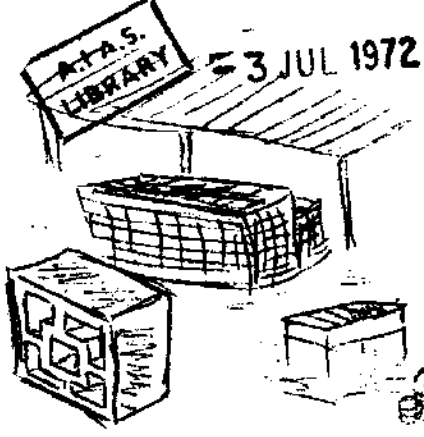


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The Maningrida Brickyard.

Under the roof of the old stock-man's quarters at the "farm" - the brickmakers are turning out 350-400 standard cement bricks each day and 30 of the large 4 foot square see-through pattern bricks .

On the barge yesterday , a number of steel plates used in the moulding process, was expected. Mr. Jim Pickersgill the supervisor of the project, believes that these may help the daily output to reach 500.

So far 6,000 bricks have been made for the shower and toilet block by the Bakery and work is under way to produce 55,000 standard bricks and 2,500 large pattern bricks for the community hall.

The men working at the yard are obviously quite a good team - Tom Galbaranga, ~~Jack~~ Pascoe, Dick Bandalil, Charlie Darabinyin and Jack Gorayara. They were very disappointed when some children broke their newly made bricks a week or so ago, and now one of them stays on guard until dark each evening.

A visitor who knows his way around in construction work was very interested to find that the mix is not the 'wet' cement one would imagine, but quite a pottery mix which is dampened.

Michael Balilbalil is in Darwin doing a brick-layers course at present, and there is a possibility of Charlie Jordilla also doing a course.

A Dangerous Game

On Sunday afternoon at the Cadell Garden, two boys were playing with butcher knives. In dangerous sports such as this, accidents can happen. And One knife slipped and cut deep into Mark's hand - even cutting the tendon of his little finger.

Michael , his father , was naturally very upset . So he gave himself a deep sorry cut on the side of his head. Both were rushed into the hospital. Just as well Mr. Bob Collins is a trained ambulance man.

Work at The Cadell Garden

The 'Warrender' brought the big Southern Cross diesel engine and pump , and 300 feet of irrigation piping yesterday.

During the past few days the men working with Mr. Bob Collins have been busy cutting the timber to make "Skinner lines" (the posts which hold the irrigation pipes 4' above the ground as in the old Maningrida garden). They have also been plowing and harrowing partly cleared ground , ready for the planting of bananas. Earlier on, a new timber 'bridge' was built over the Banjai Creek , about one mile on this side of the garden.

The next major project will be the clearing of 5 acres for further gardening.

The Gunavidji Hunters

Two keen Gunavidji hunters, John Godawa jr. and Nicky Minidji caught a mother dugong at the mouth of the Gudjerama. The baby about 2'-3' long got away. More recently they harpooned a turtle there.

Mr. Jocky Bunba Bunda brought in some fine looking cray-fish yesterday. Mr. Silas Roberts, who knows 'a secret dreaming place for crabs' has brought in some good catches at week-ends.

Due back on Monday.

Mr. John Hunter is due to return from leave on Monday . Skip will then only have 10 days before he goes off with Jim Galbara and C. Godjuwa.

Council

PRESENT: 13 Councillors
13 Visitors

Council elected 5 new members:

Tommy Maramanjar	-	13 for, 0 against	Burada
Micky Malaulman	-	12 for, 1 against	Walang
George Puddi	-	13 for, 0 against	Timany
Bob Burruwal	-	12 for, 1 against	Rembanga
Jackie Docherty	-	13 for, 0 against	

Adviser talked to the Council about the need for a change in some of the small Karaian laws, due to the ever changing situation present at Maningrida.

Cr. On told the Council that no more supper will be served in the kitchen because not enough people turn up.

Cr. Puddie suggested to the council that a meeting should be held of all parents of kids who misbehave and try and find the causes behind the trouble. He suggested bad children be sent away to different settlements.

Adviser answered by referring to what Cr. Munyal said at meeting on 8/11/71, which was that it was parents' responsibility to look after kids.

