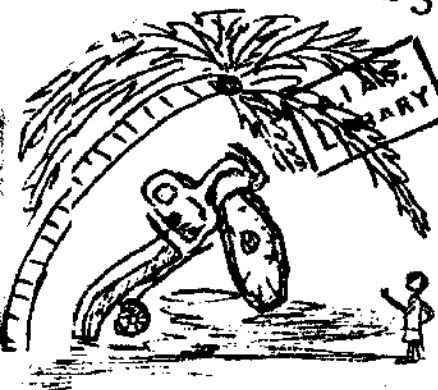


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The School Truck Dits Down (4 DIES)

After many days of misfiring, clanking and making a lot of trouble the school truck has finally sat down for what seems to be the last time. While out gathering wood on the Gudjerama Road on Wednesday the mysterious noise from its stomach reached new heights. It sat down on the road and would go no further. Luckily there were 25 children on board and they **pushed it along the Gudjerama road to the Airstrip Road. There, due to a slight navigational error**, chief steering wheel operator George Garawan, it hit the fence and fell in a ditch. Luckily the Gunwinggu tractor was at hand and the garbage men soon had it on hard ground again. Then the timber jinker took it in tow for the journey into school.

On advice from mechanics of the Jinang Goose Truck Company it will be turned out to pasture. It may have good breeding possibilities if it meets up with John Hunter's Dodge on a moonlit night - the progeny will be interesting if nothing else.

Maningrida Potteries

Maningrida Potteries had their first production run on Thursday. The Senior General Stream children had an open firing of about 30 hand built pots near the Domestic Science room. The experiment was not greatly successful but plenty of smoke was raised. The children gathered a truck load of long grass (which may cause nocturnal students of such vegetation some concern) and a load of small sticks. Many pots went bang and some did not get very hot but the chief stokers had a lot of fun. It is hoped to build a simple kiln for a slightly more sophisticated firing in the near future.

School Visitors

Educationalists from Kenya, Tanzania, Tonga and Fiji visited Maningrida School on Thursday in company with Mr Peter Turnbull from Head Office. A splendid lunch was turned on by the ladies on the staff and the visitors were taken through the school and settlement and given much information about Settlement affairs. The visitors impressed with their keen interest in all they saw and information they had to offer about their own countries. They were very pleased to see the boys dancing for them, in particular Talbert's dancing and Andy's bamboo playing.

Parents and Friends

FETE: A full scale fete is proposed for early next term. It was felt that some new attractions were needed. Suggestions varied from interesting to unprintable. Most people felt that the fete should run into the dark hours. We might set up a Tunnel of Love on the sewerage pond. More news on this event when details are worked out.

PICTURES: Attendance at the picture has dropped to rock bottom - especially on ticket buying night. Last Friday ticket sales amounted to \$200 compared with \$300 plus in first term - expenses on films and freight consume nearly \$100 per fortnight.

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Parents and Friends continued.

Eisteddfod.

The P.&F. will donate \$20 as a prize for some section of children's traditional dance and song at the North Australian Eisteddfod. This is in appreciation of the fun and experience which the children of Maningrida have had from the Eistedfod over the years.

Town Clock.

Here we are again. No news on the instrument's whereabouts to date. There are unconfirmed reports that it was seized in Brisbane under suspicion of being a weapon of the Yellow Peril of the North. A conflicting report tells us that the Custom's Officers in Sydney, impounded it as an instrument likely to deprave and corrupt the Youth of the Western Suburbs.

Dan G.

People.

Mr. Smiley Hanning has been appointed as the Assistant Cook at the Hasty Tasty. Smiley will work there on the busy nights.

Arriving today, is the P.M.G. Inspector, Mr. Maurie Russ, from Port Augusta in S.A. Back in the 1957-61 era, he and the Editor played football together. Mr. Russ was a good ruck man.

Sister Maija begins her exams on the 24th. of this month and expects to be back in Maningrida in about one month. We wish her well in the exams.

Bunappi to whom we referred last week, is the mother of David Gulpulil. So no wonder that she travels widely in Arnhemland. David, his mother, and Dick Bandalil went to Nangalala this week.

In an African Town.

On Thursday, Sister Edith was talking to the African visitor, who came from Tanzania. He had done his trainign at a University in Uganda and then came to a town called Kissi among the gardens in the Highlands of Kenya. Here he did gained some practical experience in the Secondary School. At the Hospital in the same town, a few years later, Sister Edith was nursing. Needless to say, they had a very interesting time recalling places which they both know well. Sister Edith had some fun using the Swahili language again.

