

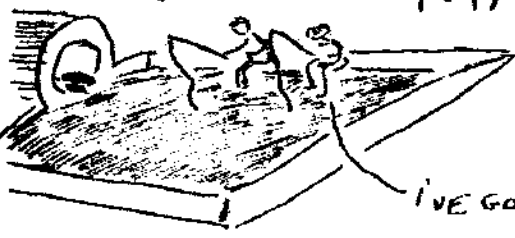
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NEW SEWERAGE OUTLET

MANINGRIDA MIRAGE

I'VE GOT A BITE



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WATER SUPPLY

Leper Hole is finally at rock-bottom. It may be possible to have six hours waters from it for a few days but experience has shown that we can expect no more than four hours per day for the rest of the dry.

It looks as though we will remain on short rations for the remainder of the year. We must, however, try and avoid an evacuation. The last one meant a good deal of hardship, for all but the veteran "bushies" and a repetition would be unpopular and undesirable, to say the least.

The latest water restrictions were circulated last Monday; more will follow as circumstances dictate. (See later notice.)

STAFF

It is understood that there has been some difficulty in filling new vacancies created in Head Office.

GOATS

Welfare Branch is reported to be negotiating the purchase of several hundred goats. (N. T. News. 27/7)

HOUSING TRUST

A public meeting held last Thursday resulted to seek incorporation of the Maningrida Housing Trust and elected Mr. Glen Bagshaw to be Public Officer.

SELF HELP HOMES

Latest counts; 34 houses complete and one still unfinished. The Council has been advised (by Mr. Nixon) that free timber will no longer be available, once the Housing Trust gets under way. This will mark the death knell of the Self Help scheme. Whilst odd elements of the "government" have always tended to look askance at the scheme and seem now to have had their way it has nevertheless made its mark very visible fashion.

SEWERAGE

The consulting engineers are now visiting Maningrida to finalize details of the new sewerage system. For those devotees of waste disposal practices it is planned to pump effluent to a pondage system (just like Ludmilla) somewhere out past the Fisheries.

J.R.

The New Kitchen.

After almost one year since its completion, the new kitchen opened its doors on Wednesday night. A very appetising meal of fish and chips were served to the school children and the visitors. Fisheries had provided the "barramundi" and not even the expert food tasters picked it for flake (shark).

Mr. Dan Pollard was very pleased with the behaviour of the children. The women will continue to eat in the old kitchen. As they learn to control their little ones (no sloshing of food all over the floor) and eat in a proper manner they will graduate to the new kitchen. At present men are eating there, and only men will be on duty as cooks in the new dining room.

A deep fry unit already installed, and a potato tumbler and dish washer to come (to be bought) will help provide better service.

COUNCIL NOTES.

Present: George Ganjibala , Mangurinyin, Alawid, Wardjal, Nalabiya, Malaya, Banjurjurl, John, Gangalara , Adjaral, Mulumbuk, Madama , Hospital Jimmy, Jack Riala, R. Mitchell, Baybanagga, Joriba.

The main discussion centred around the problems of changing ways and trouble between old and young people.

President: There is a lot of trouble at the Settlement. Old people are fighting young people . The Councillors should explain changing ways to old people.

Ganjibala: Young people start the changes , and they cant help it. The school children are learning a lot of new things at school.

President : The children are learning fast. The old people should change a little bit.

Cr. Malaya: There is trouble all over the world. We old people havent been to school and we dont understand these new customs.

Cr. Madama: The Councillors must keep on trying to stop trouble.

President: Let's have a little less trouble. Maybe the young people are learning new ways and they cant wait for us.

Cr. Riala : At the party for the Governor General , I spoke about the people having better houses and I asked about more money for wages.

Cr. Banjurjurl: I understand the people. The old people are saying that " we dont believe in the (European) rules and laws, because we want to see houses and money first".

Cr. Madama: Harry and Buster Louis are dead because of women. (Too many girl friends and this offended someone) . A big fight is coming.

When George Winunuj visited La Perouse some time ago , he talked with a group of people .

"They asked me about sacred ceremonies

They said 'Do you still have sacred ceremonies , Marrayan , etc?'

I said 'Yes.'

They ; 'Can you still talk your language?'

I ; 'Yes'.

