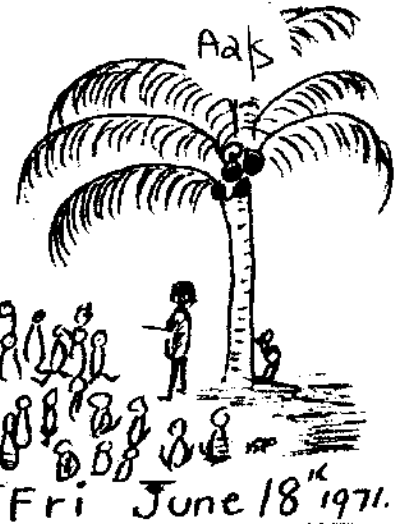


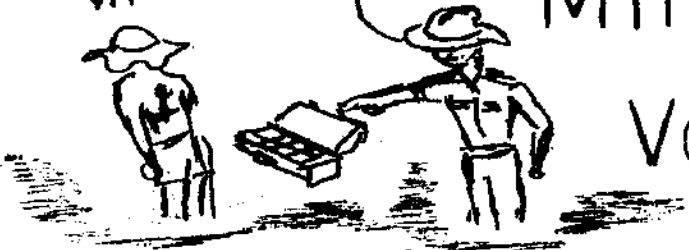
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No Grog Here

GADJI 9m



After a hard day's night:-

BUSINESS: Mr. Giese was arranging the Bamyili tour, possibly early
ARISING: July.

NEW BUSINESS: Cr. Segandra complained that people were bringing liquor back from Darwin. They could muck about as much as they liked in Darwin but they had no right to be a nuisance to other people at Maningrida.

Cr. Munyal suggested that Council get harder on these people.

President: It was okay to get harder but once the Council made a law they had to be prepared to enforce it. Were they prepared to do this?

Cr. Fry suggested that councillors man the airport when planes came in to confiscate liquor.

A general discussion followed; it was decided to police arrivals at the airport. Two men to be responsible:
Jack John
John Buleiya.

Confiscated liquor to be handed to the Police.

BEER AT FISHERIES: Cr. Yirinyin said that some Gunwinggu men, Steven Gunjulma and Morris Jabililil, had been trying to get beer at the Fisheries. They were a big nuisance and they had better cut it out.

MINING: Cr. Munyal wanted to know about latest mining developments. He was informed that the geologist was coming next week and this man would be asked to meet the Council to explain his business.

GADJI (AGAIN): Cr. Munyal said that he wouldn't be taking any beer to Gadji otherwise all the Nangalala mob would glorm onto him and there would be too much trouble. When they got a Club, then he would get one too.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT: President pointed out that he had asked Council to elect a Vice-President a number of times. He had to go away quite a lot and someone should be able to call meetings and handle business in his absence. He wanted something done about it, now.

Nominations for Vice-President -
J. Balaiya
B. Yirinyin

J. Balaiya elected.

BIG MEETING: President said he wanted a big meeting, on the oval, tomorrow night. There were a lot of things to be talked over and he wanted all Councillors to gather together as many people as possible. He would arrange transport where necessary.

CLUB ROSTER: B. Beibananga
A. Warijil - P. Segandra

N. T. ABORIGINES LAND BOARD

The Lands Board visited Maningrida last Wednesday to hear applications for Special Purposes Leases within Maningrida. The Board comprises the following people:

Chairman: Mr. Barry Hart (Director P.I.B.)
Members: Mr. Rupert Kentish, M.L.C.
Mr. Giese
Mr. Tom Lawler
Mr. Tom Yibberal
Mr. Bill Yirinyin.

- The Progress Association is asking for three blocks this time:
- 1) For the Community Hall
 - 2) " Bob Cross' house
 - 3) " the Baker's house.

An announcement will be made by the Board as to the result of the applications very soon.

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There were ninety and nine.

In a brilliant tactical stroke last Sunday, the Rembarrnga tribe chalked up yet another victory against not only authority, mark you, but a Good Samaritan as well.

