



# MANINGRIDA MIRAGE

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"IT'S A LONG WAY TO MANINGRIDA

IT'S A LONG WAY TO GO."

Four recent arrivals from Darwin used rather an out-moded method of travel - they walked. Whatsmore they shunned the accepted route via Oenpelli and came round through Katherine, Banyili and Mountain Valley - a distance of about 500 miles. Sometime after Christmas Dick Gabal, Brian Nyinawanya, Wally Iduwana and Stanley Galgarid decided to set out for Maningrida. They had originally gone into Darwin 'to drink' but had no money for a return plane fare. They made their way to Adelaide River, on foot and stayed there for about 3 weeks. A Chinese man then gave them a lift, their only one, to Banyili where they stayed for 4 weeks. They were then joined by two compatriots, Les Midiguria and Binjambi and the party set out for Mountain Valley Station, 70 miles distant, housing briefly at Beswick Station on the way. From Mountain Valley they went bush and followed the old blackfellow road to Ngalagatawarra, via Bulman. This part of the journey took them about one month and they would have covered at least 120 miles. After a 'rest' at Ngalagatawarra (the stock camp) they came on to Maningrida another 50 miles distant. Dick says that they carried swags all the way, together with other essentials, including a quantity of food and tobacco, and firearms. They lived mainly on bush tucker - too many kangaroos, and shot a buffalo at Bulman.

Truly an epic journey.

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MORE YET..... Four other men have recently arrived at Maningrida after walking from Oenpelli. They originally started out from Darwin but cheated and got a lift to Oenpelli. They only walked 80 miles. They were  
Tom Wadaminja                      David Walabara                      Michael Burrulbuma                      Jack Nabadjuta

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## FORESTRY

### Planting Time:

By the end of next week, the planting of 60,000 seedling cypress pine trees over 2076 acres for this wet season should be completed. The areas in which this 'enrichment planting' has been done are areas near Barney's Jungle (to the east) and out near the Meteorite Crater - on both the eastern and western sides of the Cadell River Road.

Those seedlings planted so far have made a good strike and are doing well.

### Staff Movements:

The Supervisor Mr John Zabo has received definite advice about his transfer to Snake Bay early in March. Mr Eric Quick will succeed him.

Denis Coleman has just returned from four weeks in New Zealand "A fantastic place for a holiday, especially up around the Bay of Islands"

Two Aboriginal men Terry Namandara (husband of Betty Wanduk) and Horace Mimilin have been chosen to attend a chain-saw training course in Darwin from 16th-19th February.

Frank McCabe has been transferred permanently to Darwin and Robin Prussia is likely to come in his place.

Trevor Day is the new Timber Jack operator and Log Truck driver. At present Forestry employ 16 Aboriginal men and 10 Europeans (including the Supervisor and Clark)

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### STOCK CAMP:

The cattle have indeed been flooded out. Two cows and a horse were lost. The stockman are currently erecting a large bush paddock on high ground south of Ngalagatawarra which should suffice for the rest of the wet season.

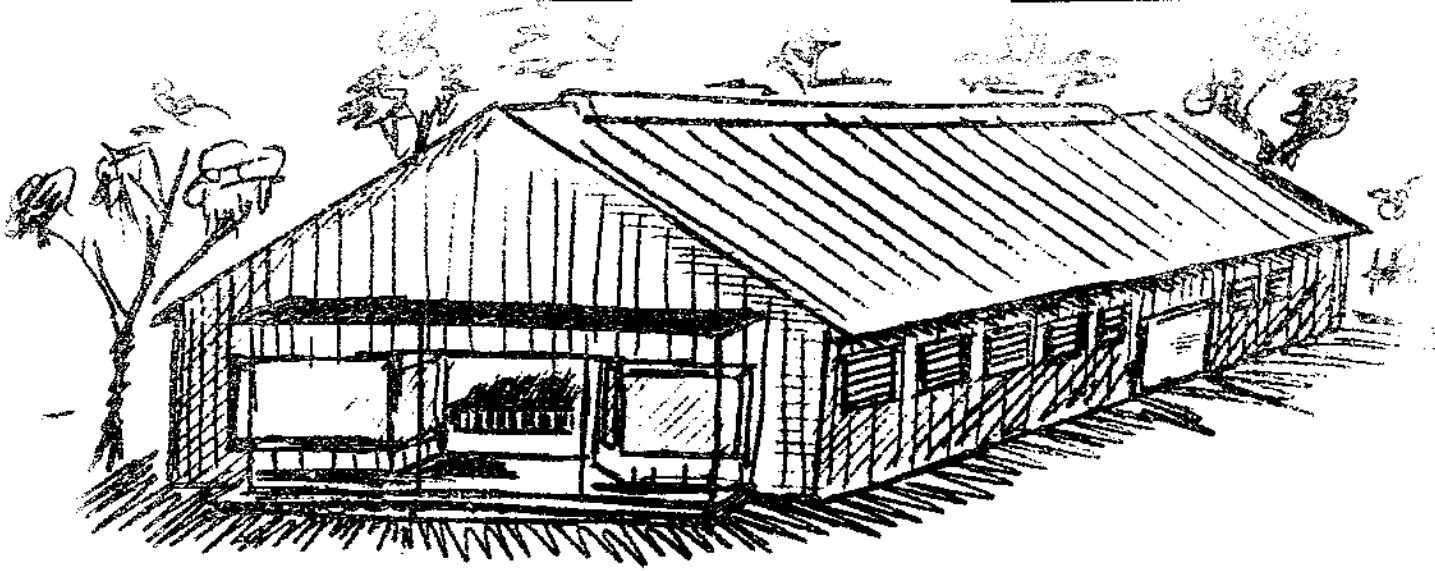
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### EXHIBITION OF BARK PAINTINGS:

