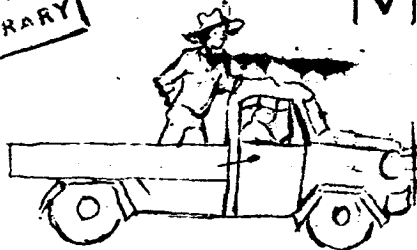


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### This week at the Council.

19 Councillors were present at the meeting on Monday.

*Wages*

Cr. Baliya expressed anxiety over the wages that were being received by the people. He says that after visiting the Co-op. and Hasty Tasty there is usually no money left.

Cr. Riala commented that the reasons for the shortage of cash might be the mismanagement of money and gambling.

Cr. Muryal commented that if more money was received in the pay packet, maybe more would be put on the blanket at the card games.

*Night Duty*

Cr. Brown addressed the Council and stated that he thought the Council members were all "dead people". Nobody helped with the night patrols except for 3 or 4 regular members. He says that all the Councillors should take an active part in the job.

*Girls*

Cr. Jack John told the Council that two men (who were named) were taking girls into the single quarters. This was confirmed by Cr. Fry.

*Straight Stories*

Mr. President told the Council again that any matters to be debated in the Council should first be discussed outside the meeting. This would save time at the meeting and would also mean that only 'straight' stories are told at the Council.

*Money in Trust*

Cr. Baybananga asked where the money had gone that was put at the office. Mr. President and the Supt. answered by saying that the money was used to pay for an airfare from Townsville to Darwin for Elizabeth.

As a side issue, Cr. Brown enquired about where money could come from to pay return fares for boys and girls who are in some distant place. The Supt. replied that this was a family matter and the parents should pay the fares.

*Beer*

Cr. Putti said before the new \$11.50 Beer Ticket was introduced, the matter should have been debated in the Council meeting. The President replied that this had been done and that the Council had accepted the notion.

*Houses*

Cr. Ganjibala asked when he would get a new house. Nobody knew.

Cr. Putti suggests that a sign should be made and erected at the Cemetery reading

*Maningrida Cemetery*

He also asked that a tractor take the logs away from the Cemetery.

*Speeding*

The Supt. brought to the attention of the Councillors the matter of speeding through the Settlement. The offenders were both Balandas and Aborigines. More speed limit signs will be put up.

*New Club*

The Supt. told the Council about Bob Collins plan for a club for boys and girls. He asked them to think about it and give ideas at the next meeting.

### Back to School.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

The new Korrilda College Students will be on their way to school in a special flight on Sunday. Jimmy Maralinga, Kenny Smith, Jacky Mason, Johnson Roberts, Janet and Rose. We are going to miss seeing these young people around and wish them well at Korrilda. Mr. Williams the new Head Master is back and has been getting ready for them.

The old hands, Gilbert, Helen Gorila, Nellie, Bobby Pascoe and Barney catch Mondays plane. Dudley may go in from Milinginbi.

For  
Sale  
NOTICE

One Red Mini moke. Registered until July.  
Cash buyer only.  
see J. Hunter.



Too many drivers are not observing the settlement speed limit. The speed limit is 15m.p.h. around the school, Hospital and Shop, and in any residential area. Otherwise it is 20 m.p.h. Signs are now being prepared to give better definition to the various areas.

All drivers must exercise the greatest care when driving in the Settlement, particularly when there are children in the vicinity. Offenders will be reported, either to the police or Transport Authorities.

J. Hunter Supt.

*Gridian Group*

The first meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday Feb. 2nd. at 7.30p.m. at the home of Barbara Quick.

