

The Welfare Division is inviting its settlements to develop and submit a programme to cover their needs in all fields over the next five years. A conference, attended by the Council President, Mr. Tom Yibberal, and the Superintendent, was held in Darwin last week to discuss aspects of planning in the various fields. As a result of this, the matter of planning was discussed at the MPA meeting on Wednesday night last. It was decided that various groups would, within the time limits available, attempt to formulate development plans in special areas. The meeting generally decided that the basic objectives must be to secure a measure of economic viability and better living facilities for aboriginal people. Aboriginal representatives made strong reference to the need for increased income for their people so that they need not be so dependent on Europeans and to reduce the necessity for sharing funds amongst family groups.

The special areas to be examined are as follows:-

Economic

Development of Industry	G. Bagshaw
Wages	J. Hunter
Social Assistance	" "
Communications (Roads, etc)	" "

Social:

Vocational Training	(D. Hassall
Education < Adult Education	{ J. Wilders

Housing & Allied Developments

(G. Bagshaw  
{ J. Wilders  
{ J. Hunter

Health Education )  
Home Management )  
Social Worker support )

Health Committee

Recreation )  
Entertainment )

Sports Committee

Cultural Preservation and adaptation, )  
preservation of sacred sites and use )  
of traditional lands )

G. Armstrong  
D. Gillespie

Tentative plans and/or progress reports were to be presented at the next meeting on Wednesday 21st June (7.30pm at the school). Interested persons are invited to attend. Persons preparing plans in special areas will seek the advice and assistance of others as the necessity arises.

J. H.

*Mail Statistics*

<u>OUTGOING</u>	November 1971	1529 items of mail
	May 1972	1715 " " "
<u>INCOMING</u>	November 1971	3001 items
	May 1972	3752 "

Obviously more mail is received than despatched - much of this is accounted for by Social Service cheques, etc.

## Up to Strength

For several months the Council has asked for Police officers to be stationed at Maningrida. Now that request has been fulfilled with the arrival of Constable Noel Perkins a couple of weeks ago and now A/Senior Constable Harry Cox, who came on Monday.

Harry has been about the Territory for 14 years, and Chris, his wife, belongs to an old Territory family.

They have come here from Adelaide River. Earlier on they were stationed at Avon Downs on the Barkly Tableland for "3 very rewarding years". Harry was no mean wrestler in his day, but now prefers to listen to Test cricket and read the Rugby News. We can expect to see Chris busy in the garden, turning out some interesting pieces of craftwork, and joining the Birdwatchers' fraternity.

Graham is at primary school and Ellen at pre-school.

A little further up the road Nym Manalpu and his wife Margaret and family will be the first Aboriginal family to move into a brick home. Nym is obviously happy to be working with the Police Dept. and the officers are pleased with his approach to the job.

## Bakery

Reminder: Times of opening - Monday-Friday  
(excluding Thursday) 11.45 - 12.45  
2.30 - 5pm  
Saturday 9 - 11 am

During the first 10 months of operation the Bakery produced and sold

66277 loaves of bread  
119207 items of smallgoods  
1339 lbs Block cake

and has incurred NIL losses.

## From Afar

The number of people travelling around the world in small ships and boats seems to be on the increase. This week 2 American families called in. Carl and Jeanne Moesly in the yacht "Rigadoon" had visited Gove and were on the way to Darwin. They had started out from Miami in Florida, the home of the true American alligator - "I have scars on one finger" - Carl - and spoke with a broad American accent.

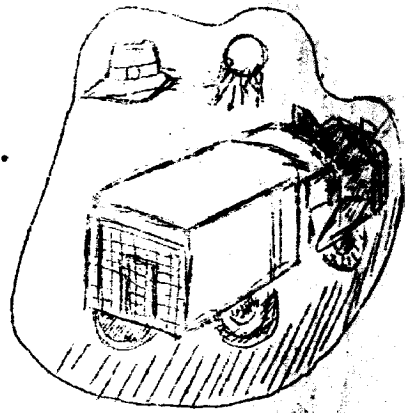
Marvin and Ann Glen in the "Rebel" had set out 6 years ago from San Francisco in California, travelling through the Pacific Islands to New Guinea and worked for 10 months on the Bougainville Copper project. They visited Galiwinku and Milingimbi on the journey from Gove.

On Wednesday morning two sets of white sails filled with the breeze made a magnificent sight as they moved across blue waters to Entrance Island, and the open sea - to Darwin, Indonesia, South Africa, Barbados - and reaching the U.S. possibly in June of next year.

