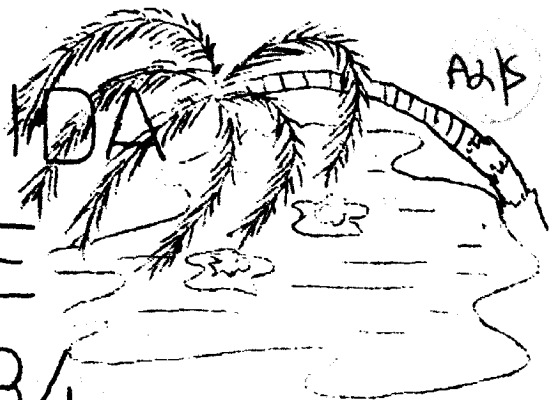




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The Health Inquiry

The N.T. Board of Inquiry into Health Services, comprising Mr. Edmonds and Drs. Vanderfield and Dearlove, will be visiting Maningrida on Sunday, May 7th,

The Health Committee has written, requesting the Board of Inquiry to examine aspects of the following, whilst it is at Maningrida:-

1. The need to increase the frequency and range of surveys and services to the community, with particular reference to the Chest X-Ray unit, the Mobile Dental Unit and the Schools Medical Service.
2. The need for residential accommodation, in Darwin, so that mothers may accompany their ill children to Darwin.
3. The need to improve the hospital facilities at Maningrida and the general range of supplies and equipment available to the medical staff.
4. The need to improve the general environment and standard of facilities in the community as a pre-requisite of improving the general health standard.
5. The need to mount continuing public health education programmes in association with (4).
6. The need to examine the function and adequacy of the existing medical services' staff establishment at Maningrida in relation to:
 - a. the needs of the community
 - b. the capacity to maintain staff against established positions.
7. The adequacy of wages and employment conditions for Hospital staff, aboriginal and non-aboriginal.

The itinerary of the Board of Inquiry is not known, but persons wishing to make points on relevant subjects should address a letter to the Chairman, Maningrida Health Committee, or if they so wish, request to approach the Board of Inquiry directly. It is hoped that the Board of Inquiry can meet, and talk with, as many persons as possible.

Senate Inquiry Committee

On Tuesday afternoon next the Senate Committee on Social Environment proposes to visit Maningrida.

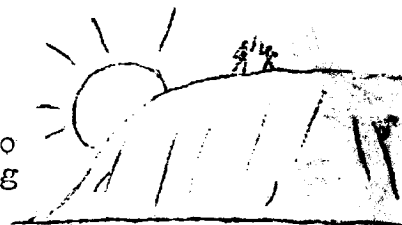
It has been indicated that the Committee wishes to spend upwards of 2 hours in discussion with the Maningrida Council and to have a look at various activities in the area including school, hospital and sawmill.

The Council President, Mr. Tom Yibberal, proposes to conduct the tour before introducing the Committee to Council Members at the Scout Hall at 3.00 p.m.

The composition of the Committee is not known at this time but there will be full coverage of the visit in next weeks "Mirage".

Forestry

On the nove, Barbara and Eric, en route to Alice Springs early in June, Barbara is looking forward to doing all her own shopping for the first time in about 12 years. No more mail orders or not so fresh fruit and vegies. Eric is looking forward to changing that great desert into a flourishing green carpet of various trees.



Norm and Maxine with children, off to Darwin early in May; Maxine looking forward to setting up her brand new house, for the second time in 12 years; Norm not looking forward to changing that red stone to green grass, but it will get done. All have enjoyed their stay at Maningrida and intend to keep in touch.



A job well done this week, John Reister's Anzac Memorial speech to all the school children; takes almost as much courage to stand up in front of all those unfamiliar faces and talk of Anzac's history as crawling through the jungles or swamps or whatever in Vietnam, - so it was well appreciated.

