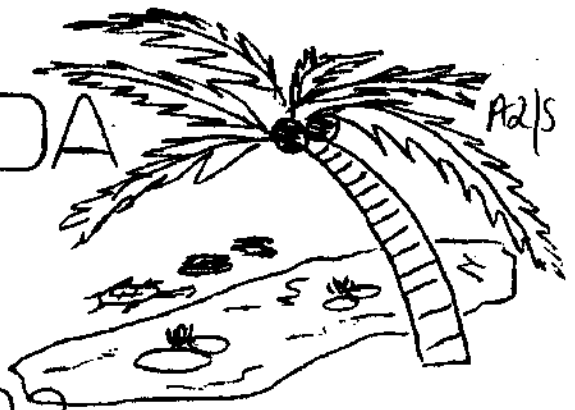


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## Frank Norton Visits

Mr Frank Norton, Director of the W.A. Art Gallery, paid his annual visit to Maningrida this week. Frank has been touring other centres in the Territory as well, Snake Bay, Eloho Island, and Oenpelli. He is looking out for more works to add to his Gallery's collection, and is particularly interested in carvings.

Frank, who was a Naval war artist in the last war, makes beautiful sketches and water colours to record the works he has collected and complement impressions of his visits. At Snake Bay he has collected more of the Iukamani (death ritual) carved poles, one of which is 8' high and portrays a nude male figure.

There are good works available at Eloho Island, where there has been a resurgence of bark painting. Frank is hoping to collect more of the Western Arnhemland paintings at Oenpelli. He spent some time looking through the craft shop at Maningrida where he made a number of selections including paintings by Charlie Gumbina, Robin Guningbal and Curly Bargululu and carvings by Crusoe Guningbal.

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## Water Supply

The water hole at Gabaljara Creek is pretty low (and pretty murky). Most of the settlement's water must now come from the 2 bores at the airstrip. You can help by conserving water, turning off taps, reporting leaks and taking care generally.

There are some more bores at the airstrip to be equipped with pumps. Some of the work has already been carried out, e.g. the connecting pipes have been laid and most of the materials to finish the job are at Maningrida. Wolpers and Law have the job so here's hoping we can see the new bores in action in the next couple of months.

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## WATER RESTRICTIONS:

Please note that sprinklers must be turned off at 7.00pm each night.

## Adieu, Adios

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After nearly three weeks and some 250 patients, the Dental Mobile comes to a close today but I'm sure we'll be long remembered by all.

Working amongst the people here and learning something of their past through the various forms of art and also their hopes for the future has been a real lesson to me.

I only hope you have derived some benefit from our stay and that some of those toothaches have disappeared and a few holes have been filled. Thank you for your generous hospitality and the chance to see what is being done here.

B.R. (Dentist)

## New Supper Times

The big kitchen will be staying open for supper until 7.30 each night during the week. This starts next Monday for a trial period of one month.

SUPPER TIME --- 4.30pm - 7.30pm

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# Forestry

Two mechanics from Hasting & Deering have been here for about 10 days, working on the D7-dozers. The dozer will probably be ready for action by the end of next week, and will then continue working on the road construction in the Cadell area towards Blyth River.

The Foreman Mechanic R. Hopkins - Hoppy - arrived on Wednesday on his monthly inspection tour, leaving today.

Mr. W. (Bill) Hilliger has been here since Monday, surveying the new road between Cadell and Blyth Rivers. Bill will return to Darwin next Friday.

## New Arrivals

Sawmill under new management!! Mr. Charles Barchard arrived here yesterday, bringing with him a brandnew (acting) sawmiller, to fill the position left vacant since Kevin Ennis' departure. Surprise! Surprise! It's Mr. Eddie Webber, late of Wolpers & Laws, formerly of Forestry Maningrida. Welcome back, Eddie, and good luck in your new job!

Mr. Dennis Coleman will be the new timberjack driver. Dennis is also with us the second time around. He used to be known as "Digby" and departed in April 1970. (Maningrida can't be such a bad place, after all!!)

## Departures

The Turner family is leaving today, driving their car to Darwin. Allan has to go home to Brisbane where he has a trucking business. Owing to some business complications, his presence there is urgently needed.

Mr. David Hill, grader operator, will leave on Monday's mail plane. Dave plans to go home to South Australia for a spell.

