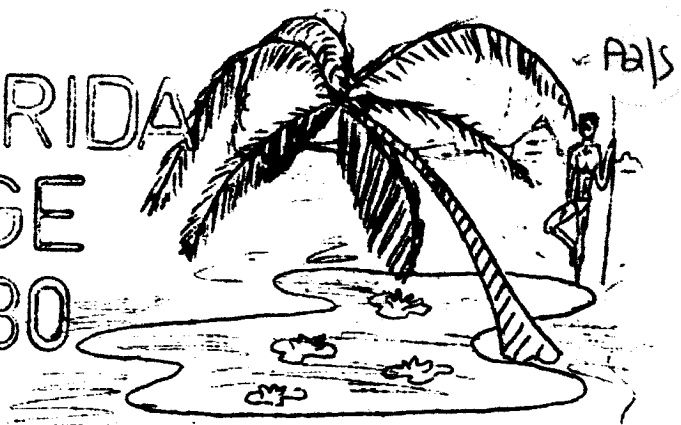


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## PAINTINGS, PERMITS, PROSPECTING.

COUNCIL MEETING HELD 27th MARCH 1972.

PRESENT: 7 Councillors and 2 visitors

NEW COUN- CILLORS: Mr. President asked for councillors to vote on accept- ing (1) Paddy Fordham (2) Jimmy Gingingaralil into the Council. Both were unanimously accepted.

NEW BUS- INESS: Mrs. Neale addressed Council and outlined her proposals for promoting Aboriginal culture at the Maningrida School. Her particular interest was painting and weaving and she wants permission and guidance from the Council as to how best to introduce these subjects to both boys and girls in the higher grades. She wanted permission from the Council to allow the girls to learn to paint on bark.

The Council had no objections and agreed the idea was a good one.

Mrs. Neale asked for suggestions as to who would be the best teacher of the painting; she needed a person who had good English.

LETTERS: A letter was read by Advisor to Council from the Director of Welfare. It talked about there may be new law made giving Legislative Council people the right to come onto Aboriginal Reserves whenever they liked, and no permit needed. Does Council think this is a good law or a bad one?

Some members thought it was a good idea, but Mr. President asked the Council to think about it and to vote on it next week.

Another letter read from the Advisory Committee telling people about 3 empty seats on Committee and they want suggestions from aboriginal people to fill the empty seats. Suggestions have to be in Darwin by 8th May 1972.

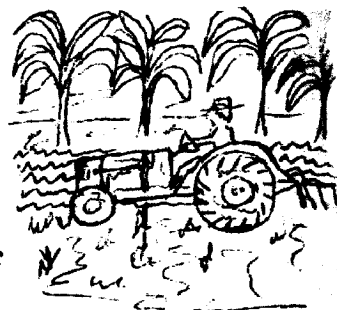
Letter from Mr. Gordon Bryant M.P. of Federal Council for Advancement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Is. asking for people from Maningrida to attend 15th Annual Conference in Alice Springs over Easter. No money available to send a man but suggested sending a telegram giving our support.

A fourth letter read to Council from Welfare telling us that a Company had applied for Prospecting Licence to an area around the Stone country. Part of the area has already been taken up by M.P.A. Mr. Bagshaw has written a letter of objection, and Council is to write a letter too.

MARKING OF SACRED SITES: Cr. Fordham was afraid for the many traditional sites around the stone country. President said that names should be put on sites so that everybody knows. Advisor said it would take six months to name all the sites but it was a good idea. Maybe when a full time Patrol Officer comes to Maningrida it could be done.

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# GANARDPA GARDENS



The meeting of Ganardpa men last Friday, elected Mr. Alec Rorrison as Secretary and Acting Chairman.

The Directors are Messrs. Nym Manalpu, Jack John, Tom Yarlmar, Ray Nalur, Capt. Cooper, Peter Gangalara, Peter Galara, Bruno Wilson, J. Hunter and G. Bagshaw. The Directors will appoint a chairman in due course.

