



\$1150 Profit

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The Annual Parents & Friends' Fete was held at the school and was a great success. The fete aimed to raise money to buy library books for the new Resource Centre.

The usual dress and cake stalls were well patronised, the photography business kept the photographer going the whole time (maybe we can have twin cameras next year), and of course the tie-dye Jim Brown was a big feature and rolled in the dollars.

The gross takings were \$1650. \$500 had to be taken out for expenses leaving a net figure of \$1150. Not a bad afternoon's work, and a big thank-you to all the slaves, and an even bigger one to all who spent their dollars. We now look forward to the new books for next year.

R. Pink Treasurer

The Council Collection For Christmas

The President asked whether any people had been allocated to live in the new houses. The Superintendent replied "No-one has applied yet."

Cr. Riala said that every weekend people haven't had a chance to go for a picnic or hunting in a truck. But there are a lot of children going swimming or for picnics in trucks. The people haven't had a chance to ride on the trucks.

The Superintendent said that the cars are not for hire. We have only one truck and the bus is not ready to run unless the people have a licence to drive a bus. (See list elsewhere in the Mirage).

The Superintendent read a letter from a Mining Company asking for Maningrida people to guide them in the bush. Councillors agreed that people with driving licences could work with the mining company. People mentioned were J. Burunyila, J. Maiyara and Charlie Godjuwa.

The President spoke about the people at Kupanga getting their money, for the shells and craft they send in. The Superintendent said that the pensions and baby money for Kupanga people came from Darwin and were sent to Kupanga. "If we pay them here there would be too much humbug."

Cr Riala said Barney Ungulbu had asked to live in a new house because he has a big family. The Superintendent said that Barney had not come to the office.

The Superintendent said that the people who want to buy timber to build their own houses should come to the office to place their order.

The Superintendent asked Council about collecting money for this year's Christmas Dinner, beginning on this payday. Last year \$760. was collected.

He also mentioned that a Y.M.C.A. man from Darwin will live here for a month and run activities for young and old people like Bruce McKenzie does in Darwin.

Cr Mulumbuk wanted his house to be sprayed because of the cockroaches. The whole camp needs to be sprayed.

They are dangerous!

Stingers are here again. People have seen many stingers in the water here during the last week. They were sighted at Fisheries Beach, New Juda Point, Old Juda Point, and Rocky Point. Parents be careful with your children at the salt water places.

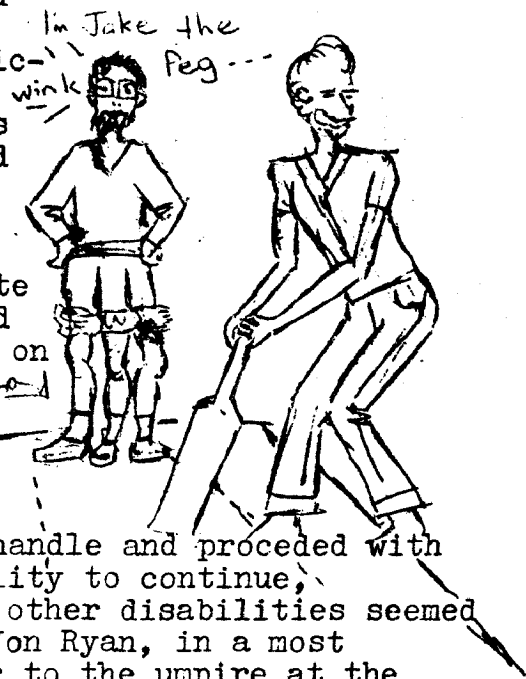
Sharks - a number have been seen close in at Fisheries beach. T.K.



Von Ryan's Express at the M.C.G.

Let it be noted that on Saturday the fourth day of November, nineteen hundred and seventy two, the M.C.G. (Maningrida Cricket Ground) was ceremoniously, solemnly and officially opened by a few scruffs chucking their arms over. The crack of the Willow was music to supercede Beethoven, Bob Dylan, and the Darwin Dogs in many a household that afternoon. That's cricket chaps!

On the following day, two local sides were fortunate to strike a very true concrete track. Without rain for over six months, and without hesitation, Von Ryan elected to bat on a hard, dry, slightly sand covered wicket. A collapse (somewhere about the middle of the innings) saw the side all out for 29. Von Ryan's Express was undaunted with quick prompt home delivery service.



