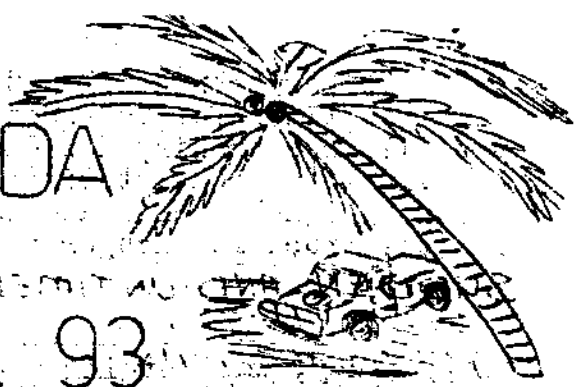
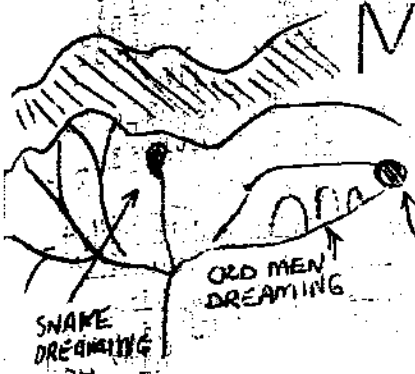


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## A LOOK INTO THE DREAMTIME

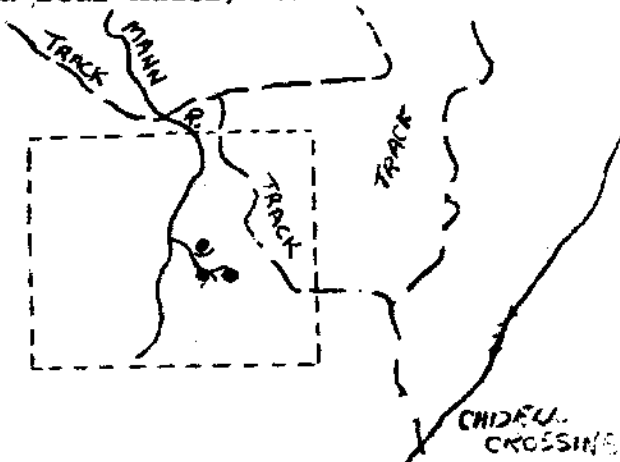
An important visit was made this week to the Gunwinggu country near the headwaters of the Mann River. The reason for the trip was to locate and mark on a map the sacred sites in the area held under a Prospecting Authority by McIntyre Mines.

Three Gunwinggu elders, Peter Maralwanga, Anchor Gulunba and Mick Mandaingu were accompanied by Council President Tom Yibberal, and by Ted Evans and Les Penhall of Headquarters. They were very lucky that McIntyre Mines surveyor Bill Bates and his assistant, Stephen Garwulgu, were also able to go along in the Company's Toyota which was fitted with a winch.

The country visited is a huge valley surrounded by the escarpment or "stone country" and through which the headwaters of the Mann River flow. The Gunwinggu name for the general area is Mirrbindarra, which is also the name of the Mann River at that point. It is Dua country.

Three important sites were pointed out by the three elders and which must not be disturbed by the mining company. These are:-

1. DALAIBUNG - A spring in the heart of a jungle at the foot of the escarpment. The source of the spring is a clear pool some six feet in diameter and about four feet deep. This water is very dangerous and should not be drunk. It is the dreaming of the poisonous brown snake DARRBI who resides in the water-hole.
2. NAGORRDIL & GAIDPA. - These are two Old Men of the Dreamtime who now live in tall twin tors or peaks of sandstone about 100 feet high. They are brothers and are of the GELA skin. Inside a ravine behind them are two smaller peaks which are their wives GARLA & MAIDAPIA respectively. These women are of the BALAJINDJAN skin. On Gaidpa are to be found some ancient rock paintings.
3. GARGUNDUMNORRMI. This is the particular name for the site. Another, and perhaps easier, more general, name is NANDARAIYU. This name also includes sites 1 and 2. Gargundumnorrmi is a large gently sloping rock face which is known by geologists as an anticline. In it live two poisonous snakes - BURRG (something like a Deaf Adder) and DARRBI (a brown snake, the same as in Dalaibung). In the Dreamtime, these two snakes fought, and Burrig won. However they afterwards made up their quarrel and now live peacefully in the rock. A groove about eight inches wide, three inches deep and eight feet long is the scene of their tracks and struggles.



