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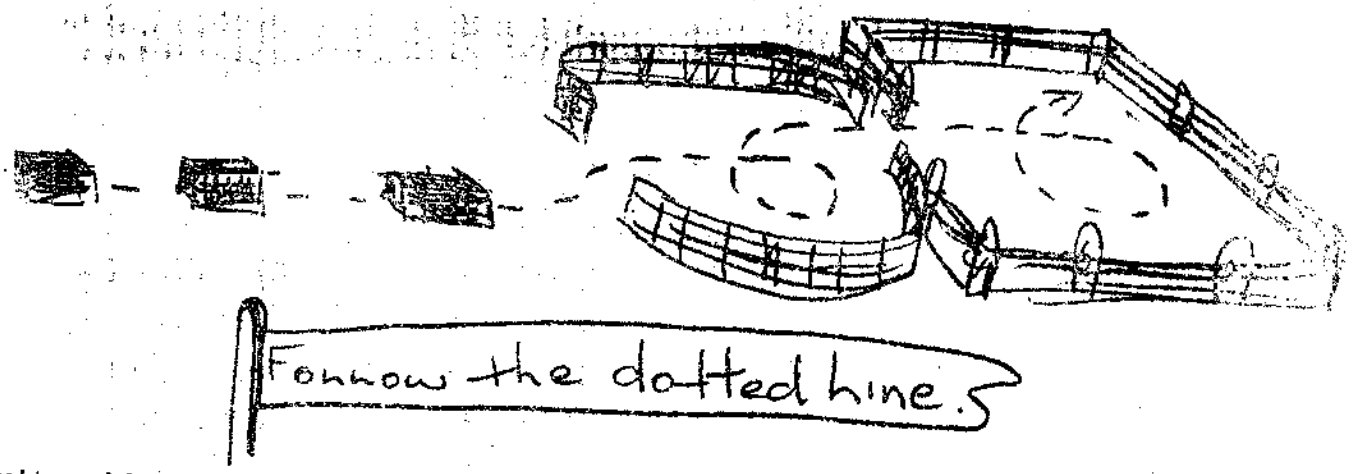
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HOW TO CATCH A BUFFALO

Recently Mr Dan Watson attended a Conference on Buffalo in Darwin and has returned with some interesting ideas on how to trap and domesticate these beasts for breeding.

In the old days, stockmen used to make a wooden yard-trap around a water hole, but in an area like Bulman there are water-holes everywhere. So a new technique has been worked out.

For two weeks or so, hay is scattered about on the plain where buffalo are and stockmen ride their horses around and among the animals to get them used to people and horses. Then a hessian trap is constructed in front of a wooden stock yard and a trail of hay leads into the yard and trap. The buffaloes eat their way



inside and begin to camp there. In due course they are driven into the stock yard. Older beasts may then be sent to the butcher, while breeders and young buffalo take their place in the buffalo herd.

Edjinbery has a herd of 800 more or less domesticated buffaloes and the Bulman area is believed to have a population of 8-10,000, all ready to get a taste of hay.

Dan expects to move down to Bulman as soon as the creek beds on the track will allow him to travel. He managed to travel 50 miles of the way in a 2 wheel drive recently and felt that he had got through some of the worst stretches.

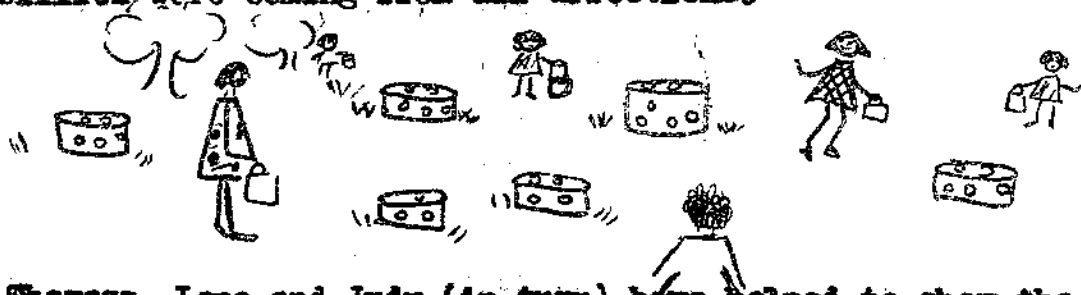
Probably the prefabricated sections of a house such as are built at the Saw Mill will be taken down and erected there, and if all hopes are fulfilled there could be ^{perhaps} a town of 50 families living there in the future.

