

Maringrida Mirage

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DARWIN TRIP

Thirty eight children, two teachers and a teaching assistant have just returned from a sports excursion to Darwin. Waganan School arranged billets for the children.

Both boys and girls acquitted themselves well on the sporting field. For boys basketball was the most successful sport, where they lost only one game, winning four. In football, two games were lost and two won. In sports that were new to them, baseball, soccer and cricket, though beaten, they showed an aptitude and temperament that were a credit to them.

The girls team performed very well. In basketball they were undefeated, and in softball they returned good results. However it was in sports new to them that the girls performed most creditably....netball and hockey.

I thank these coaches at the school who assisted in the preparation of the team to travel to Darwin, the managers of the team for their interest and dedication together with the children who contributed so much to make the trip an unqualified success.



WANTED BY THE SCHOOL

1,2, or 3 part time typists. Work available up to 24 hours per week.

Rate: \$5 per hour

If interested see Brian Deslandes at the school as soon as possible.

Kids Stories:

We saw Mr. Whitlam and Mrs Whitlam at the airport. Lots of people took pictures of them. After lunch Mr. and Mrs Whitlam met the important Aboriginal people. Then they saw the dancing. Then they waved goodbye and went in their plane and went home.

Ivonne Grade 3

On Sunday I saw Mr. Whitlam come in a plane to Maringrida. He came to talk to the Aborigines. We also saw Mr. Rolf. He sang songs for us. I saw David playing with a didgeridoo.

Robyn Grade 3

PARENTS & FRIENDS:

For the interest of all concerned, total takings from the school fete amounted to \$2271, of which, at present calculations (there are still a few loose ends to tidy up) approximately \$1215 is clear profit.

Our thanks go to all those who helped, in whichever way, to raise this much money for the school, particularly to Chris Cox and Molly Ferrazetta who raised, through their efforts, \$106 from their stall, and to many others who took the trouble of ordering items from down south.

B.N.

P & F MEETING TUESDAY 9TH JULY 7.30PM IN THE RESOURCE CENTRE AT THE SCHOOL.

STOLEN:

Sometime between the Sunday of the Prime Minister's visit and Saturday last our private collection of feathered string bags armbands and head-dresses was stolen from the craft shop. Most of the items were collected in 1970 and are irreplaceable. If anyone has any information could they pass it on to me or the Police.

Dan Gillespie.

OUTSTATIONS

This week we conclude our report on the Outstations extracted from John Hunter's journal of his recent outstation survey.

MANBULOGADI A total of 46 people resident. ..not a great deal of discussion at our meeting, the people were happy...had been well served by the M.P.A. in the Wet but were eagerly awaiting the time when they could return to Momega (the Mann River Crossing). Discussed the purchase of a tractor using the groups bank account and \$2000 Section 12 loan....tractor is now available. Hopefully they can remain next session in the much more suitable Momega surrounds and commute to Manbulogadi for shopping.

MARAGULIDIBAN We arrived at Midjuwi (the landing) at 10.30 am on 26/5/74. One can only say that Maragulidiban is magnificent...there is a striking assemblage of dwellings. The styles are all basically similar...tarpaulin roof, timber frame and stringy bark walls. The equipment supplied last year has been put to excellent use and I can quite believe that everyone had a secure dry camp during the Wet Season. The adaptive blending of basic European and Aboriginal technology is not better demonstrated than in these buildings. The people intend to replace their old tractor with a new one in the near future...they are thinking of some sort of water reticulation system from the creek to the camp... it is proposed to establish some form of subsistence garden in the cleared area...an additional reason for a water point.... the men wanted a high powered weapon to cull some of the buffalo in the area for subsistence purposes...

(See letters to the editor, last weeks issue....ed.)
There were 57 persons resident or in transit.