An interesting link between sites 2 and 3 is that Nagorrdil and Gaidpa are watching over Gargundumnorrmi to ensure that no unauthorized persons go on to the Snakes'

resting place.

All three sites belong to the Dua moiety, but no men of the Dua moiety must go right to the important part of each site. Yiritja men may go right on to the sites, but only with the permission of Dua men. Women of either moiety must not go on to any of the sites.

As Bill Bates was with the party, the mining company now know exactly where these sites are. They will be marked on a map and the Head Office of the Company will also be told where they are and that they must not be disturbed in any way.

T. EVANS

## ANOTHER KIND OF DANCING

In what was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the year, the Perth Ballet Workshop presented "Peter Pan" at the school on Monday night. The show was wonderful and very exciting - it was hard to tell who had the best time - children or grown-ups. Peter Marawanga and Crusoe Guningbal were very interested in (and maybe a little bit worried about) that crocodile.



Jerry Atkinson, who played the part of Captain Hook, kept the audience under control with what must be one of the strongest voices we've seen here. Ken McSwain, who was Peter Pan, was a favourite but some people decided that he was Robin Hood half way through the story. Some children joined in the dance and story to be pirates and Indians.

The visitors were very happy to watch the Maningrida dancers. They were surprised to learn that Talbert was still at school - they thought he must have been dancing for many years. They were also very excited by Crusoe's dance. When everybody had gone home Paddy Fordham and David Irindilly gave another little concert of bamboo playing for the dancers. The visitors took a bark painting by Robin Guningbal as a present and they said they would put it in their theatre in Perth to make them think about Maningrida people. They hope they can come back again one day - and so do we.

## PAS DE DEUX

D.G.

The W. A. Ballet acquired new strength, and inspiration, through a fleeting contact with that Balanchine of the bar-room, Ed (Twinkle Toes) Carey. In a brilliant performance on Monday night, our hero managed to terrorize 4 ballerinas into admissions that they couldn't dance, insult one of the male principals by inviting him to tango, and press-gang the most attractive visitors into over-nighting at his place. What's more, having lured them on with a promise of providing a slap-up breakfast, he failed to put in an appearance at the appointed hour, leaving them to burn their own toast.

It was a hard day's night.

J.R.

## PARENTS & FRIENDS

The Association has purchased a new duplicating machine for the school. The old one has gone to hospital for a little while.

It has been decided to proceed post haste with the purchase of a new truck for the school. Some time in third term (we hope) you will see a shiny new Japanese 2-2½ ton truck arrive. We should be able to move a lot of children or equipment on short hauls around the local area and we hope, in the Dry Season, to be able to use the truck for longer excursions and visits to other centres.

## SUDDEN AND UNTIMELY DEATH

At breakfast time, Tuesday, Harry Mulumbuk's daughter, Nancy, was getting a cup of tea at the family fire. Suddenly she put down the cup and fell on the ground. Within a short time, she was dead. We all feel with Harry and his family in this time of sadness.

Timothy is being cared for by Winnie and Jimmy N. As we go to Press, the death of Maggie at the Cadell Gardens, has been reported.

D.G.

# Poetry Competition

The Maningrida Progress Association, (Cultural Promotions Division), proudly announces a poetry competition.

**CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:** 1. The subject of the poem must be the toilet facilities (or lack of them) at Maningrida's busy airport.

2. The poem may be in any form - sonnet, epic, or cryptic scrawl.

3. The poet must convey with clarity the anguish of the weary traveller at the airport - in search of that edifice that is commonly referred to as a toilet.

4. Solition, libel, obscenity and blasphemy should be kept to a reasonable level - (not to mention treason).

5. A panel of literary experts will judge the entries. Their decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into as they are unable to write.

6. Members of the Maningrida Progress Association Board and the Mobile Works Force and their immediate families are ineligible.

