

MANINGRIDA MIRAGE

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New Pre-School to be opened on Monday.

... The visitors coming from Darwin will include His Honour the Administrator and Mrs Chaney, Mr. H. Giese and Mr. J. Gallacher, and of course Miss Joyce Gilbert.

The opening will take place soon after 11 o'clock and the school is to be named "The Joyce Gilbert Pre-School" in honour of the very valuable work done by Miss Gilbert in starting Aboriginal Pre-Schools in the Northern Territory.

All people at Maningrida are invited to come to the opening on Monday morning. There will also be a display of pre-school work, Aboriginal dancing, singing and craft to celebrate the occasion.

... This week we were visited briefly by Mrs. Elva Horstman, of Wattle Park Teachers College, South Australia. She was having a supervisory look at our student Susan Wissel. On Thursday Susan herself returned to her home country.

... We wish all the Eisteddfod team members good luck in Darwin and hope they have a good trip and a useful stay. They have been leaving since Wednesday and the last adults leave today (Saturday).

Progress Association

Prof.

Apologies to the people who came on Saturday afternoon for the M.P.A. meeting. The time was advertised in the Mirage, but unfortunately the papers were overcarried to Darwin from Elcho. The meeting was held at 10.30a.m.

... The auditor (a pilot in training, as is solicitor Alec Rorrison) will attend future meetings to advise on financial matters.

... Executive meetings are to be held on the last Saturday in each month.

... Mr. Les Holt, our baker, will be leaving on September 5th (see below) and Mr. Tom Toole of the Albury Bakeries is expected to arrive on August 20th. Work is under way to instal the new oven.

... Vegetables purchased from the Gardens have almost reached \$1,000 in value.

... The Health Dept. has invited the Association to purchase a caravan and rent it to the Dept.

... The fishing boat will leave Sydney on the next voyage of the "Darwin Trader."

The Shop.

When the barge comes in on Monday, it will bring goods ordered directly from Adelaide on the new buying and freight system. Some prices will be lowered immediately and when present stock has been sold, there will be significant reductions on a wide range of foodstuffs.

Some examples -

A 1 lb tin of meat will be reduced by 5c or more

Vapo rub, rubbing medicine, and smaller items such as these, will drop by as much as 10c on each item.

G.B.

Marriages

Jimmy Galgu, Mobile Works Force, builder, who has travelled all over the N.T. is home on holidays with a wife and family. Mary NAPURULA, a pleasant young Walbiri woman is from a station about 100 miles from Tennant Creek. She has three children, Bryan, Mark and "Lorla", a girl. Within a fortnight Jim and family will leave for the next job at Boroloola.

A surprise and fairly sudden marriage is that of Peter Galara who has been doing a medical course with Dr. Hargraves at East Arm. Sister Edith was most interested in Pete's matrimonial developments and when she asked about the girl's name, Peter thought for a moment and confessed "I forget! I'll go and look in my suitcase". A couple of minutes later he had the missing name - Mary. She's a girl from Bathurst Island. Peter now journeys to Alice Springs to continue his training there.

Impressions of Gove

Representatives of Connair called in on Tuesday to discuss future cargo arrangements and then went on to Gove, taking Mr. Glen Bagshaw for further discussions.

Glen made the following observations. Nhulunbuy has changed. Before, there were teams of construction workers earning big money. This phase has passed and now the emphasis is on the family.

Poon Bros. has gone out of the retailing trade and operate only the catering services. Woolworths are the only food store, and Northmeat the only butchers.

Some prices - Tomatoes 45c lb., cucumbers small 20c (our small ones 5c)
Smallest lettuce 59c - Small lemons 12c - small apples 9c.
Small oranges 6 for 69c - Spinach 1½lb for 50c
1lb Cauliflower 45c.

Meat (from Katherine)

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| Fillet steak \$1.39 | Rump Steak \$1.10 |
| T-Bone steak \$1.00 | Pork chop 90c |
| Round steak 80c | Mince 59c |
| Lamb Chops | |

The meat comes from Katherine and Woolworths groceries, fruit and vegetables from south.

