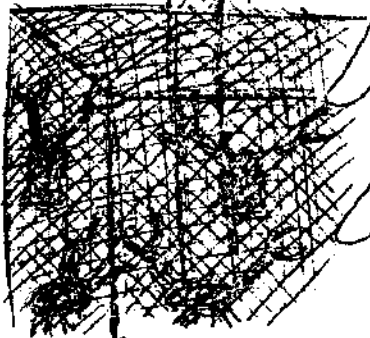


TRESPASSERS WILL BE PUT IN WITH THE CRABS



Marrigwiche Mirage

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To fatten crabs.



On Monday Jim Pickersgill and his men carried a "crab cage" 20' x 9' x 5'6" down onto the mud below the craft room. When the tide came in, it was fully covered by the water.

As soon as the Progress Assoc. boat arrives, the crab gathering will begin. The fully grown ones will be prepared for the market - both locally and in Southern States. The light (1/2 empty) crabs will be brought to the cage and there fattened on the pieces of fish meat left over from filleting.

The cage is divided into 2 pens - each with a door. Why 2? Jim had convinced Ena and Beverley that one ^{was} single accomodation for boy crabs and the other a compartment for lady crabs!!

A more likely possibility is that crabs caught in week L. will be put into No. 1 pen and so on. If the experiment goes well, he may make two extra pens, and so there will be a pen for each week of the fattening period. A crab should fatten in a month.

There is a concrete floor in the cage and then a 6" layer of mud. Each pen could hold up to 300 crabs. Jim has seen the project work well in Queensland.

The doors will be locked and a big notice put up "TRESPASSERS WILL BE PUT IN WITH THE CRABS".

From Jim Pickersgill.

Jim will go into Darwin on Monday to purchase other fishing equipment.

The Guyun Club. (Tilley's Tavern)

The wooden framed building near the front of the hospital (reported on two weeks ago) is now well covered with coconut palm fronds. It is neatly fenced with a five wire fence topped with white painted rails. Two brick fire places have been built for the boiling of billies and for an iron barbecue plate.

In one compartment of the building, there is a table made of rails. This is where food is prepared. A reporter called there yesterday morning and found Nancy Warren and two other women peeling potatoes and pumpkin ready to cook. Some mothers and 12 toddlers who had come in from Guyun were enjoying the glorious breeze which came in straight off the sea.

Sister Edith explained the purpose of what the women themselves called "the Guyun Club". It is an Experimental Nutritional Rehabilitation Centre. It has two main aims. A. to give the women a better understanding of the importance of good food for good health, and B. to help children get more nutritious food and reduce the number who have to be sent to Darwin with malnutrition. A further aim is to get Aboriginal people to take an interest in their own health problems, particularly the causes of the high infant mortality. (Too many Aboriginal babies finish up before they can walk). Although we have more medical visits, more sisters and a big hospital in Darwin with a lot of equipment children still get sick and die before they can run

Council discusses Housing, Schooling & Voting

Present: 8 councillors and 1 visitor.

New Houses: Cr. Riala said we had to see which men would be put in new houses. It should be a man who sticks to his job. His wife should look after the house properly. President asked councillors if they knew anyone who would like to live in better houses. Several names were mentioned. Superintendent said the matter of allocation would be discussed by Housing Association.

Voting: Superintendent said the voting day would be December 2nd. The names of people already on the roll were displayed on the lists around the settlement. If anyone else wanted to put their names on the roll they must do so before 2nd November. People not living at Maningrida should apply for a postal vote.

Bad Language: Cr. Riala talked about balandas using bad language to aboriginal people. If people were rude to balandas, they would get into trouble from the police. They did not expect the balandas would insult them by using bad language in the same way. There was a lot of talk about this.

Council decided that this should be brought to attention of balandas through the "Mirage".

Cadell School: Cr. Manalbui said that Cadell was growing and it was time to have a school there. He also thought that Jibalba be sold to the Jinangs as there was no water in their own area. Cadell could be a place for Gunardbas. He also thought as Cadell grew bigger there should be a hospital. Superintendent said it was hoped to run a bus service next year so that the children could go to school at Maningrida.

