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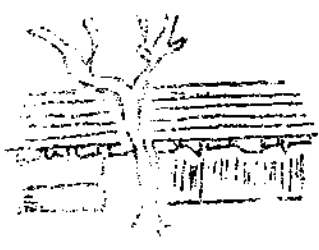
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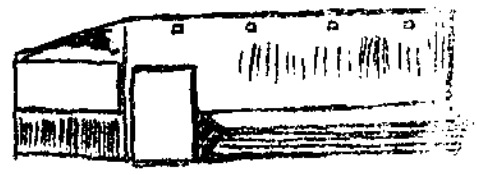


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The first "Shop" at Maningrida was the lonely trading post built by Patrol-Officer Syd Kyle-Little in 1949. It stood on the bank of the Liverpool River near Sister Helen's house. A photo in "Whispering Wind" shows that the frame was built of bush timber with a stringy bark walls and a paper bark roof. In one trading period, he reported that people brought in 27 crocodile skins, 1 dingo scalp, 6 snake skins, 58 baler shells, 22 pandanus baskets and 16 floor mats (M109.11.6. with) and exchanged these for "tobacco, soap, mirrors, combs, toothbrushes, Tommy axes, needles, cotton, dress material etc." (strange he makes no mention of tea, flour and sugar). Besides trading the storekeeper treated a number of sick people. Sometimes patrol duties took him off to distant places, and on one occasion "I left the capable Narlebar (Johnny Naliba) in charge at MANINGRIDA". A visiting patrol officer to the area wrote "this trading post is possibly one of the best projects the Native Affairs Branch has started." Despite this commendation Mr Kyle-Little, was transferred to other duties in 1950 and the trading post was closed.

In May 1957 Mr Dave Drysdale and other Welfare officers and aboriginal men arrived to establish the settlement and brought a supply of trade goods. A shop was set up in a tent and then in an iron building between Sister Helen's and the Mission House. Later a Sidney Williams hut (present Govt. store) was built to house the Manager of the settlement and the shop. The iron building was then moved to become a kitchen and more recently the home of Silas and Rosie Roberts.



Later the Govt. Canteen was set up in what is now the front section of the old Co-op building. The settlement clerk used to open the window and sell goods on pay days and at other odd times during the week. This operated in the years up to the end of 1965.

At this stage, Cooperatives were opening up on several settlements and taking over from the Govt. canteens. At Maningrida there was some hesitancy until the Social Club took some trial orders of goods from Thomas Browns in Darwin, and the sales were a success. Then the Maningrida Co-operative Society was formed, and Mrs Gwen Robinson became the first Manageress.

FOOTBALL:

by B. Cross.

WARATAHS

MAGPIES

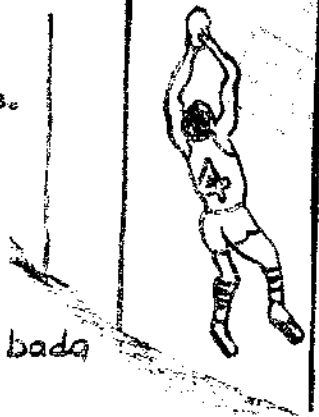
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Best Players

Peter Galara
Tom Dudanجا
Joe Fry
George Wayarka
Tim Darcy
Tommy W.

Larry Wipa
Jacky Moran bada
Captain Kask
Raymond Nufor
Charlie Godjuwa



Magpies went to early lead through better ball handling and more direct play in the very wet first half.

In the second half with a lighter ball the more speedier Waratahs gradually wore the Magpies down with their team work, pace, and loose man tactics to win with a goal kicked by George Wayarka in the last minute of the match. Very few players handled the wet conditions well at first.

FOOTBALLER OF THE WEEK: Peter Galara is an orderly at the hospital who works with Sister Cec among the Leprosy patients. While he was in Darwin doing a 6 months hospital training course he played for Wanderers B grade. He is the son of Peter Gangalarra and brother to Ningle and Cedric.

