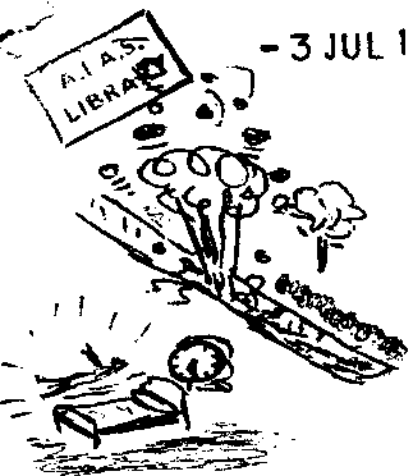
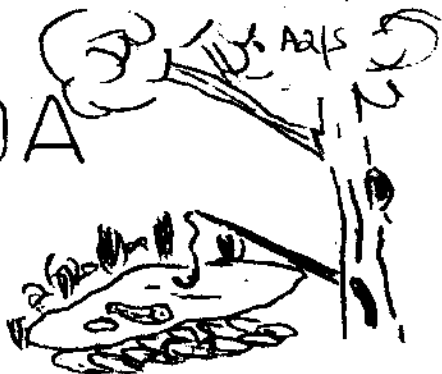


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The Changing Scene

CONSTRUCTION NEWS:

Three prospective tenderers have visited Maningrida this week to examine sites for the Police Station, school-buildings, etc.

You might well ask the question - is that impressive looking fence going up around the kitchen to keep the kula-kulas (dogs) out - or the staff in. Brolga is reputed to be importing two Zulus as gate-keepers.

Wolpers and Law have managed to dig a large trench stretching practically across the settlement - see if you kids can fill that one in.

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IN HOSPITAL:

Skip Wilders, with some ailment which evidently kept him in bed for a few days at Darwin Hospital. It seems though that all was well and he has been discharged.

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DOWN AT THE RANCH:

All, and everyone, is looking well at Bulman. Lyn has entered her garden in the Katherine Show. She's not taking it in to town, the judges are coming out. The piece de resistance is the fish-pond; Danny has caught 4 barras from it so far, one of them on an old lure which was hanging in a gum tree 15 yards away. The only problem is that something is living in it, as yet unidentified, and keeps raiding the horse paddock. Dan has to saddle the dog up now to ride the fence-line.

Enough of that. The stockyard is really taking shape now and should be finished pretty soon. Some hay has been baled from the airstrip and there might be more if all goes well.

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POWER:

The power house is starting to work very hard indeed. Please assist to lighten the load by turning off lights and appliances as soon as you have finished with them.

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MEDICAL VISIT

The Routine Medical visit is set down for next Thursday. Please make prior appointments at the Hospital.

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HE'S DONE IT AGAIN!

The track's open to Cadell! In a lightning foray on Wednesday Rear Admiral Brady (R.M.N.V.R.) forced his way through to the stone country. Only one bog but no problems. Allan reports that the Cadell is running about 18" deep in the main channel, and the rock crossing is clear.

Highlight of the journey was the spectacle of a large snake, busily engulfing a highly indignant goanna. Quite a battle.

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J.H.

Kitchen :-

Due to the absence of weekend diners, it has been decided to serve one meal only on Saturdays and Sundays.

A good solid breakfast will be available between the hours of 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. J. H.

Hurry! Hurry!

A name for the Bakery and the wrapping on the bread. Only one entry so far. Have a try.

The Junkowa Sisters. told by Jumbo Dowulingura & Jack Meritja.

This story explains why men are the bosses of secret ceremonies instead of women.

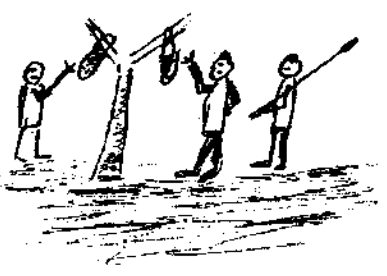


In the Dreamtime two sisters called Junkawu were travelling through the country. Jumbo says in his story they came from the Wessel Islands down to Elcho Island and then to Milingimbi and across the coast to Balparnarra. Jack says the Murungun people believe they came from Roper River and went North and then West across the coast. Jumbo says that at Elcho Island there is a sacred place where the sisters made trees grow. The women were carrying with them the sacred dilly bag, decorated with feathers, which had the sacred objects for the ceremonies inside it. At a place on the mainland between here and Milingimbi the women stopped. They hung the dilly bag in the fork of a tree and went to look for fish and crabs.

Some men came down and stole the bag while the women were gone and took the sacred objects and went and had a ceremony with them. That is why today sacred ceremonies belong to the men and women cannot look at them. Jack Meritja says that this story is sometimes danced but it is very secret. The Murungun people call the feather pendants they wear on their arms when dancing "junkawu". Those people who saw them dancing the butterfly story for the Canadian visitors would have seen these feathers and also



seen that one man had a feather dilly bag in his mouth. Jumbo says that all these things are "little bits" from the story of the Junkawu sisters.



D.G.