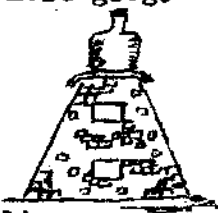
Then they stopped for a second . I was watching them. Tear were running down from their eyes.

I suppose they were thinking back over what they have lost.

In my heart I prayed for them . "

In Tahiti , an island out in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, Sister Edith saw the grave of the last king in that place.

It makes us worry about Maningrida people who are always thinking about getting more grog.



"Here lies
The last Tahitian King,
He was too drunk to even sing,
He finished up a sad ,sad, thing.
Here lies
The last Tahitian king."

At Maningrida in years to come -

These are some of
the Maningrida people.
They used to be good
singers and dancers



FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

WELFARE GOATS

The man who drove his goats 1,200 miles from Queensland to Northern Territory, is reported to be thinking of selling 700 goats to the Welfare Branch. Many of the goats died in Darwin after eating Ironwood trees. If the survivors are bought by the Welfare Branch many of them could get jobs as teachers.

SAVE ABORIGINAL ART

Mr. John Morley of the South Australian Aboriginal Art Co-operative has said that Aboriginal Art must be saved. He said that bark painting should not be allowed to degenerate to tourist taste art. He spoke well of the Maningrida painters and said their work was of a ~~max~~ high quality. Mr. Morley said that Malangi, a Millingimbi man has a bark hanging in the Louvre, a famous art gallery in Paris. He said it may not be long before people will say with pride "I own a painting by Billinyarra," or "Gudinga". The Aboriginal Art Co-operative tries to help bark painters, so that they don't have to turn out rubbish to stay alive.

ALLIGATOR RIVER SEARCH

A little boy and his uncle were lost in the bush near the south Alligator river for three days this week. They had been fishing and lost their way. They were found on Tuesday night by a fisherman. A large search party had been organised, and some men from Oenpelli had been helping in the search.

TROUBLE AT MILLINGIMBI

A teaching assistant from Millingimbi, James Garwangu, has been in court because of some trouble on Millingimbi Mission. Garwangu had a sore thumb, but when he went to the hospital he was told to leave; he made trouble and a white man, William Cox, carried him out of the hospital. Later on, in the mission store he threw a spear at Cox, but missed him, and then he hit him with his woomera. The superintendent tried to take more spears off him, and he punched him in the eye. The judge fined him \$20 and told him to behave for one year.

FLU IS STILL A MYSTERY

Doctor Langsford, the Director of Health in Darwin, said that a man had died in Arnhem Land from the 'flu. He says that the flu has now arrived in Arnhem Land. He didn't say when we could expect it at Maningrida. He said the flu in Arnhem Land was not nearly as bad as it was in Darwin. The moral of this story is: Don't Go to Darwin.

