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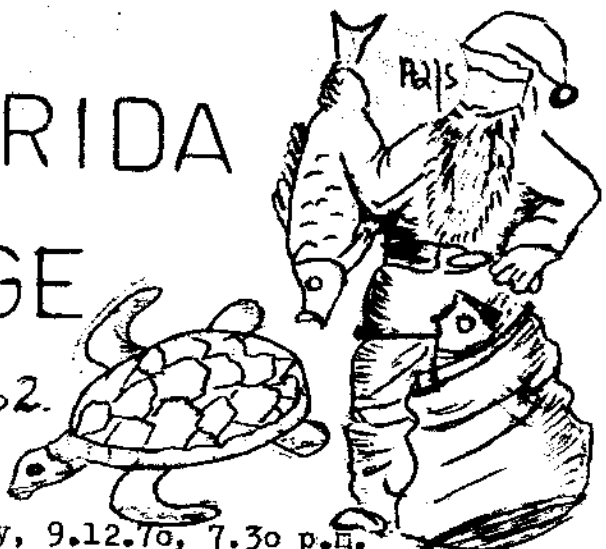
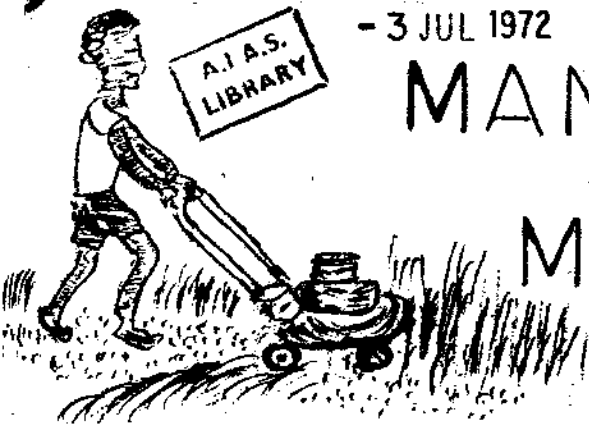
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The March of Progress

Meeting held at the school on Wednesday, 9.12.70, 7.30 p.m.
Apologies: Messrs. Silas Roberts, Tom Yibberal, & Jack Rials,
in Darwin. --- 7 Visitors were present.

Motor Mechanics. A notice will be sent to the newspapers asking for a mechanic. The Progress Association and the Missions will pay according to the work he does on each place.

Christmas. \$461 have been collected so far. Parcels of Christmas presents are on their way after a successful 5KA radio appeal organized by Miss Gill Cameron (whom we used to know as Mrs. Amics)

Good hunters (Jacky Bundabundaji etc.) will be sent to bring in turtles, dugong, crabs, fish etc. for Christmas dinner.

Shop. Trading for the month - \$25,000 were received in 25 trading days. Joe has only missed 5 days in 18 months when he had the flu and Susan missed 2 days in 11 months. They are taking their holidays in January.

Craft. A record amount of craft work has come in during the past two months; \$3,500 has been paid out in this time. Mr. Gillespie has been helping to pack and send orders away.

Housing. Three houses for Gotjan-jin-jida are completed. The Manager's house is expected to be finished within the next few days.

Mining. Some big companies who know all about finding minerals are interested to help Aboriginal people. Letters will be written asking them to come and talk with us before we say Yes or No to any of them.

Bulman. Mr. Jettner who has visited Bulman says there are three ways of developing the area.

- (1) 8 - 10,000 wild buffalos are there. If some of these were killed, the meat could be sold.
- (2) Develop the cattle and the pastures.
- (3) Grow different (oil seed) crops in intensive agriculture (by good farming).

The committee decided to ask Mr. Jettner to find out how much an Abattoir (to kill buffalo in) will cost.

Fisheries. The Aboriginal Benefits Trust Fund did not have enough money (\$78,000) to enable the Progress Association to take over Fisheries.

We think that Fisheries is very important, but at this stage we haven't got the money to do anything more about it.