WULAGI AND MARING. GROUPS 23/5/74... met with these groups at Maningrida....three groups have accompanied for the purposes of moving back to Ganedi. Kanalgawira and Gununguloira.... they agree that they should make their move before asking for assistance.... the immediate need is to clear a track from the Blyth River Crossing to these three localities....I undertook to explore possibility of obtaining plant for this purpose....the groups nominated a joint road party...there is no reason why they shouldn't be under way in early August.

MANGGOLOD 28 people present all members of Mandarrg's family, or their wives and children....several attractive traditional low platform dwellings...the old man looks very fit and well and was very happy to see us...the people intended to remain at Manggolod this year because of a death at Ngarraitj last year....they are interested in buying a vehicle to increase their Dry season mobility...they wanted to buy a high powered weapon to cull buffalo for subsistence purposes...observed the operation of the fish trap...flesh catch for the day..kangaroo 30lbs, fish(trap and lines)30 lbs.



Outstations Stop Press:

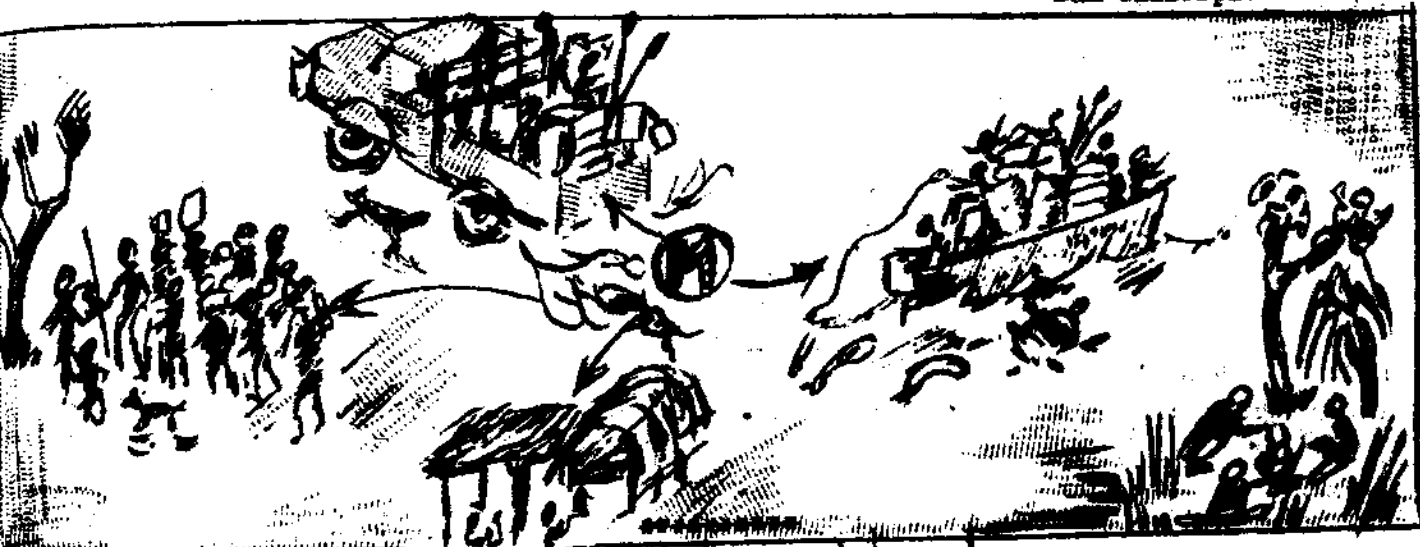
The movement still continues. This week people have settled themselves in three localities.

Charlie Wokala Fryis setting up camp on the upper part of Gudjerana.

A number (14) of ladies are resettling Gadji—the very important Wulagi place this week end they will be joined by the men including that old doctor man Ray Baku.

Paddy Croker, Rosie Anajilwa and Solomon Yalbar have made a station across the river at Ngularumba... the closest station to Maningrida so far. Most of the people are "full Gunbalung tribe". The people want to keep catching fish for sale (yes they have a licence) also crabs. They have also started a small garden.