Phase 1. Approach authority and ask him to provide transport to a favourite camping place.

Suitable time interval.

Phase 2. Approach Good Samaritan and ask him to bring group of people back from favourite camping place.

Result: Toyota-load of campers, and recovery Landrover, made simultaneous arrival at favourite camping place. Much confusion ensues, everybody heads for home midst scenes of joyful satisfaction or bemused wonderment depending on one's part in the action.

Phase 3. On return to base, announcement that one of the party was left behind.

Write your own ending to this story, folks.

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PUBLIC MEETING HELD NEAR THE KITCHEN ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Council President, Mr. Tom Yibberal, was pleased to see plenty of Gunavidji, Nakara and Gunwinggu people present. Their Councillors had been on the job. The number of Burada people was small. The Councillors hadn't been calling the people, and even when a truck was sent around they didn't come.

1. Marriage:

The President explained that young men and women want to get their own mates and "feed themselves". It's not good for the old people to keep back the women. It's time to change.

Question: "What about the promise system?"

The people didn't answer.

Tom: "If you don't like it, then change."

2. Looking after the Children:

Tom: The mothers and fathers have to "push" their children to go to school, take babies to baby tucker. It's no good being too smart now and feeling sorry when it's too late - if a baby dies because it isn't fed properly.

NEWSPAPER STORIES.

BAMYILI - THE NEW HOLIDAY SPOT.

The social club at Bamyili Settlement is asking the government for a storekeeper's licence. This will mean they will be able to sell beer to people from the canteen. At Bamyili they have been working the beer club the same way as Maningrida but now they want to change so they will be like the shops in Darwin that sell beer. If this happens maybe a lot of people will think Bamyili is a good place for a holiday.

DREAMING PLACE AT NIGHTCLIFF.

The Larrakia tribe, whose country used to be all round where the city of Darwin now stands, are worrying about a waterhole near the drive-in pictures at Nightcliff. The Larrakia people say this is there only dreaming place left in Darwin and they want to stay there. The Welfare Branch is thinking about this story. There are only a few Larrakia people left in Darwin - maybe 25 or 30.

GOVE GETS BIGGER.

There are now nearly 5000 people at Gove, the big mining town being built near Yirrkala Mission. Many of these new people have come to work on the job of getting the town and all the machines ready to start work on digging and loading all the mineral there.

The Public Meeting

Cont. Looking after the children.

People walk around now and they can only talk and can't read or write. We want our children to be able to use pens and books so that later on, they can use these things.

A Baby may look O.K. but if it is not properly fed, then maybe "bad guts, or chest or no blood".

Ceremony

Tom - The gunabibi ceremony finished up at Mumalarr (out near the Gudjerama) at the week end but the leaders did not let me know until it was too late. This was a big ceremony and in the old days, people took 'different, different' tribes and brought them together. They left me behind and a lot of other people too.

Working Together

We have different tribes here, and on Settlements and Missions and in the cattle work at Bulman and in the mining, we have to work together.

People

Mr. David Irindilly returned from Croker Is. after a holiday there. He was wearing a string of beads in the Paddy Fordham tradition and explained that these were dancing beads.

Mr. Dennis Strand, Deputy Headmaster of the School last year - in Melbourne on a twelve month course in the teaching of the deaf, reports that he is working on a new definitive text book entitled "Teach Yourself Stuttering".

Mr. and Mrs. John Buck have left Snake Bay and have gone to England. (Tiwi Talkabout).

Fourteen people are involved in preparing forms for the counting of all the people at Maningrida on June 30th.

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Some of the Prospector's equipment will be arriving at Maningrida today (on the Fourcroy) The geologist Mr. Brian Purdey, will be arriving on Saturday.

As a result of a meeting held at Oenpelli on Thursday, it would seem that F.A.M. might not emerge as originally proposed. The people of Goulburn and Maningrida should continue to participate on an equal partnership basis, but there is some uncertainty as to further involvement by the other parties.

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Darwin Games.



Maningrida won three firsts.

