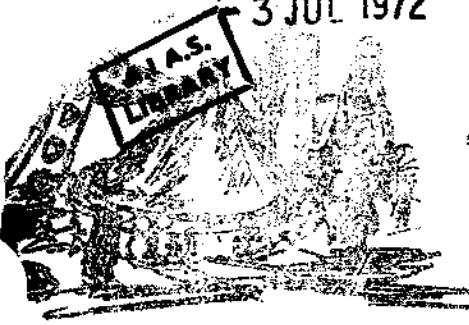


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THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME

1. The Postal Authorities have approved the application for a Post Office at Maningrida. Mr Bagshaw is currently finalising details prior to its opening. (in the new Co-op store.)
2. The Progress Association wrote to the Administrator one month ago to find out if any improvements were to be made to the roads at Maningrida. He has not yet replied. The reason for the letter was that it will be necessary to register private motor vehicles at some stage in the future. Private vehicle owners would therefore be entitled to benefit from a roads improvement programme.
3. Improvements to the water supply do not appear to be very well advanced. As far as can be ascertained the Works Department have only recently been asked to provide a cost estimate of equipping some of the new bores. On past practices it may be up to three years before the bores are actually working.
4. Representatives from Outback Services (an Adelaide firm) called this week. They are seeking to establish a regular barge service to missions and settlements on the Northern coast. If they became operational they would use a 75 ton landing barge, with refrigerated space.
5. David Gulpilil, Dick Bandarilil and Talbot Jalkarara (son of England Banggala) are to go to Expo 70 at Osaka, Japan with a contingent of N.T. dancers. They will leave Maningrida on 11.4.70 to 'train' in Darwin for a couple of weeks before leaving for Japan on 5.5.70. The contingent will return to Darwin on 13.5.70. It should be a wonderful experience for them - and they will be paid to go, \$50 a day whilst in Japan. An Aboriginal rights organisation has protested against the visit as they maintain it is contrary to aboriginal law for different tribes to show their dances to one another.
6. After a brief meeting last Thursday night, it was decided to contact the Aboriginal Sporting Foundation in regard to assistance with sporting at Maningrida. A letter has been composed and will be forwarded this week, outlining the needs at Maningrida. Some suggestions in connection with contact have been made to the foundation and it is hoped that this will form a basis for future action.

We welcome Mrs. Richard Olsson and Robin to Maningrida. George Nulurba and his family and several relatives have returned to Wangalala, east of Milingimbi. George was one of the best bark painters.

The Council had called 4 men to appear before it, but 3 of these were away. The fourth John Mowanjul appeared. The president warned him that he should let the Councillors get on with their job and not hinder them. He had nothing to say. He was also questioned about going into Lumpy's hut at Mabalaidja. The chain on the door had been cut and tea, sugar, and tinned milk taken. He said that Bill Biriya-Biriya had cut the chain and he and Curly had stolen the things.

At the last meeting Councillor David Irindilly said that if the men who had stolen the goods paid him \$5 all would be clear - but the men had neither paid nor come to appear before the council.

On March 16th Cr. Billy Yirvin reported that someone had stolen his money and the Council resolved that each of the 7 tribes should contribute \$2 each to Billy. At the last meeting this money had not been collected but it was decided that all the people should pay 50cents next pay day to help.

Mr Strand and Mr Williams attended the March 23rd meeting. Mr Strand spoke about the \$2,500 which the Parent's and Friends Association had raised for the school. Mr Williams spoke about children not coming to school. Councillors decided to go around and pick up the children and take them to school. At this week's meeting it was resolved to supplement this measure, by sending all the working men around the next morning.



Jim Jilming (Garabinger tribe) asked to speak about his station at Maravanga (Aradura area). It was felt that he should join the Aboriginal Cattle Company starting to work in the area. Cr Ray Muryal said that he had been told by Mr Ted Evans how to go about starting a station at Gadji. Some councillors were sceptical about his chances. It was said that some people did not want to live in the bush and that some places were not good. Cr. Riala said that 'Kupanga' as a place (Blyth River) was alright but the water was not. People did not want to live there.

OTHER ITEMS:

BEER: From this week a man could have 5 cans if he wanted them, but the Supt. warned that it was against the law to bring grog from Darwin.

WORKERS: A list of 40 men who had no job was read out. This represents nearly 15% of all the men on or near Maningrida. It was decided that the Council should chase them up and try to see them placed in jobs.

