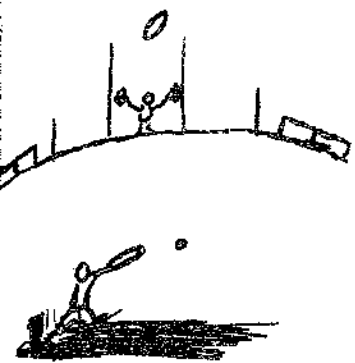
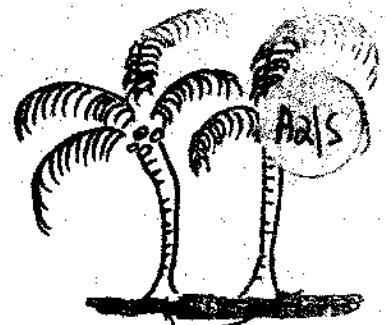


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VISIT BY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ABORIGINAL SPORTS FOUNDATION

Four members of the above foundation visited Maningrida last week led by the chairman Pastor Doug Nichols. Other members of the party included footballer David Kantilla, Mr Philip Roberts and well known aboriginal rights supporter Mr Charles Perkins.

The visit which was made possible largely through the efforts of the Maningrida Progress Association, was to encourage and assist the development of local sport. It is intended that each year the foundation will be granted funds from the Commonwealth to foster Aboriginal sport and we hope Maningrida will be considered each year.

A barbecue was held at the Superintendents residence and was attended by representatives of the various sporting organisations. All present extended their thanks to Mr Pollard and Miss Gulliver for their assistance with preparations. Mr Hunter welcomed the visitors and outlined some sporting projects that could be started depending on the availability of finance. Pastor Nichols in replying, spoke favourably of Maningrida before summarizing the foundations aims. He was supported by Mr Perkins who said that a proposal would be forwarded to the minister for his consent which would most likely lead to funds for such things as resurfacing the basketball court, a cricket pitch and irrigation for the football oval (what will we use for water?)

After the barbecue some time was spent watching the basketball matches. It was unfortunate that Black Hawks should display such poor sportsmanship on this particular occasion; walking off the court following a disagreement with the umpire.

The next day the school programme was altered to allow the visitors to see the children competing in various sporting activities. Pastor Nichols was so impressed with the boy's football ability he jokingly signed Tim Darcy for Fitzroy.

This visit did much to foster local sport, not only through possible financial assistance, but in the creation of interest and the renewal of enthusiasm.

P.W.

Miss Evonne Goolagong, an Aboriginal tennis player is doing very well in England. She is among the best lady tennis players in the world.

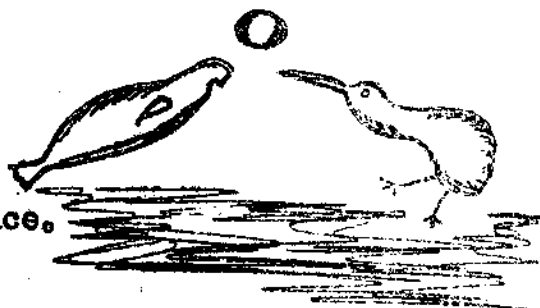
BASKETBALL NEWS

Tuesday : The Dugongs well known in concentric circles, opened play against Black Hawks on this night with a heady display. Even to the end of the first half they seemed to be holding Hawks in check very well. However in the second half Dugongs staged a concerted collapse and Hawks ran away to a 54-28 victory. Even the tongue lashing of the mighty Don W., famed basketball orator, could not rouse them. For Hawks Tim, Charlie and Robert had good games. For Dugongs Willie and Mickey worked hard while Joe landed some very good goals.

In the second game dual competition leaders Kiwis and Gorillas met. In the first half the advantage see-sawed. However in the second half Kiwis defensive play continually broke down Gorillas attacks and in the closing five minutes they were able to land the match winning points. Good games for Kiwis from Larry, Morris and Jacky. For Gorillas Jimmy, Tommy D. and Puffing Pete Williams hit some good patches.

