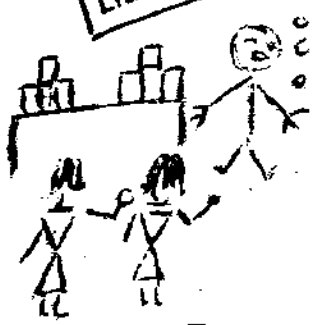
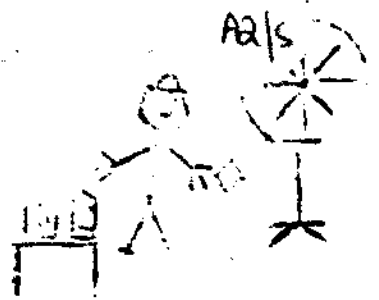


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SCHOOL FETE

The School Fete was a great success. After the dust had settled and the chocolate wheel had been packed away for another year we found that profits will be approximately \$900 - a tidy sum that will find many good uses in the school over the next 12 months.

Our thanks to:

All the teachers and children who laboured in the preparation and on the day itself - especially Mrs Phemister and Mrs Armstrong and their classes for their mammoth "cook-in".

Settlement staff for their donation of cash and articles for stalls.

Volunteers from Forestry who helped to man stalls.

The Store Manager and the Progress Association who helped us by shutting up shop while the fete was in progress - and also provided us with ice and refrigeration space.

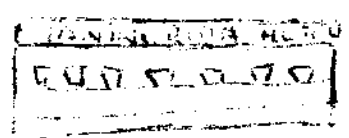
The kitchen staff for the products of their art.

Welfare and Forestry staff for arranging an early pay-out of that vital commodity money.

And last, the most important people of all - all those who came along and patronized the show.

Many thanks,

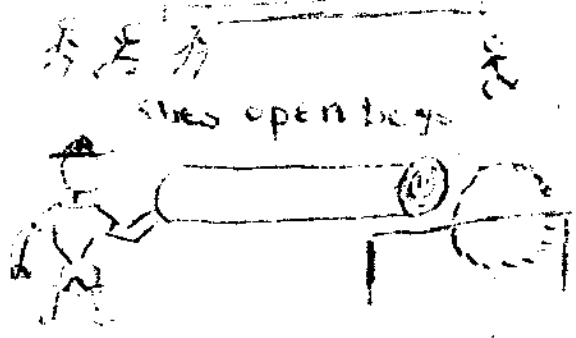
Dan Gillespie
for Parents and Friends Committee.



The Maningrida Sawmill was officially opened by His Honour The Administrator, Mr P.C. Chaney last Friday.

The proceeding went without a hitch and the Forestry Branch must feel proud of their staff at Maningrida for their efforts on this day and all the work that preceeded it. it.

Accompanying the Administrator were the Director of Forestry, The Director of Social Welfare Mr. Giese and his wife, the Commanding Officers of the Armed Service Services and representatives of the press and the southern Television networks.



The sawmill Opening

JACK MIRITJIS DARWIN STORY

We left Maningrida by motor car with Ron and Bill (Ted Evans friends) who were bound for Oenpelli. First night we camped at Morinaka Crossing (Mann River). The second night we camped at Maragulidban and when morning came we set out for Gurmadir Crossing and camped at Nimbuwah Mountain that night. We left Nimbuwah and went through Oenpelli to the East Alligator Crossing. We stopped there for one hour and had beer at Terry Robinsons store. We went on to Jim-Jim and camped there the night. Next morning we went into Jim-Jim River and stayed there for about 2 weeks fishing for barramundi. We left Bill at Jim-Jim and Ron took us to Darwin. We arrived there in the afternoon and Ron took me to Rapid Creek. At Rapid Creek I stayed out in the bush by myself, near the sea. I stayed there for two months and then went to see Mr Wilson, Superintendent at Bagot, and asked him to contact Don Gudinga (at Maningrida) for \$22 to get me home. No money came. After seeing the Superintendent at Bagot I went to the Welfare Office in Darwin to see Ted Evans, Jack Larcombe and Mr Giese, to put the list of names and mark out our tribal country. They asked me to stay in Darwin for another two weeks to work on the lists, I told them I didn't have much money to live there that long so I would have to go home and have another meeting about GADJI Creek. We then left for Katherine footwalking (Don Gudinga and me) and we picked up two boys Albert Buranburailil and Peter Kirrikirr. We walked to the 10 Mile in Darwin and then got a lift in a truck to Katherine. From Katherine we got a lift on the Banyili truck, where we stayed for about one week and a half. Some men were asking us to get a beer ticket at Banyili but we didn't want to because it cost \$10.50 and we said to them we would buy a beer ticket at Maningrida where it costs \$7.50. We left Banyili and walked to Beswich Station where we stayed for about a week. We left Peter Kirrikirr there and his wife Mabel Nyinawana, and Les Midiguria, who had been sent on punishment from Maningrida to Darwin. From Beswich we went to Mainoru, footwalking. It was very dry and hot, we had no water, no food and we were carrying a lot of swags. We camped in Dry Mountain Country. Next day, early, we started to walk again and then half way between Mountain Valley and Mainoru we got a lift with a buffalo shooter to Mainoru Station. After staying at Mainoru for two days we walked to Bulman. It took us two days to get there and we arrived on Sunday afternoon. We got a lift to Maningrida on the Maningrida truck on Tuesday morning. Mr Hunter came down because of a little bit of beer trouble.

