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Banking

Mrs Lyn Watson is returning to Bulman and has resigned the Commonwealth Banking agency. At the request of the Commonwealth Bank the Progress Association has accepted the agency, effective as from Tuesday Sept. 22nd.

The banking agency will be run in conjunction with the Post Office and will be available for trading during the hours listed.

Monday	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Wednesday	-	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	

Customers are requested not to seek banking facilities 1/2 hour before and 1/2 hour after arrival of daily mail, this is a request only to avoid your being delayed by the sorting etc. of mail.

All commission payable from the banking agency will go to the Progress Association, and not to any individual. This is in line with Post Office monies.

Mrs Elva Dickfoss is very shortly to join the Store Staff, and it is anticipated that she will run both the Post Office and banking. I am sure that you will agree with us, that we are fortunate to have the services of Mrs Dickfoss who of course is well known to everyone at Maningrida.

G. Bagshaw

W A T E R

The water has been off each night for the past week because of new installation work at the Leper Hole. It is intended to start up the Leper Hole pump today and if all goes well things will return to normal.

The W E T

All the prophets are predicting an early wet. This (the prediction) is a seasonal phenomenon and usually gives way, about November, to dire forebodings at a late wet, nevertheless the lightning to the South on Wednesday night indicates that the build-up may be commencing, for some reason Maningrida does not seem to benefit from the early storms and the tantalizing view of lightning over the stone country serves only to give some substance to the divinations of the "early Wet" fraternity.

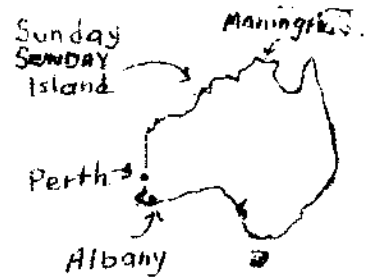
J. Hunter

Professor Toby Garrick has been at the School this week setting up the Language Laboratory. More about this next week. Prof. Garrick can speak Japanese (and Russian).

He was a Wing-Commander in the Air Force and at the end of the war helped to talk to Japanese soldiers etc. who were surrendering in the Phillipines, and New Guinea. Then he spent 5 years working in Japan.

Mr David DRYSDALE

Mr Bob Eggers, is in Perth and getting ready to go to Port Hedland early in October. He has heard that it costs \$130 a week to live in a hotel there!!! He has sent a copy of a page from "The West Australian":



"In 1957 Mr Drysdale helped to establish....
Manningrida.....

He retired several years ago but now at the age of 66 he has gone back to Sunday Is. He has opened a shop and is helping the Bardi people there to sell their produce and artifacts. He has bought a 17' launch to travel to and from the mainland. Now he and his wife are prepared to sell their Subiaco home (in Perth) to help the Sunday Islanders.

There used to be a mission on Sunday Island, and Mr Drysdale worked there helping the Superintendent out from 1925 until the war came. After the war the Bardi people drifted away to the big towns nearby and 10 years ago the Mission closed down. Many people got into trouble and now 40 have gone back to their Island.

They are trying to regain the dignity they lost and in all this they have been helped by a white man who knows Bardi people so well that he simply says "I am one of them".

COUNCIL

Monday 21st. Sept. present: 16 councillors and 9 visitors

1. Councillor Ray Munyal: We've been asking about housing and lights. Why don't we have the light. We have got power but no light. Maybe the Government keeps on promising us for nothing.
2. Cr Willy Jolpa: "Why don't we have taps?"
3. Mr Hunter: "I will write to Mr. Giese." "Each new house will have the light on along with water pipes and taps. The Bank will now be at the Post Office."
4. Peter Gangalara will be on duty at night.
5. Harry Mulumbuk: "Why don't my people help me for corroboree. I've got a young man, but I need help from dancers."
6. Mr Hunter: There is too much humbug with people bringing beer money to the kitchen. I am at the office to take money for tickets.
7. Visitor George Nayambala: "Why did last month's Mirage say we were to get four cans of beer."
8. President: "You fellows know what I said about changing - about marriage customs and girl friends. But its up to you people to decide what way we marry. We have a lot of people, school children and girls, but we still argue for marriage."

Mrs. Betty Hiatt , 'back in the cold South ' and feeling pleased with her successful ^{stay} at Manningrida and at the Plyth River , writes to say "Thank You" to all the people , Aboriginal and European , who made her trip pleasant and possible. Betty adds "at this stage I would like to return to Arnhemland next dry Season "

Concert - before the pictures, this Sat. - Eisteddfod dancers & Singers.

Parents & Friends

Important matters from the meeting 21.9.70:

BRICKS:

The Parents and Friends is to purchase a small brick-making machine for the Manual Training department.

ENAMELING:

Also for Manual Training on order will be placed for an electric kiln and all the equipment necessary for making enamel-ware such as pendants, ear rings and cuff links.

GENERAL STREAM:

\$200 was allocated to purchase English, Arithmetic and Social Studies books that will be suited to the special needs of the 2 General Stream classes - Mr Phemister's and Mr Gillespie's.