Kupanga: Cr. Riala asked if the Kupanga road makers were getting wages. Superintendent said "Yes."
Cr. Riala asked about materials to build at Kupanga. It was felt that the Kupanga people should show that they really wanted to stay at Kupanga, then they might be able to get help with loan money.

Bone Pole Ceremony: President wanted to organise the bone pole ceremony at Kupanga this weekend. There was a problem with transport. He also said Kunapipi will not be returning to Maningrida. It will be there until he goes.

Council Meeting: Cr. Baleiya asked President if the council meeting could be held on Saturdays. President said no, it couldn't be changed.

President said he wanted youngsters and older people to come and discuss their matters at the Village Council Meeting if they wished to.

Cr. Gangalara said he won't be here any more but he will be at Cadell at all times. Every Monday week he will be here for this council meeting.

Cadell Garden: Cr. Manalbui said they need a fence around the gardens because of buffaloes.

Diarma: President said the diarmas are produced at Kupanga, and if the people here would agree they would continue selling the diarmas to the settlement from Kupanga.

* This sentence should read "He also thought that the Gunardba people should sell Jibalba to the Jinangs."

Further to Forestry.

Merv Mason, Ron Berryman & Terry Canning left early Thursday morning to drive to Darwin. They arrived back after a very hurried and tiring trip. Actually we are not sure whether it was the trip or the Darwin night life that tired them out. Funnily enough, they ran into Andy Cannell in Darwin. Andy gave them a tip for the Caulfield Cup the next day. They lost.

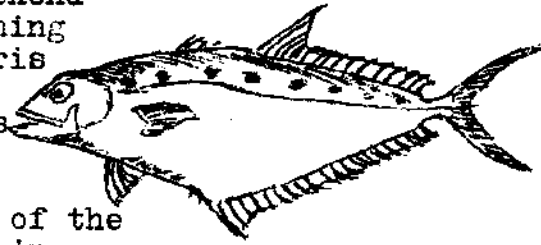
Yesterday afternoon Merv Ryder had an accident out bush, and two mangled fingers win him a trip to town. We hope your hand will soon be better, Merv.

FISH



As predicted the fishing has improved since last week, with the full moon and higher tides. Ken TREWIN had his children home from Carpentaria college last weekend and gave them a fishing weekend. Saturday morning Middle Reef and Sunday at the Blyth. Young Chris voted it the best weekend for some time.

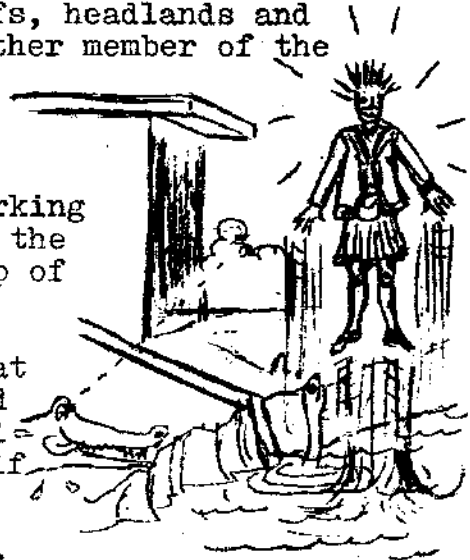
This week I am going onto the "Queenfish" or as they are more commonly known "Skinny" which is derived from "Skin Fish" which they are called as they have no scales. This fish is a member of the Trevally family. The "Skinny" is silver white in colour with 8 diamond shaped dark patches along the lateral line on either side. They have sharp spines in front of both the dorsal and ventral fins that can inflict a painful wound if handled carelessly. When hooked on a light line they put up a good fight and an aerial display. They bite freely on silver spoon lures, live bait and dead bait. They haunt the waters around the rocky reefs, headlands and Crab Creek on the top of the tide. Next week another member of the Trevally family, the "Turrum".



