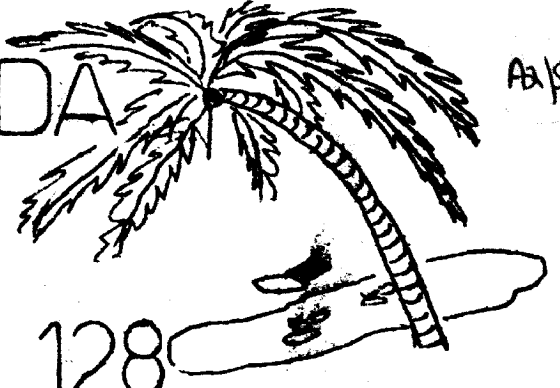


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"Mining" News

Sister Margaret Ralston, who has been doing a survey of hearing losses and ear troubles among the school children, has had some surprise finds. Some of the discoveries she has made within the vital organs would put Narbalek to shame.

* Deposits of mud and sand in commercial quantities are quite common. Some smaller collections of pebbles also.

* One gentleman had an object removed by Dr. Jacobs which had proved difficult to shift. It was at first thought to be a ball-bearing or fishing sinker - maybe something from a school game.

* The prize of the week goes to the junior champion ear stuffer who had the following collection -- From one ear a wad of chewed paper and a piece of bread. From the other a ball of chewed grass.

Sister would like everyone - especially the children - to see how silly it is to put things in our ears. She also tells us that many people when they have very sore ears still do not go to the hospital. They must go to the hospital and keep going every day until their trouble is finished. If people do not think about this and do the right thing they could become deaf (can't hear).

STOP PRESS: As we go to press another "cannon ball" has been excavated, and a pocket of grass seeds has been unearthed. Maybe we could leave these in place and ask Bob Collins to supervise their cultivation.

D.G.

Council.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 5.30pm on 13/3/72

PRESENT: 12 Councillors and 2 visitors.

BUSINESS:

1. There was some talk about the pros and cons of buying a council truck and also some doubt as to how the money might be raised. It was decided to defer the matter.
2. Dan Gillespie addressed council re the benefits of starting traditional dancing classes at school. He pointed out that the traditional dancing was in danger of being lost if the children did not learn something about it. Some councillors said that they were making sure that their children knew the old dancing but all agreed that classes at school would be a good idea. They recommended certain instructions from different tribal groups.
3. Following a proposal by Dan Gillespie, Council agreed that it would be a good idea to arrange an exchange visit with Bamyili in August - say, dancing and basketball.
4. President said that he was being asked by a lot of mission men for beer. He couldn't help them but they were very persistent. A long discussion ensued. The President's view was that there could be some reciprocity between centres like Maningrida and Bamyili, which both had canteens, but mission people had not pushed for canteens;

COUNCIL MEETING CONTINUED:

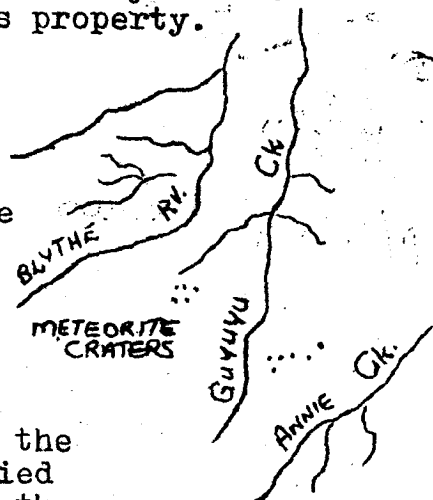
they had in fact opposed the setting up of canteens on the missions, but still wanted to drink when they came here.

5. Superintendent said that a lot of bricks had been broken last Saturday at the hall-site.

President directed Burera councillors to meet with parents and keep kids out of the area, also explain why it was wrong to muck around with other people's property.

Those South Africans Again

News has been received that the firm, Stockdale, have again applied for Exploration Licences covering about 1000 square miles in the Blyth River and Guyuyu Creek area to the South of Maningrida. This is Rembarnga country, and whilst some people (Paddy Fordham, etc.) are at Maningrida, most of the inhabitants have long since left the area for Bamyili. In recent times, however, there has been a resurgence of interest in the region, no doubt sparked off by the Murwangi and Bulman projects. Paddy has supplied a long list of names of persons associated with the area - the central point being a hot springs called Bam-dibu. According to him this is a very "big" place indeed... very important.



