

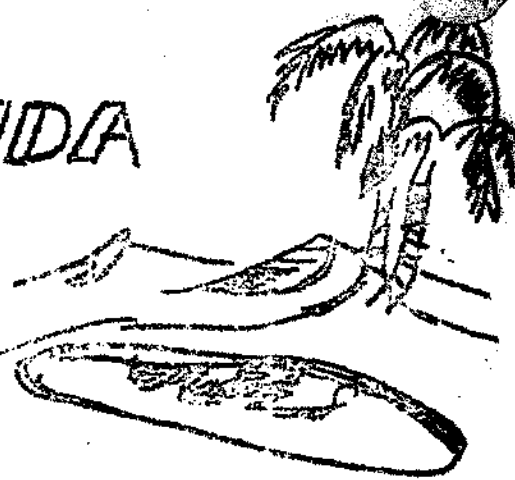
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# MANINGRIDA

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The new Forestry Supervisor designated for Maningrida, Mr Eric Quick has been getting the feel of things lately. He will take over from Mr John Zabo in the new year. John will take up his appointment on Melville Island.

The big D7 bulldozer has been recalled from its road making on the loop road before the wet season begins.

Last week Des Coleman had the very painful experience of being bitten by a 4" scorpion. It had rained and the scorpion had come inside the tent for shelter too. They were out in the bush miles away. Wally Adams brought him in, in great pain, they were bogged for 2 hours enroute. Finally they arrived at Maningrida at 5 am. The men say that the tail of the scorpion was as big as index finger.

Frank McCabe (Surveyor) and Alan Brady (Field Forester) have installed a generator at their flats (by fisheries) and now have power and light.

Ray Newman brought the timber jack (that noisy red thing) back from Murganella. He had 76 flat tyres on the way!!

## LOST IN THE BUSH

### ROADS GOING EVERYWHERE!!

This may be someone's story some day. Would it be possible for a Road Guide to be set up on a board (say something like the Fire-kick indicator at Forestry) and new roads and tracks marked on it.

Theme Song:  
"You take the High road and I'll take the low road"

This plea is from a Maningrida Motorist.

"Cripes who needs road signs!  
Just follow the tyre trail mate."



## THE SIX BUSH MAIDS

How do you spend your weekends?

Is a question often asked

Where do you go? what do you do?

When your week of toil is passed.

Do you stay at Maningrida?

Or do you venture to the bush?

There's countless things that you could do

Away from the city push.

And yet another weekend dawned

Six maidens chose to roam

Scout leader Sandy Dudonga, dropped them twenty miles from home.

There surely was no worries

For such a hardy crew

Quite sure of all their camping gear, and full of confidence too.

And so as soon as camp was set

Beneath the old pine tree

To try their luck upon the reef, tracked the oyster gatherers three

Success was theirs, good oysters found

Two billys full at least

And so they headed back to camp, for a true and goodly feast.

Long last the maidens left at camp

Woke quickly from their sleep

Set up the reels, out up the bait, launched out into the deep

Alas! the light was fading fast

The black clouds drifted by

Our hardy crew got frightened, such downpour from the sky.

This contribution to the "wat"

Was nothing short of drastic.

As our maidens vainly tried to get, 'neath a tablecloth of plastic,

However still with heads held high, and hat brims drooping low,

Our maidens one by one did vie, to force that fire to glow.

Reserves of "puff" were at an end, all hope was nearly gone,

When suddenly round the Sandy bend, the Toyota headlights shone.

With haste they packed their camping gear, never dreaming of such

luck

The chauffeur was met with a joyful cheer, as they flew into the

truck

When the two interviewers first met Glen and Jean, they saw they were sitting by a log fire, and in the fresh glimmer of the winter sunshine coming through the window of the South Australian Hotel. Rather different from the store room in the back half of the Co-op in this fairly trying fire-Wet season !!

They both served in the R.A.A.F. during the War, Glen as a Navigator from 1940 onward and Jean as a radar operator. It may be that the plotting of the movements of highly secret Japanese war plane flights, will ~~be~~ be quite straightforward compared with trying to trace what the unpredictable "Fourcroy" is up to.

