

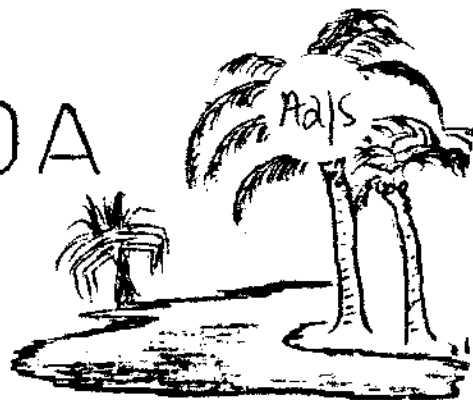
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Progress Association

On Wednesday night, while heavy rain poured down, five members and two visitors gathered in the new kitchen. Absent from the settlement, were committee members Messrs. T. Yibberal, R. Wukka Wukka, H. Mulunbuk, J. Burnyela and D. Gillespie.

Matters from the last meeting:

The expected second settlement mechanic did not come and a new man has to be found. Meals on Wheels has begun. A second application for authority to prospect on land to the south near Bulman has been refused and given to Stockdale (another Company).

Finance:

The Shop traded \$25,000 during January.
Hasty-Tasty " \$ 4,700 " " "

Bakery:

The oven is on the "TRADER" and is expected in Darwin this week. Although it will be some time before the bakery is ready, advertisements will be put in some southern country newspapers for a baker who is also able to make pies, pasties, cakes, etc.

Telephone:

The "FOURCROY" due on Friday is expected to bring the radio telephone. Workmen will be due a week later to install it.

There was some discussion about the use of the telephone in the 6 p.m. to 9 a.m. period when cheaper trunkline calls can be made, but when the shop is closed.

Conditions for employing special staff:

Leave: 4 weeks holiday each year. Leave can be accumulated for periods up to and including 2 years.

Sick leave: 2 weeks on full pay per year.

Cost of accommodation: \$7,50 per week for married accommodation

Mining: Meetings with Buralba (Mr. Joe Fisher's Company) at Goulburn Island, with Esso on Saturday here, and a meeting with Mr. Giese will be necessary before a decision can be made.

Problem Mothers: Sister Tilley said that there are between 20 and 30 problem mothers at Maningrida. Some simply do not understand ("have no brains") and some have wrong attitudes (just don't care about their children). Some mothers, at baby tucker, don't seem to have the patience to feed their children, even though they are given the food ready on a plate. Meals-on-Wheel would not solve this particular problem. Sister Tilley feels that fathers are not taking enough interest in the welfare of their children. It was agreed that the care of the children is the responsibility of the whole family. Mr. Hunter and sister Tilley are to look into the matter and talk to the people about it.

K Corral revisited.

Next time you're suffering because you did not get an invite to the party just think of this one.

FRIDAY NIGHT: Small, invitation only, function on at F....'s place. Guests duly arrive complete with steaks, etc., all set for quiet and pleasant evening. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, R..... is doing a slow boil because he didn't get an invite. Following an old and venerable Maningrida custom, he forgoes the opportunity to suffer in silence in favour of a big ruckus. He steams off in the direction of F....'s place, followed by about 200 relations, "partners", friends, interested onlookers, etc. and confronts T...., who other than being a guest at the do is innocent of dishonourable intentions.

Scene. Disengagement when darkness falls.

SATURDAY MORNING: R....., plus friends, relatives, etc., decides to press on with the argument on the oval. T.... responds, also with relatives, friends, etc. The customary debate ensues, inconclusive by nature but pregnant with possibilities of expansion to a more active field. R..... loses the vestiges of his self-control and hurls a spear at T.... The latter responds with a "return" which strikes home (in the leg).

R..... was duly shipped out to Darwin Hospital, whilst T.... is spending a few days away to let things cool off a little. If calmer heads prevail, then that should be the end of the matter.

J.H.

Five new 'young men'.

Once again there are boys painted with ceremonial patterns and wearing ritual string about their bodies.

All four of these have been to Sydney recently. Horace with the cubs last year, and Paddy (Michael Brown's brother), Morris and Jacky Anborangka have just returned from the Jamboree in Sydney.

The ritual guardians are Robert Bibara and some Rembarranga men. The big day for these boys is expected to come next week end, after payday.

The fifth boy is Kenny, son of Dick Smith and Margaret Bani-bani. Preparations for his entry into manhood will not get under way until Boronday and some other relatives arrive from Milingimbi.

How come so many people here from Milingimbi?

Has Maningrida really established a tourist agency at Milingimbi?

Or has some deadly civil war broken out there, and the refugees have made a dash for safety?

I thought it might be an interesting exercise to ask some of the Gimbian people?

The first one said (he was in a group of half a dozen countrymen) "We like this place sometimes. We come and see our relatives and friends and then go back."

A prominent Gimbi citizen who has five wives with him says that he has come on a holiday for three months. It could be that he has taken his long service leave!

Another who belongs to the "Marie" fishing boat company are interested in buying a local motor vehicle and received \$400 on the plane this morning to help make a bid for it.

My guess is that the first family to come back in November, travelled to another place for sound matrimonial reasons. Then friend came and the process has snowballed.

