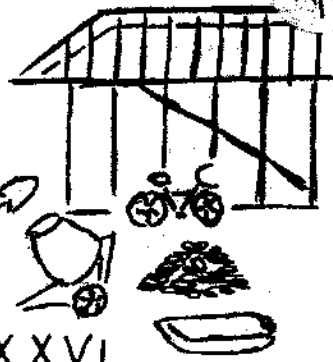


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# MANINGRIDA MIRAGE



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## THREE CHEERS FOR THE GOVERNMENT!

The Minister for the Interior is providing \$30,000 and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs is matching this, as grants to institute a Housing Trust at Maningrida. The Housing Trust is in the process of legal incorporation and the Board of Management will be comprised solely of Maningrida people, probably 3 Aborigines and 2 Europeans, one of whom must be the Superintendent or his representative.

The object of the Trust, as proposed in its articles, will be to erect homes for rental and sale to Aboriginal people. Several designs have been developed at Maningrida and are currently in the hands of Mr. Len Driver, Darwin Building Consultant. It is proposed to erect fully self contained home units, of two and three bedrooms, also a single quarters unit for the unattached. Each home will have its own kitchen, living room, bathroom, laundry and toilet. Every home will have electric lighting and power points for appliances.

It is hoped to erect about 7 homes each year but a great deal of planning remains to be done and this figure is by no means a firm one. The rental on each house will be paid back into the Housing Trust and after a number of years it is hoped that the Trust will be self-perpetuating. The Director of Welfare has indicated that initial assistance by way of grants will continue for some time but that further help will thereafter be by loan.

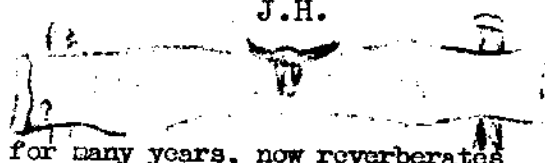
Mr. Bagshaw will shortly be visiting Darwin to confer with the Welfare Branch and to arrange for the legal formalities of Incorporation.

## GOOD ON YEZ.

I think a few bouquets should be hurled at the teachers, Mr. Williams in particular, and the kids for the polished way in which they coped with the 50 visitors last Wednesday. These people came from a wide area indeed, and they took away with them a lasting and most favourable impression of the quality and vigour of the Gordon Sweeney School. Congratulations, Peter.

J.H.

## MEENWHILE, BACK AT THE RANCH.....



Bulman, where peace and quiet has reigned for many years, now reverberates to the sound of development and the melodious strains of that celebrated cattle camp crooner, Mr Bert (Sanchez) Ryan.

Imagine a back-drop of craggy cliffs, standing sentinel like over the widening plain. Brigades of ghost-gums, seemingly white-washed anew by each soft dawn, spread their mantles over herds of complacent buffalo. Bubbling springs empty themselves across the landscape, their presence betrayed by serrated ranks of pandanus, a brilliant slash of green. So, you say, rave on. Well its all true I tell you. Take one look at Bulman and its got you cold. Fannie Bay, Kings Cross, the 10 mile - ce N'est rien.

The Bulman Cattle Station's beginnings are modest indeed. A tarpaulin and

## Bulman Story Cont'd.

a few tents to ward off the dew and the sunrays. A nearby spring suffices for drinking and bathing. The Western Nuclear Prospecting Company have been most generous and have loaned freezer space for perishables. The workers have cleared the line and dug the post holes for a 1,600 acre holding paddock. They have cut posts and carted them to the fence line. Next week Danny goes to Darwin to collect a new 5 ton Bedford and we hope a load of fencing supplies. The Western Nuclear have kindly graded off the proposed homestead site and accomplished a number of other tasks, all of an extremely helpful nature. Their geologist has selected a bore site and it is hoped that the hole may be drilled in the near future.

The cattle have settled down well and are luxuriating in good feed. The buffalo are a bit of a problem as they insist in walking through the holding-yard and not via the gate either.

