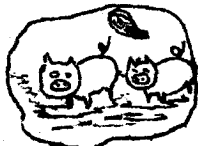
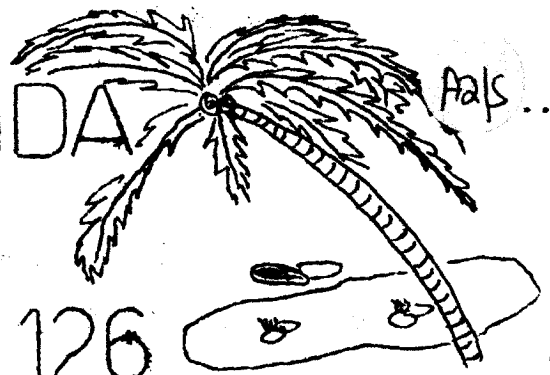


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What Do You Think.

The Progress Association will soon be in a position to help support another project to benefit the community.

A poultry run to provide fresh eggs, and poultry to eat? A piggery? A swimming pool? Something else we badly need?

Any good ideas can be brought to the Progress Association meeting next Wednesday evening at 7.30pm.

The Progress Association Committee meets on the first Wednesday and an open meeting for all residents will be held on the second Wednesday in each month.

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Breaking And Entering

In some dark hour on Monday night, someone broke into the shop, smashed the cash registers which will cost up to \$150 to repair, and went out the front door with a quantity of goods.

A lot of amateur criminologists were making guesses as to "who dun it" but everyone received a sad surprise to discover that the culprits were older girls.

Fortunately all the goods stolen were found. Fortunate because the shop and all the goods in it really belongs to the community of Maningrida.

Police will come to talk to the girls about what they did, and it is likely that they will have to go into Darwin.

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Getting Up For Breakfast

At this week's health meeting:

* Headmaster Mr. Dave Hassall asked how many school children ate or did not eat breakfast in the kitchen.

Figures indicated that only an average of 70 out of 350 had breakfast there. A general discussion followed and the main opinion seemed to be that the others had little or no breakfast. One problem was that many got up too late to get to the kitchen by 7.30am. So arrangements have been made for breakfast for school children to continue until 8 a.m. (School begins at 8.15 a.m.)

* Sister Edith raised the problem of mothers forgetting to collect milk from the hospital for their babies each day and particularly at the weekends. This is necessary because some mothers are unable to give their babies all the milk they need.

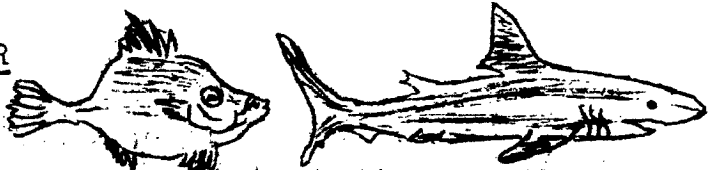
If mothers go hunting they can pick up their bottles before they leave or arrange with a friend to do so.

Visitors

Brother Ern McGrath, Projects Officer from the Catholic Missions H.Q. in Darwin and Mr. Trevor Prider, Secretary/Manager of the Port Keats MURIM Association, arrived yesterday to study the Bakery and particularly to look at the oven. They have taken a keen interest in all the Progress Association's activities.

The Wet

During February there were 20 wet days and 1375 points of rain. Forestry advise that the Du Galadorna road is closed.



One large crocodile who had been dining daily on fish meshed in some of Charlie Mulumbuks gill nets went a bit too far early on Tuesday morning. Meshing itself up, it drowned, but not before destroying the net beyond repair. Some select diners-out enjoyed " Crocodile a la Stewpot" and latecomers, " Crocodile Consomme" your correspondent is not speaking from personal experience, being fonder of Goanna.



After being confined to classrooms for more than a week, the schoolchildren were shuttled down a wagon at a time to view, prod, poke, & tickle the rare zoological specimen, it was considered wisdom to draw the line at artificial resuscitation, especially when Miss Davies forgot to bring the 303.



