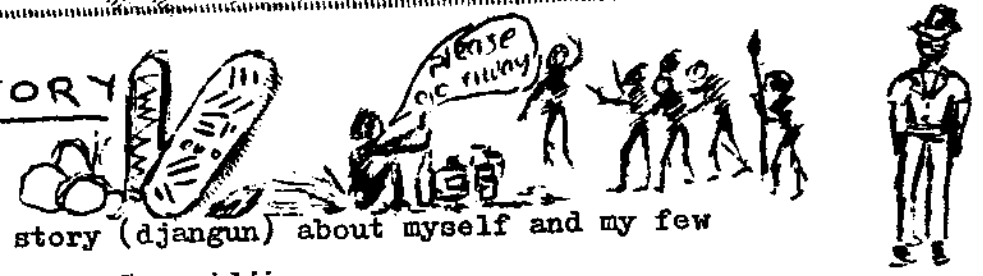


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JACK MIRAITJI'S STORY



I would like to tell a story (djangun) about myself and my few brothers. To all the tribe of the Gunavid'i.

I'm thinking that having a permit (djura) I am making trouble for every ones in Maningrida. When those men (ankakalia) drank at the beer Club and they think about me for more drinking at camp (araway).

Then they come and they want to drinkim good rum and nice wine. What this moant. They wantim to make trouble and I am afraid that I give the town to much trouble.

They don't understand lon ga me that I can't give them drink, it cause the balanda law won't let me. However Aborigin al (ankakalia) law says that I should share. So I don't know what law to obey. Who can answer me?

Jack Miraitji



NEWS FROM ALL AROUND:

+ Glen Bagshaw has gone to Darwin to appear before the Licensing Court in the Progress Association's application for a Storekeeper's Liquor License. If granted, the license will only be used to operate the Happy Club in the old kitchen. There are no plans to retail liquor apart from in the Club.

+ John Gardiner, D.A.A. Administration Officer, has been waiting for a long time for a new bumper bar for his very well maintained Toyota.

The long awaited bumper bar arrived and was installed. In a very short space of time the shiny new and expensive part was attacked by a Housing Association truck closely followed by a stump.

We think John might be waiting for another new bumper bar.

+ A large number of the men from Blyth area are in town for a ceremony. They are going to present a MARRADJIRI ceremony to the Gunwingga people in the Liverpool River outstations.

+ D.A.A. Senior Projects Officer John Hunter has reconnoitred outstations roads in the past ten days. The loop road from Maningrida to Momega and Hanggoled is now open for the M.P.A. travelling shop. The Maningrida - Kopanga road is still difficult but will soon be open for D.A.A. support and communication traffic.

+ Teacher Roger Elliot and a party of children became stranded on the Kopanga road plains on Monday. A large group of searchers were looking for them on Monday night and early Tuesday morning.

+ The people from Munbulogadi have left their camp. They say that the water in the Liverpool River is becoming salty (Munbulogadi is approximately km upriver from Maningrida). On Saturday last they moved to the place called Talalagaiyu and during the week D.A.A. man Chris Burchett was helping them to move down to Momega (the Mann River Crossing) the traditional Dry Season camp. There there is lots of lovely cold fresh water, saratoga and black bread in the billabongs and wallabies in the bush.

Chris had a bit of trouble doing the job. His Toyota scored two flat tyres and he was rescued by the Crocodilus men at Munbulogadi and brought down the river - Toyota out, 40 h.p. Johnson home.

DAN GILLESPIE



BUNGGUL:

Last year and the year before we had a bunggul (big dance) at Maningrida. When Council President Billy Yiriyin went to Darwin a couple of weeks ago he talked to Lance Bennett and Barbara Spencer at the Aboriginal Theatre Foundation about a bunggul for this year.

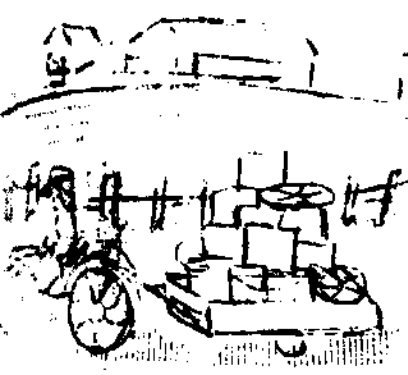
The Theatre Foundation has the money for a bunggul this year and the Maningrida people are now talking about which people from other places they will be asking to come along to show their dances.

At the moment the date for the bunggul will be the weekend in the middle of September.

D.G.

SCHOOL

Still scrounging.



Included in the festive programme of the Arnhem Festival is an art/craft competition. Each team will choose from a list of activities available and solve a problem concerning the use of the materials. As there will be something like 150 children (not definite yet) we need mobs of materials like:

- cardboard boxes, small and large.
- fruit boxes.
- wheels - (bicycles, prams etc)
- tyres
- wire
- drink cans - beer cans
- wood
- sheets of tin - (we use damaged stuff you can't use)

In the next week we will be on scrounge and collect petrol. So if you have any likely materials could you just mention it to me and I'll collect it.

