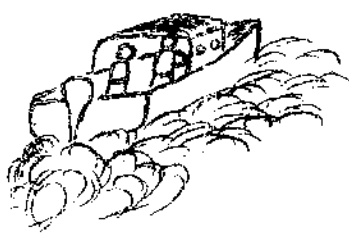
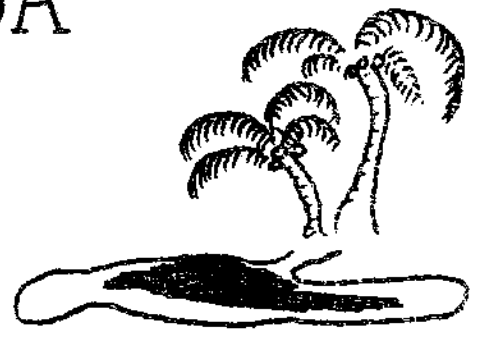


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THERE IS MONEY AVAILABLE..... by James Galarrwy.

I came out to Maningrida on Tuesday 17th March, on a visit on behalf of the Aboriginal Benefits Trust Fund Committee.

The reason I came to Maningrida is to try and make the people understand about the Aboriginal Trust Fund.

As I looked around the place and it pleased me greatly. The works here are very interesting. Aboriginal people are working hard and some of the works are handled by aboriginals completely.

Tuesday night, the Village Council had a meeting in the dining room. There I discussed this matter with the Council so that they will understand first. The meeting was good and most of them understood what I said. The Council members pointed out some of their needs to me. They told me that each of the tribes are trying very hard to raise some money for their businesses. When they raised enough money, they will start their works. They are looking forward for the time when they will work for themselves. Some are in their own business already.

On Wednesday we had a public meeting. Mainly men came along to this meeting. Again I talked on the same subject. Here in this last meeting, I pointed out very strongly the point, how to apply for assistance from the Trust Fund. A number of the men came to me applying for application papers. The names of these people were written down and the application papers will be sent to them next week. They will fill up these application papers, and then forward them to us in Darwin.

HOW THE ABORIGINAL BENEFITS TRUST FUND WORKS:

The sources from which monies are being paid into the Trust Fund, come from many different things. These monies come from mining, wherever mining is going on in the Northern Territory, the company pays back the royalties and it goes to the Trust Fund. Mr Nixon is the Minister in charge of this fund and he is the person who looks after this money.

This money has to be spent by the aboriginal people through out the Northern Territory, for purposes like housing for aboriginals, gardening, saw-milling, forest work, road making, fishing projects, brick making and so on.

These monies come to people in three different ways. It is all up to the person who is asking for money, and in what way he asks. The trust gives the money in grants only if there is an interest among the people of the community. Gould P2

Also the Trust give money in a repayable loan. Any person who gets loan monies from the Trust, and he runs his business, every time he sells the products to the settlement, he gets his money, he then divides the money in half. Half of the money goes back to the Trust to pay off his loan, the rest is his. He keeps on doing this until he reaches the amount of money that he had on loan from the trust. After that, the money which comes from any business, remains in his own hands and he can spend that money in his own way.

This money has to be spent on a Business project, by two, three or might be five people. These might be a community projects. Again this money can be spent in the community interest.

We who are the members of the Trust Fund Committee only hope people will ask the Trust for money, so that any aboriginal person can stand and really work for himself.

Members of the Fund Committee :

Chairman: Mr Giese

Members: Mr. James Galarrwy - Yirrkala
 Mr. Mandjivarra Amagula M.B.E. - Groote Eylandt
 Mrs. Mangiwa - Goulburn Island
 Mr. Bernard - Bathurst Island
 Mr. Dexter - Canberra
 Mr. Spitzer - Darwin
 Mr. Hugh Payne - Canberra (Dept. of Interior)

BIRTHS: OLLI - son, born to Mabel Lanaranara and Fred Nawalburruge on Friday 18th.

DATIS: At Darwin hospital on Friday 18th, LADIE MANGARRGA. Laurie was the mother of 4 well known children, Michael Brown (driver), Jeannie (nurse who does school outpatient work), Charlie Godjiwa (apprentice carpenter) and Paddy. Lauries first husband was Charlie Bilambila who died during the measles epidemic in 1965. Charlie was one of the better bark painters, and Laurie used to make some excellent dilly bags and the long basket like fish traps. Relatives have collected the money necessary to have a charter plane to bring the body back to Maningrida for burial.

