

MANINGRIDA

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This week's Council.

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 5.30 pm on 16/11/70.

Present: 14 Councillors present. 3 absent on duty.

Business: J. Baleya. No more rough talking. Think before you talk to anyone.

R. Munyal. Children are coming from 4 missions. Councillors are looking after them. I told all the relations not to take the kids away from schoolhouse. The people believe me. Councillors are looking after them. Mothers and fathers are worrying after them. We will look after them.

Councillors on duty for school-children:

Beibananga, Bunjuljul, C. Mulumbuk, D. Irindilli, Jack John, England Mangiringin.

Councillors on duty for movies:

J. John, R. Munyal, L. Mitchell, D. Irindilli.

J. Madarma. I went to gaol. President and Secretary didn't help me. I can't be a member any more.

J. Baleiya. Councillors aren't supposed to have trouble.

T. Ibberral. Sport is not business to fight over. Take notice of referees and club rules.

It was decided to purchase helmets and arm bands for patrolling councillors.

Christmas:

Charge:-	Adults	\$1.00
	Children	50

to cover Christmas expenses. Presents, meals, crackers, etc.

Meeting closed 7.00 p.m.

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PEOPLE:

Former storekeeper and popular Maningridian Mr. Tom Newall has finished up with the Prisons Services and is presently working in Alice Springs for the Works Dept. Tom is engaged and plans to marry in May next.

Mrs. Gil Amies will shortly be returning to Maningrida to resume her work in the Home Management.

A group of Elcho Island dancers led by Mr. Mick Maramburr have come to present ceremonially hair taken from the head of Joe Fry's daughter Marie - back to Joe and Katy. The Elcho men will sing the "Whale Song" and other songs.

Whales have been seen in the seas off N.E. Arnhemland.

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Progress Association.

CORRECTION:

The two houses which are being made ready for the Progress Association and for the baker (when the bakery is ready) and the builder of the new hall (Mr. Bob Cross) - NOT for the two Housing Trust builders as mistakenly reported in last week's issue.

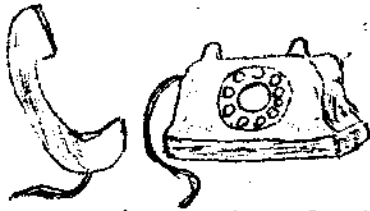
BUILDER

The Housing Trust advertisement for a carpenter-builder should appear in the M.T. News tomorrow.

TELEPHONE

The Progress Association has been successful in its application for the setting up of a telephone at Maningrida.

The telephone service will be available as soon as a little booth (house) can be built in the S.W. corner of the store. This is the corner on the notice board end. The P.M.G. say that this is where it must be.



The Progress Association will pay \$300 a year in rent and will be responsible for the maintenance and safety of all the equipment (roughly worth \$5,000). Because of its value it will have to be insured and locked.

The person wishing to ring up a friend will be able to pick up the telephone and hear the girl in the Katherine exchange say: "Number please". Then, if that friend should be Mr. Buzza in the furthest corner of Western Australia or Mr. Cook at Launceston in Tasmania, it will be possible to talk to him.

CADELL HOUSING

The tank and piping for the Nym's house (and other houses to be built) at Cadell River arrived on the "Fourcroy".

Jim Pickersgill is working on the second house.

RECORD PLAYERS

Four broken record players are on their way into Darwin and five mended record players have just returned. This might be called a trade balance.

PETROL PUMP

Mobil have written to say that they are interested in installing an underground petrol tank and an electrical pump (bowser).

1970 sales of petrol at the store are expected to be 6,000 gallons.

Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Perkins and their American friends who visited the settlement last Monday, made a generous donation of \$150 to the Progress Association.

They saw some things that few tourists have seen before. Two men placed triangular fish nets in position "in a little billabong" and then three men drove the fish forward into the nets. They did this ~~many~~ three times, and enjoyed each drive with greater gusto and enthusiasm. Bob Milili was there under the cashew trees and not feeling too well, and the two doctors in the party saw a number one Aboriginal doctor perform an operation on Bob. A lady took a yam stick and showed how she dug for yams.

One of the American Ladies was very interested in the cob pipes which some of the painters were smoking. These are made in Washington in U.S. near her home.

BASKETBALL

CADELL v. CROCODILES

Cadell came from well behind to pull this game ~~right~~^{out} right on the bell. Crocodiles were right off form, but were able to hold Cadell down in the early stages. However, Cadell, with some nice teamwork, took the lead in the last minute and beat Crocodiles 23 - 22.

Best and Fairest: 3 points - Kevin M. (Crocs.)
2 points - George Smith (Cadell)
1 point - Jacky M. (Crocs.)