Progress Reports.

Housing Association.

During this week the frames have been rising on three houses between the power House and the Airstrip Highway. Work is still proceeding on the five partly built homes.

Mining

The three men and their two local helpers, have made tracks into the area off the Oenpelli road and across the Mann River, to the central base for their future work. The aeroplane to do the aeriell survey work, should be here before next Thurs.

Wolpers and Law.

The contracors struck unexpected difficulties when they found that one of the Primary Ponds lay over an area of sandstone instead of silty clay clay and shell grit. Consequently the plans have been changed a little, so that now there will be one big primary pond instead of two smaller ones.

Which is more important?  or 

When the Baby Money was paid this week, more card games started, numbers of mothers coming to Baby Tucker grew less. A lot more mothers were palying cards, and did not feed their babies. Too many mothers start playing cards and then forget everything else.

If the children dont get food, and start getting sick, mothers will worry, cry, sorry out themselves. Sister Edith.

Off to Bamyili

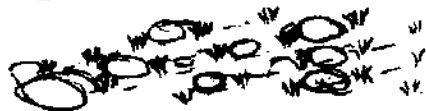
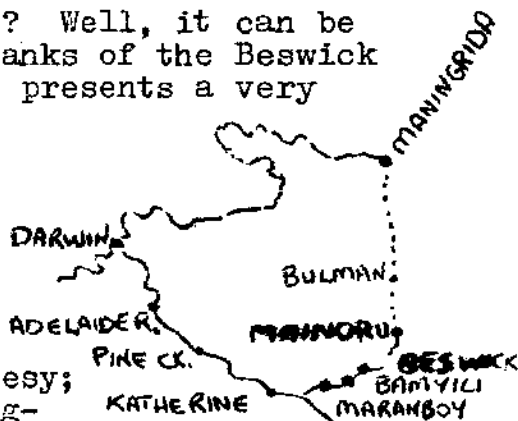
Bamyili was a popular spot for Maningridians this week. Tom Yibberal, Bill Yirinyin and Jack John went down there, via Darwin, last weekend to spend a few days. The purpose of their visit was to talk to Bamyili Councillors re the proposed Bamyili-Maningrida merger at Bulman. They reported that a section of the Bamyili people are very enthusiastic at the prospect of joining forces and are prepared to move up to Bulman to take part in future developments there. There is quite a number of Bamyili people who hail from Bulman-Wilton area so actually it would be a sort of home-coming.

Last Monday Messrs Bagshaw, Jettner, and your correspondent, drove down to Katherine from Darwin and went out to Bamyili on Tuesday. A meeting was held there and some decisions were taken:

1. To form a company to explore the possibility of seeking leasehold over Bulman and Beswick areas
2. To develop proposals for the operation of pastoral/agricultural/abattoir projects in these areas
3. To explore avenues of finance for same.

Subject to advice by Solicitors, accountants, etc., it was tentatively thought that the shareholders of the company might comprise financial members of the respective Progress Associations. People would be asked to subscribe capital to secure the company's initial operations, perhaps several thousand dollars. There is a lot of ground to be covered but it is hoped to get something under way in the next couple of months.

So. Now, you ask, what's Bamyili like? Well, it can be located about 50 M. out of Katherine, by the banks of the Beswick Creek. A settlement for about 500 people, it presents a very attractive aspect, with acres, literally, of beautiful green lawns and well trimmed trees. Established in the late 40's or early 50's it is a stable community with a rural outlook. In fact its cattle station, Beswick, is situated only 15 miles away, near the Waterhouse River. Bamyili is noted for the excellence of its services, a magnificent hospital under the guidance of the legendary Toni Eperjesy; a number one kitchen under Le Turner, and a vigorous Home Management Service presided over by Mrs. Malcolm Stewart. These people, with their various helpers, have made a significant impact on the social scene at Bamyili and obviously enjoy the fullest confidence of the population at large. There is a Social Club, which operates a small shop, and a number of small rural projects, a piggery, some poultry, and the beginnings of a garden area.



The settlement is an orderly development of streets, is town-planned and is blessed with an adequate water supply. The soil, mainly alluvial deposits, is prone to the wellknown "bulldust" condition when newly broken but, being fertile, quickly responds to improvement. Close by Bamyili is the mining "ghost" town of Maranboy, where a large quantity of tin was extracted, obviously with great labour, in the 20's and 30's. Currently there is only a Police Station there. To the East lies Beswick homestead, a picturesque establishment situated by the banks of a billabong near Waterhouse River. There are about 60 people living here and they are engaged in carrying out the stock and general station work on the Beswick run, about 1300 sq. miles.

