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KOJJAN - JINJIDI

Approximately 25 miles to the South-east of Maningrida lies a delightful billabong, actually part of the Cadell River. Known as Kojjan-jinjidi, it lies in the country of the Gunardba people, some of whom have been living there for a couple of years now. In 1967 some of the people decided to establish a garden on the banks of the river so that they could make some money. Some coconut shoots were taken out and planted, also some bananas and vegetables. This was not very successful as the old people there did not know very much about gardening. In 1968 Mr Nym Manalbuy decided to move to Kojjan-jinjidi, and in the later part of the year, under the guidance of Mr Ed Carey, about 100 bananas were planted and a small irrigation plant installed.

During the current year the garden is really starting to get under way. A more efficient pump has been installed, piping laid and a sprinkler system now covers most of the garden area. Another 100 bananas were planted, also a crop of melons. The latter have started to produce and 1,200 lbs weight have been harvested to date. Nym has been doing an excellent job and it currently looks as though his group are going to become the first real suppliers of fresh produce to Maningrida on a permanent basis. The Co-op reports that the goods brought in to date have sold out very quickly, so there is plenty of scope for other people who might want to start their own garden. The bananas from Kojjan-jinjidi will come into production next year; these will also be sold at Maningrida.

MR JOHN HUNTER.

• KOJJAN-JINJIDI Literally "Kojjan" = a woman belonging to the Kojjan subsection groups "jinjidi" = the stream.

The public meeting at the school on Wednesday decided that the Sports Day and dinner should be combined with a grand picnic at NAMANGADA (or Boucaut Bay) on Boxing Day. More details later.

This year nine young men leave school and move out into the community as workers and citizens. The group is the largest one so far to leave school in one year. All these young men have completed at least seven years schooling, the last three in Manual Training. Jobs have been found for all of them and we look forward to receiving good reports of their progress in their selected careers.

Those going to Pre-Trade in Darwin are:

- Lucky Balarka
- Terry Raywala
- Jerry Milliken
- Don Manjeriju
- Richard Jangalian

Willy Jerinari and Mark Mirigul are going to Forestry and Jim Walbara to Welfare. Our last ^{last year's} two graduates Ray Nulla and Jackie Pascoe have completed their courses and have brought honour and credit to Maningrida. I have no doubt that 1969's class will do equally well.

This years class have shown the characteristics of sportsmanship, attitude and diligence that mark them as future good citizens of our country. We wish them well.

BUILDINGS:

It is understood that a Pre-School and the Police Station are the next construction jobs for Maningrida. Both have been sited but it is not known just when work is likely to commence. The demountable builders should have arrived by now; they may come any day.

SUPTS. CONFERENCE:

The Superintendents Conference will be held from 1-3rd December. During the absence of the Superintendent Messrs. Carey and Eggers will be in charge.

AUDIOGRAM (EARS) SURVEY:

Sister Heather Cardinal completed a survey among the children on Tuesday among the things found in the ears was a piece of plastic, a piece of silvery metal (that could have been nickel), a branch of a tree, and a green gem stone?

(The vines got in)



BEAUTY AT MANINGRIDA:

The tall red poincianas and yellow "golden shower" tree have added to the touch of colour to Maningrida. Jack Nabalaya said the other day "I planted them" and added another detail. In the early days there was no fertiliser so the tender roots of each tree were placed over the mortal remains of one deceased dog - how about that.

Dear Mr Editor,

Last Saturday I witnessed a strange sight at the Maningrida Oval. 57 strange looking men suddenly appeared on the oval. I wish to state that their manner of dress caused me some embarrassment, they had gaily coloured shirts with no sleeves, brief shorts, striped socks and studded boots. One fellow dressed in white appeared to be in charge of all the men.

Being curious I ventured closer and attempted to observe what was going on. Suddenly the man in white blew a whistle and the gaily coloured people rushed about chasing a brown leather bag. I suspect that the bag was empty as it appeared very light. Much to my horror the gaily coloured men started kicking the leather bag and pushing and shoving each other. At times some of them left in the air and others rolled on the ground. Four times the men ran off the oval and stood in groups grinning and talking. Other men stood around the oval waving flags, sloping people in the face with water and generally calling out and acting in a most unbecoming manner.

As a responsible citizen it is obvious to us that I observed a semi-athletic pagan ritual. Should our children be exposed to this?

HARRY SCRAWLS

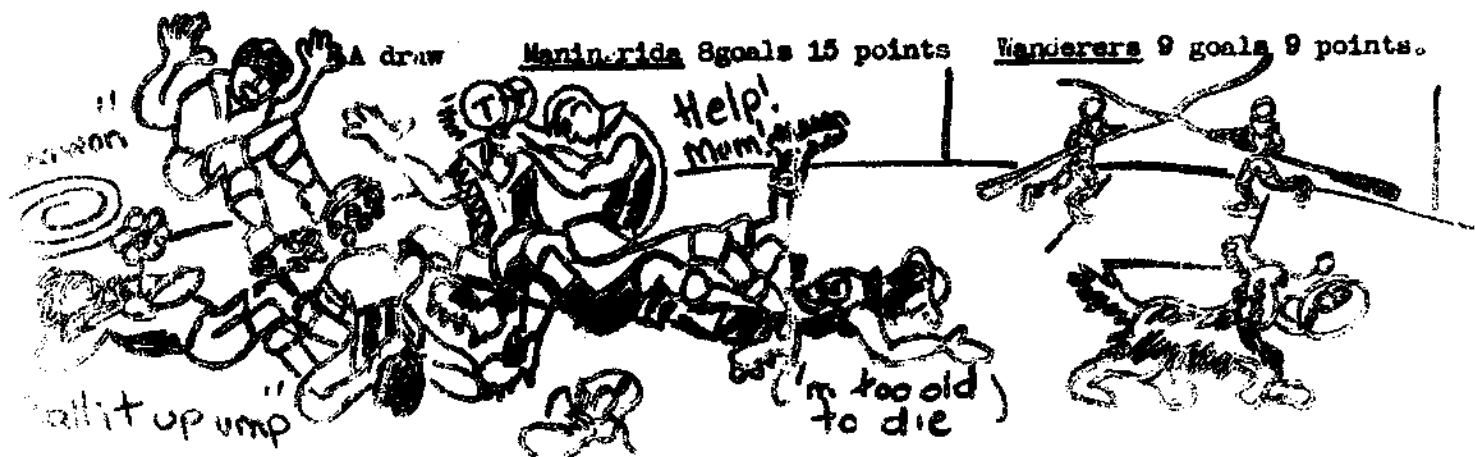
FOOTBALL CASUALTIES.

