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MANINGRIDA MIRAGE



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Friday

18th Sept. '70

BIG MOB RUPIA.

The Aboriginal Benefits Trust Fund have confirmed approval by Mr. Nixon of a grant of \$40,000 to erect the community hall and council chambers at Maningrida. The money will go to the Progress Association who will have to lease a block of land upon which to build the hall. Because of other building now going on (house and bakery) it is thought that work might start on the hall about next April or May.

The erection of housing trust homes should start earlier than that; all things being equal. In providing the initial grant of \$60,000 the government makes the following stipulations:-

- (1) The house designs are to be approved by the Administrator; the cost not to exceed \$7,500
- (2) There is to be a maximum use of local materials, which are to be supplied at cost.
- (3) Rents to be charged on a basis agreed by the Administrator.
- (4) Further grants to be considered on an annual basis.

The Minister for the Interior also agrees in principle to grant leases over the land required by the Housing Trust Society.

J.H.

VISITORS.

Mr Jack Lackhouse, Assistant Director of the Department of Rural Development in Papua - New Guinea visited for a few hours. He spoke briefly with local people about rural developments prospects and visited the Cadell Garden. He said that he was impressed with the strong motivation evident in the Cadell people and expressed the thought that Aborigines could do a very good job in developing their own country.

He was accompanied by Mr Schurmer of the Welfare Branch and some other men from the Primary Industries Branch.

Representatives from a firm of consulting engineers visited as part of a survey to assist assess the feasibility of running a barge (owned by Aborigines) between Darwin and the various missions. The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Mr. Wentworth, said, that he hoped to establish a barge service for Aborigines and the consultants will find out whether or not it is possible to do this.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Sunday 9.30am. Sunday School.
"Discipleship - Building
up the Church.

7.30pm. Evening Service.

Thursday 7.30pm. Fellowship.
at Sister Maija's flat.

AT THE WEEKEND.

Duty Officer... E. CAREY.

Duty Sister.... H. MILLER.

Fire Control... E. Henderson.

Council Nightwatchman. England
Mavejirinyin.

STAR THEATRE..... Friday.....

Saturday.....

DARBY'S WINGERS.

THE MIXING GAME.

REVIEWS

Travel

During the recent school vacation some of the staff joined the jet-set and winged across the sea to the idyllic isle of Timor. For the benefit of those contemplating making the "Grand Tour overseas" we publish a report from Maningrida's most seasoned traveller.

TIMOR. Quite an interesting place and certainly different from Maningrida. We arrived at Bacau International Airport, (a tin shed) where we were delighted to discover that the plane scheduled to fly from Bacau to Dili was in Sydney, so we made the eighty mile journey by Land Rover.

The countryside is extremely mountainous and the basic rock is limestone. Roads (goat tracks) are very poor and provide the traveller with plenty of thrills. Generally the Timorese seem to be living much the same as they did hundreds of years ago; that is with a peasant economy and subsistence farming. Timor has been a Portuguese colony since 1460 and in my opinion is that they have attempted not to spend money on the place. The people live a truly Colonial life, the Portuguese working from 7am till 1pm and the Timorese who perform all the menial tasks work from 7am till 5pm. It is true that the Portuguese officials live "The life of Riley".

The only entertainments available are walking, eating, and sleeping. Whilst there is a potential for tourism the authorities do not seem interested in providing the necessary amenities. Another source of entertainment is the Portuguese Army which has all the attributes of a circus, except for the guns. An hour or so watching the antics is a must especially for the ladies.

A final judgement is that Timor is a good place to buy cane furniture, spend a honeymoon, contract malaria, join the army or just rest.

D.F

BOOKS

Ronald and Catherine Berndt the well known anthropologists have produced another high standard work that will no doubt become the definitive textbook on the Gunwinggu people. This detailed study of the Gunwinggus should be of particular interest to people at Maningrida. This book is highly recommended. **MAN LAND and MYTH, A study of the Gunwinggu Tribe.** by R & C Berndt. Price. \$8.50.

1970 is the centenary year of the death of Charles Dickens and several studies have been produced, two that shed some new light on Dickens, his life career and his craftsmanship are **The world of Charles Dickens** by Angus Wilson and **The London Dickens Knew** by Geoffrey Fletcher. Wilson's book traces Dickens career from his birth at Portsmouth to his death. The second book by Fletcher is illustrated with sketches of many of the places known to Dickens and his characters. The illustrations and related essays give the reader a most vivid account of 19th century London, especially good are the illustrations of Lincoln's Inn and Tooks Court (Bleak House). These books are more than mere biographies and are good reading. **THE WORLD OF CHARLES DICKENS** by Angus Wilson. (Price \$10.50) and **THE LONDON DICKENS KNEW** by Geoffrey Fletcher (Price \$6.20).

For the children:- **"Let's Call Him Blinky Bill"** by Dorothy Wall. A well written and illustrated version of a Australian Childrens' Classic telling the story of a koala and his mischievous childhood. An ideal present. **LET'S CALL HIM BLINKY BILL** by Dorothy Wall (Price \$1.)

