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OPENING OF THE SCOUT HALL

The Administrator, Mr Dean, has accepted the invitation to open the Scout Hall on Saturday morning October 11th at approx. 10.30 am.

He will be accompanied by the N.T. Scout Commissioner, Mr Jim Merritt, Assistant Commissioner Mr Bob Phillips, Mr H. Giese and representatives of Darwin Scout Troops. Altogether about thirty visitors will come in an R.A.A.F. plane and two charter planes.

After a cup of tea, the visitors will join the Scouts who will be drawn up in parade at the front of the Scout Hall. Customary Scouting flag break and inspection will follow and then Mr Dean will open the doors.

All the boys, visitors and local people will enter the building where the Administrator will declare the hall open. Then the Scouts and Cubs will give a programme of activities.

All Maningrida people are welcome to come to the opening ceremony.



In the early days when our fathers lived and hunted, more than 10 to 12,000 years before white man came to Australia, these people knew nothing of other parts of Australia and the world. They found many animals in the country around Gadji mainly geese and wild game, in these fresh waters. They built only wet season shelters to keep the rain out and for keeping food dry and safe, also mosquito huts.

Sometime during the wet we believe our rain totem talks to us and tells us where food is growing and where we can find cabbage palm and cheeky yams. They grow in the jungle, wild, black potatoes and lily roots from billabongs and berries and many other native foods that grow wild on the bush.

They also had dug out and bark canoes for hunting crocodile and turtles and geese eggs. In the wet season, also at times they paddle th ir cano. to Milingimbi Mission for food and smokes.

BUSH FIRES

People travelling in the bush are asked to be very careful with fire.

Don't walk away and leave a fire burning, or even coals. Cover them with sand until the fire is dead.



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The forrestry road gang are now bulldozing the big loop access track which crosses the Cadell River, and goes Southward between the Blyth river and Cadell as shown on the map, and comes back to the Cadell to join the Mainorj-Maningrida road.

Maurie Adams and Jimmy Olsen are operators, by this weekend they are probably 10 miles past the lower Cadell Crossing.

Hoppy is at Maningrida and servicing the heavy road making machinery.



There is an aluminium dingy on the beach at Mission Bay, it has no motor on it and some of the ribs are broken. Could it be the Welfare Boat which strayed in June? (Billy Yiriyin is about to investigate.)

Charlie Irrwala, formerly with Forestry, and Stephen Nayindili (also worked at Warrarida earlier) are doing well catching buffalo and will continue on the mainland and selling it to the trade store.

Gordon and Theresa (his wife) who took care of Warrarida 1965-6 have been very busy. Gordon has lost some of the weight he used to carry, but he is still at his studies.

In the M.M. Synod meetings some decisions affected Maning. The Maningrida Minister is to have a four wheel drive vehicle as soon as finance becomes available. The new Synod falls in the September school holidays and it may be that delegates may gather here - if it is possible and if the facilities can be found.

The group being given a 4 wheel drive vehicle is a section formerly called the "Work Supervisors" staff based in Maningrida to be called "The Team to go". The term "Senior" it was felt puts a barrier between the "apprentices off (workway)" later associations & all should be "Senior members" to be called "Work Supervisors" and the "Chief Armstrongs" or Klesso, Irrwala etc. will carry the label of "Health Officer". The next step for them will be "Health Inspector".

We wonder sometimes why patients take so long to be repatriated. The journey of the "necessary" paper work is as follows:

Doctor - Sister Hogan at Bagot - Bagot Office - DMO in Mitchell St - Clerk - DMO - Bagot Staff - pick up the person & put him on a plane. At any point in this formidable chain a hold up can occur.

The Synod with suitable humility requested the Director of Social Welfare to shorten and simplify the chain.

TYPHOID:

Because of the one definite case of Typhoid at Bagot no Aboriginal people will be able to go from Maningrida to there or return for some time.

POLICE STATION:

Commissioner Bill McLaren has applied for a block of land on which to build a police station, and the cost of it is on the 1970-71 estimates.

HYGIENE:

If your garbage should be overlooked at any time we recommend cold storage for health reasons.

Good Food Comes in Cans #



Two men his name Jim-Jas and I went to Darwin. We stayed at Karallia College for three weeks. On Friday morning we flew to Perth. We stayed at an hotel. On Saturday afternoon we played against Tasmania. One afternoon we went to the zoo. We went on the Ferry Boat across the Swan River. Another day a man took us to a big dam. We stayed in Perth for one week, and played every state's basket ball team. We didn't win any because they were too big for us, on the Friday night we played against Western Australia. When the game finished the Perth team took us to their homes and we had a meal with them.

Peter Buss (coach), and Bob Wharton (team manager), were very good to us. On the Saturday we went to watch the football and on Sunday we saw a film about Tazara.

Jim-Jas and Harold Kelly (Warribri) were two of the Northern Territory team's best players.

The basket-ball meeting last week was attended by one person. Frank Nyiec says might be something this Tuesday night in Mr McInerney's room at 7 o'clock.

Forty boys came to football practice on Tuesday night. Mr Bazza helped the crooked feet kick straight.

Milingimbi football team badly want Maningrida to come over and play them. There is a possibility that the game could be on soon. More news about this later.

STEPHEN IN SYDNEY.....

As you know a couple of fellows were sent off on a jet setting tour of the other states to interview applicants for position of Business Manager with the Co-op. In Sydney one applicant couldn't come, so the interviewers decided to look up STEPHEN NAMANIL - the tall Gunawidji boy who originally went south with Keith Thomas.

Pressing down Martin Place, they encountered a prosperous looking bearded man in an overcoat - it was GEORGE S OGIWELL. His eyes lit up with surprise and insisted on taking us into a cafe for a cup of coffee and ordered toast so that he could hear as much as possible about Maningrida, and especially about the Cadell River project. There was a story about George's success in black opium dealing in the Womens Weekly recently.

Stephen had been working in a cafe at Mascot until 2 or 3 days previously. The manager obviously liked him as a person and tried to be helpful. Stephen had told him that he wanted to come back to Maningrida for a holiday at Christmas time.

NEW CO-OP MANAGER... Mr and Mrs Glen B. Gshaw with their younger son are expected to travel from Adelaide on Monday 20th October, and arrive at their future home (probably Jack Masons house) on Tuesday.

NEW HASTY TASTY MANAGERESS... Mrs Lyn Watson has been appointed and will be in charge of C. Icko Rolle etc. as soon as she hands over to Mr Bagshaw.

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