Jack Miritjis

The Editor,

Dear Sir,

Re correspondence on Connellan's Airways: I retire from the field defeated, dejected, downtrodden and with tail suitably between legs, having been found guilty in flagrante delects of trying to teach grandma how to suck eggs. However one fact seems to have emerged: neither E. Quick or Craven 7000 (what kind of cigarette is that??) are shareholders in Connellan's. E. Quick's dogs and Nevarc 0007's ostrich and goat probably are (secretly) as no doubt are others. Therefore - fair's fair, stiff upper lip, keep the chin up, never say die, don't let the side down, etc. etc.

Yours etc.

A. BOND

Just a small thing I thought most befitting to the Budding Artists at the new Kitchen and other Places.

MANINGRIDA'S BLACKBOARD.

The Bard will flourish here and there to write on rock and stone.
He'll ponder on the train of life and chew a goose's bone. An
inspiration comes you'll find to bring its fruitfull crown.
When strolling past Some "Kitchen Wall" or mostly sitting down.

And like a flash of lightning there strikes the shaft of wit.
It takes the Native by surprise and quickly must be writ.
Quick get it down before it goes, in yonder shaking scrawl.
For thus the Bard must scribble it upon the handy wall.

The writings of the passing years have lacked a finish fine.
Too often repetitious with a scandalising line.
Upon a thousand walls and stones each fading message clings
And speaks of Bacca, Wichety Grub, and many finer things.

But Maningrida with some enterprise to thrill creative hearts.
Has made a contribution to the progress of the arts.
And here on new and vital paths the Pickanninnie's walk.
And with a cry the kid inspired will sieze upon the chalk.

And why not little blackboards in tiny rooms I know.
Where people in reflective mood so very often go.
"Are you still there?" will come the cry, you answer quick and terse.
I'll be another stanza, Kid. So wait . . . just one more verse.

Bill Scott.

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

TELEVISION AT GROOTE: On Groote Eylandt now they have television.
The mining company at Groote owns a small television station and
they have started showing. They show pictures, funny stories,
news and true stories from around the world. Television might
start in Darwin next year.

YIRRKALA PUB: People have been telling their stories to the
court in Darwin about a hotel that might be built at the new town
near Yirrkala. Aboriginal Council men at Yirrkala say they don't
want the hotel because beer will make people silly and cause a lot
of trouble. The judge has not finished hearing all the story yet.

KORMILDA BASKETBALL: Kormilda College has two new basketball
courts. These were built by white people in Darwin and the
Aboriginal children at Kormilda. They used money that they had
got by selling things.

ADVERT. NOTHING down, nothing to pay, balance by summons. All
appliances immediate delivery. No overheads means
lower prices. Phone ??? any time.

IS she cluttering up your fridge. with food? I have
trade-ins, repossessions and new fridges, for immediate
delivery. Dont go thirsty this summer. Phone ?? any time.

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION NOTICE.

The monthly meeting of the M.P.A. will be held at
the school on 4/11/70..... Time 7.30pm..... All welcome.....

NOTICE. Persons interested in receiving flying instruction, at Maningrida,
are invited to contact..... J.HUNTER.

B A S K E T B A L L

The curtain raiser to Tuesday nights games was a game between visiting crew members of the Navy patrol boat and Chalkies. The Navy men had strong support from the school children. After extra time the game ended in a 12 all draw.

DEMONS v GORILLAS Gorillas hit a patch of form again against Demons who played very badly. Sam and Jimmy, ably supported by Peter Williams and Jim Mac. piled on the points and kept Demon's stars Dick Smith and Captain very quiet for most of the game. Demons only hard worker was James who was a little overkeen and was eventually five-fouled. Demons will have to shake up if they want to be in the final this time.