Timothy Mace in the Intern. High Jump

Rosemary in the 12 yr. discus.

Nigel, Patrick, Terry and Basil in the 12 yr. relay

Lucky lost the 1500 metres right at the finishing line.



Other Seconds

Tim Darcy in the jnr. Discus (he found out what a discus was, 5 mins. before the event.)

Tommy Dudanga was 2nd. in the sen Javelin, Albert 2nd. in the jnr. 400 metres with brother Sam 3rd.

Gerard in the 12 yr. 60 metre hurdles.

The relay teams ran well and gained 2nd. or 3rd. for all the events they entered for.

Third placings.

Sam in the Sub-jun. long jump, Audrey in the 11yr. discus and in the 11yr. hurdles.

Mr. David McClay, Head Teacher from Milingimbi ran in the 5,000m event, giving moral support to Milingimbi's athletes.

Bathurst Is. won both the Sen. Shield and Athletics Shield for the games. The Maningrida team congratulates them on an outstanding performance. Kormilda finished 2nd. and Maningrida 5th. but were not disgraced.

Supporters

Mr. Fryer officiated at the sprints starts and he and Mrs. Fryer chatted with our team during the day. Mr. Fryer found a very good athlete for our Sen relay team, Nigel from Bamylli. Mr. Jukes showed Tim Darcy the discus and helped throughout the day. Mr. and Mrs. Williams were with us to give support to the team as were Mr. and Mrs. John Grant. Mr. Giese, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Norman, Mr. Robinson had words of praise for Maningrida's effort.

How we spent our time

We arrived in Darwin at 3.45 p.m. on Fri. and were taken by bus to our place of abode. Some boys stayed at the Baptist Hostel where they joined forces with Lucky, Tim D., Norman A., and Michael. Five girls stayed at Palmerston House and the other 8 boys and 4 girls stayed at Dundas House. Juliet was staying at Dundas and should be coming back to Maningrida soon, her condition having improved remarkably.

On Saturday we saw the procession, did some shopping and went to the pictures at Kormilda in the evening. On Sunday we attended the Open Day at Bagot. Monday was the day of the Darwin Games at the Gardens Oval. The R.A.A.F. D.C. 3 brought us home on Tuesday morning, and by the afternoon, some of us were sound asleep.

Seen at Kormilda and Bagot.

Maningrida students Hilda, Helen, Nellie, Gilbert, and Timothy were there to meet us. Ray Nulla was the projectionist. He said that the pictures and the canteen were run by the students, and run very successfully too from what we saw.

At Bagot Open Day, dancers from Bamylli (amongst them, the well known Paddy Fordham) danced at the main entrance and when a crowd had gathered, led them to centres of interest throughout the afternoon. Some of the interesting centres were:

Cooking and eating kangaroo meat, Bagot School with Miss Judy (on clerical duty) pottery display, Basketball match, Judo display, Spear throwing and how to avoid being speared (Tim D. had his doubts about this friendly performance), Sing along Rock and Roll Ensemble.

We caught up with Joshua and Peter Galara who had been entered for events in the Games. Joshua took part but Peter thought that he might be leaving for Maningrida.

Thanks.

Special thanks are due to the R.A.A.F., NTA bus drivers, Managers at Baptist Hostel, Palmerston and Dundas Houses, Darwin Games Committee, Parents and Friends, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Carpenter, Teachers, Progress Assoc., Forestry and Welfare Staff, for co-operation, thoughtfulness and generosity. J.S.

FORESTRY

Mr Maurio Wills the assistant Saw miller left last Tuesday and more recently John and Dorn Fraser with their big alsation dog.

Now staff are expected:

Mr Matthous timber jack operator
Mr Williams bull dozer operator
Mr Tony Anderson ganger, due on Monday.

Forestry chiefs of staff Chris Haynes, Col Wilson and Mr Davis will make a flying visit soon.

FIRE.

ONE TREE MAKES ONE MILLION MATCHES
ONE MATCH BURNS ONE MILLION TREES.