Living Water !!!

On Wednesday, the water pump at Cadell stopped working because of a blocked suction pipe. Glancing into the water, Bob Collins saw what appeared to be a clump of water weed blocking the end of the pipe.

He jumped into the water which is neck deep at that spot to clean the pipe (a regular job). He lifted the suction pipe, holding against his chest, until the foot valve cleared the water. He found himself staring into the eyes of a large watersnake which had been drawn and held against the valve by the suction. He dropped the pipe back into the water and did a standing leap from the bottom of the Cadell River to the top of the engine shed. He started the engine again to retain the snake against the valve and called out to about 20 members of the local tribe who removed the snake to a warmer place (their fire).

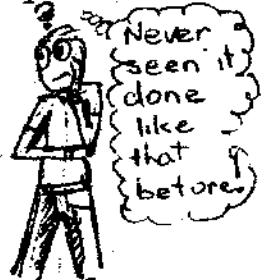
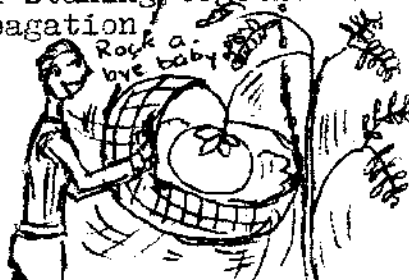


Some blokes have all the luck!

Bob laid down on his bed for a short nap and was immediately stung on the back of the neck by a wasp. He is now awaiting the inevitable confrontation with the 20ft. plus salt water crocodile known to be resident at the gardens.

Last week an 8 ft. "salty" with one broken leg was sighted in the small waterhole adjacent to the gardens about a mile downstream. Bob feels that he should advise members of the Maningrida public that they swim at the Gardens at their own risk.

Supplies of salad vegetables are decreasing now as hotter weather arrives but quantities of sweet potato and watermelon should be available during the wet season. Extensive trial work has been carried out on various methods of tomato growing including ground cropping, trellising, cradling and staking, together with comparison trials on the best methods of propagation.



Results have indicated that the ideal method is transplanting of seedlings raised in a green house which are later staked and pruned.

Many problems are associated with tomato growing in this area.

(Tomato story - cont'd.) *More about Tomatoes.* 

The tomatoes at Cadell are affected with a virus called "curly leaf" which is not economically controllable. This disease is greatly aggravated by pruning as it is spread from plant to plant by the hands. However, if the plants are not pruned the dense foliage prevents the effective use of insecticides so the fruit loss from insect damage is increased. The only solution at the moment will be to continue variety trials until a variety resistant to curly leaf is found.

Previous local results indicate that the latest planting time for tomatoes is September, but attempts will be made to grow the egg type of tomato during the wet. B.C.

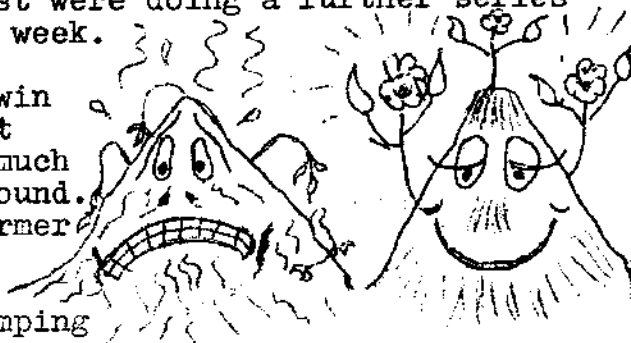
Future Garden Supplies.

Last week's item should have read "the shop expects to be able to supply sufficient tomatoes and cucumber by early December". The commercial reporter went off the rails last week with ideas about the garden supplies plus fruit etc. coming in on the barge, but the item was intended to refer to the garden supply only. Ed.

About Soil and Water

Dr. Roger Black, chief agronomist for the Dept. of Primary Industries and Mr. Stan Basedon, senior soils chemist were doing a further series of tests on the Cadell Gardens soil this week.