Berrymen's boys took the Willow by the handle and proceeded with a series of unbreakable partnerships. Inability to continue, dehydration, Von Ryan's Express and several other disabilities seemed to be the main contributors to retirement. Von Ryan, in a most unexpected role handed his stubby cum holder to the umpire at the Southern end and attacked the pegs from all angles between point and square leg. Within the matter of one over, which comprised some 15 + legitimate deliveries, the Berrymen's boys were back in the pavilion.

After another short home delivery, Von Ryan's Express ran out, out-right winners.

A time for reminiscence . With the conclusion of the first gentleman's game at the M.C.G. lets just diverge a moment to the early cricket annals of the N.T. I quote Douglas Lockwood from "The Front Door" .. 'It was the first game at any, except fan-tan, played in the township (Darwin) In a Marrieds v Singles match, Victor Voules Brown's team made eleven and Brown himself was top scorer with five. Sundries, with six, was the only other scorer. They were thrashed by the E, H Whitelaw's team, which made eith eighty four."

What about it, you single/married guys?
Special thanks to Bob Cross and his boys for making the MCG a reality.

Under consideration; Reciprocal transfer rights with our sister association, the MCC!

T.K.

Has the Wet begun?

Late Monday afternoon (13th. Nov.) was "W" hour.
Monday 15 points
Tuesday 14 "
Wednesday nil

In fact, the first rains fell on 1st. Sept. Probably due to unrest on the , the C U O (Celestial Union Organisation) was unable to negotiate further build up before last Monday. T.K.

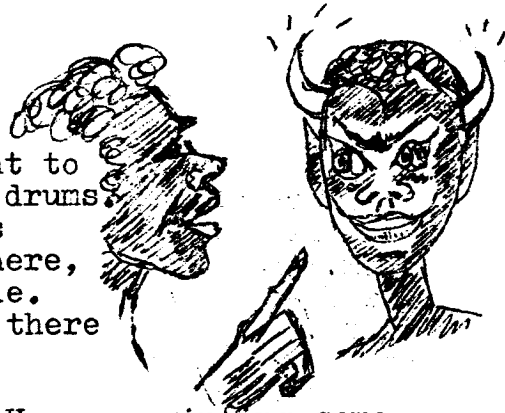
Cricket Practice.

Practice - Wednesday evenings after 5 p.m.
Match - Sunday afternoon commencing at 2.30 p.m.

R.B.

Taking Water To Guyun

On Saturday morning, we single boys went to Guyun, taking some water for them- with two drums. When we came to Guyun, I saw too many houses made of timber. But the first time I went there, I didn't see many houses. I saw a few people. They were sitting down at home. Some people there went hunting.



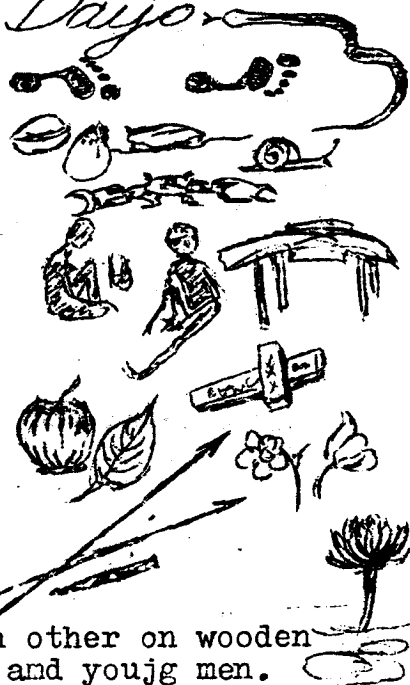
At Nangark, we saw one man only. He was painting some bamboos. But some people, they went hunting too. We filled up some water for them too.

When we came back home, I was sitting down in the back of of the truck. My face and I were really black from the dust. All the boys were laughing at me, because my face was really black from dirt. When we came home, my best friend, Gordon, he said to me "Hey, friend. You have to go and wash your face. You look like a devil, your face." I'd like to stay there at Guyun, because its a nice and cold place.

Mr. G. Richard (Garawun).

Going Walkabout In The Old Days

A long time ago, before the white man came to our country, Aborigines travelled about all over the place. I used to travel by foot, through the sandy places and scrublands, on the hillside and mountain areas, around the beaches and Islands, over flat swampy country, through jungles, around springs and river mouths and past caves. At other times I would paddle in a wooden dug out canoe in both fresh and salt water, and I would collect mussels, pearl shells, sea shells, snails, reptiles, insects, and all sorts of natural foods which lived in and around the creeks which flowed into the sea.