All machinery, except dozer, is mobile again, and after a hectic week it's a "dry" week for Bruce, so you can guess who will be one of the first at the barge this week - you've earned it, mate!! As soon as Jimmy Olsen gets an offsider he's off bush to live and work with his machine. So roll calls are getting smaller, but they're all on the job.

Grass fires start bush fires, which in turn start forest fires, so, don't get yourself or your mates caught in a blazing forest, bush or grass fire; make sure your camp fire, cigarette or match is **O U T ! ! !**

N. F.

DO THIS OUT BUSH



The Weather

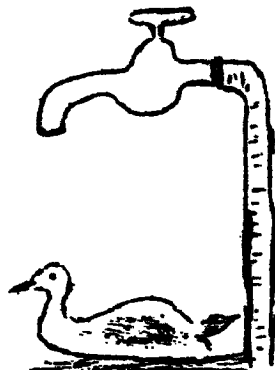
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Friday	90°	72.5°	78%	NIL
Saturday	91°	72.5°	78%	"
Sunday	91°	71°	66%	"
Monday	93°	69.5°	78%	"
Tuesday	90°	63°	68%	"
Wednesday	91°	61°	60%	"
Thursday	92°	72°	86%	"

Water.

For those who may be in doubt, there are no water restrictions currently in force. If we are lucky, and the new bores work okay, there might not be any heavy restrictions this year.

All persons are asked, though, not to waste water as it costs a lot of money and effort to get it to your tap.

J.H.



Chest X-Rays.

The Chest X-Ray Unit is visiting Maningrida from 8-12th May. It is compulsory for everyone 14 years of age and over to have an X-ray.

It is very important to have your X-ray because there are a lot of people at Maningrida who have had T.B. and other chest sicknesses. The X-ray will show whether or not you have T.B. If you have, something can be done about it straight away. If T.B. is not found out and treated straight away you can become very ill indeed and feel weak for the rest of your life.



T.B. is Tuberculosis. It destroys parts of your lungs so that you cannot breathe properly.

J.H.

The Store Closes at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

When the store opens on Tuesday at 9 a.m. after the Labour Day holiday on Monday - self service will be in operation.

Much work has been done to prepare for self service and much remains to be done - most of it necessarily at the last minute. Consequently the store will have to close promptly at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning so that the builders, electricians and other workers can move and set up the fixtures in readiness for 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

Because of the nature of the changeover operations, no exceptions can be made for people getting up late and arriving at the store after 10 a.m. on Saturday.

G.B.

What A Way To Go.....

If you want to get to Darwin quickly and cheaply then I suggest that you occasion grievous bodily harm on yourself. It works for me. Each time I want a holiday in Darwin, I simply dislocate my shoulder - easy but painful.



Not only do you get to Darwin but you have the unfailing assistance of one of our beautiful nursing sisters for a night - surely not something to be taken lightly. She jabs and prods with needles and feeds you tablets.

After taking a ride in Eddie's jet, you arrive at Darwin airport and wait, and wait, and wait. After a while a rather disorderly-looking orderly arrives, and with luck, you get to Darwin Hospital. At least, that was my experience. The capitalistic empire there necessitates payment in cheque before they touch you. Even if you were dying they ask you to write out a cheque before they would touch you!

WOULD

Examinations, x-rays, more x-rays, - then the operating theatre and "Its all over - you can go home now." "Go home? You're joking." \$2.70 later I arrive at Kormilda College, well known retreat for such notables as "International" Peter Williams, "Iyer Fryer" and the recent importation Plaster Cast Grieve (nothing stops me).

I will go no further - say nothing, tell no lies. The liquid life of Darwin is a drain on one's resources, but what a way to go.

I must find a less painful way to get to Darwin next time.

Bob Stutch.

(Next week - A Day at Darwin Races - starring many ex-Maningrida identities)

WOMENS BASKETBALL

Results from Monday 24th April:-

Dots'n'Dashes 50 defeated Marrijalas 26

Albatrosses 27 defeated Cobras 24

Best Scorers

Daisy (Dots'n'Dashes) 20 points

Betty Cooper (Marrijalas) 14 points

Nancy (Cobras) 14 points

Norah (Albatrosses) 12 points.