HYGIENE: There were complaints that the 15 Hygiene men were not doing their job. They have no proper boss but the Supt. said he would try to organise them better.

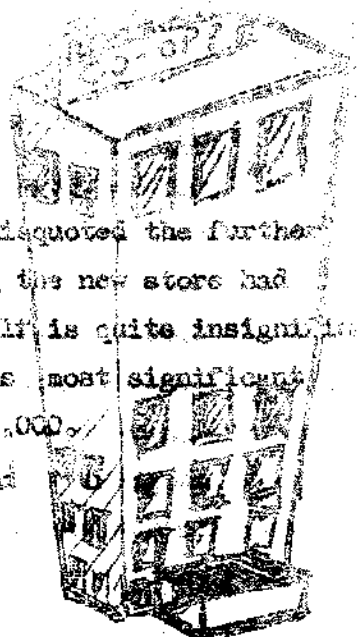
WAGE INCREASES: Cr Ray Muryal said he had worked in the stock gang for years and did not get extra money. He was reminded that Mr Gleas said he would try to do something about this but had been unable to make any promises.

TOOL ALLOWANCE: Cr Robert Wakkawukka asked about a tool allowance for carpenters. In replies to questions, the Supt. said he would help Cr. Muryal in the painting of his house, and that piping was on the next barge for Cr. Wardjal's garden.

WHAT \$200,000

It is always a pity that facts and figures become misquoted the further they go. The recent article in the N.T. News concerning the new store had many deviations from the facts, such as a nought in itself is quite insignificant but placed the wrong side of the decimal point it assumes most significant proportions. Need we add the s store did not cost \$200,000.

"How many noughts did you say?"



PERSONALIA: Mr Thomas Wogbarra is holidaying at picturesque Goulburn Island, and is greatly missed at the big store.

The builders returned to work this week, all except Bob Cross who is still in the snows of Ballarat.

BISCUITS: Arnett Brockhoff-Guest Biscuit Co of Melbourne are shortly to produce the special high protein biscuit for special dieting deficient areas, we have a shipment ordered and expect to be about the first to have same probably during April.

CLOTHING: A very large consignment of clothing has arrived to replace our depleted stocks. Dresses, Pants, T Shirts, Shirts, Belts, Napkins, Material

WINDOWS: We offer to any and all organizations the opportunity to dress a window to publicise their particular field of endeavour. Perhaps the Artifacts, Baby Food, Health, School, Forestry, Home Management, Scouts, Guides, Sport etc.

FISH: We are marketing freshly caught fish at the store and are unable to meet the demand at present. The fish are being caught by our fisherman out Rocky Point way, and brought into the freezers. Value is there at 35cents approx. per fish minimum weight 1lb.

G I R L G U I D E S J U M B L E S A L E

A Jumble Sale is to be held outside the Scout Hall on Friday 10th April at 3 o'clock. Anyone able to help in any way by supplying second hand clothing, toys, cakes, sweets please contact Mrs Buzza or Miss Strong. All clothing is wanted by Thursday evening so it can be priced, and cakes, sweets etc by Friday lunch time.

The money raised at the Jumble Sale is to be used to purchase uniforms for the 48 girls in the Company. Any donations will be gratefully appreciated.

JAPANESE AIRLINER HIJACKED.

Fifteen Japanese students, on Wednesday, hijacked a jetliner and were holding its passengers and crew captive at Kimpo Airport, South Korea. The students hijacked the Japanese Airlines 727 above Japan on Tuesday and were tricked into landing in South Korea instead of North Korea. There were 108 people aboard the aircraft. When the 727 landed at Kimpo the airport had been disguised to look like the Communist North, complete with South Korean soldiers wearing the uniform of the North Korean troops. The air-pirates armed with daggers, swords and home made bombs took command of the jet in the air during a flight from Tokyo to Southern Japan. At the time of writing, Thursday night, the students are still in command.

Peter Bundubundu.

EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY.

Over 1500 bodies have been found following an earthquake which shook western Turkey at the weekend, and more than 1000 people are believed injured. The final death toll could be more than 2000. Red Cross and other relief organisations from all over Europe said they would send aid to the thousands of homeless people. In one village alone 3400 houses collapsed during the earthquake.

Don Weibanunga.

CAMBODIA.

Cambodia is apparently near civil war following the overthrow of Prince Sihanouk as the head of government. Communist troops were pushing towards the capital and violent demonstrations were going on in towns and villages throughout the country. The new Cambodian government has said that it might ask America, France and Indonesia for arms. They also said that Viet Cong troops were entering Cambodia all along the countries 500 mile border with Vietnam.