Kids Stories.

Marg. Neale

MY DREAM by Hazel, Grade 6.

Last night I had a bad dream. When I was walking by myself I heard a voice saying "OOOOO". I ran away as fast as I could and covered myself with a blanket. Then I said to myself, "Hey. This blanket is burning. Then my grandma got up and said, "Where did the blanket burn? But it wasn't burnt so she went back to sleep. The next morning she told me about the bad dream I had.

My name is Joseph. I am 10 years old. I always sleep with Kenneth and Wesley. My grandmother lives with me.

My best friends are Shane, Harold and Steven. I like to go fishing and also to the cartoons. I like playing basketball and football and I'm good at swimming and diving.

We have a white dog. Her name is Kay.

Joseph Belang, Grade 6.

On Monday next the Y.M.C.A. will have two visitors who will come to conduct clinics. Here is a brief outline of what they will be doing.

FRIDAY

Softball clinic.... softball game after lunch.

Evening ...film on sports medicine...talk on refereeing and umpiring....film on mouth to mouth resuscitation and basketball.

SATURDAY

Morning ... basketball clinic and games

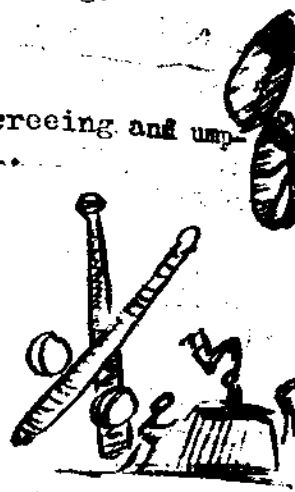
Afternoon... Aussie Rules films clinic and games

Evening Films

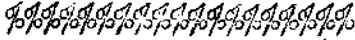
SUNDAY

Morning..Gymnastics and indoor games

Any persons interested please see Peter Pinder.



YOGA



Monday night at 7.30, yoga will be held at Helen Watson's place (opposite my Cannings.)

Everyone is welcome....please bring a mat, blanket etc..

Helen Watson



POLICE LIAISON ASSISTANTS:

In the near future some new positions will be available to Aboriginal people to work as Police Liaison Assistants.

There will be two jobs at Alice Springs Police Station, two at Darwin, and one each at Tennant Creek, Katherine, Nhulunbuy and Groote Eylandt.

People who are interested in the job should be up to 6th. grade at school further and they should be able to speak English and two Aboriginal languages at least.

The work will be helping Aboriginal people pass through these Police Stations, translating from English into Aboriginal languages and vice versa.

Before you start work there will be 6 weeks training in Darwin. Salary will be \$4393-\$4678 per

Anyone who is interested should write to the Commissioner of Police, P.O. Box 63, Darwin, N.T. 5794



info. from Const. Cor

Arnhem Festival

The Arnhem Festival now is only two weeks away. The sprinklers on the Cricket Ground should ensure a green fast track for the Athletics. The school basketball court is about to undergo some repairs; so that it will be in first-class order for the Festival. Banyili have been forced to withdraw; so two Maningrida teams will be taking part. The Art and Craft Programme has been organized and promises to be a great attraction, while consideration is being given to running two Cross Countries. Fred Luff has assured me that many Forestry vehicles will take part, while Rod Seymour has graciously given us the support of M.H.A. The programme commences with Ball Games finals on the Monday. On Tuesday, there will be track and field events, while every afternoon starting at 4.30p.m. basketball will be played. Next week, the programme for the week will appear in the Mirage.



Projectionists Wanted

Parents and Friends Association are looking for any people interested in showing the pictures on Friday and Saturday nights. You need not know anything about projectors as there are always people to assist you in screening the films. Please give me your name as soon as possible so that you can be written on the roster.

Tricia Jenner.

Church Notes

SUNDAY - 9.30a.m. Sunday school classes in the church and camp. Out at Gotjanjinjira (Cadell Gardens) there will be a church service held at the same time.

- 7.30p.m. Our church service for this evening will be held at Margaret and Laurie Magaldagi home.

Come and worship with us and hear the message of God.

TUESDAY - 5.30p.m. Prayer meeting in the church and Church Fellowship is following at 7.30p.m. same evening.

THURSDAY - 8.00p.m. Bible Study and Prayer meeting at the Cross home.

THEME OF STUDY FOR THIS WEEK. "Doing to others what is lawful" Bible reference Mark 9:1-8; Exodus 32

NOTE: Most of our Maningrida ladies were impressed and appreciated the visit of the Christian Women's Convention International-Interdenominational on Wednesday afternoon. Out of two meetings they were well attended and we hope to have more meetings of such Fellowship.

M. Latu

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