Thirty pounds of soil have gone into Darwin for further examination. It appears that we could have a manganese toxicity (too much manganese) and not enough zinc in the ground. They were pleased with the results of former tests on plants and soil.



The new 24 h.p. southern cross diesel pumping plant arrived on the Fourcroy yesterday.

This will increase the irrigation capacity by 12,000 gallons an hour i.e. three times what is pumped at present. The experts have commented that the Cadell water supply is the best of any area they have seen in the Territory. G.B. and Bob G.

Aims of the Guyun Club - Cont. from front page.

around. It is felt that if Aboriginal people are made more aware of this problem then perhaps together we can do something about the situation.

The Guyun mothers have stated that the children finish up when they are small because they don't have enough tucker because they put dirty fingers in their mouths and because some mothers don't keep them warm at night. We have begun with just a few mothers. They have paid some money towards the food they use.

Each morning we talk about food (tucker) and they decide what they think is good food for their children and if they have enough money we go and buy it. If not we think of something else. We go to the shop and look at all the food and decide which we should buy, get the most for our money. We return and find that one of the ladies has prepared the fire.

The ladies prepare the food in the way that they know and like. Later they will learn new ways of cooking - also in a billy can in the ashes and on a barbecue plate thus learning slowly about new foods. They have promised to bring in some bush tucker from GUYUN and show Sister Edith how to cook it.

Like all experiments no one can foresee how well it will succeed the need is real and the women are keen.

From Sister Edith.

A Familiarisation Visit.

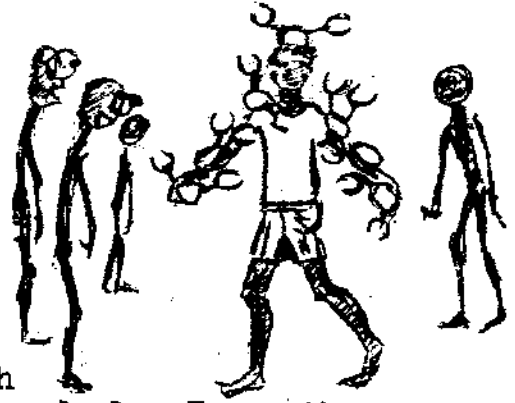
Dr Hancock, Miss Brennan, Matron Reynolds, & Mr. Con Mappas were in the party visiting the hospital yesterday.

Another Tinang Outing.

On Sunday morning all we Tinang people went again to Namangora (crab creek) with the Kupanga Landrover. We had no fishing line or spear and nogun too, but we had too many crabs I got nine of them crabs, some we tied up with the grass, to bring back to our parents to give them. And we saw them all the Burada people. They were first to Namangora creek with the bus. Then we gave them some water to drink, and also I saw the school truck there. Then when we came back half way we picked up Jack M and two women. Then we came back as fast as we can to home. We came home and I jump down from landrover, I was taking crabs to my mother's place. They were staring at me all the people were, they were playing cards and I said to them "Stop staring at me I am the same man I've been here for a long time". Then I went to wash my clothes. When I finished the washing clothes, then I went to bed, because I was tired from walking around looking for crab everywhere. When I got up from sleeping I went to the single boys house. We had good fun there. When I was ready to go back home half way I started feeling my pocket for money, but I couldn't find the money in my pocket. Then I go back to single boyshouse and I get the lamp from them, then I was looking for money everywhere around the single house then I saw it laying down on the ground. I picked it up and took it away to my home. Then I said to them boys "Thank you very much boys!"

