

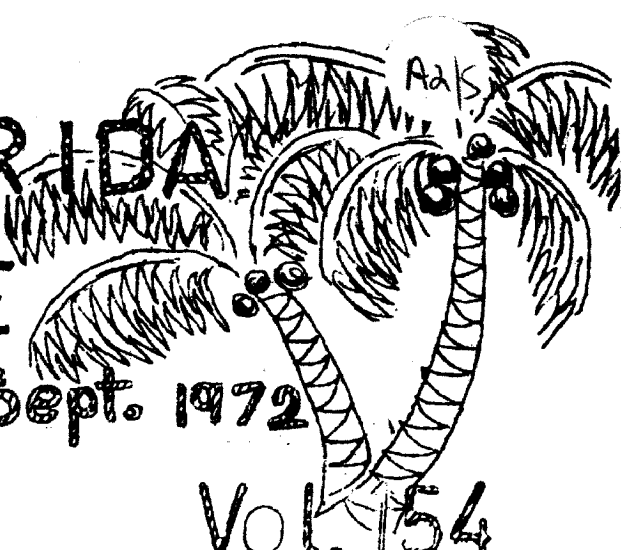
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# MANINGRIDA

## MIRAGE

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To END ALL WEEKENDS.

From everyone at Maningrida the Mirage bids a hearty welcome to our friends from Oenpelli, Elcho, Goulburn, Milingimbi and a special welcome to our friends from Bamyili who have made the long journey overland. We hope that this weekend will see fine dancing, a lot of talking together, some new friendships, and some new ideas for the future.

FRIDAY: Bamyili arrive before lunch.  
Other mission stations may arrive, depending on plane.  
Basketball game Maningrida v Bamyili before pictures.  
Pictures.

SATURDAY: A football game on the oval on Saturday arvo if both sides are game to take on the hard ground.  
Various warming up sing-songs through the day.  
No pictures Saturday.

Saturday Twilight - private BBQ for visitors - after this the dancing in earnest will begin. The location is the area in front of the Craft Shop bounded by the Government Store and Ron Berryman's house. Ray Munyal and a team of helpers are erecting shelters and preparing the dancing ground and the electronics. We hope many many Maningrida people will join in and show their dances to the visitors and that the young people - boys and girls - will join in with their countrymen and countrywomen. We also hope that the young Aboriginal people will look at people like Lolly Laiwanga and David Blanas and think about keeping their own dancing and singing as strong as these men.

We also ask all the balanda people of Maningrida to come along - especially Saturday night which should be a rare opportunity to see a large number of the N.T.'s finest dancers in the one place at the same time.

SUNDAY: The visitors will be taken on a guided tour of Cadell Gardens and outlying areas.

Afternoon or twilight there might be another basketball game - this will be notified. After church service, the usual Saturday film will be shown.

D.G.

### *A Recreation Officer?*

Mr. Bob Phillips (Youth Welfare Officer) and Mr. Bruce McKenzie (Exec. Director Y.M.C.A. in Darwin) came to Maningrida to meet people interested in exploring the possibilities of employing a professional youth activities officer. This officer could survey the needs in the community and draw up a program (maybe for 3 years) and encourage local voluntary sporting leaders to participate.

The meeting decided to write to the Assist.- Administrator Welfare re either

- (a) The appointment of a full time Govt. recreation officer.
- or (b) A subsidy arrangement to employ a full time rec. officer and two Aboriginal assistants.

Mr. McKenzie said that the National Y.M.C.A. felt a responsibility to serve Aboriginal communities when invited to do so.

G.A.

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# Cards and the Council

15 Councillors and 3 visitors were present.

Dancing men: Mr. Dan Gillespie "The dancing teams are coming on Friday of this week. They will come from Elcho, Goulburn Is., Bamyili, Milingimbi, and Oenpelli." He asked if the Councillors would prepare the dancing ground.

