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WHAT IS YOUR CHILD DOING IN THE DAYTIME?

AJIS



AT SCHOOL
LEARNING



OR
IN THE CAMP OF
RUNNING AWAY

If he is here - will he be
happy later on?

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What School can do for People.

Printed below, is part of a letter written by Sister Ena to "New Dawn" a paper for Aboriginal people in N.S.W.

" I am enclosing a photograph of my sister, Margaret Williams, whom you may remember, finished her education in the Melbourne University. She was the first Aborigine to get a diploma from an Australian University.

She then taught at the Presbyterian Ladies College at Ballarat for 2 years, and then became the 'teacher of the year', in competition with other teachers. She was sent to London for further studies and from there, in company with another of my sisters, travelled Wales, Scotland, Europe, Canada, and America. Margaret then spent one year teaching American children in Germany and finally settled in Canada. There she taught for several years and then became an officer in the Canadian Navy where she is now. In the near future, she will return to school teaching.

This also may be of interest to your readers. Our family came from Casino, N.S.W. and we were educated there until Margaret went to the University. I started my training as a nurse in the Lismore Base Hospital and finished in Brisbane. I now hold two certificates and at present am nursing in Arnhemland in the Northern Territory, on an Aboriginal Settlement - the biggest in the Northern Territory."

Ena Pickersgill.

In New Dawn there is a photo of an attractive young lady in the uniform of a Naval officer.

Sister Edith about to go on Holidays.

Early next week, Sister Edith will fly to Perth where she will join her sister and her family, who have been living in Perth, but now are about to go back to England.

Sister Edith will travel with them as far as South Africa and she will spend four days there. Molly, nursing assistant in the hospital, has given some good advice to Sister Edith to look out for some of those "cheeky ones" who live over there. On returning to Maningrida, she will work with Dept. O' Health.

DARWIN SHOW

Each year the Welfare Branch stages an exhibition in its pavilion at Winnellie showground for the Darwin Show. Rather than display unrelated material from numerous centres, it was decided that our settlement should be featured and Maningrida Progress Association was invited to arrange the display based on Maningrida.

Our group consisted of Mr. Fryer and myself as general organisers, eight schoolchildren to cover the fields of education, cooking, bulding, guiding, scouting, Sister Stacey who advised and sold numerous artifacts, 3 men painted stories on bark and built bush shelters, 2 council men, a canoe maker, and a representative from fisheries.

A feature of the exhibition was the co-operation between all involved particularly the Progress Association and Head Office Staff. Mr. Mike Calhane, the Public Relations Officer, did a tremendous job organising transport, materials and people. Mr. Lindsay Shanahan assisted with the general layout and Miss Judy Butler (who arrived on Monday to replace R. Buzza) put in many hours sign writing.

All visitors and Branch staff who saw the exhibition seemed satisfied as were, Mr. Fryer and myself. Sister Stacy sold over \$ 1,000 in artifacts, some of which are destined for the future Darwin Museum.

I have only one critical comment to make: If the organisers of the Darwin Show continue to have a competition for Government Departments may I suggest they include Welfare in the judging.

The purpose of the exhibition from the Progress Associations point of view was to show the rapid progress this community is making towards economic self-sufficiency together with development towards general assimilation as outlined in Government policy and in terms of this general aim. The display was successful.

P. Williams

P.S.: A personal thanks to all people who contributed towards the success of this venture.

WHO TOOK THEM?

We were all worried about the models of the houses which disappeared from the table in the pavilion.

Fortunately a detective was on the spot. Detective Sergeant Dave Fryer.

Two little boys had been looking around in the pavilion, and they could have taken a liking for these little houses.

So Dave reasoned - the models were too big to be carried away in broad daylight. Maybe they were hidden and the thieves would come back at night. So a search of the bushes nearby began. - There under a big sheltering bush lay the stolen goods!