## People

"City Editor" Jack Gardiner wrote from Kununurra on Monday to say that he and his father were temporarily Westralians, possibly for a week. On the way to Kununurra they had spent two nights at Bulman waterhole, and then dashed from Katherine to K. in the one day.

Eileen O'Leary, the latest acquisition to the teaching staff, has covered a lot of out-of-the-way places in her travels. Eileen's home country is in North Queensland, right at the foot of Mr. Bartle Frere, which has the distinction of being Queensland's highest peak. Eileen has spent over a quarter of a century teaching. This includes time spent at Brisbane, Townsville, Mackay and Cairns. She has spent 6 years in one-teacher outback schools in Queensland, 3 years in New



Guinea, 3 years on Thursday Island and 2 years at Port Keats. All of which adds up to a pretty impressive record. Eileen says if we want the full story of her life we'll have to make the "Mirage" a lot bigger.

Ken and Betty Trewin and their children Andrew and Sussanne have newly arrived from Merriwagga. Everyone has heard of Wagga, but where on earth is Merriwagga? Says Ken "If you've ever heard of the Black Stump - you've heard of Merriwagga!" The original black stump - a piece of granite - stands here as a memorial to the early pioneering families. There is a Black Stump Telephone Exchange and B.S. Road - 45 miles above Griffith in the N.S.W. Riverina.

Ken, the Senior Carpenter on the Welfare staff, says that he's a "mad golfer". He has helped to build 2 golf courses..... both he and Betty enjoy golfing. Fishing and gardening also occupy some of their leisure time.

## In Crocodile Country. By Ray Munday.

Over at Jirlpin on the Glyde River people are picking up fresh water crocodiles and measuring them. They are working there in that river. They've got a little airstrip there and the Mudginbury plane goes there that red plane.

John Carpenter, Billy Yiriyin, Morris Jabililul, Robert Gural and myself were there in the Fisheries' truck. We were there for 5 days.

We left last Tuesday and went down near the Bulman creek Mala-jan-anuk. It was getting dark there. Then we travelled through the night and saw a big, grey buffalo bull blocking the road. We hunted him away.

We went past a small billabong and went right up to the Maningrida turnoff and caught the Yirrkala Road. We went through the stockyard made by the Nangalala people at Bowuriyi, then through the swamp to a dry place. We went on until 3 am and stopped to sleep at Bowurruk Banda. We had a kangaroo in the truck that we'd shot earlier.

Next morning after breakfast we went on to the big Glyde River. We saw the river - Yukkuluwirrka. Then we turned left along the road and followed it until we came to the airstrip and then to the camp. Here there were about 10 blokes and 1 lady, a balanda. We said good-day and shook hands and they gave us some cold coca-cola to drink. Then we made our camp ready, and got ant-bed earth to roast the kangaroo. This place is called Garda-wurlungu. We stayed for 5 days. We helped to clear the airstrip - cutting trees and bushes - all the pandanus and ant hills. Then we went through the big river in 3 boats cleaning the river of pandanus and logs and moving all the big rocks.

A big tide was coming - and the water was running very quickly. While we were there they caught one crocodile.

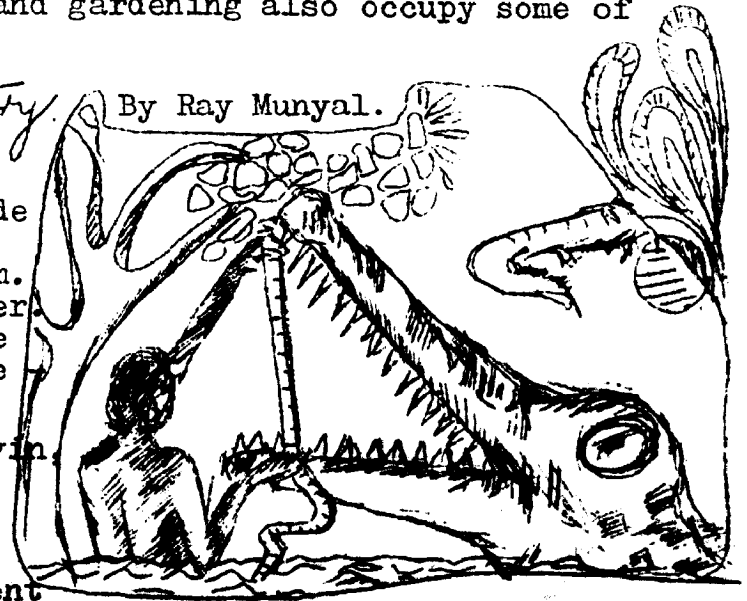
John Carpenter is writing about Professor Harry Messel's research project among the crocodiles- Watch for next week's issue.