## Cards.

Cr. Riala 'We have talked about the business of playing cards over the last 3 or 4 weeks. He had asked the Village Councillors not to play cards on work days, but during weekends.

Cr. Munyal said that on every mission and settlement they still do playing cards but we Aborigines here are finding it hard.

President said we can play maybe for 20c, 40c, or \$2 but not going on, playing with the rest of our money.

Cr. Munyal "What we talk about here, will go to the Mirage and the Maningrida Mirage can be sent around the village, so that people can read what we talked about."

Const. Harry Cox "The policeman does not make laws about playing cards, but the people in Darwin, the Legislative Council makes the law, men like Mr. Kentish and Mr. Chaney. If you want to play cards, you can call on the people who represent you, so that they can change the law. As I said, I do not make the law, but I go by the law of the government.

The law also says that if I see cards and money, I can take the people who are playing to court. At Bagot the people do not keep on playing cards when the policeman drives through.

Cr. Riala : The cards cant be stopped. I've seen everywhere when I was at Elcho Is. and Goulburn Is. - I saw people playing cards, but no-one stopped them.

The law cant change, the law cant say 'Put cards away'. Maybe another law will say 'Put cards away, then they will be put away. We learned to play cards from the Europeans. The Government hasn't put the cards away yet, so we will still play.

Supt. It is gambling that's against the law, not playing cards

Cr. Riala: What about racing? Balandas put big money on that. Why is it different from cards?

Cr. Yiriyin: Maybe people play cards because they haven't got enough money.

President: Gambling is a law and can put you in jail. He said that he had lost his money, about 4 or 5 dollars. "I know how you people are worrying about the cards. The people here blame the Council and the police, but they don't blame themselves. They bring the cards from Darwin.

Const. Harry Cox : The only way to stop the people playing cards is to remove the cards

Cr. Riala: Why don't we write to the Government. We will ask what they think. Will they change the law for Aborigines?

President: Sometimes people come to the office to the Supt. asking about the money, because they have lost their money at cards.

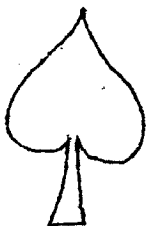
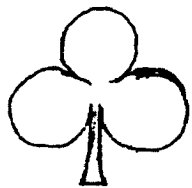
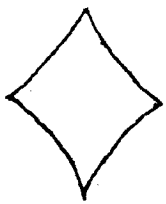
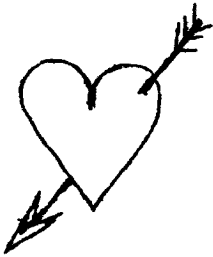
Cr. Riala: The Government can change the law so that there'll be no cards anywhere - not just ~~xx~~ at Maningrida.

Cr. Balaya : It is best if we can ask the Government to change the law. No cards.

President. People are hiding in the bushes playing cards.

Const. Cox : The best way is not to do bad things, and then you don't have to worry about me.

Cr. Riala: Last week the Council were running into the bush



## Council Cont.

like geese before the police truck.

President said that he wanted the police to come here because he had a lot of trouble a couple of times and the councillors did not help him.

Cr. Riala suggested that the matter of gambling be brought up at the next Council Conference.

Shang-hais : The President talked about the kids carrying shang-hais (shang-eyes) . They were a big nuisance.

Cr. Riala: The kids are running about at night. We want a police to patrol the area.

## Dogs at the Pictures.

Cr. Munyal "2 or 3 years we made a law th at dogs are not allowed. If the people want to bring their dogs, it will cost 50c. for male and 70c. for female dogs. Dogs which have been registered, should be kept at home and not allowed to run around.

Female dogs not needed, could be destroyed if they run around everywhere.

How many dogs does the Council think should be registered -?

President: asked the Council to talk to the people about dogs.

Cr. Jack John : All dogs should have tags and a chain to keep them safe instead.

