



Mrs. Latu and Shirley Margardi have joined the staff of the Housing Association and are providing a home supervisory service. The Housing Association intends to introduce a huge Home Management Programme later in the year. We will be providing our own Home Management Centre and this will be located in the "New Town Area."

Joe McWaters and Davey Crocket are Sub-Contracting for the Housing Association and so far have nearly completed 2 frames to roof height. This is only a part of their Multi-Million Contract at Maningrida.

Our Sub-contract Bricklayers have left Maningrida, temporarily to lay the bricks for the New Oenpelli Hospital.

Mr. Leigh Brown from Adelaide is now an employee of the Association. Leigh is a plumber and has spent the last few months in Queensland - he reckons it's the only state.

Mr. Allan Hamilton and wife are due to arrive in Maningrida on Monday. Allan is a carpenter and joiner. Allan comes from the "Old Country" and his wife comes from Toowoomba in Queensland, they have only been in Darwin a few weeks.

Mr. John Buretta and family are due also on Monday. John and family have lived in Darwin for a few years, but John reckons it's getting too much like a city.

Lindsay and Phillip are busy again with their machines and will be seen carting gravel for the roads in and around Maningrida. Thanks to the Forestry Department for the huge contract. Let's hope our M.F. will stand the task.

Our building programme is progressing steadily. The barges aren't helping us in any way. The Association has an estimated \$200,000 worth of materials etc. sitting in Darwin waiting to be shipped to Maningrida.

Les Percy says he will be picking apples off the trees that are growing in his car. Apparently Francis bought a big mob of apples the day before they left Darwin, put them in their car, which was supposed to come on the barge, which was leaving the next day. Two months have gone by.

Colin Cockburn says there will be nothing left of his vehicle after he scales all the rust off.

Up till a few months ago Maningrida has an honest mob of people - but apparently this has changed. In the building game it is common to have material laying around the building sites - but apparently materials, etc are starting to walk and I have to tell my men to lock up every night and camouflage all likely items and this is a time factor.

So the Housing Association has issued a warning that if anyone is found trespassing around workshop complex or found in possession of any Housing gear, the Police will be called and if found guilty, heavy charges will be laid.

M.H.A. Story:

The nights must be getting colder, by the timber that is missing from our timber stacks, I have been informed that one complete house frame has hit the smoke.

Rod Seymour.

Footnote: Rod Seymour and Billy Yirriyan have gone to Darwin for a Housing Association Conference.

Kay and Lennice have also gone to Darwin for a break.

The Master Builders Association has informed the Association that Rod Seymour has been made a member to represent the Housing Association.

Congratulations to Bob and Shirley on their recent engagement from members of the Association and staff.

(Also from the Mirage Mob.)

DC 3 Freighter this Sunday:

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL FREIGHT AIRCRAFT ARRIVING AT MANINGRIDA FROM DARWIN AT 9.45a.m. THIS SUNDAY. ANYBODY WHO IS EXPECTING ANY FREIGHT WHATSOEVER ARE REQUESTED TO BE AT THE AIRPORT, AS NOTHING WILL BE DELIVERED. THIS INCLUDES PERISHABLES.

Noel Soutter.

FOUND:

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FOUND!! - One 100ft tape. Yellow tape. Silver case.
Reward Required.
Apply Forestry Office.

CHURCH NOTICES:

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Sunday:- 9.30am Sunday school classes in the Church and camps.
7.30pm Evening Service in the Church

The Theme of study for this week "The Songs of Israel". Look up these Psalms 1,23,27 The Lord will take me, 34 evil slays the wicked, 93 the Lord is King, 137 in a strange land 96 a new story.

Tuesday: 5.30pm Prayer meeting in the Church. The Church Fellowship is followed at 7.30pm.

Thursday: 8.00pm Bible study and conversional prayer meeting at the Cross. You are welcome to join us in all these times of togetherness as Christians.

For Sale:

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FOR SALE: 1 MOKE 12 MONTHS REGISTRATION, SPARE PARTS. \$500 O.N.O.
2 DRAGSTER BIKES \$40 & \$50. see L.McMahon

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Scout Story:

The Scout mob invaded the nurses single quarters on Tuesday for a campfire. The music was provided by Ron, little Charlie, Charlie, Andy, Paddy on ukelele, and guitar, and Stephen, Gary and Terry on wspecial sound effects.

