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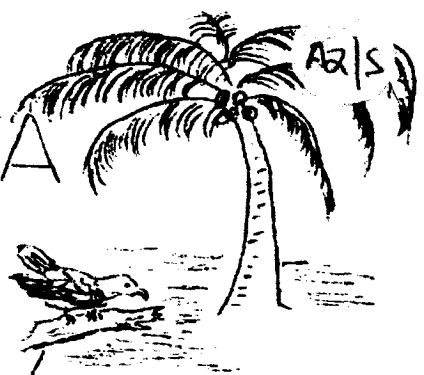
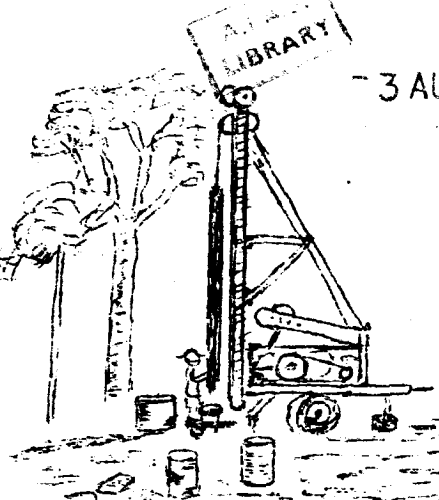
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# MANINGRIDA

## MIRAGE

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### *Providing for the Future.*

Living quietly in "Gunavidji" and working away up alongside the airstrip over the last 2 weeks are the Water Resources team. They are boring for water in the quantities needed for Maningrida up to the year 1975.

The team is led by supervising engineer, Howard Rose, then veteran Bob Lindon, Joseph Papez and a newcomer, Milingimbian Peter Gambung (brother to John Baya). Peter is the Machine Driller's Assistant. He does the welding and helps to sharpen the bits.

For various reasons, some of the earlier bores have deteriorated and cannot be used. So new bores are being put down, nearby. More modern equipment will be installed in these, e.g. a type of PVC piping which will not be corroded by the acids in our water. One "replacement" bore is completed, down to 160' and work is under way on a second. Another team of men will arrive in due course to give these a 48 hour pumping test.

Bob explained that 160' below the ground level there is the "Aquifer" - the water bearing formation. Here it is in sandstone. The water could have lain there for thousands of years. It is not related in any way to springs on the surface as at Mr. Hunter's or by Fisheries.

The work is tentatively expected to take 8 weeks but this depends on how the job progresses, whether supplies arrive promptly on the barges, etc.

Before coming to Maningrida the team helped to provide a good supply of clean water for Croker Is. Then they improved Vice-Admiral Allan Brady's supply of drinking water at Murganella. Next on the list is Oenpelli, and who knows - they might strike uranium there!!

As a matter of historical interest, the first volume of the Mirage (Sept. 12th 1969) carried a story about boring for water "as told by Mr. Basil White".

Later Basil died in tragic circumstances in Queensland when the house he was in caught fire.

### *On the Sick List.*

Last Thursday night when the local Press was almost ready to rattle out the last page of the Mirage, the Gestetner suddenly got sick. It didn't want to turn. Then it wouldn't turn at all.

Mechanical engineers J. Hunter and G. McKay examined the inner workings and found that some part in the main drive had broken.

Mr. Jim Gallacher very kindly took the machine under his wing to Darwin next day. The experts estimate that \$60 - \$70. worth of new parts and mechanical work would put it back into action again.

By the good graces of the press at Milingimbi, we are able to get 4 pages duplicated there. A couple of extra pages will be done on the local Fordigraph, which gets a bit dim after the 100th copy - and we usually have about 170.

C.A.

Parents & Friends meetings seem to be very good at spending money, and the June meeting proved to be no exception. Mrs Tuite obtained a further \$100 for Pre-School equipment, and items have already been ordered for the list. It was also decided that the School Truck be sold as it now has no use because of the Third Party Insurance position. It is hoped it can be sold on the Settlement.

The Aboriginal parents seem to have lost interest in the Association and its meetings; we remind them that it is their body, their money, their children.

Mention must be made about the increasing number of people not paying on picture night. They may think themselves smart, or they may think that the P & F has plenty of money already and their dollar would not really matter. Such attitudes are foreign to the cause of our being at Maningrida. If you don't want to play ball, then don't come to the pictures.

J.G.

## MENS BASKETBALL

GRAND FINAL TONIGHT (FRIDAY) AT 8 O'CLOCK  
KUPANGA Vs M.P.A.