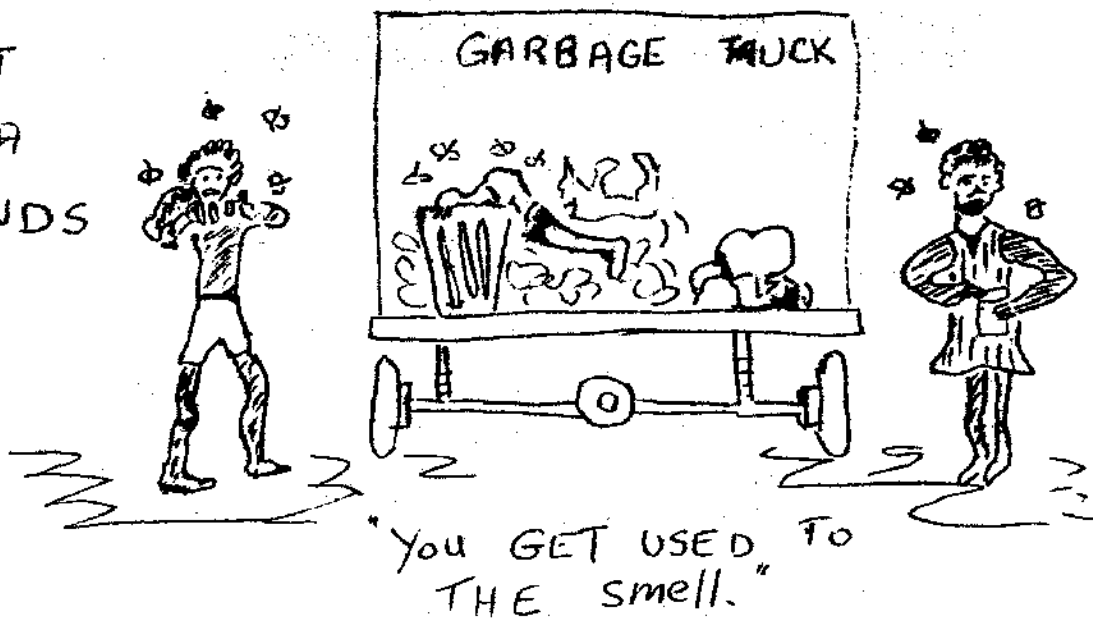
BRAVE KATHERINE LADY

A young married lady at Katherine risked her life to save a small baby in a fire. A house was burning down and the lady crashed through the windows to save the baby. She cut her face and burnt her hair, but the baby was saved.

A. AVON COSMETICS . Anyone wishing to see the new catalogue and samples (Colour samples) of lipstick and perfume, ask Mrs. Queenie Enniss .

Millingimbi are in the midst of the flu epidemic. Senior Sister Jess Smith had a fall and broke two ribs, but is managing to carry on. The Dept. of Health have sent Sister Morris to help.

SEEN AT
MANINGRIDA
AT WEEKENDS



DO NOT EAT OUT OF THE
GARBAGE TINS OR TRAILER

On the lighter side -

GOT A WEIGHT PROBLEM?

See Sr. Tilly. She will eventually reduce you to a curve - quite a feat! Don't panic though, folks. A little supplementary nourishment and you will be just like a bought one again. Go easy on the fluids though; they just aren't enough for growing youngsters - try a meal occasionally.

Her tip for this week - the Dingos Breakfast (a drink of water and a look around).

Next week have to do a souffle in an old copper, by just plain Bill, the boy baker.

J.C.M.

THE DARWIN SHOW - A SEVERAL ACT PLAY

Scene I

Enter Magoni wearing no clothes and a wide belt around waist.

Fryer: "Kick! What are you doing? get into your room at once."

Magoni: "Humbug Balanda."

Scene II

Magoni (speaking to Williams): "I've got a big Gaemment Humbug in my guts. You send telegram to John Hunter and get him to bring Doctor Baku. He will fix me up."

Williams: "Come off it Kick."

Scene III

Charlie Jarabili working very hard building bush houses.

Williams: "Hey Bob and Kick, why don't you help Charlie?"

Bob - Kick: "It's his idea, let him build them."

Scene IV

Magoni looking at completed bush houses.

Magoni: "Pull some of these bushes away, the Balandas won't be able to see me painting."

Williams: "Move around the front!"

D.F. To be continued.

WEEKEND DUTY OFFICER: Mr Ed Carey
WEEKEND DUTY SISTER: Sr Maija Lehtonen MONDAY: Sister Ena.

STAR THEATRE:

Fri. "The Racers" Kirk Douglas in car racing story.
Sat. "If a man answers". Might be dangerous.

CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday. 9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools "The New Covenant
and Ceremony."

7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.

Thursday 7.30pm. Fellowship at Sister Maija's.

"Many people are disappointed because their first fervour (strong love) fades, but the Bread of God is not given to us for a picnic in a pleasant place, but to give us strength to go over dry lands, to climb steep hills.

We feed upon Him Who gives, in order that we ourselves may have the grace of giving."

Mr. George Winunguj, Christian Education Supervisor, arrived last Saturday for 2 weeks. He visits groups of older people and mothers in the camp each morning and speaks to them about Current Events, ways of preserving Aboriginal culture and concludes with a Bible story and discussion. This is a pioneer movement in adult teaching.

MARRIAGES:

Cupid has been busy lately. From Milingimbi comes news of Alfred Gugijala wedding a lady called Yula White (sister of John White, one time ganger here). Alfred has a story or two to tell of the difficulties and dangers that can beset a single man!!! (from Maningrida days).