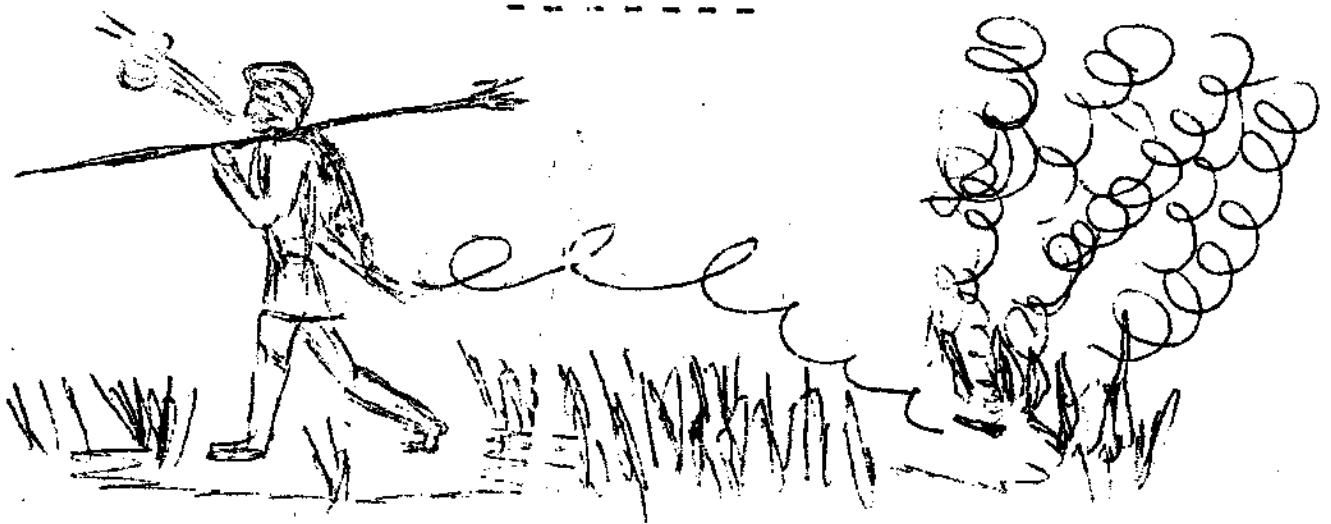
Mr. George Williams, dozer driver, is departing today. George has some plans for a long deserved holiday in England with his married children. George will be sadly missed - by ladies and gents alike - whose hair he so expertly attended to. Now - alas - it will be back to the good old "Hit or Miss" method of hair-cutting for the "customers" he leaves behind.

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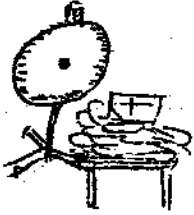
Last Saturday a fire started at the garbage tip road. Thanks to the alertness of Mrs. Dickfoss who saw and reported the fire immediately, no damage was done and the fire could be extinguished with a minimum of trouble.

PEOPLE - DON'T THROW CIGARETTE BUTTS OR MATCHES AWAY BEFORE MAKING SURE THAT THEY ARE NOT BURNING ANY MORE !!! YOU COULD GO TO JAIL FOR IT !!!

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# School Fete



The 1971 Annual School Fete is here once more. The program starts with a Baby Show at 2.00 p.m.. Mrs. Amies and Sister Tilley have organised the competition through the recently formed "Mothers Club" which meets weekly. It is hoped that all competitors are on hand by 2.00 p.m. for the judging by two unbiased experts. Following the baby show at 2.30 will be a Traditional Dance competition. Interest has been created through the efforts of Messrs. Yibberal, Hunter, Gillespie and Gulpilil. Present indications are that seven teams will compete. The shield and prize have been donated by Mr. John Hunter. Sometime after 3.00 p.m. the money-making activities commence. This year there is something to please all age groups - from a train ride for the adventurous to tea and scones for the weary.

The new school truck is only partly paid for and it is hoped that sufficient money be raised at the fete to meet the remainder.

To all those people who have assisted in any way with preparations, donations etc. the school staff expresses appreciation.

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR MONEY - 2.00 p.m. TODAY !!!**

## Bakery

Jubilation at the bakery this week when the new dough mixer arrived. It has a handbrake, footbrake, on-off foot controls and gears! When it's wired and operational you'll probably hear the screams of joy from Les, Sam and Albert.

