

# MANINGRIDA MIRAGE

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## Going South on Leave

Travelling into Darwin today and then south on the early morning jet will be twelve Maningrida-ites at the beginning of a grand adventure.....

Harry Juwadi, his wife Mary, 9 of their 10 children - (Terry will remain at Maningrida) - and Bruce Gowan.

Harry and Bruce are both Forestry men and have qualified for return fares to the southern states.

Both have a fine record of continuous work. From 1952 to 1961 Harry worked in Darwin for the City Council. Then from 1961 until now he has worked for Forestry Branch, where he is a leading hand. When aboriginal men working for Forestry changed to the Industrial Award in February 1968, he and Bruce qualified for the fare entitlement every 3 years. Bruce has worked for Forestry continuously for the past 6 years.

Messrs. Bruce Craven and John Phenister have arranged for Harry, Mary and their 9 children and Bruce to stay for 2 weeks in flats at Queenscliff near Geelong, where special consideration is given to people of Aboriginal descent. Among the items provided in the flats are blankets!!! Eric Quick is reported to have slept under 5 in Sydney!

This is first time that anyone from Maningrida has earned a fare south.

At the Adelaide airport there may be some TV cameras to photograph the travellers.

## Highlights from 2<sup>ND</sup>. Arnhem Land Games.

Volleyball - a win to the Maningrida boys. Elcho won the girls' competition - a good effort from the Combined Islands (Croker & Goulburn) girls who are very small but tried hard.

Basketball - in the boys' a great win to Maningrida in a really good game against Elcho. Little Jimmy Maralunga popped baskets from everywhere and carried the game. Unfortunately he sprained his ankle and could not continue in the Carnival. In the Girls' basketball a well deserved win to Elcho - the court was sizzling and a few people suffered blisters. Oenpelli girls, who are new to the game, deserve an "A" for effort.

Athletics - Maningrida had a ball in the track events - rarely, if ever, out of a place. Elcho's runners again very good this year and a few surprises from Milingimbi & Combined Islands.

Milingimbi has a stranglehold on high jumping - too many long springy legs there.

Some of the styles in the walking races would interest keen students of form (and possibly the censor).

Concert - A bouquet to Skip and Chris and all others concerned with the Camp Fire Concert.

What do they eat?? - Looking at the Milingimbi and Elcho contingents, especially the ladies, it would seem that the further east you travel, the longer they get. Elcho and Milingimbi folk seem to tower over Maningrida children and the folk from West of the Liverpool. Have they

## Getting More Iron into the Blood

Manningrida has lots of hookworm - in fact, you could say that our children are almost all hooked on hookworms.

The hookworms feed on the blood - and make it weak. It would take a very long time to get rid of all the hook worms in Manningrida.

In the meantime, if all children take blood medicine (or Plesmet) every day this will keep the blood strong.

At a meeting of the Health Committee this week Mr. Tom Yibberal said that people with hook worms are "lazy ones". Sister Edith said "True. They are tired because their blood is weak".

The Plesmet medicine will be available soon for everyone - it is now being given in the hospital to all small children each day.

The Superintendent and Mr. Tom Yibberal both tasted the medicine on Tuesday and said that it tasted good.



## Parties



It seems that the time for enjoyment and parties has come again. While I am not against parties, I do not entirely agree with the reasons for holding them, i.e. we have nothing else to do. However, each person to his own choice of entertainment; but it would be appreciated if those parties, which sometimes become very noisy, did not go on into all hours of the night. Let us remember and realize that in our small community there are people who have to start early in the morning and must have their sleep to be able to do their work properly. I therefore appeal to all party holders to stop at a reasonable hour and to keep the noise down as much as possible.

Superintendent.

## My Air Conditioner

Oh, how lovely is my sleep  
While airconditioned and so deep  
That not a sound reaches my ear,  
Nor does the knock I cannot hear  
Disturb my sleep. All through the night  
I dream, just dream, and I sleep tight.

So, my dear people, let it be heard  
If ever once your sleep is disturbed  
By voices from some other quarters,  
Some tenants and their noisy boarders,  
Just let them be, have no regret  
When your airconditioner is set.