DRAW FOR NEXT WEEK

- Tuesday : Cadell V Demons
- Chalkies V Crocodiles
- Thursday: Gorillas V Black Hawks
- Dugongs V Kiwis



On Tuesday 5th. of May the finals commence.

The Arafura 'C'.

The story - 1 1/2 tons marketed in 2 weeks.

No one suggests that our fishing enterprise is other than a humble one, but I think that it has a few pleasing features.

- (1) It is providing employment for 8 men, who were previously unemployed (in most cases) and indulging in that well known past time of sitting down.
- (2) ~~Providing~~ Providing an income for them of approximately 40 dollars a week.
- (3) Providing cheap nutritional food. Barracupdi, salmon, golden snapper. There is a ready market for these in the Settlement at 35 cents per lb.
- (4) Making more money available locally for spending, thus stimulating the economy.
- (5). Whether one is at Maningrida or Melbourne, nothing is better designed to give one confidence and a sense of dignity than to be earning and to have a few dollars in the pocket.
- (6) Not everyone benefits from all this of course. Some of our Darwin suppliers will consider it an ill wind as we have considerably reduced imports of other meats.

COLEMAN'S TIMETABLE

Mission Run Flights 26th. April

	Depart Darwin	Arrive Man.	Dep. Man.	Arr. Dar.
Tuesday	0710 a.m.	8.40a.m.	11.30 a.m.	1500
Saturday	0700 a.m.	9.45 a.m.	12.50 a.m.	1630

Goulburn and Croker are now optional stops on the way

back to Darwin as well as on the way out on Saturdays.

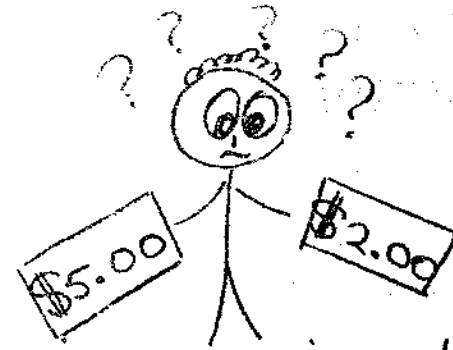
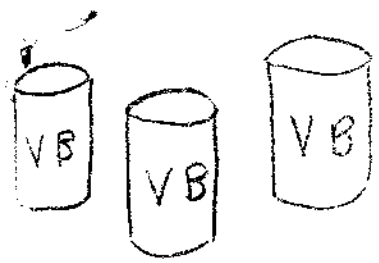
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Thursday's Basketball.

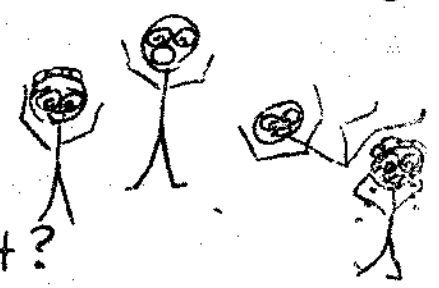
Inevitably Chalkies went down to Demons 31-28. Good games for Demons by Captain, Johnny and little Jacky.

For Chalkies good games by Ernie Susza, Sam and too many goals by the Shot Strand.

The second game between Cadell and Crocodiles was a close tussle throughout. Cadell ran out winners 33-30.



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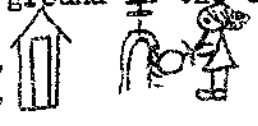
which is more important?
A question for father.

How parents can help to stop their children from getting diarrhea:

1. Teach children to use the lavatory and not sit on the ground in the camp to do their toilet.



2. Wash hands after going to the toilet.
3. Wash hands before eating.



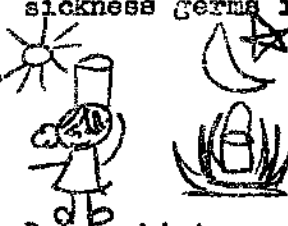
4. See that the children have plenty of good food.