Resignation. Committee member, Mr. Larry Wipa, has resigned. Messrs. Dan Gillespie and Ray Munyal were nominated to take his place and it was decided to wait until the full committee is present before the vote is taken.

Sport. A \$1,000 grant has been made by the National Aborigines Sports Foundation. Some projects in mind are the re-surfacing of the basketball court, a Badminton court to be set up in the Scout Hall, costing \$80 - \$90, and a Volleyball court at the school, costing \$200 for the lighting etc. Parents & Friends Amenities Fund will help pay for this.

A Sports Committee is to be formed early in the new year to bring ideas forward. Mr. Fryer was thanked for his untiring efforts to help sport at Maningrida.

D U T I E S

Duty Officer: Mr. Bill Beckett
Duty Sister: Sister J. Doohan
Nightwatchman: Mr. Jack John

S T A R
T H E A T R E

Friday:

*We hope that the films
will arrive on Friday
Watch the notice boards.*

Saturday:

C H U R C H

Third Sunday in Advent.

9.30 a.m. "Do we look for another"

7.30 p.m. Evening Service

Thursday, 7.30 p.m. Fellowship

R A I N F A L L

Sunday: 12 points Monday: 7 points

Tuesday: 103 points Wednesday: 21 points



Books.

Last week's mail brought a book that will interest all Maningrida people, and for those who are struggling for Christmas gift ideas, "LAND IN COLOUR" by Robert Edwards and Bruce Guerin is a photographic record of Robert Edward's explorations, mainly in Western Arnhem Land, in 1965. Included among the photographs are a few from the Bulman, the Wilton and the Oenpelli Nouriahjie areas. If there is a weakness in the book, it is the introductory essay, which contains a rather potted history of Arnhem Land. It therefore makes a few oversimplified assertions, especially in regard to the events at Caledon Bay and Groote Eylandt in 1932. Still, as this is not meant to be research material, it is a book that relatives in distant places would be happy to receive.

"ARNHEM LAND IN COLOUR" by Robert Edwards and Bruce Guerin. Published by Rigbys as part of the colourful Australia - Price \$2.25.

A few books in brief: "A Voice, A Life" by Joan Hammond, (published by Hutchinson, \$5.90), an autobiography of one of Australia's more famous singers, will appeal to those who remember her at the peak of her career.

In the modern vein: "A State of Denmark" by Robin Cook, (published by Hutchinson, Melbourne, \$4.70), portrays England as fallen into a dictatorship through apathy. This is a special kind of book, very gloomy and as one reviewer puts it, "that of a nation of shopkeepers checking the tills and fearing a takeover bid."

For the sportsman, news that "The Guinness Book of Records" in the new 17th edition has arrived. This is a must for all barroom debaters. (Price \$3.25).

J.Phemister.

Jimmy Cooper at the Football.

As probably everybody knows, we have started playing football here at Maningrida again. In fact, the boys had a long rest after I left for Snake Bay. Its good to have some of our young footballers home from Darwin too. I think that a couple of these young fellows played with Parap Wanderers, in the A grade and also in the B Grade. I know I played with the club for eleven years until I came back to settle down at Maningrida. In fact, I'm a life member with the club.

Anyway we had a good game last Saturday, and thank you, very much (Old Robbie) Bob Cross. The Waratahs (the red and whites) have to pick a coach and captain and vice captain because they wont win unless they have those three fellows. In fact, the magpies haven't got a vice-captain either. Anyway the best players were

