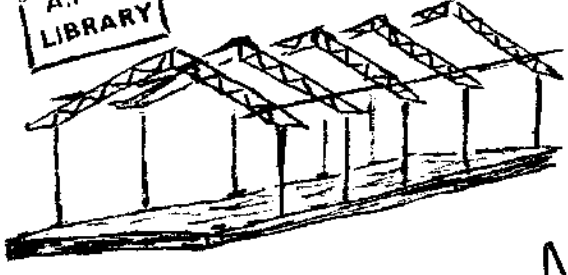


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G. H.

BAKERY

The fifth steel truss built by construction engineers J. Pickersgill and partners, was raised into position yesterday morning. The sixth and final truss will probably be made and bolted into position early next week and then roofing operations can begin. The oven is being built in Melbourne now.

INCOME TAX

The one time of the year when people can speak of the Commissioner of Taxation as "My very good friend" is now. Tax rebate cheques are being received and so far they have ranged from 57 cents up to \$190. This is an improvement on last year's when the smallest cheque was for 20c.

BANK AND POST OFFICE

Thirty eight new accounts have opened since the bank moved into the shop and some clients are taking the opportunity to operate on their account (take money out) every day. During the first week in November 1200 articles (letters and parcels) went through the post.


HOUSES

In order to get the housing under way, houses for two builders have to be put up, and these are being cut and assembled at Port Adelaide.

SHOP

Alice Ganwarbi has now completed one month's very satisfactory service in the shop. In two weeks the staff will appear in uniforms which they themselves have chosen. A large order of suit cases have come in. Plenty of double mosquito nets are available. The shop generally is carrying the largest variety of goods its had, pillows are one of the few items which have been hard to get

LOST

Weights  for baby scales.

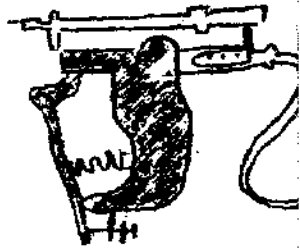
It maybe that a child has picked them up from the infant clinic, and if anyone knows where they are please return them to Sister Edith.*****

Forestry

Mr Eric Quick is enjoying 3 weeks holidays and spending the days leisurely at home (if allowed) and is catching up on some reading. In the mean time Mr Frank McCabe is the Acting Supervisor.

A burnt out fire covered 1100 acres ($\frac{1}{2}$ a compartment) in the area near the bottom fire tower. It is thought that lightning started it. However, it shows how dry the country is and how important it is to be careful with fire.

People driving through the bush towards Tomkinson Hole might be pardoned if they thought that Autumn had come! The leaves on many trees have turned yellow. These are the non-commercial value trees which are being poisoned, cuts are made in the bark around the butt and poison is injected into each cut in the bark with a special spring loaded gun called an injector.



Mr John Zabo former Supervisor shared with another man at Snake Bay, a windfall of \$3,000 after the Melbourne Spring Racing Carnival. Maningrida friends suggest that now is the time for organisations to make application for financial assistance.

The big Bulldozer is at present out of action.

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

ROPER RIVER MAN RAISING MONEY: Roper River man Dexter Daniels is on his way back home after a long time in the South asking people for money to help Northern Territory Aboriginals. He said that he has got a lot of money and he will use it to help the Roper River people and the Gurindji Tribe on Wave Hill Station.

AUSTRALIA WINS RUGBY LEAGUE: The Australian Rugby League team went to England and beat teams from other countries. Their last game was against England, there was a lot of fighting but the Australian team won the game.

MELVILLE ISLAND OIL: On Melville Island where the Tiwi people live some people are looking for oil. They have taken big machines to the Island. They will dig deep holes and if they find oil they will make it into petrol for cars.

GOING TO THE MOON: America is getting ready to send some more men to the moon. They will not go till after Christmas. Last time some men went there was a fire in their spaceship and they were lucky to get back to earth. The men who go after Christmas will bring back stones and dirt from the moon so everybody can know more about it.