Glen saw "some beautiful Yirrkala bananas and pawpaws at Poons."

The potential for marketing fish is considerable, not necessarily to Gove itself but through Gove to Sydney etc.

Roving on the Roper

"Skip" Wilders is due to leave today for Roper River with Mr. Tony Spall, to take up duty as Superintendent.

We send our best wishes with Skip. He has made a considerable contribution to Maningrida during the past six years, particularly in the fields of administration, Progress Association, Scouting, young people, grader driving, brick-laying and agate tumoling.

Roper River is one of the oldest communities in Arnhem Land - being the home of the Roberts', Daniels', and other well-known Aboriginal families. Up to 350 people live there now, and about 25 Europeans including Joe and Kathy Haigh and boys.

For Sale

Mr. John Wilders' diesel powered boat.
For details = please see Mr. John Hunter.



The Stone Country

An interesting trip (as always) to the stone country last weekend. Some highlights.....

* The performance of the school truck. It handled the going like a veteran - particularly the crossings. Only one sand bog of about 15 minutes.

* Livestock activity. Lots of buffalo (and some cattle) droppings and tracks around the road. Also quite a few between Guyun and Manin-grida. The residents of Nanurk were chomping buffalo when we called in on Monday. Under the provisions of the Pals Act, Paddy Fordham selected the best pieces and carried them off in the truck.

* Mandarrg's Camp. There are 20 people or so and three times that many dogs. Everyone looks fit including Willy. Roger Pink introduced all the children to that well known hallucinogen, Cadell Watermelon. Jacky Bunganiall has made an arm chair out of rock slabs and on the side has written testimonies of his affections. David Galbuma has established an open air church in which the occasional service is conducted. The dogs staged a magnificent stoush on Monday. After allowing the combatants to warm themselves up the ladies selected a dog each and made their way through the dust storm to pound their selection with a stick. Bob Stutch. managed to catch the last few minutes on film.

* There are a few new paintings in the area - some of them a little corrupt-looking. The country around the Crossing has been thoroughly burnt out. The water is low.

* Some of the children we were pleased to see again were: Rita, Jeannie, Birribob and Val.

