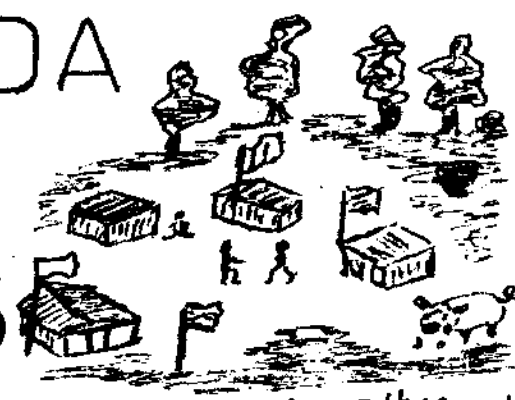




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Tragedy at Dam Dam yesterday.

A group of men from Maningrida working out on the road near Dam Dam, approximately 15 miles South of Maningrida on the Bulman Road, brought news that the body of Stanley Galwarri, husband of Lena Aliyuna, had been found dead in his camp. He had been killed by a shotgun.

He was with Mandarrg's family, who had only recently moved from Nowalippiya to Dam Dam.

This is the third tragedy in Arnhemland within two weeks.

We feel for Lena, her son Timothy James, and all the close relatives.

Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 5.30 PM ON 8/3/71.

PRESENT: 17 Councillors and 8 visitors.

MINING MEETING: The outcome of the mining meeting held at Maningrida last Thursday was outlined again for the information of Councillors.

FISHING: Mr. John Carpenter, Fisheries Extension Officer, addressed Councillors on the function of the Fisheries Project at Maningrida. There was good fishing potential in the Maningrida area, and this would mean a good income for fishermen. At the present time mostly Government boats were involved, but the people would soon have to start selling fish outside Maningrida. There were probably a lot of places where fish could be sold. Unfortunately the Government was not allowed to sell fish, so the first thing to do would be to set up a Fishermen's Association to sell fish (and support fisherman). There were plenty of different jobs in the fishing industry, not only just fishing.

Basic processing facilities were existing.

Two private fishing groups were being helped already and it would be possible to keep 10 or 15 such units going. Interested people should come and talk to the Fisheries Extension Officer.

It was necessary to have a licence to go fishing. Besides being a statutory requirement there were benefits to the fisherman (tax exemptions on equipment, etc.). Talks had already been held at the settlement with the Superintendent and the Progress Association, and something needed to be started off pretty soon. An Association would be like a club; it would need a committee to act for the members. Not all of the latter would need to be fishermen, but would need to be connected up with the industry.

FISHING
CONT'D:

*There had also been talks with Mr. Giese and Mr. Hart. They were interested in the idea.

Each private fishing unit would need to be self-supporting. If Government help were combined with hard work, then there would be every chance of success. Once the project was started it was very important to keep going. Most likely hard workers could make good money, better than a Government job.

Money management was very necessary. The Association would help with this so that each boat had to pay its own way; all fishing businesses were like this. It was very important to understand that all costs must be paid for out of boat earnings. If there was any surplus then that would be a bonus for the owners.

Women could be employed in the likes of oyster and cockle gathering, processing and net mending. There was also work for skilled men, carpenters, mechanics and the like.

All this would mean extra money coming in to Maningrida, not just Government money. It is possible though for fishermen to borrow money from the Government, but they must be able to show that they can put it to the right use. An Association could also help in this regard.

Councillors expressed keen interest in the ideas put forward by Mr. Carpenter and thanked him for coming along.

NEW
MEMBER:

Council called for Peter Maralwanga Bmr. to join as a member. He was a Senior man in the Gunwinggu tribe and could help the Gunwinggus, especially the young people. The invitation was accepted and Maralwanga took his place at the Council table.

TROUBLES:

The President again asked Councillors to be open with him in the expression of opinions about his recent troubles. Were they still prepared to follow him? No-one indicated to the contrary.

CLUB
ROSTER:

John Nyapul Wilson
Jack Riala
Toby Oln

NIGHT--
WATCHMAN:

Michael Nalabiya

TICKET
SUPERVISORS:

Mon)
Sat) J. Hunter
Tues)
Fri.) J. Mussig
Wed.)
Thurs.) J. Phemister.

The meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

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More

Stories.

The Black and white banded snake found last week, has scales on the top of his head which are different from the Bandy Bandy. So it is another kind of snake.

Yesterday a four foot eight inch brown black gentleman was caught near Miss Pullen's house. He did not want to leave the area, so maybe he has a wife there. This was a "spotted headed snake", and dangerous too.