NEW HOUSES AT WAVE HILL: At Wave Hill Station the government has built 20 new houses for the Gurindji people. They have lights and water, but many Gurindjis are camping in their country and don't want the houses - they want their country. Only one Gurindji has asked for a house. People from the Wailbiri tribe have asked for the other houses.

The Hasty Tasty is now open from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays for the convenience of its valued patrons.

Position Vacant.

Hasty Tasty Cook.

Applicants please see Mr. John Hunter.

*Hasty
Tasty.*

- (1) CROCODILES v DEMONS. In the first half Crocs broke away to a very handy lead of 16 points with only about 10 mins. of play gone, there we saw Kevin Marwala and Johnny Guy playing very well. To save the day Demons retaliated and with Jimmy Cooper arriving broke down the lead to only 12 points. The second half saw good ball by both teams and at the final whistle we saw Crocs win by 8 points. Good games were turned in by Kevin Marwala, Jimmy Moron and Johnny Guy.
Best and fairest Kevin M (3) Jimmy Mason (2) Johnny Guy (1)
- (2) DOLPHINS v GORILLAS. What a game. The first half was played in a fashion that suits and resembles what Basket Ball should be. Clean open non-contact and in a sporting attitude, where else would you see, Tim Darcy (the top goal scorer) he has scored twice (2 times) as many points as anybody else missing the basket, Jim McInerny star shooting (he is now going to America and shooting for the moon) and Pete Williams having T.V. wrestling matches with the other team. The second half saw a big change, Tim and Jimmy M decided that the way to win was to score points, this they did in fine fashion, Tim collecting 22 points and Jimmy 14. Both teams played the game as it should be played, listened to the referee and got on with the game, (well done men). The final result DOLPHINS 38 GORILLAS 34.
Best and fairest Jimmy M (3) Tim Darcy (2) Sam (1)
- (3) CADELL v CHALKIES. This game started off a little bit rough and ready but from the outset referee Captain had this in control. Cadell moved away to a handy lead and at half time lead by 14 to 8. A very pleasing aspect of this game was at half time, the captain of one team told his men to play the game and forget about the rough stuff, they did and it was appreciated by everybody. I heard that Nym is setting a ring and net up and making Billy practice putting the ball in the ring. The game ended up in a good win for Cadell by 26 to 14.
Best and fairest Peter Galara (3) Mickey M (2) Billy B.(1)

SOFTBALL by Mrs Stevens

In this weeks competition Magpies played Herons
Swallows " Leopards

The first game Magpies against Herons was very slow, Herons lacked "team" work. Numerous misfields, poor throwing and catching let the team down. Magpies capitalized on these errors and were able to build a quick score. The final score was Magpies 20 Herons 9.

Best players of the match Phyllis - Magpies
Laurie - Herons

In the second game Swallows played Leopards. This was a very fast game with excellent team play, the fielding of both teams was of a high standard. In this game we saw a head-on collision in the outfield between Daisy and Dora - luckily no broken bones. They were chasing one of Mavis's sky high hits. The final score Swallows 18 Leopards 7

Best players Mavis, Joy, and Ada of Swallows
Betty W. Leopards

In closing a BIG thankyou to your friend and mine - the umpire - Mr Strand.

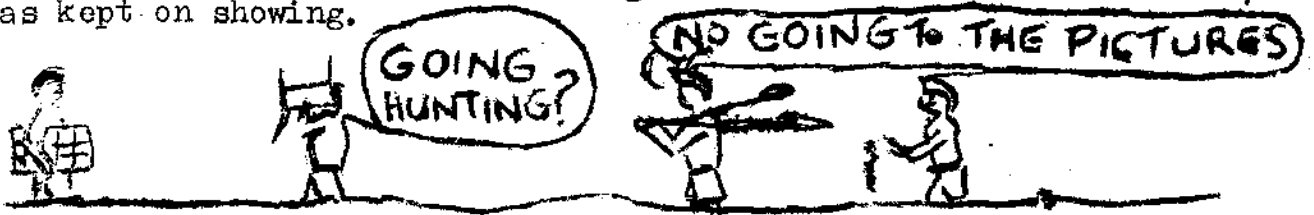
Next week:- Magpies v Leopards
Swallows v Herons

Interschool
sports

Wednesday } Track and field events.
Thursday }
Friday -- Swimming Events.