Cr. Yirriyin says some people are riding around on motor bikes too fast and are a danger to small children. (His little girl was narrowly missed last Sunday). He suggested offenders have their bikes put away into office.

Cr. Fry noted that one person was not on the "NO BEER"-list after last Thursday's fight. It was argued amongst the council with stories told saying both, he was not fighting, and he was fighting. It was decided that Peter Banjuljul gets no beer for 3 weeks.

Meeting closed 6.40 p.m.

Dangerous To Superintendants

On Monday lightning struck at Goulburn Island and damaged the bottle of Chlorine at the water pump. When Rev. Peter O'Connor went to investigate, he was overcome by the chlorine gas and had to be evacuated to Darwin. Fortunately, he is well again now.

Strangely enough, it was the Superintendent of Maningrida, Mr. John Hunter, who had a similar accident a couple of years ago.

About a year ago, Broilga Bill had some difficulties with the chlorinator at the water pump, and when Eddy C. went down to help him he took in just one sniff of the gas, and it was all that he could do to get home.

One could generally say:

Sniffing petrol might be sensational, -
sniffing chlorine seems to be abominational!!!

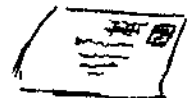
From The Postman

(Betty Hiatt)

Miss Betty Meehan, (well known to Maningrida-ites in 1958-60) now living in Canberra, leaves shortly for a 3 months holiday in Britain. Betty hopes to come to Maningrida round about the middle of 1972. She sends good wishes to all Maningrida friends and particularly to Frank Gurmanamana and to Tommy Galbaranga and their families.

Mr. Bill Scott who recently did a good deed for Bulldozer Fred Gamalala, has renewed his subscription to the Mirage for another year and sends Christmas greetings.

Sister Sandra Stacey is giving a big sigh of relief because her written exams are over. There are a few practical ones to come, but these aren't quite so bad. Sister Edna Zampech of Goulburn Is. is also doing a nursing course at the Hospital in Melbourne. Sandra is hoping for a good result.





From Bunbury.

A recent letter from the Buzza family tells of Baby Kyn's growth. She has cut her first tooth and even talking (Da-Da!!) Jodie had her tonsils removed but is fighting fit again.

Melva was very disappointed in not being able to contact our Guides here on the Radio (Jamboree)...."I had a no.1 long face that afternoon." They sang "Hello" to the Guides, Cubs, and Scouts.

Their Bunbury garden is growing and they've been very busy erecting fences and building a courtyard for their new home.

The Three Sisters.

Sister Wendy Cheeseman is now working very hard in Adelaide saving up big to bring her mother out to Australia, next March. Then both will return to England where Wendy will probably do her mid-wifery. Anne Biggins is residing in Adelaide again with her parents and planning to go overseas in May too. Sister Christine is working in Perth and enjoying her life there. On their travels, the girls kept a look out for those red sheets for Broilga.

Heather C.

Fisheries



Mr. John Carpenter travelled to Grootg Eylandt at the week-end and spent some time with the fisheries project at Umbakumba. John is a very interested and enthusiastic about what he learnt there, and will write an article for the next issue.

A PAT ON THE BACK FOR SILAS

A letter from Millingimbi this week thanked 'Fisheries' for its cooperation in sending Silas and Charlie, plus boat and gear, to demonstrate and assist the Millingimbi men with their work. Some well deserved praise for Silas's work and enthusiasm could be a pointer to other expeditions of this nature. We are hoping to do much more of this type of work in the future.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, the future of the present factory is still not decided. However, there is no doubt that there will be some interesting developments ~~in the near future~~. There is a good deal of fish being caught, most of which is being consumed in the settlement on the day of catching. The fishermen are establishing a work pattern which leaves little to be desired under the present circumstances.

J.C.

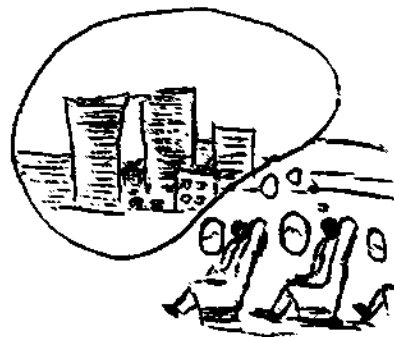
Looking for potential potters

Mr. John Burns from the Bagot pottery, visited the school this week, looking for a boy who would like to become a potter.