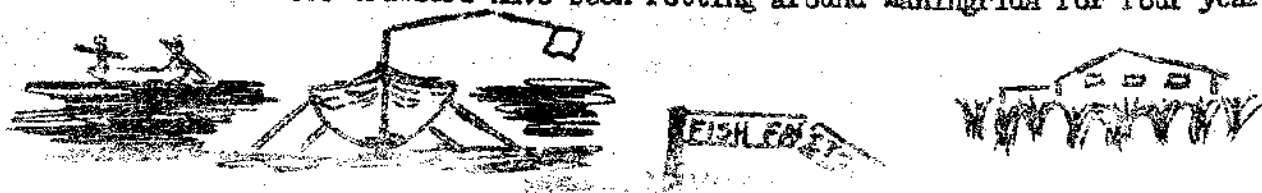
At Darwin Hospital March 11th, ^{Philomena} twin child of Happy Wutjarra and Willie Jolpp

HOSPITAL PATIENTS:

Donna - has to stay in hospital for a while until she gains weight.
 Jacky Miliwurlwuri - he is very well and will be home soon.

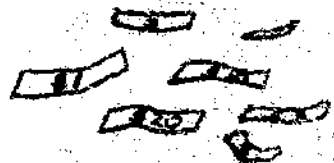
QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"They are not trawlers, Mr President" Dr Geoff Letts, having leapt to his feet to correct a statement made by Mr Tiger Brennan in the Legislative Council, to the effect that "those trawlers have been rotting around Maningrida for four years."





"THE ARAFURA C"



The opening of a home, shed, pub or in our case a store, invariably gives rise to the questions "Will it serve the purpose? Will it be functional?"

After the 1st week of trading we are very happy with the store set up and only envisage slight alterations. We are not particularly interested in records, but our first week's trading saw a few existing ones tumble. The turnover was \$9,500, thousands in excess of previous receipts. Friday the 15th's takings were \$5,800 and Saturday morning a further \$1,800, each other day of the week doubled normal receipts.

Some interesting features were readily apparent. For the first time we are able to ascertain the sales of the different departments, eg. clothing traded at \$1,600 on Friday and \$900 on Saturday morning. Two hundred 8 pint billy cans were sold, orders taken for 9 baby strollers, and over 100 fishing lines were moved over.

On the food side 1,500 oranges, 500 apples, 200 nectarines and 500 bananas purchased should add to the nutritive intake of our people, as should 22 dozen tins of powdered milk, a remarkable increase on normal sales.

THE FUTURE: The next 5 problems facing the store are

1. to effectively price all articles for customer convenience.
2. to increase our balanda trade by carrying a greatly increased food range, including varieties of fruit, vegetables, cheeses, yogurt, and delicacies, reduction on many lines, a number too numerous to itemise already effective, and naturally better shopping facilities.
3. long term a much improved and more consistent supply line, we expect this week a containerised cargo ex Perth, by which method we anticipate, cheaper rates, and above all receiving a larger percentage of our placed orders.

THE BUILDERS:

It is holidaying time, Bob Cross is off to Ballarat for 3 or 4 weeks, Jim Pickersgill holidaying locally for 2 weeks, Michael and James living it up in Darwin for 5 weeks. Charlie temporarily on loan to the settlement and Frank holding the fort in the team's absence. When work resumes the dwelling, for so long now static will be resumed, as our builders have taken over the contract from the Goulburn Island Mission.

Being in the right place at the right time.....



Someone jokingly remarked, a while back, the builders ought to have painted "MANINGRIDA AIRPORT" on the shelter at the airstrip. Perhaps this is more necessary than we imagined.

An electrician was to have gone to Milingiabi on Tuesday morning, but he missed the Heron in Darwin. Fortunately he got aboard the Bonanza. When everyone came off the plane here he did too, and thought he was at Milingiabi! He had to wait awhile for a vehicle to take him to the powerhouse, but one look there convinced him that he was in the wrong place. By the time he got back to the strip the plane had taken off for Milingiabi. Then he, poor wandering electrician, came down to the settlement and was asking whether anyone knew of a charter going to Milingiabi!

Several passengers these days do go and visit Milingiabi and back.

BASKETBALL NEWS

Tuesday: In the first game underdogs Crocodiles held top team Black Hawks down to a 10-8 lead at 1/2 time, only to see them finish clear winners 30-16.

Crocodiles attack and defence around both goals was very tight in the first half. Best players for Black Hawks were Jim Jam and Tim Darcy and for Crocodiles Tommy and Johnny their hardest worker.

In the second game, most of which your roving court reporter missed, Kiwis toppled the Demons 50-25.

LEADING TEAMS IN THE COMPETITION:

1. Black Hawks
2. Demons
3. Cadel
4. Kiwis



DRAW FOR NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday: Cadel v Crocodiles - Chalkies v Black Hawks
 Thursday: Demons v Dugongs - Crocodiles v Kiwis.

FOOTBALL - Saturday 14th.

FOOTBALLER OF THE WEEK: George Wayarka - George has been among the best players for several weeks and this week he really 'hit his straps'. George is a motor mechanic. He is to attend the fitting and turning course commencing in Darwin on 2nd April 1970.

Once again Waratahs went to an early lead with fast play on loose man tactics. Only their inaccuracy in front of goals prevented them from holding a commanding lead by 1/2 time. The 3rd quarter was all the Magpies. Many players lifted their game and went for the ball with greater willingness. Although Waratahs came back strongly in the final term, their continued inaccuracy enabled the Magpies to cling to a 2 point victory at the finish. Final Score

MAGPIES 10goals 10points defeated WARATAHS 8 goals 20 points.