PICTURE TROUBLES:

On 3 of the past 4 picture nights there have been fights - with people racing away to the cover of darkness at the pre-school or up on to the higher ground of the school verandahs, all to the accompaniment of screams, yells etc. While the rumpus has been going on for 15 minutes or so the film, in the good old tradition of the theatre, has kept on showing.



"It is true that in the pre-wet every year we seem to have more disturbances of one kind or another than usual". But do they have to take place at the pictures? Children could easily be hurt and then we'd all be sorry.

MONEY MISSING

One man lost his money at the bathroom on Saturday afternoon, the sum of \$50.00, and his photos and also his beer ticket. When he had his bath after work, he lost it there. This is bathroom near the oval ground which is the Jinang, Mardai, Burada, Anbara, Maringa and Milingimbi area. When he had finished having a bath he went to have his beer, while the others were getting picture tickets ready, the beer mobs finished their beer and they came into the pictures with big mobs of shovel-nose spears and the fighting sticks to fight anybody at the pictures. The poor Balanda peoples were frightened and running away from the pictures everywhere, this is because at night time that you cant see the shovel-nose spears flying into the human body. The poor Balanda and Ankakalli (Aboriginal) peoples would like to see the pictures and not with troubles this is because we pay for \$1 tickets and we dont wants to see half pictures and half trouble. Are we always going to do like this? While this place getting it big town.

J.Miriiji

Ed. Admittedly it is hard to see who is who at night, I think that it may be true to say - "The people who ran from trouble were wise" - the Aboriginal people showed greater wisdom.

The unexpected qualities of Lemon Essence.

Some days ago, the kitchen supervisor ~~we~~ noticed that several of the cooks were becoming rather uncertain on their feet and were beginning to call out freely. It was the middle of the day. Surely not.....! Earlier he had noticed quite a group crowded into the corner of the butther shop, but hadn't given the gathering a second thought. Then one of the cooks, in very happy spirits came up to him and said "That lemon water..... proper good one... any more..? By this time the cooks were doing some pretty odd things.

An inspection of supplies revealed that over a carton of Lemon essence had been drained!

It will probably be some time before desserts and cakes have that distinctive lemon flavouring again.



Odds
and
Ends.

Sister Maija is not due back from Hooker Creek for another 2 weeks.

The schoolteachers are eagerly waiting news of next year's appointments.

Sister Sandra is to be a bridesmaid at Bob and Heather's wedding in April.

WEEKEND DUTIES:

DUTY OFFICER: Mr Bill Beckett NIGHTWATCHMAN: Mr. Toby On.
DUTY SISTER: Sister FIRE CONTROL: Mr Col.Reid

STAR THEATRE: FRI. "ABBOTT and Costello meet the Key-
stone Cops."
SAT. "Band of angels."

CHURCH SERVICES: SUN. 9.30 a.m. All Age Sunday Schools
"Sheep without a Shepherd"
7.30 p.m. Church parade of visiting
school sports teams.
THUR. 7.30 p.m. Fellowship

BIRTHS: Richard to Madge Miwanga, in Darwin hospital.

CONAIR: has advised that perishable orders are now being brought
on Wednesday - plane leaving Darwin 8.45 am arriving 10.15 am
Thursday - plane " " 10.00 am " 11.30 am

NOTICE: 24th November, Dr Jacobs will speak about nutrition, time
and place of meeting later.

HOLIDAYING: Mrs Denise Bond is spending 3 weeks in Sydney while
Ashleigh is driving a vehicle overland.

Our Mirage typist, Mrs Gislinde Craven, is flying home
to see her sister's wedding, also visiting her Mother who
has been very sick. She leaves on Monday for Karlsruhe,
West Germany, and is expected to be away for a couple of
months. Many thanks Linde for your solid support.

