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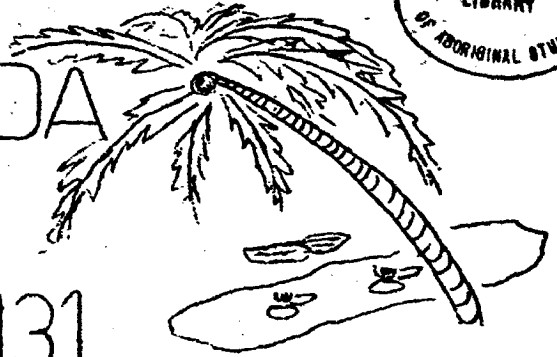
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MANINGRIDA MIRAGE



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Continuing "The Overlanders" by J. Cooper

We ran into a bad storm and it was cold. We had shirts but no blankets! We had only 2 matches left!! We had a little talk. "What are we going to do with 2 matches?" We split them into 4. Then we went on.

(In part One of this story Jim wrote about the adventures which he and Jack Jagajira had between Darwin and Jim Jim).

After leaving Jimmy Creek we ran into the old camp of Peter Banjuljul and Johnny Mayera who left Darwin earlier. They had no fire. They'd found some food but they couldn't cook it so they threw it away.

Coming to South Alligator River Tommy Donberr told us that this was the emu dreaming place of the Alligator tribe. We slept there. Next day we left at 5 o'clock in the morning and round about 1 o'clock we got 2 goannas. That night we camped at the top of East Alligator River where the old Mummulary butcher shop used to be.

We spent the night near old Yorky Bill's camp. Probably everybody knows old Yorky Bill; he's well known in the N.T. and also in history - an old buffalo shooter. Tommy Dongberr used to work for him so he gave us tea, sugar 4 lbs and also 2 water melons. Shortly after we heard a truck coming our way. It was an International and also a Toyota. They were from a mining company near Oenpelli. They asked us where we were heading. We said "Maningrida". He said "I am going to the Border Store. Old Terry Robinson's store." We went with them. On the way we passed Mudginberry Station - that's where Peter and Johnny Mayera had a swollen foot - and we stopped at Jim Jim at 12 o'clock. We got there Friday and stayed 2 days.

Jacky Nagajira and I walked to Oenpelli and it was lucky that we ran into old Crowfoot's missus. She is married to my step-uncle Joseph now. We stayed at his place and he wanted us to stay for a couple of days. "We can't stay too long" we said. We left at 6 o'clock next morning while everyone was asleep, without breakfast. We walked from Oenpelli towards Nimbuwa hill before we had lunch on wild white apples and some palms. There we ran into a bad storm. It was cold. We had shirts but no blankets! We had only 2 matches from Darwin!! We had a little talk. "What are we going to do with 2 matches?" We split them in 4 and went on toward Nimbuwa Hill. Old Jacky was crook with a swollen foot. I had thongs. I made a shelter for ourselves and Jacky went out to look for food.

Later on we got to Gumadir Station. Old Jack went to hunt and ran into a couple of fellows from Maningrida - old Archie's brother, Jimmy Bunguru and Billarney. They said that another five men were walking behind from Oenpelli Crossing. John Mayera and Peter Banjuljul had arrived from Mudginberry and they had run into Billy John and Tom Donberr.

On Friday night old Jack had a corroboree and asked if I

would like to blow the didjeridoo or sing a song but I didn't know one.

Continued.

We were real happy to see those fellows. On Saturday after a meeting we went to the "business place" where old Mick Mandayngu was having a Madayan ceremony. When we all left on Sunday morning he gave us 50 lbs of flour (Madayan flour) and some sugar. We crossed a creek and at lunch time we were lucky to run into old Peter Maralwaga and Old Butira and the old dancer Garuse. They had shot a buffalo in the morning and gave us half the meat.

Banyili Accts.

