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The migration season for teachers approaches at this time each year when they hover between high hope and deep despair. This week the appointments list appeared, The following moves are to take place.

From Maningrida.

- Mr. Peter Williams Head Teacher Kormilda College.
- Mr. John Stevens Head Teacher Goulburn Is.
- Mrs. John Stevens Goulburn Island.
- Miss Cheryl Pullen Relieving Staff -Darwin.

To Maningrida

- Mr. Dave Hassal Head Teacher from Oenpelli. (Gr.3)
- Mr. Mike Uiho Deputy Tead from Oenpelli. (Gr.2)
- Five single lady teachers
 - Miss C.Davies from Wave Hill.
 - Miss Hay from Milingimbi.
 - Miss Newman from Yirrkala.
 - Miss Walters a new recruit
 - Miss Wilk

With five single lady teachers, there is every chance of Maningrida becoming a paradise for single men. Mr. Roger Pink is said to be quite delighted about the prospect of an old friend of his, Miss Newman, coming.

Mr. David Hassal who has been at Oenpelli for a number of years is a keen collector of different types of palm trees and has discovered at least one type which had never been recorded before.

Mr. Mike Uiho who was at ASOPA with Mr. Williams is due to marry during the holidays.

Mr. Dennis Strand will return from Melbourne as a Specialist in Hard of Hearing and will probably be posted in Darwin.

Running and Swimming.

Seeing children running in track events on the oval and then jumping in the school yard yesterday, one may have thought that the school was doing a re-run of the Arnhemland Sports.

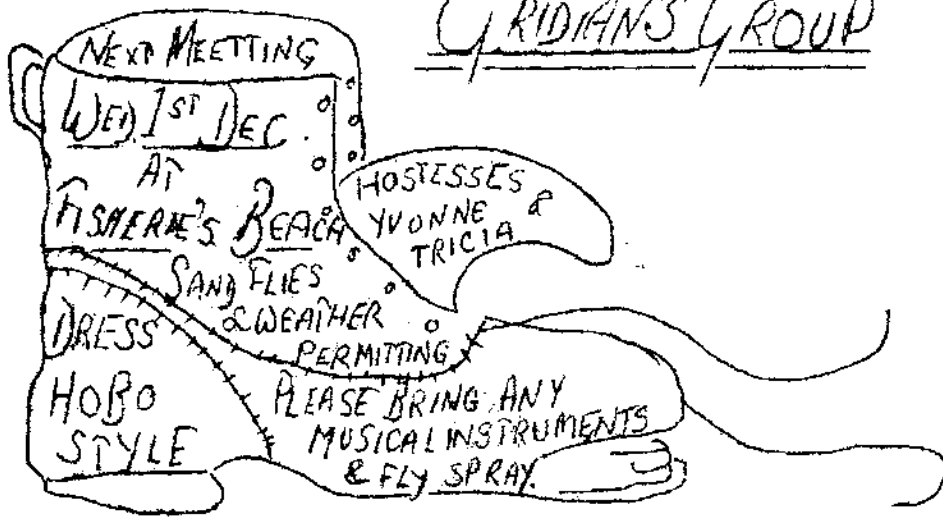
Actually the children were competing in the N.T. Welfare Schools Pentathlon Competition. The fastest times over the longest distances etc, will be compared with the performances of children from all N.T. Schools.

The result in the Swimming Carnival last Friday was much closer than in the athletics. However the extra determination of the Maningrida team (Plus their experience every day for 3 months ??) proved too much for the other schools and Maningrida ran out 10 points ahead of Elcho.

A presentation of the shields and medals for the athletics and swimming was made on Friday night in the presence of 700 people (at the pictures)

Mr. Williams the Head-master, says "Big thanks to all, who assisted with the successful Sports Week."

Bazaar at 3.30 next Friday at the School.
Any old clothes, toys, etc. would be greatly appreciated.



A Ban on Feathers



In 1951 a law was passed forbidding the sale of feathered items such as feathered dilly bags, head and arm bands, ceremonial switches, emu feathers, morning star poles etc.

This law seems to have rested very quietly for several years but lately it has been decided to wake it and sharpen it's teeth. Feathered items have been confiscated from two well known souvenir shops. All police stations in the N.T. have been alerted. When a policeman makes his next routine visit here, we will invite him to tell the people who really need to know about it - the makers.

Breakfast and Dinner Only

Breakfast 7 a.m. - 8 a.m.
Dinner / Lunch 12 - 1 p.m.

The Kitchen will close at 2 p.m. and supper will no longer be available as so few diners come in the evening.