Umpires Jimmy Pascoe and Jacky Pascoe, Scorer Trev King.

It is hoped that the president of the Sports Club, Joe Fry and The Vice-President, Roger Pink will give out the prizes at the end of the night to the winning team

Recent Results: Play Off Eagles 42 d Pioneers 37  
1st Semi Kupanga 38 d M.P.A. 34  
2nd Semi Eagles 39 d Garatpu 35  
Prelim. Final MPA 38 d Eagles 26

T.K.

## HOSPITAL COMINGS AND GOINGS

Yvonne (brother to Frank Sinatra) "Little" returned on Wednesday

Kathleen and Jumbo Wungwoi's child Frankie went to Darwin Hospital on Wednesday.

Jill Monardbi has gone to await the arrival of her new baby.

## BIRTHS

A baby girl born to Isabel Yamara and Charlie Jarabili at Milingimbe on June 10th.

A Baby girl born to usan Malgarid and Tommy Dudanga in Darwin Hospital

## DEATHS

Robert Wuga Wuga at Maningrida on Tuesday July 4th, aged 40 years. Robert was the husband of Mary Jarngin and Kitty Walamba, and the father of Josephine, Rhonda, and Robert. He had been very ill over the past month.

In his day Robert was a keen footballer, and member of The Wanderers Premiership team in 1958. In recent times he was a councillor and board member of the Progress Association. We express our deepest sympathy to his family

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Anabadaga beat Lala-Gujida 42 to 22 in the first game. Gerard played an outstanding game for the winners, scoring 22 points and also doing a lot of his team's work around the court.

Gunejangga beat Balpanarra 18 to 17 in the second game. This is the first time Balpanarra have been defeated and Gunejangga won because they worked hard all the time and played as a team. Good work Ronnie, Raymond, and the other boys in the team

This week's games are the last ones before the Semi-Finals. They are going to be played tonight (Friday) before the Mens' Grand Final

6.00 pm Lala Gujida Vs Gunejangga

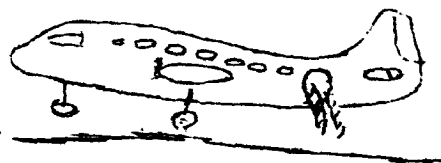
7.00 pm Halpanarra Vs Anabadaga

8.00 pm Mens' Grand Final

R.S.

## A FLYING VISIT

On Saturday, after the official opening of the Gove Project and college by the Prime Minister Mr McMahon, The Assistant Administrator and his wife, accompanied by The Director of Welfare Education and his wife, and the Senior Projects Officer (Mr Evans) made a quick stop at Maningrida. They were given a conducted tour of inspection of old and new buildings around the place, and the greatest interest was shown in the new Pre-School and Resources Centre. A pity that the visit had to be so quick because a special afternoon tea had been prepared by Mrs Bagshaw, but the visitors had no time to enjoy it; they really missed out on something good. Needless to say it didn't go to waste.

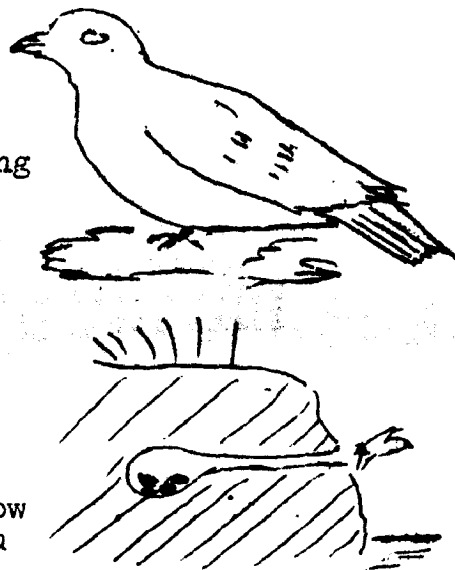


"Skip"

## The Bird Watcher

The small and friendly Peaceful Doves are our constant companions about the settlement; perhaps our most common or noticeable bird here. However last week I've noticed for the first time the very similar Diamond Dove here. The first sighting was on the Liverpool River flats (This side of the crossing), and the second bird at Bob Cross's house. They are very close brothers of the Peaceful Doves, and are often overlooked as being of this species. I find it easiest to recognise it by its red eye, so look out for the red eyes in those "Peaceful" Doves.

Have you noticed that the Pardalotes are again nesting in the banks of the roads out of the Settlement. They dig a small burrow about an inch wide and a foot deep. When you drive past they fly out of these burrows as fast as a bullet. To be more exact they are the black-headed Pardalotes. They feed on insects.