The outlook - work, plenty of it. Mr Giese is arranging for a carpenter to come and go on with the station buildings and more equipment is being extracted (albeit painfully) from the N.T.A. Stores. The present plan is to attempt to trap some buffalo, perhaps next year, for trucking. Income thus derived will assist substantially with future development costs.

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## PEOPLE

Mrs Pansy Armstrong (no relation to W or G.) who was a teacher here in 1962-64 gave her old friends a pleasant surprise by appearing with all the visitors on Wednesday. She has been teaching at Amoongoora (where husband Tom is a carpenter) but now has joined the staffs of the Alice Springs School to teach the children of Aboriginal families camping round about the Tod River.

Pansy was very interested to see the circle of 10 houses (Peter Gangalara's, George Yarlmuers etc) and the line of houses in which Barney Wunggirde and England Bangala live. These were houses which Tom built.

Mr Charlie Juta has returned after working as a stockman at Banyili and then as a 'policeman' in Bagot.

Mr Jack Wunawun and Charlie Marabinyin: have gone up to Gamedj on a creek running into the Blyth river, and hoping to hook some crocodiles and prepare their country for gardening.

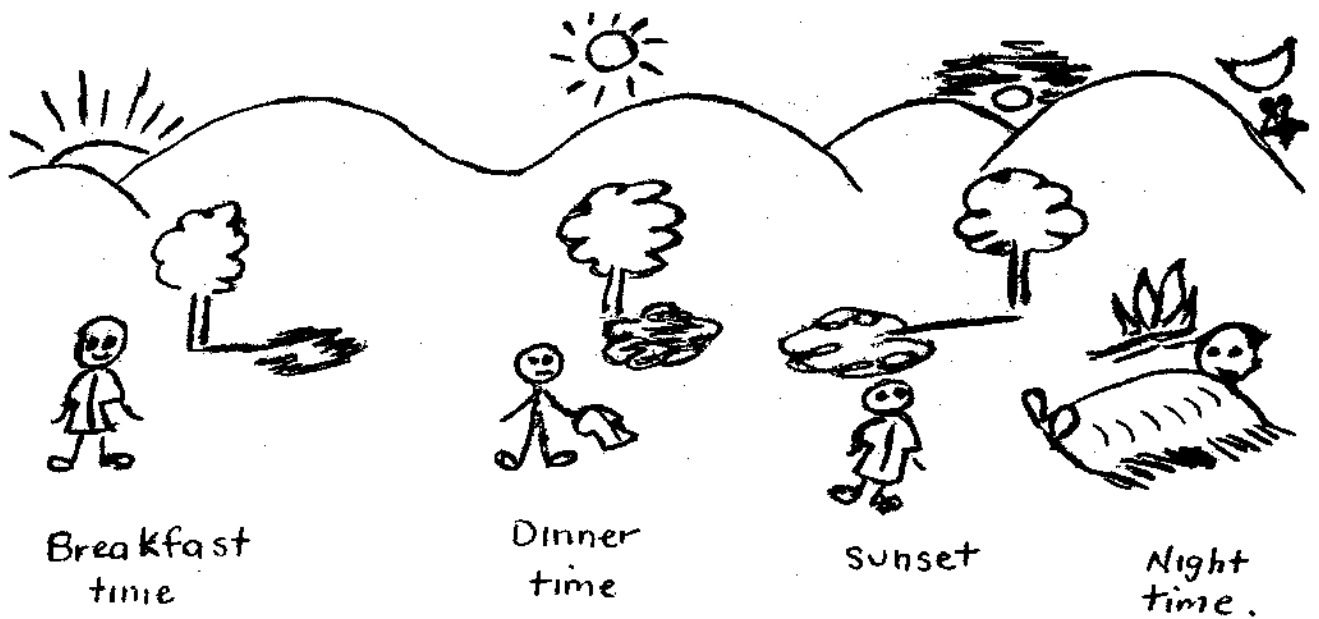
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Mr Barry Tuite's father and mother are staying at Maningrida. Mr Tuite drove his Toyota over land from Brisbane. The only difficult part of their trip was the road between Bulman and Cadell crossing. Mr Tuite Snr. is a keen photographer.