George Gaimarani.

EASTER TRAGEDIES.

Five people died in accidents in the Territory during Easter. Four people were killed in road accidents and an 8 year old Darwin girl died from sea wasp stings. The sea wasp fatality was the first in the Darwin area for 7 years. Also at Dagot Reserve 5 Aboriginal men were wounded in a knife fight between men from Grooto Eylandt and other tribes. One of the wounded men is believed to come from Maningrida.

SEA WASP ANTI-VENIN.

An anti-venin to beat sea wasp stings will be available before next November and it may be possible to get advance vaccination against the stings. The anti-venin is already being produced and experiments with animals have been completely successful. A trial programme with humans will begin shortly and if there are no hitches the toxoid should be in general use before the next wet season. The injection would reduce the effects of a severe wasp sting to no more than a blue bottle sting.

BASKETBALL

NEWS

TU SDAY: Two good games again!!

Dugongs, though well beaten by Crocodiles were not disgraced. The game was quite fast with bright patches from both sides. Peter Bunda-Bunda scored an excellent run of 4 goals in 5 minutes and was ably assisted by Willie and Timothy. Dan W. turned in his usual interesting game earning himself a couple of goals and a brace of cautions. For Crocodiles Johnny and Dick starred with snappy passing and shooting.

FINAL SCORE: CROCODILES 44 - DUGONGS 30.

Lightweight team Gorillas are fast becoming a drawcard. They followed last weeks last minute defeat of Cadell with an exciting one point defeat of Demons in one of the best games this year. At one stage in the second half Gorillas trailed by 15 points. Puffing Peter Williams, and Long James did stirring work in defence and leadership but most honours must go to Jimmy, Tom and Timothy. These three combined probably weigh less than some opposition players yet they will go anywhere and try anything, never resting for a second. Their persistence wears bigger men down. The three also landed some uncanny goals.

For Demons Allan and Jimmy were among the best of a hard working team. Some excellent goals were landed by Captian from a long way out.

Good work both teams !!

FINAL SCORE: Gorillas 41 - Demons 40

NEXT WEEK:

<u>Tuesday</u>	Cadell v Kiwis
	Chalkies v Dugongs (might be good)
<u>Thursday:</u>	Demons v Black Hawks
	Crocodiles v Gorillas

OTHER NEWS: Some excellent catches of rhinoceros beetle are being made at the court by intrepid hunters. Hunting licences can be obtained from Ningle W. for a fee of £3 (professional decoys extra)

Thursday night.

Despite 2 new pairs of boots, Chalkies went down to Kiwis 34-23. An excellent game by Sam for Chalkies. For Kiwis the stars were Jacky and Jimmy.

Motto for Chalkies "the boots are willing, but the feet are weak."

After leading into the second half, Hawks unfortunately lost Charlie through injury. Without a suitable replacement, they went down to Cadell

36-29. Best Players Cadell: Jimmy, Dick, Peter.
Hawks: Tim, Jim, Sam.

Football.

Most of the Maningrida football team returned on Monday after defeating Wanderers 6 goals 5 points to 4 goals 5 points.

By all accounts the social aspect of the week-end figured pretty largely for some of the players especially. One good player went to take a mark on his chest and normally he would have taken it cleanly and played on. On this occasion 'it knocked him over'. There are hopes of another game in Darwin at showtime.

The Mirage asked Rev. Gordon Symons, chairman of the North Australian Methodist Mission District, for a comment on the situation there during his visit here three weeks ago. He agreed to do so, as soon as a full report had been submitted to the Director of the Welfare Branch.

"Many people will have noted reports in the Press regarding difficulties which arose at Yirkala following the death of a senior Aboriginal man of an Aboriginal group, and the attempted 'take over' of a young wife of his by his next eldest brother. The gift of the wife was made by the dead man prior to his death, and this was quite in order.

There would seem to have been some undue haste on the part of the new husband, and at first this did incur the displeasure of the Aborigines. It does seem to me, that had this matter been handled in a slightly different way, then Aboriginal support on the question would have been present all along the way. I feel that most of the problems arose because of mis-understanding of Aboriginal customs by some of the Europeans in the area, and the alienation of Aboriginal sympathies because of actions undertaken.