Ray Hemphill, Superintendent Banyili, has advised that the Maringrida people's invitation to send a dancing sporting team some time in August has been happily received. Ray says we can take our pick of basketball, softball, soccer or Aussie Rules and he feels a team of about 12 dancers and David Blair, a famous bamboo player, will be able to make the trip.

Go to Sydney Overland

Peter Williams, Headmaster Kormilda, has space for 8 passengers in his hot vehicle going to Sydney from Darwin on Friday May 5th and returning sometime before the end of the school vacation. Price \$130 return.

Anyone interested contact Dan Gillespie.

Kunapi

The Kunapi which belongs to Burada and Maringrida people will finish in the next 4 or 5 months at the place called Ngala-jibamu (East of Blyth River). The Headman of this kunapi is Benny Muduruk and his assistants are 2 Jackies and Morky. The kunapi was started last year in November and it will still go on until around about August or September.

Children's Impressions

The success of the Easter play has really kindled an interest in the historical Easter happenings. Some quotes from the Grade 5 letters to their Kormilda friends illustrate the point.

In an account of general happenings

"Do you know that Jesus was crucified?" - Alice

"We saw a picture on Saturday night called 'Easter of Sudan'" - Patrick

"Friday was the Easter day that Jesus was Christopher" - Audrey

Were Not Kidding

We enjoy a number of facilities provided by the Progress Assoc. Fresh bread each day, a regular postal service, shopping facilities which will shortly have a much wider range of goods available with self-service, the prospect of fresh vegetables grown locally, and in a year's time the opportunity to use a Community Hall.

Unless we pay our 50 cent subscriptions required by the law, we stand to lose a great deal including tax exemptions under the Act.

The matter is urgent! Really urgent!
You can pay at the Shop or at the M.P.A. office to Mr. Bagshaw.

Are You The Owner of a film sent to Haninex late in February or early in March? The roll of film was not processed because the owner's name is unknown. It was sent under the title of Maringrida Progress Association. Would the owner please see Mr. Glen Bagshaw.

on The Newspapers

AVID TO STAR AGAIN: There was a story in "The Australian" newspaper recently; Sir Robert Helpmann, the famous Australian ballet dancer, is going to produce a film which will be the life story of Daisy Bates - a lady who used to live amongst the desert Aboriginal people a long time ago. One of the stars of this film (so the paper said) will be David Gulpilil, - a busy man there!

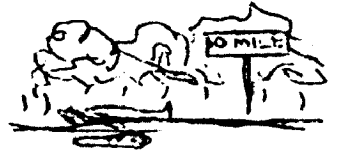
DAISY BATES



ACROSS THE SEAS: Glen Bagshaw has received a newspaper clipping from an Irish financial and business newspaper. What should it be but an article on Ocean Resources and their activities in Arnhemland, searching for minerals. The writer said that everyone was talking about Ocean Resources, but no one knew who it was or how to find it.



MURDER: An Aboriginal man was murdered at the lonic last Saturday. He was bashed on the head many times. The police have arrested another Aboriginal man and they say he did the killing. Some Maningrida people know the 10-mile well from visits they have paid while on holiday in Darwin.



TALKING TOGETHER: Aboriginal people from all over Australia went to Alice Springs last week for a conference. They talked about many problems that are worrying Aboriginal people in many parts of Australia. Two people came from Goulburn Island to the conference, - Wogbara and his wife Daisy.



CONGRATULATIONS to Mungiwa, the lady from Goulburn Island who has run the pre-school there for seven years. She has been given money from the Aboriginal Trust Fund to help her go overseas to learn more about teaching and pre-schools. Mungiwa came here for the Arnhemland Games in 1970/71. We wish her every success.