Advertisement.

## Forestry

Mr. Merv Mason arrives this week and will be the assistant sawmill manager. Shirley is in Darwin and expecting the baby to arrive in about 3 weeks.

Shirley and Merv will live in the "Ennis's" home and someone has suggested to Merv that he should fill those little stools which Kevin installed. Merv didn't seem to be too keen.

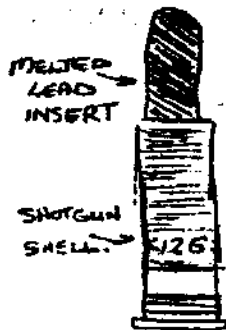
Mr. Eric Quick arrived back on Wednesday after meeting some very cold weather in Sydney and Newcastle. He himself caught a bad cold was not at all in the best of shape.

Mr. Frank McCabe returns to Darwin today after acting as O.I.C.

# Buffalo Hunt

## Making the shotgun cartridges into shells.

At the camp, four brothers were making the cartridges into shells (by taking out the shot and putting in melted fish line sinkers.) to shoot buffaloes or kangaroos for sale and provide fresh meat. These men were Miritji Jack, Gundinga Don, Gridara Joe, Gulpulil film star David. But there were two boys who came from the camp into our camp and said "Good Day, countrymen. Could we come hunting too, countrymen?"



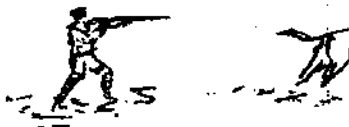
Now we answered the two boys "Hullo, tribesmen. You can both come if you want to, but this truck is no good. May be we can go out hunting and break down miles away, and we'll have no tucker and water. Or may-be we will have trouble from your parents and tribesmen? This is because you are a young junior and a schoolboy and you may miss your job at school. And you, the other boy, may lose your carpenter work." But they say "Oh, very good country. men, but we can still come. The school and job is any time and any day. Their names were Bandalil Dick and Larambuwa David.

## *Last Sunday afternoon*

On Sunday afternoon, then, six men went out to shoot geese and ducks to a little place called Anamunbi between Navy Landing and Cadell Crossing at the top end with the old goose truck. Their names were Miritji Jack, second artist Gundinga Don, third Gridara keeper store Joe, Junior school boy Larambuwa David, Bandalil carpenter Dick and Gulpulil film star David. Then they went and looked around on the plain country for the geese and ducks. Here they saw nothing else but the brolgas, the human and dancing brolgas which we can't shoot at. This is because they are our dancing birds in North Australia.

## *Buffalo killed*

When we followed the creek at the top end and passed the billabongs, we saw 15 buffaloes standing right in the middle of the road. We stopped the old goose truck and all raced for the one shotgun. The shells were made out of . . . shotgun cartridges, but the buffaloes all galloped across the paddock. Then Gulpulil film star David and Bandalil Carpenter Dick got up from the truck and picked up the gun and ran after the buffaloes into the scrub. They shot at it three times and it dropped down and was dead.



## *Coming home*

We turned to come home, but it was getting dark, and at the same time heavy rain was falling. So we left the buffalo at Anamunbi and had to come home. This was because the old goose truck had no lights, and the whole country became very dark and wet. But we got home at midnight.

## *Monday*

On Monday we rose early in the morning and fixed all the things and went out towards Anamunbi to pick up the buffalo. But there Jarabili, pre-school worker Charlie and his wife Warambarla A Camp Agnes and also Gulpulil film star David, came and said "Can we come hunting too, countrymen? Then we said "Yes, you people can come with us and pick up the buffalo. But what about your job? Remember, today is Monday, a working day."

Jarabili pre-school worker Charlie answered "Work is anytime and any day, until we die."

Gulpulil film star David, he told us "No." He said "The job and the life should be here and there too. He said "This new law is changing faster than ours, but now we must stand and face the new law like the white Australian does with his own two feet."

J.Miritji.

## *Basketball*

On Tuesday night, Jinang 34 beat Kupanga 27 in an even low scoring game.