Fixing the Goose Truck.

If you passed the Head-quarters of the Jinang Goose Truck company this week, you may have noticed a lot of activity. Early in the week every man was painting bark - the company members Messrs Jack Miritji, Don Gundinga and Peter Banjurljurl and the partners Dick Jululi, Bulun Bulun and teacher George Garawun. Some very good work was done too. After selling the barks, the company was able to buy a new generator, exhaust pipe, manifold and muffler for "the troublemaker", costing \$170 in all.

During the last couple of days the painters have become mechanics. Jack says that they feel its too costly to get a mechanic on the job, and after all they only want the truck to "walk-about". Let's hope that the fellows can do the job. They are certainly triers.

Stop Press.

Word was received yesterday, that Welfare will lend Mr. Willy Jolppa \$2,000 to put with the \$1,000 he has saved, to buy a 17 foot dinghy and a 40 horsepower motor. Willy works with Fisheries.

Books WRITTEN By an Eskimo and an Aboriginal

Markoosie's book "Harpoon of the Hunter" tells the story of the "growing up" of a young Eskimo boy. We meet the boy at the age of fifteen when he is still not sure of himself, but in the few weeks we see him assume all the strength and maturity of an adult. The story is an ideal adventure story with maddened bears, danger, and the extreme elements are all used to give the reader an insight into how Eskimos live and fool about their world. The ending is unusual but by coincidence is similar to that of Winston Churchill's first short story. I enjoyed this book, and I'm sure you will too. There are two or three copies about the settlement.

"Wild Cat Falling" by Colin Johnston is available in a Penguin. This short novel tells of the life of a bodge in Western Australia the circles in which he moved and his conflict with the forces of law and order. The author of this novel is part aboriginal, who was taken from his family at the age of nine and placed in an institution. The novel is not really "aboriginal" in character but is a clear expression of the problems of living on the fringe. Wild Cat Falling, by Colin Johnson, published by Penguin. Price 65 cents.

Any writers here?

At a time when storm clouds are gathering on the publishers horizon one could be criticised for sounding an optimistic note, but even so I still feel that there are still many opportunities. Aboriginal people have a further advantage in that the Department of Aboriginal Affairs have offered assistance to Aboriginal authors. This means that provided the material is of accepted commercial standard assistance, could be given with editing and publication. I do not think that we will see the first novel from Maningrida for some years, but there are odd signs of interest in writing. Probably it will only follow a fairly widespread increase in literacy and an organised programme of encouragement. This was the pattern in Canada and New Guinea. The first novel by an Eskimo was written in 1967 by Markoosie, who is also a qualified commercial airline pilot. The New Guinea novel was written by a qualified teacher. The budding writer needs much encouragement and must be prepared to work at his writing for several months. It is no easy feat to write eighty to a hundred thousand words. The Canadians give this encouragement through the cultural magazines, TOWOW for Indians and "INUTTUUT" for the Eskimos. Markoosie's book was written by instalments and serialised by INUTTUUT.

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J.Ph.

Basketball

Round 2 Week 7

Tuesday 25th May, 1971

7 p.m.	Dolphins	v	Cadell River
8 p.m.	Cape Stewart	v	Eagles

Thursday 27th May, 1971

7 p.m.	Entrance Is.	v	Blyth River
8 p.m.	Arnhemland	v	Chalkies

In the early game on Tuesday night Kupanga defeated Dolphins 44-28. Dolphins put up little defence against the bigger Kupanga team. Dolphins should try to be more forceful and less showy in their play.

In the late game Cadell River raced right away from Entrance Island in the second half to record a 40-28 win. It was a level game until half-time when the score was 22-22 but Captain netted too many good baskets in the second half to give Cadell the win. For Entrance Island only Old Man Williams showed any good form at the basket.

Thursday's R.L.H.

Arnhemland defeated Eagles 44-34
Cape Stewart " " Chalkies 58-48.

NOTE: Next week - last round of the Competition. Do you-

R.S.

WEEKEND DUTIES:

Duty Officer: Mr Bert Ryan
Duty Sister: Sister Heather Cross
Nightwatchman: Mr Michael Ngulabuja

STAR THEATRE:

Friday: "Giant" long film starring James Dean, Rock Hudson and Elizabeth Taylor
Saturday: "You Cheater Heart" Pat Boone.

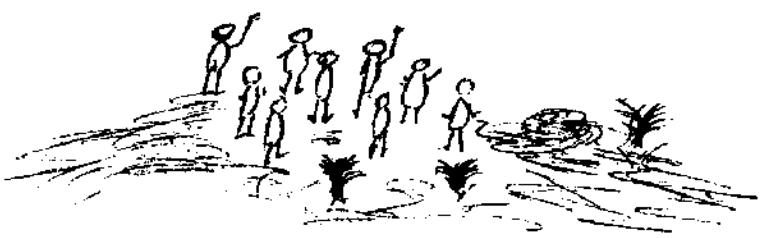
CHURCH:

Sunday after Ascension Day.
9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools "Christ in Heaven."
7.00 p.m. Evening Service. Film: "Elijah the fearless prophet."
Thursday 7.30 p.m. Fellowship.