Glen has been a keen cricketer and played with East Torrens in District cricket in Adelaide for 10 years. He and Les Favell (now S.A. Capt.) once made 239 in an evening stand and this record still stands. He was also associated with Apex and Rotary and was a deacon in the Clayton Memorial Church.

Jean besides being a mother to Geoffrey (in Adelaide) and Mark, is a qualified Chiropodist (fixes up feet) and was the President of the Parents & Friends Association at Kings College.

Back in 1964 and 65 we knew that the day would come when the Co-op would have to employ a full time manager. That day which seemed far away then, is here. We wish Glen, Jean and Mark a long and happy stay in Maningrida.

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MANINGRIDA CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY REPORTING..... The Co-op sold 430 lbs of water melon this week from Cadell River, more is expected on Monday and weekly supplies thereafter.

The monthly meeting recorded resolutions of appreciation to Mrs Lyn Watson and Mrs Melva Buzza for the work they did in the managing of the shop and the keeping of the books. In this period Mr John Hunter undertook the ordering, and Mr Joan Wilders advised on the pricing of the goods.

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS AND SCHOOL NEWS:

Good news for all Picture Night attenders, it has been decided by the P&F to purchase a new motion picture projector for a cost in the vicinity of over \$700. The projector a Bell and Hows, fully automatic 16mm has already been ordered and so patrons can look forward to a smoother more enjoyable evenings entertainment.

For the near future, a new exterior clock will be displayed at school which shall be visible from the office and the road. Also popcorn shall be offered for sale at the picture nights.

For sometime the cross country running of Bob Cross and Ray Buzza have been a refreshing feature of life on Maninrida.

Now some forestry men have entered the field. The other week, Bruce Craven and Alan Brady went fishing out towards Haul Around Island, and because of the rough sea and a few other inconveniences decided to walk home overland from Julia Point - a pleasant jaunt really. However Bruce reckoned that the going was a bit tough, after some miles. Presently Alan came across a bullocker which was able to carry a couple of weary fellows back to the settlement.

Bruce's feet swelled up and he has vowed never to go any further than the jetty to the north, or to the Sawmill beach in the south. He might chance an overseas journey in the near future. This was not Bruce's first long distance run. Once before he had to come back from Barney's Jungle and got lost. After walking around all night trying to rid himself of mosquitos he recommends that repellent and latches be an essential part of the bush man's kit.



Then there was another up stream voyage that Eric and Alison Jensen did with Eric Zitlaw. Well everything went well, until the tide began to come in and they thought it was time to come home. Then the motor gave up the ghost. Eric worked



at the motor, but alas ..... nothing. Darkness came and the mangroves were full of eyes, big eyes, wild eyes, dangerous eyes, too many eyes for comfort, and the sound of splash, splash. So the seats of the boat were pulled up and they became padules

The paddling against the tide began. So the dawn came, just as the paddlers were making the beach, between Fisheries and the Settlement. They paddled all night without stopping Eric vows.

Then there was Stephen Gawalgu. He was on the roadmaking gang, but didn't care for that "bush country", he took off and walked home, the hike took him three days.

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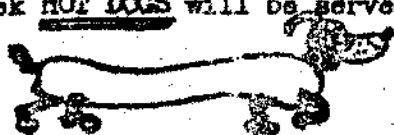
SPORTING NEWS:

FOOTBALL: Last Saturday, Red and White 11goals 7 points defeated Black and Whites 8 goals 5 points in a good game. The "Bikini" has arrived from Milingambi to take a Maninrida team across there to play.

Gorillas won, Kiwis won and Demons won.

Top four now is Demons  
Gorillas

those who helped make the school a success, all money spent on new library books, a school clock and on other projects connected with the school. This week HOT DOGS will be served at the pictures - so bring your money with you.



