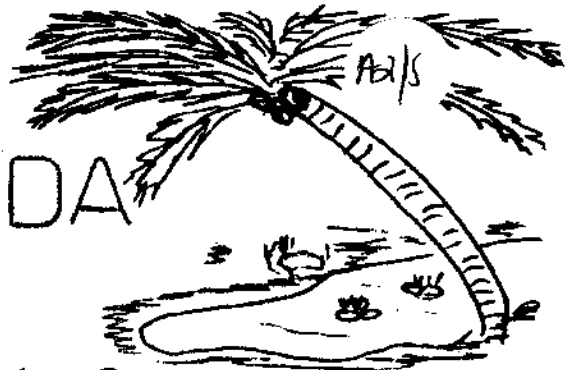




MANINGRIDA MIRAGE



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Council.

COUNCIL NOTES: COUNCIL MEETING HELD 10 MAY 1971.

Present were 15 Councillors and 4 visitors.

1. President to write again to Mr. Giese about sending a Police Officer to Maningrida every 3 weeks.
2. There was still a lot of rubbish around the houses and it had to be cleaned up.
3. Dan Gillespie addressed the Council. There were to be no more movies on the off-pay week Saturday as people were not giving enough picture money to pay for them.
Council agreed to the opening of a "disco" for boys and girls. The Parents & Friends donated \$20 towards the Council truck fund in appreciation of assistance given at the movies.
4. Councillor Riala wanted more men for building jobs.
5. Councillor Munyal objected to the number of dogs fighting and being a nuisance around the movies. It was decided to -
 - a. Ban dogs at the movies,
 - b. Call a meeting to explain this,
 - c. Close the movies down if there were too many dogs around.
6. Councillor Riala asked why there was no afternoon smoko any more. Answer: New rules.
7. Councillors discussed the lack of toilets, power and water. White people got all these things, but not aborigines. It was no use writing to Mr. Giese any more. Council would write to another Government, somewhere else.

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LAND BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Readers of the N. T. Government Gazette will have noticed that Messrs. Yibberal and Yirinyin have been officially appointed to the Lands Board. The Lands Board is a statutory body which hears stories from people who want to apply for land. It has the power to grant leases and consists of some Darwin Government men, two aborigines, and Mr. Rupert Kentish. The aboriginal members are appointed regionally.

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VISITORS:

This week saw a visit by Mr. Bill Gray, District Welfare Officer from Darwin. Bill is well known to Maningrida residents as he spent a couple of tours here as acting Superintendent in years past. During his visit he inspected various activities on the settlement and attended the Council Meeting.

Mike Jensen, of the News and Information Bureau, stayed here for two days to take photographs for the Government.

On the trail of the Lonesome CROC

Those high powered 'gator catchers, Messrs Gangalara, Jumara and Nagadjuda have triumphed again. Matching their cunning against the scaly saurians of the Blyth River, they have emerged with an estimated \$500.00 worth of skins. Its not an easy life, though. Blyth is notorious for the voracity and persistence of its mossies and there is no fun in moving around in the post-wet period.

You agree then that the trio deserve a well earned rest? They don't think so, as they have already returned to Blyth to hunt the ones that got away.

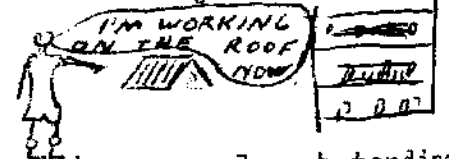
MORE BUILDINGS FOR MANINGRIDA

The Government is now calling tenders for erection of the following buildings at Maningrida:

1. A Police Station and two residences, cell block, and trackers quarters.
2. A school library and resources centre. This will be the first air conditioned building at Maningrida (except for the Superintendent's office and Eddy Carey's boudoir).
3. A single quarters (thought to be for Forestry), and
4. A double-unit pre-school.

Big mobs money in that lot, folks. Jim Pickersgill is tendering for the lot. in multi-storeys from now on.

It is not true that He is only interested



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POLICE VISITS:

Sgt. Swift visited this week to deal with several outstanding matters. This included some offences relating to metho-drinking, assaults and stealing beer. He also conducted driving licence tests.

INS AED OUTS:

Tom Yibberal and Nancy Clark went off to Darwin for two weeks to attend the Civics Course.

Mark Mirigal is awaiting travel orders for Snake Bay, where he will teach people how to drive a crane.

Ken Ackland of the Works, returned to carry out repairs in the Power House.

K. Muller, from Evinglide, is here for 3 days to install the new bakers oven. He is staying with Mr. & Mrs. Gillespie.

FOR SALE

Sanyo radio, 4 bands, and 3 orchrestas in leather case. \$ 40.

Yamaha 'Hippie' guitar, in need of good home..... \$ 25.

Lots of way out books and records at reasonable prices.

Apply..... Pullen's Palace, Any hour.

IN LIEU OF REVIEW

This week I do not intend to suggest that you read from the latest releases of the publishers, but I'll make a few comments about what should be regarded as the funniest book ever produced in Aust., that is "Here's Luck" which describes the trials of on John Gudgeon in attempting to bring up his son Stanley, during which time he has cause to reflect on many things. OOps more of this next week.

