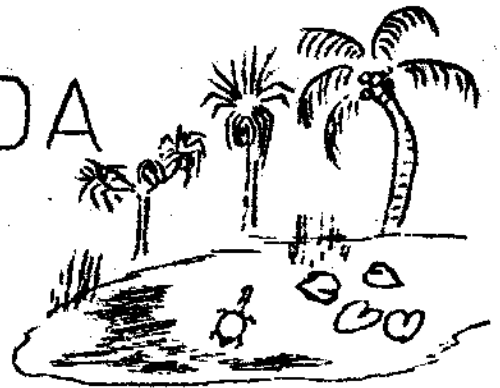


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MANINGRIDA MIRAGE



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The Chalkies are coming!

Three aeroplanes will zoom ⁱⁿ next Wednesday with fifty South Australian teachers, who teach Aboriginal children mostly in N.T. schools - along with four professors and Mr. Giese.

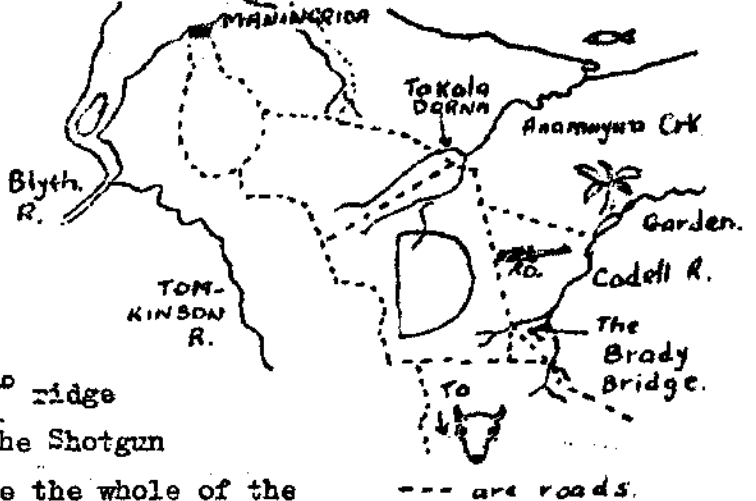
The teachers are attending a course in Darwin on the Education of Aboriginal children. Among the lecturers will be Mr. Denis Strand. He will present a paper - (the "N.T. News" he tells us.)

Those Blasting Noises at the Saw mill.

All the saw dust and waste material from the mill, is to be burnt in a covered steel box-like incinerator set about 40' high off the ground. This will eliminate any danger from fires. Fairly substantial foundations are needed for the steel framework to hold this fire-box, and the blasting that we hear in the late afternoons is part of foundation building operation.

Roadmaking.

Forestry's Project for the Dry Season of 1970 is the opening up of the area marked D on the map. At present the big bull-dozer is working up towards Tu Kaladorna from Brady's ^D ridge (across the Upper Cadell) making the Shotgun Straight Road a chain wide. Once the whole of the perimeter of 'D' area is completed a number of roads will be made to sub-divide it into workable areas. A second bull dozer will arrive from Melville Island within two or three weeks to assist in this work. It is fitted with rippers as well as a blade.



The roadmakers have their camp near a big billabongo on the Cadell. Brady's Bridge was built by Allan Brady last year and is built to carry upto 50 ton loads.

Fire Breaks.

A team of men have been burning off the dry grass around Maningrida in the last few days, and have continued this work down past Sawmill beach and Barney's Jungle to the Tomkinson and then - they are going along the Tomkinson Flats, South-east ward.

The greatest destroyer of good Cypress timber (and future buildings) is uncontrolled fire.

Snakes - Beware.

Around an Pollard's house and tracks near the old fowl yard.

COUNCIL MEETING

11 Councillors were present.

The preparations for Open Day are coming along quite well.

