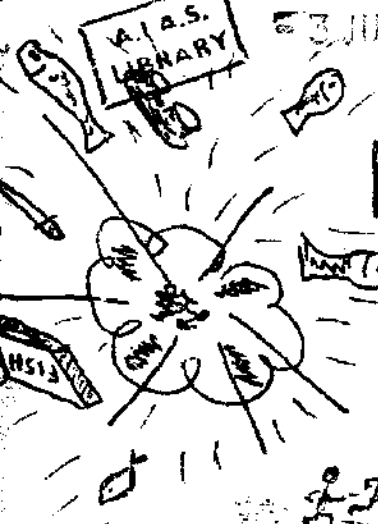
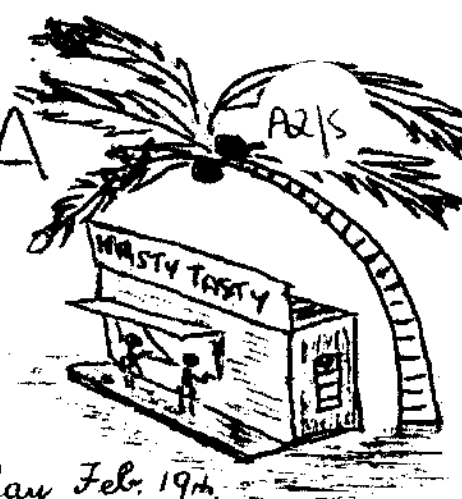


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Friday Feb. 19th.

AN EXPLOSION AT FISHERIES

After a very successful day with an oyster gathering experiment, Fisheries' Supervisor John Carpenter and Silas were working in the processing room. John noted the freezer room temperature, and was just opening the door to make sure that it was freezing properly, when BOOM!!! The cylinder head on one of the compressors had gone off with a bang.

With the thought of the fairly poisonous gas spreading everywhere, John ran to the house and hurried his family down to the beach. Silas, with commendable thoughtfulness, raced down to the Gunwinggu camp and had the whole tribe moving away from Fisheries - all quite upset as they moved.

John believes that the trouble arose from the rust which has gathered in pipes and valves while the plant was idle. While the explosion was bad luck, in another sense, the overhaul of the plant in the near future will make it more effective.

At present the fishermen are concentrating on oysters, crabs, and barramundi.

Position Vacant

1. The Progress Association seeks applications for the under-mentioned positions:
 1. Senior Salesman or woman for duties in the Hasty Tasty.
 2. Part time Cook Hasty Tasty.

Please apply to the Progress Association for further information.

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It is with regret that we announce the resignation of Mrs. Mary Sime from her duties at the Hasty. Under her guidance it has flourished and prospered. Mr. & Mrs. Sime are shortly to leave Maningrida and they take with them our best wishes for the future.

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G.B.

WORK AT THE POLICE STATION.

Many a Maningrida-ite has spent some time in "Fannie Bay", mostly for short periods, but Terry Waymunga has been working at the Darwin Police Station. His job has been cleaning and picking up papers, etc. He has often seen the police trucks draw up in the yard with passengers for the cells "balanda and Aborigines - some half castes and half caste girls". "Bad place, Darwin!"

He and his wife, Margaret Wayguma, and daughter Christine lived in an upstairs house on the beach road at Nightcliff. A police car used to take him to and fro from work each day. Margaret did some work at Bagot, making baskets.

He might return in 4 months time.

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Forestry.

Mr. Alan Turner, Forestry mechanic, arrived on a charter on Wednesday and his wife is due today. Alan was stationed here 1967/68

Mr. Dave Hill is teaching Tom Dudanga to drive the big yellow Welfare grader. After a few weeks it is expected that Tom will be transferred from Forestry to Welfare.

Because of the government drive to cut spending no new staff can be employed and overtime is to be cut to only urgent jobs. It is expected that news of other cuts will arrive shortly.