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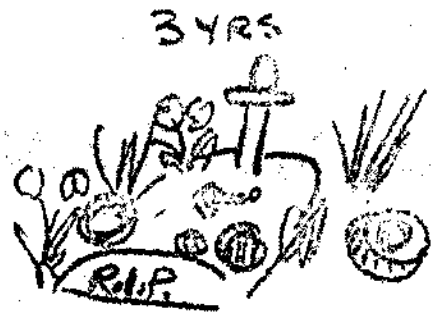
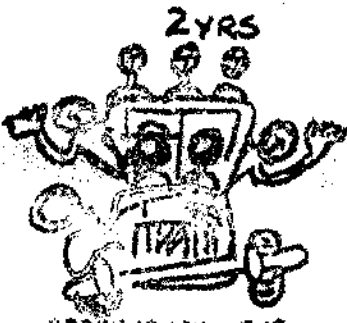
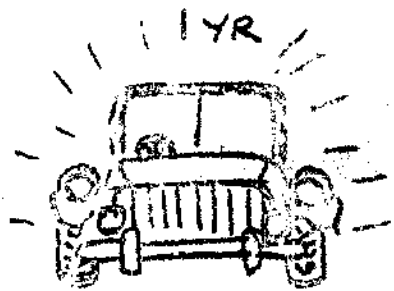
"BUTCH"

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JIM ELLIOTT REPORTS FROM THE GARAGE :

The main Aboriginal trainee George Wayarkkida came to the garage direct from school. He is keen and really good. Because he is under 21 and the training allowance is only £... a fortnight, but the work he does may be worth much more.

Vehicles are serviced regularly each fortnight. If broken bolts or shock absorbers or the like are broken, these are fixed in between regular services. How long is a vehicles life in these parts? Jim replied "Vestey's reckoned on 3 years, in country where there were few tade roads and all classes of drivers." Jim worked for Vestey's for 10 years on Flora Valley and Nicholson stations.



A LETTER TO THE EDITOR ..... "A CROWLER"

In a letter to the Editor Mrs Lyn Watson writes about a fairly serious matter. The power in their house had been switched off while they were away. Not only did the frig and deep freeze defrost and spill water everywhere, but the frozen meat, vegetables, fish and butter all went bad and had to be thrown out. Not only was there the financial loss but there was the mess and smell that friends had to deal with. Lyn says "This isn't my idea of a joke.." "...or was it done by mistake?" She hopes that someone may still come forward and admit that they did it.

Then in reply to some questions about prices of goods sold in the Co-op while she was Manageress, Lyn underlines the fact that it was the Board and not the Manageress who worked out the profit percentages on items sold.

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ALIBERT

Early on Saturday morning I went swimming down at the beach. Afterwards I went home, and took the money out of my pocket and put it into my money box. Then I went to look at the football. But when I came back to my room I found the door open. I went inside and looked into my money box. It was empty. The money wasn't there.

WOMENS CLUB :

The Church Women's Club was established to provide an opportunity for social and spiritual development particularly among the Aboriginal women who live in more of a man's world than Europeans do.

Recently a new programme of activity has been worked out, giving the older girls and women a wider choice of activity during the evening.

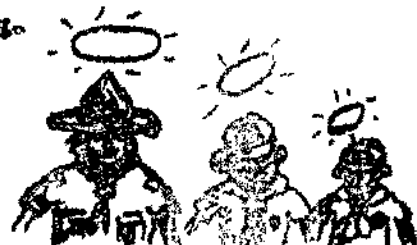
In one group they play indoor games such as snakes and ladders, lotto, Chinese Checkers and Ludo, but at anytime they can move across to the record player which puts out a variety of musical scenes. Rosie Roberts particularly enjoys a Nijon song which is played. Then another group look at Magazines, while a fourth do some kind of handwork. The frogs were made on one evening, paper flowers on another and scribble patterns on a third. Towards the end of the evening there are devotions for the spirit, and coffee and biscuits for the body.

The women and girls who come are quite enthusiastic about the evenings.

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<u>CHURCH SERVICES:</u>	9.30am	Sunday School
	7.30pm	Scout Church Parade. Address by J. Wilders Sydney Choir to sing.
Tuesday	7.30pm	Womens Club.

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<u>AT THE THEATRE THIS WEEKEND:</u>	FRIDAY	8.30	<i>Living Dead.</i>
	Saturday	7.30.	<i>Might be something</i>

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DEATHS: NERA daughter of Nicky Jinbarinna and Bill Jasbariwa (Gaminggu) at Darwin aged 6 months.

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HOSPITAL JIMMY'S WORD FOR TODAY: Eat food to make you strong and healthy.

Drink water                      Drink Fruit Juices

It will make you happy and feel very good.

7am                      and 11am                      and 3pm.

EAT      PLANTY

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Do you read protein in your diet ?

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