

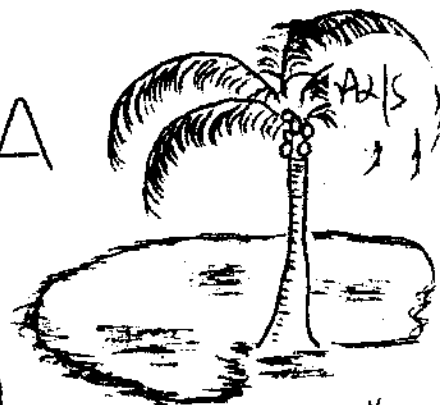
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## MIRAGE

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## Progress Association

Bob Collins, supervisor of the Cadell Garden project, left Darwin yesterday driving over land. He should arrive this weekend. Bob will remain at Maningrida for some time preparing equipment before taking up permanent residence at Cadell.

The auditor Mr. Doug Gamble will arrive shortly. The auditors will examine the Association's affairs twice a year in future.

Pauls flavoured milk will soon be available in the Hasty Tasty. Pauls will hire a deepfreezer to the Association to keep the product.

A start has been made on a toilet/shower block which the Health Department insisted is necessary for the efficient running of a store and bakery.

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### Welcome to Chris and Gwen Burchett.

Chris has been working with Welfare in Darwin for the past year and has come to Maningrida as Assistant Superintendent. Later on he hopes to do the training course at A.S.O.P.A.

Chris is a singer - (sang in "Oklahoma" recently). Although he reckons that he is a bad trumpet player, he is eager to master the didgeridoo. He is interested in gymnastics and athletics (middle distance runner). An interesting Territory link is that Mr. David Odling-Smee, headmaster of Yendemu, was his teacher in Geelong for a period.

Gwen is a primary school teacher who has been playing A-Grade basketball with Waratahs.

## The Prospectors

Mr. Roger Brooke returned from the Junction Bay area today and reported that rain had fallen in the area over the past two days. He had to winch his way through one boggy patch and found the going pretty sticky in a couple of others.

If rain continues to fall in the area during the next two days, work will have to cease until the next dry season.

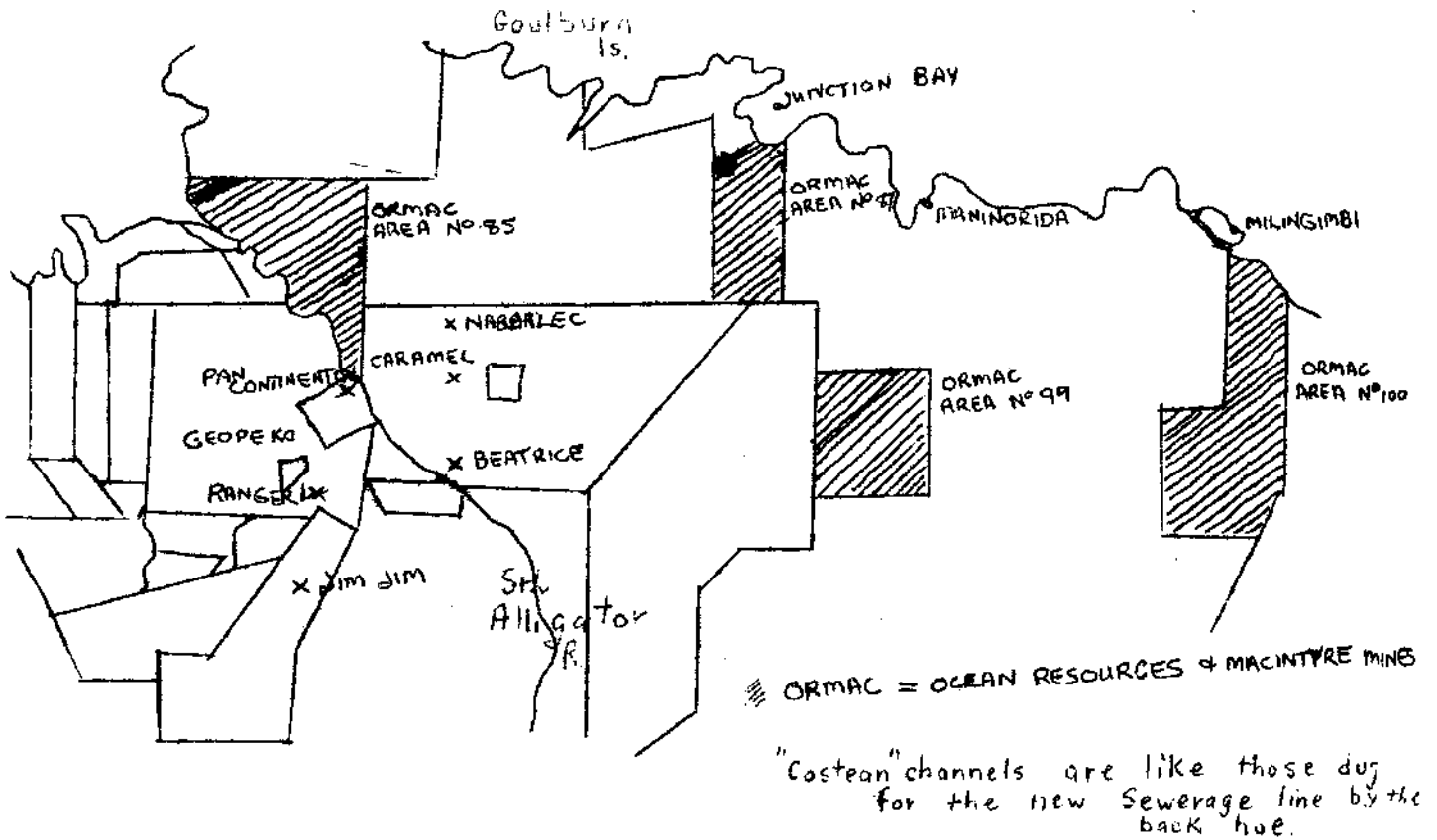
## Basketball.