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Mr. Bill Scott, the Motor Mechanic has arrived and taken up residence in "Gunavidji". He will fix up some of the locally owned engines.

Mr. John Delaney, forestry ~~man~~ man, had the misfortune to have a leg broken on Wednesday. A tree came crashing in upon him and crushed his leg.



Mothers:

Keep your child warm.  
 Inside , by good tucker.  
 Outside, by putting on a jumper when the sun is low in the sky , and when its dark.

Sister Edith.

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The Drive to Bulman

By Dick Smith Jnr.

The trip from Maningrida to Bulman was a long one. Mr. Hunter and I started from here at about 7.30a.m. (on Sat.). The road was good until we got to the place where the dozer couldn't go any further- the place where the big truck got bogged , the first time it went down. I asked Mr. Hunter how far it is from Maningrida to Bulman and he replied "It's 150 miles- a long way to go yet!" So we drove on , until we got to the Cadell Crossing, had a rest, and spelled while Mr. Hunter took some photoes of us. It was on the road again and this was where we parted from the big truck loaded up with goods and Michael Brown, Jim Burnyela, "Michael, Charlie and Michael Gidjawala.

We then went onto a further place where I boiled the billy and Mr. Hunter put some petrol into Mrs. Watson's truck, then we had lunch. Night came and as Mrs. Watson's truck had no light , Mr. Hunter drove Mrs. Watson's truck and I drove the other truck ahead. It was now about 7.30p.m. and we travelled along at 15 miles an hour until we reached the good road. We arrived at Bulman at about 9 p.m. I enjoyed the trip very much.

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Births.

Elva to Ruby Djinmanga and Harry Mulumbuk on Fri. June 5th.  
 Jennifer to Betty GungaGunga and Barney Wung-gurda on Sun. 7th.  
 Henry to Doris Djindji-ngara and Barney Reridjbala on Tues. 9th.  
 So the Burada people increase.

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Adventures in the Bush

as told by Peter Banjurljurl.

One of the well known anthropologists in Eastern Arnhemland was Dr. Donald Thompson. At one time he walked about with the Jinning people. Peter can still remember him . At the time, he was quite a small boy , and was being carried about on the shoulders of that grey-haired father figure Mr. Ray Baku . On one occasion he was 'crying for goose' and in frustration bit the old gentleman's head.

His association with two patrol officers in later years was more satisfying. (more next week ).

## FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

### GURINDJIS BUILD HOMES AT WATTLE CREEK

The Gurindji people are building permanent houses at Wattle Creek, their tribal country. The houses have cost \$250 so far; 20 Housing Commission Houses being built on the Wave Hill Common have cost \$750,000. The Gurindjis say they will never occupy the Government houses. In a critical editorial the Northern Territory News has attacked both the Administration and Vesteys Meat Co. for their unreasonable attitude to the Gurindjis claim. In particular Vesteys was criticized for failing to accept its responsibilities in their affair.

### FIRE DANGER HIGH!

Big fire time is here! During the week a fire on a 5-mile front was moving through the country west of Maningrida. BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU THROW YOUR OLD FIRES!

### BAW-BAW KEY .....

Many ardent sardine lovers will mourn the passing of the sardine tin key. In future all sardine cans will be fitted with the familiar ring-pull. There is no truth in the rumour that the Hasty Tasty is considering a similar project for chiko rolls.

### DISCRIMINATION CLASH IN QUEENSLAND

The Federal Government may have to legislate to remove some of Queensland's Aboriginal Laws, which it thinks are discriminatory. The Queensland Minister for Aboriginal Affairs insists that the Laws benefit the Aborigines. But Mr. Wentworth does not agree.

### BERRIMAH CORROBOREE

Yirrkala Aborigines in Darwin for the Land Rights case danced a special corroboree at Berrimah this week for Mr. Fred Gray, the former "king" of Umbakumba. Mr. Gray lived at Umbakumba for 20 years.

