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BORING for WATER as told by Basil White.

During the past couple of months the Water Resources men have put down four bores. Two of these go down to a depth of 125' and give a good yield of water, the one nearest the settlement (on the way to the airstrip) is for observation only and a fourth is temporarily sealed with its future yet to be decided

The latest bores are better constructed than earlier ones in that they are cased all the way down and a 5" pump could operate if desired yielding 5-6000 galls an hour from each. The earlier bores from which our daytime supply is coming now have only one section of casing at the top and only be pumped by smaller pumps yielding approx 3,000 galls between the two of them

Basil explained that as the bores are near the sea there is a table of fresh water overlaying salt water. The observation bore nearest the sea for eg. registers a distinct rise & fall of water corresponding with tidal movement. If a bore was put down too deeply or if it was overpumped it would be possible for salt water to penetrate into the good quality fresh water and spoil it for several months. If water can be pumped from 2 or more bores at a time, there should be adequate water to meet all Maningrida needs at least for the present and the danger of drawing salt water avoided

As the water consumption in the settlement grows, it is possible that more bores will be put down east of the first fire tower. The next port of call for the drillers is Bathurst Island.

To Mr John Hunter: Along with the whole settlement we express our deepest sympathy to John in the loss of his father.

A word from the A/Supt. I wish the paper well and hope that it will not only bring us information but help to build understanding among all who work for the welfare of the Aboriginal people.



For some time the "Maningrida Mirage" has been on the drawing boards and was discussed at a Social Club meeting back in 1967. For various reasons it never got off the ground. Now its in the air and we hope that it can move through its developing stages to become a useful contribution to Maningrida.

AIM: Basically it aims to help develop the community spirit by bringing news and information about what is happening or likely to happen, both in Maningrida and the new rural settlements. Then looking beyond - to see our place in the development of Arnhemland generally

We hope to provide some pages of special interest to the Aboriginal people and also for the school children.

TITLE: The Title is under review. Can you think of a more appropriate title. William Armstrong is the roving reporter and the man to see.

The paper is being produced as a Progress Association Project

The first issue is free!!

What is he doing?

Many may be wondering what Ted Evans has been doing as our Chief Welfare Officer, Ted has now vacated that position and is doing a job known as 'project officer'.

His work however has nothing to do with potential economic undertakings or activities of that sort, although these may be incidentally involved in his enquiries. His duties are primarily concerned with the individual Aboriginal or group of Aboriginals in the personal aspirations and problems in fitting into the new environment and way of life. Where appropriate he will attempt to assess the effectiveness and realism of programs and projects, but is not to assess or report on the efficiency of staff in implementing programmes. In all duties, Ted works direct to Mr. Giese.

Jack Larcomb is now chief welfare officer.

Here and there

Maningrida-ites in Brisbane

Robyn Strong reporting:

"Last Sunday we had a picnic lunch at the Lion Park and Zoo near Brisbane... for the Maningrida children who are going to Sydney. Gilbert and Barney helped to feed the lions..... On Monday night I saw Gilbert and Barney feeding the lions on T.V. "

Jenny (Tuite) in Brisbane.

Last reporting ^{ed} to be shivering.

In the craft room.

There stands four carved men 4'6" in height. One is bald headed man. The maker is Jack Wunawun & Co. They are worth seeing and the four can be yours for \$200.

Silas in Singapore

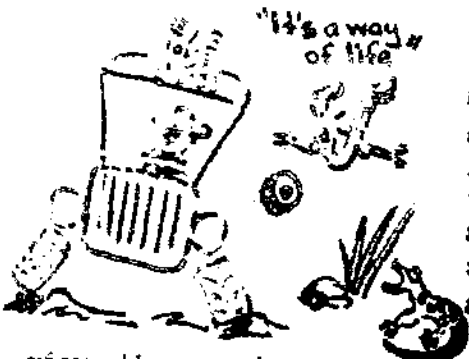
During the past five weeks Silas has been living at Trinity College in Singapore with 50 or so Asian Church leaders. His aim has been to find ways and means of expressing the Christian faith in different forms of worship in distinctive Asian (and Aboriginal) forms.

A couple of weekends ago he wrote to Rosie saying that he and Winunuj (our almost M.P. for Arnhemland) went up to Kuala Lumpur. Silas is expected home early next week.

A literary visitor

When the sky van dropped out of the sky at mid-day on Wednesday it carried Colin Simpson the well known Australian author of "Adam in ochre" etc. He is looking for material for a new book.

Overland from Bulman.



This week senior officers of the ~~Welfare~~ Welfare Branch will travel from Mainoru to Maningrida, using the track blazed by Maningrida road-makers in 1968. John Hunter and I Evans ~~and Dennis~~ ~~at noon~~ with Michael Brown are to rendezvous with the Director, Les Penhall and a pastoral consultant Colonel Lionel Rose, a former Director of Animal Industry of the ~~at~~ Mainoru.

The main purpose of the trip is to give the party and in particular Col. Rose, the opportunity to make a more valid assessment of the pastoral potential of that part of the Reserve to our South and West. Mr. Rose has already made an extensive aerial survey of the area.