7. Entries close 28.7.71 - entries to be lodged with the Editor.

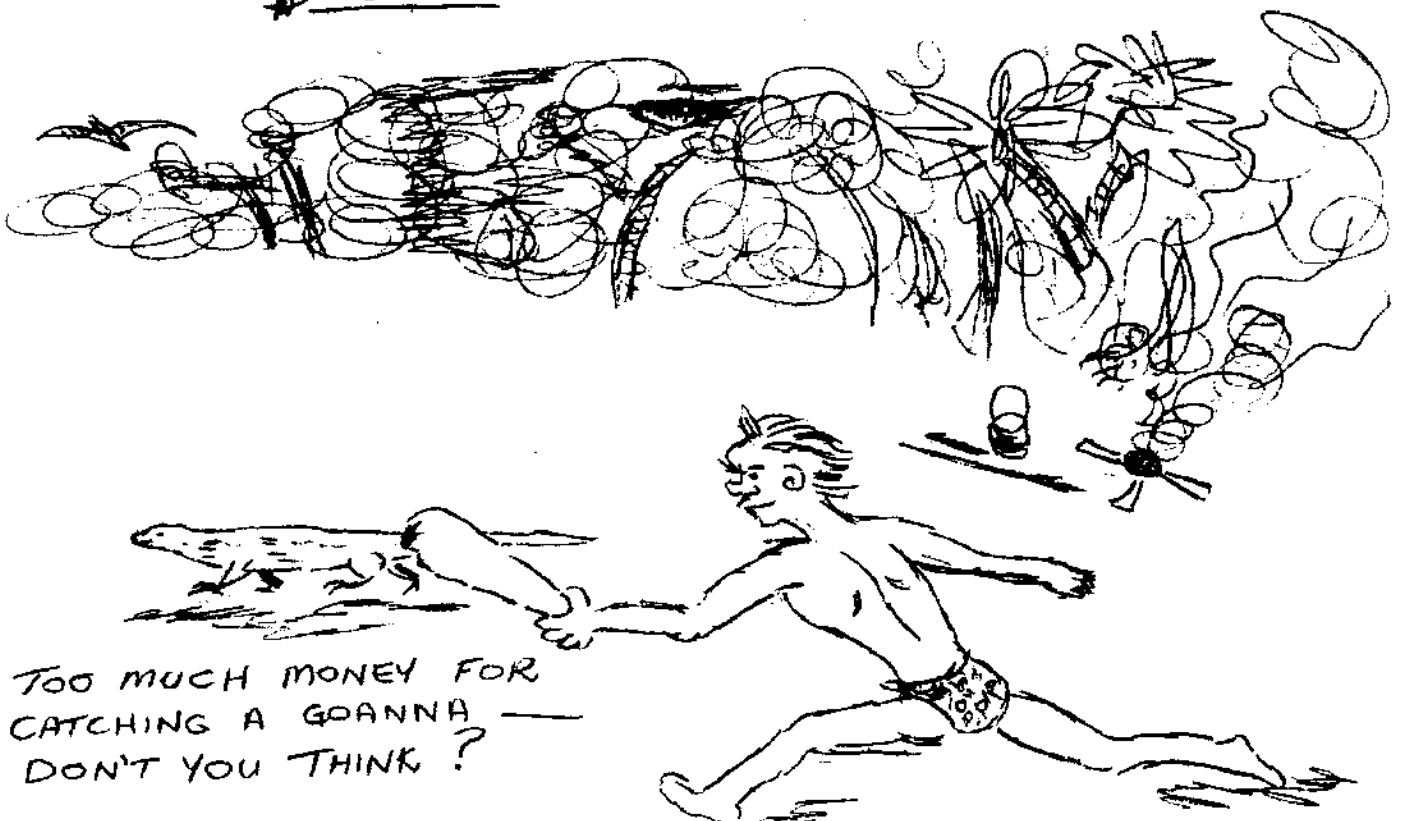
The winner will have his or her poem published in the "Maningrida Mirage" and will receive a prize of one roll of toilet paper of a brand and type to his or her satisfaction.

We expect you all to consult the Muse and take up your pen, keeping in mind that famous poetic maxim -

"More things are wrought by poetry than this world dreams of."

M.P.A. (C.P.D.)

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*Walking in the Sunlight, Walking in the Shadows*  
Visiting Maningrida this week was Bob Kingsbury of the Commonwealth Film Unit. Bob visited last year while making the film "Walking in the Sunlight - Walking in the Shadows". The Film was seen by staff, councillors and senior schoolchildren last night.