Cr. Munyal: I will call a meeting at the oval.

## Film.

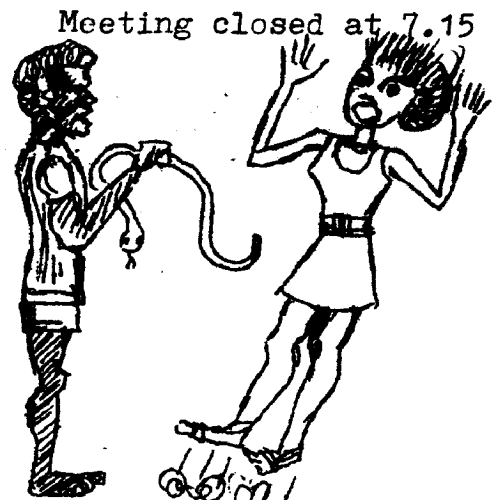
Supt: There is a film about voting to be shown and we would like the Councillors to see it.



## *FISHING - BY J. PASCOE*

During the school holiday, Dhuwai B. Neale, Yappa Marg. Neale, Mr & Mrs Neale (Bruce Neale's mother and father), Jacky, Judy, Brian, Don, David, George, Jimmy P. and I went fishing at Mawurrk Creek by Guyun in the M.P.A.'s Toyota. We left at 9.30am and arrived at 11.30am.

On the way we saw many kangaroos. We all jumped out and chased them. David had the gun and he must have gone Walkabout because he was gone for a long time. While we were there, David put a drag net across the small creek while Jimmy and I went looking for fish in a creek. When Jimmy and I came back and saw no fish, I told George and Jimmy to go fishing again and as we were walking by the creek we saw a grey file snake. I took a spear and speared it right on the head. We took it back and showed it to the people. Mother Neale was scared. I said "I'm scared of snakes" and Mother Neale said "Ooo, you are not the only one" and she squealed. We were there for an hour, then we drove to the billabong looking for geese. We drove around the creek and couldn't even find the geese because the creek was dry. We came to a creek where the old bone pole was standing by the dry creek. Suddenly David and Don saw a duck sitting in the pond and Don took his Winchester, aimed it and fired twice. David then ran to get the duck. We then drove back to where we left the net. We got off the truck and guess what we found? Two big barramundis about 7 or 8 inches wide and about 15 inches long. We made a big camp fire and cooked the fish, duck and the snake. Then we shared all the food.



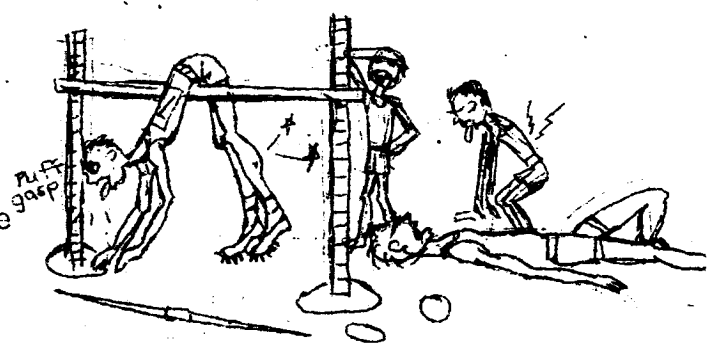
Somewhere about 4.30pm we drove back to the settlement. On the way we went to Guyun. We saw Paddy and some others. We had a good view of the mountain at Maregulidban and far away, the rocky mountain country.

# IN THE NEWSPAPERS

Moving at Yirrkala: Gordon Symons was speaking in the newspaper about the Aboriginal people at Yirrkala. About 100 people have moved away from Yirrkala they are living at a place called Caledon Bay. They have started a garden and when they get a freezer they will catch fish. They are also catching trepang and they will try to sell it to other countries.