Thankyou Dan, for those few kind words last week. I hope you sleep happy in the knowledge that the conservation society, the Wild-life and Barramundi preservation societies not to mention the insurance companies have been marching to the D.C.A. demanding an explanation. Anyone spotting a lonely figure flying kites at the far end of the airstrip on dry season evenings will know who it is. (perhaps we can have a kite flying commitee?)

STOP THIEF!

John C. parks green station wagon at airport. Deposits some fr-eight, has cold drink and returns to parking bays. Climbs in green station wagon, belts up, funny, ignition key does not fit. Big yell from afar " OOOOOOoooooY! " Big bloke about 8 feet tall and 300 lbs lumbers towards car. J.C. climbs out, whistling casually, puts on two pairs of glasses. Spots proper wagon further up the row. Waves ignition keys at Goliath, points to 'rown' car, proceeds towards it, can feel heavy breathing close behind. Climbs in, key fits! , starts first time. Goliath scratches head, looks disbelieving. J.C. breaks speed limit for 200 yds.

J.C.

Erratum

A recent request from Mr. Bob Collins for old copies of the magazine " Beautiful Gardens" should have read " Beauties in Gardens." *****

Mother's Club

It was too wet for Mother's Club yesterday afternoon but it was is hoped that the weather will clear up for the mothers to come out next Thursday.

Valerie Yalga-Yalga returned with baby John Charles yesterday. John was born in Darwin.

COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7.30p.m. on 21.2.72.
Present 14 Councillors.

Last Meeting: Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

CLUB: Bob Collins' Drop in Club' was thought to be a good idea.

HAPPY CLUB: There was talk about the possibilities of banning certain people from the club. Was the council responsible, or individual people in the Council? President commented that he had demonstrated his willingness to fulfill his responsibilities, but he was not going to carry dead councillors as well. He thought that council should . . . those who were responsible to ban trouble from the club, and that the rest of the Council should support them. It was suggested that the President, Joe Fry and Michael Brown be responsible

MEETING MILLINGIMBI: President tabled a letter from Willie Danjadi of Galiwinku inviting Council to send three . . . , two men and one woman to a combined Council meeting at Millingimbi, on or about the 10th of May. The following were nominated to attend:-

President
Billy Yirinyin
Nancy Clark

BAGOT: Cr. Yirinyin said that he had been approached by Bagot Councillors while he had been in Darwin. They wanted some Maningridian Councillors to help look after Maningrida people who were sitting at Bagot. The Council talked about this matter at length; the general opinion was that people who were hanging around Darwin were not going to accept much help anyway. It was appreciated that Bagot Councillors were having a hard time with these people.

TIMBER: Cr. Munyal wanted to know where the timber was going to from the sawmill. He had seen it loaded onto the Barge, and wanted to know what was happening to it down in . . . houses, while this important building material was sent away.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

COUNCIL CONTINUED * * * * *

Minutes of Council Meeting held at 5.30p.m. on the 28.2.72

PRESENT: 18 Councillors and 5 Visitors

COUNCIL MEETING: Meeting would in future be held at 5.30p.m. each Monday at the School. The Club would be held at the usual time, but Councillors could go after they had finished the meeting

ABSENCE: The Vice President chaired the meeting in the absence of the President, now in Darwin.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS: Cr. Riala: - "We have to push again for timber to build houses for the people. I tried hard for houses when I was President. This President has not tried hard enough - maybe we need a new President"

Vice President: - "It's not so easy. We are getting slow progress - little bit houses; little bit drinking; little bit pictures"

Cr. Riala: - "Some of us are working hard for this place. We must try and help our people little by little, especially those who have been living and working here ever since the place started. Some Councillors are living in bad houses. This place has been here 11 to 14 years. Our children are growing here."

Cr. Munyal: - "I am worrying about timber. I have a good house. We are Aborigines, full-blood Aboriginal Councillors; we have to help these people. Our children are growing up. They should live in good houses - ordinary houses. This timber belongs to our country and we should have use of it - it should not be taken away from us. It belongs to this country. "

Vice President: - "I think the Government has a lot of minds. These men who are working on the timber are not working for nothing. They get good money. They are working for Forestry, those people. The Government is buying Maningrida timber for Darwin, but we are not sure what is going on."