Joseph Mangudja says that there is a dreaming place for a black snake only about 50 yards west of the bridge along the creek between the Gunwinggu camp and the Forestry workshops.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Back in the 1963/64/65 years it was often a struggle to find the necessary money to pay bark painters and the women making mats etc. while customers paid their bills. Over the years the fund of capital gradually built up. Round about October of last year the Arts & Crafts had a bank balance of just on \$3,000. At present that balance has all gone and we have had to borrow money from the Progress Association.

Has someone "got at" the money? Yes, hordes of people coming in with barks, baskets, carvings, spears. During January - February almost \$5,000 was paid out to people. Never before has so much craft work been done. It is usual for a lot of people to paint and make things during the wet, and then as the dry season comes on with good hunting in the bush and ceremonies here and there, that the pace slackens.

Opportunities to sell also increase as the year goes on. Just recently 2 customers - visitors to Maningrida - bought \$800 worth between them. The only item we feel some concern about is baskets. For some reason they seem to be moving slowly. So now is the time to buy if you need one - they make good presents for mothers on Mothers Day.

The Rigby Gallery in Adelaide is putting on another exhibition of Maningrida paintings in May and some very good barks have been sent away for this.

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We remind everyone of the 50 cents annual subscription to the Progress Association.

This is a matter of some urgency.

The Register is now open with the following subscriptions:

- (1) H. Miller
- (2) G. Bagshaw

It's a case of another 300 or Ginyargdra. (No more Progress Association)

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HYGIENE

At present, the hygiene men are working on the main septic tank near the sewerage outlet into the sea. They have to clean out about 7 feet of sand.

Over the years, people have dropped all kinds of things into toilets - underpants, cans, biro, toothbrushes, a hair broom etc. Once Bill Armstrong pulled out a full train set, engine, carriages, the lot. As Brojga Bill says now; "You name it - it's in there!" When these things go into the pipe line, the men often have to make a hole to remove the blockage. Then sand seeps in wherever the holes are.

Bill thinks that so long as parents do not control their children hygiene will have real problems.

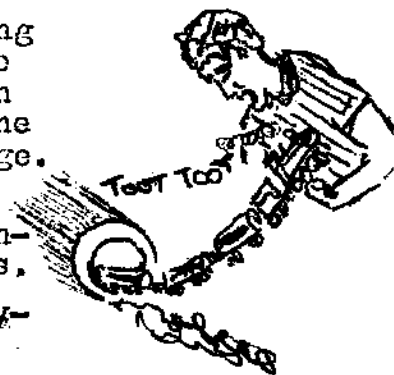
^xBoth adults and children often squat down anywhere instead of using the toilets.

^xThe showers in the bathrooms have been broken by people swinging from them.

^xIron and cement used to cover drains outside of bathrooms have been broken by pointed sticks.

Although the lot of the hygiene men is pretty rough, it's good to see the men climbing onto a utility with their equipment and their ex-sailor leader calling: "Come on, men... follow me to glory!!"

Today Mr. Bert Ryan is celebrating both his birthday and his arrival at Maningrida one year ago.



FROM FAR AWAY

On Monday Gislinde and Oliver returned to Maningrida after 10 weeks in Germany, looking fit and well, but without that tanned, sunburnt look. The temperature was between 40° and 45°F when they arrived in Europe. Naturally, Lindi was pleased to see the members of her family, particularly her mother who had spent quite a time in hospital.

However, the old world of Europe was not quite the same as the open spaces of Australia. "Life here is more free, people are friendly, even in Sydney..." Lindi is glad to be back.

Maningrida People seen in Darwin by D.G.

Jeannie Gadenbua who recently had a son. Jeannie looks very healthy and hasn't lost any weight. Her young son is a bit sick.

David Gulpalil - now at Maningrida. David dropped a 44gallon drum on his finger at Bulman and was flown into Darwin by charter plane.

Joshua - Joshua looks very happy and healthy. He is working for the Council repairing the roads. He earns \$100 a fortnight - he said he only spent a little bit on beer. Joshua said he would come to Maningrida for holidays.

Beryl - sister of Rose at school, who is very sick. She has meningitis. Beryl seems pretty sad and doesn't talk much. She has just got herself a new pipe and some tobacco.

Tim Darcy and Mickey - Both Tim and Mickey seem happy and have settled in well in Darwin. They said they were a bit homesick but not as much as the desert people because they have been away from their home before. At the Baptist Hostel they have many friends from Milingiabi and Yirrkala.