*After Freezing in Canberra* Mr Silas Roberts returned on Monday after what he felt was a very satisfactory journey. The plane journey went Darwin-Brisbane-Sydney-Canberra, arriving there at 9.45 in the evening and "the place was freezing".

"The Commonwealth fellows were there to meet me and drove me to the Civic Hotel. Its a fantastic place, and good accommodation, warm heater and electric blankets, television set and radio."

"The meeting was from 9-5pm - Charlie Perkins (Sec.), Jim Burke (Vic.), Mrs. Maude Tongary (S.A.), Geo. Harwood (W.A.), Senator Bonner (Qld) and Eileen Lester (N.S.W.)

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# Progress Association.

The local Progress Association was formed and incorporated in 1969, and by legal transfer it assumed in 1970 the assets after redemption of shares, of the former Co-op Society. The basic advantage to the Association as opposed to the Society, being an eligibility for taxation exemption by trading strictly with its membership, hence the 50 cents annual subscription. Obviously some people see the Progress Association as being a continually growing monopoly in the community, which assumption is quite incorrect, as the following information will indicate.

Whilst in some respects the name Progress Association is a misnomer, the purpose and function of the Association is threefold with a particular emphasis on group 3.

The First Function is to operate for the benefit of the community such facilities as the General Store, Hasty Tasty and Bakery (providing they trade within the membership). The Bank agency Post Office and Radio telephone (no profit to accrue other than commission applicable).

The only other responsibility of the Assoc. within the First Function is where applicable to provide accommodation for its staff.

This is the position of the Assoc. at this point of time in relation to what it owns, with the exception of the Bark Room (see later paragraph) and we cannot envisage a wider sphere of ownership, indeed a decreasing one.

The Second Function is to undertake temporarily the responsibilities of building and accounting for such projects as the Community Hall, to make no profit whatsoever from the project and to account to the source of the funds e.g. A.B.T.F. of all the monies spent.

The Third Function and the most important in the long term is to assist financially, and with any expertise the Assoc. may possess the establishment of Aboriginal owned enterprise that can develop into viable business projects.

For example The Ganardba gardens Co. a wholly Aboriginal owned business enterprise, holding a lease over the lands, operating a completely independent set of books and eligible for all normal business commitments including taxation. The Progress Assoc. has assisted with finance by direct grant, it does not own any part, nor is it a member of the Company. It will purchase by cheque any and all produce sold through the Store.

The Fishing project to be established we anticipate this year, will be similar to that of the Gardens Co., perhaps a Co-operation being the company structure answer, or even individual and privately owned operations.

Again the Assoc. will assist but cannot own any part of it.

The Bark Room (Arts and Craft) is at present very much a part of the Assoc., but for how much longer is most uncertain, it trades for profit (to the artist) with other than its membership and therefore must be divorced from the organisation.

The Bakery will go the same way as we develop export markets, and will probably operate as the XXXX? Bakery Co. owned exclusively by Aborigines who should employ Mr. Holt etc.

The mineral project is too complex to outline in detail here, but again either the First Aboriginal Co. (existent) or a second company currently under consideration will be the organisation through which commitments of taxation etc will be met, and the Assoc. can be expected to distribute after tax profits if applicable for the Benefit of the Community.

The Progress Assoc. is the Aboriginal population of Maningrida, with a properly elected board of Management, and a predominance of Aborigines comprising the board membership. The Assoc. qualifies in total for all services available to the Welfare Branch. It fulfills its obligations to spend all the profits for the benefit of the community and its books of accounts are open to inspection at any time by any member or group.

G. Bagshaw

P.S. The Housing Association is a separate organisation, the only connection being that it has the same office as the Progress Assoc.

## From the Newspapers.

**POLICEMEN WORRYING** The N.T. Police Association had a meeting in Darwin. They were talking about the big trouble at Papunya Settlement when many Aborigines bashed the policemen and threw spears and stones at the police houses. The policemen at the meeting said they were worried about this kind of trouble on settlements and little towns in the bush. They want the Government to let them keep guns and special gas which makes people cough and cry in case this trouble happens again. The men in the Papunya trouble have been sent to jail.