Final Score: Gorillas 34 - Demons 19

Best and Fairest: 3 points Sam (Gorillas) 2 points Jimmy (Gorillas)
1 point Tommy D. (Gorillas)

OYSTERS v CADELL Another uninteresting game despite the close scores. Oysters played more as a team than Cadell who are always disorganized and this time were missing deadly Peter Galara. Jim Jam and Larry worked some nice team play for Oysters while Jim Madarna worked hard for Cadell though his goal shooting was off. Paddy Fordham, that star of the dancing ground, landed three good goals. His play is always enjoyable and funny if lacking the finesse of others. Altogether the game was spoilt by fouls, crowding and pushing.

Final Score: Oysters 28 - Cadell 24

Best and Fairest: 3 points Jim Jam (Oysters), 2 points Jimmy Madarna (Cadell) 1 point Larry Weiba (Oysters).

DOLPHINS v CROCODILES The best game of the night. Two good teams who always look smart, are always on time and play the game in a good spirit. Both teams played fast open basketball and moved the ball around rather than getting into scrums. Nobody from either team had a sleep all night. Crocodiles seemed to have the game in hand at half-time when they led by 10 points. They increased this lead in the second half but Dolphins put in a dazzling burst towards the end to level 44 all. In the first extra time each side scored 8 points. In the second extra time Dolphins opened a lead of six quick points but Crocodiles fought back to almost level again. The winner was decided mainly by luck. Tim Darcy had a goal feast he collected 46 points.

Final Scores: Dolphins 64 - Crocodiles 62

Best and Fairest: 3 points Dick Bundalil (Crocs) 2 points Tim Darcy (Dolphins) 1 point Kevin (Crocs).

DRAW FOR NEXT WEEK

Chalkies v Dolphins - Dolphins will mutilate them

Crocodiles v Gorillas - A close one - Crocodiles

Demons v Oysters - Oysters to win

S O F T B A L L

Another well attended match was played Saturday 24th Oct., and even though it was very hot all teams played 7 innings.

First game was Magpies versus Leopards. It was a good game and the fielding was greatly improved. Rose Mardin of the Leopards did some particularly good fielding and the result was 15 to 6 in favour of Leopards.

Second game was Swallows versus Herons. Herons were completely outclassed but with a little more practise things may change. Results 20 - 5 in favour of Swallows.

Thanks to those concerned for the cold drinks which was greatly appreciated. Also once again to Mr Strand and Mr McInerney for the umpiring.

Next Week: Swallows v Magpies
Herons v Leopards

Mrs D.F.

At the Weekend

Duty Officer: Mr B. TUHNE

Fire Control: John Delaney

Duty Sister: Sister Maija.

Nightwatchman:

Weather 82 Points to date

star theatre

Friday:

Big mystery week.

Saturday:

Programmes will be announced

(The films are with your perishables.)

church services

Sunday. 9.30am. All Age Sunday Schools
"All Saints Day".

7.30pm. Evening Service. Mr. Bob Cross.

Thursday. 7.30pm. Fellowship. at Sister Maija's.

people

This weeks cultural page contains a few verses from Bill Scott, who reports that he is still searching Adelaide for parts to fit Maningrida boats, cars and other vehicles. His efforts to put our transport fleet back in action are much appreciated, and we hope to see him back again.

Rev. Gowan Armstrong and "Doctor" Oscar Nalawid are attending the first Conference of M.O.M. Arnhem Land Churches and the United Church of North Australia (Alice Springs, Tennank Creek, Katherine and Darwin).

Conversation of the week.

"I am worried for my truck."

"Why isn't it fixed yet?"

"It still doesn't go."

"What is wrong with it?"

"It needs more money!!"

The Superintendents of Yirrkala, Elcho Island and Milingimbi have indicated, to Rev. Gordon Symons, M.O.M. Chairman, their willingness to share the cost of a mechanic to do work on private enterprise vehicles.

What do you think of the film's shown at the Star Theatre.

Our reporter this week put this question to Maningrida people. Here are some of the replies:

- 1 "I want more historic pictures because I want to learn what it was like in the old days."
- 2 "I like adventure pictures, because they are interesting, they travel from one place to another and sometimes the people get into real trouble."
- 3 "I like adventure pictures best, because they show things like fights and trouble in other countries."
- 4 "I like historic pictures like "Boy on a Dolphin", because it showed people diving into the water to find treasure."
- 5 ***** outdated.

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