Cr. Munyal: - "I don't like the Europeans beating us like this. They should talk about it in Darwin Forestry, and Welfare N.T.A., and the Minister. They should be straight with us about this. I want to see us get some timber to build houses for our own people."

Cr. Riala: - "I agree with you; we have got to have some material for this place. At least the Government could give us half so we could do something. If we can't get that, at least the Government could give us some money to buy materials. We have to be strong about this - really push it."

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COUNCIL MINUTES (CONT):

Vice President:-"Perhaps we should make our own rule on timber. We should push for free timber for everyone - pensioner, worker, anyone till everyone has a house."

Cr. Riala:-"The Government says we have to pay for timber - but how can we? We haven't got big money yet. They have to be responsible about this; we are trying to be."

Cr. Fry:-"That timber is for Snake Bay and Garden Point and Berre. They have only got small sawmills."

Vice President:-"That's okay. We like to help them. They are settlements too, growing up."

Cr. Riala:-"Glen Bagshaw showed me a plan a few weeks ago. It was no good, it was too small. He showed me a new plan - a brick house. It is a good one. That is the place they are going to build here. We like to see our children growing up in good houses. They won't be living like a balander, but it will be a poorer home. We have to keep trying."

Cr. Munyal:-"We sad to see small houses. We like to see good houses."

Cr. Fry:-"There is a lot of timber in the mill, but there are no carpenters to use it."

Cr. Riala:-"Our carpenter is on holidays. As soon as he comes back we will start again. He is bringing another one with him. We have to start putting more people, men, young boys in the building. A lot of gangs, black and white, working together."

Cr. Warijil:-"I am going to talk about timber too. We must get it all in the time. We do a lot of work in the bush, getting logs. We have a lot of logs ready to cart, but the big truck is broken down. We have about 11 log dumps."

Vice President:-"We have got contractors here, also Mobile Works Force, and Welfare. Why can't they all get together and get on with housing."

Cr. Riala:-"We have got four gangs who can build here; Works Force, Housing Association(2), and Progress Association. If we can get the materials we can get on with the job - working together. Works Force can't get materials now. Some of their jobs have been standing, not finished, for a long time. We have to get on with the job."

Vice President:-"Some people are not working hard. We have to see the place grow fast."

Cr. Ganjibala:-"I have a chicken house. I work hard in my job. Who helps me?"

Cr. Riala:-"That's what I said the first time. We have to help these people, but we can't do anything."

Cr. Munyal:-"The best workers should have the best houses. We have got carpenters, we are just waiting for timber. I got a good house and light, but I'm worried about other people."

Vice President:-"That's enough of this for this meeting."

Meeting closed 7.15p.m.

BIRTH

PHILLIP, on 25.2.72 to Pat Gamanangga, father Johnny Mundurrug and little brother to Cliff Richard and Ricky Nelson.

Mums Who Forget

Which is more important - a pack of cards or tucker for your baby? Do you deserve to have children? do you want them to live and be strong?

It is YOUR responsibility to feed them, not your relations, or Sister tilley or "Meals on Wheels".

Don't leave small children when they are to be fed. Take them to tucker. Too many nothing this past week.

The children are getting smaller, not bigger. Their blood is weaker.

This means more children into Darwin Hospital, more finish up and will be big mobs sorry cuts and cry. Sister

Tilley get plenty mad!

But all too late.

Into Darwin

E.T.

The Sisters have lost quite a lot of sleep this week looking after some sick babies during the night. April, Romeo and Christine went into Darwin Hospital with a bad sickness in the chest. Mr. Harry Mulumbuk nursed Bathsheba as she went in yesterday.

Getting Iron Into The Blood

In places like Maningrida, where there is a lot of hookworm, all children need iron medicine every day. Without this medicine the blood becomes weak, and a child could easily die when sickness comes.