### FAMMO HERE IN AUGUST!

World Featherweight Boxing Champion, Johnny Famechon, who recently retired from the ring (not the one on the sardine tin), will visit Katherine in August for a boxing tournament. Lionel Rose has been invited for another tournament later in the year.

Minutes of this week's Council meeting will appear next week.

# Athletics



During the past week some of Maningrida's best young athletes have been training on the oval under the eye of the coach Mr Dave Fryer. They are preparing for the Darwin Athlete Carnival on Monday.

This is Maningrida's first attempt to break into the wider athlete world. On Monday they will appear in (squa) blue singlets and white shorts.

Dave does not think that we can hope for outstanding results this year as there has been so little time for training. However he expects the following to do well.

Richard Jangalan (pre Trade Trainee): in Darwin and being coached by the former Australian Olympic runner Bobby Lay. He will be running in spiked shoes and it is hoped that he will break the Australian Sub Junior time for the 100 metres.

Jack Pascoe: (Apprentice) in Darwin is well known for his high jumping ability.

Larry Wipa: the captain of the Maningrida team should do well in the shotputt.

Mark Miragul and George Gomadir: may run well in the long distance events.

Tommy Dudanga in the Broad jump and javelin throw.

The relay 4 x 100 metres also have a chance.

The school boys go in under an assisted passage scheme. They have to find half their fare. The men who are at work pay their own way.

## Tennis Line Up:

Tennis players may have noted the plastic lines which are being put down on the Tennis court. This has been bought at a cost of \$86 and has not been paid for yet. It has been suggested that if each tennis player could make a donation say \$5 each, this would go a long way toward covering the cost. Donations may be given to Mr Bob Eggers.

## \*\*\*\*\* ENROLMENT"

All Parents and Friends of the 1st Maningrida Girl Guides are invited to witness the enrolment ceremony on Monday morning approx. 10 o'clock outside the Scout Hall.

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WEEKEND DUTY OFFICER: John Hunter.

WEEKEND DUTY SISTER: Sister Helen Miller

Holiday Monday: Sister Maija Lehtonen.

STAR THEATRE: FRIDAY 7.50pm "TRIAL"

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# FORESTRY.

Three vehicles have been equipped with radios and shortly a radio will be installed complete with steel masts in the Forestry Office. This will give continuous radio contact between all Forestry work groups. If a serious fire breaks out in some area all the work force will be called by radio to deal with the emergency in the quickest possible time.

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The Senior Technical Officer Mr Colin Wilson is here carrying out his inspection. He has succeeded Mr Dick Speldewinde who is now at Manjup in Western Australia with the State Forests.

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Messrs Eric Quick, Alan Brady and Kevin Ennis will leave on Saturday morning to survey the timber growing in the area North of the Bulman. If there is enough good timber roads will probably be made into the area.

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Congratulations to Mr Bruce Craven who was one of the 100 people successful in the recent examinations. Another 100 did not pass.

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On Tuesday of next week an executive of Massy Fergusson will be here to teach all the gangers, drivers and mechanics the proper way to operate and care for all hydraulic equipment such as the tippers.

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Correction: The steel fire box to burn all the waste material <sup>at the sawmill</sup> will not be up in the air as reported in the last Mirage. The elevator goes up high and drops the sawdust into the incinerator which is on the ground. This will greatly reduce the fire danger to low flying birds and planes.

BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE! IT KILLS GOOD TREES.

## Church Notices.

Sunday 9.30a.m. Sunday Schools . "Man's hope".  
7.30p.m. Evening Service.



## HASTY TASTY

Hasty Tasty regrets to inform its valued patrons that, due to staff shortage, there will be no cooking done on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. It is hoped to rectify this as soon as possible, but the outlook is not bright.

### Position Vacant

Casual Cook at the Hasty Tasty.  
Three nights per week by or by arrangement.  
Wages \$1.20 perhour. Apply Mr. J. Hub-  
+er.

## Arts and Crafts.

The South Australian Teachers proved to be excellent customers. They bought just over \$500 worth, mostly barks. This is the best selling day ever.

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