CHALKIES V. DEMONS

Chalkies had an impressive visitor - Kevin Jurek, Darwin Rugby League star, who is here on a Works Department job. In the first half Chalkies ran Demons ragged - at one stage holding a ten point lead. Can this be the Chalkies that we know and love? In the second half Demons got themselves a bit organized and a few mistakes from Chalkies put Demons right back into the game. Dick Smith was dangerous on the loose ball. Alfie Roberts had another good hard working game. Demons hit the front in the last two minutes and stuck it out.

Final score: Demons 25 - Chalkies 22.
Best and Fairest: 3 points - Dick B. Smith (Demons)
2 points - Joe Fry (Demons)
1 point - Micky (Chalkies)

OYSTERS - DOLPHINS

If Oysters can turn in this sort of game in the finals they should be unbeatable. Though both teams tried hard Dolphins were never a real danger. Neither team had any passengers and Dolphins never stopped trying even though they were well down. Full marks to Albert for his determination here. For Oysters everyone turned in a good game. Larry W. worked hard and landed a lot of goals. Charlie G. and Morris were also outstanding.

Final score: Oysters 58 - Dolphins 45.
Best and Fairest: 3 points - Larry Weipa (Oysters)
2 points - Albert (Dolphins)
1 point - Charlie Godjua (Oysters)

DRAW FOR NEXT WEEK:

Gorillas v. Oysters - Oysters to win
Cadell v. Demons - Cadell by a whisker
Chalkies v. Crocodiles - Crocs to win.

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

Kormilda Team Goes South

A girls softball team will go from Kormilda College to Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane soon. They will play against school teams in those cities. Graham Benjamin, principal of Kormilda, will go with the team.

Big Cyclone in Pakistan

A big cyclone hit East Pakistan - a country way up north of Australia. The winds made waves 30 foot high and they rushed over the land. Some people say that one million people have died.

The Permit system stays.

In the Legislative Council, in Darwin, some Councillors said that the time had come when anyone should go on to an Aboriginal Reserve without first having to get a permit. Several members including Mr. Giese and Mr. Kentish said that it would not be wise to change the law. Aboriginal people had told them that they wanted the permit system to continue.

On the Moon.

A Russian space ship landed on the moon this week and an eight wheeled moon walker came out of it and moved about on the moon. It was controlled from the earth.

COUNCIL

minutes from Mon. 9th Nov.
PRESENT: 12 Councillors.

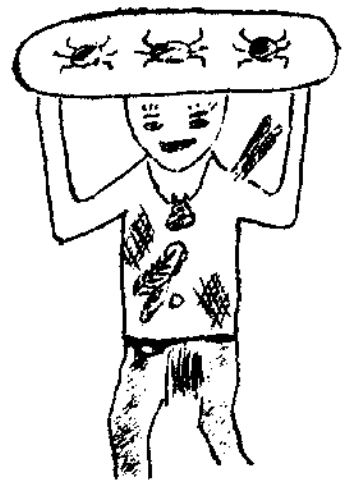
BUSINESS

- (1) Andrew Madaduba, who had been summoned before the Council following the trouble at the movies last Saturday, said that none of the councillors had helped him to find his wallet (stolen) so he had gone to the pictures to "frighten" people.
- (2) Tom Yibberal said that councillors were not working together to keep the law. At the trouble on Saturday night he had seen "ordinary people" trying to break up the trouble, but no councillors.
- (3) Ray Munyal said that people took no notice of their own councillors. They took no notice of their own colour.
- (4) Ray Munyal said that he told Andrew not to go to the pictures but he took no notice.
- (5) Tom Yibberal said that the policeman did not take away the people who had partnered Willie. Partner business couldn't go on. People couldn't go on living in a jungle. We have taken a lot of European things, and Europeans are trying to give us one law. We can't have more than one law; not three or four.
- (6) Billy Yiriyin said that someone had stolen his wallet and clothes from his house after the pictures last Saturday. He was very wild about it.
- (7) Andrew Madaduba said he was a "devil-killer" and the Council had better call a policeman if they wanted to control him. He thought they should all go bush.
- (8) There was discussion on the decision last week to call a policeman for every trouble. Councillors were divided on the issue. Some (of the few who spoke) favoured trying to deal with trouble themselves and only to call the police if there was real trouble. Tom Yibberal said they were not strong enough to keep their own law, and that they would have to keep to their earlier decision.

ABORIGINAL STORIES

In the dreamtime a "cheeky man" came to Cape Stewart and stole some women. When the men discovered what had happened, they went after him with spears. He took up a big stone out of the water to throw at them, but their spears went home first and killed him. He changed into a big rock and it is said that, at low tide at Cape Stewart, you can still see this rock - with a big stone on his head and two holes made by the spears.