Basketball

Tuesdays match Cape Stewart 59 beat Eagles 42 points. Raymond Carter played very good game and also Jacky Pascoe both scored 20 points each. Well played Eagles and hope to see you next year when the basketball competition begins.

In the other match, the late game, Jinang 46 defeated Dolphins 40. It was fast and tight game that Dolphins were leading 14 to 8 at 1st half time. But before 2nd match George Putti growled at his team. Jinang pulled themselves together and started going well from the 2nd game till the end of the match. D. Smith 16, Ronnic, Mace 18, Charlie 16 points.

So far the points are:

Pioneers 26	Kupang 19	Eagles 4
Cadell 23	C. Stewart 19	Dolphins 18
Jinang 22	Gerappu 16	Chalkies 20

First Semi final

Tuesday 30/11/71

7.00 Kupanga	vs	Chalkies
8.00 Cadell	vs	Pioneers

Thursday 2/12/71

Cape Stewart	vs	Dolphins
Jinang	vs	Garatpu.

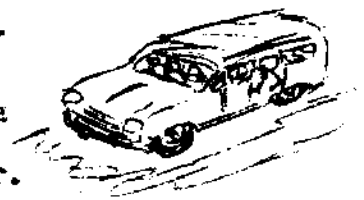
Tuesday 7/12/71 SECOND SEMI FINAL

Traveling with Toby.

A Holden panel van appeared on the roads of Maningrida last Thursday, driven by Mr. Toby On Malagalaja, after an epic journey from Darwin.

A week or so before, the van was standing in a second-hand car yard out near the 10 mile, when Toby and an adviser from Welfare H.Q. came to look it over. Toby was acting for a company of four men, Messrs. George Fry, Michael Stewart, Bob Bunba and himself.

A deal was made. Then for a trial run Toby and Jimmy Burnyela ran down the track to Humpty Doo to see Frank Gati gati, Micky Jawuragaru (son of John Godawa sen.) and Jacky Nagajura, who are catching young buffalo for sale in Darwin.



The big trip was scheduled for next day. It was Friday 13th - a day which may have shaken many an old sailor. However, at 4.30 pm Michael Brown was at the wheel pulling out of Bagot - the vehicle comfortably filled with 13 people on board. They were Michael and Beryl Brown, Jimmy Yakalala and his wife Beverly Bardadupa and three children and a fourth expected any day, Jira (David Irindilly's sister from Adelaide River), Captain Kookaburra, George Fry, Terry Anbugarde and Jacky Ajaral; - 7 men, 3 women and 3 children.

The first mishap occurred at the 11 mile. Toby's tummy had not been too happy - possibly the Darwin drinking water - and they had to stop while Toby reached over at the side of the road and somehow or other his set of false teeth fell out, too, and was never recovered.

Then down the highway to Munbandi Station for an overnight camp. Next morning they were bumping across the rough road cut up by the heavy transports. Every twenty miles or so they had to stop and refill the leaking radiator. Notwithstanding this, they reached Oenpelli round about 3 p.m. and were on the road to Ninbawah after a short rest.

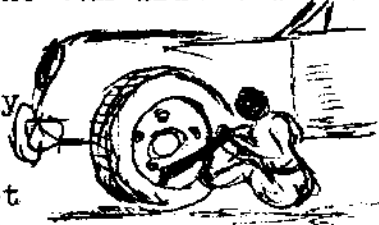


In the creek about 20 miles past the big rock, they came upon a Gunwinggu man, bogged in his Holden motor car. Toby, Michael & Co. said that they struggled "from 11 p.m. till 3 a.m. in the night" trying to get him out.

They decided to turn in then, but first thing next morning, Sunday, they had new strength and got the car out of the creek. Together, the 2 vehicles pressed on to the Gumadir. Here, alas, one of the tyres on the Maningrida vehicle was punctured. As Michael put it: "We had no spanners they lost it you know..." What could they do? Fortunately, the Gumadir people had some light crow-bars, and with the help of these the tyre was prized off the rim, still bolted to the hub, and a new tube put on.

The big problem developed on Tuesday when the van didn't quite make the Liverpool crossing. They tried and tried, but the wheels sank deeper into the mud.

There was only one thing to do: Toby, Jacky Ajaral and a little girl started the long hike to Maningrida, arriving a couple of days later. Royal N.T. Automobile Association man, Mr. Eddy Carcy, set off on Thursday morning, and when not halfway to the Liverpool crossing, had a surprise to meet the rest of the passengers who by this time were pretty hungry. Nothing to eat for 3 days!



