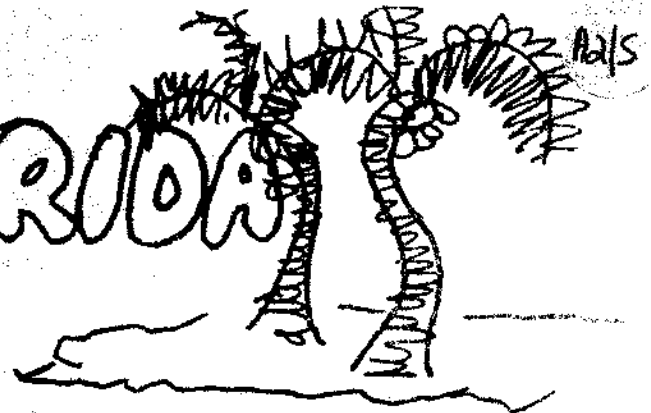


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# MANINGRIDA MIRAGE



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## REPORT FROM MANINGRIDA PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOC.

The Parents and Friends Assoc. began in 1967 and it's first money-making activity was a chocolate wheel run on a Saturday morning. During the past three years the Assoc. has expanded these activities through introducing sale of pies, paddle pops, hot gags, ice cream and cordial for the first time to Maningrida.

1969 was the most successful year so far, at least in terms of revenue. The main factor for this increase was that during the year the Assoc. took over control of the Film Club and through better organisation and participation of teachers and other people, profits from this source were increased. It may interest people to know what monies are taken from a pay-day film showing - an average night might gross around \$220, of which approx. \$100 is for hire and freight of the 5 films to be shown during the fortnight, leaving a clear profit of somewhere in the region of \$120. Of course this varies. The school fete held in third term last year netted a profit of close on \$1000.

The main expenditures were \$500 for school library books, \$600 as gifts for children going on excursions to Darwin Eisteddfod and the Darwin Basketball comp., \$600 for new film projector, \$150 for new sports equipment and \$200 for lawn mower. It is hoped that this year profits will be in excess of \$5000.

With such large profits, which came as a surprise to us all, the P. & F. Assoc. has had to look more carefully at how this money will be spent. Some projects for this year include fencing the school, purchasing school uniforms, a town clock, and it is feasible that a swimming pool could adorn the settlement within a few years.

The P. & F. Assoc. might justifiably be called a teachers organisation. Certainly meetings are attended almost exclusively by teachers and there has yet to be one "outsider" to hold office. Whether the nature of the business of the meetings and the activities of the P. & F. Assoc. tend to keep parents away or whether it is a case of parent apathy, or both, it is not clear. However at the Annual general meeting held this month it was resolved to attempt to attract parent interest in the Assoc. and if necessary to alter the format and content of the meetings so that parents will come. All parents and friends are invited to attend meetings normally held on the first Monday of the month. It is appropriate here that certain people be thanked for the service and help given in 1969 - Jim McInerney, the retiring secretary was a tireless worker and much of the year's success is due to him, Dan Follett and his men at the kitchen, Edna and Gil in Home Management, John Hunter, the Co-Op., and many other interested people have offered every assistance and co-operation, and we express our sincere thanks.

A fast an exciting game in which Gorillas just beat Cadell 45-40. Cadell were clear leaders early in the game but Gorillas drew close to them by half time.

In an inspired second half Gorillas finally caught and passed Cadell within a minute of full time.

Some good games were turned in by members of both teams. The stars of the match were Gorillas Jimmy and Timothy. Jimmy shot goals from everywhere which Timothy was like a tiger in defence. Victor scored a couple of excellent goals for Gorillas. For Cadell Jimmy and Peter both had good games. The feature of the match was a good goal scored by George Goadjir, well known patron of the Hasty Tasty.