It was rumoured that Sister Mick, disturbed from his afternoon slumber, recorded the ruckus and is planning some foul deed to repay the Scouts for their good deeds.

This weekend the Scouts plan a trip to Kopanga to leave on Friday and return on Sunday.

from S.J.

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DUTY SISTER:

FRIDAY:

DUTY OFFICER:

SATURDAY:

NEW COMMUNITY ADVISOR:

Mr. John Hunter arrived from Darwin on Thursday and took over as Community Advisor for Maningrida.

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WATER ON AGAIN:

Water Restrictions are lifted as from 4.00pm today

DANCING and ARTS:

J. Gardiner

The public are invited to a dancing display on the old showground near the Craft Shop on Sunday 2pm approx. during the Prime Ministers visit which is now a definite event.

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M.P.A. news:

Inflation is a much used and abused word in the vocabulary today. I note that the Federal Treasurer made the comment that if the inflationary trend were to continue at its present 20%, the new 7 cent postage stamp would cost \$1.70 some 25 years hence and that a \$20,000 house would cost \$1 million approx. There is no doubt that Govt. is concerning themselves at all levels with this problem. It will therefore be a very interesting budget expected in September this year and a brave person who would care to predict the range of penalties contained therein.

In the meantime, the worst may be yet to come. We have just received our new Mail Order book which includes 100's of price rises and a stop press with a further 10 pages of increases on top of that.

Freight has already increased into Darwin and will certainly increase for Darwin-Maningrida. It would be a fair guess that many prices you see today will not remain unchanged in the near future.

A VACANCY EXISTS FOR AN ABORIGINAL PERSON TO BE TRAINED AS A BAKER
APPLY TO GLEN BAGSHAW.

M.H.A. Vacancies:

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QUOTES WANTED FOR TILE LAYING TO THREE HOUSES.

EASY WORK ANYBODY INTERESTED SEE ROD SEYMOUR

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WANTED ABORIGINAL WORKERS VACANCIES FOR 15 MEN AND 2 WOMEN

SEE ROD SEYMOUR.

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Cold Weather:

This is the time of the year when the South East Trades are blowing. The Aboriginal people on the coast call the South Easterlys djimurru. This week they have been blowing hard and cold.

Weatherperson Jean Canning reports that the winds have been blowing a steady 10 to 15 knots gusting to 20 knots plus. Last Monday night the temperature hit 16°C and on Tuesday there was a low maximum temperature of only 27°C

When the Macassans used to come to these shores to hunt for trepang and pearl-shell they would sail down to Australia on barru the North West Monsoons and return to their country in the Dry with the help of the South East Trades.

Dan Gillespie.

Copyright Rumours Department:

Our rumour about the Barge arriving on last Sunday, which we published in the last issue was such a resounding failure that we have decided to publish a few of this week's hottest rumours in an attempt to save face.

. The mythical barge was strongly rumoured to have sailed from Darwin on Wednesday night. If true, we should see it today—in this case seeing will be believing.

. The parts needed to repair the water pump are rumoured to be coming, not on the barge but on a Works Department charter. We may discover the answer to one of the Territory's greatest riddles... which is the faster over the Darwin to Maningrnda course—the Works Department or a V.B. Perkins barge? Those close to the action have the barge a slight favourite.

. Heaviest rumour of the week is that on Sunday we may have a visit from a party which will include the Prime Minister, Mr. Whitlam and Ministers Patterson and Conner. The reason for the visit is not clear. If you see large parties racing around on Friday picking up drink tins and painting burnt grass green you will know that the rumour is growing stronger.

. Another strong rumour has it that Headmaster Brian Deslandes is going to erect two 6 man surplus Army tents in the school yard to cope with the volume of visitors the school is receiving these days.

All these rumours are copyright.

John Naliva reports that Navy Landing people say they have seen the lights of ten vessels anchored off Cape Stewart last week

D.G.

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School News:

The school is to commence classes for children whose first language is English that is balanda children and Aboriginal children who do not speak an Aboriginal language. The classes will aim to offer the children extension in written expression and other aspects of English.

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Stop Press Rumour

The latest word is that the barge did not sail on Wednesday night. Smart word around town is that the beastly vessel can be expected some time Tuesday or after now. Again this is only a rumour.

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Lost & Found:

Found 1 Citezen wrist watch. Owners see Dan Gillespie.

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Empty Mirage:

Our apologies for the rather empty Mirage this week. Nothing much seems to happen after a long weekend.

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