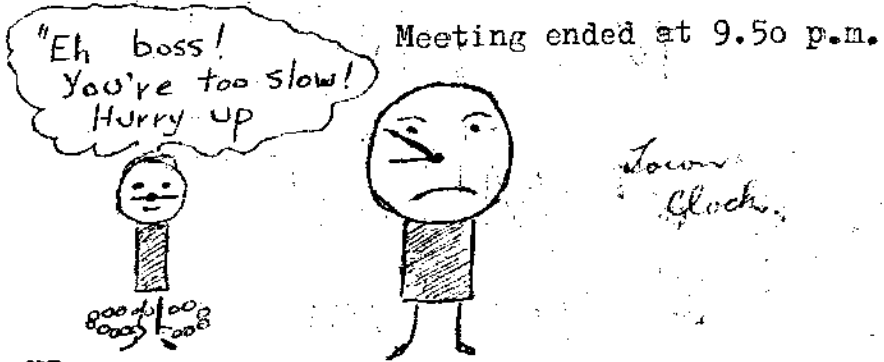
David full back for the Magpies, and also his young brother Larry Wipa, for Waratahs. He played well in the ruck, and some other fellows.

Training on Tuesday and Thursday nights, Fellers.

J.C.

Town Clock. The Committee decided to help buy a "slave clock" which will help the town clock keep the right time - because our electricity supply is not the same as in big towns.

Mirage. Mr. Frank Smith was elected to collect subscriptions for the Mirage.



WEEKLY ROUND-UP.

No Council meeting on Monday night. The President, Mr. Tom Yibberal, and Councillor Jack Riala have gone to Darwin, for the annual conference of council delegates. It was to have been held at Oenpelli this year but an untimely outbreak of mumps resulted in a change of venue to Bagot Reserve.

Visit of Police Men. The Police officers came to Maningrida this week to find out about the two young men who took girls away to Blyth River a couple of weeks ago. Both the men are out at Blyth River now, but will most likely have to go to court when they come back.

Driver's Licences. Three more of the Welfare Drivers succeeded in their licence tests, conducted by the Police officer this week. All Welfare drivers have now got proper driver's licences. It is a rule that all drivers at Maningrida must have licences, just like anywhere else.

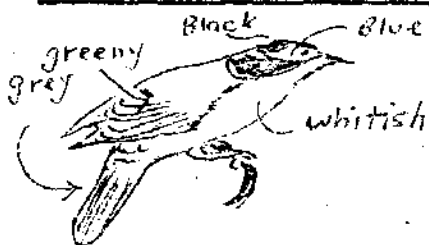
Christmas Collection. The Christmas fund has now grown to \$461.30. Just about all working people and pensioners have contributed.

Students come home. The pre-trades boys, Don, Jerry, Lucky, Terry, Richard and trainee mechanic George Wyarka have come back from Darwin and are just bursting to go to work at Maningrida. The carpenter-types will join "Pickersgill's Priceless Prefabs" (for the time being) whilst the others have applied for jobs at the saw-mill.

Home also are Norman, Gilbert, Dudley, Bobby and Barney, fresh from studies. Barney and Gilbert will be attending Kings College, Adelaide, next year, whilst Dudley and Bobby have been accepted for Form I, Darwin High School.

J. Hunter.

Blue-faced Honey Eater.



These birds, often seen here, feed on insects, honey, bush fruits and berries and are found over most of Australia. In Queensland they are often seen in the Pandanus palms and called "Pandanus bird". Their call sounds like "Queet".

They make a nest with strips of bark, lined with fine bark and dried grass, usually high up in the branch of a tree.

At Humpty Doo some 15 to 20 of these birds were seen bathing in a pool. They were perched on the top of the tree some 25 feet high and situated about 20 yards from the pool. One at a time, each bird launched itself from the perch and glided swiftly, steeply down until it hit the water with a splash which momentarily hid it, and then rose, wheeled and returned to the perch.

People.

Sister Maija, returned this week from Hooker Creek.

Mr. Bede Wykes (ganger here at Christmas time 1968) is now driving the Hooker Creek Store's truck. Their supplies come in by road.

Mr. Bob Eggers is having a wonderful holiday in Melbourne. There have been some days warm enough to go to the beach.



PUSSY CAT TALES

When Miss Scott goes on holiday, two kittens will begin a great adventure. They will join the jet set and visit some (very) distant cousins in New South Wales. We expect them to return six weeks or so later, refreshed and ready to settle down in their position as Scotty's house companions.