An interesting side-light for the party will be the inspection of cave paintings and other places of traditional significance and which are at present being studied by Eric Brandl and the Czech scientists.

A telegram from Dennis Strand.

Will not be back for at least a month.

HOUSEWIVES.

Way West and Sure over hot
wood stoves.

Buy your evening meal at
Maningrida's roadhouse.

THE HASTY TASTY\$

The Maningrida Dress.

An excellent selection of girl's
dresses. Just unpacked- good
quality and give away prices.

See them in our House of Fashion.

Do you like strawberries. Of
course you do. Then dont wait.
Buy Donald Cook's strawberries,
raspberries etc. today.

Introducing Edna By Alison TX.

St. Helen's , an industrial town in the North of England , the home of Pilkington Glass company (world wide) is also the home of Edna Galliver one of the newest additions to Maningrida. In England she spent much of recreation rock climbing and camping (under slightly different conditions to camping here) in the Lake District and Wales. One of her most tempting ambitions was to come to Australia. This desire finally became a reality in December 1967 when she embarked for Australia.

Edna arrived in Sydney (by plane) and then travelled through Melbourne to Adelaide. Australia was much as she had visualised

it - a golden country with a more casual way of life than in England.

She lived in the sea-side suburb of Glenelg for some months until she took up volunteer work with the Aborigines in Alice Springs. She did occupational therapy at the Hospital there, also work with a group of 4 - 18 year olds at Amooongoona Settlement, at St. Mary's Mission and at Hermannsburg . This volunteer work continued as long as finances allowed , then Edna moved to Darwin where she joined the Welfare Branch. A few days were spent at Bagot, while waiting to come to Maningrida as Home Management Instructress. This position entails teaching the Aborigines how to run a home , personal hygiene, and budgeting - with a variety of odds and ends tagged on. This is very satisfying work and we are sure that Edna will continue to enjoy it.

I remember the early days of Maningrida by Jimmy Gulerawuna

I was born in 1939, at Cape Don where my parents were staying . Later they returned to Cape Stewart and my father died there. When I got older I left my mother and went to Darwin with Jacky Ungulbu in 1950. I went to school. I learned to read and write. I was cared for by Welfare and I was learning the European way of living.

All the time I was a lonely man , and I left Darwin and went back to see my mother at Milingimbi. I stayed there for one year , and then Tommy Wadaminya came to me and said "Jimmy , will you come with me to Darwin?" I said "Yes , when will we leave?" Tommy said "Tomorrow morning". That day we left Blyth River . We started to walk to Darwin. When we came to cross the Maningrida Creek there was somebody. When I walked over to see , there was a Welfare man. His name was Mr. Drysdale. I used to know him before. I said to Jimmy "He is a Welfare man". We were happy that we had met a man from Darwin. Also there were Djulbu, Michael Munbalmare , Allan Markiana , some men altogether. Mr. Drysdale was Superintendent. He said to me "Jimmy, I want you to help my missus. Will you?" I said "Yes, I will." He said " Can you help with work in the hospital?"

But it was very hard for me when I started to work at the hospital. I was also teaching the strange people. But it was very very hard to teach in 1959-61. Then I left the hospital at Maningrida and went away to Darwin where I worked with the Army for 12 months. Later I returned to Maningrida , and was working at the Hospital in the period 1964-65 . Then followed another period in Darwin this time with the Navy . In 1968, I was sent to Maningrida and have been working in the Hospital ever since.



Scouts and Cubs



The Troup is expanding rapidly this year and now contains a Senior Scout group under the direction of "Skip" Wilders; a Scout group under the guidance of Gowan Armstrong; and a Cub Group led by Ra, Buzza.

SENIORS: Skip and his boys have done an excellent job on the scout hall which is a credit to them all and an enormous asset to Maningrida. The hall will be officially opened at the end of the month and all are welcome to view a very entertaining day.

The boys left this week on a tour of the Territory and a visit to Mt. Isa, details of which will be given on their return.

SCOUTS: The Scouts have had a number of outings this year. One to Rocky Point which was quite exciting for the boys as the truck broke down near the Naval Landing turnoff and so the boys felt sure they would miss school the next day. However S.M. Armstrong qualified for his higher badge and Barney won some blistered toes when they "tippy-toed" back to Maningrida. During the school holidays several boys attended a Jamboree in Darwin and made many friends. Congratulations to Tommy and his boys for not losing any scouts.

CUBS: There are over thirty members in the cubs this year and I am sure the people in the welfare houses think there is 100 when the boys start howling and yelling around the park. The boys have had several outings and proved they are good swimmers and eaters, their cooking ability is not so good and they have lots of trouble keeping the skin on their sausage. Nevertheless, they are very keen and all try hard to do their best and a good turn each day.

For example at one picnic a voice was heard to say, "Hey cubbo that's my sausage you just ate"

"Don't worry friend I did you a good turn. You might have got a tummy ache you know."

R.B.



BASKETBALL: The Northern Territories School Boys team recently returned from Perth, where they were unsuccessful in the competition, but in which Jim-Jas played very well.

A meeting for interested Basket Ball players will be held for interested basketball players in Mr McInerney's room at 7 pm on Tuesday September 16th, 1969.

J.B.

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