This, then, is your "partner". The concept of inter-community participation is quite exciting, especially in view of the obvious potential of both Bulman and Beswick.

BIRDWATCHER



The little Rainbow Bird, or Bee Eater, is common about the settlement at the moment, and is known to most of us because of its very striking colours, although it is only a small bird. If you haven't seen it, they are always perched on the water pipes in the old banana plantation. They are a mixture of green, yellow, turquoise blue, black, and reddish brown. They catch insects on the wing and nest in the ground like the pardalotes. Their call is a trilling "purr-purr-purr". They are found in nearly all of Australia, but Maningrida is one of the few places where this bird is not migratory. LOOK OUT FOR IT!!

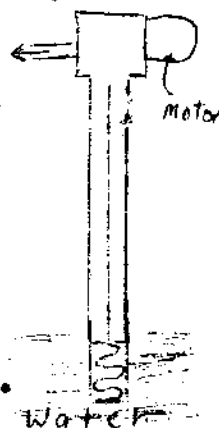
HOW TO GET QUICK ACTION

On Wednesday night some thirsty gentlemen broke into the Happy Club store of beer. Next morning Mr. Eddy Carey sent out the word "No beer tonight!" Within minutes, the sad news spread to every corner of the village and Harry Mulumbuk came running down to the office, almost out of breath, saying: "It was him, him, and him!"

No-one was more surprised by the quick result than Eddy.

WATER

Water pressure during the last few days has improved, particularly in the evenings. How come? For the past 3 months all the water has been drawn from Gabalyara Creek and none has come from the bores. The pumps and electric motors were unserviceable on both bores. Last week the Works electricians installed two new pumps which work on the worm principle, as shown in the sketch.



The installation of pumps and the linking up of the other two bores is expected to take place during the next month.

FORESTRY

The last barge landed a drilling rig of Water Resources Branch. It was moved to Cadell river yesterday, to put some bores down for Forestry.

The new D7E dozer made it to the Cadell without trouble and the road building is now in full swing.

In about 2 weeks' time, the Eagle Construction Co. will start building flats for 12 Forestry single men. The timber for this project will be locally cut and milled; the sawmill has already started on the necessary timber, to be well ahead of the builders when they begin this job.

Last Sunday afternoon, a fire was lit near the old jetty by some Burada people. Serious damage could have been done if the wind had changed direction.

I think everybody has by now been sufficiently warned about the bushfire danger. From now on, offenders will be prosecuted, whether serious damage to timber stands has been done or not. According to the Bush Fire Ordinance, any person responsible for starting a bush fire can be fined \$400 or be sent to jail for 6 months.

PEOPLE

E. Quick.

Mr. Jim and Sister Ena Pickersgill will be leaving early on Saturday morning in their Mini-Moke for Bulman and then on to Tennant Creek, on their annual holidays. They will be joined there presently by Mrs. and Mrs. Alf Dickfoss and family, who are going to start their leave a week later.

Mr. John Malangowa of Goulburn Island - (used to be at Maningrida) - went into Darwin on Tuesday, with a fish bone stuck in his throat. Ugh!!!

COME TO SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

CHILDREN "GONE BUSH or FISHING"

War is being made on CHILDREN who -

1. Come to school late,
2. Stay home,
3. Go fishing,
4. Go bush or to "business"

...AND...

WAR on MOTHERS and FATHERS who let or make their children stay away from school.

School is IMPORTANT - so don't humbug, just **HELP!!**

LETTER

WHEN IS SOMETHING GOING TO BE DONE RE. THE SCHOOL TOILETS???

Worried Parent.

NEW BUILDING

Contractors have arrived to look at the sites of the new Pre-School and Resources Centre. Both buildings are ultra-modern and will considerably enhance educational opportunity. Both buildings should be ready for use Term II 1972.

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS.

THAT'S THEIR STORY ANYWAY

The Welfare Branch, in reply to questions asked by Mr. Marks, Legislative Council Member for Barkly, announced that over-expenditure of funds had necessitated an embargo on employment of trainees at government settlements. It was hoped that the restrictions would be lifted "early in the 1971-72 financial year".

Settlement Superintendents were still able to seek specific permission to employ aboriginals. No such requests had been refused and there were none outstanding. The embargo did not apply to missions.