"Feathers"

## PEOPLE

Mrs. Trixie Rudder, passing through from Galiwinku last Saturday reported that Mr Alan Grieve has settled in well to his new country. Both people have a number of mutual friends in Canberra.

Mrs. Barbara Quick had 6 offers for her motor car - 2 from Aboriginal people. The new driver is Sr. Ena Pickersgill.

Here to meet with the Porpoise Boat Company during the past few days has been Johnny Nararang, Milingimbilil and another friend from Elcho. Johnny has been one of the chief shareholders in the company.

Sister Bernadette made a quick visit at the weekend.

Mr & Mrs Les Jackson of Daylesford, Vic. (where it gets very cold) are holidaying in the Arnhemland sunshine with Bob & Heather Cross.

## FISHING COMPETITION AT OLD JUDA POINT BEACH - SATURDAY 15th JULY.

<u>Prizes:</u>	\$5.00	Biggest Fish (Snr)	\$5.00	Biggest Fish (Jun. und. 14)
	\$5.00	Most Fish	\$5.00	Most Fish " " "

Bar-b-que lunch provided:	Adults	\$2.
	Children	\$1.

Profits go to the Eisteddfod Fund.

# School Notes

.. The visiting season is under way again at school. This week Gil Jennex, the Branch's Audio-Visual expert, visited in company with Mrs. Diane Allwright from the Darwin Public Library. They were giving some sound advice on the use of our new Resources Centre.

.. The school now has a new assembly format. Assembly is held every Tuesday at 11.00am, after recess. An assembly committee has been formed and each week one of the classes contributes a report, a display or an item from some part of their school work. It is envisaged that we may also have visiting speakers in the future.

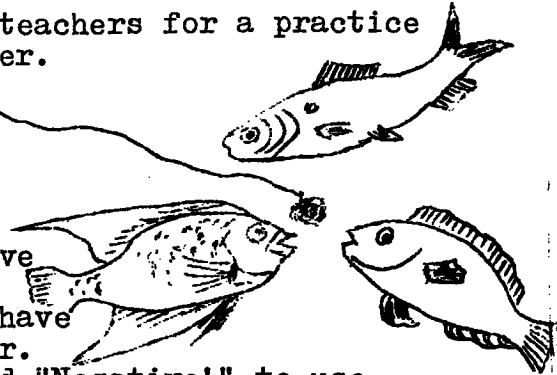
.. On Tuesday next we will be hosts to the Queensland Opera Company. The Company spends a lot of time visiting schools and performing small operas designed for children.

.. Gwen Burchett ceases duty this week before heading to Sydney with Chris. She is worrying for jumpers, long boots and the possibility of teaching a remedial class at Green Valley. Goodbye and best wishes to Chris and Gwen.

.. Next week we expect two student teachers for a practice teaching round. More news on them later.

## Fishing Competition

You might have thought we've had everything at Maningrida but we haven't had a fishing competition. This year Maningrida hopes to send a team of twelve adult dancers to the Eisteddfod. The Government used to pay adult fares but have discontinued this practice. We asked Mr. Connair for a fare reduction but he said "Negative!" to use appropriate aeronautical parlance - so we need to raise funds. Plans for a giant fishing competition are therefore in hand.



As a tentative site we have chose Crab Creek (Namingoorra). There will be an entrance fee (to be determined) which will include a barbecue steak thrown in. There will be prizes for 3 or 4 classes like largest fish, most fish, etc.

Definite details will be publicized next week - meanwhile splice your mullet gut and oil your reels.

P.S. We hope to be able to supply bait at a completely unreasonable price.

## The Bargain Department.

1. FOR URGENT SALE BY TENDER - MANINGRIDA SCHOOL TRUCK  
Nissan Caball 2 ton - thoroughly maintained and lightly worked during service life - 11 months old - 7500 miles. Excellent condition. Inspection and test drive available. Tenders should be forwarded urgently to the Secretary or Treasurer, Maningrida Parents & Friends Association.
2. TENDERS are invited for the erection and dismantling of fencing at the picture show on every pay Friday. Tenders should be forwarded to Secretary or Treasurer, Maningrida Parents & Friends Association.

## Newspaper Stories

ELCHO DANCERS: Men from Elcho Island are dancing in Darwin at the Aspa - a place where people go at night to eat and listen to music. Mostly they have balanda singers there but the Elcho men are going to work there too - putting on dances at night.