- (1) Jim Olssen claimed that he had been wrongfully accused of having grog on Friday night last. He was supported by Billy Yiriyin.
- (2) Charlie Mulumbuk wanted to know why the council had not supported him when he was attacked by Charlie Marabinyin last Saturday night. The President said that the matter was a personal issue and the two men had to resolve it themselves.
- (3) Councillor Jack Riala said that the old people would never change their ways and that young people would never get a fair go. The young people wanted to change but were reluctant to force the issue. Councillor Jim Madama suggested that the council hold public meetings to bring all parties together.

There was a long and inconclusive discussion of the merits of change. Big Barney said that he had seen the light and would abide by the new law in future. Jim Madama said that young people were dissatisfied with the Council because it did not support them. The most prominent issue was marriage. The young men had no chance to get a wife because they were always blocked by the elders. It was suggested that the young people might have to force some relaxation of tribal law.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

STAR THEATRE:

Friday Night: "Snokey" - with Fess Parker - story about man who tames girls and horses in that order. Plus serial & cartoon.

Saturday Night; "Do Not Disturb" - Doris Day and Rod Taylor display their sickening bad taste in cinemascope and colour. Plus short.

DANCING: There will be Aboriginal dancing at this year's Eisteddfod and Maningrida best dancers will be chosen on Open Day.

It is the ballet etc, by Europeans which will not be seen at this years Eisteddfod.

Examination: Mr Bruce Craven sat for an examination last Saturday to gain a place among permanent public servants.

Birth: PAUL - son of Nellie Nanjiala and Michael Nulabiya on June 1st.

ARAFURA "C"

FREIGHT CHARGES: No one in the top end will be overjoyed at the announcement by the Minister for Shipping and Transport that a 12½% freight rise in all goods into Darwin will be effective as from next month, indeed the only good thing about it is that the rise was anticipated in some quarters as likely to be even steeper.

As all foodstuffs except fruit and vegetables and some meat are imported from the south per ship for Darwin and territory market, we will all pay more for our cost of living, it is too early to measure the full impact on the price structure certainly we at the Co-op would hope to absorb much of the rise.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS: to the Co-op athletes Tommy W. and Willy on their selection for the team to compete shortly in Darwin. The store is a good training track especially on pay days.

GOOD QUALITY fruit and fish will highlight this pay week ends selling, our boys caught 450lbs in 1 night this week, fish are bulging out of the fridge doors. Good quality bananas, Oranges, Mandarines, Apples and Pears are readily available. For that in between snack buy and try our special Milk Biscuits they are better for you and at 1 cent each are good value. Remember the biscuit with the hole in the middle.

G. Bagshaw.

More Views on "Where the Money comes from."

A topic of current interest at Maningrida is the recent increase in the flow of finance into the new Co-operative Store since the doors were opened in March.

Primarily I was surprised to know that the increase was so sharp as I would have expected the inflow to be somewhat pruned back, especially after knowing that the Welfare wages bill had decreased by over \$2,000 per fortnight since early April. This resulted from the transfer of 15 men on the highest categories of the Welfare Training Allowances to Forestry (and to Industrial Awards). Another factor is the termination of about 20 men who now living elsewhere or fishing etc. A further look into the matter brought some interesting information to light.

It appears the Aborigines are now buying more basic food items from the Co-operative which could be proved by the fact that the takings at the dining room have diminished by approx. 50% over the past few months. Items such as fish from the aboriginal fishing venture and fresh vegetables from the Cadell River garden are available. This is indeed an important point. The sales of local fish in particular have reduced local demand for items such as meats, chicken and imported frozen fish and I understand it is many weeks since these items have been ordered. It is also relevant to note that imported meats must be regarded as slower sellers while fish has a rapid turnover. The McArthur River meat people may unhappily agree with this.

Clothing and hardware sales are also on the increase which is probably due to the fact that a customer may now walk into the shop and view what is for sale. It is well remembered that in the old store it was not really ever known what was out "the back". What one cannot see, one is not likely to inquire about. No doubt less mail orders are being sent to Darwin or Southern states. Items such as bikes, films, cameras, record players, records and radios help to increase the kitty. The increase of European purchases, and more staff on the settlement particularly with Forestry, would also account for the capital inflow. The increase in Forestry Aboriginal wages would be largely balanced by the Welfare decrease, I think.