The present wet-season planting program is completed.

The Darwin Scene - again

The Government's economy drive to cut down on the spending of money is being felt in many places. In the hospital, for example, Kleenex tissues, napkins at mealtimes (to catch any spilled food) and the early morning cup of tea are being cut out in at least one ward. It won't be fun getting sick anymore.

Wanderers wonderful wins.

On Saturday afternoon the 3 teams ran off the field amid cheers of victory. In the main game Raymond Nalur played with real dash and spirit and two Bathurst Island men in particular went like trains. At the beginning of the third quarter, Wanderers had a lead of about 4 goals and then went into the doldrums as Nightcliff started to look dangerous. Then Wally Wulaynbuma, with an unexpected burst dashed across the field, took a tremendously high mark twisting in the air as he flew. Wanderers went right back into the attack.

Someone remarked that there were as many Aboriginal people among the barrackers as balanda supporters.

Seen in the street. -

Old resident, Blue (Mr. Kevin) Davidson, He and Bonny (used to be Miss Clues) now have 2 children and their own home. Bonny teaches at Bagot.

At Bagot these days one sees several part-Aboriginal residents some of them quite light-skinned. In earlier days it was not so.

If the settlement looks pretty clean, it could be it's because David Galiwiri works in the Hygiene Department and Eva (mother of H'alan and Timothy Mace etc.) is a cleaner in the single men's quarters.

Electrical faults.

On Wednesday, at the shop, the condensers in three of the fluorescent lights went up with smoke. In the evening at the Church, choir practice was about to get under way when the organ suddenly went all quiet.

Mr. Ken Acland arrived on Thursday's plane to check the generator.

Home Soon.

Mr. Jim McInerney has been making good progress in the Darwin Hospital. The doctors put a piece of a . . . pipe (of some kind) into chest between the ribs and drew out most of the air which had gathered there. Now they are waiting for the last bit of air to go and the lung to work properly again.

A long way from Home.

During the "et Season", it sometimes happens that people from the Indonesian Islands are blown down on to the Australian coast. On Thursday, some Elcho Island fishermen found a man and a woman whose canoe had been blown down from the Tanimbar Islands, over 400 miles away to the North West.

Parents and Friends.

Meeting Thursday, 11.2.71

We were pleased to see a small group of Aboriginal parents and one European parent at the meeting.

Some important matters:

New Executives: President: Dan Gillespie
 Secretary: Cheryl Pullen
 Treasurer: Peter Williams

Picture Prices: Children's admission to the pictures is now 40¢ instead of 20¢. Everyone thought that 20¢ was an unrealistic price. Adult price remains at \$1 for 4 pictures.

Councillors to help: Mr. Williams will ask the Council men to continue helping at the pictures with the tickets and finding people who don't pay.

Town Clock: It was decided that the equipment needed for the town clock was too expensive and that the town clock should be sent back to Sydney.

The P. & F. would like to thank all those people who helped to keep the pictures running during the Christmas holidays.

Dan Gillespie
for the Executive



From the Newspapers

NEW MUSIC: Bryan Clark, the man who runs the pottery at Bagot, is making a band with two Milinginbi men - Wunyinarra and Ngulupeni. They will mix Aboriginal and balanda music. They are going to have guitar, bamboo and sticks. This year they will play at the Eisteddfod.



YIRAWALA: Old Gunwinggu painter Yirawala is in Adelaide showing many of his paintings to all the people there. Everybody likes his paintings. Soon he will go to other cities.

CASSIUS CLAY: Cassius Clay will fight Joe Frazier to see who is champion of the world. Both men are Negroes. Cassius says that he will kill Frazier because he is too cheeky.

A LONG RIDE: Two men came to Darwin on Wednesday after riding their bicycles all the way from England. So far they have ridden 8,500 miles. Now they are going to ride all around Australia.