The Baby Moon

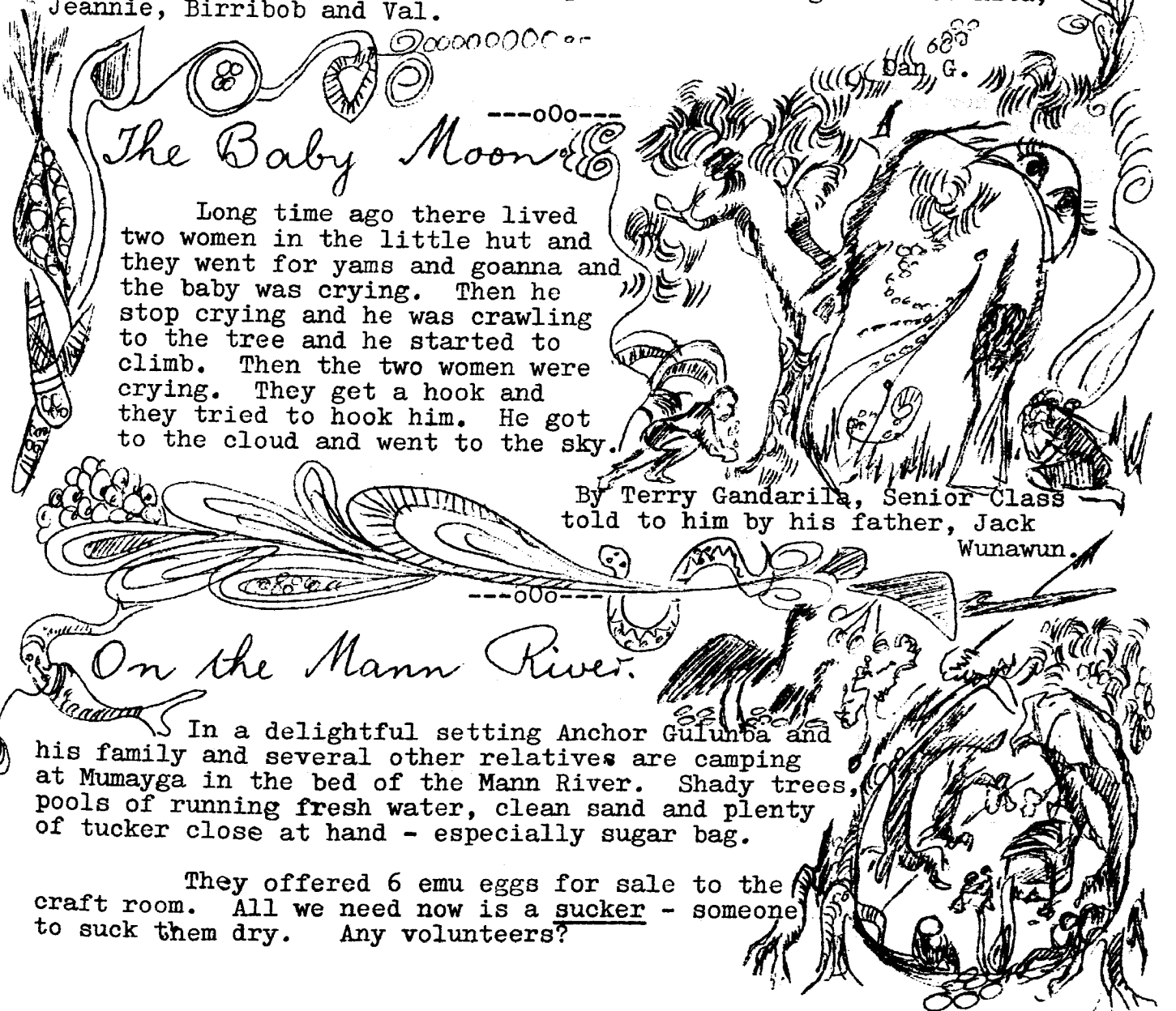
Long time ago there lived two women in the little hut and they went for yams and goanna and the baby was crying. Then he stop crying and he was crawling to the tree and he started to climb. Then the two women were crying. They get a hook and they tried to hook him. He got to the cloud and went to the sky.

By Terry Gandarila, Senior Class told to him by his father, Jack Wunawun.

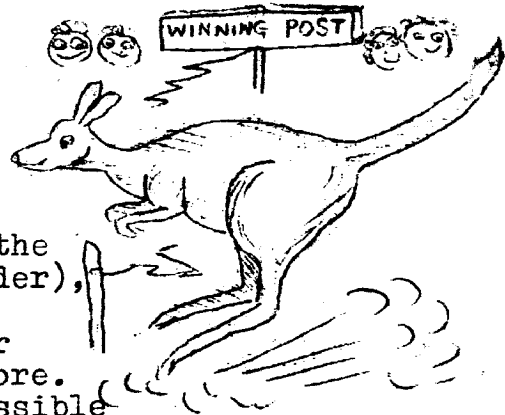
On the Mann River.

In a delightful setting Anchor Gulumba and his family and several other relatives are camping at Mumayga in the bed of the Mann River. Shady trees, pools of running fresh water, clean sand and plenty of tucker close at hand - especially sugar bag.

They offered 6 emu eggs for sale to the craft room. All we need now is a sucker - someone to suck them dry. Any volunteers?