The Agreement between the Company and the Progress Association is being drawn up and should be to hand next week. In it the Progress Assoc. will undertake to provide over the next 5 years

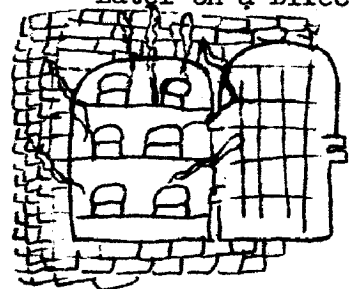
- a. Money for capital expenditure on equipment such as irrigation equipment, tractor, tools, etc. a sum not exceeding \$15,000
- b. The services of a competent horticulturalist (a gardener).
- c. Donate book-keeping and accounting services.
- d. Will share the profits in due course with the company on a 50/50 basis after the operating costs have been met.

How is it that the Progress Association can provide thousands of dollars to help the Garden ? From moneys paid by the mining men.

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The roving reporter <sup>ASKED</sup> Capt. Cooper, sometimes known as Captain Kookaburra what his Aboriginal name is. Capt. replied "I don't know. I'll ask my mother." Later on a Director of the Company said it's "An-Mowulang-biri".

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*THE BAKERY OVEN* has been sold to the Catholic Missions H.Q. and will probably go to Port Keats. A larger oven has been ordered for Maningrida. It may be 3-4 months before it arrives.

## FAMCO

At the mining meeting last Friday Company Solicitor Mr. Alec Rorrison was elected Secretary and Chairman. Directors.

Goulburn Island. Rev. P. O'Connor and Phillip Magalnir (Rev. G. Symonds and Bunug to stand in, if either of the above cannot attend a meeting.)

Maningrida. Messrs. Tom Yibberal and Glen Bagshaw. (Messrs. John Hunter and Silas Roberts proxies)

Visiting Delegates were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Another meeting will be held in approximately six weeks. The Communities who came as visitors to last Friday's meeting will have opportunity to apply to join FAMCO in the period between now and then.

## IMPORTANT - 50¢ SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE TO M.P.A.

The Annual membership Subscription of the M.P.A. is due, immediately due. The Association has decided to fix the Sub. at the minimum 50cents as prescribed by the law. (\$2 is the max.) The Sub. is applicable to all persons, European and Aboriginal, who buy from the Store, Bakery, Gardens etc.

Last year we did not receive the support demanded by the Ordinance and we cannot afford to offend again; our eligibility for tax exemptions will be jeopardised if greatly increased support is not forthcoming.

Your urgent co-operation is sought. Please pay your 50 cents at the earliest opportunity. We don't make the laws but we have to observe them. Husband and wife = 2 people. They have to pay 5\$1.

SACRED SITES: Cr. John remembered a time when a helicopter landed at site called Dugalajarin. This should be marked.

TOILETS: Cr. Yirinyin complained that there were no toilets near his house. Advisor said he would see if another one could be made.

## MANINGRIDA WILL BE THERE

Last week we spoke in the Mirage about some Aboriginal dancers and singers who are going to a Festival of music, dancing and singing in Fiji. This week we found out that three Maningrida men will be asked to join the team. They are Dick Bundalil, David Gulpilil and Talbert Bonaduda (who is at present in Darwin doing a Pottery Training Course). There will be three men from Port Keats, and men from other places in North Australia, including the famous Jolly from Banyili, who will be dancing his owl and shadow dances. It is good news that Maningrida will be one of the places showing its dancing to other countries.



D. G.

## THE STRANDS TO LAND.

Dennis Strand, deputy headmaster here in 1970, his wife Val and children Harriet, Enna and Matthew should arrive today for a brief stay. We welcome them back to their old stamping grounds. Many of the older school children and younger working people will be pleased to renew friendship with them.

## SCHOOL NOTES



If anyone was to look at the way in which palms and trees grow you would see that the life of a tree is on the surface and the life of the palm is deep all the way through.

Should you make a cut through the bark and around the trunk of a tree the life stops flowing and the tree dies. But if you make the same cut around the palm trunk the palm does not die but continues to live and grow.

You might say that although a tree looks good, healthy and strong its life is only shallow and on the outside; but with a palm the life and goodness runs deep right through, it is all goodness.

I am hoping that you boys and girls may learn something from this story. I am hoping that each boy and girl will learn to grow a goodness inside them that is deep, strong, everlasting and not easily affected by the bad temptations that will come your way. I hope this thought will help you children to always do your best for school, for home and for Maningrida.