FROM THE DESERT COUNTRY

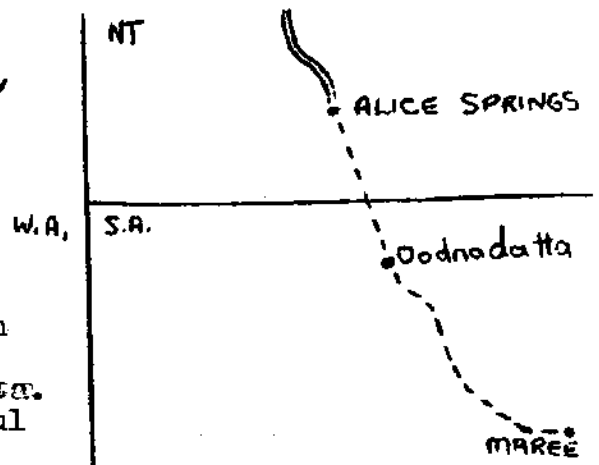
The Burada people in particular will remember Mrs. Anette Hamilton and Daniel.

A little while ago, Annette wrote to say that she is now working (anthropological research) at Everard Park Station away in the north-east corner of South Australia. Their nearest town is Oodnadatta. The country round about is a very beautiful piece of mountain desert.

"We are living with a group of about 60 people who are resident on a cattle station, but far away from the white man's world."

"Many of the people have come from the sandhills to the west. Their protein diet is almost entirely supplied by wild game while vegetable food (flour mainly) comes from the station store. Unfortunately, this is a period of drought - there have been only 297 points of rain in 2 years - so there isn't much vegetable food around.

... the people make implements for their own use ... traditional houses from gum timber and spinifex ... plus running motor cars around on ritual business."



WEEKEND
DUTIES

Duty Officer: Mr. Barry Tuite
Duty Sister: Sister Wendy
Nightwatchman: Michael Ngulabiya.

STAR
THEATRE

Friday: "Adventures of a Young Man"

CHURCH

Sunday 9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools.

"The Holy Scriptures"

7 p.m. Open air service around a fire -
near the football change rooms.

Thursday 7.30 p.m. Fellowship.

Do you get letters from friends sometimes? As we read the words on the paper we can almost hear the voice of the friend who wrote them. What a pleasant surprise when they come!

God has given us His word in the Bible. He did not write in the same way as we write, but he gave understanding and laws and wisdom to His people and some of them wrote. They were guided by His Spirit. The Gospels tell the story of Jesus. The letters tell us how we can behave and walk in the Christian way.

So the Bible is 'very dear' and very precious. If we read it and think about its words, God speaks to our life.

BIRTHS

Ronco son of Jeannie Maraginagin and Tommy Galbaranga, - 6 lbs.15 oz., born on Tuesday, 6.7.71.

Charlton son of Mary Girwara and Harry Jawudi, 6 lbs.7oz, born on Wednesday, 7.7.71. This is number ELEVEN for Harry and Mary!

DEATH

Daniel Djanraiwada, aged 66 years, on Friday 2.7.71. He leaves . . . wives, - Nancy Yalaluma, Ruby Madabiya, . . . and three children, Mandy (wife of Jack . . .), Violet (wife of Tommy Yibberal) and George Wayarka.

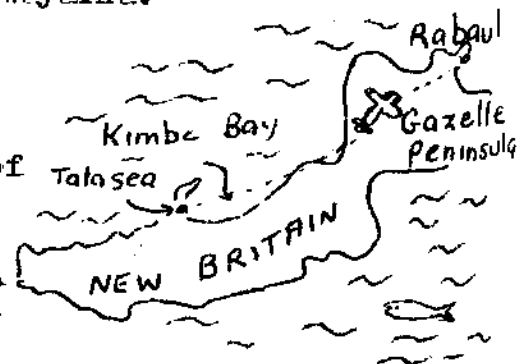
Report on Padge

In last week's issue mention was made of Mrs. Padge Ingran's accident. Padge wrote to Sister Coe this week and told her:

"I was brought in from Kimbe (where Alan has to travel in his work) where I had a fall with a deep, penetrating wound just above the right collar bone. Was driven by ambulance to Talasea (a bone-shattering experience at any time - about 40 miles). Given treatment by the local doctor boys under the supervision of the District Commissioner's wife who is a trained nurse. From Talasea Alan and I were picked up by a charter plane and flown to Rabaul (one of the engines failed on the way) ...

Things seemed to progress quite well until Thursday ... then I felt awful and rang the bell. All hell broke loose from then on ... intravenous drip, oxygen and Lord knows what else ("pleural collapse" and deep shock. Pneumonia also developed.)

Everything is improving rapidly now. All of us who know Padge, send our best wishes for a full recovery in the near future.



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