

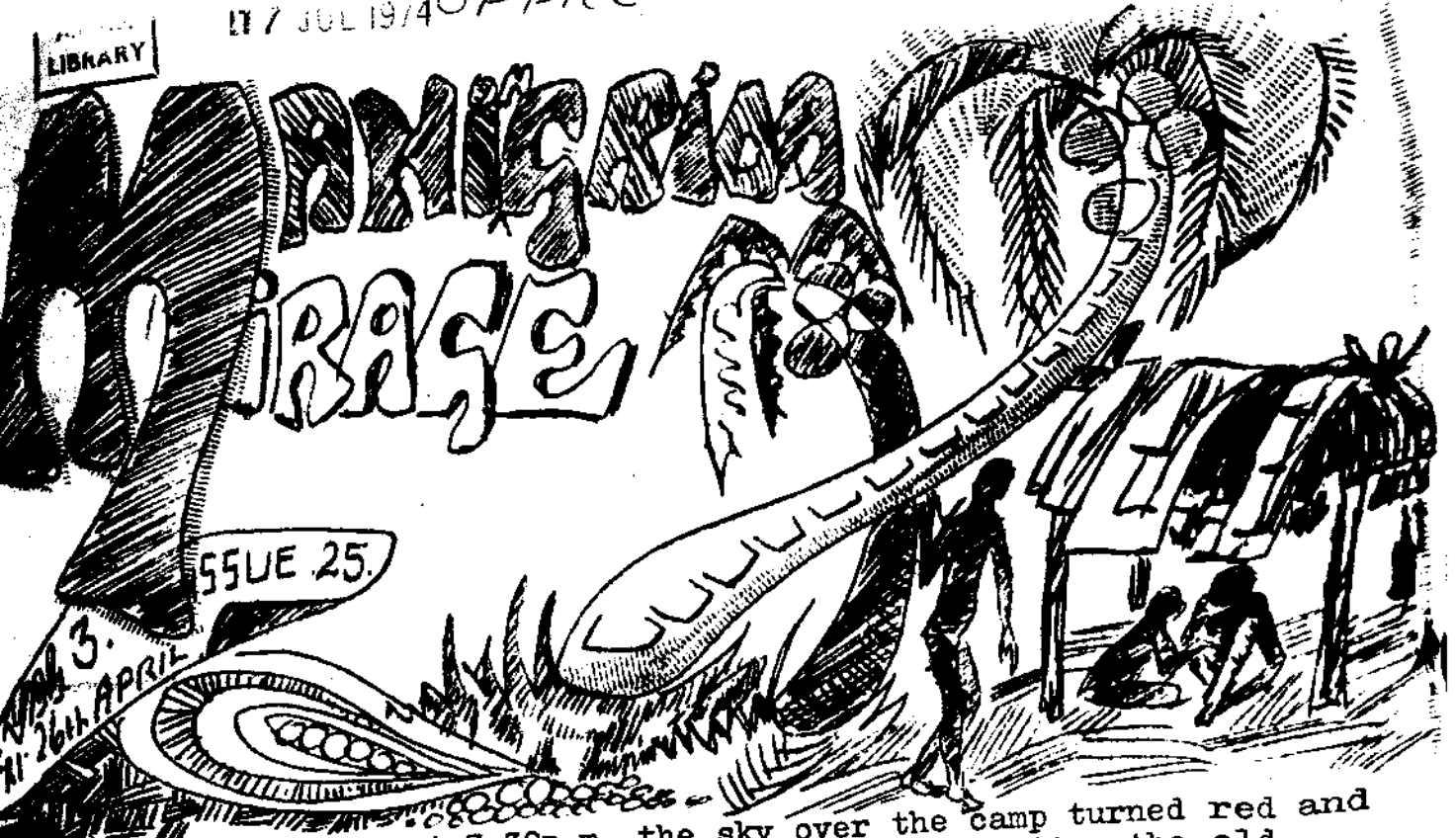
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On Tuesday night about 7.30p.m. the sky over the camp turned red and sheets of flame jumped into the air. In next to no time the old single quarters were alight from one end to the other and burning fiercely.

In half an hour the building was gone. There were rumours that the fire had been started by someone worrying for the dead man who used to live in there.

One thing that we could all see was that there were no fire hoses or fire equipment at the fire when it was burning down. No one was hurt in the single quarters fire but they could have been.

How good is our fire fighting gear? Are we ready for a big fire? - or will we have people getting killed like at Bathurst Island before we get good fire fighting gear?