For four weeks, commencing 5th April, we are to have two pre-school teachers in training staying at Maningrida who will be working at our pre-school during this time. I hope all will do their best for these two ladies in assisting them to adjust to the life and culture of an Aboriginal settlement.

I have recently received a letter from Mr. Kevin Davis, the new principal of Kormilda College. He has told me of the importance of each Maningrida boy and girl being sent letters from here. Would all relatives and friends of our children please try hard and regularly write letters to them at Kormilda College. Paper, envelopes and stamps may be bought from the shop and the address is -

Kormilda College,  
Berrimah, N.T., 5788.

If parents would like photographs of themselves or their homes to send to these Kormilda children I am willing to help.

Also, each Maningrida boy and girl at Kormilda College must have \$15 each term to use as pocket money. The safest way to send this money is for you parents to bring the money to me at school and I will arrange for a bank cheque to be sent.

I heard recently of a little boy listening to a scripture lesson suddenly exclaiming "But I didn't know Jesus rode on a dinky?" I hope all you boys and girls know the reason why you are having a school holiday on Easter Friday and Monday?

D. H.

# FINDING THE RIGHT JOBS

The School wishes to express its thanks for the continuing support from the various Settlement Departments helping in the Vocational Discovery Scheme.

During Second term when pupils will be spending approximately 8 Wednesday afternoons in each "job", an assessment form will be issued to help appraise the Student's aptitude. Some people have already passed back helpful information.  
H.U.

## WANDERERS COLTS

Wanderer's Colts won their Grand Final last Saturday against St. Mary's Maningrida players have had their names in the H.T. News many times this Season Our players were Barney Winunguj, Gibert Wurmulu, Jimmy Maralunga, and Bobby Pascoe. Bobby got a special mention last week for a very good mark and then a goal. Good play fellas !

## MANINGRIDA FOOTBALL

Red and White came back last week to win from Black and Whites who have proved that they can really play football during the last couple of weeks particularly. Tim Darcy was awarded the Best and fairest. It is rumoured that this week the Maningrida Grand Final is to be played. Guess who ?? B & W or R & W.?

## NOTICE

The Routine Medical Visit will be on Thursday April 6th.

## WEATHER

	Max. Temp.	Min. Temp.	Max. Day Humidity	Rain.
Fri.	90	74.5	91%	Nil.
Sat.	86	76.5	82	1 pt.
Sun.	90	74.5	67	Nil
Mon.	1	73	87	55 pts.
Tues.	87.5	76	98	33 pts.
Wed.	90	74.5	91	16 "
Thurs.	90	73	79	Nil.

## OUR ARTIST

Many thanks to Mr. Merv. Mason who did the drawings this week, while Mr. Allan Grieve was walking about on the Gove Peninsula.

Merv's drawings have sometimes been featured on the Post Office wall.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The highlight of the Women's Basketball last Monday evening was the clash between Marrijala's and Albatrosses, in which, for most of the match, the scores were either level or within two points of each other. Marrijala's finally drew ahead in the second half to defeat Albatrosses 40-28.

In the other match Dots 'n' Dashes defeated Cobras 40-14.

### Highest Scorers

Norah (Albatrosses) Betty (Marrijalas) 16 points.  
Marg, Heale (D'n'D) 14 points. Connie (Cobras) 10 pts.

### Competition Ladder.

D'n'D 8 ; Marrijalas 6 ; Albatrosses 2: Cobras 0.

### Draw for Next Monday

7p.m. Albatrosses v Cobras (R.Pink & Lucky)  
8p.m. Marrijalas v Dots 'n' Dashes (F.Luff & Lucky).

## IN MEMORIAM

The passing of Mrs. Betty Bulalanya this week meant the removal of a mother from another well known family. Her children are Margaret Jinjinjalara, Judy Mindjararmaraya, the two Davids (Mirwana and Angu-redja), Joyce and Bob who are both at school.

## FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

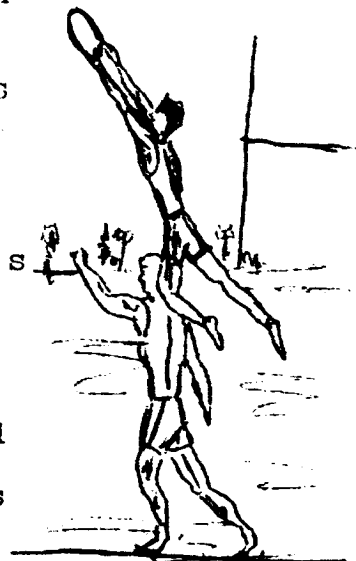
**Australian Rules Final:** The Grand Final of the Darwin Australian Rules Football Competition was won by St. Mary's last Saturday. They beat Darwin by only one point (85 to 84) in a very good, close game. St. Mary's team has a few very good Aboriginal players from Bathurst Island and one of them, Terry Tineapatua, was one of the best men on the field in this game.

One of Darwin's best players, Mr. Chris Moyle, was here this week, auditing the Progress Association's books.

**Colts Final:** Wanderer's Colts team beat St. Mary's Colts 68 to 35 in their Grand Final. There is nearly always one or two of the young Maningrida men who are in Darwin playing for Wanderers Colts team. Dudley and Gilbert have played this year and also Bobby Pascoe, who had a good game in the Final. Some of the students at Kornilda play for Wanderers.

**No Dry yet:** The men in Darwin who study the weather say that the Dry Season is not here yet. There has been some good dry weather, but in April we might still have some "knock-on-down" storms with a lot of fast heavy rain. At Heasts Bluff, in the desert country, they are having trouble already with fires. The country is very dry there and the government has said that, if anybody did not look after fires, they could be in trouble.

**More Trouble in the Air:** In the last few days there have been three aeroplane crashes. The first was the big yellow helicopter we sometimes see at Darwin Airport. It crashed into the water in Darwin, but no one was hurt. In the second crash two men were killed. It happened at Montejinnie cattle station. The plane was used on the station for rounding up cattle and other work. In the third crash, at Fitzroy River Station, no one was hurt, but the plane, worth \$30,000, was wrecked.



## MENS BASKETBALL

Result so far:

Kupanga 52 d. Jinang 40, - Cape Stewart 70 d. Garatpu 56  
MPA 66 d. Cadell River 32 - Eagles 44 d. Jinang 40  
Cape Stewart 78 d. Kupanga 64 - Garatpu 33 d. Pioneers 28

Progress Point: Cape Stewart 4  
Kupanga, M.P.A., Eagles and Garatpu - 2 points each.

Next Week: Tuesday, April 4th:

7 p.m. - Jinang v. Cape Stewart  
8 p.m. - M.P.A. v. Garatpu

Thursday, April 6th:

7 p.m. Cadell Brothers v. Kupanga  
9 p.m. Eagles v. Pioneers

## SCHOOL BASKETBALL

In the final of the boys' lunch time competition Albert's team "Sharks" with Rolly, Solomon, Stephen, Finity, Johnny, Ronnie and Luke beat Seagulls. Poor Seagulls never really got off the ground. A good example: you will never win if you get angry and wild at the umpire. While you are, the other team is scoring goals. Congratulations, Sharks.

Too much interest. Just one week and another lunch time competition has started up - MIXED TEAMS! Good on you youngies: What about it, oldies?? This competition is being completely run by Margaret, Katy, Toby and Ted.

## THE WORKERS

On Frisay Rod introduced his friends, Gregory and Pauline Hore, to the Territory and Maningrida. Greg and Pauline have only been married three weeks and their first home is the caravan near Jack's flat. They come from the orange and lemon country of Gayndah, Queensland. Greg and Rod have been close friends for many years and used to work together back home. Pauline has been nursing in Maryborough Hospital. Rod and Greg have now commenced work on the new mining houses. We give Greg and Pauline a very warm welcome, and wish them a long and happy stay here.

J.G.



## YOU ARE WARNED

Riders of motorcycles and their passengers are required, by law, to wear crash helmets. It would be as well for ALL motorcyclists to purchase and wear their crash helmets in the very near future.

J.H.