Student Life.

News from Students



On Feb 3rd 1971 I was leaving home to start a great life down at King's College in Adelaide. This was my great opportunity. I realised I'd be educated and think a lot better than I did before.

Early next morning I flew on a jet down to the big smoke and during the trip, thought of many things - what I would do in the future for myself and my people. Many ideas fell upon me, but the first was to come back to Maningrida and see how things would turn out. The jet then flew low and was coming in to land. The time would have been 1 p.m.

When the jet stopped I picked up my bag and guitar and started walking to the terminal. Many people were waiting at the terminal for their friends. I didn't know that there was someone waiting for me. A person asked "Are you Barney Winunguj?" "Yes, sir, I answered." After getting my gear we drove to King's College. All the afternoon I unpacked my gear and meeting many of the Kings College boarders.

Next morning I started school. First I was..... Well! ... frightened of what I'd say first. When the teacher asked many questions about what I'd done during my work at Kormilda College. During my public appearances, people asked questions and I answered. Sometimes they asked funny questions and I didn't bother to answer. Anyway I made a lot of friends and many would help me at the start.

Later on I got used to all the Kings College students. First the movements had to be made fast to get to other lessons. If a person was mucking up or was slow or hadn't done his work he would stay after school. The teacher would give him another lesson to do and have to stay several hours. This I found it hard. I remember when I stayed after school anyway it was only 30 minutes. Homework had to be done from 6.45 p.m. (quarter to seven) until 9 p.m. In between we had breaks to have tea and after that we started working.

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MUSIC LESSON



On Saturdays I played football with the first 18. I played at centre half forward and sometimes as rover. Our team won 12 out of 13 games.

During the year I learnt to read music, and now I can read well. In the school we had 7 Asian students, 1 American and 2 boys from the N.T. including the son of Rev. Tom Fleming of Yuendumu.

It was good to come home in May and Sept. for the school holidays. My year in Adelaide was worth while and it was a good experience for me. Some things haven't turned out well but I still liked it. I hope that one day I'll come back to Maningrida and live. At the moment, I'm giving a helping hand and working with Lucky Balarka in sports activities. I'm happy to be home seeing my old friends.

Barney Winunguj.

News from Kormilda College.

Last month I got a letter from Nellie Melbaiya. She told me in this letter "Every Saturday we always go to the football at the Garden's Oval - all the girls." Every Sunday they don't go everywhere, because their Head Master always tells them not to go everywhere. Also they are doing their school work very well at Kormilda College. Nellie is working very hard because she is trying to learn everything.

This is Bobby's story. Bobby wants money from his father and mother. They will send him some so that he can get some clothes for himself. They are ready to come back on their holidays in December.

George Garawan.

Getting The Record Straight

The N.T. News have been requested to print a retraction of their statement Monday, November 29th, page 5, wherein the News state that Bulman Station was formerly operated by the Maningrida Progress Association.

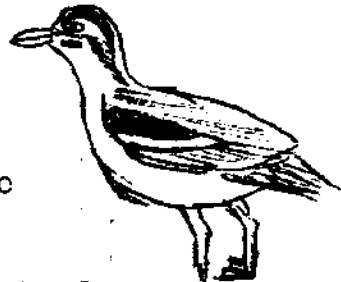
The M.P.A. have never at any time operated or had anything to do with Bulman.

G. B.

Progress Association Meeting
At the School on Wednesday Night at
7.30 p.m.

The Beach Stone-Curlew

As the sun sank and the tide rose in small lapping waves across the sandy mouth of Ananayirra, they stood, their heads held high and inquisitive. Their body plumage was generally a sandy colour, and they would be difficult to see if it were not for the contrasting black marks on head and shoulders. They are called Beach Stone-Curlews, - an odd-shaped bird, but expertly tailored to suit its environment, by its creator. These two were quite tame and would run along the beach, freeze, and run back again. This they repeated many times suggesting they may be nesting in that area. I say "nest", but the egg is just laid in a shallow depression in the sand. The egg is large because the chick must be very highly developed before it meets the world for a ground-nesting bird has very little protection from predators. In the Territory they are found along most of the coast on the beaches, reefs and islets.