FROM THE POSTMAN:

A S.A. Craft customer; "We were thrilled to see Magani in
the American produced program "Wild Kingdom", he must be
actually well known." Some of the American people who made
this picture, Mr & Mrs Martin Perkins, of St. Louis, will be
at Maningrida on 16th or 17th November, with a party of American
people. They will give a generous donation to the Progress
Association, and hope to see some dancing, spear throwing, fire
making, bark painters at work and buy craft work.

Mrs Melva Buzza; "Well here I was, just flipping through
the "West" having a cup of coffee, and on page 14...hits me in
the eye "A scoop from the Maningrida Mirage" I nearly fell off
my chair. I felt quite sad when I saw the happy birthday
cake on the last issue thinking back that I had typed the 1st
one. Perhaps I'll get a special invitation in the centenary
celebrations of the Mirage."

Bob Eggers; has been several weeks off work with a chronic
throat infection and is now planning to take his holidays in
Melbourne.

About the Bank.

Some of the people come to the bank and say "How much does
a bank book cost?"

A bank book does not cost anything. All that we need, is
some money to put in the bank, and if we want to take it out later on, then
we can.

Mr. Charlie Parrott, well known visitor to Maningrida in former years to talk about "tucker" with the kitchen supervisors and the Superintendent, is about to leave the Territory and head for Mackay in Queensland. There he will be an area supervisor for a firm of caterers working with construction camps. "Cold lunches?" "No" says Charlie with a laugh "that might make trouble!"

With an old "football knee" bandaged up, Jock Mason was busy buying paint brushes. Both he and Heather have been down the track - Jock building and Heather as a relieving nurse on the Mobile Dental Clinic.

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At the football on Saturday afternoon Wanderers A. team put up a good showing against St. Mary's. Lucky Balarka and Raymond Nalur were out there battling away and Wally Wulaynbuma of Yirrkala was one of the best players. Yelling encouragement were some well-known barrackers, Mr. Giese, Mick Ivory, Bob Phillips and Ray Norman, as well as several Maningrida-ites from Kormilda College (a very happy looking Hilda Gaiawanga among them) and from round about. Half the players on the field were Aboriginal men. A plane goes to Bathurst Is. each Saturday morning to pick up St. Mary's players.

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Who would ever expect to see the much shot-at magpie geese (in Arnhemland) quietly flying about and enjoying the peace of the Botanic Gardens? Around Nightcliff there were as many black cockatoos as there are peewees at Maningrida.

Brown hawks were everywhere.

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The M.O.M. - United Church Conference was an historic occasion. There were echoes of 19 when Rev. John Flynn (Presbyterian) and Rev. John Burton (Methodist) sat down under a gum tree in Darwin and said "We will work together" (meaning particularly the inland). Now the churches in the Aboriginal communities were brought together. Arnhemlanders were able to meet Rev. Jim Downing, social worker among the Pitjantjarra people at Alice Springs, and Miss Margaret Bain who is doing a remarkable piece of work among the 90 Aboriginal people at Finke. If you've ever been through Finke, you would not "fink" of staying there any longer than you could help.

Rev. Fred McKay, now Moderator General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, was recalling the 1935-36 days when he was stationed at Cloncurry and they used to pick up Sheppy sending messages in morse from Milingimbi.

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Old Residents: Michael Bresnahan won the *Mathematics* prize for his class at St. Johns College speeachnight.

Sister Heather Bridge (here in 1965) is now Sister Dominic. She has been a novice (preparing to be a nun) for 3 years in N.S.W.

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BIRD WATCHER:



JIJJAL (JITJAL). This owl is found all over Australia and is very common in the North. It eats snakes, grasshoppers and small birds. When a fire is burning in open country it flies about "hunting". It calls out with a loud cackling sound, and it is sometimes called the "cackling hawk".

The Jitjal makes a nest up in a tree with sticks and bark. It lays 2 - 4 eggs between June and November.

Some Gunwinggu and Rembarranga sing the Jitjal song.

Wanted.

The hospital needs large bottles (26oz.) about the size of the lime cordial bottles.

Sister Helen.

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