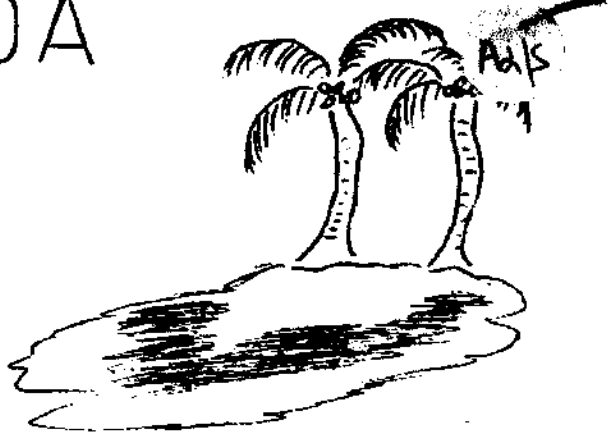
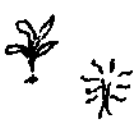


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HOMES FOR OLD PEOPLE

A couple of weeks ago Silas was in Darwin Hospital for a review by the Doctor when a telegram-messenger arrived carrying a telegram with a red sticker marked URGENT. It was from Mr. Wentworth, Minister in Charge of Aboriginal Affairs, and read: "I would be pleased if you would accept membership of the newly established Aboriginal Aged Persons Homes Trust..... please telegram a reply". Silas showed this to the doctor and said "You'd better make me well quickly".

A few days later he was on the jet bound for Sydney. There he met the 6 representatives from the other States, including Mrs Kath Walker, the noted Queensland Aboriginal poetess, and Mrs. E. Lester, the N.S.W. lady who had attended the same course in Singapore as Silas and Geo. Winunguj last year.

Mr. Wentworth gave a dinner to launch the conference. He said that he had been hoping to establish an Aboriginal Aged Persons Homes Trust for a long time. He would like to see old Aboriginal people living in a home of their own, with kitchen, laundry, shower, toilet and all the things needed to make their old age happy and relaxed. Their families could be living nearby to help but not in the same house.

Silas hopes to speak to the Village Council and tell them about the plans of the Trust. He hopes that many people will make some financial contribution to the Trust, even a dollar each from time to time. The Government will subsidise local money collected for pensioners' houses. For every \$100 Maningrida or any other community collects, the Government will give \$200. until there is enough to build a house.

The Committee will meet again in Sydney or Canberra next month, and Silas hopes to report that Maningrida is ready to support the Trust.

BASKET BALL GRAND FINAL

Thursday - The Final.

This will go down in the annals as a "boomer" - from the French "le Boomer" meaning bonzer. Amost exciting final to the competition. Both sides gave an excellent display and deserved to win. Kiwis were just a shade better than Demons under the direction of Jim Cooper. Demons should give a medal to Dick Smith- he is a proper danger man around the goal area. Congratulations to both sides. Final Score - Demons 49 - Kiwis 45. D.G.

Open Day

The Council on Monday Night will give some thought to new items which can be put on the program for Open Day. Have you any suggestions X? Last year we has all the different knids of bush tucker on show and ready to taste. For this year it has been suggested that there be a properly roped off area, in which displays of fire making etc could be given. Dog Show? Displays of skills?

Some Maningrida Poets

To us adults the whole idea of children enjoying their time at school seems a little wrong, during our schooldays there was never any consideration of whether we were happy and enjoying school. Our job was to look, listen and at the appropriate moment reproduce the material that had been drilled into us. The whole business paid little heed to what we as children felt or thought and every attempt was made to crush any attempts at individuality. School has ~~not~~ now become a place that children like and mostly enjoy, and as a result the child reveals much more of himself to the adult world. These pieces of writing are some of the results of such school experience.

A Legend.

Long ago
there was a
man who had
two wives.

They ran away
from him.

The man
saw his two wives
crossing to the island.
He was angry
and threw his spears
at his wives.

The spear missed
and the man was still angry
He called to the water
to kill his wives.