## OLYMPIC GAMES FINISHED.

The Olympic Games in Germany are over. All the sportsmen and women from round the world are going home. Many new records were made in many sports. A young girl from Australia called Shane Gould, who is only 15 years old won 3 Gold Medals One Silver Medal and One Bronze Medal. This means that even though she is young she is the best girl swimmer in the world. A young man from America called Mark Spitz won Seven Gold Medals and made seven new records.



Many people were sad during the games when sportsmen and women from a country called Israel were killed by fighting men from another country.

Throwing Spears: Andrew Madadura, whom the police say threw a spear at Marie Jinguwaramba early this year and cut her leg, was in court this week.

The Judge listened to the story and then said that Andrew would have to go to the bigger court-The Supreme Court to tell the story again.

## FOR SALE

One Speedy: - 12ft Wooden Dinghy - in good condition. Now living at Fisheries and belonging to Peter Williams. Price \$110 See - Marg or Bruce Neale if interested.

## FISHING STORY - CON'T

Yappa Marg. Neale boiled the billy and we had tea. Paddy took us to the old well and we all tasted the water. We painted our faces in the white clay. Yappa Marg. was painted and she looked like an Indian. Watch for next week's story.

## Nutritional Education trial

At the Health Committee meeting yesterday, Dr. Jacobs outlined a proposal to help mothers learn to provide proper food for their small children. He suggested that a trial be carried out at Maningrida and sought the views of the Committee as to how it might be adapted to local circumstances. He said that three points had to be accepted in any such programme -

1. The scheme had to apply to local circumstances.
2. There had to be community participation (everyone had to be involved.)
3. The main had to be teaching about proper food, and not just providing it.

It was most important to evaluate (learn from) the programme; to see if it was having the right effect.

It was decided to seek Council support in setting up a camp type situation near the Infant Welfare clinic and to invite mothers to participate in order to try out ways of starting a food education programme. Sister Tilley will be looking after this but anyone interested could help.

Folk -

J.H.

Joshua Morlug and Peter BundaBunda have arrived back at Maningrida after being away for along time. Dee Uibo is due to return from ... today, so if Mick has a big smile, you'll know why. Frank Nayukyuk is also home. Raymond Milangana went to Elcho to attend a ceremony there, last week.

This month there will be a changeover in staff at Forestry with Gary O'Donohue and Allan Pettigrew both leaving.

New arrivals on the paysheets will be Shirley Mason as our clerk, and a new balanda in Peter Cook, whose wife is a teacher. Peter and his wife are due here **this month**; he will be employed as a leading hand forestry worker which will be in contrast to his last job which, I understand, was in an office

Fred Luff and myself are going to a Forestry Conference at Pickertaramoor on the 18th and 19th of this month. The bi-ennial conference is mainly to discuss problems involved with Forestry at all the reserves I am told that good results often come from these conferences, mainly due to the varied ideas from all the different people.

Frank McCabe from Darwin will run Forestry in my absence, and I hope he gets the same help and consideration that I enjoy.

Anyone who has been out on The Forestry roads lately will have noticed that we have been painting and re-locating sign posts. We still have a few signposts left over so if you think more are needed call in to see "Randy".

Ian Cuthbert our grader operator is having a busy time now that he has two graders and two trainee operators under his control. Jerry Milliken the welfare operator is improving under Ian's guidance and soon will be as proficient as Horace Minimalin.

Clive McMahon, our senior mechanic (~~little hot years~~) will be having a bachelor's lunch now as his wife, Lee, started work in the Hospital this week.

Bruce Brotherton, our mechanic, has applied for a staff position at Murganella as a motor mechanic. We hope Bruce is successful as he will then be in charge of a workshop and should prove an asset to Allan Brady who is the O.I.C. there.

We have a few ornamental trees available in our nursery - please call in if you need a few for your garden.

Confirmed???

BACHELORS' LAMENT

"My Kingdom  
for a GIRL!"

- The knight  
of the  
round table.