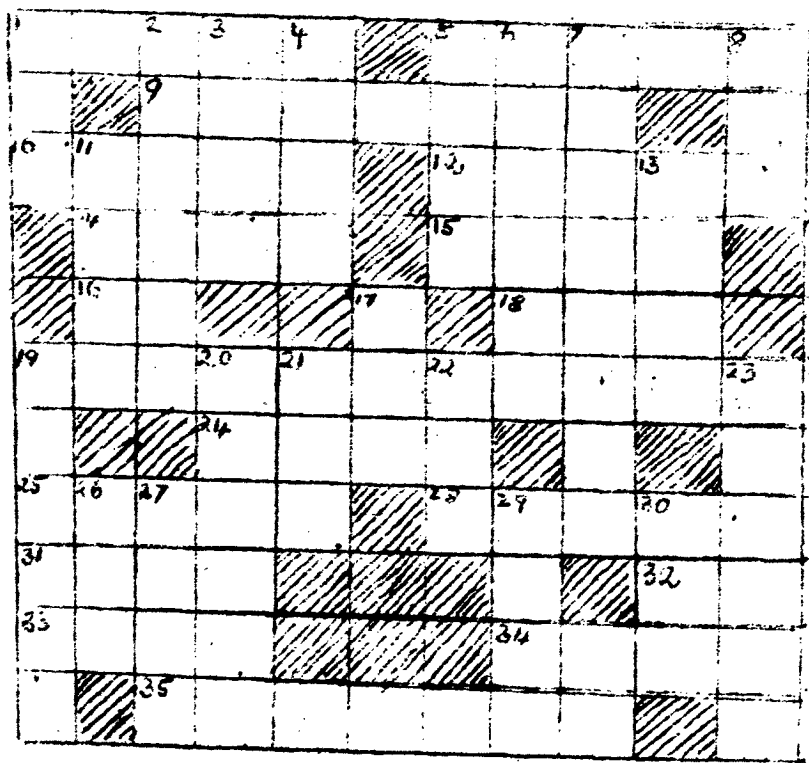
*Back To My Studies!*

About a fortnight ago, I went into the T & G Building in Darwin to see Mr. Gallagher about my schooling for this year. When I went through the door way, Mr. Gallagher can't didn't know me - as I had long hair on. I said 'Hello.' and he looked at me. We sat on the chair and talked and when I told him who I was. I shocked him.

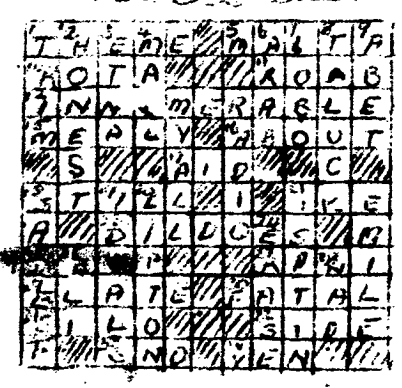
After that I returned to Kornildia to see Lucky and the boys in the camp. They seemed to be enjoying themselves and making friends with the boys who are at the Camp. Lucky was busy all the time getting things for the boys to use.

Barney Wimunguj.

CROSSWORD NO. 3



Solution No 2



- ACROSS** 1. Keep a tally, 9. Dish of toast and cheese, 10. Philosopher Greek, 12. Passive, 14. Tennis term (pl.) 15. Change course, 16. Before (Pref.), 18. Finished, 19. Alarm, 24. Cheese, 25. Ferments, 28. Positive exclamation (2nds), 31. Period of fasting, 32. Mean Time (int.), 33. Sword, 34 Word hammer
- DOWN** 1. Drawn strength, 2. Mercy seat in Jewish temple, 3. Tariff charges, 4. Greek God of Love, 5. Small portion (2wds), 6. Slow stately dance, 7. Infinite Time, 8. Detonater (abv.) 11. Lion's Den 13. Royal Navy Divisional Office, 17. Girl's name, 19. Inscription sheet 20. Alloy of tin & lead, 21. Units of germ plasm, 22. Love, 23. Settle oneself, 26. Salesman (abbrev.), 27. English National Exploration Effort, 29. Towns, 30. Bird.

## From The Customs in India.

The Motor vessel 'Chanda' berthed at Victoria Dock in Melbourne in 1949 and as usual the Customs Officers boarded her. On this occasion one of the officers could speak Hindustani, the language of some of the crew and he recognised a man who had been a Customs informant years ago. Their conversations eventually led to a search of the ship's funnel (between the inner and outer casing). There were six large bags of opium hanging high up in the outer funnel. They weighed 375 lbs. and this was the largest haul ever made by Customs in Australia. The officer was Mr. Reginald Fuller, the new Forestry clerk.

Reg. was born in Calcutta, India and educated there. His father before him, had been the Chief Inspector of Customs and his grandfather had been the Chief Justice in one of the Indian states. Mahatma Gandhi, Mr. Nehru and other Indian leaders he had met from time to time.

On off duty days, he did some big game hunting - wild boar and tigers. He also likes to watch a game of soccer.

Reg. has also served in H.M. Colonial Customs Dept. in Aden, Fiji, New Zealand, and the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyassaland. It was in Salisbury that he met Mrs. Fuller, born and bred in Rhodesia.

