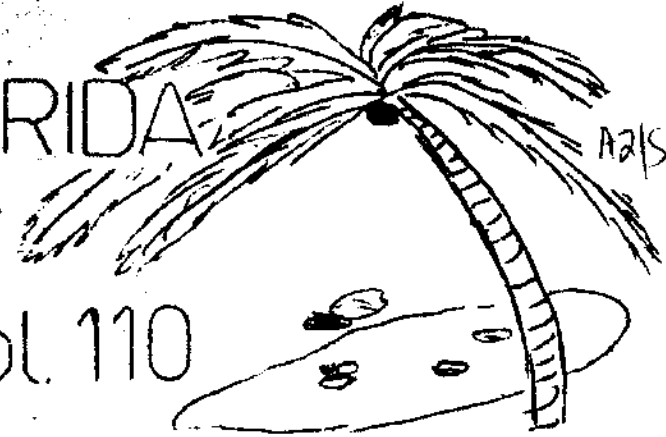


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Hunters Have Success

On Sunday afternoon the goose truck was cruising in the area beyond the Cadell and on the way to the Blyth River when buffalo tracks led them to "a young micky". David Gulpilil took aim with Charlie Jarabilis' gun and a good shot brought the beast down. Dick Jululi, looking every inch a bush butcher, - even next morning - Jack Meritja and others applied themselves to butchering and on Monday morning the Goose truck luggage rack was loaded with cuts of buffalo wrapped in leaves.

Nym Manalpui, George Barawala, Robert Bibora and company took their vehicle to Balpanara where kangaroos abound. On payday they shot seven and hawked them round to a ready market. Encouraged by this they struck out again on Sunday and just before the big rain fell the company vehicle was back in the village with pieces of nine kangaroos being offered on the open market. The treasurers reported that \$140 had been received.

Enthusiasm was really running high now. So first thing on Monday morning the company was in the craft room buying fish spears with a view to breaking in on the schools of Tomkinson River fish.

On Monday the regular fishermen, working with a seine net on the beach at Juda Point, had a large haul of mullet and moonfish. That afternoon their vehicle was laden with six trays of good protein diet.

Fishing For Shark

Milingimbi has bred some excellent pork during the last few years, particularly under the guidance of Tongan gardener Mr. Mosesi Latu.

During recent months they have run ^{into} a shortage of pig food and hit upon the idea of catching sharks and feeding these to the pigs. They appealed to Maningrida for help.

So Messrs. Silas Roberts and Charlie Mulumbuk have gone to Milingimbi to teach the Giabians how to catch sharks on long lines. Silas reports that they are making good progress.

Council

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 NOVEMBER 1971

PRESENT: 11 Councillors and 2 visitors.

DJUMBIDJ: While the Nakara shade has been erected, the other party was not ready to make a decision. We should not talk about this business during the beer as we could make wrong decision.

TOILETS: The Secretary said that a full inspection would be made of all the toilets in the camp.

CHILDREN: If any children are found to be doing the wrong thing, the parents will have to pay \$6 to the Council.

Cr. Secundra said we have to be hard when the wrong thing is done and send them away.

President said no, not yet; we wait until we are ready for that, but we will give them a chance first, maybe two or three times.

Cr. Mnyal: I don't like to send my children away. I rather pay \$6 fine. But I will tell them more and more about the right way. I think father and mother should deal with them, not the council or

It Wasn't All Plain Sailing.

On Wednesday two of the mining vehicles driven by Roger and Kim with Crowfoot, Stephen, Willie and two of the Goulburn men aboard, had quite a trip from Junction Bay to Maningrida. Seven times they bogged or drove into deep water and had to be winched along the way - and on several other occasions one vehicle had to tow the other.

A couple of weeks ago the Liverpool River was running with only about 12" to 14" of water. The Mann River was dry at the crossing. Now the Liverpool has risen to 2'6" and the Mann to 4'.

By all accounts, the roadmakers and the drilling teams have had a fairly soggy time.

Crowfoot's group were making a road which reaches about halfway between Junction Bay and a point directly opposite Maningrida, so that next year the long round-about journey will be eliminated.

Now that the Wet Season is here staff numbers are being reduced as everyone moves out and by Christmas everyone will have dispersed until field work can begin again.

A lot of office work - drawing of maps and preparations for next year's field work will be under way.

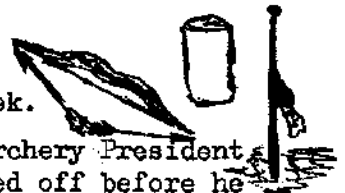
Mr. Kim Stanton-Cook leaves for Sydney today. When Kim was due here back in August a telegram arrived saying "Kim Stanton and Cook arriving Friday". "Terrific!!" the men said, "a cook is coming." But alas, there was a mistake in the telegram.

"CRY" All you Maidens of Maningrida

William Armstrong is to be transferred to Hooker Creek.

His fellow cooks are all worrying for him, and the Archery President feels duty laid upon him to get his secretary/treasurer married off before he goes.