Bob has again visited a number of settlements and missions on his present trip and is looking for subject matter for a series of short films for television. On Wednesday, he visited Cadell gardens and looked over the fisheries and the scout hall. On Thursday he made a lightning foray into Oenpelli country, taking with him as bearers Peter (jet-set) Williams and Tommy Yibberal. He says that he may have found some valuable material there for future use - catching of live buffalo, the Inyaluk gallery of cave paintings, the methods being used to protect sacred sites at Nabarlek. Bob and Peter found a supply of wonderful breadrolls over there (watch out, Maningrida Bakeries!!).

Bob also spoke to David Gulpulil, Dick Bundalil and David Datbutgari. Datbutgari's father (David Malangi), who lives at Milinginbi, was the man whose painting was incorporated in the one dollar note design.

Bob will be back in the area in about 6 weeks' time - fast boy there!

D.G.

## Welcome

to Les and Isabel Holt, who arrived a few days ago from Albury N.S.W. Les is the new baker.

Back in N.S.W. they have 8 children - all of them married. Three of the boys are bakers! - one of them was the Welter Weight boxing champion in the Riverina district of N.S.W.

Isabel enjoys the warmer weather and Les is looking forward to the arrival of all the baking equipment and putting the bakery into action.

A Stray Thought. We now have a Holt. Actually Les's father was a cousin to the late prime minister, Mr. Harold Holt. Among the mining men there is (Bill) Bate(s). Maybe, a Zara will come one day.

Next week, we will introduce the new teacher, Mrs. Croft who arrived this week.

## How to Buy Mining Shares.

A lot of people who have never worried about buying mining shares, have become interested in investing a few dollars in ORMAC now that they are working in this area and the prospects for success are good.

How can one go about buying shares?

1. Shares can be bought through any Bank Manager.
2. " " " " " recognised share broker. If you don't know of one, and would like to, see the Progress Assoc. Secretary who has a list of reliable brokers.

## IF MINING Begins Later on ...

If mining takes place on the areas associated with any of the groups in FAM, royalties will be paid. Each local company will retain at least 50% of these royalties and share the remainder with other members.

For Example - Maningrida -Goulburn (joint holders) will retain 65% and share 35% with other members.

Oenpelli will retain 50% if the mine is on their land and share 40% with Man.-Goulb. and 5% to Croker and 5% Mil.

## New Store Manager.

At the Progress Assoc. meeting held this week, Mr. Bagshaw reported on a number of applicants he had interviewed for the position of Manager of the Store.

The application of Mr. Drohan, a married man of about 30 yrs. and of Adelaide, was accepted.

# Progress Association

## NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Wednesday, 21st July, 1971, at 7.30 p.m. at the school, Maningrida.

## BUSINESS

1. To receive and consider the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for the period ended 31st March, 1971.
2. To receive reports from the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Auditors of the Association.
3. To elect a board of directors.
4. To elect an Auditor.
5. To transact any other business which may be legally brought before the meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

(signed) D. Gillespie

ACTING SECRETARY

## Special Meeting

### NOTICE OF MEETING:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special General Meeting of Members of the Association will be held on Wednesday, 21st July, 1971, at 7.30 pm at the school, Maningrida.

### BUSINESS:

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following special resolution:

"That the constitution be amended by inserting the following additional clause (clause 6A) to the objects of the constitution:

'To acquire upon such terms as the directors think fit all or any of the stocks, shares and securities of and the whole of any interest in the undertaking and business of any societies, companies, firms or persons and to carry on the same.'"

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

(signed) D.A. Gillespie

ACTING SECRETARY

F.A.M.

At a meeting held in Darwin recently, a new and much better basis was worked out for the groups who are involved in FAM (the first aboriginal mining company.)

Goulburn Island and Maningrida will form one company - they are joint holders of areas. Milingimbi, Ocnpelli and Croker Island will each have their own company. Each company will be autonomous - (be its own boss) - and will operate its own area, without any direction from other groups.

FAM will be formed as a consultative (sharing ideas), advisory, (i.e. sacred sites) and joint publicity (giving news to papers etc.) body. All the agreements have been signed and have changed hands. They have been approved by the Welfare Branch. Information on the sharing of royalties among the groups is given elsewhere.