Once you have seen the bird you cannot mistake it for anything else. It has a prominent yellow eye and a large heavy bill (it feeds on crabs). Some books describe it as wary, but the ones I have seen here have been quite sociable. They give out a drawn-out, harsh "weer-loc" noise, quickly repeated about eight times.

J. G. 

Calling all Readers.

A number of readers who are on the mailing list have subscribed till the end or near the end of this year. Some may wish to continue receiving the Mirage, while others may not.

During 1972 we propose to post fortnightly unless a reader particularly wishes to receive copies weekly - (e.g. the A.B.C.) - reducing costs of postage and economizing in time.

52 copies @ 5 ¢ ca.	\$2.60
26 postings @ 7 ¢ ca.	1.82
Total:	<u>\$4.42</u>

Maningrida-ites are also invited to pay for a year's copies to the end of 1972, thus eliminating quite a lot of work for the treasurer.

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Parents and Friends expenditure during 1971.

The total expenditure was \$5,055.
Some of the main items were :-

Truck \$1,000 dep. 560 freight, \$1,000 repaid.
Books - Library and periodicals \$610
Excursions, Esteddfoed etc. \$600
Teaching materials - pencils, paper etc \$290
Teaching aids Hook cords, scales etc. \$230
Sporting Equipment \$190
Domestic Science \$190
Projector and Duplicator \$170 each.

WEEKEND DUTIES:

Duty Officer:
Duty Sister:

Mr Edward Carcy
Sister Ena Pickersgill

A spectacular weekend at the

STAR THEATRE:

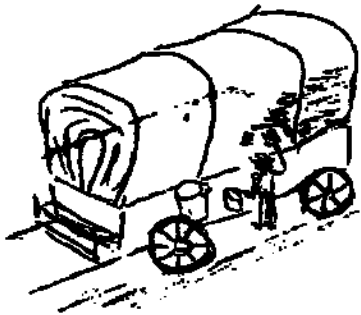
Friday: "The Shiralee" - Australian picture about a little girl who walks about with Peter Finch.

Saturday: "Double Trouble" - strongly rumoured to feature Hayley Mills.

Special Films:

Two special films are on their way by special jet plane to the Star Theatre. For next week we have ordered "Paint Your Wagon" and either next week or the week after we should receive a copy of "Walkabout" starring Maningrida's own David Gulpilil and Dick Bundalil. Don't miss either show folks - reserve your piece of grass with our Booking Office to avoid disappointment.

D.G.



CHURCH:

Sunday - the Second in Advent.
9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools.
7.00 p.m. Cubs Church Parade. Address
Mr Bob Collins.
Wednesday 7.30 p.m. Crusader's Fellowship.

An old hymn which was a great favourite about 50 years ago is

* * *
"Sun of my soul, You Saviour dear
It is not night if you be near:
O may no earth-born cloud arise
To hide You from your servant's eyes."

Hernab's Roberts of Roper River who travels around to cattle stations meeting the people and conducting Church services finds that these words speak to him and he often sings it. A man of God who lived in the old days speaking of the Coming of Jesus, said "The people that walked in darkness, have seen a great light."

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BIRTH:

Victor to Mary Nutarwalnga daughter of Rosie Mayelpi. Mary was at the Cadoll crossing on the road to Bulman when the baby was born and so they walked the 60 miles to Maningrida. Mary and Rosie and 3 small children along with Mary's brother Jacki Bunganid and Michael from Banyili. The baby weighed 3 lbs 11oz on Wednesday morning but Sister Ena thinks that he may have lost some weight on the long walk.

DEATH:

Timothy - baby son of Nancy Bandiama and Frank Gurmanamana at Darwin Hospital.

PEOPLE:

Sisters Elaine and Peggy end a helpful 9 weeks in the hospital today and leave tomorrow morning for Darwin where they will work in Darwin Hospital for a period and then down to Alice Springs. They are hoping to visit Maningrida again later on.

Mrs Bob Cross expects to go into Darwin on Monday to wait for the baby to arrive. Some^{one} has suggested that if the baby is a boy, Bob and Heather might call him "Christopher" and he would become known as cC(h)ris. Cross.

Mr and Mrs David Hassal and Mr Mick Uibo came over from Oenpelli on Tuesday to look at the school and their home for next year. They said that the big waterfall in the hills behind Oenpelli had begun to run that morning.

With them was Mr Tod Robertson the pilot of the C.M.S. plane (not the school inspector.)

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