In the latr game, and in front of an enthusiastic crowd of visitors, Chalkies 2: 46 beat Cape Stewart 38. Chalkies played an unusually fast game with Roger, Trevor and Jimmy, scoring well and Bow fouled well too.

On Thursday night, Eagles scored an upset one point win over Pioneers. At the end of the game, Eagles were 37 and Pioneers were 36. For Eagles, Raymond scored 18 points and for Pioneers, Alfie Roberts scored 14 points. Good play Eagles. In the other game, Cadell 50 beat Garatpu 46 in a very even attacking game. For Cadell, Billy scored baskets by sneaking in along the back-line. Lucky (Garatpu) also scored many good baskets with fast tricky play.

# Fresh Water Sting Rays?



Both sting rays and sharks have been known to travel far up fresh water streams and rivers. Cases have been reported up to 50 miles inland and the cause for these is believed to be that both rays and sharks use the fresh water to remove the sea-lice that build up around their gills and prevent easy breathing.

An amateur fisherman.

## Arnhemland Games - continued.

Have they got some mysterious ingredient in their water supply or is it something they put in the bread?

### A New Talent Discovered.

Kaye Thurlow and the Elcho Ladies revealed a talent for song writing. At the concert, they performed a song about a well known Maningrida personality entitled "A man with a black beard on a Noisy Green Motort or something like that.

### Hasty Tasty

All the visiting athletes will return home with an addiction to that well known sedative 'the Hasty Tasty Hot Dog' - which brings them into line with most of the population here.

### Champions.

Rosemary and Ronald Moxlurg from Maningrida were the Junior Champions with many chest-loads of blue ribbons. Albert won just about every race, jump and throw to easily take out the Boys Senior Championship. The Elcho lady, Dharruyna also did very well in all fields to take home the Senior Girls Championship.

### Referee.

Referring to the Referee - Mr. Peter Garner, Special Teacher, Physical Education, from Darwin. He did a very efficient and very helpful job as referee. Thank you very much, Peter.

### Teacher's Race.

The definite highlight of Thursday's physical exertions were the final two races on the card. The first for all females over the age of ? (and not attending school as pupils). was won well when the flying Marg. Heale breasted the tape elegantly. Jan Croft showed very good form until she had trouble with her hobbles about 5 yards from the winning post.

In the last race, (the late final extra) the Maningrida Rocket, Jimmy M. Pascoe flew over the 50 yard course. There was a great tussle for last place as 3 Maningrida Chalkies (out for a training run) and the distinguished local member for East Croker flew over the finishing line locked together. The race was timeless.

### Final Points

Gordon Sweeney School won very easily from Shepherdson College, Elcho Island and then Milingimbi.

See you all next year folks.

## Summing Up

The Carnival this year has again proved the enormous value of this type of inter-community activity. The children have renewed old acquaintances and made new ones and had the value of some new competition.

The grown up population of Maningrida have benefited too - audiences at some of the evening activities included many faces that we rarely see leaving the Camp. It is good to see the adult population coming together for something other than picture shows. Here's hoping for many other Arnhemland Games.

Dan Gillespie and Bob Stutchbury.

## Charlie Goodness

Here at Maningrida a lot of the children are learning some of the Goulburn Island choir songs. One of these is the tuneful "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me".

In the mouths of some of the primary scholars one finds oneself being followed by "Charlie goodness and mercy".

This proves what the linguists say - that a living language is always changing.

## Another Town Clock?

Sister Tony Eperjesy has followed the serial on "The Town Clock" and has written to offer her electric clock which gains  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours a day on Bamvili power.

## No Petrol - No Ride

On Monday morning there was no little concern among the Jinang people about the Landrover which had travelled to Ngangalala on Friday and was due back on Sunday.

Had there been engine trouble? Had a big storm turned the roads into a bog? A radio message confirmed that it had arrived safely and left on Sunday afternoon.

On Tuesday round about midday, 4 weary young men, Dick, Bobby and Kenny Smith and Billy Boy walked into Ray Munyal's house. The vehicle with Nancy Luban, Bridget and Dick on board, was stranded out near the Bulnan turn-off, 20 miles away.

Everything had been going well, too, until the engine suddenly died - died of thirst for petrol.

