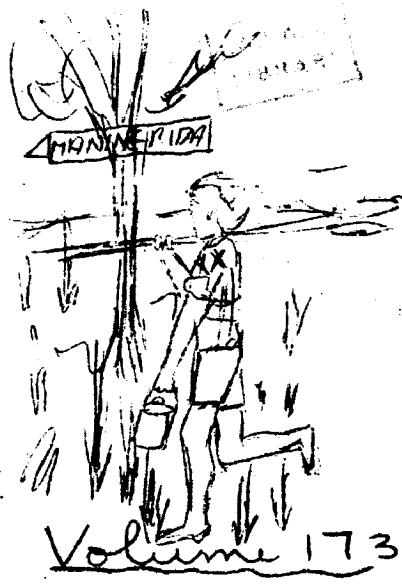


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All about the Wet Canteen at Bamijili

Jimmy Burinyila is still making his way back from the MARRIDJIRRI ceremony at Bamijili. This week he sent a story for The Mirage on a few other things he saw at Bamijili.....



Now drinkers they name Ray Munyal, Jack John, Dick Smith, Mary and myself and also the boys from Nangalala Station. They name Bruce, Gilbert and Barney. They were helping us for dance and I was helping them for beer. So that's why we have been broke - because there are eight (8) people cost me about \$9.60 a day for beer from 5/1/'73 to 19/1/'73. All the others made it but I didn't.

I met Mr. Morrish. He was a schoolteacher at Maningrida few years back. He wants to go there for 2 weeks to have a look around what is happy this time at Maningrida. Also Bill Armstrong is here at Bamijili. He was really helping us for meal.

That's all my story whether you like it or not?

J. Burinyila

More Walking:

It seems that walking overland is becoming very popular. After our story last week on the overland walk from badji stories of walks were everywhere. Jacky Bunganiall, son of Mandarrg, arrived at Maningrida on Monday. Some weeks ago Graham McKay told us that Jacky had just left Bamijili heading for Beswick. Well after Beswick Jacky kept going and has come all the way to Guyun - then a truck ride to Maningrida. That really is a long hard walk. Jacky has done many long walks before. Mandarrg is now camped with his family about 30 miles south of the Cadill River crossing toward the Bulman.

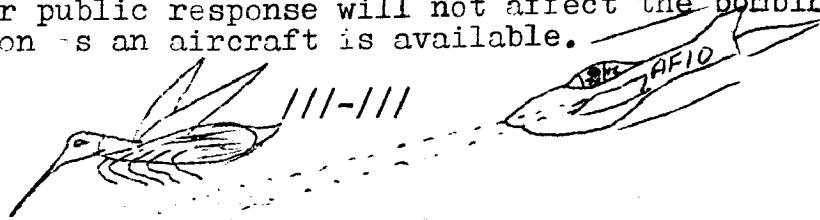
Robert Berardangu and two offsidars walked from Darwin to Maningrida arriving on Sunday last. They came through Mudginberri Station along through Oenpelli - another champion walk

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More News from AFAIO:

The Director has expressed concern that public apathy will affect the collection of data for mosquito research. People living in the Cadell- Maningrida area are reminded that any knowledge gained is used for the public benefit. To all who have cooperated congratulations on the express of observations. The coded analysis for Feb.1 to Feb.7 is 7922/6703/A97BL. It is hoped that the poor public response will not affect the bombing campaign due to start as soon as an aircraft is available.



Big Barney Geridawanga has gone to Darwin to have his eyes checked over. This week in the Office Barney was explaining that his glasses were trick-him.

New babies -- Austin to Mary Nabalangara and Jimmy Galaminda and Lucy to Marla.

DIED: the father of Ray Carter, Charlie Djordilla and their younger brothers and sisters. He had been sick for many years. He came in from Blyth River on 11/2/73 and died 13/2/73.

Late Picture News FRIDAY Jules Verne's "Journey to the Centre of the Earth".
SATURDAY "One's Born Every Minute" Story of a Conman.