Forestry

Mr Bill Hilliger is surveying lines for new roads. Starting at Tomkinson Hole and going Southward to the Tomkinson River flats; then other roads parallel to this and the Cadell Road (road to Bulman).

When the roads have been made, logging and the fighting of fires will be easier.

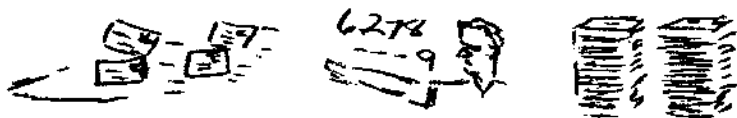
The men who have been poisoning trees during the last few months will put away their spray guns at the end of this week. Some will then put up a telephone line to link the 2 fire towers.

The big yellow bull dozer, the chief road-maker has some kind of indigestion. A mechanic from Hastings Doerings will come to have a look and find out whether an operation is necessary.



Mr Alan Brady (of the Royal Meningrida Naval Reserve) has been promoted from foreman to Acting Technical Assistant 2. This means that he has moved from an industrial to a staff position.

Post Office



During this month, May, the PMG are taking another count of letters and parcels going out of Meningrida.

Bakery



On Wednesday morning Mr Ron Muller, Bakery Engineer from Melbourne, arrived to install the oven for Meningrida's Bakery.

The oven (oil fired, steam tubes) is identical to others installed in leading bakeries in the Commonwealth. Places in the N.T. which already have this kind of oven include Papunya, Hermannsburg, Yuendumu and Santa Teresa. Mr Muller who works for Even Bake Pty. Ltd. estimates that 60 2 lb loaves of bread could be baked in the oven. In some southern towns, cakes, pies, pastries and fine bread such as Vienna Loaf are baked in this kind of oven.

Mr Muller expects installation to be completed on Friday.

A Letter

Sister Helen writes to say that she and the girls have been given a very friendly welcome by the people at Theodore. Helen has agreed to accept the position of (acting) matron. The doctor has been most helpful too.

"The extremes of temperature here at the moment are rough. During the day its hotter than Darwin, but in the early morning and late afternoon its cold. So some warm clothing has been bought."

Although there is a flat in the nurses quarters, Helen is looking about for a house as she wants a home for the children (as at Meningrida).

The children have been out playing with children on cattle properties.

Helen and the girls have been to a circus, a School Barbeque and Fete with Show day and ball within the next few days.

Duty in the Hospital was to have begun last Monday.

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IT HAD TO COME

The latest issue of the Tiwi Talkabout has this article:

"Boy Scouts by Gibson Farmer

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On Wednesday April 21st we had our first Boy Scouts Meeting and we started learning how to play some games.

Skipper and Tardawalli came at 5 o'clock ... Skipper put us into different patrols - Ravens, Rats and Eagles."

From Maningrida we say "Good luck, Skip and Snake Bay Boys."

Here Barramundi and Akela are trying to find ways and means of boys doing some jobs for "bobs".

Anyone, who has a job to be done - washing a car, digging some garden, cleaning up, catching a fish or a crab,

please contact either Messrs A. Grieve, J. Wogbara, J. Gritkara, G. Armstrong, Terry Darwin or Jerry.

Also in the TALKABOUT "twenty ladies are starting to play basketball".

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MANINGRIDA FILM STARS GO OVERSEAS:

David Gulpilil and Dick Bundelil are going on another trip around the world. First they will go to France where the film they were in will be shown with many other films at a place called Cannes. They will have trips around France and on the way back to Australia they will go to America and England. In the film, which is called "Walkabout", David acts as a young Aboriginal man in the desert who finds a white girl and her brother who are lost. He brings them home safely. Dick plays bamboo for the dances in the film. The film will be shown in Sydney and Melbourne in August and may be one day it will come to Maningrida.

LIONEL ROSE IN DARWIN:

Lionel Rose was in Darwin this week. He had a practice fight with his cousin Harry Hayes at Winnellie Park. The fight was a good one for all the people who went to watch. Rose is getting ready to go to Japan to fight a champion Japanese fighter.

ABORIGINAL LAND BUSINESS:

After the Yirrkala men had spoken to Mr McMahon and other big government people in Canberra, the government people said many things in the newspapers. Mr Hunt, the Minister for the Interior, who came to Maningrida this year, said that Aboriginal people can ask for leases of land in their country. This means they will not own the land but will be able to use it for gardens or cattle stations and other things like shops and buildings. Mr Hunt also said the government wants to look after dreaming places so they do not get broken and strangers do not go there. Mr McMahon said he is getting 5 or 6 important government men together and they are going to talk about all the things that are worrying Aboriginal people. They will be thinking very hard about Aboriginal people who want to own the land they call their country.