MATCHES



GONE GONE

On Saturday morning Mr Roger Pink and some of the teachers set off for an enjoyable trip to the stone country on their motor bikes, leaving the landrover at home. While they were taking in the Cadell crossing scenery on Sunday the landrover started up and drove off, and headed in the direction of the Gudjerama. When the men drove home on Sunday afternoon, the yard was empty. A search then began.

The vehicle was found on the road to the Gudjerama dump about a mile from Maningrida tipped over on its side. The windscreen was broken, left side dented and oil etc. spilled on the road.

The driver had been Barry Gungun. He had a chance to tell his story to Constable John Fraser Allen on Wednesday. He will have to appear in court in Darwin.

MOTOR CAR LICENSES

The changes made recently to the Motor Vehicles Ordinance and the Traffic Ordinance will be brought into operation on the 1st July, 1971. This will mean that motor vehicles will need to be registered if driven on roads or places in Aboriginal Reserves which are open to the public. Persons driving vehicles in such areas will need to be licensed.

Further data can be obtained from Settlement office. If you have a car to register it would be helpful if you indicated same, so a visit by a testing officer can be arranged.

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Nominations are invited for the 11 positions to the Board of Management of the Maningrida Progress Association. Forms are available at the Office (See Mrs Elliott). Forms must be signed by proposer, seconder, and person nominated.

Nominations close with the Chairman, Mr J. Hunter, on 21st July 1971.

All persons who are current members of the MPA (Aboriginal and non Aboriginal) are eligible for election.

G. B.

WEEKEND DUTIES: Duty Officer: Mr Bert Ryan
Duty Sister: Sister Cec. Caroy
Nightwatchman: Mr England Mangurinyin

STAR THEATRE: Friday: "Hold on" (could be about a car trip around Australia with Jack Murray).

Saturday: "Collector" The story of a man with two rare postage stamps worth thousands of dollars.

CHURCH: Sunday 9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools "Man's faith"
7.00 p.m. Evening Service

Thursday 7.30 p.m. Fellowship.

When we put money into the bank, or climb into an aeroplane, we are putting our faith and trust in the bank and in the pilot. We like to use the bank and travel on the plane, because these are two things that make our life better, but we live in faith when we do.

In Jesus there are good things for our life too. In Him there is forgiveness that takes away our shame. There is the power of His love which can heal the sickness in our minds and bodies. There is power that enables us to do the things we know we were made to do. These things can be ours if we decide to listen to His word, believe Him, and live in the truth of His word.

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To Help in The Hospital

Maningrida welcomes three new sisters, here working at the hospital for 2 months. Anne Biggins from Adelaide, Christine Vandormark from The Hague, Holland, and Wendy Chocsoman from Devon, England. The fourth member of their party is Mary, working at Garden Point, also hailing from England.

Wendy, Christine and Mary came out to Australia 18 months ago and met Anne in Adelaide where they worked for seven months. The 4 of them set off for Perth in Anne's Combi Bus where they worked as nurses for 4 months. Then down to Nowdegate in the SW. of S.A. where they worked for 4 weeks as Rous abouts shearing 3000 sheep in this period!! Then for a way of a change for 6 weeks in Geraldton they were employed in a crayfish factory. After driving around the coast to Darwin and earning some more coin they will make their way across to Cairns and down the coast, working in Sydney and arriving back in Adelaide by Dec.

Mary is to marry a farmer in W.A. next Febr. while Christine and Wendy head back home next April, Wendy being accompanied by her very good friend, John.

Anne is also going their way but in June with the "Jet Set".
We wish you all the best girls in your future travels.

How they see us

Christine: ... "Maningrida looks lovely from the air - very orderly. It's larger than we thought. I love the banana trees, coconut palms and sandy lanes".

Wendy: ... "We're all very impressed with the organization of Welfare, the cleanliness of Baby Tucker, the Kitchen and the Hospital."
(She'll get on!!)

Anne: ... "The weather is beaut - not too cold and Maningrida is a nice place. I would like to take some of the babies home with me."

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