School Sports



The big event is the last day of this term - August 25th. We have four new house-teams in the school - Ngana-burra (buffalo), Bundiama (thunder), Mullamullara (sea-gull) and Ginga (crocodile). But, Alas! Nothing to offer the kids for their efforts but a possible drink from a probable bore. The kids love trophies. We are looking for possible donors - blood for the runners-up and something shiny for the champs. Some Possibilities:

Shield - to be held at school for winning house each year.
Champions - Senior - boy & girl
Intermediate - boy & girl
Junior - boy & girl

If you wish to have your name embedded in the Sands of the Running Track please see Trevor King.

From the Newspapers.

MORE TROUBLE AT PAPUNYA

Four Aboriginal men were speared in a fight at Papunya in the desert country. They were taken into Alice Springs hospital. Other men were in trouble with the police and were taken to court to tell the story.

KORMILDA COLLEGE TALKS The Government wants to make Kormilda College new and bigger. They are asking people to talk about this. Some people are saying Kormilda is a good place. Other people are saying it is a bad place and a big mistake because it doesn't help Aboriginal children.

D.G.

A long drive.

Mr. Silas Roberts has driven down through Bulman to Roper River where Alfie has been having a holiday. Geoff Campion and Jacky Miyarka of GUIYUN went with Silas.

Boys Night Basketball.

Tuesday 1st August 1972:

Nakara 54 d Burada 40
Gumurrurra 32 d Jumulolala 28

Highest scorers:

Roly (B) 12 goals
Ted (N) 11 goals
Tom (N) 8 goals

Second game:

Richard (J) 5 goals
Roly (J) 5 goals

Next week: Tuesday 8th August, 1972:

Nakara v. Gumurrurra
Burada v. Jumulolala.

Drop in Club.

Ted, Toby.

Last Wednesday evening, Rev. Haloti Faupula went along to Drop In Club and was most impressed by the way the people enjoyed the dancing. "It was just like being in Tonga".

WITH BIKE AND TRUCK - EPISODE ONE

Amid the roar of Killercycles and the clatter of cans, the Great Overland Expedition set out from the Berryman household at dusk on Friday, with the intention of reaching the Junction Bay mining camp and filling the truck up with Agates.

The party was led by Ron Berryman and Merv Mason on bikes, and Jack Gardiner taking up the rear in his Toyota. That night they made the Mann River crossing where they camped on the outskirts of Peter Marawanga's camp. Peter's people were full of talk about their Cattle Station.

The Saturday morning start came to a very abrupt halt when Merv's bike shorted out with water. Ron Berryman had to admit to leaving the C.R.C. at home, and a motion of no confidence in him was passed. There we were, only 40 yards from our start, still trying to get the bike mobile after 1½ hours.

Off again it was across the Liverpool without mishap, and along the track which follows the river downstream for a while before turning west across the plains towards Oenpelli. We came across the gang of people clearing the new airstrip by the track. They were mostly Oenpelli people whom we did not know, and to our eyes the major activities seemed not to be clearing, but sleeping and eating kangaroo. All the way to the Junction Bay turnoff people were walking in small groups along the track, all with their faithful following dogs.

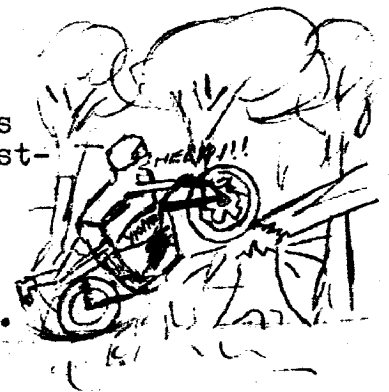
An arrival at the mining camp was made at lunch time, after carefully by-passing the bad creek crossing that had sounded Jack's defeat and shame some weeks previously. No one had been into the camp since last year but it was still in a good condition. The "House that Roger built" was still up (more or less) but the jungle had grown up through the floor. Nevertheless, a

canvas over the top for shade, and a bit of axe work on the floor, and a home was set up. The necessities of life were taken from the ice-box and availed of. With hammer in hand the agate hunt set out in the late afternoon, and half a bucket of stones, of varying quality, was brought back.