BACKSTAIL NEWS:

D. Gillespie

TUESDAY: In the first game Black Hawks easily beat Dugongs 47-22. The Hawks were too fast for the Dugongs who often lost the ball because of loose play. Best players for the Hawks were Tim Darcy (who scored over half his teams points), Raymond and Charlie. Best for Dugongs were the two Willys and Peter Bunda Bunda.

In the second game Gorillas were beaten 42-26 by the much bigger Kiwis. Best players for the Kiwis were Michael Stewart, Larry Wepa, and Morris. For the Gorillas best players were Peter Williams and Jimmy and Timothy the two smallest players on the court, who both worked very hard.

THURSDAY:

Results from games played on Thursday evening were:

Two resounding defeats.
Chalkies, remembering their motto - "Why break a clean average", lost 40-18 to Demons.
Cadell beat Crocodiles 46-20 - much thanks to Jimmy from the kitchen.

TUESDAY - Cadell ~~Demons~~ Demons. Chalkies v. Crocodiles
THURSDAY - Gorillas v Black Hawks Dugongs v Kiwis

One who didn't fully appreciate the departing of the 25 dogs on Saturday was Mick Magani. "Dog is my dreaming." But besides that Mick put it this way.

"Debil debil may sneak up. Or maybe some one says 'we go kill 'im' Mick Magani, Bob Milinyarra or Baku Kay, at proper midnight....everybody asleep.....fire died down, then if no dog guarding he sneaks up..... Then that 'right man' for murder.....murder my father, brother, uncle, he kills me with wire"

At this point Mick raises his chin and displays a long length of neck not unlike some of the diver birds he paints. He explains how the wire hangs in a wire could enter his head at the crown - go down inside that long throat, and straight down to the heart. Or it could be that the killer will strike in the middle of the back or under the arm.

However as Mick says if there are 5 dogs on guard one of these will smell the villain and go "Wo Wo Wo" and the murderer will run away. Two old men (middle aged ladies) will chase him with blazing paper bark torches and return to say "Maybe debil debil! No more blackfellow"

Here in the settlement "Balanda reckon we sleep inside house! but we got a lot of trouble. That dog wakes me up and makes me alive properly. Otherwise clever fellow come.....long long long time we've thought this.

The Councilors who rounded up the dogs saw that too many dogs, the sick ones especially were a threat to the health of the people. As many as ten dogs have been counted in Mick's household at times, but at least he still has 3 to stand guard when the light burn low.

SCOUT NEWS

On Thursday afternoon March 5th at 5pm all the cubs, junior and sea scouts will combine for two ceremonies, and Village Councilors and parents will be invited to attend.

Six cubs will be farewelled by the pack and received into Scouts in the "going up" ceremony. These are Stephen Yertiger, Solomon, Mark Bagshaw, Andy, Toby and George.

Then 10 Tenderfoot Scouts will be initiated. These are Albert Hjarnara, Johnson Roberts, Paddy, Tony, Timothy, Talbot, Ronald, Jimmy, David and Benny.

Several of the Scouts are beginning to save money to enable them to go to the Jamboree in Sydney during the Christmas holidays.

It is likely that cubs will be the guests of the Cronulla Cub pack during the visit of the Queen to Sydney.

THE NEW BUILDING:

At this point of time I think one or two things might be said concerning the new Co-op Store now in use.

The board of management can surely take pride and satisfaction at a result of their vision and courage in initiating such a splendid plan, the quote for building this store was \$75,000 by a Darwin building contractor it is not possible to issue a final statement on the building costs as a few accounts are not yet to hand, but it can be stated that the overall cost, inclusive of wages will be approx. \$18,500, certainly not exceeding \$19,000, a remarkable tribute to our builders.