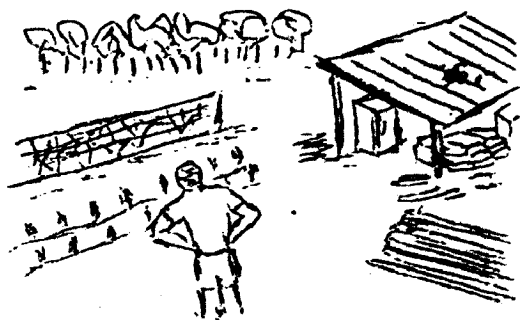
What a Pleasant Surprise

I went to the basketball the other night for the first time for many months. When I used to go before there was often a lot of fighting and trouble in some games and often balandas would have to stop the trouble. On Thursday night an argument came up between some of the players. For a while everybody sat and looked at each other and nobody knew what to do. Then the two men who run the competition, Tin Darcy and Lucky Balarka, came onto the court and spoke to everyone involved. They settled the trouble and the game went on. It made me, and the other balandas that I spoke to, very happy to see Aboriginal people settling trouble like this, amongst themselves, quickly and quietly.

D. G.

Thriving At The Cadell

Beans, sweet corn, gladioli, Barry Humphries, hurricane lamps, bananas, mosquitos and Bob Collins are alive and well at the Cadell Gardens. The Dry Season is rolling up. The march flies are happy, the mosquitos are delirious, and Bob Collins has amnesia. The gardens are looking most impressive with many young plants pushing their way through the soil. The beans and sweet potatoes are particularly impressive. Bob and Jin have a nursery shed erected as well. Bob's domicile is an impressive array of all manner of devices - a combination advertisement for Acme pesticides and Campbell's soups. The river is very high and a few leeches are jumping on to the legs of the unsuspecting.



D. G.

Up and About

Good to see Str. Ena up and about again. All going well she will be on duty at the weekend.

Forestry

HAPPENINGS - During the month of March, Randy Scott, although suffering a dizzy spell (Flu), managed to keep the new Jude Point road on a straight course; this week found Jinny Olson and dozer in with the swamp ducks. - A "getting to know you" (chain saw course) took Alfie Dickfoss, John Reister and Fred Luff to Darwin for a few days, which kept Randy a little busier, filling in for Fred on changing the colours. Randy almost did a somersault taking a swing at a "big'un"; he found the W.A. axe somewhat lighter than En-Tee's.

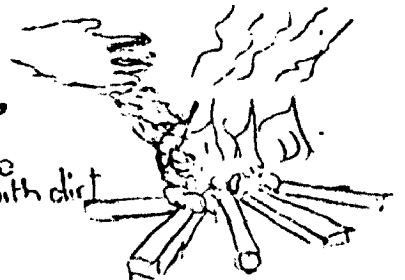
NEW FACES around are "Hit it - Fixit" Steve (Pauter) at the mill, "Max the knife" (Neath), taking Charlie Chilie's grader out for a kill whilst Charlie is breaking in a new one at Berrimah. Mill inspectors Galvin and Barchard were here until today, with Hoppy jumping around out bush, inspecting plants. Timberjack driver by the name of Merw Rider (or Ryder??) arrived yesterday.

Easter camp was quite quieter with Randy, Eddy & Bruce in Darwin. They claim it was a wet weekend in town.

Five Season

is almost here; a lot of work goes into a forest, a lot more goes into keeping a fire out, - so if you're camping out, make sure you put that camp fire out before coming home. More trees, more timber, make more houses.

Cover your fire with dirt
It's easy.



With Dennis Puffet in New Guinea

..... I have looked at some of the fisheries problems up here and some of them are not unlike those of the N.T. I go through Daru fairly often, where there is a fairly good barramundi fishery, at one stage they had a local fishing company set up with a Development Bank loan; they went broke through mechanical failures and general lack of management, their remaining gear has recently been sold up to pay debts. In the meantime a private (European) company has leased the freezer and buys the fish from individual fishermen at 17 cents for barramundi and \$1 per lb. for cray fish tails. This is working very well and everyone seems happy. The fish is processed at the freezer and sent out as frozen fillets in 20 lb. packs. The freezer is one room, smaller than either of the rooms at Maningrida, and this year has put through about 100,000 lbs. barramundi and 60,000 lbs. cray tails.