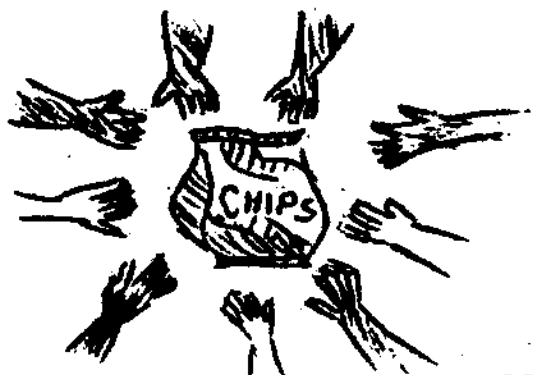
DAN GILLESPIE

Footnote: The single quarters were about 10 years old - they were built by Tom Armstrong in the early days.



M.P.A. News

The consignment of groceries that has been floodbound on the Adelaide-Darwin run for 4½ months arrived On Sunday. There were some losses but in general the goods came through well. The kids got their first look at a packet of chips in 5 months.



Fish catches are at record levels. Consignments of up to 1,000lb. are being exported regularly. One two-man crew earned over \$300 last week and others are earning close to this.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hobart. Bill is our new baker. We hope his stay will be a satisfying one. There are rumours flying that Bill knocks up a good meat pie.

Three Gunadba men have made a bit of history. They went to town last week and negotiated a \$1,000 loan from ESANDA - the ES& finance company. The men have bought a good Toyota from Agricultural Services which came on the Sunday barge.

Silas Roberts & Glen Bagshaw are going to town on Tuesday for a mining meeting with Goulburn Island and other parties.

The M.P.A. wishes to hold a meeting to discuss the radio-telephone and other forms of communication. The use of the phone is becoming a problem at the Store - but it is obvious that Maningrida needs some good communication with Darwin.

With a view to taking some concerted group action and discuss other problems there will be a meeting Thursday 2nd May, 8p.m. in the Resources Centre. A representative from D.A.A., Forestry, Education, Health, Housing, Police and contractors is urged to attend.

Voting Story

Everybody remembers at the end of 1972 we had voting for the government of Australia. In that voting the Labour party pushed out the old government, and they became the government. Sam Calder won the voting for the N.T. and he was the N.T. man in Canberra.

The Labour government has been having trouble with part of the government called the Senate and so the big boss, the Prime Minister Gough Whitlam said "Alright we'll have voting again to make it all clear".

So now the whole government is finished and everyone must vote again for a new government. If your name is on the voting roll you must vote. We will try to get a list of everybody's name so you will know if you are a voter.

Next week in the Mirage we will have voting stories to help you pick the man you want to vote for.

The men who will be after your votes in the N.T. will be Sam Calder for the Liberal-Country Party mob, John Waters for the Labour mob and Alan Stewart for his own mob.

Dan Gillespie.

Forestry - Vacancies

2 POSITIONS VACANT

FOR ABORIGINAL WORKERS. MUST BE ENERGETIC
AND ON TIME TO START WORK.

APPLY: FORESTRY OFFICE, MANINGRIDA.



Sea Wasps & other "nasties"

Being in the estuary of the Liverpool River, Maninrida is never really free from the sea wasp danger. Seawasps can be seen year round along the beaches here and in rivers and creeks. It is believed that they breed in the rivers.

The worst stings have occurred here in the supposedly "safe" months of July and August. Only through immediate hospital attention have the victims been saved.

Death can come within 3 minutes and paddling in shallow water may be fun but several deaths have occurred in other areas when young children have been stung in this manner.

Extensive research into every aspect of the sea wasps has found that panty hose afford protection to the legs and a long sleeved shirt will protect the upper body, however most people would rather risk swimming in a regular bathing costume or stay out of the sea than be laughed at for dressing in 'unfashionable' togs.

The poison apparatus of the sea wasp is unique in that the microscopic barbs are "fired" like a telescope into the flesh.

We see children swimming year round here and often wonder if they ever get stung. They do. As the population grows, so will the incidence of sea wasp stings. Many of us find it hard to resist the urge to plunge into the sparkling blue water on a hot sunny day, especially in the dry season and the thing to remember is always take a bottle of Methylated Spirits with you to the beach, keeping an eye on it in case it is used to drink!

The sting characteristics of the seawasp occur on any part of the body and pieces of tentacle may be seen sticking to the skin.

The area of stinging may look like whip marks, an area of goose pimples or lines of weals.