On Goulburn Is. relatives have given Marabamba, daughter of Samuel Wogbara, to Johnny Malangowa, formerly Secretary of the Maningrida Council. The arrow that Cupid used there, is called the "promise system".

BURIAL:

The body of the late Harry Wowala will be brought back by plane on Tuesday morning for burial here.

PEOPLE:

How good to see Laurie Magaldagi and Pam back at Maningrida after their training course in Darwin. Young Anthony was into his mother's arms the moment she stepped out of the car, and Buster Louis was the best dressed boy on Maningrida as he strolled about with his mother and grandmother Manjalama.

Miss Heather Jackson returns to the winter of Daylesford, Victoria, next week. We wish Heather well as she begins to study for her third nursing certificate and look forward to the day when she will come back as Mrs. Bob Cross.

Sister Sandra is looking forward to the arrival of her parents from Mt. Gambier this week.

Roy Rraywala's family arrived with Mr. Sheppy from Milingimbi for a 3 week holiday.

Mrs Faye Watson has flown to Tennant Creek. We will miss her hamburgers at the Hasty Tasty. She can cook!

Congratulations to Sister (Anne) Hilary Groothius who has passed her 3rd Nursing Certificate exams with two credits. Anne hopes to be back in the North shortly.

The ranks of Forestry have been swelled by the arrival of

Keith Hodgson - a painter, now working on 'Jensen's house'.

Eric Henderson - a timber jack driver.

CONNELLANS NEW SCHEDULE: DARWIN - MANINGRIDA - NORTHERN MISSIONS

	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tues</u>	<u>Thurs</u>	<u>Frid</u>	<u>Sat.</u>
DARWIN Dep.	0930	0700	0700	0700	0700
Maningrida	1110	0830	0945	0840	0855
Maningrida		1140	1250		1030
DARWIN	1315	1500	1630	1050	1300

** Tuesday and Thursday are Mission flights. It is usual for preference to be given to passengers from these places on these flights.

STOP PRESS: WATER SUPPLY

1. The present water pumping schedule seems to be holding the supply in a satisfactory state.
2. We will have to continue to do without water at night for the rest of the Dry but it would be okay to hand-water lawns and gardens between the hours of 5-9.00p.m. for the time being anyway.
3. Please do not use sprinklers at all, otherwise too much water is wasted; then watering must be completely prohibited.

JOHN HUNTER
SUPERINTENDENT.

HOUSING TRUST

Approximately 110 people attended the public meeting held on Thursday last at 7.30 pm.

Messrs. J. Hunter, J. Wilders, and Jack Riala addressed the assembly outlining the scheme in general.

Moved J Mr. J. Riala, seconded Mr. H. Mulumbuk - a resolution to form the Maningrida Housing Trust. Carried unanimously.

Moved Mr. J. Hunter seconded Mr. J. Riala that Mr. G. Babshaw be appointed public officer of the Trust.

Meeting closed at 8.30p.m.

From this point, the legal technicalities involving incorporation are proceeding. This will take a couple of months.

At the next meeting of the Trust a committee of management, comprising 4 Aborigines and 3 Europeans (all people from Maningrida). Official advice is expected at any time that monies have been deposited in the current banking account of the Trust.

Mr. Geoff Lewis from Adelaide will arrive at Maningrida on Monday 10th. August to take over the management of the store (while Glen is on Holidays). Geoff, aged 26, married with one child, is currently employed by Associated Wholesalers of Adelaide. Prior to this position, he was a branch manager with the Woolworths chain responsible for a supermarket employing 14 persons.

Geoff is highly regarded, and we trust his stay at Maningrida will be a happy one.

For the Bird watcher: No. 3.



The Willie wagtail, who has recently arrived at Maningrida in considerable numbers, is usually very tame and often comes to household gardens. His song is often heard after dark as he feeds on flying insects. He is called 'chiga-diga-dee' by some Aboriginal people and their song about him is recorded in Bill Harney's book 'Songs of the Songmen'.

This bird is one of the most friendly of the native birds and songmen from many countries have written songs about him.

Description. A black bird with white breast and brow and brown feathers on wings. Grows to about six inches. Lays three or four cream eggs and the breeding season is from August to September.



J.P.

AS HADAM SEES HIM.

Maningrida Mirage

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