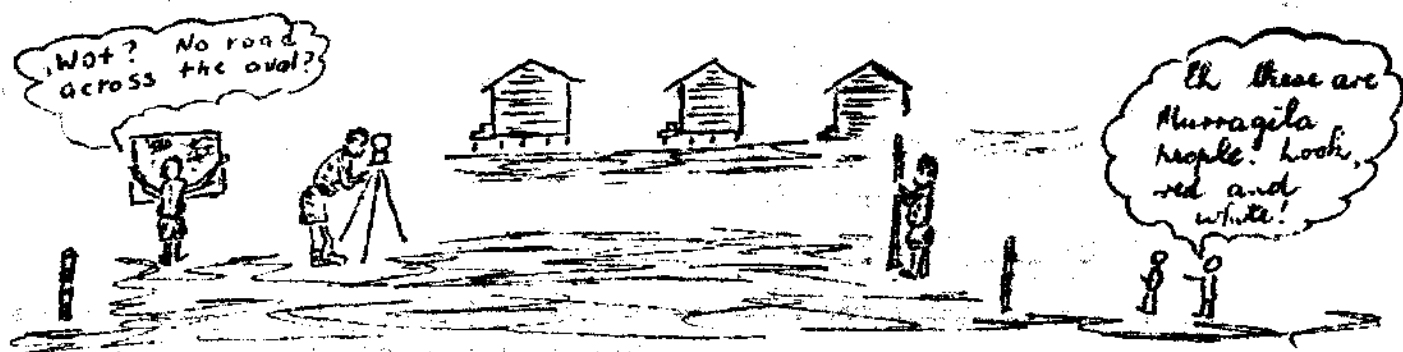
They were quickly recovered! There were no arrests or prosecutions.



Warning

People walking past the single mens quarters on Tuesday nights are advised to take special care. So beware.

Tom and Leo practice dart throwing, and anyone within fifty feet of the front door are in danger of being hit by stray darts!



PEGGING OUT MANINGRIDA

Have you had the feeling lately that you were being watched? Have you wondered at a group of men marching around the settlement linked by a long steel wire? Have you noticed the strange new crop of red and white stakes appearing mysteriously?

No, Mr. Hunter is not planting tomatoes on that rockhard ground nor is a major movie epic centred on Maningrida being produced. All this strange activity is simply a survey team from Administration's Lands and Survey Branch laying out the road system on which the Maningrida Development Plan is based.

This survey involves establishing an initial system of control points, safely buried away from bulldozers. From these further subdivisional pegs are placed to define individual lots of land.

The tools of this profession are the theodolite (that 3 legged "camera" usually referred to as the "jigger") which can be used to measure angles to 1 second of arc, i.e. 1/3.600th. part of a circle, and the steel tape which is calibrated to such accuracy that even its temperature and the tension at which it is pulled must be measured. All this precision and care ensures that boundaries can be fixed to an accuracy of 1 in 16.000, or about 4 inches in a mile.

Let us hope that this is the final plan and that these survey marks will remain in place until the time when this "paper town" becomes a living reality as the Maningrida of tomorrow.

Peter Harris.

OLD WAYS

Living in the bush we used to have plenty of space. We moved camp when it got dirty and did not do anythings about it.

NEW WAYS

Not much space to live in, this¹⁵, because we sit in the same camp even when it gets dirty. We have to think about living cleanly and not having too many dogs.

GOOD THINGS

- 1 Hospital
- 2 Kitchen
- 3 Picture
- 4 Store
- 5 Hasty Tasty

BAD THINGS

- 1 Dirty people and houses
- 2 Dogs

It's up to us to clean them up.

CARD PLAYING

Cards make trouble because people forget about other things and most times they lose their money, because cheating people get it.

PEOPLE

Young people must help the old ones and show respect even when they think the old people are silly for keeping bush ways.

COUNCIL

Council should punish people who make trouble or do not send their children to school by making them pay a fine. The fine is for Council funds.

Mr. J. Miritji

From here and there.

Which in French means From Les Jouraux.

Lionel Rose wins;

Aboriginal boxer , Lionel Rose won his fight in Melbourne on Tuesday night. He was fighting a man called Richard Borias who came from South Africa. Rose knocked Borias down twice and in the third round the referee stopped the fight. Borias was angry and said that Rose had hit him after the bell went in the second round.

Soldiers going Home.

America will take nearly all her soldiers out of Vietnam by next year. There are 406,000 American soldiers there now fighting in the Vietnam war which has been going on for many years. Many people in America want soldiers to come home. There are some Australian soldiers in Vietnam too , and some of them have already come home.

First for Bagot.

A new Museum and Art Gallery (a place to look at old fashioned things and paintings) has opened in Darwin. The first show to be put on there will be some pottery (cups and plates made from clay.) The pottery was made at Bagot by young Aboriginal men who came there to learn how to make these things. A teaching assistant from Maningrida , Jimmy Matjirri, is one of the men who have learnt to make pottery.

