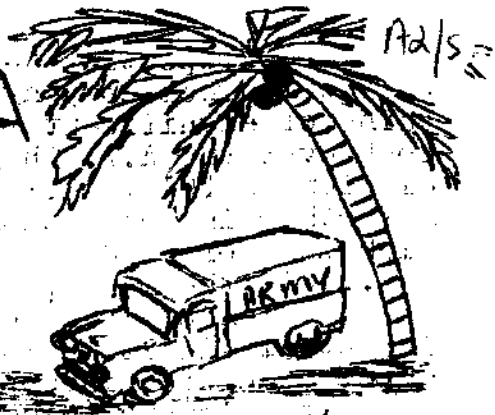


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The Golden crust.

From 2 pm. onwards each afternoon a steady stream of people make their way to the bakery and come away carrying loaves of fresh bread, buns or cakes. A very healthy sight.

Inside the shop Mrs. Isobel Holt trains ~~Dora~~ and Melanie (at the till) to serve the customers.

Out in the bakery wearing his baker's cap is ^{the} experienced old baker himself, Les Holt. When the morning "bake" is on, brothers Sam and Albert are there learning the trade. It is hoped that Sam will become an apprentice and Les believes that he could become a good baker. Sam likes the work too. Its a pity that regulations will only allow one apprentice to a registered baker.

At present 200 loaves are made daily and the dough has to be mixed by hand ("Haven't done this for 20 years" says Les). Soon a dough mixer along with other equipment will arrive. Then pies, mince pies, bacon pies, curry pies, pasties, block cakes and sponges will come out of the oven.

On the business side of things, the starting price for a 1½lb loaf is 40 cents, but this price will be reviewed during the next few weeks and adjusted. It will possibly come down.

Ingredients such as yeast have to be flown in while the egg pulp, flour powdered milk, pectin, margarine and other items have to come by boat.

To Manage the Shop.

Mr. Graham Inglis arrived on Wednesday's plane accompanied by his wife Margaret and two children - Amelia, 3½ and James, 1 year. Graham comes from Adelaide and for five years managed a General Store at Port Kenny on the West Coast. Margaret used to be a school teacher.

A Sad day at Goulburn Island.

Big Nagolomin, Head man among the Maung people, died early yesterday morning. He was 74 years old.

Nangolomin was an outstanding man in many ways. For several years he had his own garden and helped to supply the island with sweet potatoes and water melons. Superintendents have expressed appreciation for his understanding of community matters and memory of past events.

In June he took part in the ceremony at which he presented a stone from Goulburn Island in recognition of the agreement made between the people and ORMAC.

The Army is here again.

Old residents will remember a group of about 12 army men who came in a big CARIBOU transport plane in 1968. They camped near the beach at the bottom of the airstrip, and made a survey so that more accurate maps of the country could be made.

Last weekend 2 army men arrived in a plane and 2 others in a light truck. Now they are doing an aerial survey, taking photos and plotting the position of new roads and tracks. They leave on Wednesday.

Down The Track.

Last week, meetings in Alice Springs took one resident d "down the track", and as first impressions are sometimes interesting, I'll take the risk and write about a few of them.

After winding through the low hills South of Darwin, one passes through Adelaide River where Johnny Robinson toils as the cook in the local Inn, and comes to Frances Creek. Here one has visions of hordes of Chinese people arriving to look for gold in the early days. The passing traveller doesn't see many signs of those roaring days but he does see a small town on the move and growing. Evidently there is a very strong community spirit among the people.

The approach to Katherine is by way of a delightful sp picnic spot on the Katherine river and very pleasant pastoral surroundings. At an evening meeting there, local citizens were speaking of the good work which teacher, Mr. Peter Lewis, is doing among the Aboriginal people. They said that he began with the adults and asked them what they wanted to learn. They said "money and counting". The interest of the adults has done something to stimulate the younger ones. Katherine people don't hesitate to say that places like Maningrida have sewerage and they haven't!!

