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1969 SUPERINTENDENTS CONFERENCE.

The 1969 Conference was attended by the 15 Welfare Superintendents and chaired, at various times, by Messrs. Giese and Ford. Other visitors were Messrs. Larcombe, Penhall, Lovegrove, Ted Evans, Allua, Milliken and Gallacher.

Items set down for the agenda included Capital Works, Staffing and Training Allowances, Business Undertakings on settlements and Transport. All items were covered, some more fully than others. The main topics of interest were Capital Works and Staffing and most of the conference time was devoted, in one way or another to these subjects. It was quite apparent early in the session that most members felt the development of housing for Aborigines (together with associated facilities) needed to figure more prominently in the Welfare programme and a resolution was duly passed to that effect. It was also felt that more assistance, by way of instruction, should be offered to Aborigines who were trying to improve their standard of living. This would involve a good number of new staff positions in most instances in order to increase the effort. It was also stressed that housing and instructional developments should be co-ordinated.

Discussions on staffing generally ranged around needs as outlined above, together with an increase in the medical staff component to compensate for the burden of responsibility carried by Nursing staff. Other individual needs were discussed but none are likely to bear fruit in view of the Directors advice that only 17 out of 287 positions put up to the Public Service Board are currently under consideration.

The general tone of the conference was hardly optimistic and strengthened the belief that any gains to be made must come from within each community. This is not at all unreasonable of course.

Contd. over.

It was still a valuable opportunity for the Superintendents to evaluate their own views in the light of others thoughts and experiences. It was decided to hold the conference annually at two levels, a divisional meeting & in the first instance, followed by the regular conference.
J. Hunter.

THE BIG "C".

The continued consistency of the big red boat "The Fourcroy" has resulted in the Co-op. currently holding excellent stocks.

TO HAND NOW: Mosquito nets, Blankets, Mattresses, Suit cases, Tents of excellent quality, small boys trousers, light bulbs, thongs all sizes, T-shirts, shorts, lanterns and RAKES. Foodstuff are similarly in plentiful supply, including Apples, Oranges, Biscuits, Wheat Bix, Steak, Ice Cream, Bleach, Fruit Juice, Baby Tucker and Nuts.

This weeks BEST BARGAINS :

Hair Oil (good quality) 50c Ladies Skirts \$1.00.

Apples 2 for 15c Lanterns \$2.00. (These are hard to get at present)

TENTS - a very good brand, and better quality than previously, still at \$50.00.

We will be without Miss Strong on pay Fridays and Saturdays due to holidays, but are lucky to have such a good worker as Jackie our mechanical friend to assist at this busy time, in fact the Co-op. must have one of the best staffs at Maningrida in Tommy, Joe and Jacky.

G. Bagshaw.

EXER OUR BUYING HAS ALLOWED US TO OFFER:

Bamboo rakes @ 75c

Large sardines @ 20c

16oz Spaghetti or Baked Beans @ 25c

Toilet soap @ 15c

Toilet rolls @ 25c

Large Baby Tucker @ 20c

Light globes @ 50c

Powdered Milk @ 50c

Large herrings @ 45c

Large Aerogard @ \$1.50.

Biscuits (most varieties) @ 25c

Camp Pie @ 50c

Cake @ 55c

Velvet Soap @ 40c

Apples (VERY GOOD) 2 for 25c

PLEASE BE CAREFUL

OF NEW GLASS WINDOWS AT THE NEW CO-OP!

DINING WITH DAN.

Omelette and Egg Omelette.

Take 5 eggs. Separate the whites from the yolks. Beat the whites with a pinch of salt and one tea spoon full of water until stiff. Fold in the yolks. Cook in omelette pan which has been greased.

To make into an EGG OMELETTE (or cheese, tomato or onion) boil a fourth egg until hard. Shell egg and cut up small.

When omelette (above) is nearly cooked, air bubbles appear. Then put the chopped egg (or cheese, etc.) on half only, and with egg slice fold over the other half to give a $\frac{1}{2}$ moon effect. Serve with potato chips and a light gravy.