A feature of the Wanderers V Maningrida game was the running of the ambulance to and fro to the hospital. Altogether there were 7 injuries. Tommy Dudanga and Jimmy Olsen had stitches for cuts on the eyebrow, while Johnny Giyabakka apologised for not coming to the Sunday evening service for as Johnny said "I had a broken neck". Sister Cec thought it was concussion. Then there were 3 knee injuries and a Darwin man hurt his ankle.

The hospital was hard ~~put~~ to find mattresses as most of them had been lent to provide bedding for the visitors. Bob Siggers kindly lent a banana chair for the ankle man to ~~stay~~ sit at full length on. Actually it was the one used by his dog. Presently the injured man began to feel flies! While he was crying for mercy, in the passage, groans were coming from a labouring mother just inside the women's ward.

When the casualties were coming thick, cheery ambulance driver John Hunter said to duty officer Bill Armstrong "I'll bring them down, and you take them back". Sister Cec was so flat out she had to tie a sweat rag around her forehead.

Best and Fairest player for Maningrida Larry, the Captain; for Wanderers the centreman No. 4, the prize a didgeridoo. The result of the Game



BIRTHS:

- CLANCY - in the middle of the night on November 22nd. Son of widow Lorrie Bayamarawanga (Wubulgara tribe)
- ARLENE - On November 24th to Laurie Margiya (Burada tribe)
- MARK - On November 25rd, a son to Barry and Jenny Tuite in Brisbane (tribe unknown)
- ELFIE - On Nov. 27th a son to Marla Malawidj and Jimmy Sulungga (Tribe: Burado)

PEOPLE:

Mr Glen Bagshaw has gone to Darwin to meet representatives of various firms with whom the Co-op deals.

Mr Erik Jensen is at the moment having a short stay in Darwin, for as he says "To have his oil and water checked" we all wish him a speedy return to Maningrida.

Mrs Val Strand made a quick flit into Darwin early in the week, and returned all smiles, with a No. 1 report from the specialist.

Did you notice that Jim Pickersgill was barking like a dog all day Tuesday? He had eaten the dogs meat for breakfast. It wasn't Jims fault, Elva wasn't sneezing too well on Tuesday morning and had taken the wrong package out of the refrigerator.

AT THE THEATRE: FRIDAY 7.30pm. No film came.



CHURCH SERVICES:

- Saturday Fellowship at Bobs house.
- Sunday 9.30 All age Sunday School
- 7.30 Evening Service Film "Paul & Solas"

Basketball

Chalkies chalked one up - 34 to 25.

Final four is Gorillas, Demons, Kiwis, Hawks.

Semi-finals start Tuesday

1st Semi final

Demons play Hawks at 7.30 pm
Gorillas play Kiwis at 8.30 pm

Elvis Presley and Jerry Lewis in the guise of Dick Burdett and David Culpañ flew into Maningrida last Friday with three English friends who were expounding the artistic delight and sheer elegance of shoulder length hair and the need for daily shampooing.

The purpose of the visit was to film Dick and David in their natural environment - the school - (David was always such a punctilious attender Ha! Ha!)

All the gear was painstakingly set up, the actors were tense, read, waiting - the director shouted "Roll" - unfortunately the camera didn't roll - not even a slight rock. The batteries were flat. Eleven new batteries from the Co-op an hour and a half in the Manual Training room, with Mr Fryers soldering iron - cans of Tarax - attempt from one long hair at bear - much sweat - swearing etc - still no roll.

Results one \$210 charter wasted.

Long Hair (talking to Mr Williams) "Perhaps you can help me. I would like to record some of the funny things Administrators say regarding Aborigines."

Mr W. "Who are the Administrators, and what do you mean by funny things?"

Long Hair "You know the Welfare mob - here it would be the Supt. you know"

Mr W. "You mean Mr Hunter."

Long Hair "Yes, you know all the funny things 'they' always say like, Aborigines are different and will never change etc etc."

Mr W. "Want a haircut?"

SCENE CLOSED BLACKOUT.

However Dick and David seem to be enjoying themselves immensely and have become quite sophisticated. Both young men are off to Sydney shortly to complete filming. Next year its Japan and EXPO 70, as part of N.T. Dance Team, led by Mr Ted Evans.

PETER WILLIAMS.

COOKING WITH KAY

ECONOMICAL CHOCOLATE CAKE:

2 cups self raising flour	1 cup sugar (white)
2 tabl spoons cocoa	½ cup sugar (brown)
1 teaspoon bi-carbonate soda	1½ cups milk
1 egg Vanilla 1 teaspoon	⅓ cup soft shortening.

Place dry ingredients into a mixing bowl, add sugars, very soft shortening, vanilla and milk. Beat well. Add egg and beat again. Pour into 2 8" layer cake tins. Bake in a moderate oven 350° for 25-35 minutes.

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