**DEATH AT BANYILI** On the holiday last Monday a little girl was found drowned in a water hole at Banyili. She was lost on Sunday afternoon and the people looked for her till it was dark but they couldn't find her. Next morning they found her body in the waterhole. She was 11 years old.

**OENPELLI BUFFALO** This week at Oenpelli the people started their season of killing buffalo. This is the first time that Aboriginal people are doing the whole job by themselves. The men catch the buffalo in three trucks. They bring them back to the mission and kill them and cut them up in the butcher shop. Some of the meat is used on the mission and the rest goes down to the south. They will keep going till the Wet Season comes. Some buffalo are not killed. They keep them and make them quiet and then they can breed them like balanda cattle.

**BAGOT OPENLY** Last Monday on the holiday it was Open Day at Bagot Reserve. It was the best Open Day ever. Many many people came to look at the show. There was dancing by men from Milingimbi, Elaho and Banyili, bushtucker, judo, basketball and a pretend spear fight. One of the people showing judo was Ruth Paul who is the only full blood Aboriginal in Australia who has a grade for her own judo. A big parade was held in the streets in Darwin and the winner was Peter Thompson from Humpty Doo and the men who work for him.

## School Notes

\* The concert given by Alex Hood at the school was a success as far as the kids were concerned. Admittance takings came to \$70 plus which will be passed on to the N.T. Division of the Arts Council. Our special thanks to the Murungun, Gunwingu and Rembarrnga men - their dancing was the high spot of the evening. A special mention for the return to the stage of that old trouper Frank Gati Gati and for the highland gig performed by Kathleen Barippa.

\* On Tuesday night at the school a special viewing of the film "Quest Under Capricorn" was held. Members of the staff and Gunavidji men came along. The film shows Maningrida as it was 10 years ago - very enlightening. The Gunavidji men gave their approval for the children to see the film provided some sections showing secret ceremonial activity are blacked out.

Everyone in the film looked 10 years younger - Peter Gangalava and Micky Jawaragava helping the man to explain voting procedure at the school, Sister En Bresnahan and Helen Miller giving out hookworm medicine at the hospital and many others.

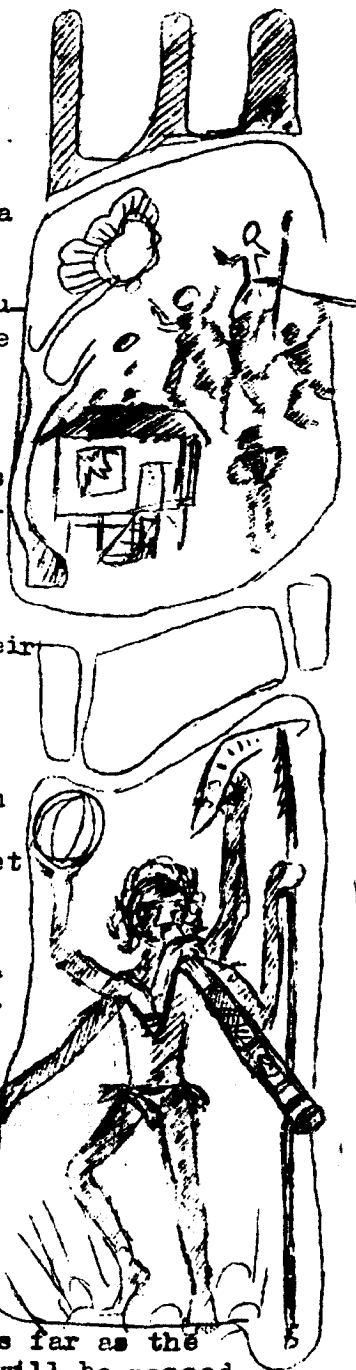
## Do you want to be a teacher?

THERE ARE VACANCIES AT MANINGRIDA SCHOOL FOR TWO TEACHING ASSISTANTS, YOUNG MEN OR WOMEN INTERESTED IN A TEACHING CAREER WHICH COULD LEAD TO THE POSITION OF TEACHING OFFICER, AND WHO ARE GOOD AT SPEAKING AND WRITING ENGLISH SHOULD GO AND TALK WITH MR. HASSALL AT SCHOOL.

### Silas' story - Cont.

Eileen Lester is helping to look after Stephen Nananil of Maningrida. Mr. Dexter and his Secretary were at the meeting too.