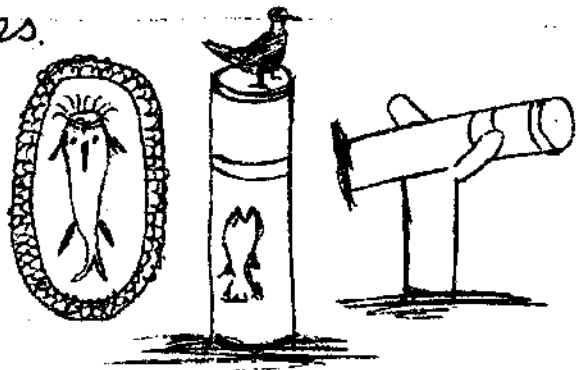
I am still waiting for news about my house, which one will I get. Soon they will be finished before the rains come. That time I will live in a new house. If I don't get the new house, well I will keep on asking you people for these things. I don't mean to be angry for you people but I am worrying about myself. You know me how many years I have been working here in Maningrida for you people.

G. GARAWUN.



Dead Bodies and Bones.

In the beginning there were always deaths in related tribes, either old people, or middle aged, or young people when Aborigines lived in the "Old World" When somebody died there were two ways in which they could be buried. They could be wrapped in paperbark and put up in the branches of a tree, or they could be carried in the dilly bags. Later after a couple of months or even years or more often after all the flesh has gone from the body it is taken from its burial place to be stored in a hollow bone pole called (Bardorro)



If the person who died belonged to the moiety, like my father the people do a ceremony about a blackcrow (wakwak) which is a totem of that moiety. For the Yiritja moiety, the ceremony is about a brown hawk (kurritjirritjirr). When the men are cutting the bone poles and getting them ready, they dance to show how these birds hover around in the sky. They wear feather armbands, and they sing as the bird would sing. Then as they are singing, they smash up the bones until it is like sand

If there is any meat left on the bones they cut this off and put it in a paperbark cradle (mungar) before smashing the bones and wrapped them in a parcel of paperbark called (dulmurr). The meat they keep in their camp for use in future ceremonies but the bone powder goes into the hollow pole.

Before the Settlement was started the Balanda in Arnhem Land got angry when we took the bones out of the ground and put them in a bone pole, they said this was wrong, but Aboriginal men have performed the bone pole ceremony at the Darwin Eisteddfod and everybody liked it very much. Nowadays we still have the bone pole ceremonies and dig up bodies, but the Balanda understand us a little bit better now so they don't mind.

Jack Mirritji

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

Two big bush fires were burning near Murganella last week. Men from Darwin came out to try to stop them. A lot of paperbarks were burnt, but few pine trees.

The Government has given a lot of money to the Yigal Cattle Company - \$336,000. The Roper River people will be able to make their cattle station now. An adviser will go to help the people.

Off to China: Ten Aboriginal people have gone to look at China. The Government in that country invited them to come for a month. Among them there is only one full blood Aboriginal, Peter Long from Tea Tree near Alice Springs.

Youth Club: People in Southern states have given money to build a youth club in Alice Springs. Mr. Jacob Roberts is the president. "We want it to be for everyone", said Jacob, "Aboriginal and European people."



TO OUR NORTH

Mrs Trewin's sister, Nell Hope, is spending a short holiday at Maningrida. Nell works in the Papuan Department of Public Health as a budget and estimate control clerk (i.e. hands out the money) Her office is responsible for the expenditure of about \$16½ Million each year. It is the second largest Department in the Territory.

It is very interesting to compare the problems she sees in P.N.G. with what she has seen during her short stay here, and how each authority attacks their problems. School in the outlying areas is very different. Children leave their home and family and live at the mission schools. As well as the school work, they grow their own food, look after their school and teachers, and learn to live with each other. There is no nutritional problem as we have at Maningrida because the meals from the school are well balanced and regular. But because they live at the schools, the children experience little or no family life.

According to Nell, the programme to self-sufficiency is much further advanced than it seems to be with the Australian Aborigines. It is only 17 years since the first High School was opened, and there are already many University Graduates (some from their own University) among the people.

A Note of Thanks - School Fete.

On behalf of all at Maningrida school I wish to express appreciation to all those kind people who made the Annual School Fete such a complete success.