In the midst of all this Bill is taking the matter quite philosophically and while he says it will take a while to get used to dust and the heat, he is looking forward to his new task.



Mining Matters

The extract from the "MINER" as published in last issue of the Mirage was not entirely correct. The joint Maningrida - Goulburn Co. and Milingimbi independently have agreements with ORMAC.

Maningrida - Goulburn are the holders of all uranium prospecting areas listed in the Mirage as areas 99, 87 and 85, but under new legislation since altered in the case of 87 and 85. The Maningrida - Goulburn Co. have complete autonomy concerning these areas.

Milingimbi have area 100, a bauxite prospect.

Sharing of royalties by other missions, as stated in the MINER is subject to ratification of at present verbal agreements, that the said missions grant reciprocal royalty rights over areas they either hold or may hold in the future in exchange for similar rights from the Maningrida - Goulburn area or Milingimbi area. Participation of equity is restricted solely to the Maningrida Goulburn Co. or Milingimbi separately concerning area 100.

It is expected that publication of other areas applied for will be made in the near future; this of course is not to suggest that we will be granted same, the mineral world is very competitive and applications are allotted on ability to fulfill commitments.

At Home in The Big City

Last week end Mr. Peter Williams was walking along a Sydney street and some one in the crowd called out "Hallo Mr. Williams." When he looked around, there was Pam.

She has been working at a Private Hospital for old people and has been earning \$55 a week. Her english is fantastic." Peter says. She has some some Spanish friends and she is able to help them in their difficulties with the pronouncing of english words. Peter felt that Pam was making a good social and mental adjustment to the life in Sydney. She would like to come to Maningrida for a holiday.



They live in Gunavidji

"Gunavidji" - that homely little 'cottage' nestling beneath the mango trees and 'home' to quite a long line of people, including Johnny Robinson, Gill Amies, Eddy Carey, Bonny Clews, Bill Scott and wandering workers (Dept. Works), now echoes with the sounds of domestic activities.

Mr. Bob Rutherford and Mr. "Yope" J. Jong de jong, the works force carpenters have set up house there and are making the Mobile Works Force mobile again. Their number one priority is the rest room at the airport and during the next week we are likely to see some brick walls springing up there. In the meantime work is being done on the two partly built houses up by the Ganardba - Rembaranga camp.

Bob is a Darwin-ite of 14 years standing and worked with Department of Works during that time. His specialty is joinery and cabinet making and when the Queen was due to stay at Alice Springs during her first visit to Australia, Bob was flown down specially to make new furniture and generally fit out the Queen's quarters.

"Yope" is to be numbered with a growing number of Territorians who were born in that distant land of tulips, clogs and windmills - really the original balandas, because 'balanda' is a modification of the word "Hollander".

Mobile Works have taken Yope to Borooloola, Roper River, Yirrkala, Bathurst Island and Snake Bay during the past year or so.

For Readers Beyond Maringrida

The Breaking of The Drought

On Sunday well worn areas like the oval looked like the Sahara desert - dry and desolate. Two light showers of 7 and 12 points a few days before had barely settled the dust. However, there were plenty of heavy clouds about and lightning flashes had lit up the heavens on a couple of evenings. On Sunday morning it was overcast and looked just like a fair dinkum wet season morning. One good shower fell in the morning and turned the dust along the road past the single flats into boggy patches.

Then round about 5 pm the heavens opened and 2" fell within ninety minutes. Water was everywhere.

When the Connair jet came in to land on Wednesday morning passengers were amazed to see a rich green covering on the oval - which was just what the doctor ordered for the Arnhemland School Sports beginning next week.

Everybody Wants It.

According to the N.T. News the Government have helped Connair to fly over this year's hump to the extent of \$800,000. SAATAS chief reckons that their planes could have done it for \$300,000 so he is asking for an enquiry into Connair's affairs. Now the directors themselves say that they want some official body to look into their pockets and tell what has happened to the rrupiya.

From The Mail Bag.

Sister Helen Miller and the girls are eagerly looking forward to a holiday in England after Christmas. Helen hopes to be away for 3 to 4 months, flying one way and travelling by sea on the other. The Theodore Hospital will grant leave of absence.

Sister Maija has been living dangerously!! In a P.S. to a recent letter she describes a fight which took place among those fiery Groot Eylanters at Umbakumba. In a not unfamiliar kind of story, a young aboriginal man stole some grog and got drunk ... and then it was on for everybody. "A big beautiful spear was thrown at me through a window. I just got out of the way ... boys were running with rifles, older men tried to restrain them ... It was just like an old Indian battle."

Maija says that the people there are in good health.

Who Will Win The Shields.

On Sunday, Connair will do some Island hopping to bring 80 children and a dozen or so supervisors from Oenpelli, Croker-Goulburn Is. Is., Milingimbi and Galiwinku to Maningrida for the 1971 Arnhemland Sports.

Monday night - Basketball Carnival.

Wednesday and Thursday mornings - Athletic events on the oval.

Wednesday night - Campfire Concert in the amphitheatre just below the craft room and Mr. Berryman's.

