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Onward Christian Soldiers

Earlier this year three Goulburn Island men visited the Church at Croker Island and conducted weekend services among the people. The response was encouraging and so they grew bold and offered to come over here.

The Maningrida Church Council accepted very gladly and began to plan this weekend's crusade. Meanwhile at Goulburn, several of the choir asked if they could come and help, too. So during today we expect 16 people - 10 men and 6 women - to arrive by plane and boat.

During this afternoon and on Saturday they will meet the people in various parts of the settlement. On Sunday they will put up Christian and Aboriginal symbols on the clearing among the coconut palms at the beach. The cross will be in the centre. On one side will be a special post used to welcome people to ceremonies and on the other a forked branch from which a sacred dillybag, holding the Bible, will be hung. In front of the Cross will be a fire expressing both Aboriginal family togetherness and the power of God.

We hope that families will come with their blankets or ground sheets and sit together for the services.

This spontaneous move on the part of the Goulburn Island people is echoed in Yirrkala. There the Youth Movement, a very lively body, organised along Aboriginal social lines (divided into 2 moieties for responsibilities etc.) is sending 5 of its leaders to visit neighbouring communities for a week at a time. Said Gallarraway, its leader: "It's about time we did something like this."

G.A.

The Maningrida Town Clock (Chapter 299)

Rejoice! Rejoice! We have no choice! The clock has been found, folks! You remember, because it was no good to us we sent it back to the makers for a refund, - but in transit it became lost. Well, it's arrived there but - here is the latest development - the makers sent us a letter saying "The clock has been repaired and is now ready for despatch to you!!" - Ye Gods - we've spent 15 months trying to give it back to them, now they're going to send it back to us. The sound you just heard was the Secretary eating her typewriter. D.G.

Will this be another "BLUE HILLS"

Startling New Sporting Development

Last Sunday afternoon the peace of the Sabbath was shattered by the clash of flabby bodies and the roning of newly discovered muscles. Eagle Construction and the School were engaged in a do or die game of soccer.

Eagles started hot favourites because soccer is almost the national game of most of their men. However, the Schoolies, assisted by older school boys and John (Mottenham Hotfoot) Carpenter, won the day - a convincing victory 6 goals to 2.

All agreed that it was an enjoyable afternoon and it helped to promote a bit of much needed mixing. We hope to continue the sporting occasions - possibly some volley ball games next. John Carpenter has been placed on the transfer list with a record fee of 35 cents.

Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 5.30PM ON 25/10/71

PRESENT: 9 Councillors
27 visitors.

CEREMONIES: President said that people should organize ceremonies so that they fitted in with other necessary activities, jobs, school, etc. and did not cause inconvenience to the people required to participate in them. People couldn't go away for long periods; they had to keep their jobs. It would be best if Council was given notice of ceremonies so that it could organize them.

BULMAN: Councillor Riala wanted to know why Bulman had closed down. Superintendent said that it was too far from Maningrida to keep going, and that it was too hard to get supplies and services there in the Wet. Maybe something would start up again next year, but as all the Maningrida people had left the Bulman some time ago, it would probably concern people from that area more than people from here.

TROUBLES: There had been one trouble last week, and one man had been banned from the Club for a fortnight. Cr. Yirinyin had been patrolling at night and he reported that he had to chase children away from the school and areas close by. He needed someone to help him.

NIGHT-WATCHMEN: Cr. Yirinyin wanted more men to help with patrolling at night. Council discussed this for some time, but it was too hard to find men who would do the job properly at night.

CHRISTMAS: Council talked about how money would be collected for Christmas. It was finally decided to ask \$1. from every person at Maningrida to cover Christmas expenses. This would be collected on pay-days and there were 4 more pay-days until Christmas. Each single person pays \$1 and every married man pays \$1 for each person in his family.

CARPENTERS: Councillor Riala felt that the carpenters could not keep going all the time if it was hard to get timber. Some of the carpenters might leave.

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Football Arrangements

These arrangements were made by a meeting of footballers this week.

1. Centre Umpires: Fred Luff
Bob Cross
Graham Inglis
Trevor King
L. Barlaka

2. Rules:

1. Every player must be registered with a club for 3 weeks before he is allowed to play.
2. A tribunal to be formed: Tommy Ibberal
Tommy Fry
Billy Yirinyin
3. Teams have not been finalised but will be published next week.
4. The kiosk will be opened again but people are expected to put the money in and not ask for credit.
5. A proposal was made for each player to pay 20 cents per game but no decision was reached.
6. Times:

Up to 14	9.15 - 10.30	15 min quarters
Up to 17	10.30 - 12.15	20 min quarters
A Grade	2.00 - 4.00	25 min quarters.

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FOUND: Brand new pair glasses found in "Gunavidji" - left by someone who has lived there. Optical prescription - Martin Wells frame.