In those wanderings, I met many Aboriginal people. I met people sitting around camp-fires, bush men of the outback scrub land, hunters trying to catch the blanket lizard or many kinds of snakes, people who sent messages to each other on wooden letter sticks, old people, young people, babies and young men. They were people who knew how to look after themselves.

Other people, many relatives, used to visit my camp It was there, in about 1939, that I was born. It was in that area that I went fishing for the first time. I went walking with my family through the blossoms of the bush, and found my first bush grapefruit which grows on the flowering trees of Central Arnhemland.

I visited homesteads and huts, bush shelters and camps. I picked up the special leaves of the bush apple trees (Djal-goleringe) to make medicine for the sick people. I took up the clap sticks to sing for the initiation ceremonies of young boys. I was frightened of the Pelican heart (one of my hunting dreamings) of devil-devils, of being speared, of looking at someone I was not supposed to look at, and lots of other things that Aboriginal boys and men are brought up to fear.

I have gone hunting when there was plenty of game, and plenty of food, and I have hunted in dry seasons when game is scarce, and if I miss with my spear, I go hungry. So I have to crouch down and sneak up on the animal very slowly and quietly. I have gone hunting with my brothers to pay a debt to a relative for a favour he may have done me.

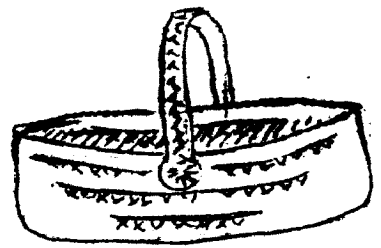
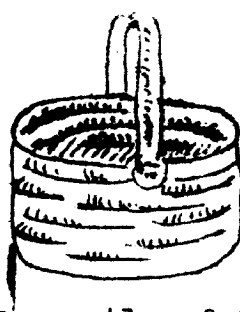
This is the way Aboriginal people used to live in the outback country of the mainland. It was a full life, with plenty to do, and plenty of food, but now, much of it is lost.

Jack Mirritji.



Craft Shop

The Gun'winggu ladies are responsible for our latest craze in the shop. They have been very busy on baskets and at present we have the best collection of baskets we have had for a while. They are mostly of the shopping basket size and all in the strong oranges and yellows that the Gun'winggu ladies have the secret for.



This weekend Mr McKay from the Dept of Aboriginal Affairs will visit. His job is helping to establish new markets for the art and craft of Aboriginal people from all over Australia.

D.G.

Hasty Tasty Trading Hours

MONDAY to SATURDAY 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Visitors by the Score

The Progress Association seems to be attracting a lot of visitors lately. At present Mr Chris Moyle is visiting on auditing matters. This week also sees a visit from Mr Sargent and other gentlemen from Anglo American Mining. Next week a representative of the Commonwealth Bank will visit.

Forestry News

Another turnover in Forestry Staff has begun with the arrival of Alan Payne. Alan is going to operate the **Timberjack** as **Nerv Kyder** has asked to drive a **D.S Bulldozer**. The **Dozer** has just left the workshops after an extensive overhaul and cat removal which all told took 3 months.

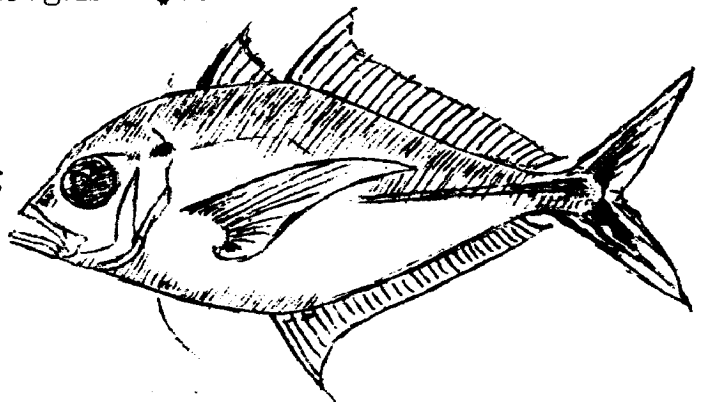
Andy Connell, Rod Fairbairn and David Keenan have all resigned and will leave here on 24/11/72 as the first stage of their trip down south.

John Thompson a recent graduate from Forestry School will arrive within the next few weeks to take over command here as Frank McCabe will be returning to Darwin in mid December.