Pain varies from mild burning to intense pain. Extensive stinging may result in respiratory and heart failure within minutes.

Minor stings can cause backache, chest and stomach pain, vomiting, limb pains and inco-ordination, difficulty in breathing ten to 40 minutes after being stung.

TREATMENT:

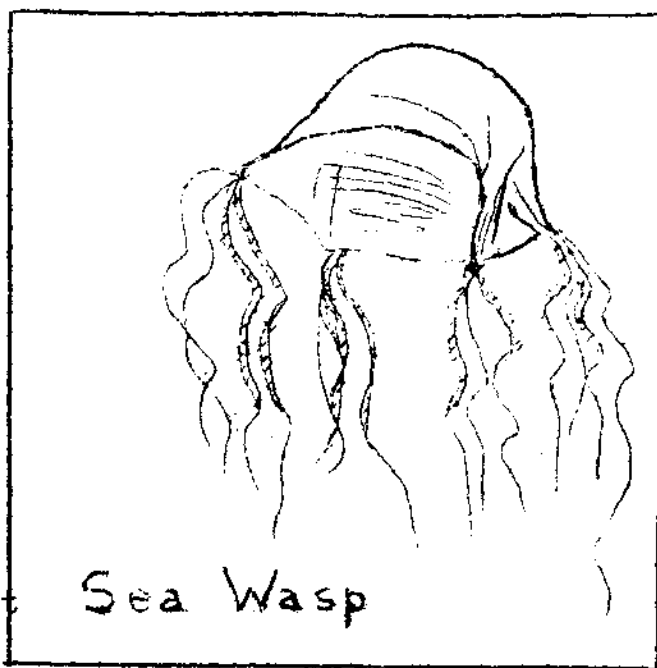
Pour metho or alcohol's spirit over the area of the sting. This destroys undischarged sting cells. Only sprinkle dry sand on the sting if no metho is available. Scrape off remaining tentacles without rubbing the area as this causes more venom to be injected.

Serious stings need urgent medical help.

Artificial respiration is extremely important if victim is badly stung.

Never swim on a cloudy day or in murky water.

Places like Rocky and Juda points afford safer swimming with miles of sandy beaches away from rivers and creeks.



Sea Wasp

While on the subject of marine stingers newcomers to the tropical coastline should be made aware of several other dangerous creatures that may be encountered while swimming, fishing or boating.....

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STONE FISH: Habitat - rocks with sand or mud, camouflaged; sluggish.

TREATMENT FOR STINGS: Sustain breathing. Apply a constrictive bandage and immerse the part in hot water. Get victim to hospital as soon as possible.

If you catch a stonefish on your fishing line cut the line before landing it. They are sometimes mistaken for rock cod.

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CONE SHELLS: Coral reefs are where you may see these deadly beauties. They have a retractable proboscis at the narrow end of the shell which can pierce the skin with amazing rapidity. If you must collect them always pick them up with tongs and never put them in your pocket or a bag held near the body.

TREATMENT: Clean the wound. Sustain breathing and get help fast.

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BLUE RINGED OCTOPUS: Are found in rocky areas but have also been found on clear beaches.

TREATMENT: As for cone shell stings.

(As yet no anti-venene has been developed for cone shell fish or blue ringed octopus however prompt action could save a life. Treat for shock and do not give alcohol to victim as this may increase symptoms.)

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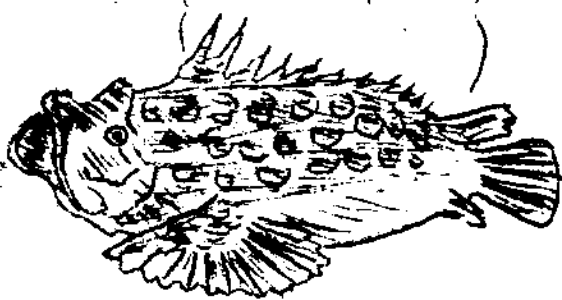
SEA SNAKES: There are at least twenty different types of sea snakes in Australian waters. However if left alone they should produce no danger. The large olive brown which grows to 6' has been seen in these waters, like wise the banded Port Darwin which attains a length of only 15". Several other large sea snakes have been seen around this area but have not been positively identified. There is no anti-venene but being short fanged, very little venom may be injected. Treat victim as for snake bite.

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CATFISH, STINGRAYS AND OTHER POISON SPINED FISH: The venom of these fish remains active even after the fish is dead so watch your step! Most (or at least some!) fishermen can testify to the excruciating pain caused by catfish which are found in many areas around here, both in salt water and fresh.

