

# MANINGRIDA MIRAGE



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## VILLAGE COUNCIL CONFERENCE:

The third Conference will begin at Bagot next week. Maningrida delegates are local President Mr. Tom Yibberal and ex-President Mr. Jack Riala, who travel on Saturday. The Conference was originally planned for Oenpelli, but because of the mumps there, it has been transferred to Darwin.

## CYPRESS PLANTING:

The excellent rains of the past week have dampened the soil enough for the Forestry men to begin planting in Compartment 15, i.e. on the Western or Maningrida side of the new West Cadell Road. Approximately 10 acres have been planted.

## BRICKS BY THE DOZEN:

The Fourcroy brought the brick making machine, which will make bricks for use in the building of the Community Hall.

## MAIL:

During November, 4738 items of mail were handled by the Post Office.

It is hoped that the Post Master General will be impressed by this figure and open his purse a little more to pay for the work done. For the past month \$28.17 was received, i.e. a little less than \$1. a day.

## CRICKET:

While the English cricketers are beginning to play well, there is hope for Australia. The South Australian Cricket Association are sending a collection of cricket gear to Maningrida. This is expected to arrive before the Third Test.

## BOXING DAY:

As Christmas Day falls on a Friday and Boxing Day 26th is a Saturday, Monday 28th has been declared a Public Holiday.

## IN THE VILLAGE:

Rain generally brings out the gardener in us all. On Sunday morning streams of children were going by with cashew nut seedlings in their hands - pulled up without any soil around the roots unfortunately - to make gardens at home.

Earlier on, some Rembarrnga ladies were roasting cashew nuts in ashes. Good tucker!

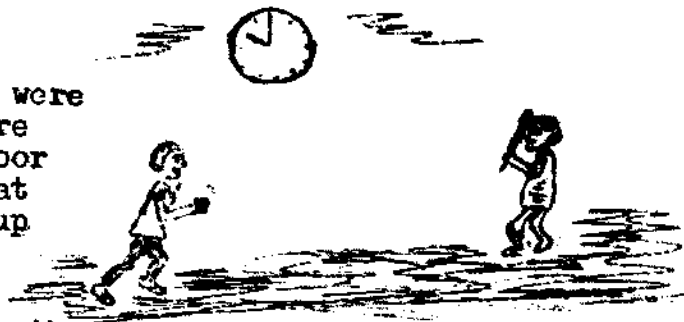
## Progress Association Meeting.

The monthly meeting is due.  
Watch the notice board this week.  
Visitors are welcome.

Wed. 7.30pm School

# Softball

Saturday, 28th November, we were going to have our last match before our finals; but due to the very poor attendance and the fact we start at 10 a.m. and a lot of people turn up 1 hour later for a game, we had a mixed teams game.



First game was Swallows and others versus Magpies and others, and Magpies won. The game was very unimpressive, the fielding poor, and the general feeling the girls couldn't care less what they were playing, be it softball or marbles.

Result: 7 - 3.

Second game consisted of the girls who wanted to play another match and the four balanda ladies from the Herons. The teams were one's and two's and it was a very close match in which we even had a triple play - first of the season.

Result: Two's beat One's 10 - 9.

Next week is the last game of the year. It will be a 10 a.m. start and will decide the best team.

Swallows play Leopards,  
Magpies play Herons.

Girls, if you want to play be on time!

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# Basket ball

## TUESDAY

Gorillas v. Chalkies - Gorillas never gave Chalkies a chance on the slippery court. Chalkies had a very sad night, not producing any of their good spots. They sadly missed "Long Feller" Micky who is having a holiday. Sam and Jimmy M. were fantastic - their speed on the court was incredible and their accuracy nearly faultless.

Final Score: Gorillas 32 - Chalkies 12.