In the second game Chalkies were trounced by Black Hawks. Black Hawks gave a disorganised display against the weak opposition. For Chalkies Bomber Souza and One Shot Strand had good games. For the Hawks hardest workers were Jim Jam and Charlie.

The quality of dog fights at the basketball court has deteriorated of late. Many owners are not prepared to turn their dogs out in top fighting condition. In fact some dogs we've seen lately show signs of neglect.



FOOTBALL:

The morning colts game was pleasing for several reasons. The footballers themselves organized it. Gunwingu boys and one or two non-school going types were in it. Don Mogadili for example was edging along with Tim Darcy. Not quite as quickly of course, but he was there. Several senior players watched and yelled encouragement. One player Barry Gongon came down hard in a shirtfront knock and was not expected to get up. He did, and hopped right back into the game.

Waratahs ran out winners 16.20 to Magpies 11.20

Best Players: Waratahs Tim Darcy, Timothy James, Timothy Djaraparrah, Timothy Mace Dean

Magpies: Sam, Little Jimmy, Albert, Jacky Anboringa, Victor Nadjorwa  
Jim Walbara.

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In the senior game, Magpies carried the honours. George Ganjibala did a good job as umpire, and would do even better if he had some whistle blowing practice. The whistle should sound as clear and sharp as the decision in the umpires mind.

Best Players : Magpies: Michael Stewart, Jacky Maranbada, Dick Bandalil, Jimmy Yasbarippa, Michael Balarka and many others

Waratahs: Dick Sabalk, Joe Fry, Harry Wowola, Tom Wogbara, Joe Gillian  
George Waijarka.

FOOTBALLER OF THE WEEK: DICK GABALK, Dick kicked 5 goals for Waratahs. Usually he plays in the ruck and rests in the forward pocket. He was one of the 4 men who walked home from Darwin after Christmas (see Vol. XIX)

## TO THINK ABOUT EASTER

In Aboriginal life, the pattern of dying and going into new life is not uncommon. Old time stories tell of the big snake, who swallowed up 2 women and their babies. After a time he vomited them out, to live again.

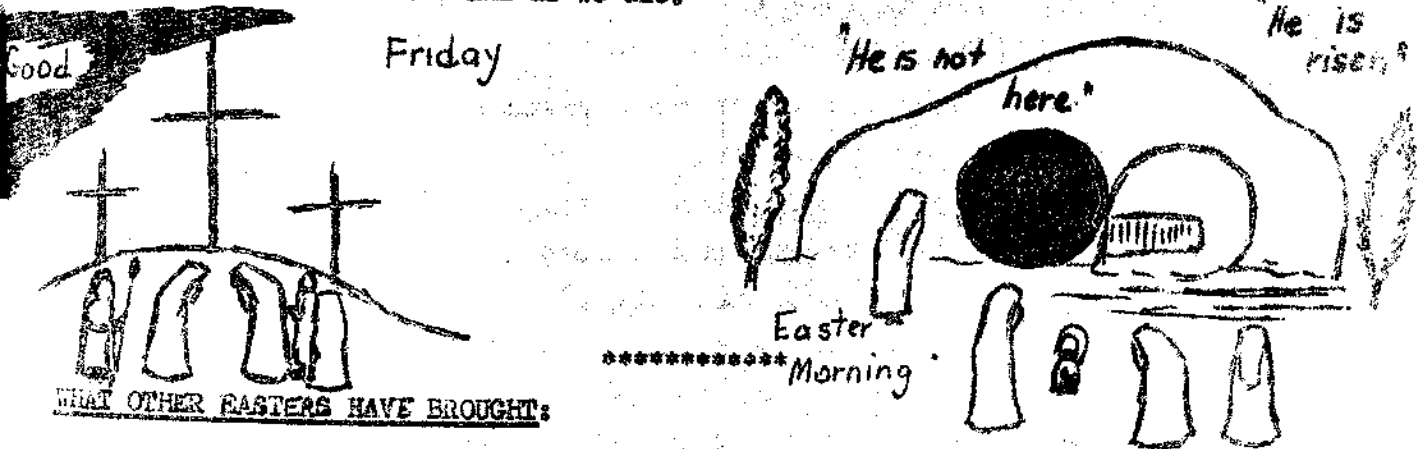
When boys are made 'young men' and they are covered with a sheet just like a dead body. The songs which the men sing and the call are just the same as at a funeral. The boys are to 'die' to the life of childhood and be born into the life of manhood.