For the past 4 years, Reg. and Mrs. Fuller have lived in Port Augusta S.A., where Reg. worked as a clerk in the Commonwealth Railways. They now bring an international spirit to Maningrida. Their two married daughters still live in South Africa.

## Travelling Sister

Another new staff member who has travelled to far away places is Sister Sherry Scribbens. Sherry was on board the John Burk's vessel, "WAYBURN" when it travelled from Brisbane to Thursday Island and then across to Groote Is. and Irrkalla. Seeing these places kindled a desire to see the North. And she had always wanted to see Darwin!

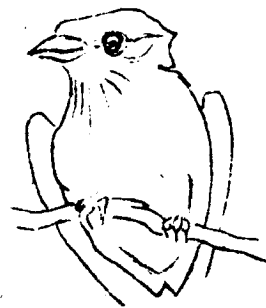
Originally Sherry hailed from that pleasant residential area of Lane Cove not far from Sydney's Unfinished Opera (house). Then came a journey to the United Kingdom and Europe. On her return, she decided to take up nursing and did her training in Brisbane. Last year she chanced upon an advertisement for Rural Health Sisters and as soon as her training courses were over she duly made application and was accepted.

She is keen on gardening, sport, and other out-door activities.

## Along The Feathered Trail

Last Saturday while at the Du-Gala dorna swimming pool, we were fortunate to get a few glimpses of the unusual dollar bird. We heard the very distinctive call which is harsh and discordant screech as the two birds flew across our field of view. It is not a bird which makes itself very obvious, but it is quite common, always by a river or stream. I have seen several before at the Plyth River. Once you know the bird, you will not mistake it; its call is enough to identify it positively.

It is a member of the Family Coraciidae, or "Rollers" which is a small family of a dozen species, usually tropical. They have the unusual ability to do spectacular rolling and tumbling displays but our representative of the family is not quite so talented as his African Rolling brothers. It does still somersault in the air and makes quite impressive swoops, although I have not been fortunate enough to witness such displays. It gets the name of "Dollar Bird" from the round light spots on the wing (visible in flight only) that supposedly resemble silver dollars.



It is a reasonably large and heavy built bird, unusual and out of proportion to look at, with broad wings and a striking red stout hooked bill. Otherwise, its general colour is a brown grey with turquoise tinge, and a brilliant blue on the throat. In Eastern Aust. it is a migrant visitor, but in our area it appears to stay put. It breeds from October to Dec., in a hole in a tree trunk very high up (Like a parrot or an owl). It feeds on nothing else but insects (cont.)

Cont. which it catches by darting from a perch, or by "hawking" low over the timber usually at dusk. When they catch large insects, they have to return a perch to stun them, just like a kookaburra stuns a small snake.

Feathers.

## Holiday

Australia Day will be observed on Monday 31st. Jan. and Aboriginal trainees are entitled to a holiday.

This space was reserved for comment on Mr. McMahon's statement on the proposed wood chip industry on Gove Peninsula.

## Maringa Country

Tom Yibberal

There are many Maring people; most of them are living at Maningrida and some others live at Milinginbi. Our country is Cape Stewart and all the islands (Crocodile Islands) immediately to the East of Cape Stewart.

The big bosses are mostly dead. The last ones were Paddy Guningbal and Billy Ruria, who both died in their country. Jack Jabilali is a boss and he is living at Maningrida whilst another, Bujugurali, lives at Milinginbi. Joe Mangguluda is helping to look after Cape Stewart and lives there all the time. Sometimes he stays at Kupnaga (Anbara Country).

My own country is Inangandua which is the top (Northern) end of the big beach which extends up the Western side of Cape Stewart from Blyth River. Jack Jabilali's country is Bunbua, half way along the beach and that is where Joe Mangguluda and his family are camping now.

The top part of Cape Stewart is called Wai-ul. Harry Jawudi, Johnny Nayapul and Paddy Milnirin come from there but no-one is living there now. Down the other side is Ngandadauda Creek where the wild honey dreaming place is. People used to go hunting there in the Dry Season.

Below the creek is Gumbukmuk, the landing place, where people went across to the islands. This is the country of Murray Maryabila, George Ananga-gayira and Jacky Gananabi.

In the middle of Cape Stewart, low down, is open country, with a lot of swamps. This is called Budurburunga. Some of the people who come from there are Benny Mudurrug, Morky and Jack Gureiyira.