COOKING IN THE CAMP

If you happen to be travelling down past the Gunwinggu village some morning, you may see a crowd of women cooking on 6 cut-down 44 gallon drums with holes in the sides and on top.

This is part of a program to teach women to cook a well-balanced meal and is led by Miss Edna Galliver and the Home Management Staff. The Gunwinggu people were chosen first, as they live furthest from the kitchen.

The first step was a visit to the people and an explanation of what they hoped to do. Then came the 'cooking day'. Edna confessed that she wondered how it would catch on. However, before they'd got out off the truck, people and billies were coming from all directions.



Theresa, Lena and Judy (in turn) have helped to show the women how to prepare the vegetables, the girls are from Home Management and have each done well. Stews of various kinds have been on the menu so far - stew, curry and rice and savoury mince.

The only complaint of any kind has come from the men. There's no stew left when they get home from work!!!!

AN OVERLANDER

Last week, Mr. Bob Cross travelled overland from Adelaide to Darwin in a Land Cruiser. Apart from the changing pattern of scenery on the way and a comparatively good road (newly graded up to Alice Springs) he met some interesting people.

At Kulgera, 30 miles south of the S.A. border, there were 4 men and a boy with a broken down early model holden utility. The front and back of it were jacked up and middle seemed to sag down into the dust. One of the bald tyres had a puncture, and their pump just didn't have enough wind. They were without water and food. One of the bunch was a teaching assistant, and as Bob drove them 12 miles to Rose Hill Station for help he gave the driver a working knowledge of Pitjantjarra language.

In Alice Springs, who should appear but 3 young Arnhemlanders, brothers of Bapalindi and Johnny Narrawang, who have all been to Maningrida at some time or another in their travels. They did not share Bob's (or Lyn Watson's) enthusiasm for the Centre.

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Local Production

Most business' havethair humble beginnings and our primary industry is no exception, but results, if not yet economical are encouraging; our fishing project is yielding in the vicinity of 200-250 lbs. of good qu ality fish per day. Thus far we have marketed well over 1,300 lbs. of fish within the past fortnight, and would hope for a continuation.

A total of 1,500 lbs. of watermelon at 10c. lb. has been sold, also several hundred cucumbers, bananas and our first sweet potatoes. This has meant a fairly considerable pay out to our producers. It is good to see these hundreds of dollars not leaving the settlement.

Bikes



We apologise to those whom we were not able to supply with bikes last week. We have for some time been negotiating with Adelaide firms for a better price etc. than we can obtain in Darwin. Th is at last is a reality and our first consignment is under way, and will land here about \$12 cheaper than Darwin prices.

* A large range of girls frocks, boys' trousers and napkins is on hand. Werashould receive a consignment of shotguns this week.

The Annual General Meeting of the Co-Op Society will be held on May 11th, 1970.

Waiting for Change

We are concerned at the number of children not waiting for their change at the shop. Despite the fact that we endeavour to tell them when taking money for their purchases.

THE OVERLANDER - CONTINUED

At Tennant Creek Service Station, Beverly (Ena's daughter) was on duty at the petrol bowser. While she was serving the petrol Bob noticed a football trophy in the back of the car newly inscribed P.W.F.C. Out of curiosity, he asked the owner what the letters stood for, and discovered "Parap Wanderers Football Club" - so here was a player who had played against Maningrida. Said he: "We went along for a picnic style game, and they were in deadly earnest". Said Bob "and Maningrida won". Said he "No, we won by 8 points." (see Mirage of 2 weeks ago for different story).