The Stockdale application also covers areas in the Goyder River and Annie Creek areas.

Last year the Company, whose A to P of 11,000 s. miles caused quite a bit of eye-raising in some circles, operated prospecting units, by helicopter, from a number of bases, the main one being at Bulman near the stock-camp. Visitors to Cadell will also remember that there was a camp at the crossing for some weeks.

J.H.

Forestry On The Beautification Bit

Note the new trees planted along the front of the office lot, the "off the street" fenced parking areas for workers and visitors and you cant miss the new colour scheme on the Single Qrs. and office. Bruce "Motors" B. will be wearing white shirt and long socks next week. John "Logging" R. is knocking 'em down after a successful christening of his new "electrified" quarters last week end.

Lance "Dozer" J. visits his "Old girl" still in sick bay with broken leg, but parts arrived on the barge and repairs are under way. Charlie "Grader" C. is making the roads a little more comfortable and Jimmy "Dozer" Olsen is giving the Juda Point Road a work out. Eddy "Mill" W. has been sweating the "flu" out on the saws. Boss Man found lunch and tea for a month cooking out in the bush this week, but decided to let its 30 cooks have it (big buff).



"Changing the colours" was Fred and gang's order for the week. -From green to yellow with red dye !! and Merv. "Scissors" M. decided that it was time for Jackie to have his locks trimmed. More next week.

Yesterday morning the sky was overcast but only a few points fell. In Milingimbi 2" fell between 7-10a.m. and put their airstrip out. Or another day Cadell had 1½" and nil here.

Banana Bits

Mr. Trevor Heiniger, the gardener at Galiwinku, has sent down approximately 250 banana "bits" for planting in the Cadell Garden. "Excellent planting material", says a grateful Bob Collins.

What is a "banana bit"? There are three kinds of planting material;



(1) a banana sucker is a young banana plant, 2' to 3' tall, cut off from the main corn. This is the best type of planting material, but Cadell cannot wait for these.

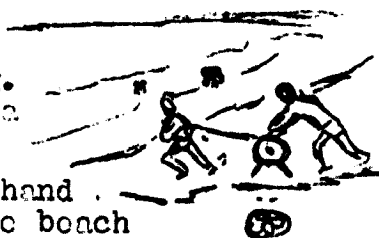


(2) A banana butt is the whole corn with a "pseudo" stem cut off about 6" above the corn.

(3) A banana bit is a section of the corn which has a growing point called an eye.

The Rescue

The lifesaver is watching the people swimming. Two children are making a sandcastle. Two men and a woman are chatting.



A man, swimming outside the flags, waved his hand because he was drowning. The lifesaver ran down the beach and swam to save him. The lifesaver brought him safely back to the beach. The lifesaver told the man not to swim outside the flags again.

The children in grade 3 made up this story. They had some pictures to help them.

From The Newspapers

PERMIT SYSTEM: In the Darwin newspaper there has been a lot of hard talk about permits. If a person wants to come into Arnhemland he has to have a piece of paper from the Government. Some people in Darwin say this is a wrong law and that anyone should be allowed to come into Arnhemland if he wants to. The Government says it will keep the law because Aboriginal people do not want a lot of balanda people to come into settlements and other places. Mostly the argument is about the big mining town near Yirrkala Mission. There are many balanda people there and the permit law is hard to work. The Government says it is thinking about these arguments.

WINUNGUJ PLAYS WITH ADELAIDE MEN: George Winunguj played his bamboo on Tuesday night in Darwin with a band of men who play trumpets and bugles and many other things. They are called the Adelaide Wind Quintet. The music they played was a special piece of music that needed a bamboo player. The men from Adelaide are the same men who were at Yirrkala when Crusoe, Joe and Frank Garti-Garti went there to play music with men from other places in Arnhemland.

Post Office

Your attention is drawn to the fact, that the interior of the Post Office is definitely **OUT OF BOUNDS** to all persons other than Post Office Staff. This applies **AT ALL TIMES**.

The Post office hours are

Monday	}	9 - 12.45 p.m.	2-5 p.m.
Tuesday			
Thursday			
Friday			

Wednesday . Morning closed . Mail not sorted until 2pm.
Saturday 9-11 a.m. (in lieu of Wed.)

Your earnest co-operation is requested.

Bank hours are the same as for the Post Office.

On The Ball

It happened, it really happened ! Last Saturday we saw a game of FOOTBALL. The best game at Maningrida this season. Who won ? Black & White - their first win this season.