LIONEL ROSE: Lionel Rose was beaten easily by Jeff White, the Australian Champion, in Brisbane. White was much too strong for Rose and almost knocked him down twice. Some people think that Rose will stop fighting now.

D.G.

The new basketball competition will commence next Tuesday night. 8 Teams have nominated, so there will be 2 games on Tuesday nights, and 2 games on Thursday nights. Games will start at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. sharp. Refs will be chosen on the night.

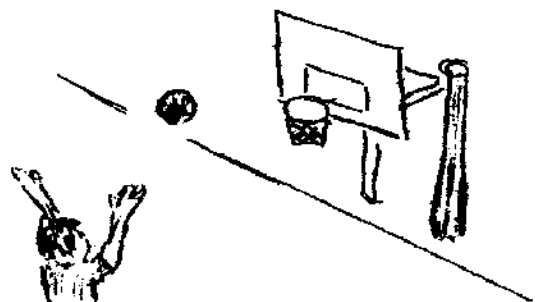
Week 1 - Round 1

Draw for Tuesday, 23rd February, 1971:

Entrance Isl. v. Dolphins
Cape Stewart v. Arnhemland

Draw for Thursday, 25th February, 1971:

Chalkies v. Eagles
Cadell River v. Blyth River



DUTY OFFICER: Mr. E. Carey
DUTY SISTER: Sister Cec. Carey
NIGHTWATCHMAN: Mr. B. Baybananga

STAR
THEATRE

Friday:

Have not arrived
yet Maybe tomorrow.

Saturday:


CHURCH:

Sunday, 9.30 a.m. Morning Sunday Schools

"A weakness in people - wanting both good and evil."

7.30 p.m. Evening Service.

The old story of Adam and Eve is not only an old-time story. It is also a story about us today. In our language, "ADAM" means Man and "EVE" means mother of all. - There is a weakness in us. We often want both good and bad things. Jesus said that our life goes into evil ways—


Not from what we
eat, or comes from outside -

But
from
what comes
out of our
hearts



BIRTH:

Julius, son of Margret
(Burada)

Dawoma and Paddy Morrlug

RAINFALL: Fri. Feb. 12th: 55 pts.
Sat. Feb. 13th: 36 pts.

Mon. Feb. 15th: 20 pts.
Tue. Feb. 16th: 5 pts.
Wed. Feb. 17th: 244 pts.

Rain and Wind.

On Wednesday afternoon a heavy shower began to fall just after 3.30 p.m. Round about 4 p.m. the wind raised itself to a very strong gust and blew the rain so that it burst in through closed window louvres.

Not all windows toward the west were shut. A few families returned from work to find a room afloat with water. One mother came home to find a bed sopping wet; a single man with a taste for good music emptied a pint of water out of his record player.

While water was running everywhere in the settlement at 4 p.m., dust was blowing off the road just beyond the first fire tower.

People.

Mr. Bob Cross leaves on Friday to get ready for his marriage with Miss Heather Jackson at Doylesford in Victoria on Saturday, March 2nd.

We send our best wishes with Bob. While he is away we will start looking about for a few tin kettles!

Pte. Merv Mason and Mr. & Mrs. John Stevens met in Brisbane a short time ago. Merv expected that he would have some medical treatment for his ear, damaged by the mine explosion in Vietnam.

Kevin & Queenie Ennis and family have a home in Jingili, not far from Lex Mannix's home. We will see Kevin come back from time to time until a new sawmill manager is appointed. Queenie travelled to Darwin last Monday and somewhere around Oenpelli made the awful discovery that her engagement ring was missing. A search began at Maningrida and Mr. Bruce Craven discovered it, quietly resting in a bedroom drawer.

Cyclone Warning.

As we go to print on Thursday night, "Fiona" is tearing across Arnhemland. In the middle of the night, it is expected to be South West of Gove. Flood rains are predicted. On Thursday the strongest winds were blowing at 90 miles an hour.

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