Noticed in the "DHAWUMIRRI" (Milinginbi paper)

Ngangalala is coming into it's own these days. Their football team defeated Milingiabi 13-18 to 9-10.

The Editor has been studying the rainfall records and finds that over 45 years the average is 44.08". The driest year on record was 1952 when only 17.24" fell; the next lowest was 1951 with 17.85". Water must have been very scarce indeed by the end of '52!! The wettest year was 1964 with 80.71".

DRAW WEEK 4

Basketball

Tuesday 16th March - 7 p.m. Cape Stewart v. Cadell River

8 p.m. Dolphins v. Eagles

Thursday 18th March - 7 p.m. Arnhemland v. Blyth River

8 p.m. Entrance Island v. Chalkies

In a high scoring game Cape Stewart 76 defeated Dolphins 52. Dolphins did not have an answer to Cape Stewart's ball handling and fast breaks.

Chalkies were defeated by Blyth River in a game that got slower as the time drew on. Score: 38/20.

Last night's games.

Cadell River defeated Eagles 32/18 in a ^{slow} star game. Cadell did not show their usual dash, and a few shots went astray.

Entrance Is. held off Arnhemland for a while, but the Arnhemlanders proved too strong, defeating Entrance Is. 41/24.

From Canberra.

At a meeting on Wednesday, the members of the Liberal Party voted against Mr. Gorton as their leader and replaced him with Mr. McMahon. Mr. McMahon is now the Prime Minister of Australia.

*Parents and Friends Meeting at the School on Wed. next.
7 p.m.*

DUTIES: Duty Officer: Mr. Ed. Carey
 Duty Sister: Sister Helen Miller
 Nightwatchman: Mr. Michael Ngulabuja

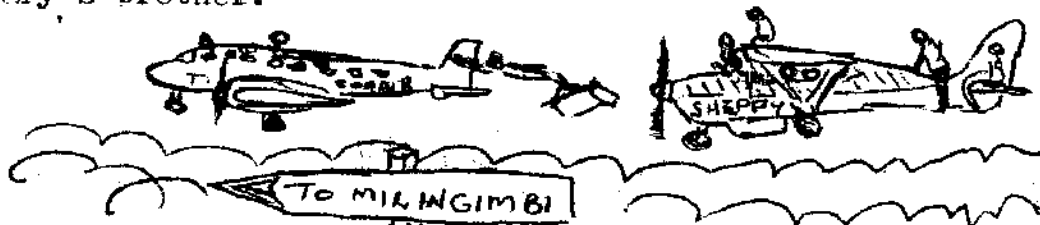
STAR THEATRE
Friday: "Saddle the Wind"
 night be cowboy story ?
Saturday: "Hotel Paradise"
 night be cheeky one !

CHURCH: Third Sunday in Lent.
 9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools
 "The strength of the Lord - fulfilling people's needs."
 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.
 Jesus had a word to say - Hallelujah
 You can live your life today - Hallelujah
 You can do it
 What do you say - Hallelujah.
 (To the tune of "Michael, row your boat ashore")

RAINFALL: Friday: 27 pts. Monday: -
 Saturday: } 39 pts. Tuesday: -
 Sunday: } Wednesday: 66 pts.
 Thursday: 2 pts.

PEOPLE:

Last Thursday saw a massive air lift of people to Milinginbi. There were almost too many passengers to be counted. Stephen Marraru and Bunguway and their families returned. Robert and Mary Mitchell, Jimmy Cooper, Minnie Manbal and others went across for the funeral of Mary's brother.



Mr. Jin McInerney who returned to school on arriving back from Darwin hospital, still wasn't feeling too well, and decided to resign. He intends to travel to Adelaide, have another medical check and perhaps take up work in the electrical field.

Jin took an active interest in the old Maningrida Co-op. and the store. He was also active in organising the basketball competition last year. We wish him well for the future.

Some old hands seen about town. Lex Mannix under a bright orange cap, and Slin Woodcock looking in the pink of health. Slin is on his way to Bulman for a week to repair various engines there. Lex is accompanying Mr. B. Doyle who is employed by the Aboriginal fishing company at Unbaku and who is gathering ideas.

Sister Edith Tilley who was very sick before Christmas, had a sudden return of the sickness this week. She went into Darwin hospital on the medical plane.

Mr. Dan Gillespie after interesting experiences in Darwin Hospital and some good medical advice, returned home on Wednesday.

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