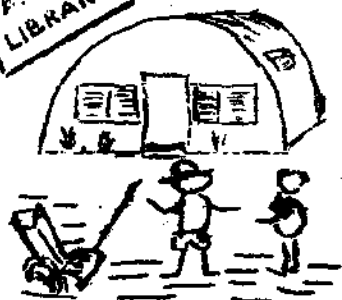
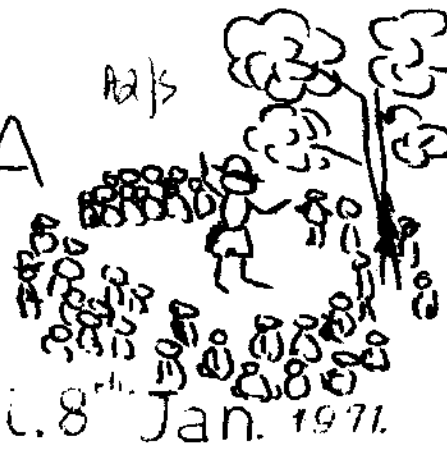


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THIS WEEK'S COUNCIL MEETING:

Present: 17 Members.

1. There was to be a drive, conducted by the President, to enlist non-workers for work. (19 new starters as this issue went to press).
2. Jim Cooper addressed the Council on the need to encourage sporting activities at Maningrida. It was very important to have good facilities and to encourage young people to use them. He outlined a proposal for sending a sports team to Bamyili at Easter.
3. President outlined the Self Help housing scheme. A house costs \$200 and may be paid off in fortnightly instalments; \$3 - \$4 or more if the tenant gets big money.

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OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

Some young people who seem to have been involved in more than a fair share of trouble of late, have been sent off to other places for a period to think things over. Two girls travelled to Elcho on Thursday, and a young man has gone to Snake Bay (also on Thursday). Council plans further action against other recent offenders.

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The President held a public meeting on Tuesday evening to speak against the arguments and, sometimes, violence which inevitably follow beer sessions. People drink, and then go back home and argue. For the last few months this has been getting worse. There is never any trouble on Sundays, when there is no beer. A warning was issued that the club will be closed down, permanently, if this trouble continues. People will have to think things over for themselves and decide. If any Councillor gets hurt during trouble, then the Club will be shut down, straight away, and the Police will be called.

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MANINGRIDA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION NOTES:

Points of interest noted at the MPA monthly meeting on Wednesday night last:-

- Shop Turnover for December \$27,200. - a record.
- Hasty Tasty turnover \$5,820. - also a record.
- Craft turnover for last 6 months \$10,743. - another record.

For the past 6 months the shop has taken in \$148,709., earning a nett profit of 17.5%. The Hasty Tasty figure is \$28,829.89, with a nett profit of 15%.

The 3 Cadell houses are finished, and Bob Cross will be visiting the River shortly to put the finishing touches to the water reticulation.

The house is finished and the bakery now sports a roof, with work proceeding underneath.

The radio telephone booth is under construction in the store and the installation is supposed to be complete by the end of February

Football

by *Timmy*
Cooper.



Well, dear footballers and football fans, first of all I'd really like to give my personal thanks to 33 footballers, instead of 40, and 8 football fans, for helping us to raise \$138 for the new football jumpers, shorts, socks and other gear. That gave us a total of \$338.17 in the bank and we still need some help from you people here at Maningrida. And I wonder if Mr. John Hunter, Mr. John Wilders and the staff could be of any help in some other way for the club.

As you all probably know, I and the football players don't represent ourselves. We represent Maningrida and the people of Arnhemland who live here, around in this country. In fact, the footballers and the basketballers and myself will be deeply grateful if someone comes to me or my fellow members and say: "Here is my \$1 for my son, brother or friend." Now, some of you parents who have sons living in the scout hall, it's your duty to come and say: "Here is 50 cents, \$1 or more, for my son, brother or friend, for his future need in the sports world." And as you all know, I have three future stars for Maningrida. I put \$1 for the eldest boy, and 50 ¢ each for the two younger boys, and \$10 for myself.