Hall Committee:

At the public meeting last Monday a committee was chosen to look after the Hall and arrange such things as hiring, cleaning, etc. The committee are Bob Stutchbury, Robert Roberts, James Wilson, Roger Pink, Don Gillespie and one lady to be drafted. At present the committee is preparing cost estimates to make a further approach to the Aborigināl Benefits Trust Fund for a grant for such things as P.A. system, seating, stage lighting, refreshment facilities and indoor sporting equipment. Any suggestions are welcome.

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News From Progress:

1. Mineral

We expect very greatly increased activity within the areas jointly held by Maningrida and Goulburn Island, with particular emphasis on the Mt. Borradaile area, much more will be known of operational plans when the executives of Ocean Resources, Canadian Superior and our Solicitor arrive here within the next 10 days or so.

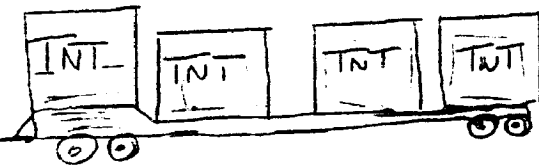
2. Bakery

With the improved weather export of bread has recommenced to Milingimbi. We hope to maintain production at present levels. This is dependent on flour reaching us no later than the coming weekend. Flour is brought from the Roma Mills, Queensland, as this is the only suitable high quality flour available. Floods, strikes, etc. have a habit of delaying supplies at times.

3. Store

Our next order will be going to Adelaide within a few days. Should any person wish to order a specific line please advise me at earliest. It may be of interest to some to know of our buying and freighting situation. Whilst the Association deals with a wide range of business houses, the bulk of food supplies are purchased from Associated Co-op.

3. Store (contd.)



Wholesalers Adelaide. Our coded mail order is posted and reaches Adelaide three days later, where it is decoded by computer, containerised in the warehouse and despatched to T.N.T. within 24 hours. Travels care of the railway to Alice Springs, then Co-Ord. into Darwin. On arrival at V. B. Perkins, Francis Bay a large crane must be hired to lift the great weight of the full container in to the front end loader which is carried in the barge, and eventually pulled off by Welfare heavy equipment to its final resting place at the Store.

The advantages of this method of ordering are -

- (a) Fresher stock;
- (b) Cheaper prices;
- (c) Wider range of merchandise.

Our cost factors are -

- (i) Starting price;
- (ii) Freight into Darwin;
- (iii) Insurance into Darwin;
- (iv) Crane Handling charges;
- (v) Wharfage;
- (vi) Freight Darwin to Maningrida;
- (vii) Marine Insurance.

Perishables

We advise people who are able to take advantage of the perishables freight aircraft to do so with regard to highly perishable foodstuffs. It is proving impossible to land by barge such items as tomatoes, lettuce, etc. in sufficiently good condition.

MONEY AND CHEQUES

The Association will through its retail facilities accept cheques from members only (membership 50c. per adult person, see Ordinances governing Associations). in payment of goods purchased, and will give change of such cheques where required to the value of Ten dollars in excess of account.

The Association will not change any cheque whatever other than as above.

Should any person require cash, we respectfully suggest operating a current account with the local Commonwealth Bank Agency.

If you deal with another bank, it will not greatly inconvenience you to operate a small account locally. You can be very sure that none of the trading banks express any interest in Maningrida or in your problems. We do, and provide a banking service which holds reasonable quantities of ready money.

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Last week on our title page we said it was the 9th of January - not so - the rumour was false and it was in fact the 9th of February - ed.

We are pleased to see the way some of the school leavers are settling down to their first jobs. Roly Mudjara is working on the construction of the new Town Hall, Tom Wudjal is working at the M.P.A. shop as also is Helen Gurila. Helen studied for two years in Darwin after graduating from this school and is settling down very capably assisting in the shop and at the cash register. Congratulations to these youngsters as they start out in the big wide world and we wish them all the best.

Visitors to the school are welcome. If you would like to see a class "in action" please refer to the Headmaster who will make arrangements. We also invite visitors to join our staff at morning tea, in the Domestic Centre, at 10.00a.m.

The audio/visual, library and museum facilities are available for use. Particular films may be obtained for your special needs. Please refer to the Librarian in Charge (Mrs Margaret Inglis) or the Headmaster.

The LENDING LIBRARY, in the Resource Centre is now open once weekly, namely each Thursday evening from 7.00p.m. to 9.00p.m. Would those few borrowers whom are known to have outstanding books please return them now.