In some other ways this was perhaps a historic journey. The well known father of the Wulaki people - "No. 1 doctor man, No. 1 law man" - Baku, along his wife Minnie, Tommy Dangurawurde, Loraidbe, Agnes, Bani Bani, Magani's sister Judy, and some children including Ronnie Baramala have taken up residence at Gadji. Charlie Jarabili reports that the Landrover will return on Saturday with "tea, tobacco, flour, everything..." for the settlers.

## Birdwatcher

Terns are quite a distinctive group of birds. Ornithologists group them in the family "Laridae" while most of the terns around here belong to the genus "Stercoraria". Terns are, in general, more gracefully built than the gulls (their close relatives) with straight bills and longer and slender wings - a body designed for diving. The tail is usually forked, giving the effect of streamers, and making the bird most graceful in flight. Because they are in the air more than gulls, their legs are less useful and have become smaller. Terns are usually black in the head, depending on which one of the 20 odd species you are looking at.

As I have hinted at, they are most powerful and beautiful flyers as well as specialists in high-board diving. They have the habit of nesting in large colonies, many of which we have nearby, such as at Haul Round Island and the islands off Cape Stewart, but each pair of birds only lay a single egg. No nest is built, and how each parent knows its own particular egg or chick is one of the treasures of the Natural World.

J.G.



## Junior Sportswoman of the Week

Miss Helen Williams Gorila has been named the Darwin junior sportswoman of the week after winning the life saving events.

Mr. Bob Phillips says that she was the only aboriginal child taking part and that her performance was outstanding.

Congratulations, Helen !!

WEEKEND DUTIES:

Duty Officer: Mr Barry Tuite  
Duty Sister: Sister Elaine

STAR THEATRE:

Friday: Films should arrive on  
Saturday: today's plane.

CHURCH:

Sunday 9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools "Sheep without a shepherd."  
7.00 p.m. Evening Service

A few years ago, Aboriginal people here only had one kind of life to live - as a lawful hunter and husband or wife. Now they have more freedom, more knowledge, more money, more travelling and experience. They have more ways to choose from. This brings temptations and the danger of losing the pathway into life and just drifting along.



The Christian knows that he has decided to belong to the Good Shephord and he believes that the Good Shepherd will lead him on the way of everlasting life in company with others who want to belong to him too.

*People*

Mrs Margaret Jararabalargka Fry went to Darwin Hospital this week with a badly cut big toe. Margaret was travelling on a vehicle when a 44 gallon drum of fuel became restless and fell, just catching her big toe - and cutting it "as neatly as an axe" the sisters say.

It was good to see Mr Raymond Nalur out for the Sports with Mr Bob Phillips and school inspector Mr Ray Norman. Raymond is a key player for Wanderers A grade football team who have come up from the bottom of the football ladder to defeat the top teams in Darwin. Raymond plays on the wing. Tim Darcy is also doing well.

Mr Bill Armstrong is due to leave for Hooker Creek on Monday and we send our best wishes with him. Bill was the Progress Association Secretary at the time when the Mirage was launched and he was its first roving reporter and assistant printer.



CHRISTMAS PRESENTS  
AVAILABLE in the CRAFT Room NOW



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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Small bark paintings | Decorated spears        |
| Mats and baskets     | Shells of various kinds |
| Bush string bags     | Feathered items.        |



Mr "Brolga" Bill Beckett is worried that in some dark moment he may have "killed a Chinaman" because in one week he has lost his dog and his mate.

Rosemary nee Roberts came up from <sup>Raper</sup> to spend some time with her parents Silas and Rosie. Rosemary has two fine little children.

A very chubby young Timothy came home from Darwin this week and is being fostered by Terry and Betty Wanduk.

Mrs. Tricia Carpenter had a quick jouney into Darwin last week, while John looked after the children. Next week John hopes to have the use of an Aero Club plane and intends to fly to Milinginbi, Goulburn and Croker on business associated with fishing.

Those sudden unexpected black-outs.

Mr. Ron Berryman says that they are caused by a fault in the generators. The fan motor cuts out, the engine heat rises and automatically cuts out and hey presto the settlement is in darkness.

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