After travelling up the track and photographing the cemetery rock cairn, the burial place of Aeneas James Gunn, he came at last to that bustling city in the North marked on the map as "Darwin". Not all of it was prosperous though....at Bagot there were 9 hapless men without wealth & a return ticket to their home town. Once of these was Joe Fry with whom Bob discussed the football game. "Said Joe...."Ah well, it was a draw!!!"

Death

Bran Mindjalkja (Dr. Bran), 30 yrs, on Tuesday 14.4.70. Nakara. He was a patient at East Arm in earlier years.

TUESDAY: By the beard of the prophet - is there no end to it! Chalkies had another win - this time over Cadell. Twenty five minutes after advertised starting time Cadell forfeited - there is no truth in the rumour that Chalkies leader One Shot Strand was seen at 6.45pm wandering around the camp armed with a piece of 3" x 2" asking to see Cadell players on an urgent matter of business.

Anyway Cadell and Chalkies had a short friendly match which Cadell won 26 -24.

In the second game Demons met Crocodiles. This game was sluggish to begin with. At half time Demons led 15 - 8. In the second half however Crocodiles picked up considerable momentum. They gained and lost the lead three times in this session. For Demons best players were: Dick and Jimmy Cooper.

For Crocs best players were: Johnny from Kilingimbi had a good game and Jacky landed some very tricky left handed shots.

Final Score Demons 35 - Crocodiles 30.

Noticed two novices having a run on Tuesday night. Little Jacky had a game with Demons and landed two goals. Ningle W. (well known and intrepid rhinoceros beetle hunter) turned out for Cadell to join his brother Peter and brother-in-law Jimmy.

COMPETITION LEADERS

1. Black Hawks.
(Kiwis)
2. Gorillas - as at 14.4.70 these teams were level.
(Cadell)

NEXT WEEK:

At the request of the editor this section will now include predictions of the outcome of next weeks games. This week I'll start the ball rolling, next week we'll have the predictions of some well known players.

Tuesday:
 Dugongs v Black Hawks (Hawks will eat Dugongs)
 Gorillas v Kiwis (These teams are tied in 2nd place. This should be a close game - I'll go for Gorillas.)

Thursday:
 Chalkies v Demons (Secure in the knowledge that One Shot Strand has just received a book in a plain covered wrapper entitled "Explosives, The Basket Ball Court & You" I'll predict a victory for Chalkies.)

Cadell v Crocodiles (If Cadell field their stars they should win.)

Thursday.

In a rather unhappy display, Black Hawks left the court early in the second half, apparently dissatisfied with the referee's performance. The game was thus forfeited to the Kiwis.

The mighty Dugongs lost to Gorillas 44 - 28. Dugongs were very sloppy in passing, + Gorilla's snappy Tommy, Jimmy + Timothy were quick to take advantage. Gorillas all played well - for Dugongs Mickey Willie + David (new

SPACE DRAMA.

After a near faultless flight Apollo 13 was crippled on Tuesday . A power failure which may have been made by a meteoroids strike endangered the lives of the three astronauts in the spacecraft. They have had to depend on power and oxygen supplies from the Lunar Module attached to the nose of the spacecraft. There was a danger that the spacecraft may not go into orbit around the Earth but continue past it . However reports on Thursday night said that a rocket had been fired slowing the speed of the spacecraft by a mere 5 miles an hour which is enough to bring it into orbit. If all goes well now it is expected they will splashdown in the South Pacific on Saturday morning.

BOY KILLED BY DOGS.

A pack of dogs killed a 10 year old boy at Macdonald Downs station, 130 north east of Alice Springs. Another boy, who was said to have been savaged by the same dogs , is in Alice Springs Hospital. The boy , a young Aboriginal, is believed to have been killed about two weeks ago. Police in Alice Springs say they can't understand how the killing of the boy had not been notified earlier. It is believed that the dogs were camp dogs living at the station.

JOHNNY FAMECHON WINS.


World featherweight boxing champion Johnny Famechon last Saturday beat Arnold Taylor of South Africa over ten rounds in a non-title fight at Johannesburg. Famechon was unable to knock out Taylor but was a clear winner on points. His next fight will be on May 9th, in Rome, when he fights Vicente Saldivar of Mexico for the World Championship.