Black & White 21 - 22 (153)
Red & White 19 - 14 (128)

R & W led all the way into the 4th quarter with tough play from George Waiarka, Tim Darcey, Jim Walbaraka, Peter Galara, and Albert Narmra, who is still at school. Bruno Wilson landed two of the best goals from a long way.

In the last quarter it was B & L who played the best football because they give leads and kicked to their own men. Also they had the wind with them. Each Captain should remember the wind when they pick ends at the start of the game. This helps a lot in the last quarter as B & W found out. The tough men from this team were Raymond Nulla, Terry Darwin, Raymond Carter and George Putti. The hard but clean clashes sent many players falling to the ground. Everybody played well - a great game fellas. Who will win this week ?

Two weeks ago Raymond Carter (B & W) and Peter Galara (R & W) Shared the prize for the "Best and Fairest" over five games. Tim Darcey was on 6 points with them, but on a count back it was Raymond and Peter that won the prize. Congratulations.

Cross Country Run

Two weeks ago today the school children ran wild through the camps, bush, Fisheries, beach, and surprisingly all turned up back at the oval. Racing, the prime purpose, also seemed to be the main aim.

Staggered starts eventually saw the entire school away, and officials were caught napping when the first Junior finished in just under 13 mins. It is doubtful if the Senior Boys' record would survive official regulations, especially as the Senior Girls started five minutes before them*.



Results	Junior	Inter Girls	Inter Boys	Sen Girls	Boys
1 st.	Harmish	Rosemary	Ninglè	Margaret	Albert
2 nd.	Doreen	Betty	Andrew	Connie	Stéphen
3 rd.	Len	Dora	Patrick	Lily	George

The Senior Boys' time for approx 2½ miles was 14 mins, 5.3 secs.

This the school has been divided into four new sporting houses. Progress points from the Cross Country are:-

NGANA - BADA (Burerà word) Buffalo	180 Points
BUHDIAMA (Jinang word Thunder)	113 "
MALLAMALARRA (Gunavidji word Seagull)	152 "
Ginga (Gunwinggu word Crocodile)	123 "

* Note The Editorial Committie of the "Mirage" bears no responsibility for this statement.

School Basketball

Early in the year some bigger boys and girls asked to have a school lunch time basketball competition. This year the boys from grade six ran the competition themselves. They picked teams and wrote umpires and scorers up on a blackboard each day. They did a good job; a brighter for sport at Maningrida in the future.

Last Tuesday the Girls' Grand Final was played between Magpies and Swallows. Magpies, with Margaret, Katy, Mandy, Kim, Alice., Joy and Margaret W. won by 22 points to 14.

The Boys' Grand Final which will be excellent Basketball is expected to be held next Monday at 1 o'clock.

Next Week.

An article on Parents and Friends has been temporarily mislaid and will appear in next week's issue.

Cubs.

The cubs this week discovered three things.

- It's not as easy to catch a camp dog as you'd think.
- When you've caught one, the women in the village are not altogether happy - visions of dogs being lured to some place and never returning.
- When the dog is on a leash, and the women are assured that no foul move is afoot, camp dogs are not very keen to run alongside young guides.

G.A.

Weather

	TEMPERATURE		MAX. HUMIDITY	RAINFALL
	MAX.	MIN.		
Friday	88.5	77.0	91%	NIL
Saturday	88.5	75.5	87%	NIL
Sunday	88.5	74.5	95%	NIL
Monday	88.0	77.5	98%	4 pts.
Tuesday	88.5	75.5	95%	NIL
Wednesday	85.5	77.0	99%	9 pts.
Thursday	83.0	75.5	95%	5 pts.

Mens' Basketball

Mens' Basketball competition began on Wednesday night. This year Tim Darcey and Lucky Balaka will be running the competition. There are eight teams :- M.P.A., Cadell Brothers, Eagles, Jinang, Pioneers, Garatpu, Kupanga, and Cape Stewart.

Points System:-
 Win - 2 points
 Draw - 1 point each team (NO EXTRA TIME)
 Loss - 0 points

Draw:-
Tuesday Mar 21 st.
 7.00pm M.P.A. V Cadell Brothers
 8.00pm Eagles V Jinang
THURSDAY Mar. 23rd
 7.00pm Pioneers V Garatpu
 8.00pm Kupanga V Cape Stewart

T.J.K.

Volleyball

On Sunday afternoon at 4.30 two teams played at the school. "Reflection", (my teams) played against "The School".