In nature we see the same pattern. All the green grass we see about us now is making seeds. Presently the grass will dry and die and maybe burn, but the seed will fall into the ground to 'die'. When the first rains come again, it will send out new life.

The pattern of dying and rising again, is set before us in the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. For Christian people, he stands at the centre of their faith.

Jesus chose to die. He didn't want to, but in the hard testing time he prayed to his Father, "Not my will, but your will be done" It was an important part of his work in serving and helping people. His pain and death were necessary to help all people everywhere who do wrong and fail to live responsibly. The Bible puts it "he was wounded (put on the Cross) for our transgressions (wrong doings)" and "Christ died for our sins." Christians think about these things particularly on Good Friday and are thankful.

Then on Easter Day, the worship of the Church is meant to be like a happy shout 'Eukkal God'. The hymns and Bible stories tell the story of "Christ is risen". The cemetery was empty. Jesus showed himself to one friend in the early morning and then many others in the evening. He is alive for ever, and His Spirit is with us now as we live and as we die.



1963 About this time a young man came travelling along the coast in the Larrpaan. He was visiting the missions, but for some reason the boat had to call at Maningrida and was delayed for a day. The man took a keen interest in the settlement and being a pleasant engaging fellow, soon had everyone talking. He turned out to be a roving reporter for the N.T. News. On Good Friday, one public servant after another read how they had been named and quoted - saying things they didn't expect to see in black and white. History repeated itself somewhat in the week before Easter 1970! The holidays were completely washed out by a very gusty cyclone.

1964 On Easter Monday a Legislative Council Committee of Enquiry including the late Harry Chan and Fred Drysdale came to sit in Mr Phenister's class room and hear what Maningrida people thought about citizenship for all Aboriginal people in the area.

1965 Easter Saturday John and Iyall Zabo were married.

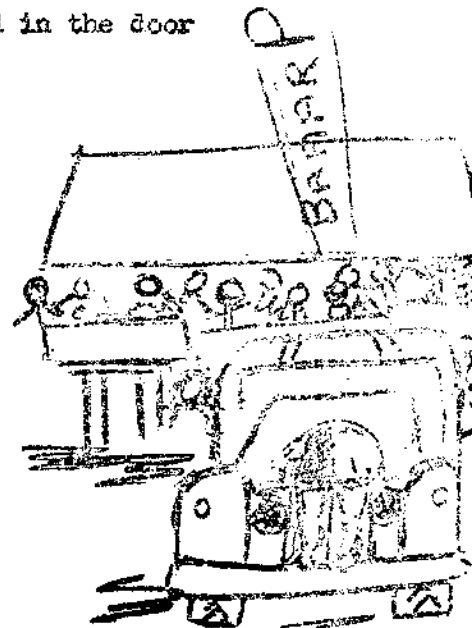
	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
SWIM	E. CARLY	B. TUTTE	B. TUTTE	B. TUTTE
HOSPITAL	Sr. <del>MAIJA</del> TUIHE	Sr. Maija	Sr. Maija	Sr. Cec
KITCHEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
CO-OP	SHUT	OPEN 8-12am	SHUT	SHUT
HESTY TASTY	OPEN	OPEN	SHUT	OPEN
AIR SERVICES	NO CHANGE			
MAIL	NO CHANGE.			