In Tuesday's match, Pioneers 50 defeated Eagles 40 points in a slow game. At the end of the first half, Pioneers were 34 to Eagles 22. Best players for Pioneers were James Gurrwangu who scored 16 points and Jacky 14 for Eagles.

In the other game Garatpu 66 defeated Cape Stewart 62. The game was played in rain and Cape Stewart found the going hard.

The teams which are playing in the first match, must please be on time at 7 p.m. so that the game can start at 7.15p.m. If you are not there at the right time, you will forfeit your match. It happens every time and that's why we always start late. So please be on time. If you don't want to play in the first match, please let me know, so that I can swap the games around.

On Thursday night, Cadell 36 just beat Arnhemland 34. It was a very even, fast game. In the late game, Kupanga 51 beat Dolphins 38 in a happy game.



From "The Australian Miner" an extract.

Ocean Resources NL now is reaching an interesting stage in exploration of its three uranium prospects in the Northern Territory. The company and its partners have begun shallow drilling and costeaning from which results may be expected soon. Ocean Resources has an interest in three uranium areas in the region.

ORMAC negotiated a unique agreement with aborigines in their areas, in which the aboriginal peoples of four missions will share the rights to participate in a possible operating company and royalties in the event of mining. The agreement represents the first participation by aborigines in prospecting for minerals in Australia. The three areas involved straddle the Queensland Mines strikes at Nabarlek, Caramel and Beatrice. Pan Continental's strike is only four miles south of ORMAC's western-most area, designated number 85, in the East Alligator area.

And it's interesting to note on the map insert that the line formed by the four strikes south of the East Alligator area seems to point to the possibility of a find in area number 85.

So far almost 4000 miles have been flown in a combined airborne magnetometer-spectrometer-electromagnetic survey over three areas at a flight line spacing of a quarter-of-a-mile.

A number of radiometric anomalies have been located and ground crews are operating in the areas where the strongest readings were recorded while final interpretative data is being prepared. A series of further anomalies will be investigated after present data has been processed.

This follow-up ground investigation has included gridding with survey pegs ready for scintillometer surveys, geological mapping and costeaning.

It was interesting to note the statement that, while it was the company's policy to make periodic announcements concerning exploration work, "strict security measures have been implemented to reduce the risks of premature leaking of exploration information".

The latest news from the Northern Territory is that ORMAC has started drilling the uranium areas. Two drills and a back hoe have been employed, but the job has been rushed forward because of the impending "big wet".

The aborigines involved in the programme have already put their specialised local knowledge to good use. They have predicted that the monsoon this year will be late. However, if the initial results are encouraging, the company will work through the wet season. Ocean Resources' general manager said yesterday that only shallow drilling was being carried out initially and that assays were expected in the next few weeks.

# Council

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st NOVEMBER 1971

PRESENT: 12 Councillors and 23 visitors.

TROUBLE: No major troubles were reported at this Council meeting. The President expressed the opinion that the Council was winning a little bit and he told his fellow councillors to keep going in the same way.

Beer tickets. We should know the rules: when making trouble, no beer for two weeks. No job, no ticket. We agreed to these rules, so we stick to them.

CEREMONIES: Cr. Secandra. Djumbidj ceremonies - Harry Malinga is making everything ready. Also ceremony for Robert Wuga Wuga. It was agreed that one shade should be built for the two ceremonies.

