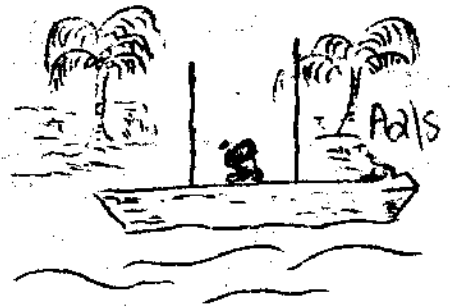


MANINGRIDA MIRAGE



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THE PRERADE BOYS

The boys who were on the post primary class of last year are home on holidays.

Capentry

Terry
Jerry
Lucky

Richard

Motor Mechanics

Don M.
George Wayarka

Apprentice Mechanics

Jacky.

At the beginning of the term they 'worried' and 'were thinking of Maningrida' and then as they made new friends they 'forgot'. Now 'we like Darwin same as Maningrida'. The food at the hostel is good. 'We eat more and more' sometimes '3 plates of desert', because it 'makes us strong' to run to football practice at Fanny Bay Oval. 'We have a lot of friends at the Hostel' and sometimes we sing songs with the guitar or didjeridoo.

One Hostel mate who is getting married soon, says that he will have them to his home in Nightcliffe for an evening.

Their working day gets them out of bed at 6am. and by 7.30 am they are at work. The motor mechanics spend all day at the High School while the carpenters have most of their instruction at the Adult Education Centre. The carpenters learn the art of brick laying - 'lime burns our fingers'- and woodwork. They have made small items such as a mirror frame and tool cupboard and next term will erect a garage.. Work finishes at 4.30 pm and the boys go home to wash their clothes and other odd jobs.

The boys seem to have plenty of liesure time activities. They were playing football with Wanderers B grade team and practices took them out on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Their basketball team Y.M.C.A. Won the B Grade competition and now they move up into A. Grade. Other activities include outings with European friends to Howard and Berry Springs and Darwin River swimming and sailing.

General Meeting of The Maningrida Co-Op

The following business was carried.

1. The present Board members were all re-elected.
2. The vacancy caused by the departure of Miss Strong was filled by an Aboriginal member, Mrs. Nancy Clark.
3. The Constiution was altered to allow the Manager to be a Board member ex-officia with full voting rights.

It is hoped that the liquidation will be completed this year, and when that is done, there will have to be a new committee.

ARAFURA "C"

LOCAL PRODUCTION SINCE 9.4.70.

FISH: as at 9.5.70 - Weight 4,008lbs \$1,195.50 money earned.

GARDENS: earnings during past 5 weeks \$210.71

Plenty of BARAMUDDI at present.

BUYING:

We are buying as much as possible from southern suppliers it means long term ordering and in some cases an allowance of up to 4 weeks for arrival of goods but it is very much cheaper and it will be our intention to pass this on to the consumer goods such as:

Bicycles and accessories, aquadere, files, tools, torches, globes, footwear, cosmetics, comics, all clothing, mosquito nets, material, billy cans, saucepans, axes, rope, swag covers etc etc.

IN STOCK: Big Mob Bikes: Perfume and talc Gemey, T shirts, Dresses, Sandals, Thongs, Guns, very good quality Pears, apples and Oranges also lettuce.

We expect to have large and regular quantities of Bananas available very soon from the Cadell River we are currently drawing up plans to improve the housing position at the garden.

SPECIAL NOTICE RE: BICYCLES:

We have gone to a great deal of trouble to land bikes at Maningrida \$20 each less than Darwin prices, however after the present mob of bikes have been sold we will NOT be getting any more for several months, as we believe enough money will have been spent on bikes - Look after your bike its valuable.

TO LADIES WHO SEW : Mr Bruce Craven found the electrical interference so bad while he was trying to do a weather sked between 2.30pm and 3pm recently that he almost.....
He will greatly appreciate it if ladies do not use their machines during this half hour.