The Rigby Exhibition of 56 Maningrida barks in Adelaide and the sales made then, and since have been very pleasing. Over \$700 has come back to the artists i.e. in addition to the normal prices they received at the Craft Room when they brought their work in. George Nulumba, Bapalindi and Robin Guringbal did very well.

Now a great surge of painting is under way. Fellows who haven't touched a bark for months have suddenly become keen as mustard.

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THE ARUFURA "C"

THE BIG DAY

GRAND OPENING OF OUR NEW STORE

By Mr Harry Giese Director of Welfare

SATURDAY MARCH 7th at

APPROX. 12 noon

BABY CONTEST (Prizes for Mothers and Babies); Manquin Parade by Maningrida's TOP models (or topless). FREE Balloons, Sweets for all the children. Come early and enjoy the day.

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PROPOSED Co-op HOUSING PROJECT: The committee met on Thursday January the 22nd, present Messrs Hunter, Wilders, Cross, Ibara and Bagshaw. It was proposed and carried that on completion of the new store we proceed with the erection of 50 self-help homes, Mr Jim Pickeragill will supervise construction, supported by Michael, James, Charlie and Frank the current building team, it is proposed to build one unit every 10 days, at an overall cost of approx. \$156 each. Mr Cross is to prepare plan along the lines discussed at the meeting. It is the intention to charge a rental of \$5 per fortnightly pay, which will mean free-hold in 2 years, without going into details here this unit affords advantages not incorporated in existing self-help units.

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COST OF THE ERECTION OF THE NEW STORE: The total cost of the erection of the store this far is almost \$15,000 and completed cost will be approximately \$18,000. When one considers that a Darwin firm tendered \$75,000 to do the same job.....

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MANAGERS RESIDENCE: We have purchased all necessary equipment for the continued progress of the building, and are awaiting Goulburn Island shipping of the all important Clip-lock that building operations may proceed.

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Seventeen of the 21 members were present on Monday night.

Councillor's Uniforms. The President, Mr Tom Imbaral, reported that he had all the Khaki shirts ready and that the trousers were coming from a southern firm.

Widow's Pension: When a wife loses her husband and makes herself a single woman she can get a pension but if she "changes" to another man, then the new husband will look after her and the widow's pension stops.

Houses: The Co-op will start building Aboriginal houses shortly. The Ganardpa people are asking for some to be built at the Cadel River.

Companies: Peter Gangalara said that his company had saved £1060 for a boat. Albert Wurdjal reported that the Gunavidj people had raised £1800 and were starting a garden to get more.

Carpenter's Tools: Men want to have their own saw, big pencil, and ruler.

Run - away Marriages: Toby spoke about a girl wishing to run away with her boyfriend. Tom Imbaral said "We can't follow that. We'll try to straighten them up".

Members talked on and on about this until it got late and the matter was put aside until later.

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TRAVELLING TO YIRRKALA

Jimmy Gulerawina recently attended a "Parish Leaders Course" at Yirrkala and has written about his journey.

I left Maningrida on Sunday night at 10.30pm on the Warawi. But on the way to Yirrkala we came to unload at Kilingimbi and I was helping with the unloading. When we finished, I went up to see what it looked like. My relatives were there. Everybody knew me and they asked me "which way are you going". I said "to Yirrkala. We have to study there." Then we left Kilingimbi and headed for Elcho Island.

On Thursday night the boat left us behind at Elcho. I went to see the minister for help. I said to him "I was left by the boat last night. Will you help me?" He said "Yes Jimmy, I will. But first thing in the morning I have to fly to Maningrida and pick up some people."

Next day we left Elcho and went to Yirrkala. There I met a lot of friends because they knew me. First went to Yirrkala with Jim Shepherd. Also we met people from different 'countries', some from Derby in W.A.

That day we started training. But the training was very hard for us. We learnt about a new way of life - remembering some old ways and thinking of the future. Rise 8.30am, Session 6am. Breakfast 7am, Worship 7.50, Lecture 9am up to 6pm. at night.

When I came back to Maningrida I told the people about the news and they were very happy.

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MOTHERS AND BABIES

(That's my boy!)