Even without a dough mixer the flour power for the month of August is praiseworthy:

5,123 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. loaves of bread

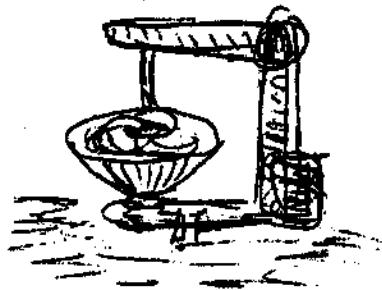
3,792 x small buns

311 x assorted large buns

200 lbs. block cake

200 fruit pies (apple, apricot)

156 meat pies (production was commenced on the last day of August)



September's production will be in excess of August. So far this month 140 dozen meat pies have been produced to name just one line.

Application papers have been submitted for Sam to start his apprenticeship under Les.

Good eating and happy toasting!!!



## Yirrkala Talk-talk

Charlie and Kay Mines have not long returned from Adelaide where they took school children and 3 teaching assistants. They spent 10 days visiting Charlie's old haunts around Murray Bridge and then 10 days in Adelaide.

They took the film "Walking in the shadows...." and showed this during concerts they gave.

Mr David Galiwiri well known on the Maningrida scene a couple of years ago is living here at the moment and as irrepressible as ever.

The big production of craft work at Yirrkala continues. The manager of the shop took \$20,000 worth to the Adelaide Show and sold the lot, most of it in wholesale lots.

The Store runs on self service lines this year. Earlier on, mothers discovered some lurks. They used to put small items like soap, in the hands of little children who would walk past the cashier or go out through the entrance way. It is the job of one of the men in the shop to keep an eye on the children now!!

Some Synod sentiments.

Rev. Marcol Spengler who has been at Milingimbi since 1958 returns to Qld. in November.

A close relative of Mrs Rosie Roberts, Mr Torry Djiniyino of Elcho was accepted as a candidate for the ministry after passing his exams with flying colours. Torry spent one year in a Collogo in Brisbane and the 2 years at Malmaluan in New Guinea.

## No Dress Rehearsal For Fire

4.45 a.m. Saturday about mid-August. "Maija, Maija, wako up! The hospital's on fire. I grabbed the closest respectable garment, dragged it over my head and ran to the scene of what was once Umbakumba Welfare Hospital. Irene (one of the sisters) was crying, having failed in her attempt to rescue the medical records. The building was blazing furiously as two brawny men appeared with 4.4lb fire extinguishers and began squirting the contents at the base of the fire to the amusement of the whole settlement. By surprise the spectacular site had diminished to a hot charred heap, and we sat drinking tea and assessing the loss: twelve months supply of baby food and vast quantities of medical supplies and a brand new washing machine which hadn't even been unpacked also a new sewing machine only recently purchased by some Aboriginal women and containing over \$100 of one woman's savings.

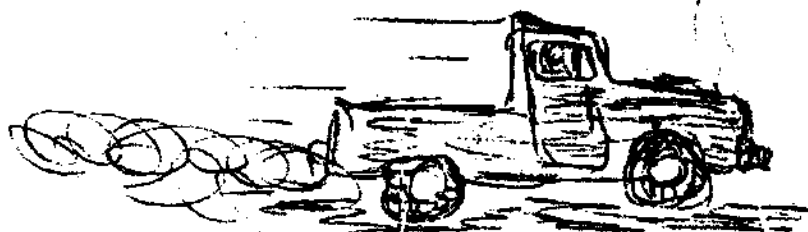
After radioing the news to the Director, I was driven to Angunugu and to obtain a few medical supplies to last until the emergency kit arrived from Darwin. A temporary hospital was set up in one of the BRICK houses. When I went home that evening, I looked in the mirror to see I had had my clothes on inside-out all day!!!"

(As told to a correspondent). Globe-trotting Sister Maija spent a few days at Maningrida this week packing the remainder of her things before her permanent appointment as Senior-Sister to the Hospital at Umbakumba. We wish her all the best in her new appointment.

## Yet More Wheels

'Feathers' Gardiner flew into Darwin Wednesday last week followed a while later by Rod Seymour.

They teamed up to drive 'Feathers' new truck back here. "Take us ride!" may be old hat, but it's always good for a try when new wheels appear.