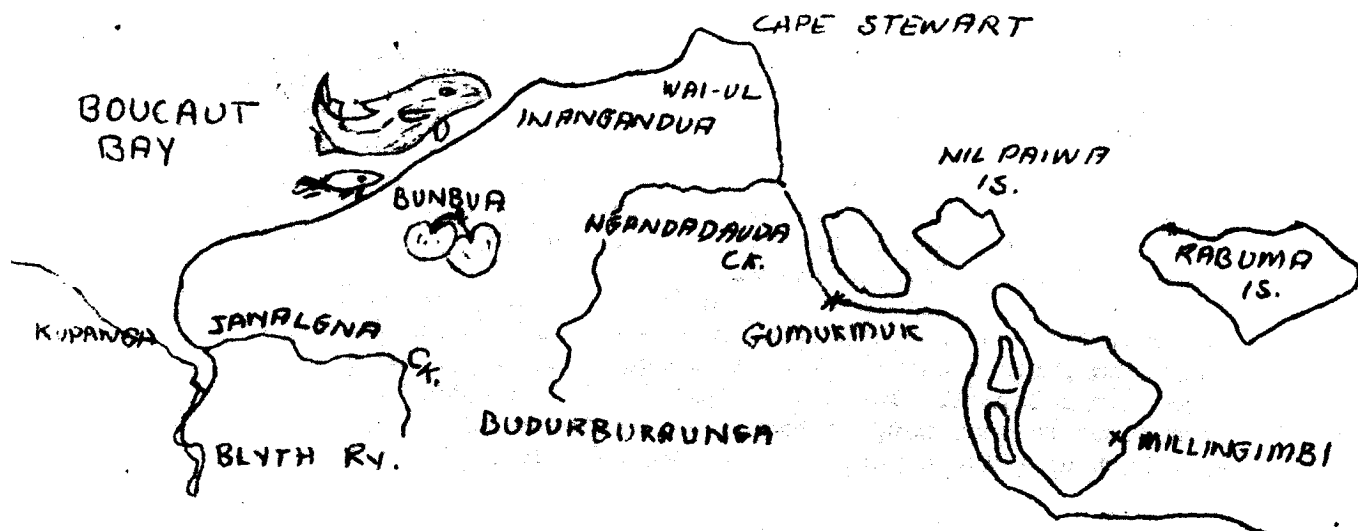
On the Western side, adjacent to the beach, are a lot of sandhills running right up to Inangandua.

Down to the South, running into the Blyth, is a little creek called Janalga. This is Jack Ganbowa's country also John Baleiya and Paddy Gunabarja.

At Bunbua, the big beach is the dreaming place of the salmon fish (Guwargij) and small salmon fish (anbulabinya). Behind the beach are a lot of wells, with good fresh water, and a lot of red apple trees.

In the Wet season, the people used to live on the beach, where the sea breezes blew the mosquitoes away. If there were too many mosquitoes, everyone went to Inangandua, right out at the point, to get away from them. No one could sleep at Ngandadauda in the Wet because of the mosquitoes.

The biggest Islands are Kirungurr, Rabuma and Milinginbi. Milinginbi is Maringa country but the Gubarbuingu people are looking after it for the Maringas. The Gubarbuingu are waiting to go back to the mainland, to their own areas, where they are going to make their own town.



## THE SUNSHINE STATE

The Trites arrived back on yesterday's Comair, and seem to be none the worse for their adventures, Their experiences commenced with a few pleasant weeks tasting the beauty of a urban society in the big smoke of Brisbane.

Then it was off for a week of the big fish and the golden beaches of Frazer Island, off Maryborough (Qld.) north of Brisbane. However King Neptune had different ideas and the seas howled and blew for three out of the seven days. No boats could go out, so the fish stayed where they were. And so did the Y Tuites.

When they left the island, the sun started to shine again, and after a short stay with Barry's father at Maryborough it was off up the coast to Bundaberg (No Brolga, they didn't) Rocky and sugar sweet Mackay, and they back along the St. Lawrence Highway to Brisbane.

Finally, with a vastly depleted bank account they came v back to say that Maningrida is the best. Welcome home, Barry, Jan and Mark.

### SKIPPING IN

J.G.

'Skip' Wilders, Charlie and Jin are due to return from the rich dairy pastures of Traralgon.

### IN THE GREENHOUSE

In the next couple of months Mr. Fred Luff and the forestry men intend to plant 500 trees of 5 different species around the Settlement.

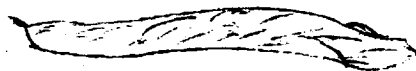
These will be planted around some of the Aboriginal homes and new staff houses, around other public buildings and in the park area between the shop and the airstrip.