There are 12 children whose blood is too weak even for medicine and they have to be given injections twice weekly.

Two children are worse still and have had to go to Darwin for special treatment.

The sisters do their best to explain to mothers how important it is to bring their children each day, but the mothers either don't understand or don't believe and do not bring their children. In order to save the lives of the children, people from the hospital have to spend quite a lot of time hunting for people in the camp.

How can the mothers be convinced??

A new approach is to be tried this week. The names of all the children who need to take iron medicine more than once each day are being chalked up on a board in the Infant Welfare Clinic, and people who can read will be encouraged to study the list. In this way, it is hoped that people will talk about the part everyone has to play to ensure that children are healthy and strong.



Herby
Hookworm

From "The Australian Miner"

The directors of Ocean resources NL advise that the company and its joint venture partner McIntyre Mines Australia Pty.Limited are formulating a programme for ground phase exploration activities in their East Alligator River uranium prospect in the Norther Territory immediately north of Pancontinental's strike area.

Similar programmes are being developed for Junction Bay and Maningrida areas.

ORMAC reported previously a unique option agreement with aborigines in four Arnhem land areas. The agreement represents the first Australian participation by aborigines in prospecting with public companies.

Should ORMAC exercise the options the aborigines will receive one million shares in Ocean Resources, further cash, the right to participate in a possible mining company, and royalties in the event of mining.

The aboriginal peoples have already received a cash payment of \$50,000.

ORMAC will continue to use a high proportion of aborigines in exploration teams.

The ORMAC agreement with the First Aboriginal Mining Company had provided that at least 25 per cent of the workforce should be aborigines, but in fact this had been exceeded and at times reached as much as 75 per cent.

Teams of aborigines using geiger counters will participate in future exploration programmes.

ORMAC has been extremely pleased with the good relationships which have been established between the aborigines and exploration teams.

A by-product of the exploration in aboriginal tribal areas has been the identification by ORMAC of areas delineated as being of religious and historic importance to the tribes in the areas.

Football

What a day for a day dream! 30 players had arrived by 3.30p.m. It seems that the men who work hard are also the men who come to football and play hard. It is too sad for a lot of young men who dont come to football. Some have given up their jobs also. Maybe they are just too lazy. Points so far-see P T.K.

Trapped

On Sunday we went to Entrance Island to catch fish. My brother went fishing and we went for a swim. While we were fishing we saw ten grey hills heading for us beyond the blue sea. The grey hills surrounded us and we knew that they were sharks. My brother was just about to leave us when he heard us screaming. He ran to the beach. He saw the sharks and he knew we were trapped by them. He threw the spears at the sharks and they all swam away. Larry said, "Let's go home", so we packed up, got into the canoe and went home.



Irene Lama-Lama (Grade 5).

From Channel Island To Bathurst Island.

It is not uncommon for Maningridian people to visit Snake Bay - on punishment or work with Forestry, or some training course, but very few have been to Bathurst Island. One is Junbo Dowulinyura. He went to visit two old school friends from way back in Channel Is. days

It all began when Junbo, Robert Wukkawukka, Roy Rewa, Br. Tony N. (both of whom are dead now) and others were attending school at Bagot. Dr. Brock examined all the children and found that these children had leprosy. They were moved to Channel Island in the Darwin Harbour, and met an old hand by the name of Fred Milkukuna. The leprosarium was established in earlier days when it was thought that leprosy patients should be carefully put away from any contact with people, and so Channel Island was rather like a hospital come prison



Junbo and Mollie Wadaguga (who went there late) said that they were happy there - plenty of fish, turtles, and dugong, and they liked Mother Madeleine and the sisters. Junbo became friendly with two Tiwi brothers, Rommie and James. Their association continued when they were all transferred to the well designed East Arm Settlement.

Junbo was discharged and was returned to Milingimbi just as Maningrida settlement was being established. Fourteen years had passed before he met his old friends again.

G.A.