Best and Fairest: 3 points - Jimmy (Gorillas)  
2 points - Sam (Gorillas)  
1 point - John Stevens (Chalkies)

Cadell v. Dolphins - The upset of the evening. Cadell made a fast early break and piled on a few quick points and the young Dolphins became very despondent. Dolphins' stars were way off in the first half and Cadell's new man, Ronnie Mace, gave the opposition a bashing. A feature of the game was Cadell's aggressive defense which Dolphins did nothing about - content to stand around in a group. Dolphins started to move late in the second half, but it was too late. Tim Darcy registered his 200th point in this game.

Final Score: Cadell 52 - Dolphins 46.

Best and Fairest: 3 points - Ronnie Mace (Cadell)  
2 points - Tim Darcy (Dolphins)  
1 point - Billy (Cadell)

Oysters v. Crocodiles - Oysters are still undefeated. Crocodiles kept them busy at times, but let them loose at others. Oysters lost a lot of possession through bad passing.

Final Scores: Oysters 38 - Crocodiles 30

Best and Fairest: 3 points - Charlie Godjua (Oysters)  
2 points - Raymond (Oysters)  
1 point - Kevin M. (Crocodiles)

DRAW FOR NEXT WEEK - Last games before the semi-finals!

<u>Tuesday</u>	Cadell v. Oysters	-	Oysters to win
	Crocodiles v. Dolphins	-	Dolphins to win
	Demons v. Gorillas	-	Gorillas by a whisker
<u>Thursday</u>	Crocodiles v. Gorillas	-	Gorillas to win
	Demons v. Oysters	-	Oysters to win
	Chalkies v. Dolphins	-	Chalkies by order!

DUTY ROSTER

Duty Officer: Mr. Barry Tuito

Sister: Sister Ena Pickersgill

Nightwatchman: Mayla England Mangunngin.

WEATHER

Cyclone Beverley brought 317 points of rain.  
Total rain thus far: 733 points.

STAR THEATRE

Friday: "McConnell Story" starring Alan Ladd.  
A story about a jet plane pilot.

Saturday: "My Favourite Spy" Bob Hope in a  
funny story about spies.

CHURCH SERVICES

Second Sunday in Advent,

9.30 a.m. "The Hope of the Prophets"

7.30 p.m. Evening Service.

Thursday 7.30 p.m. Fellowship

Do you ever look at the stars and think of the secrets they have to tell?



David chose this star as his badge when he lived in Bethlehem. He put it over the door of their Church door. Each point is said to point to the power, wisdom, majesty, love, mercy and justice of God.



Sometimes called the Star of Bethlehem. It reminds us of the star which the shepherds saw and the secret which the angels told "To you is born a Saviour... You will find a baby.. in a manger"

It also reminds us of the star which guided the Wise Men who travelled from the East to bring their gifts to Jesus.

BIRTH:

Isaac - son of Agnes Wilingiri and Raymond Walarbirr, on Friday, November 27th. Burada.

FOUND:

~~xxxxx~~ A written message lying on the road and found by Mr. Ray Baku:

"If you are going to marry my child you will have to give me half your money and my child half hers" No names.

PROGRESS SCORES IN BASKETBALL

LADDER:

Oysters	- 18	Demons	- 8
Cadell	- 12	Gorillas	- 4
Dolphins	- 12	Chalkies	- 4
Crocodiles	- 8		

TOP GOAL SCORERS:

Tim Darcy	- 226
Dick Smith	- 108
Larry Weipa	- 108
Jimmy Madama	- 94

BEST AND FAIREST:

Kevin Mawula	- 19	Jim Jam	- 11
Tim Darcy	- 17	Mickey K.	- 11
Larry Weipa	- 11	Jimmy M.	- 11

STOP PRESS

Basket ball Thursday night Dec. 3rd.

Oysters 52 defeated Chalkies 22.  
3 pts. Alan 2 pts. Charlie Godjuwu 1pt. Jim Jam

Demons 28 defeated by Dolphins 40  
3pts. Tim Darcy 2 pts. Lon W. 1 pt. Joe Fry.