It has given me great pleasure to see the Parents and Friends Committee accepting the challenge, taking the initiative, and giving the drive behind such a venture, which so often, unfortunately, has to be done by the headmaster himself. One must not forget the enthusiastic voluntary help given by so many in assisting the Committee preparing for the occasion and in working on the actual evening.

My only regret was my necessary absence in Darwin.

A full report by the Committee including financial statement and plans for use of the finances will be given next week.

Headmaster. - D. H.

Dancers.

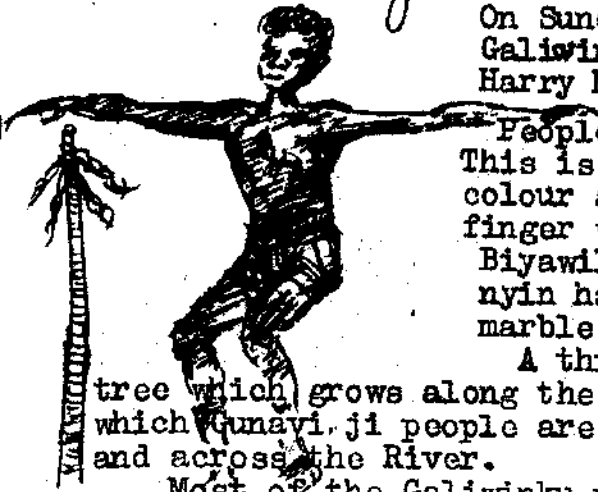
David Gulpulil and Dick Bandilil leave tomorrow to dance and sing with the Intimate Opera Group in Adelaide and Melbourne. They will be away until about the end of November.

M.N.

Fishing Boat

A representative of De Havilland in Sydney and a man from Marineland Company in Darwin will sail the Progress Association fishing boat to Maningrida from Darwin round about the end of the month.

The Jungle Tree Dance.



On Sunday afternoon the Warramuri people from Galiwinku presented the emblem of the Dilmiynin to Harry Mulumbuk for Joe and Tommy Fry.

People in the early times danced the Dilmiynin This is a fruit tree. At first the fruit is a red colour about the size of a joint in the middle finger which turns black when it is ripe.

Biyawilin another fruit tree and friend to Dilmiynin has a small green berry about the size of a marble which turns white when it is ripe.

A third dance was about the Wawurru a red berry tree which grows along the beach-probably the same kind of tree from which Gunavi,ji people are getting a lot of berries in July from Juda and across the River.

Most of the Galiwinku people returned home on Tuesday and Wednesday.

A Letter to the Editor
Dear Sir,



It's really disgusting how long it has taken the powers that be to provide sufficient accomodation on this place. Surely the situation now is as bad as it can possibly become.

One of the local ladies bore three children while waiting for accomodation (which she had been promised before she arrived) to be supplied. Finally in desperation, she retreated to the best she could find- that big yellow metal building (very solid actually) just off the road to Fisheries. She didn't know whom to apply to for tenancy, she was in no fit state to endure the rigours of bureaucracy, so she just moved in. After all, from her surreptitious observations no one had been occupying it for several months past.

On settling in she discovered, while still highly indignant, that her application for proper accomodation had been pigeonholed, that the quarters, although rather spartan in appearance, and left in considerable disarray by the previous tennant (who must have been a racing car driver or something - from the number of cogs and levers and things strewn about the place) were spacious enough and a passably comfortable abode in which to rear children.

Although entitled to pre-natal medical care, the logical and intrepid mother-to-be realised the precariousness of her unregistered status, so decided that the best policy would be to remain silent about the whole affair for the time being, so in this atmosphere of alienation and distrust her three children were born. When this goes to print they will have attained the ripe old age of 13 (days that is).

It is my sincere wish, in writing this that the woeful tale of this poor lady may be brought to the attention of the world, to prove to the idealists that all is not (after all) rosy in our Lucky Country. One has not to search far to find an example of brutality, apathy, and general disinterestedness such as this. My only prayer is that you who read this will feel it to your heart and that from this moment you will be slightly better, more understanding, less apathetic member of society than before.