Weather

	Temperature Max. Min.	Humidity	Rainfall
Friday	82.5 75.0	90	18
Saturday	81.5 75.5	95	97
Sunday	82.0 75.5	95	238
Monday	85.0 76.0	90	13
Tuesday	79.5 76.0	95	56
Wednesday	85.0 77.0	95	88
Thursday	83.5 75.5	95	95

TOTALS

Feb. had 20 wet days, with a total of 1375".

This compares with
 Oct. 14pts.
 Nov. 420pts.
 Dec. 182pts.
 Jan. 775pts.

Sports Committee

- * After a lengthy discussion the constitution was adopted.
- * Womens' Basket Ball is to commence on Monday nights.
- * Ladies Softball will commence Saturday morning next.
- * There will be a working-bee on Sunday Morning to begin putting the tennis court markings on the new basketball court.
- * The Committee's immediate project will be to have the basketball/tennis court/volleyball complex functioning as soon as possible

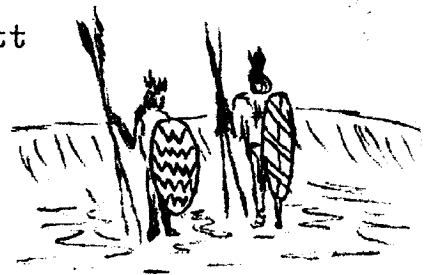
T.K.

WEEKEND
DUTIES:

Duty Officer: Mr. Bill Beckett
Duty Sister: Sr. Helen King

STAR
THEATRE:

Fri. "Sands of the Kalahari".
Maybe about Africa.



CHURCH:

Third Sunday in Lent.
9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools.
7 p.m. Evening Service. Rev. Bradley Harris.

The congregation elected the following eight members to the Church Council - Messrs. Milangana, B. Yiriyin, O. Malawid, J. Dowulinyura, G. Bagshaw and Mesdames H. Cross, L. Magaldagi and S. Armstrong.

Messrs. R. Cross, S. Roberts and J. Gulerawuna were elected as Parish Clerk, Secretary and Treasurer.

On Sunday March 12th, Rev. Phillip Taylor of Oenpelli has been invited to preach at a service to celebrate the amalgamation of what used to be called the "Methodist Missions" and the United Church in North Australia.

Mr. Taylor was a missionary in Arnhemland in earlier days and then worked in Persia for a time. His son is Rev. Jim Taylor of Angurugu.

People

Peter Williams, Headmaster here last year, writes from his new position of H/M Kormilda College. Things are very hectic there as Peter and Principal Kevin Davis, formerly H/M Elcho Island, carry out a lot of reorganisation. Kormilda now has a students representative council, on to which several Maningrida boys have been elected - Gilbert, Bobby and Dudley. Barney Winnuwidj is School Captain.

David Gulpalil is at present in Sydney for the making of a new film. He is staying with the producer who lives in Balmain. Recently his host took David to a folk music club which is conducted in a Balmain public house. There David met one, Peter Gillespie, rakish brother of a local resident.

David made himself known to Peter and told him that he had "gone to school with your brother". David was then prevailed upon to record some didjeridoo music on a tape recorder. He then performed a dance to the recording.

The audience were so impressed by David's performance that they all insisted on buying him a glass of beer. As David does not drink, he insisted that Peter take charge of the spoils, which was done with alacrity. It is possible that David may shortly be partner in Gulpalil-Gillespie Enterprises.

If you see Mick Magani or Mary Djaringin teaching 2 people to speak in Gupapuyngu language, very likely the couple are Rev. Bradley and Sue Harris.

Bradley's country is on the River Murray near Swan Hill among the homely sounds of the sheep and cattle dreamings and where the wheat and oranges grow.

Structural welding, craftsmanship in wax, polyester and stained glass, and specialist studies in philosophy are among the interests of this new bapa. Sue has a pretty full time with 6 months old Karmia, and was formerly a High School teacher, and is no novice to the art of dyeing.

Football Points

Raymond Carter	6	Peter Galara	6
Tim Darcy	5		
Mark Mirigul	4	Robert (B & W)	4
Jim Walbaraka	2	George Putti	2
Alan (B & W)	2	Lucky	1.

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