WEST CADELL ROAD: The Forestry Bulldozer and grader team have completed 52 miles of road on the West Cadell Road down through the stone country to the cattle crossing. Mr Dan Watson and the cattle men will use this road in their journey

PEOPLE:

Barney Ririjbala has received word that his daughter Elizabeth is staying at Warrabri.

The mother ship of the Paspaley pearling fleet was in over the weekend and engaged the young men, John Wavehill, Jim Gululmina, Jim Barayala, Terry Weimlaja, Captain Cookaburra, Billy Barelija, Tom Yalmur, Mick Gurabandija.
Valarie and Joyce are at present attending a Girl Guide camp at Berri Springs to gain knowledge of Guiding to teach to the girls of the 1st Maningrida.

Expected to arrive this weekend are Mrs. K. Symons (Shirley A's mother and Mrs. Earle to stay with the Armstrongs for three weeks and Mrs. Bagshaw, aunt of Glen, to stay for a week.

Ray and Melva Buzza have Melva's sister and Rex from Perth staying with them.

SEE HOW THEY RUN

An extract from a report by
Jimmy Matjiri Pascoe.

On Saturday April 11th, we put on our N.T. red and white striped singlets and shorts and went to Narrabeen Sports Ground near Sydney. Lots of people from Queensland, South Australia and Victoria were there for the Australian Teachers Athletic Championships. I ran fourth in the first heat of the 200 metres and third in the first heat of the 100 metres. We tried our best to win but we couldn't because we didn't have much time to train.

After the sports, we had a barbecue at Narrabeen Fitness Camp. After the feast, we had music from the A.S.O.P.A. Teachers College. I went inside and sat on the chair and watched the dancing. Some gorgeous ladies came up and asked me for a dance but I was too tired from sprinting.

The finals of the events were run next day. Then we left for Canberra where Commonwealth cars waited to take us to our motel. We went to see Mr McKenzie, Secretary of the N.T. Division and after a yarn with him went on to the Royal Australian Mint to see how the silver (money coins) were being made. It was tremendous! This was followed by a visit to the Australian War Memorial.

The next morning, Tuesday 14th, was very cold and foggy, and we couldn't see much of the streets and houses. During the morning we saw Mr Peter Nixon, Minister for the Interior, at Parliament house, then Mr Paine head of the Dept. of Interior at Moresby House. Mr Kings Laine the Director and Miss Margaret liason officer, and some other members. These are the bosses of Aboriginal Affairs.

In the afternoon we visited the House of Representatives where Federal Parliament meets, and then on up to Mount Ainslee, 2,762 feet high above sea level where we had a good view of the city.

This interesting journey had began on Tuesday April 7th when we left Darwin in the afternoon and travelled through Adelaide to Sydney where student teachers from A.S.O.P.A. College met and took us to their homes at Manly and Mosman. These teachers like Miss Gaye and Miss Lydia, are training and learning the facts about going out to the N.T. to teach at settlement and mission schools. During the next few days we attended demonstrations in teaching at the College and primary schools during the mornings, and in the afternoons we saw Marineland (killer sharks, turtles sting ray, red snapper etc) the zoo (all kinds of animals and reptiles.)

On Thursday night, we were invited to a party by " student teachers females" at Manly. It was a tremendous party. We sang a few songs to them after the feast. Bunug of Goulburn Island gave a speech of thanks to the teachers at A.S.O.P.A. teachers College for their hospitality and friendship.

FROM THE SUPT'S. DIARY

A road party left on Wednesday morning for the Bulman to carry out further work on the road.

The cattle and horses now at Maningrida will leave for the cattle camp on Sunday morning.

The cattle drive to the Bulman will take place before the end of the month.

A public meeting will be called shortly on the basketball court on Tuesday at 7.50pm to get ideas for an exhibition at the Darwin Show. A large pavilion 60'x20' is available for exhibits of various kinds and in the 40'x20' annex a live display. Mr Rod Settle will assist with the art direction aspect of the displays and the theme is to be 'Youth and New Development'.