ART:

Miss Pullen was allocated funds to purchase more equipment for art classes. Some of this will be spent to introduce silk screen printing.

TIME PIECE:

We have now received a bill for the fabulous Maningrida Town Clock but no clock so far. Enquiries will be made.

CHRISTMAS SHOW:

The Parents and Friends will contact Southern film distributors to obtain a special film for the children at Christmas.

FETE:

Mr Williams is going to Darwin to purchase many of the things needed for the fete. \$1000 has been allowed for this expenditure.

We are looking for volunteers to assist us with the many jobs that have to be done for the Fete. All staff members will receive a circular asking for their help. We hope we can count on a good response.

Dan Gillespie
for the Committee.

MEETING - Maningrida Progress Association
at the school
on 30.9.70 at 7.30 p.m.

Visitors welcome. Christmas activities are to be discussed.

Why do they do it?

A lady has been watching some Aboriginal people breaking off pieces of red ant bed near her place and taking it home. "Strange" she thought "I wonder why".

People like Molly, Hospital Jimmy and Michael Ngulabiya say that they might eat a mouthful when they have diarrhea. Or if they have no cigarettes and they worry for a smoke, then they might eat some ant bed!!

"Yum Yum"

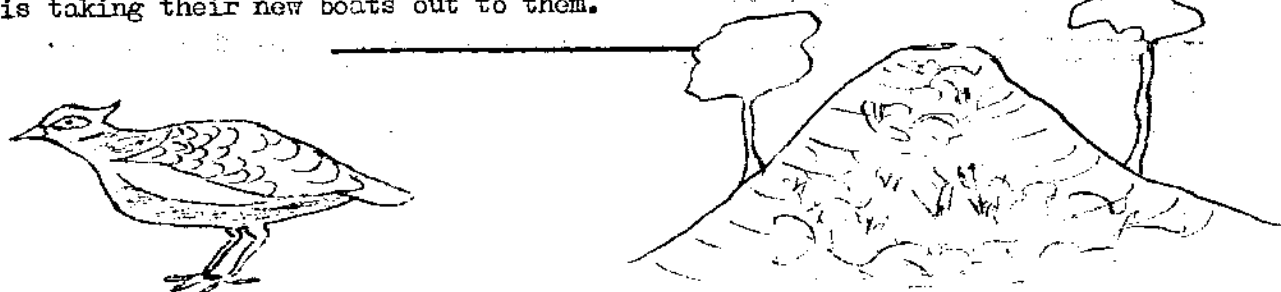


FROM THE NEWSPAPERS.

ELCHO ISLAND MAN SPEAKS. An Elcho man, Burramuria, who was at Milingimbi for Church business when Mr. Armstrong was there, spoke in the newspaper about Aborigines land. He said, "Stop the white people from taking our land. They take our land and our sacred places and make money for themselves but we get nothing. Our land belongs to us from a long time and we must keep it for our children. Welfare should help us to keep our land and not help the Europeans to take it. Don't leave the Aboriginal people behind."

SANDRAS STEEGLES. Sandra Holmes who came to Maningrida last weekend with Yirrawala is still having trouble getting to see Yirrawalas caves. Mr. Giese is flying her and a Welfare Officer to Oenpelli to talk with men there about the caves. If they say it is alright she will be allowed to take pictures of the caves. Then she might go back to Darwin for a while and give everyone a rest.

Groote Eylandt Fishermen. Groote Eylandt men have now bought three boats and other things to start fishing. The Trust Fund lent them some money. They will catch the fish and freeze it at Groote in the prawn factory. Dennis Puffet who has been to Maningrida will go there to help them start off. The Fourcroy is taking their new boats out to them.



For the Bird Watcher.

The Jungle Fowl also known as the Scrub fowl and Scrub hen.

This bird builds a huge mound made up of earth and old leaves, either in jungle or very thick bush. There are some of the mounds up near the Cadell River Jack John says. The mounds may be as large as 30-40 feet across and 15 feet high. Rev. Harold Sheppy says that there is a huge one on Howard Is. Trees grow out the side of it. The eggs are laid in holes in mound and are left there by the hens. The heat of the rotting leaves etc. hatches them. The eggs are about as big as a goose egg (and the jungle fowl not much bigger than a bantan). When the chicks hatch, they are fairly big and have to look after themselves.

Its call sounds like "Char-ooka" and may be heard in the early morning or sometimes during the night.

S O S to readers.

A few local readers have a credit. Many are due to pay a dollar. We have just recieved a large package of paper and stencils. We need about 60 people to pay their dollar fairly soon. Dave Fryer, Jimmy Burnyela, Gowan Armstrong or Peter Banjurljurl are people to pass on your ~~xx~~ dollar.



Football.

On Sunday the Maningrida Football team will fly to Darwin by courtesy of the RAAF and play in the Northern Territory Football Carnival. This is the first time that a properly trained and representative team has competed for Maningrida in a first grade Darwin competition.