FIFTEEN KILLED IN ACCIDENT.

Fifteen people died and at least 30 people were injured on Sunday when a train and a bus collided on a railway crossing just north of Adelaide. It is understood that the bus was carrying a load of people going to a picnic . The accident happened at a crossing where the railway track is hidden from the road by a large hill and vehicles approach it blind. The bus was carried more than 100 yards along the track almost entirely wrecking it.

VICTORY FOR SMITH IN RHODESIA.

Ian Smith's government has won a land slide election victory at the weekend. Observers believe that he will now intensify racial separation in Rhodesia. His government won every one of the 50 European seats in the new House of Assembly. The only opposition is from 8 black African members who are selected by tribal chiefs and head-men. From hints dropped by Government speakers during the campaign the last traces of multi-racialism separation will be imposed on residential areas , schools, hospitals and swimming pools .

LOST: Mr Peter Ruffhead who met some of the Maningrida Scouts at the Brisbane Jamboree and came out to Maningrida for the Easter holiday has written to say that he lost the lens hood  from his camera probably between the oval and the Scout Hall. If anyone finds it, please bring it to the office.

VISUAL COUNCIL:

The council talked about Open Day. Some councillors were opposed to showing their dances to white people (visitors) because those people were not doing anything to help the people of Maningrida. Other councillors disagreed and said that they wanted to have dances. There was a great deal of talk and not all of it on the right subject so that no decision was made about Open Day, the matter was adjourned until the next meeting.

Forestry Supervisors

On Sunday a plane will bring Mrs Quick from Pikeraramoor and Mr and Mrs John Zabo to Snake Bay. Mr Eric Quick will take over as Supervisor here on Monday.

PARENTS & FRIENDS: At last Monday night's meeting we were pleased to see five parents and some of the Post-primary boys turn up.

Some of the business discussed was as follows:

1. \$550 was voted to purchase school requisites as indicated by the teachers.
2. Quotes are now being obtained for a trampoline. Other gymnastics equipment was discussed.
3. Difficulties are still being encountered with the films. A letter is being sent to the Brisbane supplier to try to arrange earlier despatch.
4. On the proposed school uniform - the uniform committee will now make arrangements with the Co-op for purchase and decide on style etc. They will report to the next meeting. Mr Bagshaw said the comment on the uniforms for girls displayed in the Co-op had generally been favourable. For the boys uniforms it has been decided on gray shorts and a blue and white check shirt.
5. Hot dogs have perished! It was decided that because of the trouble involved in preparation the hot dogs will be no longer on sale at the pictures.
6. Dropper dogs may perish! The number of canines of various size and shape at the pictures has increased lately. It was decided that the President should make an announcement about dogs at the next picture night.

The next meeting of the Parents and Friends will be four weeks from last Monday.

THE SUPPLEMENT TO MANINGRIDA MIRAGE

WATER WATER EVERYWHERE

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With a record 'dry' (wet in most places a lot of people in the Territory will be feeling the pinch this year. At Maningrida where the situation is, at best, precarious it would be entirely in order to offer some explanations as to the mysteries of the water supply. Where does it come from? How much is there? What is it like (as if you don't already know). What are the chances for the future?