We have an urgent need for voluntary part-time assistance in the Resource Centre. If anyone is interested in helping in this way in congenial air-conditioned surroundings please contact Margaret Inglis.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Scene 1:

M.P.A. shop. A teacher walks to the counter. One startled child covers face with left hand, right hand nervously clutches Coca-Cola can, as he sidles cautiously out of sight of teacher.

Scene 2:

Next day; school. One truant pupil re-enrols for first time for 1973, apologetically mumbling reasons for being nearly two weeks late.

SCHOOL DIARY ? TEN YEARS AGO

March, 1963.

A feature of today was the "puppy dog" drive. Children were encouraged to bring a "rubbish dog" from the camp for disposal in return for a handful of lollies.

I took my class for a walk to the beach towards the airstrip and found five boys of school age fishing.

OFFICIAL NOTES

<u>School Times</u>	<u>Pre-School</u>	<u>Infants</u>	<u>Prim.&Post Primary</u>
Start	8.30	8.00	8.00
Morning Tea	10.00 - 10.30	10.00 - 10.30	10.00 - 10.30
Lunch	11.30 - 12.30	12.15 - 1.30	12.30 - 1.30
Finish	2.30	2.30	2.30

Vehicles

No vehicles at all are allowed in the school grounds at any time. There is a parking space at the front of the school only.

"PROFESSOR"
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<u>WEATHER:</u>	<u>RAINFALL</u>	<u>MAX. TEMPERATURE</u>
Friday	trace	33.5
Saturday	11	33.0
Sunday	0	33.5
Monday	0	31.5
Tuesday	0	33.5
Wednesday	172	33.5
Thursday	35	33.5

NEWSPAPER

MILINGIMBI SICKNESS:

In the newspapers there was a story about Milingimbi. They have a sickness there. It is a little bit like a bad cold but not the same. The Doctors and Nurses don't know what it is for sure. They have taken small bits of blood from sick people and sent them away south to see if the people down there can tell what the sickness is. People stay sick for about one week and then they get better.

So far about 100 Milingimbi people have been sick.

STORIES

OENPELLI CLINIC. Oenpelli is going to have a new health clinic. As well as the ordinary clinic rooms there will be a special place for people with leprosy where they can train and exercise muscles and parts of their body that have been hurt.

The room for women to have babies (labour ward) will be air-conditioned (cold air-like in the office).

JIMMY IN FOOTBALL SQUAD. Jimmy Maralunga has been picked for some coaching in Rugby League. Young players who are good footballers have been picked so that they can learn more about football.

Jimmy is in his second year at Kormilda College.

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CRICKET AT THE M.C.G.

BATTLE

The cricket match of last Saturday was closer and more interesting than that of the week before.

Luff's Louts defeated Cross's Crusaders by 38 runs. For the Louts both Fred Luff (48) and Ron Berryman (37) retired not out. Russ Davies put in a good knock for 27 and Don Johnson got 14. The rest went cheaply - Shuffles Pink was the not out batsman on 5

For the Crusaders top knock was by Mosese Latu (31). Mosese put two sixes onto the road. Bob Cross made (19) Phil Phennesy (21) and John Callaghan (15)

In the bowling for the Louts, Ron Berryman took 3 wickets for 10 runs off 2 overs, Russ Davies and Don Johnson both took 2 wickets, Noel Perkins, Eddie Webber, John Reister and Fred Luff took one each.

For the Crusaders, Rod Seymour, Bob Cross and John Callaghan took 2 wickets each and Dino Callaghan and Robert Roberts 1 each.

Final Score.

Luff's Louts 147.
Cross's Crusaders 109

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People:

Heather and Bob Cross have a new baby girl (might be Tanya) born on Wednesday. The baby was a bit early and Bob just made it south in time.

Rosemary Walters, a teacher here last year, has written to say that she now has 1½ jobs. One is as a clerical assistant in the Parliamentary Library and the ½ is as a proof reader in a publishing organization.

At the Weekend: ///-///

DUTY OFFICER: Mr. Brolga Beckett.

DUTY SISTER: Sister Ena.

No church notices or picture news to hand when we went to press Ed.

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