Sport

The Maningrida football team are in training under coach Bob Cross. They have entered the Annual pre-season knockout competition in Darwin which will take place on Sunday 27th of September. The draw for the first round has been announced and the local team are to play Parap Wanderers in what should be an exciting match. The team will be announced after training next week and the team will make a flying visit to Darwin on the Sunday morning, and will return late in the same evening.

Basketball is here again! here are seven teams in the competition. They are Cadell, Chalkies, Crocodiles, Demons, Dolphins, Gorillas and Oysters. Basketball will be every Tuesday night at 7pm. Next Tuesday there will be these Games. 7.00pm. Cadell play Chalkies. 8.00pm Crocodiles play Demons. 9.00pm Dolphins play Gorillas, and Oysters have a rest. Mirage experts tip.. Cadell. Demons. and Dolphins.

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

Aboriginal People to Try Mining:

Aboriginal people from Croker and Goulbourn Island are asking the Government to let them dig in the ground for metals. They want to dig near Oenpelli, where a group of Europeans found a big lot of uranium. Some men from Maningrida have also asked the Government to let them look for metals in the ground in Arnhem Land. Because the mine at Oenpelli will be in Arnhem Land the Europeans will have to pay money to take metals. This money will go to the Trust Fund to help all Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory. One of the things this money will do is help the people at Maningrida build a big hall.

Government Worrying for Sacred Places:

Mr. Giese and Mr. Nixon have been talking in the paper about sacred places (dreaming places). Mr. Giese says he doesn't want a lot of white men driving through Arnhem Land because they might break down trees and wreck things in Aboriginal dreaming country. Some white people might break cave paintings. Mr. Giese said white people need a special ticket from the Government to come into ArnhemLand.

Mr. Nixon said that soon the Government would find all the dreaming places in Arnhem Land and stop all white people from breaking them. Only white people who are interested could look at them. Mr. Nixon said the Government would put a fence around a sacred place at Oenpelli to keep it safe. One time before there was big trouble at Mirrkala when a white man drove his bulldozer over a dreaming place and broke it.

Wet Coming:

Darwin had a little bit of rain last week just like the little bit that Maningrida had. The man in Darwin who knows about the rain and winds said that this meant that the big 'wet' season was on its way. It might be a long time before proper heavy rain comes. Down in the desert near Alice Springs the rain was so heavy some airstrips were closed.

Rugby League Grandfinal:

Brothers team won the Grand Final of the Darwin Rugby league football. They beat R.S.L. 30-11

COUNCIL NOTES.

Meeting 14/9/70 - 21 Councillors present.

1. President wanted to know what was happening with the timber for the small houses.
2. Superintendent said that he had been contacted about two Europeans who wanted to photograph sacred places at Maragulidban. Council decided this was not possible. President said that women were not allowed to see sacred places, only men.
3. Ray Munyal asked could visitors from Milingimbi have beer. It was decided not to let further visitors have beer. The President and Superintendent to make a decision on each application.
4. Council asked for four cans of beer. Superintendent said no.

PEOPLE .

Recent arrivals from Darwin include Harry Numandara, and brothers Tom and Billy John, all of whom have lived in Darwin for many years. Other better known faces seen around are George Barawala and David Walabara.

Burgawoi, Malanggi, Ngalagandi and others, are here from Milingimbi to convey the remains of a Maningrida man back to his final resting place. On completion of the ceremonial they will travel, Gunardba truck, to Nangalala, from where they will make their way back to their respective homes. The climax of the ceremony is on pay week. More people are coming here from Nangalala and Milingimbi.

Mr & Mrs Dave Glasgow, set out on Tuesday afternoon to travel to Darwin in their Jeep. Dave telegraphed news of their safe arrival at Oenpelli on Wed.

Ask Jim MacInerney what Bulman is like and he will probably thump you. In the course of a three day holiday at Bulman he assisted to, erect a shed, erect a tank and stand; lump about 50 tons of fertilizer, install a lighting plant with wiring etc., do all the cooking.

He is currently back at school recuperating. Jim intends to return for a couple of weeks at Christmas, this time for a bit of a rest. All he has to do is erect a set of stock yards with a crush and loading ramp. Any time left over is his own.

It was pleasing to see the Stevens arrive back from the icy weather of the south. They are both happy to be meeting old friends again.

The engagement of Erica Ilyn to Reece Thomas was announced last weekend. Erica who is currently teaching the infant class and Reece who is remembered for his frequent flying visits here plan to marry in the New Year.

School Fete

Will be held on

Friday

23rd of October.

Save your money for the big day.

Monthly Meeting of the Parents and Friends Association will be held at the school on Monday evening Time 7.00pm.
Business.. To arrange Fete.

Only 14 weeks to Christmas. Mr Jim Matjirri who is currently teaching in the school is offering a high quality line in Christmas Cards at competitive prices. These cards will be made to order at Kormilda and forwarded promptly. Price: \$1.20 per dozen. Samples are on view at school.

Good news folks!

The Mirage has arranged for one of Australia's leading sports reporters to cover the Maningrida Basketball Competitions. Watch for weekly reports.

A Special Concert

will be held before the pictures on Saturday 26th of September, to allow Maningrida people to see all the Eisteddfod items performed.

all are welcome.

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