NOTE:

As from 27.3.70 water will be coming from the Leper Hole from 6am to 6pm.  
 The water is Chlorinated but you are advised to boil drinking water. Please refrain  
 from watering home gardens between 6am and 6pm, as there is insufficient water for  
 the dry season ahead.

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There was a young lady called "Thel"  
 Who thought she could drive very well  
 She went to the store and as she stepped in the door  
 She wished she had never been born  
 For her children so gay  
 Had decided to play  
 And quickly dismantled the horn.  
 She jumped in with fear  
 And crashed every gear  
 As she tried to drive faster than sound,  
 But the "nitwit" the "fool"  
 Drove straight to the school,  
 And the children ran, round and around  
 "It's the cops" said young Tim,  
 "It's the Russians" said Jim.  
 Our lady so sad thought she would go mad  
 and started to cry in dismay  
 But Dan showed he's no mug, and pulled out the plug  
 And quietly she drove it away.



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GIRL GUIDES:

The first meeting to form a Girl Guide group at Maningrida was held on  
 Tuesday afternoon in the Scout Hall. It was organized by Mrs Melva Buzza and Miss  
 Robyn Strong, and attended by forty-eight enthusiastic girls, between the ages of nine  
 and twelve. It was explained to the girls that they must be showered and clean ready  
 for each meeting. The activities for the meeting included team games and singing.

Future meetings will be held each Tuesday afternoon from 4.30pm till 5.30pm. It  
 is hoped that several Aboriginal girls will be trained as leaders for the group.

HOLIDAY:






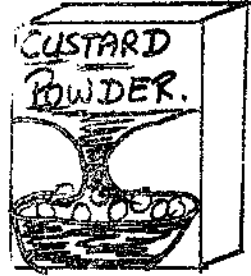
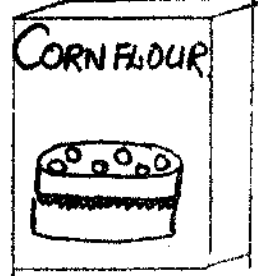
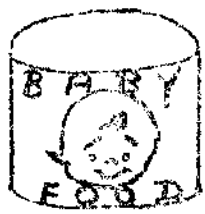



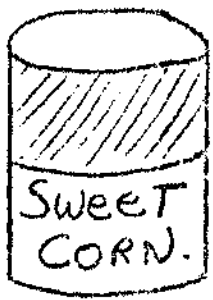
The store will be closed on Friday 27th and Monday 30th, will be open until 6pm Thursday and will trade from 8 to 12 noon Saturday the 28th.

FRUIT & VEGETABLES:

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| Large Apples 12c | Oranges 12c  | Plums     | Lettuce 49c |
| Tomatoes 28c lb  | Potatoes 10c | Onions 8c |             |

Although plums will be sold out early due to the vessel being at sea 8 days prior to arrival at Maningrida the plums would not keep much longer.

CLOTHING: Basketball shoes available, also increased size range of football boots and Ron Faulkner Football League quality \$10.

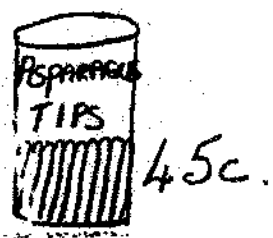
 50 cents.	 2 lb. 40c.	 10oz PRES. PACK. \$1.35	 30cents
 30 cents.	 20 cents.	 18 cents.	 4oz. 20c.
 45 cents	 80c.	 10c.	 30 cent

Fourcroy due again 3rd April or thereabouts, we have on order Bicycles, Gemey cosmetics, bulk cheeses, margarines, copla and many other delicacies not previously stocked through lack of cool room facilities.

STOCKS OF MEAT: including all cuts of steak, Roasts of Beef, corned silverside, Hamburger Patties, ox hearts etc due Wednesday of this week March 28th.

CHICKENS No. 8 \$1.80

RUMP STEAK 95c lb.