The nursery men planted one lot of seeds in an experiment before Christmas and had about 50% success with the germination. During this week, Fred was collecting the seed pods of the Poinciana, 'Golden shower'

Cassia, Pink Cassia and other trees including one near Mr. Hunter's place which makes its seed pods curl open and display an array of rich red seeds.

Fred hopes that the day will come when a pilot will be flying overhead and looking down will ask "What's that red dot down there?" and some one will reply "That's Maningrida; all the poincianas are in flower."

He hopes that the people will take an interest in the project and do their best to keep the trees watered and growing. One big problem will be keeping the young children from trying to pull the young trees out of the ground. Anyone with any suggestions about how to safeguard the trees.



### LIVING ART

Ngardine came to the Craft Room yesterday offering a water snake for sale.

### PEOPLE

Mr. Randall Scott of Forestry goes on leave today.

Mr. John Carpenter goes to Darwin next week to attend a Fisheries Seminar.

Mr. Alfred Gaymuniyn, who is no stranger to Maningrida arrived with some of his family this week from Galiwinku.

Graham and Margaret Inglis moved into their new home this week at the end of "Progress Drive."

At the weekend Rod and Kay Seymour expect to move across into their new home also.

and his men  
Rod has completed these two houses, some weeks ahead of schedule. Next Thursday he begins work on the homes for Silas, Tom Yibberal, two homes for McIntyre Mines.

## Week-end Duties.

Duty Officer. - Mr. Brolga Beckett.

Duty Sister. - Sister Helen King.

## Star Theatre

Friday : "Adventures " The Film Company have asked for a report on the reaction of the audience. It's a pre-release film.

Saturday: "Bedazzled " Something to do with bright lights ?

## Church.

Sunday . "The outside life of the Church -Service and Witness"

9.30a.m. Sunday Schools.

7.30p.m. Evening Service.

Wed. 7.30 p.m. Crusader's Fellowship.

It is not only prayer that gives God glory, but work. Fixing an engine, sawing timber, painting a house, driving a tractor, sweeping a floor, cleaning, everything gives God some glory if being in His grace you do it as your duty. To go to Communion worthily gives God great glory, but to eat food with a thankful heart gives Him glory too. To lift up the hands in prayer gives God glory, but a man with a rubbish tin in his hand or a woman with a floor mop gives Him glory too. (adapted from Gerard Manley Hopkins).

## People Abroad.

Pam Dadbalag in Sydney.

"I am staying to work now at Hunter's Hill. (no known connection with J.H.)..... I've got a boy friend in Sydney. I'm getting married with Ronnie Hodgson".

Bill Clissold in Queenstown Tas.

A P.S. on a letter received from Bill some months ago reads.. "We get married on Jan. 8th." Our belated best wishes and Congratulations Bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cross and "BOBIS" jetted out on Wednesday morning hoping to reach Heather's home in Daylesford in Victoria that evening after dropping down at Mascot in Sydney and saying a quick hullo to Miss Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gillespie and Ben came back on Friday to sit down for the rest of the School holidays after quite a lot of movement in the big cities.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Tuite and Mark stepped off the Heron yesterday morning and hardly recognised the airstrip with the fuelling unit in a new place and the area near the 'rest room' all nicely graded and spacious looking.

Mrs. Jean Bagshaw and Mark have gone to have a quick look at their country in Adelaide before the school year begins. Geoff who is chief domestic assistant to Glen looked quite a worried man at the week-end. However by mid Monday morning, he was a very happy man. He had passed his Leaving Exam. with two credits in Biology and geography and gained passes in Ancient History, Asian History and English. Congratulations Geoff. Now beginneth the Matric. studies.

Mr. David Gulpulil, who is over at Ngangalala at present has been offered a part in another film. If he accepts, he will leave for Sydney within the next few weeks..

Mrs. Gwen Burchett who has been accepted as a teacher on to the Maningrida school staff, went down to Melbourne on yesterday's plane to take in some of the salubrious air that rises off the River Yarra.

Mr. Charlie Jordilla goes in to Darwin on Monday to begin a course in bricklaying.

## The Weather

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	Max. Temp.	Humidity	Rainfall.
Friday	90.5	82%	84 pts.
Saturday	94	84	12 "
Sunday	91	81	18
Monday	88	78	33
Tuesday	90	80	4
Wednesday	90.5	80	9
Thursday	88.5	77	-

Everyone has been saying "Isn't it hot ?".

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