Students angry about Gurindji.

University students down South are angry about what the Government is doing to the Gurindji tribe at Wave Hill. The Students say that the Government is just trying to trick the Aboriginal people by building new houses. The Aboriginal people dont want the houses - they want to stay on their own land (their country). The students say that on the cattle stations near Wattie Creek, the Aboriginal people are treated badly. On Limbunya station , if the Aboriginals do not do as they are told, they are not given any tucker.

Tax time .

At this time every year, the Government decides what money people must pay for the next year. This year the Government is going to make people pay less income tax - money out of their wages, which will be good . However to keep themselves even , they are going to make cigarettes and beer cost more money - which will make all the men who go to the "Happiness Club" very sad.

Big Hurricane.

A big hurricane (like a cyclone only bigger) has caused great trouble in Texas in America. The hurricane went at 145 miles an hour and knocked down houses , buildings and water tanks. Twelve people have been killed and many towns have no clean water for drinking (like Maningrida except we dont need a hurricane).

The Jensens.

Mrs. Jensen has written to say that Eric has a job at Gove, Later on she and the children will go down there to live. At present they are staying in Darwin.

WEEKEND DUTY OFFICER. Mr. Bert, Ryan
WEEKEND DUTY SISTER : Sr. Ena Pickersgill

STAR THEATRE:

Fri. "The Blue Max" - a war story about aeroplanes.
Sat. "Toy Tiger" plus the exciting new serial "Desparados
of the West"

CHURCH NOTICES:

Sunday 10.30 a.m. Sunday Schools, "God's gifts"
7.30 p.m. Evening Service. Preacher Mr. George
Winanguj.
Thursday 7.30 p.m. Fellowship at Sister Maija's.

Rev. Cecil Scribble, General Secretary of L.O.M. wrote recently: "On 15th. August the official opening of Shepherdson College is to take place when the work of Rev. H.U. and Mrs. Shepherdson will be recognised. ... In the whole history of the missionary work of the Methodist Church of Australasia we know of few who served for so long a period and gave such sincere and well qualified service as the Shepherdsons have given He made a notable contribution ... developing outstations and building his own airstrips ... far off the beaten track where he could visit the Aborigines from time to time, ministering to them, serving them, watching over their health and being their pastor and friend."

LETTERS

From Geoffrey Bagshaw:

"I went to an Aboriginal art show at Merino (Adelaide). Guess where all the painting came from? — A place called Maningrida. It was very good. Barks by Magani, Bilinyarra, Guningbal, Landarrg, Ray Mnyal, Jumbo and Bopalindi. The people almost died when they heard I came from Maningrida. Someday people will say, - I own a Binyarra."

From Elizabeth Walsinmanga to her sister Rose:

"I am living with Mr. and Mrs. Miller in Ringwood (near Melbourne). They are Dutch people... they are kind to me. I've got used to living with white people they like me because I'm an Aboriginal. It is freezing cold here."

From Sister Logan to Sister Cec. (some years ago):

Sister Logan came to Maningrida back in 1962 and once when Sister Em. Bresnahan was away, she had to deliver 13 babies. In the same short period 12 people died. She wrote: "I feel that I'm just holding my own."

DEATH: Billy Jiringal died 30th July. 50 years.
Husband of Malabinbin and father of Chris, Caruso, Nicky,
Nym and Raymond.

FORESTRY

Two new staff arrivals. Mr. Peter Brindle - to drive the big Leyland truck.
Mr. Reid - due on Sat. to drive the third truck.

Training course.

Messrs. Rob. Prussian, Alan Brady, and Leo Diegert go into Darwin on Monday for a two days course on the use of explosives. They are due to return on Thursday if the sessions are not too deadly.

Transfer.

Mr. Rob. Prussian, at present second in charge of Forestry at Maningrida, has received notice of his transfer to Murganella where he will be in charge. He is due to go in the first week of September.

Fire Control.

There is now a weekend Fire Officer. This week end Mr. Leo Digneard. These polythene hoses which came off the barge recently were Forestry's (not part of the bulk fuel plant as reported). They will be installed at the Gudjerama and Tomkinson's Hole to fill tanks for fire fighting.

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