5. Cover up all food so that cats, dogs and flies do not put sickness germs into it.



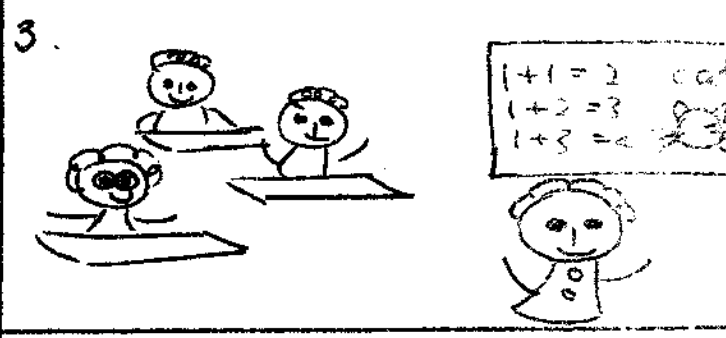
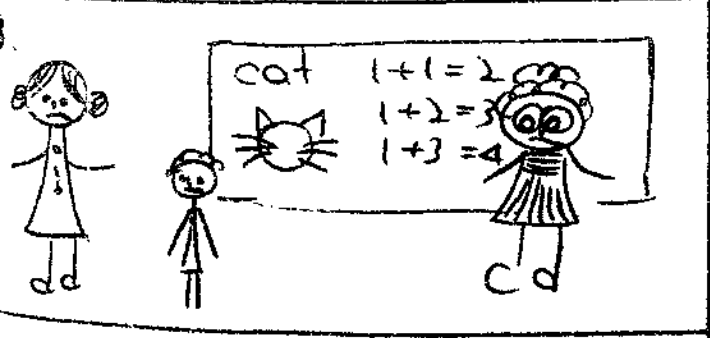
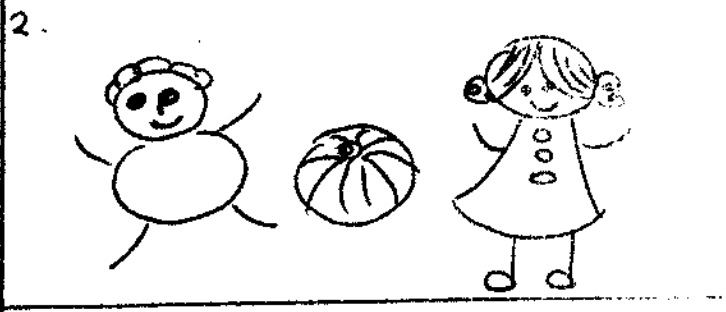
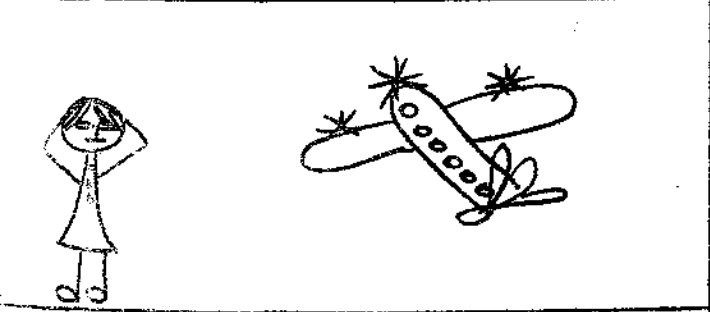
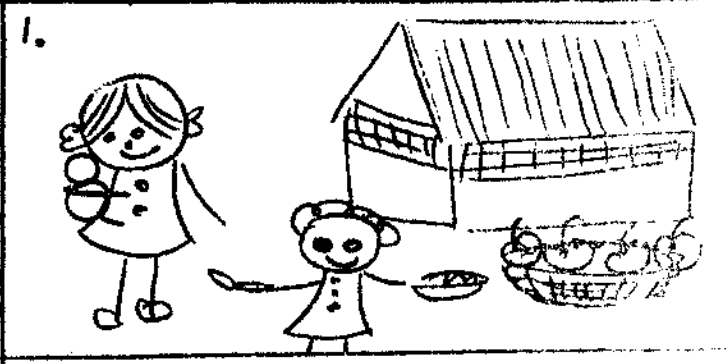
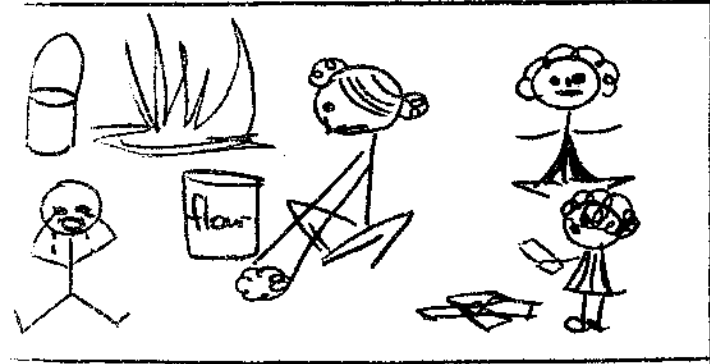
6. The water coming through the pipes at night is not very good. Try to get an extra drum full of water in the day time and use this at night. Or boil the water from taps at night.