When Eddie saw how deeply the van had settled into the mud, (cooling its tyres, he said) he didn't hold out much hope of freeing it. By a stroke of good luck, one of the mining cars came along with a winch. This was just what was needed, and by 2 p.m. the panel van made its first appearance in Maningrida.

Fresh from the cool country of Mt. Gambier and Sister Sandra's home city, came Mr. Bob Fisher a T.A.2 today for 3 weeks. He will get to know the Northern ropes here, and then will probably go to Melville Bay Island.

FORESTRY.

The Highway from Maningrida to the Blyth River will probably be open for general traffic on Monday.

Village Council.

Business arising from minutes:

The Adviser (Superintendent) explained to the council the article that appeared in the Mirage. People only looked at picture and then thought 4 cans would be allowed each night in the future. They did not read the story underneath which said only 3 cans would be allowed.

The President told the council about the bricks being smashed at the brickyard. It has happened 3 times. He explained that the bricks were for the aboriginal people to be used to build houses for them. The aboriginal people should police the brickyard and make sure no more bricks broken by anybody.
Brickyard is at the old stockyards.

The Adviser said that he and Mr. Collins had to go around the camps at 2400 hrs Sunday night and turn off the taps which aboriginal people had left on. Water is very hard to get so tell people to turn taps off.

Cr. Mulumuk told council he went to the office looking for a job and was refused.

Adviser replied that the Manager and himself were only "testing" people to see if they really wanted a job. They must show that they want a job by coming back each day, maybe for 3 or 4 days; this will mean only people get jobs who will work properly and want to work all the time.

President noted the absence of many of the councillors, especially from the Gunavidji group.

Cr. Yiritjin replied that they are having a lot of trouble with drink and girls and he asked for help from the council.

Council suggested that the fighters not get any beer next night.

The Secretary suggested the 90 cents paid for that night's beer go into a fund to raise money to buy a council car.

He has a story to tell.

BAR-tailed GODWIT

A little, dull bird, you usually do not see it as it feeds in the mud of the falling tide along the shores and creek banks. The long, slightly upturned bill that natural selection has endowed it with, prods in the oozing mud in search of small invertebrates; a constant bobbing of the head which reminds me of a toy wooden duck. Dull though it may appear, it has its story to tell. From eastern Asia they come every year to our coast and southern Australia, losing their striking breeding plumage as they travel, so we see them only in a dull eclipse dress. Scientists are far from uncovering the reasons and stimulations of these large migratory flights, but year after year they go on, a never-ending battle which many individuals do not survive, for some reason unknown to man. They never breed in Australia. They call him the Bar-tailed Godwit.

They form one species of a very interesting family, called waders. 32 other species of waders have this strong migratory instinct, and countless numbers reach Australia each year from the northern hemisphere. Half a dozen or so species can be seen at places like Crab Creek or Navy Landing as they feed in the mud. They arrived from the north in October and will depart by April. Some will fly overland to the southern coast, stopping only for a short rest here.

Last night's Basketball:

Cadell 50 beat Garroby 46 in an even, loose game.

In the late game, Pioneers 46 beat Chalkies 30. Pioneers won the game by putting a lot of long shots through the ring. Chalkies had a lot of near misses, and they really missed Jimmy Maralinga.

Bob S.



From another world.



Mr. Neil Fatcher who taught here in 1969 is now on the staff of a private school on Sydney's very expensive North Shore.



Recently, all the boys in his class wrote to the children in the Senior Class at Manningrida, many of whom he taught in 1969. Some of the letters made interesting reading and gave some of our children an idea of how the other half lives.....

- * We have a white brick two storey house with stables across the creek in the back yard.
- * My father is a doctor. We have a Cortina, a B.M.W. and a Bentley.
- * My father is managing director .. of H.....'s Wines "
- * We have two cars, nine goldfish, and two sailing boats and a speed boat.
- * The Deputy Prime Minister came to dinner at our home, and the Prime Minister wrote me a letter.
- * My name's Chuck. My father is the boss of (a big motor firm) in Australia.
- * My father is manager of (a big whiskey firm). Every two years he takes us round the world for 2 months but we spend nearly all the time in Scotland.
- * I have two fathers. One is a lawyer and the other is a rock collector.
- * My favourite sport is "bird" watching. Do you have any good "birds" up there? If not, come down here-we've got yhe works ! Fat legs, skinny legs, tall ones, short ones. "

D.G.

No Water ?

(Last week end there was a break in the water mains on two occasions.)

by George Garavun.

On the 21st. I I was looking for water around the settlement, and I couldn't find any anywhere. Because every tap was empty. No water in it.

