

MANINGRIDA MIRAGE

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"Another Bash" at the Maningrida Fishing Project.

Once again, Fisheries Refrigeration Plant roars with life. Mr. Dennis Puffet opened the door of the ice-making compartment on Thursday afternoon, and there, were tons of it stacked up in neat piles and in metal containers of chipped ice. So the plant is working effectively and in the process providing some blocks of ice for the Navy landing fishermen. In the other two compartments all the pipes and metal plates were frosted over and obviously in working order.

What of the future?

Some time ago applications were called for a Supervisor and several men have been selected for interview. Now, applications have been called for a fitter.

Until staff are available, Mr. Puffet hopes to spend fortnightly periods at Maningrida, beginning in July and in these times, he hopes that fishing will really get under way. At present there are six Aboriginal men working at Fisheries and on Thursday six of these were working preparing a big Seine net for use.

Equipment.

In Darwin, there are two new 17' De Haviland Hercules dinghies (present boats are 14') and these will be driven by 33 H.P. Johnson out-board motors fitted with long range tanks. They are to have a platform over the motor so that the crew can 'shoot' a net over the stern. Before, when a net was being let out, one boat with a motor pulled a second boat with the net.

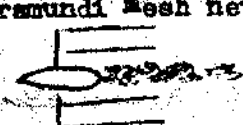
In each boat there will be an ice box. The fish will be put on ice within minutes of being caught. They will be gutted and headed on the boat and taken into cold room of the factory and retained there in a chilled condition until ready for processing. In this way, the product will be equal to any fish processed anywhere.

Some new Fishing Methods.

- (1) Mono-filament Shark nets. These will be set in deep water on the bottom for sharks.
- (2) Material has been ordered for a permanent Beach Fish Trap. It operates as shown here ..



Well tried methods include:-

- (3) Beach Seine Net. To catch mullet, whiting, garfish, bream and trevally.
- (4) Heavy Duty Baramundi Mesh nets.
- (5) Trolling.  For mackerel, tuna, trevally and barracouids.
- (6) Hand-lining. For reef fish.
- (7) Long lining. The type shown at the top of the page. The hooks are 10/0 joined by a wire trace to a sharp clip which attaches it to a 3/4 Manila rope. The hooks are spaced 20' apart.

One Problem, an old one - The selling of Government owned fish.

DUTY OFFICER: MR BARRY TUITE

DUTY SISTER: SISTER MALJA LEHTONEN

STAR THEATRE: FRIDAY. "JUMBO" - circus musical with Doris Day, Stephen Boyd Jimmy Durante and Martha Raye. Plus Crimson Ghost and Cartoon "Pizzicato Pussycat." *****

CHURCH NOTICES: Saturday 7.30pm Fellowship
Sunday 9.30am Sunday Schools "The Holy Scriptures"
7.30pm Evening Service. Preacher Mr Bob Cross.

BIRTH: OLAVI - son of Nancy Djinbar and Big Barney Gudruwonga on Friday 19th June. *****



PEOPLE:

Jack Wunawun and Charlie Marabinyin returned from 'Gamedi' with two large crocodile skins. They caught the crocodiles with kangaroo meat on hooks. *****

Jimmy Madama was up on the airstrip with his gun shooting geese - brought one down - raced across the strip to pick it up but unfortunately caught his foot on a small ant bed and fell, hurting his shoulder. He was sent into Darwin hospital on the medical plane. *****

Mrs Faye Watson of Sydney (sister of Ena and Elva) and chef(cook) at some of Sydney's leading eating houses is on holiday staying with Jim and Ena Pickersgill. *****

Miss Robyn Strong has written to say that she and John are teaching in Brisbane and that they hope to get married on Monday night of August 31st. Then they will return to the N.T. to teach but "we do not know where we will be sent." *****

Miss Ferguson looks forward to hearing Maningrida news each week and says "Nhulumbuy is different from Maningrida." *****

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Once in every few years one has an experience which leaves a lasting impression on the mind. I feel that we have just had such an experience, so far it has not had time to settle down to detailed impressions, but some events come to mind right now. The trip through Arnhemland from South to North - the Cadell River Country - the fishing trip to Entrance Island - Open Day - the trip to Navy Landing - to mention a few.