The first of the Wet Season rains have come at long last. This is really good news as far as Forestry is concerned as the risk of fire drops considerably and allows us to relax after the high danger period during the latter stages of the Dry.

For Sale

Winchester 32/20 Lever Action \$50. Bob Fisher.
Bentley 12 Gauge Double Barrel Shotgun \$60



FISH
A warning to people paddling on the beaches; sea wasps are getting thicker. Bob Collins caught one in the shallows off Fisheries Beach last Saturday morning, after it had swum between Fred Luff's legs.

Having had our first showers of rain we can hopefully look forward to improved fishing as we receive more rain.

Last Monday morning whilst fishing middle reef I tangled with a 19lb Turrum on light tackle, after a tremendous fight lasting 25 minutes I finally got it into the boat. Bronwyn also hooked one at the same time but this fish made the cover of the reef and cut the line.

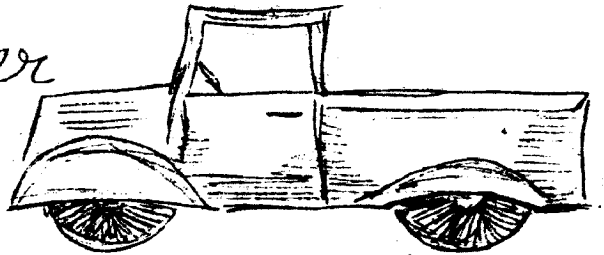
This week the last of the Trevally family worthy of a mention, "Great Trevally". This fish is the largest of the Trevally I have mentioned growing to a length of 50 inches and a weight of 80 pounds, is a hard fighting fish. The young are bright golden with four or five broad vertical bars; the adults are dark blue, green to gold above, shading to yellow green and silvery below. There is a round black

spot on the gill cover. This fish is confused with Golden Trevally and also Turrum, as all three appear similar and are caught under the same conditions and on the same tackle.

Noel Perkins.

How To Hire The Hire Car

Please note any person or persons wishing to hire the Mission vehicle are reminded that hire may be made only during the hours 9am to 5pm Monday s to Friday s, anyone requiring hire at weekends must make arrangements not later than 5pm Friday.



The following Aboriginal persons are qualified to act as responsible drivers for the hire car and any hirer would require guarantee that one of the listed drivers is available to act as driver.

Michael Brown
Michael Majalba
Charlie Godjawa
Tim Davey
Albert Waringal
Jim Burringula
Tim Wogburra
Tim Dudanga

Willie Neiriginni
Steven Namanil
Jerry Millikens
Robert Roberts
Harold Roberts
Alfie Roberts.

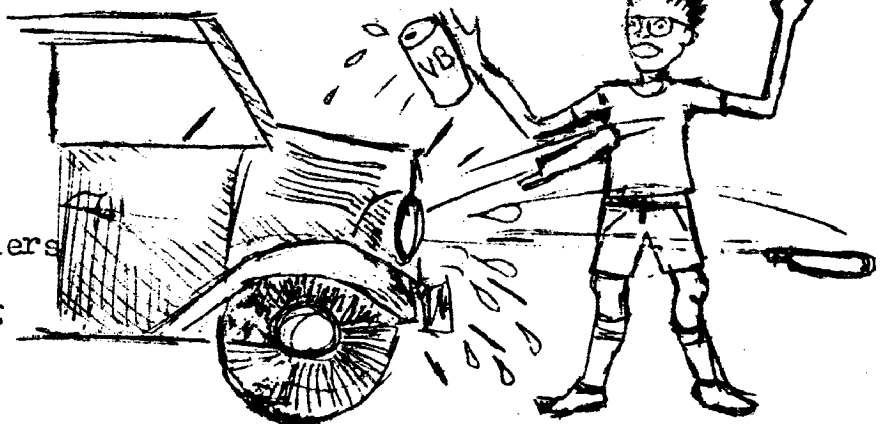
For hire conditions and charges please see either Mr.G.Inglis or Mr.G.Bagshaw.

Petrol

Customers are reminded that petrol and fuels are on sale during store hours only = The store closes at 5pm Monday s to Friday s and by 11am Saturday.
Petrol will not be available outside these hours.

Disaster Area !!