NEW MINISTER FOR YIRRKALA: Yirrkala will have a new black minister. He comes from a country called Tonga - up north. His name is Reverend Haloti Faupulu. Gordon Symons said in the paper that he hopes an Aboriginal man will go to Tonga to learn to be a minister soon.

## The Mystery Deepens.

Since the publication (in the *Mirage* of 23rd June) of the report of the latest stated sighting of the mysterious sea creature in the waters off Maningrida, much understandable (but nevertheless healthy) controversy has arisen.

Some suggestions, including that of another reputable local fisherman, indicate that what might have been seen was one of the large old salt water crocodiles known to be still living in these waters. However this does not adequately explain the concepts of the characteristic sustained bellowing howl, the tripartite head region, the unusually reflective metallic-like scales and other features definitely not attributable to a crocodile or any other known sea creature. Recent discussions have also brought to light that mention seems to have been made of the presence of a curious odour (not unlike that of ozone during severe electrical storms) accompanying earlier appearances. However this point apparently was not noticed during the recent observation.

Should anyone (including persons hearing the recent reports about this intriguing phenomenon from Darwin Radio stations) have further significant information of scientific value (including possibly old sketches or photographs) from any of the old N.T. journals, or other sources, they are cordially invited to write to the Editor of the "*Mirage*".

It may very well be that the recent sighting which has created such renewed interest, might at last lead to the unravelling of this age-old aquatic mystery. There is no doubt that much exists in the unfathomable depths of these northern waters of which modern man has seen little if anything at all.



\* The N.T. News on Thursday said that the crocodile probably had a kangaroo in its mouth.

## An old story about MURDER

'He' went hunting - but he didn't really go hunting. I bet he was going to find a man. He walked over to the bushes and called out "Where are you?" He hid behind a big tree. When a boy walked that way, he grabbed him and killed him on the neck (hit him). The boy fell down on the ground. The stranger also had a sharp, long stick in his pocket. Then he opened the boy's throat and put the long stick inside and down through the heart. He touched the heart and the heart began to bleed - lots and lots of blood until his heart was empty. He put some grass inside the throat and he also had one little hole there. We can't see where he sewed it. Only the witch doctor can see. He says to him "Maybe you are going to die in 2 days or 4 days."

So the young boy starts to get sick. He comes to the hospital and says "I'm very sick, Sister." We took his temperature and it was normal. The Sister said "You are not very sick. You go home." So he went back home. He stayed for 2 days or 4 days. He finished up.

Fat Samanaga.

Weekend Duty: Mr Bert Ryan  
Duty Sister: Sister Maija

Star Theatre: Saturday night - "Ballade of Josie" starring Doris Day who is a cattle rancher, then becomes a sheep farmer. This leads to a big war on the range.

Church: Sunday 9.30am - Sunday Schools.  
7.15pm - Evening Service. Preacher Rev. Wes Pigeon, former missionary in Fiji and now C.O.M. Secretary for N.S.W.

Revs. Lazarus Lami Lami and Haloti Faupula, the new minister for Yirrkala are hoping to come for one week at the end of July. For Haloti this will be part of his introduction to the life of an Arnhemland Church and community, and for the veteran Lazarus part of a Refresher Course which he himself requested.

## The Old People told Me

A story about old people from long ago.

Once upon a time there was a woman and a man. They ran away for 3 or 4 days and when they got back, they got trouble from the woman's husband.

When she went hunting again she saw her boyfriend and said to him "You stay here, darling." Then she went to another man, her second boyfriend. She left her first husband behind.

He started trouble again. When they came back, he picked up a spear and threw it. The other man died. She wept and cried for him. He then took his wife back with him.

Well that is the end of the story.

Pat Ganananga.



## Softball

Last week's softball was a wipe out. There were 29 ladies who came and wanted to play. The other ladies in the teams had gone bush. This week we will play in the afternoon.

2.00 Lyrebirds v Canaries.

3.30 Magpies v Seagulls.

Remember to come early. Umpire - Garry.

3.00 Men v Women

(might be)

## People

Mr. Lucky Balarka has recently transferred to Forestry.

The "Mobile Works Force" have put up a fine rail fence from Mr Hunter's home back towards the park area by Mr Jim Mussig's house to keep motor vehicles "off the grass". Now they are putting a similar fence along the roadway opposite the shop.

A special sewing class has begun for young women who have left school. Teacher is Mrs Betty Trewin. The place - the Domestic Arts Centre.

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