7. Put a shirt or night dress on children going to sleep at night.



Which mother are you?



The wrong food baby often sick school is very hard.

The right food baby is strong school is good for.

Mr. Jack Meritja has written four short stories for the Mirage and the essence of them is as follows :-

1. A man who is a very good helper for seven tribes when they run out of beer tickets he helps them.....But sometimes he himself is breaking the laws drinking six cans of beer."
.....
2. A man was seen by two others to take one can for his wife hidden in his boot but when he runs out of money for tickets and smokes, he comes and asks the bark painters for help.
.....
3. A councillor doesn't like to help us, the Jinang people, because we are the trouble makers.....so we don't like him.
.....
4. Charlie Gimbuna's wife, Lena, has been very sick for many months. Charlie didn't want to send her into Darwin Hospital because "too late now." "They were afraid to send her into Darwin Hospital because if anything will happen or she dies, they cannot find any money to pay the fares or the box to bring her back to Maningrida for burial."
(Ed. When I remarked to Jack, that in the last week or two, things had been in a bad way all round, he said "Happy New Year." So may it be.)
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STAR THEATRE (the original Theatre of the Absurd.)

Our Brisbane film people did not come across last Saturday as you know. When I first came to the Northern Territory, I was warned about Southern intellectuals and 'pinkies' - now the beasts are even stealing our films. Between the planes and the Brisbane mob the service has deteriorated of late. We are now considering taking all our business to Darwin to eliminate one enemy of the Maningrida film loving public.

Because all you good patrons have all paid \$1.00 and only seen two shows we will (for this week only, ladies and gentlemen) make a reduction of one-third in the price to be paid this coming Friday, (the Fourcroy is bringing a load of small change)

Being a man of considerable vision, I can foresee the day when the Star Theatre will be restored to its former state of regular programs. So, say not the struggle naught availeth, (as we say in the trade) and keep smiling.

D.G.

Births.

- * Gilbert Mike , on 11-4-70 son of Minnie Manidjel and John Gandanaradja . Burada.
- * Mark Mackan , on 13.4.70 , son of Wendy Kingalgal and Harry Sugarbi Burada.

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS.

GASTRO-ENTERITIS.

Low wet season rainfall would mean an increase in gastro-intestinal sickness and this was already evident in the Top End according to the Territory Director of Health, Dr. W. A. Langford. He said he was "concerned about the possible effects of the dry Wet in rural areas. Indications are that the poor rainfall in the Top End make an increase in gastro-intestinal illnesses inevitable. It is not unusual for these illnesses to become more prevalent towards the end of the Dry season but an increase has already been detected this year." The rise in this sickness is believed to be caused by higher levels of contamination in water not refreshed or replaced by Wet season rain.