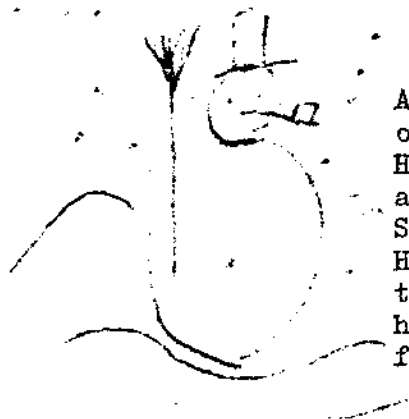
A big storm came
and the wild waves
drowned the wives.

Rose Nardin.

The Meeting

Help help.
I get the stick
And I hit his head
I killed him.

Renee.



SNOW

A man
on the snow
His feet
are cold.
Soon
He will come home
to warm
his cold
feet.

Ada Dirurwurna.

The Girl
She's
Camping in the tent
She's cooking her dinner
Blub-blub-blub
Goes the water in the billycan.

Jedda.

The cowboy
is riding
his horss.
He went to the hill.

The krookmen were dancing
at the hill and the
cowboy shot them all.

Steven.

The Snake

He jumped out of the grass
I saw him.
I killed the snake with a stick.
I told my father about the snake.

Ben.

I see the snake
and
I hit him
on the back of the tail.

May.

ARAFURA "C"

Our staff

What do you think of them? We think they are good, and having said that, we will attempt to justify the faith we have in them. After all what constitutes a good staff.

honesty

Our cash registers are far too accurate to encourage any thoughts other than a complete honesty of staff, and in 6 months of working by them and with them and an experience of more than 20 years, we are convinced of their integrity.

reliability

Our gang are pretty punctual, put in their 40 hours per week, never give work a miss (a total of 5 sick leave days) in 6 months between them is testimony to this reliability angle.

service

Give pretty good service, at times under trying circumstances, are polite, tolerant and always of neat and tidy appearance, perhaps you haven't noticed but you wont often see them having a smoke in the vicinity of foodstuffs. 95% of the time they use the staff quarters provided for this mental and physical relaxation. It might yet reach 100%.

In all I think they earn their tucker and a pat on the back, after all since we have been domiciled in the new store we have earnt receipts of £50,000 which means well over £6,000 weekly, moving between £3,000 + on pay Fridays to a minimum of approx, £500 on an off day. Only Tommy has a year or more experience, Joe 9 months, Susan 3 months, and Willy 1 month. And what do we expect of them - Salesman and Women of foodstuffs, clothing, hardware, in addition to which we are fruiterers, fishmongers, jewellers, fuel merchants and run a king size repair service, not forgetting our gun dealers licence and our honour to be news vendors to the settlement.

As of and after 1st July we will gladly add the postal services to the aforementioned. In a store 100'x 50' there is an abundance of cleaning and restocking to occupy the leisure moments, plus what we finally hope is a beneficial training session or two. I still reckon they earn their tucker, and at least our pat on the back. BUT what about you? - The all important customer.

P.S. And perhaps only we at Maningrida anyway have to concern ourselves with that detestable, capitalistic word PROFIT

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A LADY FROM CRONULLA - hostess to 2 Cubs writes:

"I have been fortunate enough to have Ningle and Horace staying. Mr Fatcher met them when they arrived at the airport, they were thrilled to see their old teacher - their eyes shone.

Monday shopping.....handbags for their mothers (nice shiney ones), riding on escalators.....

Food is being thoroughly enjoyed by them.....they are taking it all in their stride. They have been very adaptable. My 4 children love them being heretheir sense of humour..... keeps us entertained and they have sung for us on tape.



Now I know why Mr Fatcher was so big "Burp!!"

Basketball Semi-finals.

MONDAY: In the play off to divide 4th place Cadell beat Gorillas 40-28. Both sides were suffering from Public Holiday Blues and were very slow to begin. Stars for Cadell were Jimmy, Peter and George. For Gorillas Tom and Jimmy.

TUESDAY: On Tuesday night in the semi-finals it was decided to enforce the 5 foul rule ie. 5 fouls and your off mate. This caused the players to be a little timid to begin with. In the first game, Cadell against Kiwis. Cadell played the last 10 minutes with only three men because of this rule. They gave a brave display these three and surprisingly came from behind to almost catch Kiwis on the bell. Final score Kiwis 30 - Cadell 28.