USEFUL PLAYERS: MAGPIES: Jimmy Culamuna, Raymond Nalut, Philip Malinga, Michael Stewart, Jimmy Cooper, Willie.

WARATAHS: George Wayarka, Tom Dudunga, Dick Gabalk, Larry Wipa, Morris, Joe Fry.

Basketball - Thursday.

Chalkies went down to the determined Gorillas 29-18, after trailing 5-4 at half time. A very fast and entertaining game, with good play by Timothy for Gorillas and Sam for the Chalkies. Cadel beat Dugongs 55-40.

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FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

SEDCO HELEN INQUIRY

At a court hearing in Darwin this week it was said that just before the Sedco Helen sank on January 31st with nine men still below decks, 'water had apparently poured into the engine room for some time before anybody noticed it.' The Sedco Helen which cost \$ 1.7 million dollars to build, went down near Darwin late on January 31st, and nine of the twenty crew were drowned. The boat sank in about 320' of water after it was holed by an anchor buoy.

Victor Nadjorum.

NEW BUILDINGS AT KORMILDA

A two-storey dormitory is to be built at Kormilda College at a cost of \$550,000. A man from Welfare Branch said it would be the first stage in the programme to replace old buildings at the College. The building should be occupied some time next year. There will be accommodation for 96 students and two supervisors, showers, toilets and a lounge.

Sam Gasmorgan.

WEATHER NEWS

Alice Springs is in the middle of its driest wet season for 68 years, and Darwin is having its driest wet since 1966. The Darwin Weather Bureau said yesterday there was no reason to expect anymore than the average rainfall to the end of April. They also said that the whole of Australia was suffering from a dry summer.

Don Weabenanga.

Tropical cyclone 'Cindy', hit Groote Eylandt on Wednesday causing big damage. Gusts of wind up to 60 miles per hour and more than 5 inches of rain stopped everything at the manganese mining project and at the centres of Anguriga and Umbakumba. Cindy was moving west at the speed of 7 miles per hour and heading for the Roper River. A forecaster at the Darwin Weather Bureau said it would probably die out over Arnhem Land.

George Gaimarani.

ROLLING STRIKE AT ROPER RIVER

The 400 Aborigines at Roper River who went on strike 12 days ago returned to work this week as part of a planned week on, week off rolling strike. Parents have stopped their children going to school as part of the all-out strike by Aborigines to support the claims for ownership of land in tribal reserves.

Mickey Kunjanaware.

More Local news.

Mr. Bill Goodwin who used to be forestry Supervisor at Maningrida was here on Thursday. He has just returned from a long holiday in Perth, Adelaide and Singleton N.S.W.
IT happened between March 20th - 30th
1965. A cyclone which brought 22" rain. Mr. and Mrs. John Zabo were married in the middle of it.

NEWS FROM NEIGHBOURLING TOWNS:

Goulburn Island dairy has commenced deliveries of fresh milk to houses in the village at 6.50am each day. Fifteen gallons of milk in the pint hygienic containers are sold daily.

From "BARU DHAKAL DHAWUMLERI" Milingimbi:

A fish storyfollowing a Men's Club fishing night.....
"When I arrived home I found I had left my rod at the beach. My wife and I went back and found my rod in the water with another fish on the hook. I had put the rod down while I packed up and forgot it - fair dinkus!"

Ray Fry.

(comment heard: seen too many Flipper films ED)

Miss Westman (teacher at Maningrida 1968) has not been feeling very well and decided a holiday at home might do her good. She said she hopes to be back soon.

PEOPLE:

Rosie Roberts has received word from Silas that he has to undergo a third operation in Darwin Hospital.

Sister Ena went to Tenant Creek on Tuesday for holidays. The christening of a grandson will take place there.

Sister Helen, Cathy and Heather begin their journey to Townsville to see John Buck and Maureen get married.

Mr Ian Dale goes to be John's best man, but Ian will probably stay on in Qld, and work there.

Mr Keith George departed last week, to return to the too good city Perth.

Jack Wunawen and Terry went to Darwin in the hope of securing an X-Ray photo of Nellie's "sickness" so that they would understand better how she died.

DUTY OFFICER: Mr. Ed. Carey (?)

DUTY SISTER: SISTER JUNE

SHOWING AT THE STAR THEATRE: Friday 7.30pm See the notice in the Village Square.

CHURCH SERVICES: Palm Sunday

9.50am. All age Sunday School and Procession

7.30pm. Evening Services.



Good Friday 9.50am Service.

Sister Sandra has been appointed as choir mistress while Bob is on holidays.

TRADITIONAL HOUSEWARMING:

On Saturday next Dan and Libby Gillespie are warming up their brand new all electric completely collapsible 8 bedroom house.

Friday 7.30pm. All ages. Starting 7.30pm (7.30pm) - All souls welcome.

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