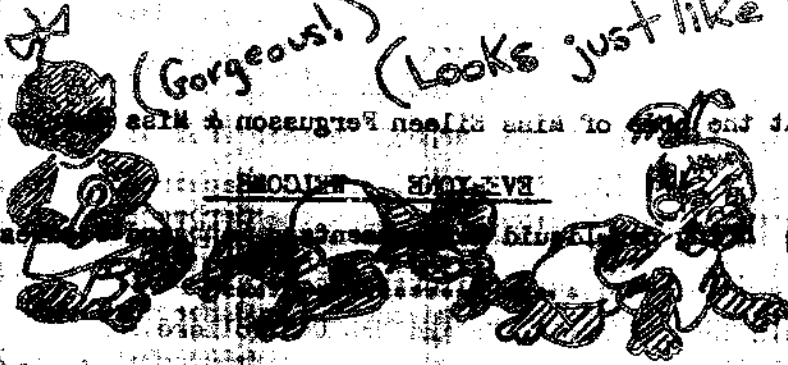
(Gorgeous!)

(Looks just like her mum!)

(What a brat!)

(Smile!)

(Say DaDa!)



A "BABY COMPETITION" will be held on the day of the opening of the new Co-op. There will be prizes for the best cared for babies - babies with hair combed, clean, tidy and happy.

There will be prizes for babies and mothers too. More information soon.

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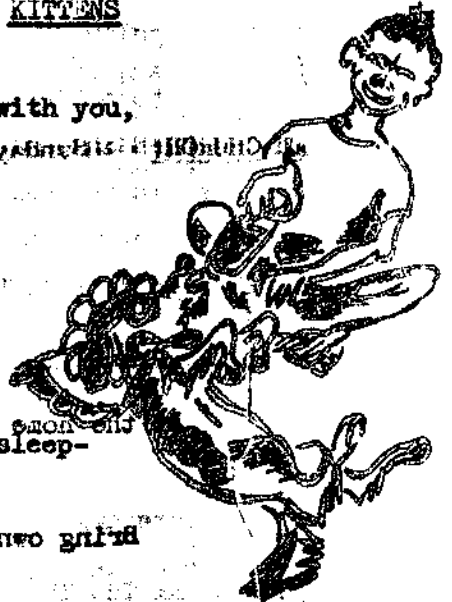
Sister Edith reports that the number of babies coming to "Baby Tucker" vary from 70-80 in the week after pay day, and 120-140 in the next week when there's not much money.

Bring your own liquid baby food and Goodies.

Mothers are welcome to bring BABIES to "Baby Tucker" but please DO NOT bring PUPPIES and KITTENS. We only feed children.

Please do not take the spoons away with you.

"Oh for a Dog's life!"



Recently a small child brought a puppy which was so young that its eyes were not open, and the milk prepared for the child was being fed to the puppy.

Small children need food before they go to sleep-

Food such as a drink of MILK.

Bring your own liquid baby food and Goodies.

- BLINDS: CYNTHIA on Monday a daughter of Claire and Peter Waymunga  
ANDY WILLIAMS on Wednesday son of Stella and Charlie Mulumuk.

RAINFALL: as recorded at Bar, on the following days.

Saturday 7th	44	points
Sunday 8th	2	"
Monday 9th	5	"
Tuesday 10th	20	"
Wednesday 11th	51	"
Thursday 12th	88	"

at the home of Miss Helen Ferguson & Miss Cheryl Pullen

EVERYONE WELCOME

Bring your own liquid baby food and Goodies.

We welcome to Maningrida.....

Mr and Mrs Dan Gillespie, school teachers from Sydney.

Miss Eileen Ferguson, school teacher from Melbourne.

Miss Cheryl (Chech) Pullen, school teacher from Sydney.

Mr Alan Grieve, school teacher from Canberra.

Mrs June Doohan and children, Shane and Helen - daughter of well known identity Mr and Mrs Dan Pollard.

Mrs Linda Craven and son Oliver from Germany. (Geslinde)

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FOOTBALL:

The club collectors Johnny Gujabakka and Lucky Balaka have gathered \$157.89 for various amenities, and a change room being erected by the toilet block on the far side of the oval.

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ABOUT OURSELVES:

Many thanks to Val and Dennis Strand for the typing and several of the drawings in the Mirage while Melva and Ray Buzza were away on holidays. Ray is beginning studies by correspondence shortly, so may not be able to continue as the regular "Mirage" artist. Any volunteers please!!

We are making enquiries about a gestetner machine which could print 200 good copies and enlarge the distribution among young aboriginals.

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WEEKEND DUTY OFFICER:

- MR BARRY TUIITE

WEEKEND DUTY SISTER

- SISTER ENA PICKERSGILL - People are reminded that the hospital hours are 7am. to 4pm.

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SHOWING AT THE THEATRE:

Friday; "MY SIX LOVES"

Sat: Might be something.

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AT CHURCH:

Sunday: 9.50am. All age Sunday School - theme "Wanting both good and evil"

7.50pm. Evening Service - Film "Childhood of Jesus"

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OPEN HOUSE - GETTING TO KNOW YOU PARTY - SATURDAY NIGHT

At the home of Miss Eileen Ferguson & Miss Cheryl Pullen

EVERYONE WELCOME

Bring own Liquid Refreshments - and Goodies.

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