In the first match the scores were "School" 15 to "Reflection" 8.

In the second match both "Reflection" and "School" made good services and some good settings. This was a terrific game and the scores ended up "Reflection" 16 to "School" 10.

Because of a draw a further game was played giving "Reflection" the match. Everybody enjoyed themselves and we hope to see a few more guys come and join in. Anyone interested in playing Volleyball please see me or Trev. King. Games are held at the school Sunday afternoons at 4.30. Points sofar "Reflection" 2 and "School" 1.

Lost

As we go to Press, Lost. One Gunwinggu tractor, trailer and contents, possibly including a buffalo. Would the finder please contact the Superintendent.

J. Pascoe.

Mr. John Hunter went in search of this omni-bus on Thursday, but the going proved to be too soft.

Shipping

Two new tractors came on the Warrender. The Fourcroy has now recovered from her severe burns and is expected to sail into Maningrida next week.

WEEKEND DUTY Duty Officer: Mr. Barry Tuite.
Duty Sister: Str. Ena.

STAR THEATRE Friday:- "DARLING LILI"
Another superb performance by Julie Andrews as she portrays that near legendary character of World War 1's Darling Lili (Shmidt); the darling of the British Army, in truth a German spy. First release.

CHURCH Sunday ; Fifth Sunday in Lent
9.30 am Sunday Schools
7.00 pm Evening Service & Holy Communion

Wednesday : Crusaders' Fellowship and Choir practice.

On Sunday Morning nine people were Baptised and received as members of Christ's flock : Katie Balguda, Rita Djidmu, Jack Gargaritj, David Mirwana, David Angu-redja, Bobby Smith, Raymond Bandidje, Barry Biriya Biriya-jinga, and Kevin Miwula.

At the Tea Mr. Silas Roberts expressed the congregations' good wishes to Rev. Bradley and Mrs. Harris on the eve of their departure to Elcho (2 weeks), and then to make their home at Milingimbi.

Rev Phil Taylor's presence and addresses made the day a memorable occasion. The slides of the early days at Oenpelli, Groote Is. and Roper River made one wonder how the pioneers survived some of the extraordinary adventures they experienced - in cyclones, floods, aeroplane disasters and two mails a year !

People.

+ G.I.

"Connie from grade 6 arrived with her Goulburn Is. promise last Tuesday. She is in John's class. We each have 25 children now (Letter from Robyn Stevens, Grade 1)..... When the Adelaide Wind Quartet came the people were deadly serious after a while the children started laughing and rolling around at all the wierd (what they called "rude" noises)..... the French horn player could hardly keep a straight face.

Mr. Jerry Atkinson will again visit Maningrida, this time with two (no doubt attractive) young ladies on the 12th April to stay over-night, and to give us one concert said to consist of "songs, stories, ballads, and a talent spot".

Mr. Danny Pollard left Maningrida on Thursday after a few days here casting his eyes over our "tucker" situation, and now can claim one "Meals on Wheels" expedition to his experiences

Mrs. Nancy Clark has returned from Darwin hospital much recovered from her illness; indeed she is much healthier than many other people at Home Management at the moment.

Mr. Bert Ryan left Maningrida on Monday for a "nature run" into Darwin, and fears are held for Darwin's safty.

Robert Roberts found himself on the Medical Plane heading for Darwin Hospital on Tuesday afternoon after his fingers had a conflict with the electric saw in the saw-mill. Not the best way to trim your nails.

Str. Sherry Scribbins expects to leave for Um akumba today on Connair to relieve Str. Maija who will shortly be back at Maningrida. Sherry has been a valuable asset to the hospital and the settlement gererally.

Mr. Giese, Assistant Administrator Welfare, Mr. Jim Gallagher, Dr. H. Beare, Prof. Heale and Dr. Radford made a flying visit last Friday morning to have discussions with the teachers.

Two former teachers returned to the settlement this week. Mr. Dennis Schapel, now a well known H.T. artist visited the school and old friends. Former manual training teacher John Grant accompanied News and Information Bureau photographer Mr. Mike Jensen to photograph various aspects of settlement life.

Miss Pam Dadbalag is now in Brisbane and has written asking for assistance to return to see her parents.

The Elcho Islanders completed their dancing at the week end. They did some dances not usually seen here. Munyu the leader returned on Monday, tour organiser Burramarra went up on Connair on Thursday and a few others will travel as soon as transport is available.

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