Oh girls please come and live out here,  
Connair is cheap you know.  
We ~~have~~ need some lovely lasses near  
Since "saddle bags" did go.

The choice of men is marvellous,  
So well bread and fine *blearh!!*  
All gentleman to a lady  
So pack your bags and come

Beaches, Boating, Parties too,  
You'll never pine away,  
For 'Grida is the swinging spot  
Forever and a day

Jacky Jane and Rosie too  
Will stand by what I say  
That all of us are real good blokes  
Oh please girls come and stay.

Hey girls! Here's  $\rightarrow$  Robert Fisher.  
a good sort, with pretty blond curls and baby blues!



OH TO BE IN 4TH GRADE AGAIN - WITH TWO WEEKS HOLIDAY.....

"On Saturday Lennie and I were swimming at Barkjim, and Lennie saw  
sugarbags" (Gwennie Minningnala)

"One thing that made me sad boys played with shanghai."  
(Roslyn Armstrong)

"We went to Juda Point, we went to the fish trap and saw a diving  
swan." (Gerald Malarngarnga)

"We went to Darwin for training, and we had a good time at Darwin."  
(Tim Mugabin)

"We went to Goobiara and we saw skinny fish, crab and fishtrap."  
(Reggie Wurritja)

"We went to the Cadell and we played in a canoe."  
(Trevor Marwilba)

# THE BIG WOMEN FLY



Last Monday night saw the begining of the Second Season of Women's Basketball - after much pestering during the off-season period. It is planned to conclude on Monday 27th November. The four new teams bear the lively names.

- Peacocks - Captained by School girl Betty.
- Alligators - Margaret.
- Flamingoes - Daisy
- Entrance Island Laurie.



## WOMENS' BASKETBALL

### Results From Last Week.

Peacocks 34 defeated Entrance Island 24  
Flamingoes 36 defeated Alligators 30

The teams are evenly matched with the result that play was "tight" and exciting. Much style and skill was shown by Betty Wilson and Mandy among others. Betty managed to squeeze her family between seasons missing only one game - sterling effort. A record of best players and the most improved will be kept throughout the season and voted for by select spectators.

A Request - for a pool of coaches and umpires and other officials - particularly aboriginal - to make this an even more valuable season. Interested persons - see Mary Neale or Jimmy Paxec.

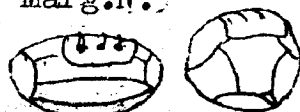
Uniforms - have been purchased - awaiting distribution.

Umpires - Thanks to Jimmy Cooper. Jimmy and Jacky Pascoe and Tom Wudjel

Draw For Monday 18th. - Peacocks Vs Flamingoes  
Entrance Island Vs Alligators

A draw is on the notice board at the Post Office. Marg.N.

## MENS' FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL



On Monday a very good football meeting was held on the oval. For the first time in sport at Maningrida some men were voted for, and these men will pick Maningrida teams to play against other Settlements.

### For Football

- Ray Nulla - Capt/Coach
- Larry Weipa - V.Capt.
- Jimmy Cooper - 3rd Selector.

### For Basketball

- Jim Darcey - Capt/Coach
- Jacky Pascoe - V Capt.
- Lucky Balaka - 3rd Selector.

The teams selected to play against the visitors this weekend.

Basketball 1. Jim Darcey. 2. Jacky Pascoe. 3. Lucky Balaka. 4. Jim Walbaraka. 5. Raymond Carter. 6. Ray Nulla. 7. Charlie Brown. 8. Larry Weipa. 9. Michael Stewart. 10. Dudley Cooper.