## GRADE 4 LOOK AT EACH OTHER

"I am next to Angela. Angela has brown hair. She has a brown eye and she wears an orange, blue and crimson dress. She is 52 inches and white skins and she has shoes."

from Gwennie Minningrala

"The boy who sits next to me is name Lyn. He has white teeth and he has two ears and one noise. He has one shirt and trousers"

from Reggie Wuritjal

"Karl sits beside me. He has brown skin and brown hair. He has brown freckles and he has a green and blue and pink shirt. He is 55 inches tall. He has white teeth and two ears and the ears are brown too."

from Mark Mussig

"Gerald is next to me. He has blue shirt and blue pants and black hair and black eyes and black skin and two black ears."

from Michael Gunbururu

## BIRTHS

Nancy, born to Rhoda Marbarrug and Father Tommy Gundura on the 23 rd. March.

Snowie, also born on the 23rd. to Nancy Mamirnging, father Jocky Bunda Bunda

Jeff-Wilson, born on the 24th. to Lynette Burida(Angida), father Johnny Miapul/Wilson

## DEATHS

Dick Mangiru on the 27th. aged 71 years.

Betty Bulalanya last Tuesday, aged 52 years.

## TRAVELLERS

There have been regular commuter (coming and going) between Maningrida and Milngimbi. Mary Mitchell Jarngin was travelling with veteran song man Jatjangu and his wife.

Tuesday's Connair brought Claire Miribanga to see her family and David Wombara to look at his old haunts

Alan Grieves,

Off to the mystic east on Thursday afternoon are Jackie Newman, Rosemary Walters and Warren Paull to spend the Easter period at Yirrkala and Nhulunbuy.

Sister Maija arrived from Umbakumba in good shape today, and moved into Cliff House. Actually this is the third time that Maija has arrived with all her goods. - the first time in 1967 then from Banyili in 1963 and from Groote today.

EASTER DUTIES Duty Officer: Mr. Bert Ryan

Duty Sister:- Fri. Sister Helen & Sat. Sun./Mon. Sist. Maija.

STAR THEATRE Saturday:- "East of Sudan" Anthony Quayle, Sylvia Syms.  
The Moslems campaign against British Influence and General Gordon's attempts to banish slave trading. The exciting story of a handful of courageous people forced to fend for themselves in a hostile land.

CHURCH

Good Friday:- 9.30am Service

Easter Day:- 9.30am Sunday Schools

"Christ is risen"

7.00pm Evening Service

Wednesday:- 7.00pm Crusaders' Fellowship & Choir

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"Before the Westering Sun . . . ."

And sitting down, they watched Him there,

The soldiers did;

There while they played with dice

He made his sacrifice,

And died upon the Cross to rid

God's world of sin.

He was a gambler too, my Christ,

He took his life and threw

It for a worldredeemed.

And ere His agony was done,

Before the westering sun went done,

Crowning that day with its crimson crown,

He knew that He had won



G.A. Studdert-Kennedy

Mr. Dick Mangiru who died on Sunday night, was a man who truly belonged to Maningrida country and was the father of a well known family. Joseph Mangudja and Horace Didja are two old hands with Forestry and Councillor Albert Wurdjal though new to Forestry, was one of Welfare's most reliable drivers. Also Jimmy Bunguru the baker, Willy Jirkala, Margaret Gowunbani and Willy Neimugini.

In his younger days Dick was hunting over near Rolling Bay on one occasion and was about to cross a creek. Everything seemed to be o.k. but when he got into the water the mud stirred and a lurking crocodile made a dive at his leg. The croc. grabbed him but Dick managed to get away. He carried scars there to the end.

He was the "boss" or chief guardian of the territory which ranges from the old 'Wet garbage jetty' up to a point this side of Bat Island.

PEOPLE

Sister Sandra Stacey wrote recently that she had met Sister

Dorothy Sands, now a rural health sister (S.I.C. here 1966).

To Oenpelli; Seven young people, led by Billy Yiriyin, will travel to Oenpelli on Sunday to take part in a ceremony which must be unique in North Australia - the Baptism of over 100 people on Easter Monday by Bishop Mason.

Mr. & Mrs. Reg. Fuller (ex. Forestry Clerk) have gone to Dampier on Cockatoo Island in the Iron Ore country of the H.W. of the Western Australian coast, where Reg. has a job.

Mr. Harry Mulumbuk bade farewell to his many friends on Monday to attend some "business" at Galiwinku.

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