Then I went home and said to some of the boys "Hey, you boys. I would like to go with you to Naywurra. we will have a swim there!" Some of the boys said to me "It is good water there. Oh yes, it is good water, because I went there last weekend. And also I saw your people. So what happened to your taps everywhere? You may go to that river and have a swim there, because there is good nice water there, until you come home in the afternoon time. Because good water is there and a nice place too. If anybody wants to go and have a bathe there. there is good shade and a good beach."

G.G.

Footballers.

Omitted from last week's issue.

Best players in the D Senior football match.

Red and White:

Jimmy Galermuna, Lucky Balarka, George Wayarka, Charlie Godjuwa, Alfie Roberts.

Black and White.

Tom Dudanga, Michael Stewart, Geoge Puddy, Tom Wogbara, Raymond Bandidji.

Bob Croo.

To live in comfort.

A few weeks ago, Mrs. Jean Bagshaw was able to purchase some good quality second hand furniture for the three new homes up along Airport Drive. Yesterday morning Jean, Gill (back on deck after being laid low with sickness last week) Margaret and the Home Management girls were busy unwrapping furniture and installing it. Electric stoves are installed and it is hoped that refrigerators will follow soon.

The first three houses have been allotted to Tommu Dudanga and Susan, Jill and Jimmy Cooper, and to Jeannie and Michael Stewart.

From Adelaide.

Arriving home on the plane last Friday morning, was Barney Winunguj from King's College in Adelaide. Barney is looking very well and has obviously f gained a good deal from his year in the South. He even got used to the cold weather.



Due today.

Mr. Dave Glasgow is expected to arrive today and stay for a few days. Miss Margaret Cowan, who has been staying with Kathy will return to Darwin to S.I.L. H.Q.

WEEKEND DUTIES: Duty Officer: Mr Bert Ryan
Duty Sister: Sister Peggy Healy

STAR THEATRE: Friday: *Hoping that the film comes today.*

CHURCH: First Sunday in Advent. "The hope of the prophets."
9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools
7.00 p.m. Holy Communion
Wednesday 7.30 p.m. Crusader's Fellowship.

Before the sun rises in the morning and lights up the earth and sky, some messengers announce that the day is coming. While the night is dying, the morning star shines with great strength. Then the orange and red colours in the eastern sky come to welcome the rising sun.



Long before Christ was born, the prophets foretold that "a young woman shall have a child ... and his name ... Emmanuel (meaning God with us.)" Then as His coming drew near, some simple faithful old people, like Simeon and Anna were given understanding that they would not die until they had seen Him.

In this advent season Christian people prepare to celebrate the coming of the Christ child. They also look forward to the future when Jesus will come again with power and great glory.

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BIRTH:

Garry - son born to Beverly Badarippi on Tues. 23rd. of November.

Christopher Robin - son born to Margaret Lenbubu and Murray Maryabala Jinang. Their 7th child.

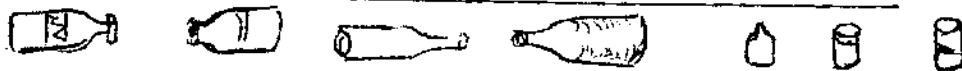
PEOPLE:

Mr Brian Purdie, the geologist, left for Darwin on Wednesday, and on Saturday he is due to head for England and rejoin Val (his wife). Brian is hoping to be back to begin work at the beginning of the Dry Season.

Two people who travelled in Toby's van and arrived last Thursday have been away from Maningrida for some years.

Mr Jimmy Yakalala husband of Beverly Badarippa is the brother of James Wilson who works with Bob Cross.

Jira daughter of Lumpy and Maudie is married and has been living at Adelaide river. She has come to visit her family.



Badly needed, Sorely needed, Urgently needed.
Liqueur bottles especially as these are a good size.
Any others like coffee jar, sauce and cordial bottles,
and tiny ones like tablet bottles.

For the Hospital

A tiny premature baby was born in Darwin Hospital to Maryann Gubwal- inga and Wally Libwanga.

John Fry (Johnny Jungle) who has been in Darwin Hospital for a long time after a road accident is able to get up now and walk about a little.

Last Thursday Micky Minidji returned for a short holiday after working for a tourist organisation at Humpty Doo. Micky and others have been giving demonstrations of spear throwing and fire making, and taking people on tours in the bush to show how buffalo and goannas etc. are caught. During the Wet season, Micky expects that his boss will operate a boat out of Darwin Harbour.

Rayner daughter of Mildred Morwardika and Toby Malagaliya On born early on Thursday morning.

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