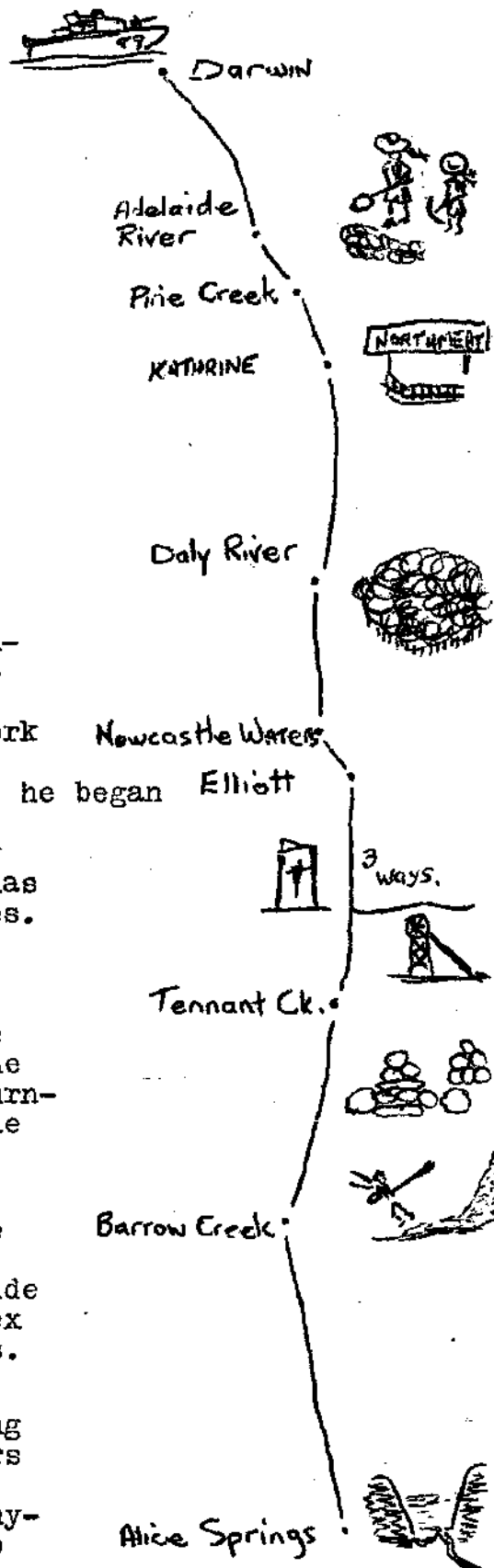
Pressing on, one comes to the often dense scrub below Day Waters. Here the explorer McDougal Stuart had a fearful journey trying to push his way through and unable to find water. This is called "Stuart's Hedgewood".

Round about Newcastle Creek, the country dramatically changes with a narrow strip of black soil plain, and then the wide open spaces of Centralian red soil, spinifex and low bush with a sprinkling of eucalypts.

At Tennant Creek one is back in mining country. Here there is an interesting story told about the 'Juno' mine. Some years ago the prospecting authority was held by the Nobles Nob company. They didn't find anything of significant value and the Geo-Peko took over the A.P. They reached the same conclusion as the former prospectors, but some of their team pressed for a further investigation. At a great deal of expense this was done, and a rich lode of gold was discovered- one of the richest lodes in the country. All the mines, mainly copper, have name ending with an 'O' sound- Peko, Orlando, Ivanhoe, Gheko, Warrego, and Juno. In years to come, it is not difficult to imagine that there will be the Bruno, Carlo, Horatio Hugo, and Nero mines operating and bringing up vast quantities of copper gold and bismuth (used in medicines.)

It was a new experience to attend a Church service at which the preacher has to pause three or four times, while a road train rumbles past the front door.

A little to the south of Tennant C. are the Devils Marbles. Beside being a majestic array of rocky scenery, they have a great attraction for people who like white paint and a passion for publicity. In large letters on the rocks, they announce to all the world that "Jack loves Jill" or that "Bill Smith was born on May 1st. 1951". A group of young people have been going out each year from Tennant Creek with turps, brushes etc to scrub off the literary decorations.



This year they are to be joined by a group from Warrabri.

In Alice Springs there is a new suburb named after a well known Territorian of airways fame - Connellan. This is being built across an airstrip which used to serve the Never Never Way. A lot of Americans attached to the U.S. base live here.