Competition Point Score:-

Dots'n'Dashes	15 points
Marrijalas	11 Points
Albatrosses	6 points
Cobras	0 points

Draw for Next Monday, 1st May:-

7.00pm Albatrosses Vs Dots'n'Dashes

Umpires R. Pink & J. Pascoe

8.00pm Marrijalss Vs Cobras

Umpires F. Luff & J. Pascoe

B.N.

BIRTHS

A SON, to mother Alma in Darwin 18.4.72

BENJAMIN, to Dell Waningurra in Darwin 4.4.72

MENS BASKETBALL

Results from last game:-

Garatpu	38	defeated	Eagles	30
Jinang	48	defeated	Cadell Brothers	40
Cape Stewart	58	defeated	Cadell Brothers	54
Jinang	32	drawn	Garatpu	32

Competition Point score:-

Cape Stewart	10
Kupanga, M.P.A.	8
Garatpu	7
Pioneer	6
Eagles	4
Jinang	3
Cadell	2

Draw for next week:- Tuesday 2nd May

7.00pm M.P.A. Vs Eagles

8.00pm Pioneer Vs Cadell Brothers

Thursday 4th May

7.00pm Kupang Vs Jinang

8.00pm Cape Stewart Vs Garatpu.

T.J.

MANINGRIDA SPORTS CLUB

All residents, young, old, sporty, or not are invited to become members of the Maningrida Sports Club.

Cost:- 50 £ to treasurer, Trev King.

ABOUT OURSELVES

Mrs Barbara Quick has been one of the regular typists for The ... Mirage for quite a long time now, and leaves for a holiday next week before completing packing for the move to Alice Springs. We say "Thank you Barbara" for the service you've given.

Is there a typist who would volunteer to do two pages each week?

We are also grateful to have Merv Mason doing the drawings while Alan Grieve is in Darwin with his plastered leg.

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

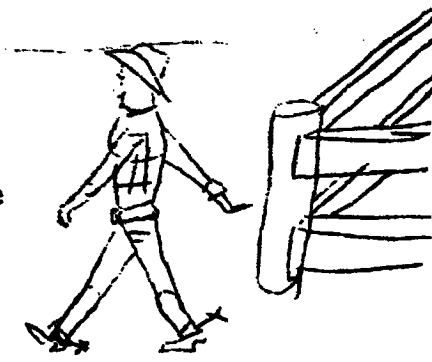
Back from the Moon.

After a lot of trouble, the three American men who went to the moon have landed back on earth. They brought with them rocks which they picked up on the moon. Men all over the world will look at these rocks to try to know more about the moon and what it is made of.



No Work at V.R.D.:

Aboriginal stockmen at V.R.D. Station have walked off their jobs. They say they are unhappy because their money is paid into the store there and they buy things from the store. This way, they say, they don't know if they are getting the right money from their boss. The stockmen have gone to join with the Gurindji people at Wave Hill Station who have been off work for a long time because they want their tribal land given back to them. Other men from cattle stations are talking about these troubles and some men are talking about coming together to help Aboriginal people on cattle stations get good treatment from their bosses.



Big Aboriginal Cattle Station:

At Roper River Aboriginal people have a very big piece of country to use for a cattle station. It is a lease, like the land for the Cadell Gardens. The Roper people will try to get the station going and the government will find a white man who can help them to get started.

Prompted by a paragraph from last week:

LIKE GARDEN POINT EATING SOMEBODY ELSE'S OR COOKING YOUR OWN?

Some people would say that they were lucky because someone else cooked all their meals and did their washing up of dirty plates. But this one part of life is a very important part of "family life". The people of Garden Point have no community kitchen, the family earner goes with his wife and they buy at the shop what they want for their family. They all cook their own meals, whether they live in the new houses, in the village huts, or in the wurlies, and they are happy to do this; - dad earns, mum cooks and the children help with the washing up.