## Birdwatcher

Many people have asked me over the last few weeks what the little grey birds with a black head, to be observed outside the government store, are called. They are white-breasted wood swallows, and feed on insects caught on the wing. They are expert acrobatic flyers. You will nearly always find them on the power lines outside the store, for they use this perch as a base from which to fly off, catch insects, and return. You may be interested to know that wood swallows have the peculiar habit of cuddling together in a very closely packed bunch at night when they roost. They are at Maningrida all year round, but are not very common inland. They breed in November and December.



J. Gardiner.

## For Sale

A letter received recently from Mr. Jim McInerney indicated that the two boats "NAFRO" and the "Sailor" (plus motor) under the house where the boats were built, have been reduced in price to effect an early sale. (sail?)

NAFRO

"NAFRO" - \$150

(12 ft. ply construction dinghy)

"THE BIG ONE"

"The Big One" - \$450

Complete with sails, Seagull engine, etc.

(Not a bad buy!)



WILLY JOUPPA BOAT

The 40 H.P. motor for Willy's boat, which is in Darwin, was badly damaged in transit from south; so there will be some delay while another engine is sent up. Meanwhile Willy is enjoying the good life at the Namallarra fish camp.

J. Carpenter.

## Prospecting

Noranda have applied for a Prospecting Authority in the Junction Bay (King River area, about 30 miles to the west of Maningrida.)

Council President has been asked to comment. An application for the same area was lodged unsuccessfully by Goulburn Island last year. President said that he wanted to hear from Goulburn people about this. He thought that they were still interested in the area and Maningrida would support them.

J. Hunter.

SEEN AROUND CAMP

WHICH MOTHER ARE YOU?



PLAYING CARDS



NO FOOD



WEEKEND DUTIES: Duty Officer: Mr Bill Bockett  
Duty Sister: Sister Anne  
Nightwatchman: Mr Michael Ngulabiya



STAR THEATRE: Friday: "Those magnificent men in their flying machines (A funny picture about an air race).  
Saturday: "Seven Days in May"- we think from the good novel of the same name about a plot by American military leaders to overthrow the President and run the United States. (We may not be right folks - don't be disappointed).

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CHURCH: Sunday 9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools "Covenant and Ceremony".  
7.00 p.m. Evening Service. World Vision Film.  
Thursday 7.30 p.m. Fellowship.

The Church Council last week decided to invite Rev. Peter O'Connor and lay preachers Phillip Megalair and George Wanunguj of Goulburn Island to come to Maningrida on a weekend in October to conduct a mission..

There will be gatherings for prayer for the mission at the church between 5.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. each Tuesday.

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BIRTH:

Hans - son of Agnes Jinga wana and George Irindili on 14/7/71.  
A 4lb 4 oz Nakara boy.

In Darwin Hospital

A son to Lena Aramimba and Jimmy Burnyola on July 1st.  
A daughter to Dawn Yaramalnga on June 30th.

Frankie - son born to Kathleen Gudawir and Jumbo Wungwoi on July 3rd.

A daughter - is reported to have been born to Alice Gunwarbi and Morris Nabura - Badada.

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PEOPLE

Mr Bill Armstrong stepped off the plane this week after breathing the cooler air of Queensland. With his return and Mr (Brolga) Bill Bockett back from sick leave, the Royal Archery Association is now back to full strength.

Milngurr mother of Bulun Bulun and sister of Jack Miritji arrived from Ngangalala looking very happy and well.

In the same plane was David Gulpulil and Dick Bandalil.

++ DEATH: Nancy Gundabuma suddenly on Tuesday 13/7/71, aged 16 years. Nancy was the mother of Timothy and the daughter of Harry Mulumbuk and Nancy Dururnga.

ROPER VISITOR

Dawson Daniels youngest brother of Davis, Dextor, Douglas, Dennis and Dixie Daniels drove the landrover with Messrs Ted Evans and Les Penhall into Maningrida on Monday morning. They left Bulman at 1a a.m. on Sunday and camped overnight at Cadell River crossing. All the creek beds were o.k. and they didn't have any difficulty in crossing them.

Dawson and Jumbo Dowulinyura (the bark painter) are old mates from way back - when they were together in East Arn. They were happy to see each other again.

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