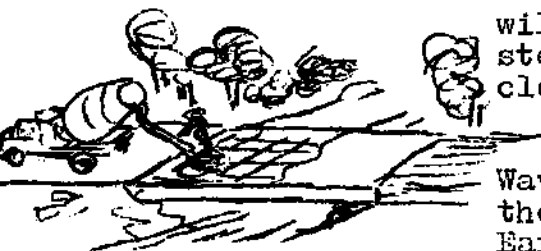
Along the road, I counted 2 donkeys, a horse, about 10 cattle and assorted wallabies and wild cats which had been killed by the traffic. There are few fences and the cattle particularly seem to enjoy lingering on the hard asphalt. Monuments and graves along the way give one the urge to read about the early explorers and settlers again, and particularly "We of the Never Never" and about Stapleton who was speared by Aborigines who came down over the crest of the hill at Barrow Creek.

G.A.

Local Engineering Feats

The Westgate bridge linking "Oenpelli East" and Fisheries, ^{with the settlement} is being saved from collapse. Workmen of John Holland (J.W.) Pty. Ltd. are working under the supervision of Chief Civil Engineer Bert Ryan. They are putting a firm concrete top over the heavy log structure. The final cost is estimated at a little less than fifteen million dollars....

Next week the same construction unit will lay the concrete foundation for "the steamin' demon" at the garage. The demon will clean engines and motors when it is set up.



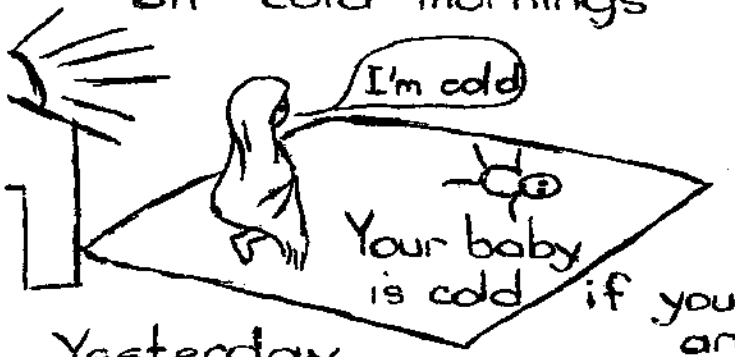
What a welcome sight to see Johnny Wavehill filling up the water tank to dampen the dust on the roads through the settlement. Earlier on this excellent scheme came to a sudden pause when a driver didn't allow room for the sprinkler arm when he was turning a corner and

Well Acquainted with Settlements

Mr. Ron Berryman, the new Welfare mechanic and his wife Lyn, are no strangers to Settlements. During 8½ years Ron has worked at Papunya, Jay Creek (the pick of the places'), Amoongoona, and Delissa - ville and visited a number of others. Ron was stationed at Papunya when he met Lyn, the daughter of the teacher, the late Mr. Charlie Jenkins. Mrs. Jay Phenister was also on the staff in those days. Lyn is a keen soft-ball player and was a Girl Guide leader at Warrabri while Ron is a golfing and cricketing enthusiast. They have two children Kevin and Kin. Ron is a brother to Mrs. Thelma Thomas - here in 1963.

THOUGHTLESS MOTHERS

on cold mornings



Yesterday

on cold nights



Baby money (child endowment) was paid.

How many mothers and children were at baby tucker? 200?

No. Only 10 people.

Why? Mothers were too busy playing cards

E.T

Basketball

by Jimmy Pascoe

On Tuesday night there was a rough game between Cape Stuart and Pioneers. Cape Stuart was winning at half time 22-16. In second half Pioneers were catching up. But it was like a rugby league or football game. From each side, watchers barracked for Cape Stuart and I think it made Pioneers wild. The points were:

Cape Stuart 42 and
Pioneers 44.

Dolphins defeated Cadell 36 to 40. Cadell were slower in passing the ball and in dribbling but Dolphins were always in front.

Draw Next Week.

Tuesday 10/8/1971

7.00 p.m. Eagles v Cadell
8.00 p.m. Chalkies v Kupanga
Pioneers By - Duty Referee and Scorer.

Thursday 12/8/71

7.00 p.m. Arnhemland v Cape Stuart
8.00 p.m. Pioneers v Dolphins
Eagles By - Duty Referee and Scorer.

Note:

The team who^{sc} boys are on duty, please BE AT THE COURT for refereeing and scoring. So THINK which is the best, Sport or Problems.

J.P.

From the Mailbag

A familiar, and very large figure about the settlement in 1966 was Works Force Carpenter Mr Hugo Leinas. On one memorable occasion, he managed to strap a sawn-in-half shovel nosed spear to his body in such a way, that people were horrified and even frightened at the sight of this man speared through the stomach but still able to walk about - a walk full of enjoyment for Hugo. Anyway he is at Frances Creek now and his friend (a bark painting purchaser) says "he .. is somewhat subdued by his interpretation of a diet .." "even though there are non-diet quantities of "diet ale" put away."