And by the way, before I go any further, I'd like to make myself clear to all Waratah footballers and fans. I don't like being knocked back and being called a liar, when I'm trying to be helpful and to make a name for this settlement in the world of sport. In fact, all the players from both teams should realize that it is unfair to me and a couple of other honest fellows to be putting in the money all the time. And not only that, my dear footballers, I shouldn't be chasing you for the money every pay day. You should say to yourself: "I'll go and put a couple of dollars into the club before I go and spend it on other things." So all you footballers, start thinking and help each other by putting a couple of dollars in the bank for future needs and for the younger boys. And some of you older boys, it's your duty to ask your parents for \$1 or 50 ¢ every pay day.

So far, I have only received \$100 from my team, the Magpies, and \$38 from Waratahs. There are 40 or more footballers who turn up every Saturday. Now, all you Waratahs and fans, you had better start to pull yourselves together - are you interested in football or not? Because only 16 footballers and 2 fans have put money in the bank. This is unfair to my team and their mates. Matter of fact, I don't have to chase some of my footballers for money and I don't have to ask or tell them twice. Don't think that I am rubbishing you, but it's a fact. You blokes have to learn the hard way if you are going to be sportsmen. You can't depend on one person or a couple of fellows putting in the money for you. As from next pay day, I and 5 of my members will be starting to get \$10 from each of you, in both teams.

You all know, we only have 2 more months to go before it's Easter again. I want to pick the good players at training and I'll be keeping a list of players coming to practice and checking it each Tuesday and Thursday night. The representative team will be made known in the Maningrida Mirage. Don't miss training, because if you do I'll pick another fellow to take your place. I don't want unfit players or lazy footballers or fellows frightened to bend down to pick up the football. I've seen you all in Darwin in last year's Knock-out competition. You all played as though you wanted to lose, not to win, for Maningrida. Well, this year it will be different altogether, because I won't take sissies on the trip.

Always remember this, when you are playing sport: pull your weight and whatever else you've got, with tons of guts, if you are going to win for your country. That's what you represent.

I hope that all you footballers will read this story carefully.

J. C.

Doctor's Mistake.

A small child swallowed a coin and a very large company of anxious relatives, some crying, brought her to the hospital. Sister Ena tried various methods but was not successful at first.

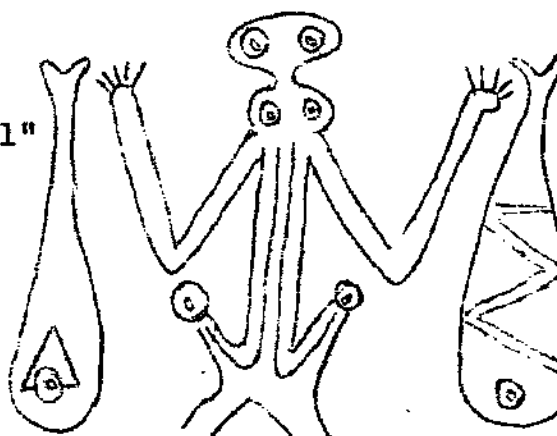
A Number One blackfellow doctor then tried his skill. He tried this treatment and that. Finally he put his fingers into the child's mouth. Then he brought out a 5 ¢ coin and showed it to everybody. It was greeted by looks of dismay. The doctor had produced 5 ¢, but the child had swallowed 10 ¢ !!

We all make mistakes sometimes.

Lightning

On Monday evening that dangerous woman Yowg-Yowg came down to Maningrida from Margalidban where a big storm had gathered late in the afternoon. Several citizens had eaten their supper and were doing the washing up when she arrived and began to throw her lightning around.