In the second game Hawks verses Demons the 5 foul rule again took its toll. Hawks who were leading Demons at the time fell to pieces when Jim Jam was given his marching orders. In the second half they were rallied a little but were not able to contain the polished display by Demons in particular Dick Smith. Final score Demons 45 - Hawks 38.

Congratulations to all team and players who have participated in an interesting competition. Special thanks to the hard working umpires Jim Mac, Captain, Jimmy, Tim and the rest.

D.G.

"It would make you cry!"

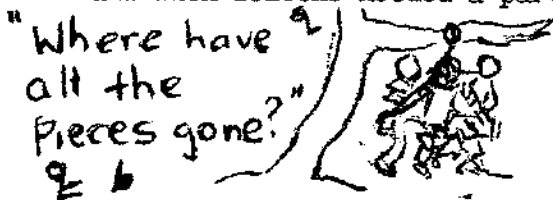
Last pay day, 2 lucky boys went riding home on brand new bikes. A few days later Mr John Wilders asked the first boy how his bike was going 'Alright, but the front wheel was buckled. This was soon put right and away the cyclist went.

The second bike was also off the road. "A little bit wrong" the boy said. John jumped into the Toyota and the boy directed him to a house. They looked inside and there it was - a frame only - hung up. "Where are the tyres." "Oh somebody took them." The pedals had gone too.

A bare frame - after one week.

This is not the first time that something has been taken apart and something has been taken apart and somehow the parts have scattered to the ends of the settlement.

John W. would like to build up a supply of spare parts to help boys with bike troubles. If boys would bring wheels, nuts, pedals, chains, ball bearings, tyres, seats, handle bars to the Scout Hall they could be looked after there, and when someone needed a part - they would probably be able to find one there.



Commonwealth Film Unit:



Mr Bob Kingsbury and his film unit left for Elcho Island where they will spend a week. The main actress in the film, Beth (of Kormilda) comes from Elcho.

Next week Mr Peter Williams will write about the filming of the interview he had with Finity and of Mr Dave Fryer teaching his Manual Training boys.

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Maningrida,
May 7th. 1970.

This is my story. I started work in 1964, and I've been doing medical work in the hospital for almost seven years. I have had holidays, but I have always come back to my job.

I'm still working at my job in the hospital. I might go this year for my holiday, to Darwin, but I don't know yet.

Well that's all. My story is finished. I must close it now.

From

Mr. Oscar Nalawid.

The Kinds of food to give children

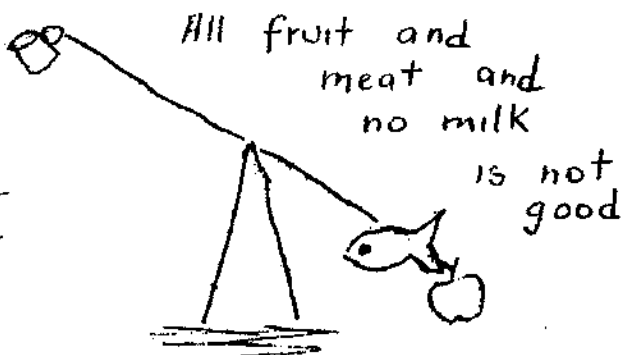
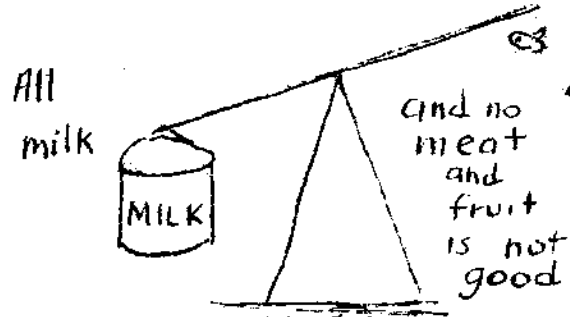
3 cups each day ①



Some meat each day ②

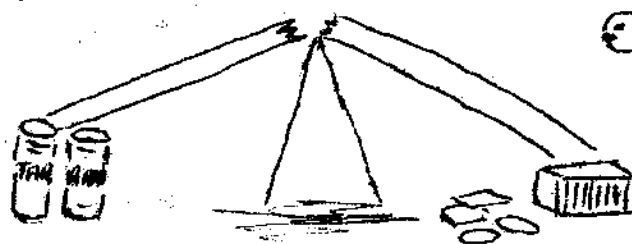


Some fruit each day ③



Only Tarax and Damper and biscuits is no good at all.