Many thanks to the Editor, writers, printers, artists

Stay Cool
at the Liverpool

Travelling?
Maningrida is a
must.

G.A.

Forestry

The Sawmill is temporarily out of action - out of power - after the attack of the lightning on the power house last week. Works Department electricians are now working on the damaged motor.

Planting of cypress seedlings is again under way following repairs to the bulldozer.

The 2 Johns of Forestry set off last Sunday for what promised to be a good day's hunting down the Shotgun Straight Road a cross onto the flats beyond Anamayera Creek.

Alas, they got bogged. Someone said they should have taken a boat. The birds knew a thing or two and flew away. Later rain began to tumble down and they thought it wise to start off on the 20-mile hike homeward. "Little John" was wearing thongs and did not feel too happy about the snakes who were enjoying an outing.

They scrambled wearily into bed at midnight with the pleasant prospect of some hard yakka at the bog on the holiday Monday. Their friends reckoned that they were still feeling the effects of the gruelling weekend on Wednesday.

The two Johns live at the "Liverpool Arms" - the galvanised iron store-cum-living quarters in the Forestry yard.

Mr. Johnny Giyabakka has been given 2 months leave to work with linguists Mr. & Mrs. Dave Glasgow at Berrimah on Burada language and translation work.

Messrs. Colin Wilson and "Hoppy" - (Colin: boss of all the out-station bosses; Hoppy: Foreman over all the outstation mechanics) will arrive on Monday and stay until Thursday.

Mr. Eric Henderson who went south to get married, was expected to return with his bride on January, 8th, but they must have extended their honeymoon.

Welcome

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mussig and their two children have come to live in what used to be the Buzzas house. Jim is a cook and when school starts, Margaret will work in the office.

Jim is a Queenslander by birth, but he hasn't always lived there. For 15 years he worked with Woolworths and was associated with the butchering and small goods in their stores. He worked in Adelaide, N.S.W. and in Queensland.

Then he and Margaret and the children lived in Fiji for two years where he taught Fijians the art of butchering and the making of small goods.

More recently Jim was a butcher at MacArthur River.

Earlier on, Margaret worked in an office at Lae, in New Guinea for two years.

It's time for School!

On Monday morning you may see a number of teachers arrive at school and hardly able to wait for Tuesday to dawn and the children to return to the classrooms. Outwardly, of course, the teachers may not betray any such signs of enthusiasm.

Some children are on the eve of new adventures.

Today, it is expected that Connair will carry -

Barney and Gilbert to travel by the early morning jet to Adelaide and enter King's College.

Helen Gorila, Nellie Malbaya, Timothy James, and the old hands, Dudley and Bob Anabongara to Kormilda College.

Micky Gunjarangawuy (brother of Mavis) will go in to do a course in welding.

Other young people will go in next week for other courses.

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Weekend Workers

Duty Officer: Mr. Bill Beckett
Duty Sister: Sister Helen Miller
Night Watchman: Mr. Barney Baybananga.



Theatre

Friday: "Far Horizons"

Saturday: "Follow the Boys." *The boys are sailors. Bonnie Francis is one of the girls in it.*

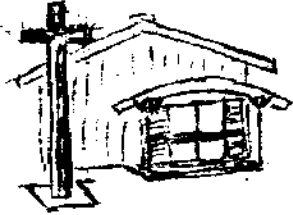
Theme: The problem of evil - stealing

9.30 a.m. All-age Sunday Schools

7.30 p.m. Holy Communion

Wednesday 7.45 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday 7.30 p.m. Fellowship



People want lock-up suitcases. We don't want others taking the things which belong to us.

Both the old Madayan law and the TEN COMMANDMENTS say to us: "You shall not steal." Stealing always brings trouble.

Do we respect what belongs to others? Wife, wireless, house, clothes, money?

Death:

Bob Milili, also known as Walupurr, at Milingimbi on Tuesday, February 2nd. Bob was a bark painter and had spent most of 1970 at Maningrida with his wife Margret. He travelled to Milingimbi only a week or so ago. He had been sick for quite a long time.

Rainfall:

Thursday	-	327 points;	Friday	-	78 pts.
Saturday	-	140 "	Sunday	-	62 "
Monday	-	84 "	Tuesday	-	60 "
Wednesday	-	28 "	Thursday	-	116 "

Quite a wet week !!!

PEOPLE:

Mr. John Balaya has a new style in hair - the Mohawk cut. (Like the Red Indians used to have). In southern states, long to very long hair is being worn by the younger men. Maningrida is setting a new trend in hair fashion; the micro-nini near Yul Brunner style!



Sister Maya left last weekend for "Keritane" at Woollahra in Sydney to do the 6-months infant welfare course there.

Bill Scott is looking very fit and still has the interests of Maningrida very much at heart. He has been quite active in hunting up parts for local motors.

Bill was very amused when he read a letter telling of a Rugby game played in the first hour of 1971 on the Edward Carey Oval (front lawn) when a coconut was used for a ball and featured several formidable flying tackles and brilliant dashes to the touch line by "Brolga Bill".

The Scott family lives in a new home in the Adelaide Hills. They have had several visitors connected with Maningrida. Bill wishes to be remembered to all Maningrida friends.

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