Birdwatcher

Most of us are familiar with the little blue wren of the southern states, but you will notice he is not to be found here. In its place we have the red-backed wren, a dainty little character, dressed in a black sports coat and red vest. The female birds are almost all brown, and each male has usually two or three jennies in attendance. They hop and dart in and out of the low bushes in search of insects, all the time chattering away to themselves. The nest is shaped like a baby's bootie, concealed away amid a tangled clump of herbage, and breeding starts at the onset of the first rains (about now). It is a fairly common bird, but somewhat shyer than its blue southern relative, and it is not attracted to houses and gardens like the blue wren.



J.G.

Forestry

Mr. Eric Quick goes on leave today and flies to Sydney to visit relatives and friends there and at Newcastle. He will be away for three weeks.

Mr. Frank McCabe has arrived to relieve Eric.

Mr. & Mrs. Mervyn Mason are expected to arrive shortly to join the staff.

Gridian Group.

The next meeting will be at Jean Bagshaw's house at 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3rd.

Jean and Margaret.

'Walkabout'



Mr. David Gulpilil was back at school helping to teach the children after going to the southern cities to help launch the film "Walkabout".

In Brisbane after seeing the film screened for the first time he met Senator Neville Bonner in Queensland and discussed the possibility of making another film.

In Sydney for two days, where he stayed with a Twentieth Century Fox film man. Here he asked how long it would be before Walkabout could walk into Maningrida. The man said that it was being shown in all the capital cities and would be in Darwin soon.

In Melbourne, as David came off the plane, 4 T.V. cameras were pointing at him and quite a crowd of people calling out: "That's him, that's him!!" and they were thrusting autograph books into his hand to be signed. Quite a heady experience for anyone.

He visited the four T.V. stations and appeared on T.V.

Here also he met Mr. Ted Evans' father.

It was time then to fly north again and just a pity that a couple of Australia's finest cities were left unvisited.

Fishery Chiefs.

Mr. John Lake Director of Fisheries, Forestry, Wild-life and National Parks ('Fish and Chips') and Mr. Ian Kirkegaard, Principle Biologist of Fisheries, will visit Maningrida early next week.

ELECTION

In the votes counted so far, more people have voted for Mr. Rupert Kentish than for Mr. Quinn. It seems certain that Mr. Kentish will continue to represent Arnhem.

BIRTH.

A Son was born to Lorrie Maygiya (Burada mother) last night at 6 p.m.

My Dreaming.

By Jimmy P. Matjiri.

The Crocodile came from Mululu-mirri to my country at Gamurr-guyurru in the Dresertine , at the beginning of the world. He came to the tribal land of the Yiritja people and said to himself . "This is my homeland and it shall be called Gamurr-guyurru in Yiritja tribal land." Then the crocodile turned into a stone .



During the night, two devils (Wanggarra) call to the crocodile to roar and he frightens the mosquitoes and the evil spirits away. The other crocodiles who lie in the river hear him and they answer him back with mighty roars.

This bark painting is very important to me, to my father and my relations and it reminds us of the beginning of the creation of the world.

It is very important because it is Madayan (sacred).

J.P.M.

Maringrida Entries

for 1971 OPAL Christmas Card Competition

now on display at the shop.

Madayan Law and Custom Rules.

by Jack Maritji.

(Jack brought an article last week and for various reasons, felt that it was wiser not to print it. He has brought another article this week, and it is printed as he wrote it).

<u>Women</u>	<u>Dua Moiety</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Yiritja Moiety</u>	<u>Men</u>
1. Wamudjan (Manar) R.		Wanud (Kiniminil)	1. Kotjan (Burtjalak)		Kodjok (Baritjiniring)
2. Gamanjan (Burain) R.		Gazarang (Kibil-barl)	2. Bangadijan "		Bangadi (Kasurusa) "
3. Bilinjan (Yamitj) R.		Belang (null) Dar	3. Waritjan (Kurumull) D		Naritj (Kinilingi)
4. Galinjan (Garwal) R.		Buralang (Miki) Br	4. Bulinjan (Mirri) DY		Bulin (Kalinjar) DC

In the beginning there was only red, hot and solid stone with heavy brown warm ground , and strong dust with big hot winds , and its name was you and me.

There was nothing else but he and her - no sun , no moon , no star, no earth , no light, no water, no air- nothing but he and her , everyone was there for all time, it was not born , it cannot die, it is always there.

Red stone was the Grand Auntie and brown earth was the Grand Father and their names were (Manar)R. and (Kinimini)Br. and their 'skins' (Wamudjan)R. and Wanud BR and their names or tribes were Red and brown ochres of the earth Their language was Man-nga the sun, their moiety was the red stone, and their totem was the King Brown Snake and Sunshine silver snake (Mititj) of the red and brown earth.

Once that Grand Auntie and Grand Father lived naked. They cannot eat any food , hunt , drink water or visit their parents and friends, or go fishing or swimming. If they want to go anywhere else, they could. But they dont want to do that because of you and me. We were here and there.

But there, Granny and Auntie were collecting many things to eat as food and fresh meat to feed themselves. They sat down and made a fire to cook their food and to eat.

But the earth was boiling with the strong heat of fire and it grew and grew. There came a time when the earth split or broke in halves and everyone dropped down from the earth to everywhere. They got lost in the place where Grandfather and Auntie lived.