Gunmolo molo. Some of each kind of food



This will make babies children and adults grow and be strong.

We all need a "balanced diet"

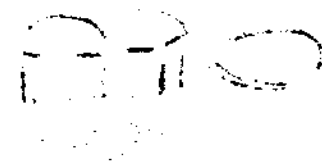
SISTER EDITH.



Eat first



Eat last



Eat third



News of People

WEEKEND DUTY OFFICER:

Mr. Bert Ryan.

WEEKEND DUTY SISTER: SISTER MALJA

STAR THEATRE:

FRIDAY: "The Tall Man."

SATURDAY: Watch the Notice Boards.

CHURCH NOTICES:

CHRIST THE HIGH PRIEST.

Sunday: 9.30am. All age Sunday School
7.30pm. Evening Service

Tuesday 7.30pm. Womens Club.

AN OPOLOGY AND AN EXPLANATION

We are sorry that some words in our last issue were hurtful to two good friends. They were not meant to be. An axe handle was mentioned. This was really the stem of a coconut palm branch.

Whenever some game or other public event is taking place and something unusual things happen which takes the attraction of the people, away from the game these things are bound to be reported. For example, when the Wanderers came out to play football against Maningrida our sporting writer wrote about all the trips the 'ambulance' had to make to the hospital with injured persons. We understand that 2 of the Wanderers players had a long stay in the Darwin hospital afterwards.

The young men who took part in the 3 fights at the basketball court might seriously ask themselves whether there is a proper time and place to settle their differences. The following advertisement is meant to help us think:

For Rent - Premises.

Hold your punch-ups in security and comfort. Our premises are modern, clean, well lit, and there is plenty of room, for action. Fully enclosed for "invitation only" functions. Toilet and tea-making facilities available for moderate additional charge. Free health insurance for minors.

For a quote; no obligations, contact us anytime.

1st Maningrida Scouts.

Why employ a chucker-out call your friendly rover-scout.

(Just a thought.)

LOST

A silver key ring with four keys on it.

Finder please return to Rev. G. Armstrong.

Mr Ed. Prescott wishes to thank all Maningrida people who helped the Goulburn Islanders in various ways when they were working here. Mr & Mrs. Prescott and family travelled on the 'Kangaroo' down the coast to Perth last week (for a holiday), Mrs Prescott who had been ill was feeling much better.

We wish Miss Robyn Strong every happiness as she returns to work in QLD. The School, the Co-operative Board, the Girl Guides, the Church, will all miss her.

We also wish Miss Ferguson well as she goes back to a high school class in the Area School at Nhulumbuy.

It's good to see Geoffrey Bagshaw with us on holidays.

Gaye and Lydia (student teachers) return to Sydney this weekend to complete their studies, to return to the territory in the New Year.

Familiar face of Mr Bob Kingsley, and his men returned to Maningrida this week to continue their work on producing a film on Aboriginal Education in N.T.

Mr & Mrs Dave Fryer, take the opportunity of school holidays to further their knowledge of Katherine and Alice Springs.

Mr Mark Tuite, (accompanied by his mother), is spending the holidays in Brisbane, sharing his charms with his grandparents and relatives.

Mr Jimmy Olsen returned on Friday from Darwin after working with Mr Paspaley (pearling).

Mr Eaku Ray has returned from Milingimbi after keeping a fatherly eye on the dancing there.

*** Hasty Tasty. ***

Tasty hamburgers are available every

Tuesday evening

Wednesday

Thursday

Prepared by an experienced overseas cook.

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