"Go to all people everywhere... and make them my disciples"



"This Jesus will come back."



BIRTH AND DEATHS:

Twins born to Mala Malawidj and Jimmy Bulurrungu on Monday 17th May. Born prematurely (too early) and lived only for about an hour.

Edwin - baby son of Laurie Magaldagi and Peter Maralwanga ^{died} in Darwin Hospital on 17th May.

RAINFALL: October to now 46.65"

People



Mr Bob Eggers has been a citizen of Port Hedland now for 3 weeks. Bob writes "I drove my land rover stationwagon up from Perth under the careful eye of my boss ... Already I've visited about 10 outlying stations.. When I first drove into Port Hedland it reminded me very much of some pictures I've seen of the moon's surface." (Like Mr Ray Buzza, Bob is helping Aboriginal people to find suitable work.)

Kormilda College scholars will travel back to school next Wednesday - Helen Gorila, Nellie, Timothy, James, Gilbert Wurmala and his Snake Bay friend Punchy Subu (here for the holidays). Bobby Anabongara and Dudley will take up their 1st year work at High School.

Tim Darcy who lives at the Baptist Hostel and is doing carpentry at the Adult Education Centre will return shortly. Norman spent his holiday with friend at Snake Bay.

Master John Buchan of Adelaide has been staying with Geoff and Mark Bagshaw.

A few weeks ago Geoff was travelling in a car with one of his teachers when a bottle of cool drink dashed against the door handle. Geoff went to grab it and instead grabbed a hand full of broken glass!!! Uhh!!! It took 19 stitches to fix his hand. He still can't bend his hand properly but it is steadily improving. Doctor Baku inspected it very carefully and was obviously quite impressed both by the seriousness of the injury and the skill of another kind of doctor.

Mrs Barbara Quick is enjoying a working holiday at Galiwinku (Elcho), getting up at 6 a.m. each morning for a walk along the beach and then from 8 a.m. - 12 a.m. working in the pay office. "In the newer parts of the settlement, staff houses and houses for Aborigines have been built alternately, ... in those streets every European family has Aboriginal neighbours left and right and vice versa... This seems to work very well, and when I go a walking, I see aboriginal people pottering about in their

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gardens, hanging out their washing on the rotary lines .. and even women washing their louvres."

Moving among the shoppers on Friday night in Darwin was a tall fair-headed ex Maningrida man Mr Jan Dale. Jan had only arrived back in the Territory about 2 weeks ago and is working at Jingili.

James Wilson Budiyo and Michael Dennis Balibali are in Darwin for the Plumbing and Bricklayers courses.

Mr Harry Mulumbuk and his son Raymond flew to Elcho with Tom Wurdjal, Paddy Gungubatja, Jim Walbara on Wednesday. Tom and Jim were going to see their mother.

NEWS OF TEACHERS:

Miss Sandra Westman (here 1968) piloted a plane, which flew into Milingimbi for a visit a few days ago. (From the "Dhawumirri")

Mr Joe Haigh (here 1967-1969) was in Darwin on Monday and at that time seemed likely to go to the Roper River School.

Mr and Mrs Adrian Black of Croker Is. School (here for the Inter School Sports) have gone to visit New Zealand.

Well known bark painter Mr Curly Barduguppu has journeyed to Goulburn Island.

IN CASE YOU WORRY TOO:

A man in Canberra wrote this week to Arts & Crafts "Only yesterday I received the painting which you posted 10 weeks ago." !!!

Forestry

A new carpenter, Mr John Hazlewood has arrived and is working at the mill. He will live in the newly arrived caravan - he would be living there now, only new caravans coming to Maningrida seem to have a habit of leaving their keys behind in Darwin.

Mr Jack Kirstenfeldt who was recently promoted from Benchman No. 2 at the mill to Leading Hand Saw Doctor, is leaving Forestry.

Three new men have been engaged to work at the mill, Joe Fry, Raymond Walapirr and Charlie Marwundungu. Four more, including Jimmy Olsen, will join Forestry next week.

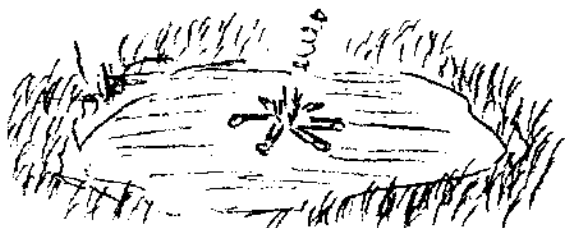
"BE CAREFULL"

The fire season is here, and the Fire fighting equipment is ready for any emergency.

When going on a picnic. - Make sure that:

Your fire is in a cleared place

When you leave put it out



Dont let children play with matches. They sometimes make a lot of fire trouble.

To our Readers.

Have you paid your dollar for Vol. 60-80? Paid and ink cost money, and we have to order more soon. It's not too early to pay for Vol 80-100.

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