# Birds of the Borneo

The small grey doves that are common about the houses at the moment are called Peaceful Doves. In appearance they could easily be confused with the Diamond Dove, but the latter is quite rare at Maningrida, and has a red eye. Peaceful Doves are nearly always found in pairs or small groups, and rise with a distinctive whirring noise of the wings, but seldom travel far. They are very social amongst one another, and in the non-breeding season travel around in an indefinite manner in small parties after greener pastures. Unless the bird is brooding the nest is very difficult to see because it is only a small platform of mixed collection of sticks. In our neck of the woods we find most nests after the beginning of the Wet, so that by the time the chicks have hatched, the parents have no difficulty in feeding them on the abundant supply of grass seeds.



J.G.

## Accident at Bulman

There was a motor-car accident at Bulman last Wednesday morning when the Government Toyota ran into a tree. Four men, Eric Forbes, Fred Harrison, Rex Campion and Bruce Murray were flown to the Katherine Hospital where they were admitted for treatment. Fred was okay, Eric and Bruce had cuts stitched up and Rex is under observation.

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## East Arm Settlement

Your correspondent took the opportunity last week to visit East Arm. Several Maningridians were seen there, Oscar Nalowed, Djulga-djulga, Bob Bunduwarbi. Also seen were Nancy Wanjuk, Barbara Mondalmi and a number of others whose names do not come to mind. East Arm is an attractive area, with green lawns, trees and many buildings. The whole is situated around a hill, with the hospital in a commanding position right on top. The settlement has a hall, where movies are shown three times a week, a swimming pool and a school.

An interesting feature of East Arm is the rehabilitation centre where patients are instructed in various types of craft work. There is quite a variety carried on; one can see all sorts of plastic work, bags, belts, mats. There are also mats made from locally collected hemp fibre and nylon ribbon. There are looms for weaving cloth, a good deal of leather-work and also traditionally oriented items such as didjeridoos and carvings.

The most recent development is the printery. At the time of your correspondent's visit the print-shop had started to produce an order of Christmas cards. There is a book containing examples of orders fulfilled in the past; these cover an enormous range, from political hand-bills to ball tickets and advertising posters. One patient is able to operate the smaller printing machines, but a new, and larger, machine has recently been installed and now someone has to be trained to operate it as well.

It is also hoped to extend developments to the open air with the setting up of a plantation and garden.

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## STAFF ADDITION IN STORE

On Monday Jack John joined the Store Staff. He will be easing the burden of keeping the store clean and the shelves packed, which, up until now, has been Johnny's job. Johnny will now also be seen on the busy days working in the clothing department, for which he has shown quite a flair.

CONGRATULATIONS to our;



NEW D.V.O.



AND



NEW SUPERINTENDENT

# Skipping out at Nights

During the holidays most of the boy scouts went to Kupanga for camping. We had a good time out there. We camped there for five days. Every morning all of the boys would wake up early and get all their fishing equipment. First of all they would cooke breakfast. After that they would go fishing until dinner time, then they would come back for their lunch. In the afternoon they would go fishing again. Sometime they would go cutting trees to make fishing spear or they would go shooting or looking for crab and oyster. After supper they would make their beds and sing and dance until 10 o'clock. Every afternoon Skip would camp with us for the night and in the morning he would wake up, have his breakfast and go back to work. We had a real good time at Kupanga and I hope we will go back there one day.

Finity

# Routine Medical

Dr. Jacobs will be at Maningrida next Thursday (30/9/71) for the Routine Medical. The doctor was also here on Tuesday this week to attend the Health Meeting but also saw to some patients.

# Seriously?

There's a bloke called Brolga you see  
Who's an old master with the 'V.B.'  
Along came his boss,  
For words he was lost,  
Cause Brolga's on the milk - Wow wee!!

Anon.

(Doctor, doctor you'd better come quick.)

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PARENTS & FRIENDS Meeting  
Room 8 at the School  
7 p.m. Monday 22.9.71

# Craft Room Swamped

The Craft Room has been swamped in the last few days. Paintors and weavers have been very busy. In 8 days nearly \$900 has been paid out and our two dentist friends have done their bit by spending all their earnings evry afternoon. When we can move a few things so you can get through the door you will see a fine stock of baskets, featherwork and barks. Frank Norton from the West Australian Art Gallery has been busy in the Craft Room selecting material for exhibition.

# How to Ruin a Sellers Market.

Margarot, wife of Dick Smith, brought two dancing skirts made of strips of bark into the Craft Room last Friday. These are fairly rare items and Margarot was complimented on the quality and paid a good price for her work.

She must have sped home to spread the joyous news to the Jinang ladies that she had found that bearded bloke's weak spot - and the ladies went to work.

Would anyone like to buy 32 bark dancing skirts - going cheap!

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