Sunday morning saw the light of a new day and the gallant riders setting out for the Gumardir crossing. The river was dry, and had been dry for some time, but along its sandy banks Ron gave a wonderful display of aero-dynamic ghost-riding in the sky as he flew through the air with the greatest of ease. Ron and Merv became alarmed to find the supply of life's necessities dangerously low (in fact nil), and it was voted 2 against 1 to make a dash for the boarder store. For the first time, Jack was placed on the seat of Rons bike, and set himself off upon it with no great speed. All went well for our Jack until he became TOO confident. Seeing some horses near Nimbowa, he decided to have a bit of fun and give chase. However following the horses through the scrub he found himself face to face with two very large buffalo, and made a hasty retreat with apologies. Skirting along the track again he came to a sandy patch, and decided it best to go bush, but someone had planted a Pandanus in the way. Through it he went, without either killing himself, or leaving the bike (now well out of control). Merv Mason enjoying the spectacle from the rear, was overcome with convulsions and fell off his bike. By the time Merv recovered, Jack was back on the track and well ahead. Further on a standing rear wheel takeoff by Jack again left the other members of the party hysterical. On the outskirts of Oenpelli, they even saw him riding side saddle, but your reporter must admit this was far from intentional.

They pulled into Oenpelli just on sunset.

EPISODE 2 NEXT WEEK: "Two up a Tree"



WEEKEND DUTIES

Duty Officer: Mr. Ron Berryman
Duty Sister: Sister Maija

STAR THEATRE

Titles not available at time of press. Will be posted on the Co-Op Notice Board. Pictures will be held both Friday and Saturday night.

CHURCH

Sunday: 9.30 am Sunday Schools
7.1 pm Evening Service. Preacher Mr. Bob Cross
The Annual Meeting of the congregation will follow the service. Reports and presentation of Balance Sheets, Election of Church Council
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The National figures in the counting of votes for the proposed Church Union were as follows:-

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| Methodist | 85% | in favour |
| Congregational | 83% | " " |
| Presbyterian | 75% | " " |

On these figures it would seem that union is certain. However Presbyterian members were required by legal technicality to vote on whether they wished to remain members of a continuing Presbyterian Church even if union came. 40% said "Yes!" So it would be in practice that less than (the required) 2/3 of the Presbyterian membership are prepared to belong to the United Church congregations (even though 2/3 voted in favour of union). So the outcome of the vote is uncertain

POSITION VACANT

A Lady is Required for the Position of
HOME MANAGEMENT INSTRUCTRESS

Anyone interested should see the Superintendent before Wednesday.

PEOPLE

Mr Dave Fryer formerly manual training teacher at Maningrida is the acting Headmaster at Kormilda College while Mr Peter Williams is away on sick leave. We hope that Peter is on the mend and send our best wishes.

Mr John Wilders arrived back at Maningrida after driving the bus to Darwin. He was very pleased with its performance both on the open road, and along the bush tracks. The engine had been tuned to take standard fuel, and along "The Track" only super-grade could be obtained, which caused the engine to run a little hot. He seems to think the bus will be ideal for Maningrida

While in Sydney, the men stayed in a multi-story hotel. John urged Tom to come and look out through the window over the city, but Tom was worried about the chance of falling through it. Tom was quite impressed by the absence of drunks in the streets of Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide.

Because of the petrol shortage, Kings Cross was very quiet !

The bus is now in Perkin's yard awaiting shipment to Maningrida.

Noel and Bronwyn Perkins were fishing at the wharf near Barney's Jungle a few days ago. Out in deeper water there was a creature fiercely thrashing about. They could not identify it. Could it be???

GRIDIANS

Have you been beyond the Black Stump ? If not come to Trewin's pink house opposite the future cricket oval on Wednesday 16th August, Everyone welcome.

Our Thanks.

Jean and Betty

To the ladies in the U.N.C.A. office in Darwin for printing this issue.

The Parents and Friends have ordered a new Gestetner and we hope that we will be able to print our own very soon.

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