Gorillas 25 defeated Cadell 24 (Surprise).  
3 pts. Jimmy 2 pts. Billy 1pt. David Irindilly.

## People.

An Aboriginal man from far away in Queensland arrived last week. He is Mr. Ronald Charles of Mornington Island.

Years ago the mother of Mr. Silas Roberts was living at Burketown when she met her husband and they went to Roper to live. Other relatives of Silas' mother settled at Mornington Island, and one of those is Ronald. More recently, Mr. Phillip Roberts was travelling in North Queensland and met his relative. He suggested that he come over and visit Silas and the people at Roper.

Ronald says that 500 - 600 people live at Mornington Island. They have cattle and horses and some people are fishing and gathering oysters. A prawning factory is to be built on the northern side of Mornington Isld.

Mr. Hall, the first white man to go to Mornington Island, was speared, but then the people settled down. The present Superintendent Mr. Belshaw, has been there for 22 years.

Mornington Island doesn't seem to have the marriage troubles that most towns in Arnhemland have. "If a boy picks up a girl and he goes around with her in the right way and does the right thing, every thing is alright... people don't worry about (skin) relationships."

Speaking of Maningrida, Ronald is very impressed with the buildings. "At Mornington we work for ourselves. We haven't got the Government to help us."

"People here are friendly and very good to me. If I talk to them they talk to me. If I don't talk to them, they don't talk to me."

Ronald has left putting down bores and fixing windmills to work at Fisheries for a time.

Also with Silas and Rosie at present is their eldest son from Roper River.

Mr. Harry Lissel is one of the people who went from the bush as a boy to live in Darwin and stayed on there.

Harry worked at the piggery at the Ten Mile. Recently he decided to move nearer his country (Cadell River) and came to Maningrida. He is working at the kitchen.

## In the Newspapers.

ABORIGINAL PEOPLE TO SEE POPE. The Pope, who is the boss of the Catholic Church, is in Australia. Aboriginal People went from the Catholic Missions at Port Keats, Daly River and Bathurst Island. They will go to Sydney to see the Pope.

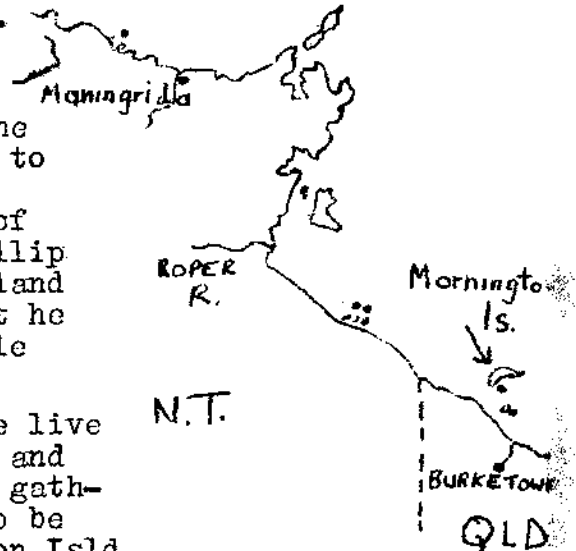
CYCLONE. A cyclone, called Beverley, came along the sea shore from Yirrkala. It went near Milingimbi and everybody said it might come to Maningrida. Last Sunday everybody moved their boats in case big waves came up, but the cyclone went overland and did not come too close. We had a bit of wind and a lot of rain.

### Boat overturns.

On Sunday six airmen hired a twelve foot dinghy for a pleasant trip across Darwin Harbour. They were coming home when the motor stopped suddenly and sent the boat nose first into the water. The men then spent the night in the water. The Darwin Harbour Master said that only five men should have been in a 12 foot boat. The 6 airmen and their guide were rescued next day.

### Moving to "their country"

Three groups of people (between 150 and 200 altogether) from Yirrkala are planning to move back to their own country to look after the sacred places and to work there.



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