Silas said "The Committee's job is to advise..... we have to go out to the different settlements and missions and talk to the people ..... and raise funds throughout Australia (for homes for Aboriginal pensioners). Then we have to report back to the meeting.



## Out at the Cadell.

On Saturday morning, Mr. Bob Collins took the older Scout boys to Cadell Gardens. We were waiting for him while he was working. Then suddenly we saw ten men. They came out from their home. Then Billy said to us "You boys. Like some tea and flour?" We said to him "Yes please Billy." Then one of the women made tea and flour for us.

I was very pleased with Cadell Gardens - they were very green. Also I saw fires burning up everywhere. It made me worry. I said to the boys "Hey boys! Look up there! Fires are burning everywhere! Its the same as in my country."

Some boys came on the other blue truck. We went back with Bob Collins about 6 o'clock. Then Billy and George went hunting across the other side. They said to me "If we get a kangaroo, we put some aside for you George, and we'll bring it for you early in the morning."

"If we get some kangaroo we'll be there at your home. If we cant get a kangaroo, we wont be at your home."

Mr. G. Garawun.

## An American Man interested in Aboriginal Art

One morning bapa Armstrong came visiting all the Aboriginal artists at Maningrida to see some big bark paintings, because a man was coming from far, far away who might be interested in buying one. He was a man who was interested in Aboriginal art.

Bapa came to my camp near the powerhouse and asked me and Don Gundinga if we had any large paintings. I said, "Yes, we have - we want \$100 for it."

When the balanda from far far away (America) arrived, I got the bark and took it to the craft shop, and the American man said he would buy it for \$100.

While he was there, he asked me to tell the story about the painting onto a tape recorder, and at the same time he took some pictures of me with the bark.

Afterwards, when I was back at my camp, a patrol officer called Ted came and asked me if I was Jack Mirritji. I told him I was, and he said, "Come with me. We'll go to Mawurrk to get your fishing net in a Commonwealth car." But I said to him, "What about my \$100?" He told me I could pick it up when we got back from getting the fishing net that I had left at Mawurrk some time before.

On the Tuesday morning after, Don Gundinga and Dick Jalulil went to the craft shop to get the money, and when they arrived bapa Armstrong gave it to them. They took it and didn't even thank him for it, but just grabbed it and ran home.

When they came back to camp and showed me the money, I asked them what we should do with it. We could play cards with it till it was all gone, or we could give it to all our relatives, but we didn't do either of these things. We have learned from the balanda that money can do more than just let you play cards or something. So we put the whole lot in the bank, to save up for something bigger - something we can enjoy for a lot longer than a game of cards.

J. Mirritji

## Bitten by a crab claw.

On Sunday we went to the other side of the river by canoe, myself, Laurie and Lena. We went crabbing. We caught lots of crabs. Then when we were coming out of the mangroves I stepped on one foot in the mud and I felt something catch my foot. It was a little crab claw. When I pulled my foot out of the mud, the claw was still hanging onto my foot. It was hurting then and I called out to Laurie and she pulled it off with her teeth.

Then we went and collected some wild red berries. We took a bunch of cherries and went back down to the beach. We cooked some crabs and fish and ate them. The fire had been made already by Anne and Joe. Then Joe took some bags of crabs and billy cans full of sugarbag and put them into the canoe. And he told us, "We must go back to the settlement. The sun went down. It was night time when we were paddling back home. And when we got in to the middle of the river, the wind was rough and the sea was rough too. We nearly drowned

but we went back again and slept without a blanket. It was cold in the night but we made a big fire to keep us warm.

Rita Djitmu.

# Sports Page.

## MENS BASKETBALL

### Last weeks games results:

Thursday, 7th June: Cadell 26 D Jinang 24  
Garatpu 40 D Eagles 32  
Tuesday, 13th June: Cadell 23 D Cape Stewart 20  
Garatpu 44 D Jinang 40

### Next weeks games:

Tuesday, 20th June: 7.00 M.P.A. vs Eagles  
8.00 Cadell vs Pioneers  
Thursday, 22nd June: 7.00 Kupanga vs Jinang  
8.00 Cape Stewart vs Garatpu

by T. Darcey

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Results from last Saturday night:

Balpanarra 26 beat Anabadaga 18 - Luke and Maxie played very well for their teams.

Gunejangga 20 beat Lala-gujida 12 - Horace and Basil played well for their teams.