BASKETBALL

On Tuesday night, Garatpu 36 beat Dolphins 30. Garatpu lead from start to finish. Lucky played a good game for Garatpu. In the other match, Pioneers 42 beat Cadell 38 in a very fast game. It was 16-16 at half time but Pioneers drew away in the second half.

On Thursday night ,Chalkies 30 beat Arnhemland(Jincang)29. It was a hard tight game with both teams playing good basketball.

In the second game , Kupanga 44 beat Eagles 25 . For Kupanga Jim Walbena scored 12 baskets.

FROM CANOE TO MOTOR BOAT

Continuing article on the Fishing Industry.

What makes an Industry ?



1. Demand for a certain product.
2. A good availability of the necessary labour, with associated skills.
3. An economic situation, one in which the goods can be brought to market at a price equable to all concerned.
4. Skilled management and control.
5. Last but not least, there are a number of needs to be fulfilled.....!

The labour involved has to need to have an occupation and an income in order to survive in its particular situation. The market has to need the product and this means that the consumer has created a demand for the product involved and is consequently prepared to pay a fair price for it.

All else lies between these last two factors.....

Fishing is a typical form of Primary Production, it exploits the resources of nature to produce food and generally, after the initial contact with the fisherman, requires certain treatment to keep it in good condition and in an attractive form for the public.

Australia is one of the greatest nations of city dwellers in the world, At the latest count 88 . 5 % of the population of this country is living in metropolitan areas, (reliable sources) and consequently it is fair to assume that the housewife needs the Supermarket type of shopping facility, including pre-packed handy foodstuffs for the refrigerator, deep freeze etc.

(This week in Darwin.....SPECIAL! English Haddock 70¢ per. lb.

The country is 'freezer' orientated out of necessity, especially in places like the Territory, and although this is very convenient it has its limitations. Because once a product is frozen it has to be kept as such until the time of consumption. Many fish products, especially shellfish, is subject to rapid bacteriological decay and things such as Ptomaine poisoning can have very unpleasant effects.

When we look at our own areas as potential fisheries, we have to consider many of the items I have discussed. As was said last week, there is no doubt that the labour we have available in a situation such as Maningrida is ideally suited to fishing as an occupation. But, it is quite possible that the time is not right to develop an industry on too large a scale. There are.....

Excessive freight costs involved in bringing necessary equipment and supplies to these isolated locations.

Extra costs involved in transporting goods or product out again to main centres. It is fair to say that these costs have to be borne by the primary producer, (his geographic location is his problem, isn't it ?)

With high temperatures for most of the year, a fisherman in the territory has to be equipped with good ice supplies and holding boxes on his boat or a freezer unit suitable for his requirements.

His boat has to be maintained, repaired and serviced. There are not many missions or settlements which have the staff or facilities available on such a scale to support even a small industry of this nature.

to be continued

WEEKEND DUTIES:

Duty Officer: Mr. ? *He could be one of 9 men.*
Duty Sister: Sister *Peggy*
Fire Officer: Mr Dennis Coleman

STAR THEATRE:

Friday: *We hope that the film arrives today*

C H U R C H :

The Crusade.
Sunday 9.30 a.m.: Services at the beach led by
7.00 p.m.: Goulburn Is. people and choir.

B I R T H :

Billy James - son for Mary Wilmarga and Billy Yiriyin :
on Monday 25th Oct.

Baby daughter born to Bridget Gurupudu and Dick Smith
at Yatlamara near Ngangailla a few days ago.

P E O P L E :

Mr and Mrs Dan Watson have gone on holidays - first to Alice Springs and then very likely to Melbourne. At present, the Head stockman from Hooker Creek Mr Dan Andrews is at Bulman.

Yesterday Mr Dan Pollard and Secretary Miss Thelma McCubbin of the Catering Section visited Maningrida.

Mr John Hunter went on leave on Wednesday and will be fishing off the coast at Bega (N.S.W.) for a few weeks. He is due back on Dec. 3rd.

Sister Heather Cross went up to Elcho yesterday on Connair to visit Mr and Mrs Don Loechel and hopes to return this afternoon.

Maggie Ganadjilidjil made the headlines in the N.T. News this week. Somehow or other she fell over the Fanny Bay cliffs on Friday night and was found next morning by a man looking for bait. In Tuesday's paper there was a photo of "Mrs Maggie Maningrida" in hospital. She has broken both legs, both arms and her hip. We send our best wishes to her. It will be quite a long time before she is able to rejoin her daughter Nancy with Frank Sinatra and Yvonne at Bagot.

This must be a cliff hanging time of the year. A week or so ago, former cooking Supervisor here, Mr. Joe Smecz (SMEK) had the misfortune to fall over a cliff on the other side of the Darwin Harbour. There had been some kind of social conviviality there.

The Warrender brought a mini-moke for Sister Edith on Monday morning

The Green Machine



I'm afraid that the children think it's a toy

Whatever the children think, it will save Sister Edith a lot of walking.

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