in a team.

## Visitors to the School.

Mr John Grant who taught Manual Training for a term in 1967, was back this week. He has been back in the Territory for 2 months, has a wife who is also a teacher and is working on a curriculum for Social Studies.

Mr Don Williams inspector of curriculum who came with Professor Toby Garrick, the language specialist to set up the language laboratory in its new home.

Mr Gill Jannos, a Canadian who is a specialist teacher in audio visual mothos was also here.

## Basketball

Kupanga - Premiers.



After a last minute dash Arnhem just couldn't catch the big first half load that Kupanga had built up and were defeated 62 to 54.

A quick basket from the tap and Arnhem looked set for a win, several more quick baskets had them in front and Kupanga were yet to score. Arnhoms defence waned and this let Kupanga pile up points with some fine shooting from Michael Stewart, Larry Woipa and Jim Jam, George Putti's accurate jump shot was the only thing that kept Arnhem in the game at this stage, so at half time the score was 44 to 28. The second half saw Kupanga's shooting go a little astray and only half the shots were counting, Arnhem seemed to come good and began the task of whittling down the big lead. Five minutes from the end saw Dick Smith and James potting baskets quickly but they ran out of time and the bell sounded with the score at 62 to 54.

Congratulations Kupanga - two in a row.

Well done Arnhemland for a good tussle.

Scorers Kupanga Larry 20, Jimmy, Michael, Jim Jam 12, Alan 4 and Ted 2, Arnhem Dick 18, George 16, James 14, Stanley 4, Tommy 2.

## Maningrida on the Radio.



While I was in Sydney at Christmastime I put together a half-hour programme of music of the people of Maningrida from tape recordings that Cheryl Pullen and I had made during 1970.

The programme contains a bit of geographic and general information about Maningrida but consists mainly of music from Crusoe Guningbal, Frank Garti-Garti, Harry Mulumbuk, Dick Bundalil, Topsy, Paddy Fordham, Dick Gabalk and Peter Galarak.

I received word recently that the A.B.C. will be broadcasting the programme on National Aborigines Day - probably on a national basis.

At present arrangements are being made for the programme to be copied so that Maningrida and the Welfare Branch may each have a copy. We hope that the programme spreads the word all over Australia about Maningrida's fine singers and musicians.

Dan G.

WEEKEND DUTIES: Duty Officer: Mr. Barry Tuite.  
Duty Sister: Sister Heather Cross  
Nightwatchman: Michael Ngulabiya

STAR THEATRE: Friday: "Murder at the Gallop"  
(the conservative prediction is horses)

CHURCH: Anniversary of the coming of Christian Mission to Arnhemland.  
Sunday 9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools "The Spirit sends Messengers"  
7.00 p.m. Holy Communion  
Thursday 7.30 p.m. Fellowship

During the Dry Season of 1915 people living on the Gumadir and the Western bank of the Liverpool River would have seen a balanda travelling on a horse with three Aboriginal men and a 10 year old boy (Daniel Nalambil of Goulburn Is.).

This was Rev. James Watson looking for a good place to start a mission. He reported "I ... travelled by launch, canoe, horses, and bicycle from Bathurst Is. in the West to the Liverpool River in the East and South to Roper River" (visited Missions already established at Bathurst and Roper). He decided that South Goulburn Is. would be a good place.

On 22nd June 1916 he and Mr A.E. Lawrence landed at Goulburn Is. The Spirit working through the Church in Australia sent him to "people whose lives should be enriched from the treasures of knowledge and especially the knowledge of God." (quotation from J.W's reports).

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON at the school from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dance to the rhythm of the skilfully played tape recorder in the hands of Miss Pullen and Mr Stutchbury.

A fortnightly event - all young people welcome.

Admission 20 cents (bring your own Aspros and bandages)

## GRAND OPENING "MANINGRIDA DISCO"

"Mick the Click" a well known character in books, escaped from custody at Maningrida last Saturday and during a few hours of freedom managed to get as far as Gove. There he and others were apprehended and later returned by Charlie Mines and Adrian Luck.

It was fortunate, that his freedom was short lived because during this brief period he stole 2 bricks, 1 tapioca plant, compared the Poon Bros. Supermarket prices with the local store and when it comes to photography, words fail us.

During all these misdemeanours, a lot of people were hoping that he hadn't got away all-together - judging by welcome home committee gathered outside the happy club". The tongues of so many poor thirsty devils were hanging out so far that they couldn't cheer - but they did rise to the occasion and gave him a hearty clap.

A lot of young men were worried last weekend. This would have been a minor concern compared with the sorry cuts which the old men would have inflicted upon themselves if "mine host" had not been forcibly returned.

J.M.

Sister Margot (Williams) is in New Zealand and working as assistant matron at a big boarding School for over 200 girls. On the day of writing she had made 56 beds - "previously it was all I could manage to make my own." "Scott loves travelling ... he has been very good and manageable" on the trip.  
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