The visits to Daru are en route to Lake Murray or the Bensbach River, we now have over 700 crocodiles at the Lake Murray Crocodile Farm. We had hoped for 1,000 by this time but high water levels and supply problems have held us up. The high water keeps the crocs back in the high reeds and they are hard to find, we catch the small ones at night time from a boat with a spotlight.

Our Bensbach River Station (Balumuk) is about 8 miles from the West Irian border in beautiful open plain country; it is a deer research station and there are about 6,000 deer within reach of the station. It may be of interest to you to know that the labourers on the stations are on the full award rate of \$11.10 per fortnight. People working on a road for the Local Government Council when I was last down were being paid 30 cents per day, so you can see why the people rely so much on their gardens to survive and also why the training wage scheme of the N.T. looks a pretty good deal when viewed from here. To live in the Australian style here is about the same or a little more expensive than Darwin.

Since I last wrote to you I have been to the Sepik to look for a site for another crocodile farm and the hardest job was to find a bit of high ground above flood level. I used a canoe with an outboard motor and a float plane to look at the area and will be back in April with a helicopter. The people up there are keen on crocodiles and have them in most of their carvings and as figureheads on their canoes.

(From a letter by Dennis Puffet)

Bungawa Spirit

by J. Meritji

Cloud

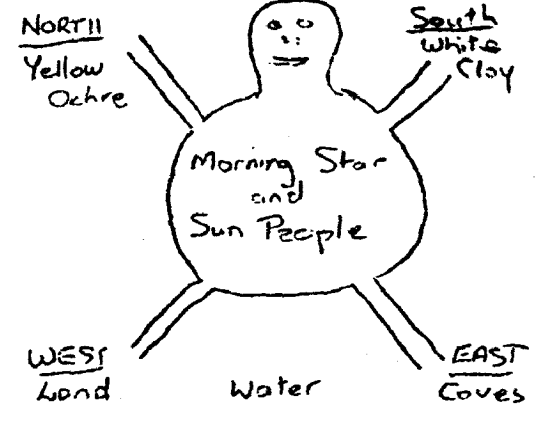
In the Dreantime when my mother's
her told me the story of Karr the spider,
it had appeared to him, it sounded like
his:-

Long, long ago, in the dreantime, the
human spirit of the spider (Karr), who was
like a god, came and said to my father: "I am
Karr, and I will tell you all the rules and
customs for the aboriginal people"

Karr told my grandpa where the Yirritja
people (my grandfather's people) come from.
The yellow rock was created and then divided
into the other four clays and ochres - red,
white, brown and black - which were the
different tribal skin groups of the Yirritja
people: Bangadi, Narritj, Kodjuk, and Bulany.

Karr had come after the Djankawar sisters (the mud crabs) and had
caught up with them, stolen their sacred dilly bags and had taught the
Djankawar sisters all about their sacred ceremonies (that is for Dua
ceremonies). He told the Djankawar sisters, and the Wawilak sisters
(the "blanket" lizards, from whom he had stolen some sacred boomerangs
and fire sticks) that he was their leader, and everybody else (the
Aboriginal people) must follow his rules from generation to generation
by living and dying.

He said that he was n't either Dua or Yirritja, but he could make
rules for everyoue. This is why we draw Karr like this. He is the
Bungawa (Boss) Spirit. He is the world, and everybody is a part of him
- the yellow clay people, the white clay people, the people who live on
the land, the people who live in the caves, the animals, the plants,
the water, the clouds, the wind and everything else. We show this in our
drawing. His arms and legs are spread around the Aboriginal world - his
left arm is in the south, the white clay country; his right arm is in
the North, the yellow ochre country, and so on.



J.M.

"Captain Hook"

Mr. Gerry Atkinson whom we all remember as "Captain Hook" will be
back again on Wednesday next, April 12. Kathie Scully, an actress, and
Kathy Huxtable, the stage manager, will come with him. They will give a
concert lasting two hours at the school. It is to begin at 7.15 pm

An interesting feature this year will be a 15 minute "Local Spot"
in which there will be some local actors.