## WHAT IS A SAWMILLER ?

A sawmiller is a combination bushman, sawyer, forester, haulier, mechanic, engineer, electrician, salesman, accountant and manager.

Anatomically speaking, he resembles a being from outer space. His profile is clear, black, round or boxed. His gums are blue, red, grey and sometimes even spotted. His tongue is like a lark's and is invariably grooved. He carries a chip on his shoulder which probably accounts for his fiddle back, and his figure is wavy, curly, striped and swirled. His girth is taken on gress or nett measurement and may be under or over bark. His arms are held in a radial or cross position while his feet are superficial, super board, linear and cubic.

His diet consists of sawdust with, of course beer to wash the sawdust down. His vocabulary is unique, but he contends "bleeding" and "blooming" are not swear words.

He insists he is not a religious man, but he does have a fetish about conversion. His three main loves are wood, bowl or golf, and the last-end or the 19th hole according to his fancy.

His chief enemies are the foresters with whom he wages constant warfare over royalties, log quotas, and optional logs, and the main roads inspectors who persist in claiming he is overweight, particularly on one axle.

His constant reference to "dogs", "cats" and "donkeys" is proof of his love for animals while his pet aversions are "termites" (white ants), and "borers".

Moisture content is not his capacity to absorb alcohol: corks are not bottle stoppers, and shakes are not the result of a night out with the boys, A.A. is not responsible for the dry-rot that sets in, and daze is not a cold in the head.

His reference to "bare-cut", "cleavage", "Deep beam", "dressed and undressed" has nothing to do with the ladies and romance could not be further from his mind when he talks of clear heart, diamond matching and annual rings.

His competitors claim he has many defects which cause him to breakdown but this is the result of stresses, strains and tensions to which he is subject.

He is accused of being a sap and allowing too much tolerance but though he gives the impression of being the proverbial nigger in the wood-pile, when stripped of his veneer he is found to have a sound heart, a solid core and is all truedwood.

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1. PREFECT SYSTEM:

Elections were held recently to select the 1970 School Prefects. Eight boys and three girls were successful. The School Captains are BETTY WANJUK and TIM DARCY MURURUNDIGA. The prefects are responsible for numerous activities including playground cleanliness, sporting supervision, kitchen duty etc.

It is hoped that qualities of leadership will be developed. The prefects are:

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| TIM DARCY MURURUNDIGA (Capt) | BETTY WANJUK (Capt) |
| PETER BUNDABONDA             | HELEN GORILA        |
| WILSON JAMES SACASODI        | JOYCE GURAGURA      |
| MARK MAGSHAW                 |                     |
| SAM Gurngun                  |                     |
| MICKEY Gungyarnavui.         |                     |
| TOM WURDJAL                  |                     |
| CHARLIE BORDILA              |                     |

On Monday afternoon, when the teachers were having their weekly staff meeting, the prefects marched the children to the beach for a pre-supper swim. The discipline along the way was very good indeed.

2. STOCK: About 1/3 of 1970 stock has arrived over the last few days. Although much of it is coated with a thick layer of red powder paint, we appreciate efficiency of stores branch.

3. DOMESTIC SCIENCE BLOCK: Will one day be finished, or Mrs Armstrong will be

P. WILSON

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CHURCH NOTICES:

- Thursday 12 noon. School Service.
- GOOD FRIDAY: 9.30am Service
- EASTER DAY: 9.50am All Age Sunday School
- 7.50pm Easter Communion
- Tuesday: 7.30pm Womens Club.

Baptism. On March 14th. Mark Edward Tuite, son of Larry and Jenny.  
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STAR THEATRE:

▲ title something like 'The Amazon and the lady'

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ANOTHER EAST R HALFEILING:

1967 A little girl awoke from an afternoon sleep in her parents holiday camp on the Western bank of the Liverpool R. and wandered away into the bush. After much anxious searching by almost all available men she was discovered at about noon on the following day - bitten by many insects but otherwise quite alright.

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