Football. (from the following players)

- |                   |                    |                     |                  |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1. Ray Nulla      | 6. George Waialka. | 11. Jerry Millikin. | 16. Bobby Smith. |
| 2. Larry Weipa    | 7. Jacky Pascoe    | 12. Alan            | 17. Tommy D      |
| 3. Jimmy Cooper   | 8. Michael Stewart | 13. Dudley Cooper   | 18. Joe Fry      |
| 4. Raymond Carter | 9. Dick Smith      | 14. Terry Wilson.   | 19. C. Djordila  |
| 5. Jim Walbaraka  | 10. Lucky Balaka.  | 15. Harols Roberts. | 20. C Brown.     |

Good luck to all players.

## SCHOOL BOYS NIGHT BASKETBALL

Tuesday 12th September

Nakara 60 defeated Gumurrgurra 46

Jumbulowa 42 defeated Burada 38

Next Weeks Game.

7:00 Jumbulowa Vs Gumurrgurra - Umpires Ted and Tom

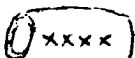
8:00 Nakara Vs Burada - Umpires Dean and Morris.

Scorer Rexie.



Ted and Toby.

## HAPPY CLUB



Patrons please note that all business (including payments) is now done by Mrs. Seymour. Please assist her by your prompt payments.

J.G.

## WEEKEND DUTIES STAR THEATRE

Duty Officer: Mr Eddy Carey

Duty Sister: Sister Maija

Friday: "Warlock" with Richard Widmark and Henry Fonda.  
Outstanding Classic Large Scale Western. Story of a  
gunfighter.

Sunday: (after Church) The Further Perils of Laurel &  
Hardy. Robert Youngson's compilation of the funniest  
moments in the careers of the beloved comedy team.

## CHURCH

Sunday: 9.45am Sunday Schools  
7.15pm Evening Service

Tuesday: 7.30pm Crusaders Fellowship

During The United Church Conference in Darwin it was decided that Rev Mosesi Latu, a Tongan minister will come to Maningrida (probably about Christmas time) to relieve until a new minister is appointed.

Mr Latu is well known to Aboriginal people who have visited Milingimbi in earlier times. For the past two years he has been studying at a theological college in Sydney, and will be ordained early in the new year. In due course it is expected that he will minister to the people at Ngangalala and Remunginiyn and help to get the garden under way there.

Rev. G Armstrong has to return to Darwin next week (and on two other occasions later) to participate with Rev. Jack Goodluck in Training courses and thus prepare for future work in Darwin.

## PEOPLE

Mr. Dennis Schapel who was a teacher at Maningrida some years back, is having another one-man art show - this time in Sydney. His paintings are said to convey his interpretation of Aboriginal people's life.

Mrs D. Cleeves who is a speech therapist is coming to Maningrida to talk to teachers and any other interested parties. The discussion will be on the 22nd September at 10.00am in the School library.

Mrs Beckett arrived on Wednesday's plane to stay with Brolga her son. Also on board was furniture-maker apprentice Terry Darwin Balmugotjila to see his relatives for a week.

Mr. Bob Collins has taken off from among the Cadell watermelons to visit Melbourne and Sydney. One project is to look into the finer points of gladioli growing.

## DEATHS

Louis, 09 months old son of Margaret Myall and Gilbert Wul-  
amba, died in Darwin on Sept. 8th.

Baby Benjamin - son of Del died in Darwin on Sept. 8th. See  
last week's Mirage.

Horace Guningbal husband of Susan WanjiWanji and daughter  
Susan WanjiWanji (same name) died in Darwin. Aged 54 years  
Horace belonged to a well known Gunavidji family and in  
a true sense, belonged "to this country", He has been  
sick for a long time.

## People

An old timer in these parts Mr. Jack Doolan arrived on Wednesday after an overland journey with Mr. John Quekch. Yesterday they went out to look at the country around Juda Point over which the Gunavidji men have applied for a General Purposes Lease. They they went on to Rocky Point, where a crab decided to test his gripping power on John's foot. Jack was a Patrol Officer stationed here in the pre-settlement days.

Newspaper Wanted - for use in the Fasty Tasty. Please see  
Mrs. Gil. Anies.

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