There will be a small charge of 20 cents for children, and 40 cents
for adults.

Volleyball.

It looks like the Football season has finished, and there is nothing
much to do during the weekends. If anyone is interested in volleyball
games, I suggest you make yourself up a team. So far there are three teams,
Chalkes, Fish & Chips, and Reflections. I'M not forcing you to do this,
but it's up to you to think it over and learn the other activities as
well, instead of football and basketball. But there are more things to
learn, for example tennis and cricket. I'm too interested in learning some
new athletics and activities. So think whether it suits you or not, but
it will take quite a while to learn.

J. Pascoe

Held Over to next Week

- Report on the Scout Camp at Rocky Point - by Larry Wweipa.
- Girl Guides Get Going - by Heather Cross and Carol Davies.
- Cubs learn some Maningtida Geography.

Gridians

The Gridians meeting will have to be postponed, as
Captain Hook will be performing next Wednesday night.

M.P.A.

The Open Meeting of the Progress Association
meeting is due for Wednesday night. Watch the Shop Notice Board
for further details.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

The April meeting of the Parents and Friends Association will be held at the school on Monday next at 7.00 pm sharp.

J.G.

FOOTBALL

The Grand Final was won by Red & White 18-5 (113) to Balck & White 16-13 (109). The close scores made this an interesting game but the football was far from the best we have seee at Maningrida. Black & White were leading by 1 point at half-time, but Red & White took the lead by 5 points at the end of the third quarter. The last quarter was roughand tough at times with many men thinking about late tackles - silly play in a Grand Final. When the scores are so close, too. George Wiaka was the best for Red & White, and fisheries Alan was the best for Black & White. Young Gilbert Wumula, home from Kormilda College for Easter, really showed us how to play for a WHOLE game. That comes from training. Altogether a good season men.

Special thanks to Larry Weipa who did the buying for the shop and also thankyou to David Ungupija who looked after the shop so well every Saturday.

Trev. King

MENS BASKETBALL

The Teams are now starting to settle down.

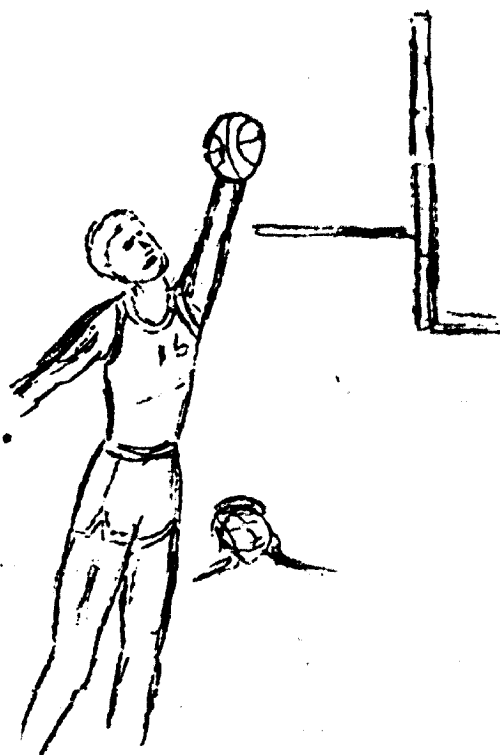
Recent Games:-

Eagles 72 pts defeated Cape Stewart 52
Pioneers 38 defeated Kupanga 37
M.P.A. 52 defeated Jwang 34
Garatpu 30 defeated Cadell Brothers 21
Cape Stewart 40 defeated Jimang 28
M.P.A. 56 defeated Garatpu 34

The teams at the top so far are M.P.A. Cape Stewart and Garatpu.

Next Week:

Tuesday 11th April
7.00pm Jining Vs Pioneers
8.00pm Cadell Brothers Vs Eagles
Thursday 13 April
7.00pm Garatpu Vs Kupanga
8.00pm Cape Stewart Vs M.P.A.