Finally the business has responded to the efforts of Mr & Mrs Bagshaw who have not only given every ounce of energy, but whose past experience in this field of business has opened up a way for prosperity not only in knowing what customers want but also they have been able to successfully train their staff to the Co-operative's advantage.

Robert Eggers

ELECTION RESULTS.

Two state elections and one Federal by-election were held last weekend in the south. In Victoria the Liberal Party will have its 6th ~~XXXX~~ consecutive term of office in spite of a small swing in votes and seats towards the Labour Party. It appears that the Liberal Party is likely to have a majority of at least 5. The Labour vote improved by 3.5 per cent mainly at the expense of the Country Party down more than 2 per cent and the Liberals down 1 per cent.

In South Australia the Labour Opposition defeated the L.C.L. Government to take office with a majority of eight. Labour gained 53 per cent of the vote which is much the same as the 1968 election results. However the Government had carried out a reform increasing the number of seats and improving urban representation and this helped to give Labour its comfortable majority.

The by-election in the A.C.T. appears to be a victory for Labour, however its 36 per cent of the votes counted was the smallest proportion it had ever received there.

DISASTER IN PERU.

It is believed that 55,000 people have been killed in a devastating earthquake in Peru on Sunday. Two large towns with a total population of 80,000 have been swept away by a mountain of water from a lake in the Andes Mountains. Towns and cities have been levelled by the earthquake and destruction in many towns and villages is described as "total".

LIBERALS REVOLT.

A revolt by government M.P.s has forced the Government to defer and possibly to reconsider its plan to provide a civilian alternative to gail terms for National Service dissenters. Last week Cabinet agreed to a plan to allow dissenters to serve their two year N.S. term in labouring and other unskilled jobs under Government supervision. Six M.P.s, including the member for the N.T. Mr. S. Calder, spoke against the proposal and one M.P. suggested that the alternative should be three years hard labour.

TEENAGE VOTE ?

A bill giving 18 year olds the right to marry and vote was introduced in Federal Parliament this week. The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Whitlam, gave notice of the bill during general business. He explained why he thought 18 year olds should have the right to marry and vote. The bill will be listed for debate at the earliest possible date.

SPORTS NEWS.

Johnny Farechon, 25, the former world featherweight boxing champion has retired from boxing. He won the title in January last year in London, defended it twice against Japans Fighting Harada before losing it last month to Saldivar of Mexico.

New Zealand motor racing driver Bruce McLaren was killed in England this week. McLaren was believed to have been travelling at about 180 mph when his car hit a bank and exploded.

Defending champions England on Wednesday defeated Rumania 1 - 0 in its opening game of the World Cup being played in Mexico.



SCOUTS and GUIDES

On Monday night six Scouts who were received from the Cubs earlier this year will put on their new uniforms and will be initiated.

The Goose Patrol camped out at Navy Landing last weekend. None were shot down and all returned home safely having thoroughly enjoyed their weekend. The Owl Patrol will camp out at Rocky Point this weekend.

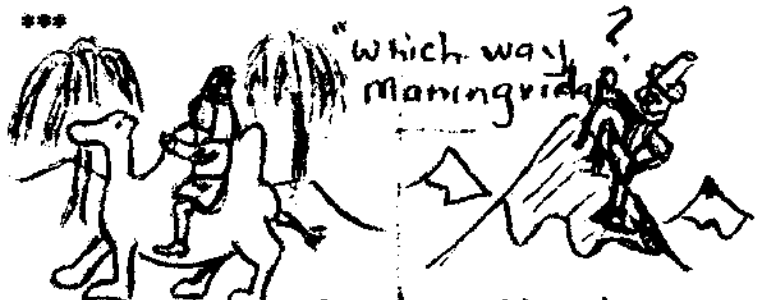
On Open Day it is hoped that Mrs Schmidt, Guide Commissioner, from Darwin will visit Maningrida to enroll the 50 Girl Guides who having passed their Tenderfoot Test are ready to be made members of the Girl Guide Association. An Enrollment Ceremony will be held at the Scout Hall on the Monday Morning where the girls will make their promise to the Commissioner and be presented with their badge of membership. For the first time the girls will wear full Guide Uniform. Plans are being made for the Guides, Scouts and Cubs to join in a united campfire singing celebration on the Monday evening.