SECRETARY: Five announcements were made -

1. Change of tea-time in the dining hall.
2. Change of banking times from Tuesday to Wednesday.
3. Money for Christmas to start this Friday.
4. Council will keep watch during Sports of different schools.
5. Sale of different tickets for the club.

COUNCIL  
CAR:

Cr. Yirinyin said that the need for a council car became more and more urgent. He expressed the view that the beach jungle in front of Mr. Hunter's house should be cleaned up. He and Mr. Hunter found plenty boys and girls one night and that will only give more trouble. We should also put lights near these places.

President replied that Parents & Friends Association had already donated money and that he would ask Mr. Giese for help when they had a bit more money.

TOILETS: Cr. Beibananga felt we should ask the Hygiene Supervisor to inspect the movable toilets as some of them were becoming unsafe.

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## Birdwatcher

The Pied Butcherbird is a common enough bird about the settlement houses and in the nearby open eucalypt forests. It is well known for its voice which ranges from flute-like notes sung by a pair of birds in unison, to their aggressive and alarm calls. On top of this their voice has a considerable ventriloquial quality, making them very hard to locate, and they are able to mimic the calls of other birds.



They are not unlike magpies in their coloration and behaviour, but are somewhat smaller. The nest is usually in the main crotch of a stump or trees and is made of small twigs with an inside lining of grass and straw. Breeding in our area is from September to October so that the small invertebrates that abound after the first light rains form a reliable food supply for the nestling birds. They also live on small birds, reptiles, mice and occasionally carrion (dead meat). They have been known to store surplus supplies of food.

J.G.

## Bank and Post Office

As from and after Friday 5th November, the Bank and Post Office will be closed on Wednesday mornings, and open all day Tuesdays.

This is to assist us to overcome banking and mail problems associated with Connair schedules, etc.

All papers will be on a daily cash basis at the Post Office as from 1st November.

Early remittance of all overdue accounts for papers should be paid at the Post Office not later than 7/11/71.

Motor Bike - FOR Sale. Yamaha 100cc. Pullen for details. See Cheryl

WEEKEND  
DUTIES

Duty Officer: Mr. Edward Caroy  
Duty Sister: Sister Ena Pickersgill  
Fire Patrol: Mr. Denis Coleman

STAR  
THEATRE:

Friday: "Diamond Head". (Thought to be in Hawai)  
Saturday: "Love and Kisses" (Might be anywhere in the world!)

CHURCH

Sunday: All Saints Day.  
9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools, at the beach and Gunwinggu camp.  
7 p.m. Evening Service, in the church.  
Wednesday 7.30 p.m. Crusader Fellowship.

The crusade led by the Goulburn Island people last week was undoubtedly a memorable occasion. Everything that they did, - whether it was singing, the conduct of worship or preaching - they did well. The singing at the shop on Saturday morning was a joy to hear. George Winunguj, the conductor and the singers had obviously put a whole hearted effort into preparing their songs.

Many people who don't usually attend services were at the beach on Sunday. We pray that the Spirit who was so evident among the Goulburn Islanders will continue to move in the lives of many Maningrida people.

PEOPLE

Reported last week - a boy born to Lorrie Maygiya. **Lorrie** has begun a new trend in names - departing from the world of well known singers and famous movie characters, - she has called her son Phillip Morris. Who knows, but in the near future there may appear a Peter Stuyvesant, Benson & Hedges, (Bruce) Craven A or even the much beloved Erinmore.

Wrongly reported: The 'girl' born to Bridget at Ngangalala is a boy and is named LEIGH.

Preparing for a "Day of Judgement."

Three of the teachers have been toiling with their books to prepare for university examinations.

Mr. Trevor King will sit for "European History since 1815."

Mr. Peter Williams for "Education and Philosophy" and Mr. Dan Gillespie for "English Literature".

We wish these men well.



FORESTRY

Two D7 bulldozers and a grader, driven by Jimmy Olson, Lance Jones (a new man) and Charlie Chilley, are working on the road east of the Cadell River to the Blyth River.

The timber jinker had the misfortune to slip on a wet spot along the Cadell road and tipped over. It is on its feet again now and carting logs into the mill.

A fire north of the airstrip yesterday shows that the fire can still be dangerous despite the showers that have fallen and all care should be taken.

Two officers, Messrs. Roger Davies and Peter Snell have been here this week, carrying out road surveys and supervising the road construction work east of the Cadell.

Pam Dadbalag has written to her parents from Sydney, saying that she would like to return to Maningrida. Pam was working at the Sydney Women's Hospital for a time.

Mr. Chris Sattelle leaves for Adelaide today with the completion of the three houses by the power house. We thank Chris. for his work and hope that he has a good holiday in Adelaide.

**Maningrida Mirage**

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