Mrs Prussian mother of Rob P. at Murganella gladly recalls her holiday here a year ago, collecting shells, visiting the stone country etc. and has written a poem and articles about her trips.

Mrs Prussian used her shells to make a basket of flowers design on a fire screen and had some quite ingenious ideas "cowries for the basket, scallops made beautiful petals for flowers, little cone shells and the triton placed together look like sheaves of lilies."

Mrs Mary Sime writing about the changes which she found in Malaya: "...Most of the wooden houses with attaps roof are pulled down. (attap roof means roof built from wild coconut leaves) and a lot of 18 storey flats built to replace them. ... met two men out from Darwin, one is a friend of Brolga Bill. He asked me if I know Brolga of Maningrida, I told him I know both Brolga the bird, as well as Brolga Bill, he laughed.

We will be leaving to go to Labuan an island which is part of on a small tour to visit my daughter, and then we may be back in Darwin...."

Next week we will all cry . Sisters Christine, Wendy, and Anne will be leaving to continue their Round Australia journey, heading towards Townsville and then down to Sydney. They have filled a very real need in the hospital. We send our best wishes with them on their Combi journey.

WEEKEND DUTIES: Duty Officer: Mr. Barry Tuite
Duty Sister: Sister Wendy
Nightwatchman: Mr. Michael Ngulabuya

STAR THEATRE Friday: "Twist around the Clock".

CHURCH: Sunday 9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools - "Law in our land".
7.30 p.m. Outdoor Service.
Thursday 7.30 p.m. Fellowship.

Ceremonies like the "Morning Star" or the Gunavidji "Turtle Dance" remind us of some of the things that happened in the old time stories.

The Old Testament people, too, had ceremonies and one of the most important was the Passover. They ate damper, made in a hurry, and a lamb. This reminded them how God led them out of a bad place to their promised country, in the middle of the night.

Ceremonies in the Church like Baptism and Holy Communion, are meant to make us strong to follow in the steps of faithful believers - remembering how Jesus gave Himself for us in the past - strengthened by what he does in us now. - - - - -

BIRTHS: ERIC - son of Betty Bilagwara and Alec Wurmala, - born sometime in May in the bush.
Clair - daughter of Nellie Guiyulun and Billy Madangiya, on 25.7.71. Billy is quite a remarkable father, born in 1917.

Dental Visit.

The dental unit will arrive on August 10th and will remain until August 24th. So! - aching teeth, decayed teeth, broken teeth, hang on for just a few more days!

Many Thanks to Mr. John Phemister for bringing out the "Mirage" last week while the editor was away. There would have been an extra page if material posted at the Darwin Post Office on Wednesday morning had come on Thursday's plane. Instead it took 5 days to make the journey.

Sister Maïa who returned on Friday last, spent the weekend here, but on Monday she was bound for Umbakumba on Groote Eylandt to relieve Sister (Anne) Hilary Groothuis.

PEOPLE

Mrs. Alice Gunwarbi, dressed in her red uniform, is serving in the shop again. Baby Oattie is brought in for a feed when she needs it, from time to time.

Mr. Ray Baku, No. 1 doctor, has gone to Milingimbi to operate on a patient there.

Mr. Eric Quick, Forestry Supervisor, went into Darwin on Tuesday to drive out a new Landrover. Mr. Kevin Ennis may drive out a second vehicle.

Mr. Harry Mulumbuk is expecting about 20 people to arrive from Elcho - ("maybe a special Heron load", Harry says) - for a washing ceremony following the death of his daughter.

Mrs. Margaret Jinjinjalara with three youngest children, expects to join her husband, Mr. Jacky Morrlug, at Milingimbi next week. Margaret helped Mrs. Drysdale in the house in the early days and called her eldest daughter "Ingrid" after Mrs. Drysdale.

Word from the Flying Beaver.

The Flying of the mining area South of Maningrida has been completed and the Beaver is working in the Junction Bay area. The interpretation of the data (things found out) will take some time and has to be done by a computer. Work on making tracks into the area is continuing.

At Maningrida, prospecting pits are being dug to see what lies beneath the surface of the ground.

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