In one terrible moment she was very wild and very dangerous. She clapped her hands so hard that it almost deafened everybody, and threw her lightning to "kill" some people. Leslie, Tommy Yibberal's boy, was struck. Douglas, son of Willie Jolppa, was riding a bike near the basketball court and was knocked to the ground. Bob Cross was washing the dishes when it hit, suddenly contracting (making small) all his muscles and lifting him an inch off the ground. Others had quite a fright.



Elsewhere the Strands were spending their last night in Maningrida when the lights all went out and flames burst from the fan. Sister Cec was reading alongside a fan on the floor - when the dog tore down the passage on three legs and howling. Cec felt as though everything in her body was contracted (pulled together) suddenly. The fan turned itself around to face the opposite direction.

Why did the storm come?

At first, some Jinang men claimed to have sung up the storm. On Sunday the goose truck, which is fairly frail these days, had taken a load of people to gather oysters and had broken down. Presently a truck went by (driven by one of their friends) but did not stop to help. So the men were faced with a long walk, and all kinds of stormy thoughts troubled their minds.

Next day they believed that there had been a mix-up. It seems that a Gunwinggu bloke may also have been singing for a storm to come.

On the night of the storm, a well known Welfare Officer brought to the hospital from the bush a sick baby whose main sickness was obviously simply the lack of tucker. Said the officer to the mother, lightheartedly: "Have you ever thought of giving him a feed? It's all the rage these days, you know."

For the



Librarian, Mr. Bill Armstrong reports that an interesting selection of books has just arrived from Darwin. Besides 50 books of fiction and 50 children's books there are titles such as 'Donald Campbell' 'Albert Namatjira' For the really 'with-it' readers there's "Life among the Aborigines" Harney.

Duty Roster

Duty Officer: Mr. Edward Carey

Duty Sister: Sister June Doohan

Star Theatre

Friday: "Advance to the rear"

Saturday: "Eleven Oceans"

Church Notices:

Sunday 9.30 a.m. Sunday School "Finding Wisdom"
7 p.m. Evening Service. Mr. Bob Cross.

Some people have wisdom (marrngi) passed on to them^{by} Aboriginal ancestors. Some are getting new knowledge at school. But even if we have learnt a lot from school and the ancestors, we are still not very wise if we don't know how to live well.

Birth.

Bothsheba - daughter of Nancy Warren and Paddy Fordham, weighing 2 lb. 8 ounces. Born on the 3rd Jan. The name is mothers own choice.

Death

Ronnie - son of Alma and Oscar Nalawid on 31st December, aged 7 months.

MANINGRIDA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION NOTES: Continued from Page 1.

A Meals on Wheels scheme for the aged and infirm is to be instituted, once a day, on a trial basis initially.

The Craft Store will give \$200 towards the erection of a house for an age pensioner. Silas Roberts will seek to match this with a \$400 grant at the next meeting of the Aged Pensioners' Homes Trust.

The MPA has applied for a prospecting authority area, about, 650 square miles, in the Mt. Leane area, just to the East of Bulman.

Jim Cooper asked for assistance to start a kiosk at the oval, in support of the football club. The Hasty Tasty is to help with the supply of stocks.

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AROUND TOWN THIS WEEK:

Seen dining out at the Hasty Tasty -

Bert "Peacock" Ryan, tastefully attired in open-toed footie boots with a natty little hessian dicky to camouflage the gravy stains. Ooh-la-la!

At the stadium on Wednesday afternoon --- one small boy, about 5, took offence at something said, or done, by his playmate, same age, so he promptly "levelled" her with an empty soft drink can. Result:- one small girl with minor contusions to the forehead and two sets of "sorry-cut" heads, property of grieving grannies.

Over the river on Wednesday night --- The signal fires were just being kindled by two vacationing chalkies after the collapse of their outboard motor on a fishing trip to Toms' Creek. Never fear, though - Brady's here. The daring sea-going Forester sped to their rescue with his new outboard. Accompanying him were Broilga Bill R.N. (Ret'd), and that man of many parts Bert "Hornblower" Ryan. The pick-up was speedily effected, and soon all were safely at home, nursing their divers wounds (or some-such).

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