Dan Gillespie



Old Galiwinku Teacher Visits

A school visitor this week is Helen Western from the Batchelor Training College. Helen is here to see Barney Winnuridi and Didamain Uiho teaching on their practise round. Helen taught at Galiwinku for eight years before going overseas and taking a number of other positions that led her back to the N.T. One of the other instructors on the Teaching Assistants Course is Mick Uiho, Didamain's husband and deputy headmaster here in 1972/73. Helen is looking at the trainees who are practising on the saltwater places. Mick is looking after trainees in North Queensland and down in the desert.

Dan Gillespie.

This Weeks Motoring:

Jack Hiritji and his brothers have just returned from another interesting trip in their Land Rover. This one does not have a very happy ending because it looks like the Land Rover might have a bit of a gutschache.

Here is the story as Jack dictated it

We left Maningrida and headed to wards Oenpelli. No trouble crossing the Mann at Monege but a lot of trouble crossing the Liverpool...deep water...we cut down trees and tied them together with rope and drove across on these rafts...it took two days. We camped at Madagalidban and the Gumadeer outstation. Four days after we left Maningrida we came to Oenpelli.

We got some petrol and went straight to the Border Store. We started to drink there. There were many Maningrida men there...they go in the plane to Darwin and travel to the Border Store...some of them come up through Banyili. We drank there with those men.

The Oenpelli were nuisances. They were always pushing us to take them on our truck up and down between Oenpelli and the Border Store. At last I got wild and I said "I can't take anymore people...this isn't a taxi...you make us like a taxi but you don't pay money. No more rides."

That made them really angry. Some of them went to the Border Store and bought two packets of sugar...they put one in our petrol and one in our oil.



motoring (cont)

I said "Don't start this car now or that engine will blow up".

We couldn't get any help at the Mission so all the Maningrida men started the walk home. First came Johnny Maiyara, Jimny Mordok, Stanley Naikala and Dick Smith. Next day behind them came myself, Don Gundinga, Jimny Djarunba and Michael Munding. Four more men were leaving the day after that.

It took our mob 5 days to walk to Madagalidban and then the Gunwinggu people gave us a ride to Maningrida in their boat Wilir.

M P A News

MEETING

All Aboriginal persons are reminded of the Progress Association annual general meeting next Monday July 8th. 2pm in the Community Hall.

All Departments are requested to co-operate in making time available to Aboriginal employees to attend their Association meeting, where election of office bearers, adoption of Annual Report, Financial Statement etc, will take place.

The Association's new General Manager will be introduced at The meeting. The Association's Auditors will attend.

FREIGHT

The worst has happened. Perkins have increased freight rates Darwin to Maningrida by 25%. On their own admission these rates were equal to Darwin - Sydney rates, before the rise.

State Ships have increased rates by 35% and similarly other avenues of carriage.

For the hapless residents of the N.T. there is no end in sight.

D. A. A. STOP PRESS:

According to the N.T. News of 4/7/74 Mr. John Hunter will be returning to Maningrida today with the Councillors as a Senior Project Officer. He will be the Senior D.A.A. officer at Maningrida. At some time in the future Mr. John Wilders, former Deputy Superintendent of Maningrida will be arriving to take up the position of Community Advisor.

Church Notes

On this coming Sunday night at 7.30p.m. there will be a Communion Service in the Church. We invite all those who are in love and charity with your neighbours and following the commandment of God to take part in this Holy Sacrament.

The rest of our church programme for the week is remained the same.

Last Sunday evening they were three infants have received into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. They were Florence Ngaribidja daughter of Rose Nardin and Julius Rocky Mimadra and Elizabeth Rocky Margadin the son and daughter of Margaret Dawumal.

WAIT AND PONDER: Ezekiel 11: 19 & 20. And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them; I will rake the stony heart out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, so that they may walk in my statutes and keep my ordinances and obey them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

On duty this weekend:

DUTY SISTER: SR. MICK

DUTY OFFICER: TERRY CANNING ...

Star Theatre

FRIDAY: "The Lawman"

SATURDAY: "Music Lover"

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