In most of the southern states there are "Migrant Hostels", where most people who first come from overseas usually stay for periods of up to 2 years. These places are something like settlements; some still have Nissan huts to be lived in and community kitchens. The "huts" are gradually being pulled down and small brick houses built which include a kitchen and stove, so that families can buy, cook and eat what they want to. When all the huts are gone, the community kitchens will close, because people are happier this way.

One day, perhaps all the settlements will be like this and like Garden Point, - self-supporting and independent.

N.F.

Meeting of Maningrida Sports Club - Monday, 24.4.72

A Sports Tribunal has been set up after Monday's meeting. Members are Jim Olsen, Roger Pink and Joe Fry.

A working bee to complete the new basketball court will be held on Saturday, 13th of May, at 9.30 a.m. All are invited to attend.

L.W.

DROP - IN CLUB Wanted - Magazines, any type. Please see Liz who will arrange collection. - Thanks.

WEEKEND DUTIES

Duty Officer : Mr. Ron Berryman

Duty Sister Weekend: Str. Helen King

START THEATRE

Monday: Str. Maija

"Good Neighbour Sam" Jack Lemmon & Ronny Schneider, Lemmon, an advertising man, has a next door neighbour who will inherit \$15,000,000 if she is happily married. Unfortunately, she is not! So good neighbour Sam offers to pose as her husband, temporarily, thereby messing up his job and marriage.

CHURCH

Sunday: 4th Sunday after Easter

9.30am Sunday Schools

7.00pm Evening Service

Film "Crucifixion and Resurrection"

Wednesday:

7.00pm Crusaders' Fellowship

An aboriginal man, a little balanda girl and some others were walking along a beach where there was a "big mob" of Norna, the cone shaped shell fish. The girl said, "Let's take some home for supper." and soon quite a pile had been gathered. The aboriginal man then said, "Don't take any more. We can't waste them."

ONE OR TWO CORRECTIONS

A week or so ago we mistakenly reported in the "Milingimbi" story that Claire Miribanga was waiting for Julie to come over, to "be his wife". For a change of air and scenery yes, but matrimonially no. Julie's mother, Mary Manjalama affirms that her daughter is promised to that temperance enthusiast Mr. Jacky (16 mile) Nalur.

We hope you havn't gone up to Jim or Ena Pickersgill this week and said, "Eh you shouldn't be here". If you are up at the Air Strip today, however, you can wish them "Happy holiday"

PEOPLE

Mr. Ray Wood a linguist with the Summer Institute of Linguistics arrived to make a survey of the languages of some of the smaller groups at Maningrida. Earlier on he was at Beswick Station (where he also met Dan and Lin Watson), and at Banyili talking to the Rembarranga people, and more recently at Ngangalara speaking to the Jinang and Ganalbingu people there. He will be here for two weeks.

Dee Uibo's mother Gubirig and sister Jangu visited Maningrida this week. they flew in from Darwin after making the trip from Numbulwar on the east coast of Arnhem Land.

David Gulpulil and Dick Bandalil headed off to Darwin on Wednesday loaded down with spears, woomeras, ochres, and other tools of trade. On Thursday they flew to Sydney where they'll do some rehearsing and organisation of theatrical matters - then off to Fiji for a couple of weeks to join in the South Pacific Festival of Arts. We wish them good luck.

The May holidays are upon us again, and Rodney Dickfoss will be home this Monday.

Mrs Proudman, Supervisor (from Sydney) of Pre-School teachers, arrived on Wednesday to visit the two young ladies who have been gaining experience at our Pre-School centre.

A Radio Technician from the N.T.A. Radio Section is at Maningrida to set up the Police radio, and also to install new sets at Forestry and Welfare. New aerals have also been installed.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

The MAY MONTHLY MEETING of The Maningrida Parents and Friends will be held in the school at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 2nd May.

J.G. Sect.

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