3 FOLD PLAN:

We have endeavoured to bring to fruition a 3 fold plan in stocking the new store, firstly it has offered us the opportunity to take a completely accurate stock, writing down realistically any and all abundant merchandise. Secondly to ensure that vermin control (scarcely possible in the old store) is ensured by individual attention to each article. Thirdly to make the store attractive and functional to serve the people of Maningrida, you may not like it but let us know criticism is the way we can all learn.

OUR BUILDERS:

It would be remiss of us not to close with a reference to our building team.

The name BOB CROSS is synonymous with quality building here at Maningrida Bob has completed a task of considerable magnitude and a building that is and will long be a credit to him and his team, JIM BICKERSGILL, CHARLIE, MICHAEL, JAMES and FRANK have completed a truly fine building unit, we express our thanks and appreciation of their efforts one has only to see them as often as I have to appreciate that theirs has been a labour of 'love'.

Whenever they enter this building and we hope it will be often they surely will do so with a justifiable pride.

Maningrida can ill afford to lose a building team of this calibre and fortunately this will not be the case as they will shortly undertake our Aboriginal Housing programme.

G.B.

CHAWING GUM: My apologies to those, especially the teaching staff who have been inconvenienced by the recent spate of chewies.

Please blame only me, the thought was that a small occasional ration would be beneficial to teeth and gums, especially in view of dietary habits however on request we have cancelled future orders, and after the current small shipment enroute before the complaints, and to be issued after school hours, the humble chewy will appear no more.

Summation you were inconvenienced briefly and I have added to my brief but enlightening experience of Maningrida.

PAPERS: As Saturday papers do not arrive until approx 4pm arrangements have been made for them to be picked up by the subscribers at the office.

MAIL, ROAD ETC.

656 bags of mail have been stacked up at Darwin Post Office and will not be through sorting until today. 479 bags were due to arrive last Friday but they were held up when the mail truck over turned ten miles north of Elliott's the previous day. The trouble has been that the Postal Workers Union won't let there men work overtime but the ban has since been lifted.

F. Bundubundu.

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STRIKE AT DARWIN HOSPITAL.

Workers at the Darwin Hospital have gone on strike. The hospital asked for volunteers to come and help and about 100 people came. They delivered food to the wards, worked in the kitchen, did washing up and worked the laundry.

Talbot Hamaduru.

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V. IET-NAM WAR.

Nine Australian soldiers were killed and 29 others wounded in Viet-Nam last week. This is one of the largest numbers of casualties of Australians since the war began. Most of the men were killed by mines. An RAAF helicopter came to rescue the wounded men and touched off another mine explosion and more men were killed.

Don Waibanunga.

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PERMIT SYSTEM.

The president of the Yirrkala Village Council, Mr. Roy Marika, said this week that the permit system needed to continue. Mr. Marika said " If any one travels to a foreign country they have to have a permit to go to that country. It is the same for Europeans coming to our country, they should have a permit to come to this land. If the permit system is stopped too soon I can see big trouble for us. "

George Gaisarani.

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DARWIN FOOTBALL.

Wanderers will have at least one team in the finals of the N.T.F.L. Aussie Rules competition this year - the Colts. Four Maningrida boys who this year went to Kormilda College are playing with this team. They have been beaten only twice this season and both times they were weaker because of players being away on holidays. On Saturday they easily beat St. Marys, the team that is improved a lot, 11-15(81) to 1-2 (8).

Tia Darcy.

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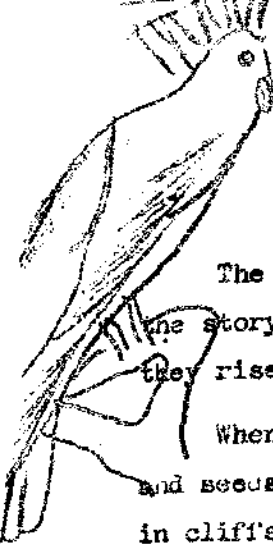
EDDIE CONNELLAN REPLIES.