Points after the first round: Balpanarra 6 Gunejangga 3  
Anabadaga 3 Lala-gujida 0

### Draw for Saturday afternoon, 17th June, 1972

5p.m. Lala-gujida play Balpanarra

6p.m. Gunejangga play Anabadaga

## LITTLE WOMENS LEAGUE

On Monday night, 12th June at 6.00 to 6.40p.m. the girls played much better games than last week. The first match was between Wombat and Crocodile. Wombat made some good baskets in the first quarter of the match to give them the lead. Crocodile tried very hard but couldn't make baskets (goals) to keep up with the Wombat team.

The points were: Wombat 28 defeated Crocodile 8 points

there was

In the second game between two teams Blue Wren and Seagull, some team work and they played a good game.

The scores were: Seagull 6 points defeated Blue Wren 4 points

NOTE: I would like a few people to coach these young ladies and explain the rules to them.

# Public Holidays

Friday, 21st July 1972 - Darwin Show Day

Monday, 7th August 1972 - N.T. Picnic Day

# Soft Ball

## Results

Magpies 20 defeated Lyre Birds 15

Best players were Mandy - Lyre Birds and Laurie - Magpies

Seagulls 14 defeated Canaries 5

Best players were Kin - Seagulls and Bev - Canaries

Draw for Saturday: 11.00 Magpies vs Canaries

12.15 Lyre Birds vs Seagulls

# Girdian Group

A night of Adventure:

Be sure to bring a torch !!

Beginning at 7.30p.m. at Shirley Armstrong's.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 22nd, because of the important Progress Association meeting on Wednesday night.

A chance for old and new residents to meet each other.

# Birth

Phillip Glasgow, born to Kathy and Dave in Sydney on approximately May 9th, just before they left for the U.S.

Dances

Duty Officer: Mr. E. Carey

Duty Sister: - SI Sister - Val. Artstrong.

Fire Watch

Star Theatre

Friday: "El Condor" - Lee Van Cleef, Jim Brown, Patrick O'Neal - the biggest, most violent adventure ever to explode you out of your seat!

Sat.: "Blood and Roses" - Mel Ferrer, Elsa Martinelli - the story of a beautiful girl possessed by demons that haunt her family's past.

Sunday: 9.30 Sunday Schools

Church

7.30 Evening Service - Preacher Mr. D. Hassall

Tuesday 7.30 Crusaders Choir Practice

Next Saturday, June 24th, members of the Congregational, Methodist, and Presbyterian Church, will vote on the proposed union between the three denominations.

While negotiations have been going on for 16 years, the three Churches have worked closely together in new areas and in some older areas where numbers have declined, united parishes have been formed.

Many people eagerly desire to see union come so that the Church's life can be more effective. Some are hesitant

People

Mrs. Maggie Gunadjilidji who has been in Darwin Hospital for a long time after falling over the cliffs at Fannie Bay, is due to return to Maningrida shortly.

Cheerio to Dodie Cash who returned to Geelong Teachers' College yesterday and to Ted Tonkin who leaves today. Ted and Chris are due to attend a seminar for Patrol Officers in Training in Darwin.

A familiar face back on the settlement is Frank "Gati Gati". He and Caruso did their inimitable duet dance at the concert on Monday night, to the accompaniment of tumultuous applause.

"The Declaration of Independence" and the Forestry poem written in reply two weeks ago, has prompted four budding Darwin poets in Divwell to take up their pens. They begin:

"Maningrida we must revere,  
They've even heard of Germaine Greer,  
And not content with sitting pat  
They've gone and went one up on that."

The full text can be seen in the office.

Congratulations to Dr. John Grant on receiving his Doctor of Philosophy degree.

The Gunwinggu people held a hollow log coffin LORAGUN ceremony recently. The bones, or some of the smaller bones, of the fathers of Jockey BundaBunda, George Nanarabil, Jambanua and the son of Nambaingu, were placed in the log. It now stands in the Gunwinggu camp near Nambaingu's place. Young Gunavidji, Gunwinggu and Ganardba boys watched the ceremony which went all through the weekend and finished at 6.30am on the Monday morning.

Mrs. Barbara Quick is still at Maningrida waiting for a house to become available in Alice Springs. When Eric arrived in Darwin, he was disturbed to find that no house had been allotted to him in Alice Springs. On arriving there he "stormed" into the office which deals with these things. They stoutly denied that he had been on their list, and then in desperation said: "The only person who has been on our books from Maningrida was a Welfare bloke called Twick, and he's forfeited a house twice!"

The artist for this issue is Mrs. Marg Neale.



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