To all the people who have made our stay so enjoyable we are extremely grateful, we are particularly thankful to Mr John Hunter who made it possible. This is one holiday when we can honestly say we are sorry to leave you. We envy you your little bit of paradise and hope some day to see you again. Maningrida, thank you.

Ted and Norma Tuite.

Beyond Maningrida.

BUNG DEAD: Former President Sukarno of Indonesia died this week at the age of 69. He had been ill for some years. Two years ago he was overthrown by a group of Indonesian Army generals and has remained a virtual prisoner until his death. The overthrow of Sukarno led to massive slaughter of Communist sympathisers in Indonesia. Sukarno will be remembered as the man who was able to make a nation out of one of the most highly diversified groups of people in the world - and then practically bankrupt it.

ELECTION UPSET: In one of the greatest surprises in recent British political history Harold Wilson and his Labour Party were soundly defeated by the Conservatives in the recent General Elections. Most people expected the Prime Minister and his party to be returned. The campaign had been very savage with the racial issue to the fore. Raging racist Enoch Powell had an easy win. The new Government has already made an arms deal with that land of the free, South Africa.

CALL FOR INQUIRY: Stan Davey of the Aboriginal Advancement League says that Federal and State Governments are speeding the disintegration of the Aboriginal race. He says that the practical applications of the policies make them look like confidence tricks. Aborigines are suffering through forced movement and white men's ignorance. Their health situation was deplorable - malnutrition is the cause of 80% of young aboriginal deaths in Queensland. Many white station owners still worked Aborigines at slave rates. Mr Davey said a Royal Commission would be the only way out. He thought that most Australians didn't know what was happening.

MANINGRIDA IN THE NEWS: Maningrida had 2 mentions in the News this week. One was good news about our housing trust grant and the other a story about our fishing project which was called 'controversial'.

BARK PAINTER WINS PRIZE: Yirawala, a Gunwinga man who lives on Croker Island has a special prize in a European art contest he entered. His painting, Hunters of the Dreamtime, was done in traditional style and won a \$50 prize. The judges said that the money was not a patronage but that they had been impressed with the work and were unable to compare it with European styles.

N.T. TEAM WINS: The Northern Territory Rugby League team went to Sydney to play in the game before the Second Test. They defeated West. Australia 22-10.

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS: Meeting next Monday night at the School 7.00pm. A lot of interest generated at the school recently by the arrival of the new trampoline. The trampoline has been purchased by the Parents and Friends and most children have had a try at it and some showed some hidden talents but the headmaster does it best.

D.G.

Remember the meeting - 7.00pm Monday - All Welcome.

Beginning next week as space permits

"For the bird watcher".

To The Editor:

Next month an important event for Maningrida will occur in Darwin. Charles Godjuwa's application for Apprenticeship will be considered by the N.T. Apprentices' Board. People connected with training schemes at Maningrida are eagerly looking forward to this event as Charles is the first of our lads to seek apprenticeship.

Those of us who know Charles have no doubt that he will be accepted and go on to be a fine tradesman. I repeat that this is important to Maningrida (a) because Charles is our first applicant (b) because we have many more lads coming on. This must prove that we are succeeding in our aim to train, educate and improve the living standard of our people.

Yours faithfully,
Dave Fryer.

COUNCIL MEETING

22.6.70

Present: Ten Councillors.

Absent: Malangowa (Goulburn Is.) Nalowid, Binjululu, Madarma (Darwin Hospital) Jack John, Les Midiguria, Irindilli, Gangalara, Miriwulwul, Mace (Milingimbi and Munyal (Bulman).