This story is painted on bark by Jumbo Dowulinyuda, and it belongs to him and Tommy Yibberal, his brother.



Maningrida Post Mark.

The Maningrida Post Office has been given its own post mark.

People receiving our letters now will be able to see that they were stamped at Maningrida on such and such a date.

Week end Duties.

Duty Officer: Mr. Eddy Carey
Sister: Sister June Doohan
Fire Control: Mr. John Delaney
Night Watchman: Mr. Barney Baybananga



Theatre

Friday: "Backlash"
Saturday: "Trouble along the Way"

Church



Sunday: 9.30 a.m. "Fishers of Men"
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion
Thursday: 7.30 p.m. Fellowship

November is the month when the Bible lessons remind the whole Church of its responsibility to spread the word of God and be Fishers of men. A great Asian leader, Rev. D. T. Niles (of Ceylon), who has often been to Australia said that it is like "one beggar telling another beggar (hungry for food) where to find BREAD".

NEEDED URGENTLY

LARGE BOTTLES --- Vinegar or Cordial bottle size, for diarrhoea medicine, in a time of pressing need

Rain

Sat. 14th - 103 points
Mon. 16th - 10 points
Thurs. 19th - 60 points

Mr. Stephen Mararru and family, of Milingimbi, are staying with Harry Jawudi.

Teachers to be transferred: Mr. David Fryer is appointed to Kormilda College and Mrs. Fryer to Bagot Pre-School.

Mr. Dennis Strand has been appointed to train at a special school in Melbourne and then to return to the Territory to teach deaf children.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashleigh Bond arrived back in a new NISSEN PATROL. They drove overland via Oenpelli and had an interesting trip. Several times electrical storms were around and above them. Because of all the mining tracks out of Oenpelli it is hard to pick the Maningrida Highway and, after travelling doubtfully a long way towards the Liverpool crossing, they were about to turn back to Oenpelli when two Aboriginal men, without a stitch of clothing and accompanied by 10 dogs, came out of the bush and gave them directions on how to follow a tricky U-turn and S-bend. They pressed on, but still felt unsure about the track and again were about to return to Oenpelli when Denise saw something white in a tree. It was part of an esky. They got out for a closer look and there, written on the side, was a familiar name, -- "Bill Armstrong". They jumped into the car and drove the last leg of the trip with confidence.

Athletics Carnival.

After several weeks of hectic preparation, Maningrida succeeded in running the first Arnhemland Games. The running of these games would not have been possible without the complete and absolute co-operation of all staff at Maningrida. The children also rose to the occasion and provided much of the labour in preparing the oval etc.

The actual carnival developed quite early into a real struggle between Elcho Island and Maningrida. It is worthy of note that at no time did anything occur on or off the field to sully the good name of sport.

It is difficult to recapture the high lights of a carnival when there were so many parts, but Elcho Island's distance runners were a pleasure to watch and Maningrida's relay team showed plenty of class. Croker and Goulburn Island's junior competitors on even against formidable odds and one could only look on the kids with pride.

The final results were as follows

Maningrida	170 points.
Elcho Island	168 "
Milingimbi	80 "
Goulburn Island	52 "
Croker Island	27 "
Junior Boy Champion	Jimmy Maralunga (Maningrida)
" Girl "	Dharrynja (Elcho.)
Senior Boy Champion	Tim Darcy (Maningrida)
" Girl "	Yikaniwuy (Elcho)

Softball.

Last week's soft ball games completed the fifth week of the competition.

The early game was between the undefeated Swallows and (the old ladies") Herons. Everyone expected a walkover, but this was not to be - Herons whipped the ball around the diamond and used the bat in a fashion that was new to them!! Both Herons and Swallows gave a good display of team work and this produced a fast exciting game. In the umpire's words "The best game of the Season".

Final result Swallows 10
Herons 8
Best Player Molly (Herons).

The Second Game, Magpies v Leopards was a very slow game. Both teams had lapses of poor fielding but in the end, Leopards proved the better in batting.

Final score Leopards 13
Magpies 4

Best Players - Daisy, Betty, Mullet - Leopards.

Note All players are reminded that play starts at 10 o'clock. Teams should be ready to play at this time.

If you are not able to play one Saturday, it would be good manners to let your team know.

This week.

On Saturday we will hatcha scratch match on the patch to catch the visiting ladies who would like to play soft ball.

The big Air lift.

On Sunday morning the big airlift will begin again - this time to take all the visiting teachers and children home. We will be sorry to see them go and hope that there will be another Combined Arnhemland Combined Sports next year.

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