All Maningrida people are invited to come and cheer.

Friday - Swimming at the Du Galadorna Olympic Pool.

Athletes to watch -

- + Keep an eye on the hip swinging Ningle in the Walk.
- + Albert in the 100 metre sprint.
- + Ronald Morlurrk (Lucky's brother) is hot favourite for the junior shot putt.
- + If any unidentified flying objects appear in the sky on either of these mornings, don't be surprised. The discus throw could be on - for the first time in the athletic program.
- + Rosemary an 11 year old could break an Australian record in the girls long jump.
- + Watch Ada streak away in the 440.
- + The marching of the Maningrida athletic squad. Two weeks ago, when they started to practice they looked like a band of stragglers. Now they are moving with disciplined precision. Their "Sergeant Major" has been Mrs. Jan Croft, and if you have heard her beat the drums, you'll have realised that she is no new hand on the parade ground.

Oenpelli is a new comers to the Competition and are an unknown quantity. Milingimbi may be able to field a much stronger team this year. And the Galiwinku fliers will be really trying to win those extra couple of points this year.

Football

In the main game on Saturday. Tahs 20 goals 19 behinds defeated Ngarawunya 17 goals 16 points (139 points to 118).

Take Note.

All footballers, please be on time. Be ready at 1.30p.m. so that we can start at 2p.m., the right time. Especially the Tahs.

Last Saturday there were only 14 players ready. If you have any problems, let your captain know.

J. Pascoe.

Basketball

In Tuesday's matches, Jinang 50 defeated Garatpu 46 in a fast game. At the end of the first half, Jinang had taken the lead with 14 to 20 and they kept up the lead to the end.

In the other match Pioneers 52 defeated Kupang 44. Not a bad margin, seeing that the big fellows from Kupanga just went back to the camp instead of playing. Everybody is anxious about playing first, but I suggest that you have your programs and you can't change it, whether you are playing first or second. Another point is that Kupanga played in the second game from Round 2.

I'd like to give notice of swapping Jinang v Kupanga to play in the first match on Tuesday 16/11/71 and Cadell v Garatpu in the second game. Would you please change the order of the games on the program.

J. Pascoe.

On Thursday night, Dolphins 66 beat Cape s Stewart 46 in a fast game packed with many shots. For Dolphins, Albert scored 18 points. Dolphins played very well tonight.

In the late game Chalkies 36 beat Cadell in a very tight tight close game. For Chalkies, Jimmy scored 14 points, and Trevor scored 12. For Cadell, Jimmy Madarna played a good game to score 12 points.

Bob S.

WEEKEND DUTIES

Duty Officer: Mr W. Beckott
Duty Sister: Sister Helen King

STAR THEATRE:

Friday: Brothers Karamazov
(A technicolor film starring
Yul Brunner, Maria Schell and
Claire Bloom)



CHURCH: Sunday 9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools "Light and salt in
the world"
7.00 p.m. Evening Service
Wednesday 7.30 p.m. Crusader's Fellowship

Executive officer Rev. Gordon Symons will arrive from Croker Is.
next Thursday on his regular end of the year visit.

Christians are meant to be like lanterns, giving light wherever
they are. A lantern may have a dirty glass and however beautiful the
light is, it will not shine out. The glass needs to be cleaned and washed
from time to time. We need to be ~~sturdy coars~~ ~~for being dirty~~ and let
Jesus wash us with His forgiveness and His grace.

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RAINFALL: 8 points and 12 points in 2 showers last week,
Sunday 270 pts.,
Monday 70 pts.

BIRTH: Elaine, daughter born to Nancy Gunanwanga on Friday.
Jack Roy, son born to Lily Gurembara and Roy Rowa on
Sunday at mid-day.

Concerning Telegrams

As most people are aware, radio conditions are often poor in the
afternoons during the Wet, so people are advised to lodge their telegrams
before mid-day wherever possible.

People

Mr Oscar Nalawod returned from East Arm on Thursday after a
successful operation on his foot.

Mr and Mrs Morv. Mason are in Darwin. Morv. has been discharged from
the army and will come to Maningrida as assistant sawmill manager. Shirley
is expecting a young Mason to join them soon and will remain in Darwin for
a little while.

Mr and Mrs Jim Elliott expect to leave on Monday for a journey to
Queensland and then on into N.S.W. on holidays, until the first week in
February.

Mrs Barbara Quick is taking April's place as clerical assistant for
the time being.

Ceremonies Here and There

The Morning Star is shining very brightly at present and must be sign
of better of things to come. Distinguished dancers such as Paddy Fordham
and strong supporters like Curly Bardugguppu are in Goulburn Is. dancing
and presenting a Morning Star and the Rombaranga people here have sent
messages to Milingimbi people announcing that all is in readiness for a
Morning Star ceremony here.

From the Tiwi Talkabout

Mr. John Jemmings, who used to be Supt. at Hooker Creek and
visited Maningrida earlier this year with Luther and Sandy, has been appointed
to Snake Bay and was due to arrive there with his family last Friday.

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