It does seem to me, that in any such Aboriginal matters, considerable care should be taken and as far as possible, matters should be handled by the Aboriginal people themselves. In some cases of course it may be necessary for the Superintendent, or where one is present, the District Welfare Officer, to take some action. I feel quite certainly and quite strongly however, that no other Staff member of any group, or any other European present should allow themselves to become directly involved in these affairs, and they must never interfere except when working through the Superintendent or the District Welfare Officer.

I feel that if these principles had been followed in this case, then most of the difficulties that arose, could have been avoided, and the Aboriginal people themselves could have quite satisfactorily cleared up the matter. Whereas it became a major source of conflict and resulted in quite serious troubles."

G.J. SYMONS.

TENNIS COURT: The Progress Association considered a request for financial assistance to line the courts, materials would cost approx £ 50.

As the tennis players are almost all staff and some children on School sports afternoons and it was felt that an appeal should be made first to the players themselves.

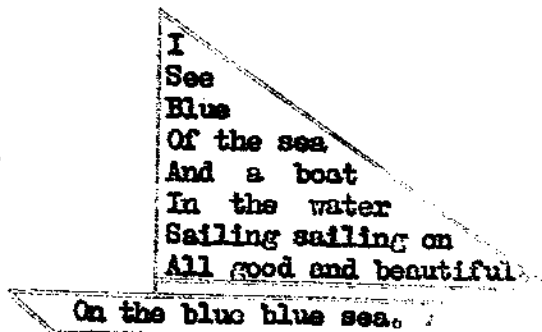
The matter will also be brought to the representatives of the Sporting Club who will be here on April

The Laughing Lights.

A page of impressions, thoughts and laughter recorded by the schoolchildren.

A lighthouse
Standing on stones
Waiting for boats
Like a mother
Waiting for her son.

Solomon. Dirmi-Dirmi.



Rosemary Jimmalia.

Storm

Lightning flash
Trees break and fall
Thunder Crash.

Rose Hardin.

Spirits.

The devil made her.
Red hands, red foot,
To frighten children.

Betty Wulburnga.

Grass Hut.

A
Good place
The House
Made of grass.
A happy place
For us all to
Live and play.

Rosemary Jimmalia.

It was
Raining hard.
The thunders roll
And
The lightning too.
The water falling
Drip, drip, on the roof.

Ada Dururwunga.

Soldiers
Marching
Flags
Guns
Black boots.
Drum-Drum-drum-drum.

Janet Gumbiarra.

The boat
Is big and fat.
Its sails are out
Like a giant bird.

Margaret Gufara Jawui.

Big
Long
Python snake
with sharp teeth
and many colours.
Blue and green eyes
shining as he hides
in the tree.

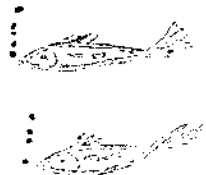
Betty Wulburnga

Big black cat
Has sharp teeth
And claws.
Her grey eyes
watching
for a mouse.

Katy Jingsandawuda



Tadpoles
Swimming
In the pond.
Turning into monsters
as they come near.



Toby Galbalnga.

WEEKEND DUTY OFFICER: MR DAN WATSON

WEEKEND DUTY SISTER: SISTER EDITH TILLEY.

BIRTHS:

TIM MARTIN - to Shirley Malgaridj and Jack Riala (Burada)

RICKY NELSON - to Pat Gamananga and Johnny Mundurug Mundurug on Easter Sunday at 5 am. (Burada). A brother for Cliff Richard. This is becoming quite a family of singers now. The father himself is a well known songamn, with "Morning Star" and the "Cockle Song" in his repertoire.

AT THE STAR THEATRE: Apologies for the lack of movies on last Saturday evening, but the mail failed us again folks. So this weekend there will be shows on both Friday and Saturday nights.

FRIDAY 7.50. "FAMILY JEWELS"

Sat. 7.30. See notice board in the square.

A WORD FOR CONTRIBUTORS:

Mr Dick Muddimer of "N.T. News" has written a helpful letter. "Generally when an edition of a newsheet is published the contents are public property..... if there are reasons for wishing to restrict use of material, the easiest safeguard I know, is to print a line in each edition, usually under the title, reserving copyright and stating that no part can be used without written permission of the publishers."

RAINFALL:

"Where have all the showers gone....."

Guagings this year:	October 281 points	Jan. 998 points
	November 12 points	Feb. 893 points
	December 556 points	March 523 points.

Total for the wet this far 30.63 inches.

Driving in the bush this week end ? Want to know what to do if the vehicle should bog ? See Eric Jensen

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