The selected team is as follows:-

Jack Maranbada, Morris Naliba, Tom Dudanga, Tim Darcy, Jim Matjirri*, Dick Smith, Alan Malinga, Michael Balarka*, Peter Galara, Michael Injarrma, Larry Weipa, Jimmy Gulermuna, Dick Gabalk, Toby Malagalix, Raymond Bonddige, Captain Kookaburra, Toby Giese*, George Stewart*, Joe Fry, Peter Bandiuldjul, Jimmy Olson.

Manager. Dave Fryer.

Orange boy and mascot.. Jimmy Maralunga.

Council President Mr. Tom Yibera will accompany the team to Darwin.

The team and all persons concerned with this football match wish to thank the coach Bob Cross. Bob has done all the hard work in training the team but because of personal commitments he is unable to see the team play, and we are sure that the team will strive to win in appreciation of Bobs efforts.



BASKETBALL

The competition opened on Tuesday night and it looks like we should see some good games this time. Even though it was the first game for some people, others have played for a long time and there were some bright patches of play.

First Game. The champions of the concrete, Chalkies, in a brilliant tactical move led by that wily old fox One Shot Strand, won the first game on a forfeit from Cadell. When Cadell eventually came, numbering about 20, a short practice game was held. Cadell beat Chalkies 35 - 10. Cadell stars from last competition Peter G. and Jimmy Madarma were back in company with Nym, noted dancers Messers Fordan and Gabalk and a host of others.

Second Game. Crocodiles played Demons + Crocodiles featuring a new black and white singlet. This was a very close game which was drawn 32 all. In the extra time both teams added points with the final score Demons 35 - Crocodiles 34. For Crocodiles best players were Jacky B. and hardworking visitor from Milingimbi, Stanley,. For Demons Captain and Dick Smith showed that they will be as dangerous as ever, Captain landing about 10 goals.

Third Game Another very exciting, close game that had a lot of fast patches. Gorillas have added a couple of new men to their line-up while Dolphins (in red) are a reorganised Black Hawks team. Tim Darcy and Tom Wudjal starred for Dolphins while for Gorillas good games were turned in by Sam, Jimmy and Puffing Pete Williams. Final scores Dolphins 25 - Gorillas 24.

Draw for next week.

Dolphins v Oysters
Cadell v Crocodiles.
Chalkies v Demons.

The Mirage Basketball staff predicts wins for Dolphins, Cadell and Demons.

Special Note!!! Last week at the Basketball Meeting the Progress Association offered to donate two trophies. One for the best and fairest player and one for the player scoring the most points in the competition. Each week points will be allocated by independent judges. The prizes will be presented at a special ceremony at the end of the competition. Because trophies are now being offered and Maningrida basketball is getting more like the games played in big cities the committee now wants all teams to have a uniform and a ball. If they don't have these within a certain period they will be penalised for each game they play without them. Watch the Mirage for the trophy point scores each week.

WEEKEND

Duty Officer: E. Carey
Duty Sister : H. Miller
Fire Control Officer: P. Brindal
Council Nightwatchman: P. Gangalara



STAR THEATRE

Friday: *They robbed the Bank of England.*
Saturday: *Secret Seven.*

CHURCH NOTICES

Sun. 9.30 a.m. Sunday Schools "The Cost of discipleship"
7.30 p.m. Evening Service
Thurs. 7.30 p.m. Fellowship at Sister Maiya's

"Life is like a wheel
The pangs of death we all must feel
If riches, help could buy
The rich would live, the poor would die.
But God has made it so
The rich as well as the poor must go"

Contributed by Zon.

Birth:

Bob Morrish - son of Rosie Wulumurga and Willie Djargala
on 21st Sept.

Rosie and Willie are keeping a record of Maningrida staff.
They have Eddy Carey and Alan Douglas (one time manager) in
their family.

Death:

Lena Nalingarr, wife of Charlie Gunbuna
on Sept. 11th. - 54 years

PEOPLE

Miss Sheila Somerton of the Dept. of Health is
conducting a B.C.G. program. B.C.G. doesn't stand for British
colonial Game but has something to do with stopping T.B. sickness.

Mr and Mrs Buzza have now moved to Albany where Ray
is finding his way into his new job. They have some wonderful
scenery there.

Miss Gail Mulross a Cub leader from Sydney arrives on
Saturday for a few days. She comes from the Cronulla district
which sponsored the visit of Maningrida cubs to Sydney earlier
this year.

The green turtle on the move

Gunavidji people are taking the Mitjan ceremony (pair of
green turtles and fish caught on lines) to Oenpelli. Singer
Jimmy Borworg and bamboo man Jimmy Bunguru will lead the com-
pany of dancers which include Johnny Naliba, Jockey, Jim Naromi,
Billy Yiriyin and others.

They expect to cross the Gumadir early next week and
who knows when the proceedings will end?

Miss Miriam Rasi from Singapore is staying with Sister Maija. Miss Miriam says
that in Singapore a person can be fined \$500 for throwing paer paper in the
street. Maybe we could make this law at Maningrida too.

Maningrida Mirage

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