POLICE MOVING INTO ARNHEMLAND:

As places in Arnhemland grow bigger more policemen are coming to look after things. There are 6 policemen at Gove (Yirrkala) now. Because the town near the mine is growing so quickly 11 more policemen are being sent there. Sometime this year Maningrida's police station will be built. When it is ready there will be two policemen at Maningrida all the time.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Among the boys and girls home for school holidays is Barney Wimunguj. Barney is at Kings College in Adelaide in a first year 'high school' class.

The boys there play cricket and when Barney made his way to the wicket in his first match, all his mates cheered. The first ball came down and he hit out. The ball went "up like a drop kick". Someone got underneath it and caught it!! "Standing out there for an hour or two in the sun" is not Barney's idea of a good game.

In school he particularly likes English - and French is even better.

On Friday evenings there are gatherings of young Aboriginal people in Adelaide - sometimes 40 who attend various schools "kids from Alice Springs, Darwin, everywhere."

He has also been on TV in the program "Adelaide's new faces" singing "Hurry Hurry Homo" and "Ya yim ano". He came 4th in the first heat and 7th or 8th in the finals.

He is a patrol leader in the Scouts. Among his friends are two Asian students.

What about the future? Barney wants to be a teacher, and he wants to come back and teach in the N.T. "sometimes kids have problems when they start off in their second language." In the meantime College life is good. He has a lot of fun and a lot of friends there.

Round 2 Week 6:

Tuesday 18th May 1971	7 p.m. Kupanga	v	Dolphins
	8 p.m. Entrance Is.	v	Cadell River
Thursday 20th May 1971	7 p.m. Arnhemland	v	Eagles
	8 p.m. Cape Stuart	v	Chalkies.

Arnhemland defeated Cadell River 38/32.

Cadell just could not cope with the accurate shooting of Arnhemland. They were missing key players and just did not have the direction needed to defeat Arnhem's good play.

Kupanga overwhelmed Cape Stuart with a barrage of fine shooting to win 68/48. Cape Stuart just did not put up an effective defence against this shooting and paid the consequence. They had a lot of shots that would have counted if they had have taken their time. Kupanga showed the form that won them the title last year.

Thursday's Results:

Eagles and Entrance Is. played a 38 all draw.

Chalkies 29 defeated Dolphins 28

STOP PRESS:

*Moningrida's power-house
ceased housing power for about half an hour
very early this morning - Yes folks, more
startling news in next weeks edition of the
Mirage! Buy one.*

WEEKEND DUTIES:

Duty Officer: Mr B. Purto
Duty Sister: Sister Ena Pickersgill
Nightwatchman: Mr Barney Baybanga

STAR THEATRE:

Friday 7.30 p.m.: Connair to bring on Friday

CHURCH:

Sunday 9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools "Christ the High Priest"
7.30 p.m. Evening Service. Mr Bob Cross.
Thursday 7.30 p.m. Fellowship

Sometimes the seed of the Kapok tree falls into the ground and begins to grow. The seed is very small, but the tree grows big and strong. It is big enough for people to cut a canoe from it. On its branches the wild cotton grows and birds come and rest there.

Jesus said that the Kingdom of God begins in a small way, like the seed but it grows and spreads out branches to all people.

Jesus can come and rest in our lives too.

Talk by George Winunguj.

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BIRTH:

Edwin - son of Laurie Magaldagi and Peter Marawanga II on 10/5/71. A new Gunavidji.

Ray and Melva Buzza have their new baby, a girl Kym Suzanne, Tuesday, 4th May.

RAINFALL:

None. But in 1968 - (a wet year) 8" fell between May 8th and 10th and the airstrip was "out" for one day. In the middle of this a Japanese man from off a pearling boat was brought ashore at midnight with a bad mackerel bite.

In 1967 at this time Aboriginal gangster Mr John White and Sister Elly were about to marry after a whirlwind courtship.

In May 1957 3 Welfare officers and some Aboriginal men arrived to begin building Maningrida settlement.

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PEOPLE:

Miss Yvonne Scott travelled into Darwin on Wednesday to meet her brother Malcolm (an instrument maker with Qantas) who will stay at Maningrida for a few days.

Mr and Mrs Bob Cross have Don and Rhonda Loechel of Elcho Island staying with them. Rhonda nursed at Elcho and did the child Welfare course in Melbourne with Heather and Sister Sandra. Like Bob and Heather, Don and Rhonda have just been married.

Bill and Yvonne Walter, Malcolm and Janine quite enjoy the quiet life in the Fisheries fitter's flat and look forward to some boating, fishing and shooting. Their home base is in the Kingston area near Brisbane but for two years Bill was the Service Manager for a firm selling cars at Palm Beach.

Joshua Mangbjua from Oenpelli is staying with his "niece" Jimmy Gadalmurrka here. He does stock work and thinks Maningrida is alright, but not many animals, buffalo, horses, cattle.

Mr and Mrs Dave Fryer are due to arrive on Friday for a few days visit. They will be staying with Mr & Mrs Williams.

Rev. Armstrong left on Wednesday to do some lecturing in Darwin at an orientation course for missionaries recently arrived in the district. Bapa returns next Wednesday.

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