WEEKEND DUTY OFFICER: Mr Barry Tuite

WEEKEND DUTY SISTER: SISTER EDITH

STAR THEATRE: Friday 7.50pm 'NEVADA SMITH'

CHURCH NOTICES: Whitsunday - 'The Coming of the Holy Spirit'



9.30am All Age Sunday School

7.50pm Evening Service Mr Silas Roberts.

At Choir practice on Wednesday, there were not too many voices and those who were there turned to composing the words which are set to the tune of "The Wedding Banquet".

"A certain choir had its practice
In the middle of the week
We rang upon the bell
And for singers we did seek
We sent our sec-re-tary
To the camp far and wide
But when the doors were opened
Each of them replied 'I cannot come....'
'I cannot come'
I cannot come to the practice
Don't bother me yet
I have got me a girl
And a new radio set
I have basketball commitments
That cost a lot of fun
I am so very busy.....cannot come."

BIRTHS:

ALVIN

- son of Ganang-gai and Paddy Guningbal (Burada)

DEAN COOPER - Son of Jill BaranBarang and Jimmy Cooper (Burada) 13.5.70

DEATH:

BRADY - baby son of Nancy Nambianga and Frank at Darwin Hospital (prem)

BEING PREPARED:

A well known family were off along the track in the general direction of the old jetty. Mother was carrying the new baby and ten yards in front father had the little girl on his shoulder, an axe in one hand and big frozen fish under the other. Some builders were highly amused by the sight and one called out

"Going for a picnic?"

Father probably a bit selfconscious about his fish replied "Fishwires broken".

A NEW TYPE OF CARVING:

The two men in the craft room looked out to see a well known No. 1 bark painter vigorously hacking into something with his tomahawk. The older of the two was alarmed to think it might be a piece of good didjeridoo which had been given out to paint. The younger men reassured him "No, its alright he's cutting fish (frozen one)".

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

FOR MEMBERS OF THE PROGRESS
ASSOCIATION ONLY

Fri May 15th

THE OTHER SIDE

By Peter Williams

During the recent visit of Mr Bob Kingsbury of the Commonwealth Film Unit, Finity, aged 11, was interviewed and spoke outwardly on his feelings towards education, Europeans and their culture, and his future hopes and desires.

It was a depressing half hour for all present. Finity expressed his dislike for the school, the settlement staff and all "white man's things". As his confidence rose his bitterness intensified. His face contorted with hatred as he said, "I would like to kill all the school-teachers ----- no, not hurt them - finish them up for good".

He wants to go 'bush' -- never to return. All "white man's things" will be discarded. For food he intends 'singing' buffaloes and crocodiles - "An old man told me how". He said he has no need for Maningrida, its people or its material things.

Yet although Finity has spent half of his time away from school he has stayed at Maningrida - never returning to his beloved 'bush' other than for a few hours. When he goes fishing he uses a line instead of a spear. Most of his day is spent either sitting with the non-working women or listening to records. Finity's knowledge of bushcraft is so limited that he realises he couldn't survive yet can't admit this even to himself.

The basic conflict is - the stress of social change together with a lack of parental guidance and discipline has caused stress the scapegoat being the supposed shunning of white people and all aspects of their culture and the glorification of Aborigines and their culture. Yet Finity lacks the knowledge and determination required for the traditional existence.

Unless you can 'save' him from the choking imprisonment of his own misunderstanding he is destined for a future filled with frustration and overall hopelessness.

FOR SINGLE MEN

Miss Sue Talbot, a music teacher from Darwin High, is here for a week to gain some insight into Aboriginal Song & Dance. We hope she has an enjoyable and profitable visit.

(She is living with Miss Ferguson).

Stop Press.

At ten minutes before midnight on Thursday 14th. May.

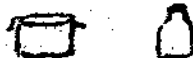
Matthew - son of Val. and Denis Strand.

With the lungs that this young man has been blessed with he should be a good barracker for Catlton.

Wanted

at the Hospital.

Small bottles and jars.



The keys which were lost last week, have been found.

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