Early reports suggest that the planners envisaged a population of something like 300 persons, at or around Maningrida. The most recent ^{ti} statistics show a total of 1,100 odd at the end of March 1970. In the early days (only 10 years ago) the water was drawn from the spring situated on the fore-shore midway between the Superintendants house and Bagshaws. Water was pumped from here to the 10,000 gallon overhead tank you see standing in the Forestry yard and then reticulated to the rest of the settlement. By 1962, with the population at 450, it was evident that the supply was insufficient (and also prone to diminish in output at the end of the dry.) In 1963 a second supply was connected to the settlement from the Leper Hole Creek (so called because some of the people with leprosy used to camp in the area in Drysdale's time). The purpose of this supply was to augment No. 1 supply in times of crisis. Unfortunately it transpired that both supplies were prone to fail at about the same time. This fact was first brought home at the end of 1964 when evacuation of the settlement was only averted by early rains which re-charged the Leper Hole Creek source. This unhappy state of affairs was later to bring about the drilling programme which has continued, on and off since 1966. 1965 was a 'big' wet, with over 30 inches recorded, and the country was absolutely waterlogged, consequently there were few problems in that year. In fact the only notable feature, water-wise was the discovery that the sewerage system was contaminating the No. 1 water source which resulted in its condemnation for domestic consumption. Since then it has only been used to water the settlement garden. In 1966, with only one supply and no reserve the settlement was evacuated for the first time. This took place in December and everyone was transferred to Gudjerama Creek, for a few days only, until storm rains recharged the local supply. Also in that year the Water Resources Board drilled the two bores (now equipped) up in the airstrip area and assessed their output as 3,000 GPH (each). Again in 1967 it was necessary to evacuate the settlement, this time for nearly one month, in November/December. Efforts had been made to get the bores working but it was found that the data supplied by the WRB was at fault thus causing error in ordering the necessary pumping equipment.

In 1968 the bores were finally put into operation, it was there upon discovered that the assessment of the output had been substantially overstated. In fact the No 1 bore could only be safely pumped at 1,540 GPH and no. 2 at 2,100 GPH - total 3,440 GPH or just over half of the original assessment. The water was found to be of good quality but of course, was not nearly enough to supply a growing community (at December 1968 the population stood at about 880 persons). In that year the Leper Hole again gave out but it was not necessary to evacuate the settlement on account of the bores. It was also in this year that heavy water restrictions began to inhibit

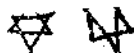
the development of Maningrida. In November 1968 the WRB again came in to drill for water but their operations as such were considerably drawn out and it was not until August 1969 that the series of holes were completed, and tested. The latter are all situated on or around the airstrip clearing and it is purported that they deliver varying flows, from 1,000 GPH to 4,000 GPH. The current situation is that the Works Department have been requested to provide a cost estimated for equipping and connecting 4 of these bores. When will they be quipped? Who Knows?

In the meantime the amount of water available is as follows:

Leper Hole Supply - about 4,000 GPH in season
Bore No. 1 - 2,100 GPH diminishing to about 1,900 GPH
Bore No. 2 - 2,100 GPH diminishing to about 1,900 GPH
Total water available each day(now) = 76,800 gals.
Total current water need based on general public health assessment of 200 gals. per day per person for all purposes (including home gardening) = 220,000 gals.
Total which might be available if all the new bores were hooked up, and in operation at their assessed rates: 235,000 gallons.

We know for a fact that Water Resources are not at all happy about sinking further bores in the immediate area. The reason is that a concentrated draw on the underground deposits must suck in salt water (saline intrusion) and thus destroy the supply. The ~~XXXXXX~~ statistics indicate that Maningrida must have a continuing programme to match output against demand. The existing unbalance of supply of services to, and lack of, aboriginal housing is not a situation which will be permitted to continue. The growth of civic projects is severely governed by the available water. If the community is to prosper, there must be industry, and a steady supply of primary produce. How to supply these needs?

The answer is quite clear. Go to Cadell River. Here is a magnificent body of water, continuously recharged by springs and possessing a terrific natural storage. The Problems? It is 25 miles from Maningrida and would be an expensive undertaking to say the least. The alternatives? In the long-term there are clearly none.



Church Services:



Sun. 9.30 a.m. All Age Sunday School
"Christ Our Light".

7.30 p.m. Preacher: Mr. Bob Cross.

Rev. G. Armstrong expects to travel to Kilingimbi on Saturday morning to conduct services there and return on Tuesday. The Kilingimbi minister is on leave in Queensland.

On the following Saturday two American teachers, Mr. Russell Campbell and Miss Kaye Hayes, who were at the Parish Leaders Course at Yirrkala in January, and who are now helping to write a curriculum of Sunday School lessons for Arnhemland, will visit us for 3 days to gain more experience for their work. Both teachers have travelled widely. Kaye's birth place is Texas.

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