Mr Owen Pitkin The senior internal auditor, has been inspecting the books and moneys in the office during the past week.

Mr Denis Schapel (Art teacher at Maningrida in 1968) wrote this week that he is a married man now (wife Geraldine) living in Adelaide and teaching. He expects to be back in Darwin in October in his old job as Special Specialist Teacher (art). He sends his regards to Maningrida people he used to know.

" She's a lassie from Lancashire "

She's a lassie we love dear
None could be rarer,
None could be fairer, than she"



Next Tuesday Miss Edna Galliver will leave the stoves and sewing machines in Home Management for a 3 months holiday overseas. B.O.A.C. will put her down in Lebanon for about four days - if those people aren't shooting each other at that time. Damascus, Tyre, Lebanon, ancient cities that date back to the dream-time will be some places she hopes to see and has always wanted to see.

Then home to Lancashire and should we hear the song "I'll climb every Mountain" drifting across the air we'll know that Edna is in the Lake country climbing mountains, losing some weight. She hopes to visit Edinburgh for the Commonwealth Games in about a month's time and then into Wales to haunt some of those little Welsh Villages. (hunt)

(Villagers?)

Miss Alison Teixeira: Will marry a man she met on the trip across to England He's Irish, but not from the stormy north.

Miss Robyn Strong: is engaged to Mr John Stevens. Our congratulations to them.

WEEKEND DUTY OFFICER: Mr Edy Carey

WEEKEND DUTY SISTER: Sister Maija Lehtonen.



Church Services:

Sunday 9.30am Sunday School "Man's Faith"

7.30 Evening Service.

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Last Sunday coming of the Gospel to Arnhemland was recalled in Arnhemland Churches. In the Maningrida service, Mr. Silas Roberts recalled that his grandfather was one of the Roper River people who saw the first missionary arrive there.

At Maningrida it had generally been assumed that the Rev. Lazarus Lamilami was the first person to conduct a service in this area in the late 1940's. However Mr. Gordon Sweeny's patrol report in the dry season of 1959 records the following.

"July 22nd - traversed Gunbatgarri Creek (tributary of the Tomkinson).....

July 25rd - 72 people at the camp. I held a short service in the morning showing them Mission pictures in which people of their own colour were included - using a Gunwinggu interpreter. We left in the afternoon and camped at Nanja.

July 31st - (after travelling up the Liverpool River and then coming back to a camping place.) "just above the tidal head") There were about 70 people at the camp. Gungoragore, Maralidbens (probably some of our well known Gunwinggu people) in the morning I held a short service using a Gunwinggu interpreter..."

Gordon Sweeny was then on the staff at Goulburn Island, he now lives in Adelaide.

Baptism. Karen Enniss daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Enniss. The Service was performed by Father Corry on Thursday afternoon June 3rd.

Barbeque

After the pictures on Saturday night there will be a Barbeque in the gardens of Messrs. James McInerney and Allen Grieve to wish 'bon voyage' to Edna. Everyone is welcome, bring your own tucker.

Danger - from Flying Foxes.

This year there seem to be an unusually large number of flying foxes about. Bill Armstrong says that when he comes to the kitchen at 5 a.m. in the mornings, they often drop out of the air trees and fly perilously low over his defenceless head. Sometimes he feels 'almost finished up', Jimmy Galerawma, shot about 26 with two shots near Gudjerama yesterday.

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