George Gaimararani.

P.S. For most of last week about five children a day were evacuated to Darwin from Maningrida with this sickness.

BUNDARI WINS.

The Northern Territory Aboriginal Schoolboys Football Team - Bundari - overcame first quarter nerves to score a convincing 36 point win against a New South Wales Under 17 Team in Sydney on Sunday. Bundari won 17-12, 11-14 to 11-12, 78 and showed better marking and speed. Bundari trailed by 15 points at the end of the first quarter but at half time they were winning by 23 points. The coach, Ray Norman, told them to go flat out for quick points and the boys added 5-2 in the first seven minutes after half time. It is believed that at least 3 Maningrida boys are in the team.

Tom Wudjal.

BIG TANKER BURNED.

A 62,000 ton oil tanker being built Whylla ship yards was completely gutted by fire on Saturday night. The fire started in the bows of the ship and was not put out till Sunday morning. The ship was due to be launched in October and is estimated to cost \$15,000,000. About 20 firemen and 60 volunteers fought unsuccessful battles against the fire which gradually spread throughout the whole ship. It was estimated that damage will amount to \$3-4,000,000.

Don Weibarunga.

HIGH AWARD FOR ASTRONAUTS.

President Nixon on Saturday presented America's highest civilian honour, the Medal of Freedom, to the Apollo 17 Astronauts and praised their safe return from space as "a triumph of the human spirit". Mr. Nixon flew 5,000 miles to meet the astronauts Lovell, Haise and Swigert on the arrival in Honolulu from American Samoa. "It is my proud honour on behalf of a grateful and proud nation to welcome you and your colleagues back to the United States" President Nixon told Lovell.

Albert Narnsara.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS:

Mavis Mawirikiba - improving.

All improving slowly- Timothy James, Rachel, Melun, Elsa, Alfie, Anthony, Sandy, Stephen, Nola, Marshall, Mirrabd.

Mandy - is holding her own.

The following patients have all been visited, Margot, Bunbangsla, Karamanga, Sawalah, Adrienne, Millie, Lena, Val Garnoidba.

Fercy - should be going home in a week.

WEEKEND DUTY SISTER: Sister Ena Fickersgill

Weekend Duty Officer: Mr Bert Ryan.

Church Services:

Sunday 9.30 am all age Sunday Schools 'Christ the Prophet'
7.30 pm Evening service.

Tuesday 7.30pm Women's Club.

The leaders of the club are disappointed with the numbers who have been coming lately. If young women do not wish to come, the club may have to close down.

FROM ELCHO ISLAND NEWS AND VIEWS:

Miss Hazel Sinclair, is visiting Elcho to see what changes the Training Allowances have made to the people's feeding. Shortly she is flying to England to visit relatives and also to attend a course on Visual Aids and community development.

Guide Company: In March eight brownies were welcomed into Guides. Nine Guides are working for their 2nd class badge, and 12 will receive their uniforms and badges soon.

Bees: Elcho hopes to increase their 2 bee hives to 5. Fiserman Lexw Anderson has been raising queen bee cells and writes 'For those who don't know the queens raised here are worth £15 a head and if we ever get going commercially we could be exporting the purest bees in the world which would make them more valuable.'

Crocodile Island news: So far only 27" of rain have fallen. This is not much more than in the very dry year of 1961, when many cattle had to be killed.

Anzac Day Observance.

Following the pattern of past years, there will be a short service at the school (at the flag pole) beginning at 6.45 a.m. on Saturday. Mr. Bruce Craven is endeavouring to get a record of the bugle calls used at such a time as this. He will recite the ode. Mr. Glen Bagshaw will speak briefly about the significance of the gathering. All citizens of Aningrida are invited to attend.

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