TREATMENT: Clean the wound, remove the barb or any foreign body and get medical attention as quickly as possible.

(Poison spines)



Stonefish

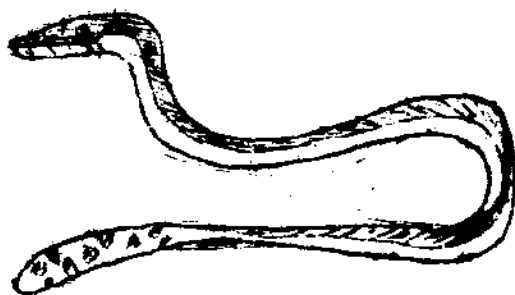
Textile Striated Marbles



Cone Shells

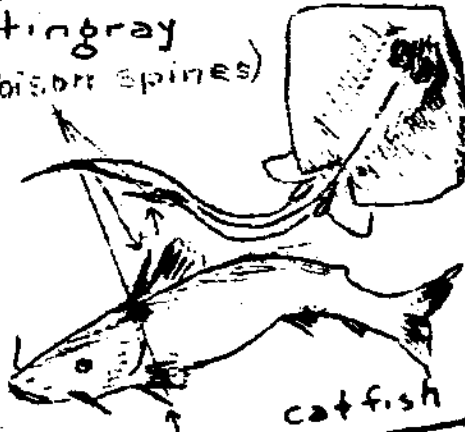


Blue ringed octopus



Sea Snake

Stingray
(Poison spines)



catfish

Of Snakes, red dogs and boiled eggs....

A lady almost "Rinsced" a reptile recently. The snake was curled up in amongst the clothes in the wash tub. But instead of a spin in the machine it was quickly despatched without thought of identification. (Snakes come out of hiding about now.)



The Maninrida chicken "farmers" have got something to 'crow' about. The three month old chicks are laying eggs already. Hard boiled! However difficulty was found in trying to fry the eggs.

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The warped minds of some itinerants in the town had fun painting a puppy with red texta colour the day the pup was due to be flown into



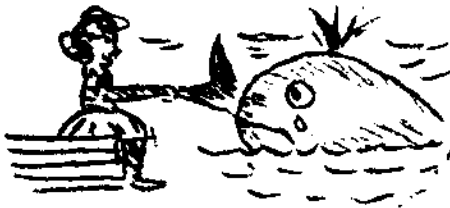
Darwin for veterinary treatment. Perhaps tar and feathers might be used on the "comics" next time.

School: Grade 4 - as clever as ever.....



My name is Laurie
I'm always in a hurry
And I always worry
when I have no curry





My name is Dale
I once caught a whale
I caught it by the tail
and put it up for sale





My name is Lynne
I always like to win





My name is Dawn
I play on the lawn
and I play in the morn
The I have a big yawn



BIG BUNGUL - in AUGUST

During the Arnhem Land games there will be a big dancing night like the dancing weekend we had last year.

So all you aboriginal dancing men will have another chance to star. We hope many children will dance too.

"Dry" wit... (or wet)

An unconfirmed report from the Weather Bureau (those men that make that weather) SAYS the Dry Season has been cancelled this year due to rain.

Marg. N.

For members of the Catholic Faith

It is uncertain as to when Father Jim Madden will be visiting Maningrida. He is at present in Toowoomba after having been called down because of the tragic death of his brother, Terry.

The money for his fare had been forwarded to him prior to our learning of the present circumstances, so it will be now up to Father to decide when to come.

B. Hale.

Church Notices

Theme of study for this week "The Gospel and Matthew". Read Matthew 9:9-17. On Sunday morning Sunday School classes in the church and camp at 9.30a.m.

The evening church service at 7.30p.m. also in the church.

Prayer meeting and church fellowship on Tuesday afternoon as usual. Bible study and prayer meeting on Thursday evening at the usual place.

The Maningrida pastor and missionary aviation fellowship agent will be going away to Yirrkala for more than a week. Please don't knock on his door until 10th of May thank you. Contact the parish clerk Mr. B. Cross regarding church matters at this time.

WAIT AND PONDER: I John 1:8-10. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and there is no truth in us. But if we confess our sins to God, we can trust Him, for he does what is right - He will forgive us our sins and make us clean from all our wrong doing. If we say that we have not sinned, we make a liar out of God, and His word is not in us.

DUTY SISTER: Sr. Betty Reister

DUTY OFFICER: ?

PICTURES: Friday - "Apache Uprising"

Saturday - "Hello Dolly"

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