Business; 1. The President asked all Councillors to make a greater contribution to the Council work at Maningrida, (such as getting children along to school). Messrs. Yiriyin, Mitchell and Warijil were doing their work but no-one was helping them. The President spoke to each Councillor present and requested him to indicate what sort of effort he was prepared to put into his work in future. Not all Councillors were dealt with but Councillors Riala, Jolppa and Halabiya promised to do more work in future. They were to go on duty this week to assist with supervision of the Club and patrolling the village.

2. Council decided to press for a movie show on off-pay week Saturday nights. They would contact the Movie

Committee.

3. There was some discussion about the conduct of the beer session. Certain changes were to be made and drinking outside the kitchen was to be absolutely prohibited. Duty Councillors were to police this.

4. Councillor Warijil said that he did not intend to work on his boat when it was purchased. He would continue to work for the Forestry for another 4 or 5 years and he would appoint someone to work his boat.

5. Councillor Malagalia decided to shift back from Navy Landing so that he could contribute more to Council work at Maningrida.

Near the Co-op. on Thursday 25th.

LOST

One brown wallet containing money and personal papers.

Anyone finding this, or knowing anything about it, please contact Jim Olson or Tom Yibberal.



Athletics Carnival.

The Annual Carnival is on today, and for the past few weeks, both Houses have been practising. Last year the honours went to Murragila House. Might the Murrumbidgee this year?

School Inspection.

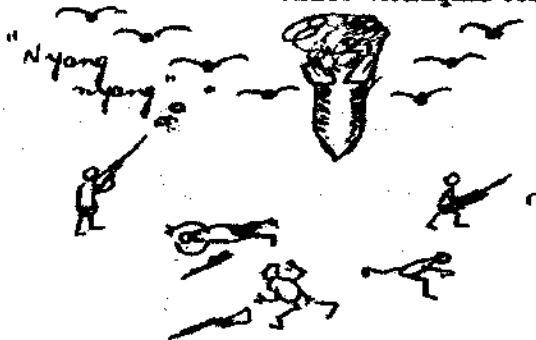
Confirmation arrived today regarding the forthcoming inspectoral visit planned for the week commencing 10th. July.

Attendance.

About 45 children are not coming to school. What about it parents?

ARAFURA "C"

Our gun quarterly returns have this week been forwarded to Police Headquarters Darwin, during this quarter we registered 15 guns, and during the previous quarter 14, this averages approximately a gun per week.



FLOUR:

That much maligned commodity flour has obviously passed its zenith, and is very much on the decline as a food basic at Maningrida, it was stated weeks ago that sales of flour had dropped by 50% latest statistics indicate a further decrease to now slightly less than 40% of sales based on the 6 months Sept. 69-Feb. 70.

Congratulations to Harry Mulumbuk on the recent birth of his daughter 'Elva' there is some difference of opinion as to whether it is his 11th or 15th offspring.

HOME DELIVERIES: Last Friday the store was able to render its first home delivery service the elderly people were transported complete with purchases to their camp, by Willie, all under the capable supervision of Harry Mulumbuk.

Mrs Bagshaw has been attending the R.A.A.F. base Darwin all this week to gain knowledge for the postal operations, details of which will be published next week; remember it is only a beginning and is not permitted at this stage to undertake full postal facilities, or indeed more than it will initially provide, but like most things it will grow. Scheduled commencement July 8th.

Thankyou to those good people who have offered assistance with stocktaking it is not too late! Saturday 27th 2pm and Sunday 28th 9am.

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE EAST: On the Queen's Birthday Milinginbi's annual sports day was held. Some events new to Maningrida were Ladies standing log chop; Basketball goal throwing contest; 2 mile run, and hurling the rolling pin. Gungupun (Capt. of the River Song) won the spear throwing contest, Bundulu cleared 6'2" in the senior high jump and Batatji won the two mile race.

Mr Ningle Haritos who owns the barge "St Joseph" has bought the "Warawi".

Seventy three dollars (\$73) was collected at Milinginbi to send to the Red Cross to help people in Peru who suffered during the recent earthquakes.

Mr Kevin Brurruambu and Nyiwala of Elcho Island were married in Darwin by Rev. B. Clarke on June 1st.

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