B.N.

P.S. Clive McMahon is looking for homes for three 13day old ginger kittens. Found them in his busted bulldozer of all places.

This Week with Forestry

Who has ever heard of a D 7 Bulldozer giving birth to 3 kittens. Congratulations to Clive McMahon the mechanic, who is the proud foster father. They are housed in the Dozer with Mamma.

Edward Webber, after tripping around Amhemland for 3 weeks is now back here. He seems to have settled in well again.

Bob Fisher has been "deported" to Cadell and is now in the safe custody of Lance & Ian.

We have 2 new faces with us this week - Peter Cooke, whose wife Jan teaches in the Pre-School and David Keenan from Melbourne.



WEEKEND DUTIES

Duty Officer: Mr Ron Berryman
Duty Sister: Sr Helen King

STAR THEATRE FRIDAY: "Have Rocket Will Travel" Comedy film with the Three Stooges. Maybe not as bad as it sounds, who knows?

SATURDAY: "BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID" Paul Newman, Robert Redford, Katherine Ross. A comedy western with a difference. So different, in fact, that it won four Academy Awards. Butch and the Kid, after a skirmish in a saloon ride back to the "hole in the wall" a thieves lair, where they find Logan planning to take over the "wild bunch". A well aimed kick sets the tone for a richly amusing series of adventures.

CHURCH

Sunday 9.45 am Sunday Schools
7.15 pm Evening Service

Tuesday 5.30 pm Prayers for Crusade
7.30 pm Crusaders Fellowship

THE CRUSADE

The Oenpelli people have had flu and some other sicknesses recently. Two leading men, Nathanael and Moses have some of their family ill and probably will not be able to come.

Rev. Phil Taylor was at Goulburn Island for a brief visit recently and mentioned his concern there. So Phillip Magalair and five other Goulburn Island people offered to come and help their Oenpelli friends - and paying their own travelling costs. So this is generous support.

Oenpelli-ites who will come to take part in the Crusade are likely to include Rachel, Silas, Dorcas, Rebecca, Hannah, and Richard. They will arrive next Friday afternoon.

PEOPLE

Back in Maningrida after some time away are George and Lilly Puddy and Johnny Mayara, all fresh from Beswick

Missed about the place is the "Acting Head Teacher" of the Kupanga School, Mr Roger Pink. He is out helping to set up the school at the Blyth River.

Mr. Ted TUIE arrived at Maningrida yesterday especially to join his son Barry on the trip from here to Darwin in Barry's truck. (He drove up through Bulman a couple of years ago with Barry). Ted comes from Brisbane (where Jenny is spending her leave at the moment). He will be here for a week before the trip out, and during this week he hopes to take "big mops" photos (being a camera bug just like his son) as well as chap. Welcome Ted.

John MORRIS ex area adviser of Roper River was travelling Goulburn Island through to Mi lingimbi investigating mining and lease applications by Arrhenland people. He was here yesterday for a short visit and hopes to travel Ngangalala and Mil ingimbi to look at the situations there. He will soon take up the position of acting Superintendent at Snake Bay while the present supt, John Jennings is on leave.

Living up at the farm in 2 caravans are 2 families. Dan and Elaine CALLAGHAN and their 2 sons John and Warwick are based in one. Russ and Beryl DAVIES and 5-year old Donna are based in the other. Dan and Russ are building partners.

Their journey overland with the caravans across the Liverpool and Mann Rivers, took 6 days. They were often bogged and stuck in the sand. Elaine said "We had a picnic. I enjoyed it. It was an experience." "I reckon!" said Beryl. The Callaghans come originally from Moree in New South Wales. The past 3 years they have been travelling and building - at Murumbah, a new coal and iron mining town out from Mackay in Queensland, then in Mackay, Mt Isa, Tennant Creek and Darwin. Russ has also been building in Queensland. They will build 6 houses and an ablution block.

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