Trev. King

DARWIN FOOTBALL

Last Saturday St Johns 55 beat Kormilda 47 in the Under 15 Grand Final. Many young men from Maningrida played for Kormilda. They did well to reach the Grand Final. Jimmy Maralunga was mentioned among the best players.

Trev. King

WOMENS BASKETBALL

Both games were very close last Monday night. The first match was close all the way, with Albatrosses finally emerging the victors 38 to 32 over Cobras. The second match finally broke Dots'n'Dashes record of four straight victories, when they tied with Marrijalas 30 to 30. It had been decided at the beginning of the competition that a tied score would be final, so no extra time was played.

Best Scorers

Norah (Albatrosses) 22 pts, and Jan Hay (Cobras) Julliette (Cobras) Judy (Albatrosses) Katie (Marrijalas) Betty W. (Marrijalas) Marg. Neale (D'n'D) all with ten points each.
Ladder:- Dots'n'Dashes (9), Albatrosses (6), Marrijalas (5), and Cobras (0).

Marg. Neale

WEEKEND

DUTIES

Duty Officer Mr. Brolga Beckett

Duty Sister Str. Ena

STAR

THEATRE

Friday "Eighty Steps to Jonah" Wayne Newton
In this widely acclaimed and deeply moving film, Wayne Newton emerges as one of today's leading actors. The exhilarating triumph of absolute innocence over savage violence.

Saturday: "Blindfold" Roch Hudson, Claudie Cardinale
An American Spy story.



CHURCH

Sunday: First Sunday after Easter

9.30am Morning Sunday Schools

7.00pm Evening Service (Mr. Bob Cross)

Wednesday: 7pm Crusaders' Fellowship

On this Sunday Morning, Rev. Bradley Harris is being inducted as the minister of the Milingimbi parish. Rev. G. Armstrong will be taking part in the service.

A century ago a woman had no belief in immortality and no wish to live again if it were true, died and was buried. In her will she requested that her grave should be made so secure that the Resurrection, should there be one, would not affect her.

Consequently, massive slabs of granite, clamped together with great bends of iron, were put upon it. On the slab were the words: "This grave must never be opened"

A little seed hidden away under the slab, began to grow, and through the years became eventually a mighty tree whose roots split into fragments the apparently immovable mass of iron and stone.

God, in Nature, repeats every year the parable of resurrection.

(By Ida Church)

People

Passing through on Saturday morning was Mr. Bob Bundawarbi on the way from East Arm to see relatives in Milingimbi.

Mr. Jack Milirawulwul, now almost blind but formerly a very active leader of the Rembaranga people, went to Darwin Hospital this week.

Mr Edward Carey, staunch Carlton supporter will be in Melbourne on leave this weekend. Eddy expects to be away for four weeks

Mr and Mrs Winston Burchett, parents of Chris, have been visiting Maningrida. They had the good luck to see the Gunavidji hunters bring in a dugong on Wednesday morning. Mr. Burchett is the Administrator of the Moonee Valley Regional Library Service.

Mrs. Shirley Mason is leaving for Buderim in Queensland to show Kirstie to her great grandparents (April's parents).

Three doctors, Dr. Alan Walker who specialises in the care of children, Dr. Don Jacobs our regular doctor, and Dr. Reid, were at the hospital yesterday.

The four people who went to Gove at the week-end had a 'ball of a time'. Jackie and Rosemary stayed at Yirrkala, Allan and Warren stayed at the new N.T.A. Hostel at Nhulunby, eating 4-course meals three times a day at very reasonable charges. They looked over the new College at Ido. In Yirrkala they met Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mines former residents of Maningrida. Charlie was not very happy at the time because he had just lost three big fish from his new boat. They also saw Miss Cheryl Pullen who was sparking.

Weather

	TEMPERATURE		HUMIDITY (Max)	RAIN
	Max	Min		
Friday				
Saturday	89.5	71.0	67%	Nil.
Sunday	90.0	65.5	86%	"
Monday	91.0	71.0	82%	"
Tuesday	89.0	74.0	79%	"

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