In a letter to the Legislative Council Mr. Connellan explained the problems of his airline. These were 117per cent increase in traffic over the past two years and an explosion in bulky fourth class parcel mail. This includes " store stock, blankets and clothing for sale and even beer ". In about 3 years if present growth continued, a new 36 seat, 350 m.p.h. plane would be ordered.

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BUNGALIN-BUNGALIN DANCE - The White Cockatoo.

By J. MIRIJI



The group of Rembaranga called Bungalin-Bungalin, the White Cockatoo, the story goes like this, the White Cockatoo they live in great flocks and they rise like White Clouds from the ground.

When they feed they use their powerful beaks to dig out roots, bulbs and seeds. They usually nest in holes in the trees but sometime in cavities in cliffs. They lay two little white eggs. Most of them live in Australia and are called the Watchful Cockatoos.

Miriguria, Paddy Nordham, Peter Ganggalara and Jack John decided to call a Meeting for all the Councillors, they were asking if they could make money by dancing of Bungalin-Bungalin song the White Cockatoo and they would like to collect money while these men are doing the dance. They want to buy cattle for their station.

So the Council members agreed and said that if people of Maningrida are very interested to see the dance it would cost the

Adults-men 50c

Adults-women 20c

School children 10c.

The dance will take place in the Rembaranga camp on Saturday night.

Items of interest from Milingimbi's "HARU DHAKAL DHAWUMIRI"
(Crocodile Island News)

Radio Telephone:

A party of six men visited Milingimbi on 25th February in connection with the establishment of a radio telephone repeater station. The party consisted of 3 representatives of the P.M.G.

2 from the Nippon Electrical Company (Japan) and

1 from Power Transmission Ltd (Sydney)

If further research proves satisfactory and the necessary permission is given, "Garki" (south of the poultry sheds) will be the site of the repeater station.

Power Transmission Ltd will bring in 10 men whose job will be the erection of 2 towers for the transmission dishes.....the work will be completed by the end of the Dry Season. It is hoped that the system will be ready for testing early in March 1971, and for public use by July 1st 1971. Most likely calls to Darwin will be considered as local calls (5cents).

Other repeater stations will be established at Manmalary Station, Cox Point near Darwin, and Mt Saunders near Gove.

JOHN LAK-Lak

John Lak-Lak formerly a forestry trainee at Maningrida, is assisting the Scouts with their tests.

PHILOMENA and MAGDALENE - twin girls (Yukkai) to Willy Jolppa and Happy Wujara on Thursday February 26th. (Burada)

DEAN - a son Margaret Jijjalara and Jacky Worlung on Thursday February 26th (Nakara)

Both mothers and the babies went to Darwin Hospital in the Medical plane, ~~Yukkai~~.

DEATHS:

ELLIE YIRRBALANGA - wife of Jacky Wumman and mother of Perry.

Passed away on Saturday, age 38 years.

Nellie had been ill for some time and was sent to the Adelaide Hospital before Christmas.

WEEK END DUTY OFFICER: MR BARRY TUITE

WEEK END DUTY SISTER: SISTER C.C. CALEY.

AT THE STER THEATRE:

Friday 7.50pm. See the notice in the Village Square.

C HURCH NOTICES: 4th Sunday in Lent.

Sunday 9.30am. All Age Sunday School

7.50pm. Maningrica Commerce Service. The Store, Co-op, and Bank staffs will take part in the service. Thanksgiving for the opening of the new shop.

Monday: Visit of Chairman of the District, Rev. G. Symons.

FOOTBALL ITEMS

from Johnny Giyabakka.

The football teams have collected \$554.98 for general purposes. They would like to have a proper football committee with Chairman and Secretary.

Program for Saturday.

10am. Visitor's plane arrives.

10.30am. Opening Ceremony
Mannequin Parade.

11.15 am. Baby Competition in Scout Hall

Noon. Official Luncheon.

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