Sister Tony Eperjesy (sister here in the early days) read the "Pets at Maningrida" a few weeks ago and sends an interesting note: "The first pussy cats came to Maningrida in 1960. Some children went to the school sports and brought back two from Bagot. Zoli (Mr. Eperjesy) caught one and the other one was seen often, but not caught. Then along came a Forestry man with another cat, and that's how it all began."

ADVENTURE AT SEA by Jack Baragul.

We left Maningrida on Saturday at 9.30 in the morning by dinghy with the 20 horse power Johnson.

When we came to Juda Point I changed the petrol tank and we went on and came to Navy Landing. It was then 10 o'clock. Donald said: "Can we have tea here?" I said "No, we've got a long way to travel; we'll have lunch at Wayull," and so we went past Navy Landing to Blyth River and then went on up to Mr. Tommy Yibarral's country.



When we came to Wayull we tried to go past, but the engine stopped. I tried to start it, but the rope stuck and I said: "Michael, I can't start it. The rope is stuck." We took some tools and slackened the Johnson head, so we rowed to the shore. It was a big stormy wind blowing from the east. We could do nothing. It was 12 o'clock.

Michael said: "It's going to rain." But only the big wind blew. So we camped there for one night. In the morning we went on and I was tired from rowing. We came to Wumula - part of Milingimbi island. We were happy then and left the dinghy and walked to Milingimbi. We arrived there at 3 o'clock.

The people gave us food and tea - we ate the food and drank the tea. George went to ask for a boat, so they gave him a fishing Company boat. George said: "You stay here, and I'll go and get the dinghy." So they went and brought the dinghy to the mission. We are staying here for two weeks.

SOFTBALL

Last Saturday we had our final match; due to the small attendance we had only one game. Again we called them "one's" and "two's" and this time two's beat one's 20 to 9. I want to thank the girls - Mandy G.G., Betty Wudboranga, Mavis, Laurie, Molly, Joy G., Phyllis, Daisy, Lily L., Valerie, Teresa and the other girls, as some of them never missed a game and were very keen players.



It's a shame we couldn't have our finals, but the scores finished up as follows:

Swallows -	10
Leopards -	6
Magpies -	4
Hérons -	0

I feel if we had played the last three games the scores may have been different.

Thanks to Mr. Strand for umpiring and to Miss Scott, Mrs. Stevers, Miss Pullen and Miss Ilyn for their support.

D. Fryer.

SETTLEMENT CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

	CHRISTMAS DAY FRIDAY 25th	BOXING DAY SATURDAY 26th	SUNDAY 27th	MONDAY 28th	TUESDAY 29th
HOLIDAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY TRANSFERRED TO 28/12/70		PUBLIC HOLIDAY	BANK & PUBLIC SERVICE ONLY
DUTY OFFICER	B. RYAN	B. RYAN	B. RYAN	B. RYAN	B. RYAN
DUTY SISTER	SR. LEHTONEN	SR. MILLER	SR. MILLER	SR. CAREY	SR. MILLER
NIGHT WATCH	SOMEBODY				
TELEGRAMS	ONLY URGENT - LODGE WITH DUTY OFFICER				
COMMALR	NO FLIGHT	NO CHANGE AT THIS DATE		NO CHANGE AT THIS DATE	NO CHANGE AT THIS DATE
SHOP	SHUT	TRADING AS USUAL		SHUT	OPEN
HASTY TASTY	SHUT	OPEN AS USUAL	SHUT	OPEN AS USUAL	OPEN AS USUAL
KITCHEN	SHUT	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
POST OFFICE	SHUT	OPEN		SHUT	OPEN FOR MAIL COLLECTION
BANK	SHUT	OPEN		SHUT	SHUT

1. SETTLEMENT CHRISTMAS DINNER ON 24/12/70. Buffet at school at 1.00 p.m.
NO SUPPER.

2. THE POST OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FOR MAIL COLLECTION ON 29/12/70 IF THE MAIL COMES. MOST LIKELY
LIKELY NOT.

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