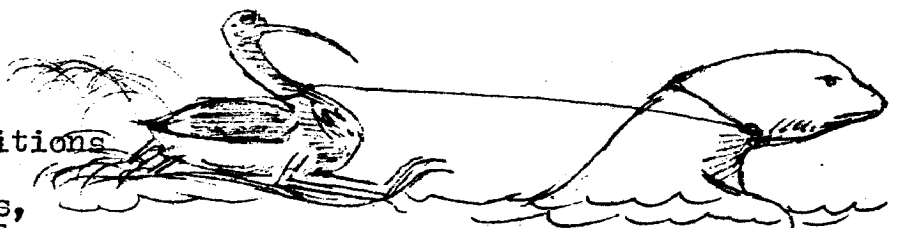
Mr. John Carpenter is travelling overland to Maningrida from Darwin. Like some other travellers who have been on the same track he is having his share of adventure.



Late on Tuesday he was heading off from the Border Store to Oenpelli when the Short Shaft on his Land Rover broke
Then on Wednesday he was between Oenpelli and the Gumadir when the fan took off and sent two of its blades into the radiator to cool down.
At 7am on Thursday John himself was at the Gumadir "cooling down" and waiting for new radiator to come from Darwin.

The Ibis Sails

Due to unsettled conditions the fishing has not produced large catches, averaging 125lbs per day with one boat operating. A sight to behold is Willy Julpa's boat operating AGAIN after a long waiting and wrecking engine period.



Our Figure Head has gone. "Ibis" was towed away from Fisheries Beach towards Darwin, no news of her arrival has been received. Many a lump in the throat at her departure (ungainly as it seemed) being towed behind the Barge "Green Seal".

P.W.G.

Weekend Duties

Duty Sister: Sister Betty
Duty Officer: Barry Tuite

Star Theatre

Friday: "House of Cards" George Peppard, Orson Welles and Inger Stevens. Based on the Stanley Ellin novel which details the tensions and tragedies that accompany the attempt of a neo-Fascist organisation to gain world control. Ex-boxer Reno-Davis takes a job with subversive aristocratic French family, and his attempts to escape with their daughter leads the couple into some hair-raising escapades across Europe.

Saturday: "The Biggest Bundle of Them All" Robert Wagner and Raquel Welch. Comedy of amateurs at a \$5,000,000 robbery.

Church

Sunday: 9.45am Sunday Schools
7.15pm Evening Service, Baptism

Tuesday: 7.30pm Crusaders Fellowship.

We may go into a place where a great many people are talking and doing things, and yet we know that nothing is really happening.

Then we may go into a room where someone is suffering in silence, or into a church where a few people are kneeling in stillness, and this silence is pregnant with peace and power.

Father Andrew

Engagement

Miss Christine Rackemann and Mr. Roger Brooks announced their engagement this week. "The Mirage" speaks for all Maningrida in wishing them God's blessing and all the future happiness.

People

Mr. Dave Swift, known to most Maningridians from his previous visits to our settlement in "the lawless days" came on Tuesday to take over Mr. Harry Cox's position while Harry and his family are on leave. Dave brought only his golden Labrador out with him, but the rest of the Swift family (Mum plus two) should be on Thursday's plane. Before coming here, Dave was running after cattle duffers around Borroloola. On Wednesday the Cox family left for their holiday to Sydney and Tasmania.

Mr. Chris Clare (D.W.O. Leichhardt) and John Morris were at Maningrida this week to talk to some of our people about land business.

Mr. Kevin Ennis formerly sawmill manager is in Darwin Hospital after an accident with a big tyre. A piece of timber flew up and hit him in the face. Kevin was cheerful (any wonder with all those nurses) and bearing up well.

Pansie Armstrong, teacher in Charge of the Maningrida School in 1962 is deputy head of Millner School. Tom (used to be carpenter here) has decidedly put on weight. They send greetings to old acquaintances.

Mr. Chris Moyle, arrived on Wednesday to audit the books of the Housing Association.

Mr Allen Grieves writes to say that since he has been at Galiwinku he hasn't had time to scratch himself. Before he arrived there only one aboriginal teaching assistant was in charge of the manual training setup and he had his hands full with 40 boys to contend with. At the moment, Alan and his boys are building a zoo complex and to date there is a crocodile house and a large fishpond. At the end of the term Alan goes on a Pacific cruise for 15 days, and will be passing through Maningrida on 5th December and hopes to see everyone.

Connair Rules.

1. DCA rules require that the passenger/freight manifests be entered correctly. All freight, and passengers, must be weighed in at the Connair office, at the Government Store, before the arrival of the plane.
2. Passengers, or freight, should be at the Connair office a half hour before each flight to enable the manifest to be closed off before the plane arrives.

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