On Friday afternoon last the Welfare radio brought forth a request from the Police to investigate a liferaft lying on the beach in Junction Bay. The search party, under Mr. Ed Carey, duly set out in the latter's boat on Saturday morning. The searchers, although enthusiastic, were at a grave disadvantage in that a raft is a small object and Junction Bay is a large place. Nevertheless the quest went on, beach by beach, for a considerable number of hours until they had to admit defeat. They thereupon returned to Maningrida feeling they had given of their best. A report was sent to the Police.

On Saturday night, during conversation, Mr. Ed Prescott mentioned that he had actually seen the raft, from the Mission plane, and that he could pinpoint its location on a map. On Monday morning there came a message from the Police to the effect that they knew nothing of a liferaft, and what were we getting at?

Anyone want to salvage a raft ?

J. Hunter.

PEOPLE.

A report on hospital patients says that Johnny Mundurug Mundurug is alright, but may be kept in Darwin by the doctor for 3 months. Helens arm is mending, and Lurick Fordham is well, but it may be a month before he is home.

Mr. D. Gatchen, a kitchen supervisor, has arrived from Delissaville. Originally he came from Thursday Island.

Mrs. Rosie Roberts and the children hope to travel to Koper River to spend Christmas with their relatives there.

Mr. John Buck has been transferred to Snake Bay, but he hopes to be back for Christmas.

There is a possibility that Jim Braun may also be here.

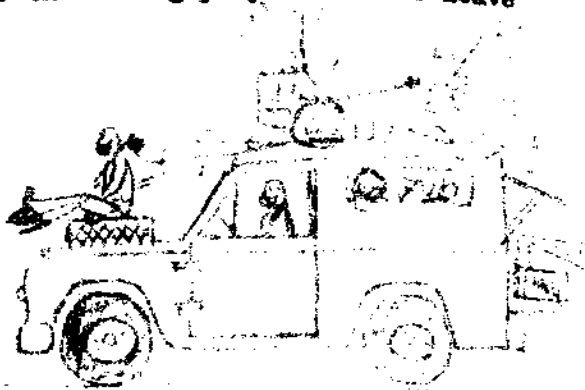
A COMPLICATION.

Woolworths advise that they do not open on Friday, 26th December, and will not deliver to the beef plane on that day.

PICNIC. Owing to the condition of vehicles on the peninsula the Boxing Day picnic may be held at Thompsons Hoar.

For many months discussions have been held concerning the establishment of a township at Gadji Creek. Most of the Jinang people wish to leave Maningrida .

Transport. We have our own vehicle which could be used to transport supplies, axes, files, nails, shovels, rakes, timber, hammers, iron and many other things. We don't expect, or want, to be "given" everything by the Government. Most of our people are working either for the Government or for themselves, making



Aboriginal artifacts, geese-shooting - \$1.00 selling to the people of Maningrida, and also Teal ducks for 80c and some small ducks for 50c.

We are prepared to help ourselves in any way we can, but realise that we cannot be successful completely on our own and must have some Welfare and Missionaries' assistance. It will take a time, not so many years, before our children will grow up and have a much better chance to think of the future to come.

(Editors note: Jack lists a number of questions about the purpose of water resources surveys, Government planning for development, the part Milingiabi will play, housing, education and health services, and ends with this question.)

Would it be possible for the Government to employ five or eight men initially to commence the project?

J. Miritji.

A CHANGE OF MIND.

Jinang representatives met with the Superintendent last week and said that they wanted to join the cattle company proposed for the area south of Milingiabi (between the Glyth and Goyder rivers.)

A few days later another meeting was held in the camp and unanimously reversed this decision.

AT THE THEATRE: FRIDAY "One spy too many"
SATURDAY "Rockets Galore" in English and

AT CHURCH: SUNDAY: 9.30 am All age Sunday School.
7.30 pm Evening Service, Mrs. Jensen and Sister Stacey sing a duet.

DEATH: Buster Louis Munada, 18 years, as the result of a road accident in Smith Street, Darwin, on Tuesday night.

VISIT OF DAVE GLASGOW.

Mr. Dave Glasgow will accompany the General Director (Mr. G. Townsend) and the Australian Chairman (Mr. A. Coombe) of the Summer Institute of Linguistics on a visit to Maningrida today (Dec. 1962). Dave a week has taken him to the Phillipines, New Guinea and Cape York Peninsula in recent months.

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