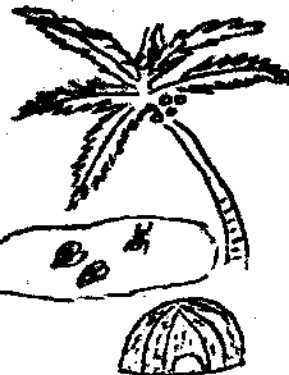
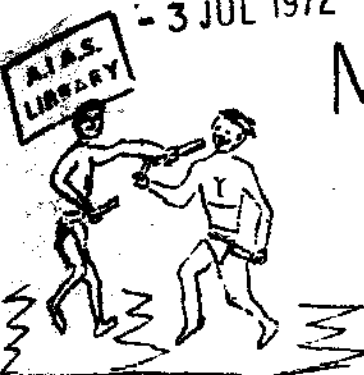


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After. the Day is Over.

As in other years Open Day has been a happy time in Maningrida's life. It is good to see the old people coming up to watch the houses and bark canoes being built and talking together in the shade. The children had no end of fun in looking at the turtles, crocodile and gogona (even if they climbed a few obstacles to get in) on some days.

On the day itself, one Maningrida identity, a lady, thought she'd rather like to try a piece of flying fox, when all the bush tucker was being cooked. She came across to some friends "I ate it ... I ate it ... exactly!" But worse was to follow. When she perspired next day, she could smell that flying fox trying to come out!!

The Morning Star is said to be the bright shining star in the early morning sky. However at Maningrida Open Days, there always seems to be something a little bit wrong, or little bit uncertain, about which part of the dance to do. This year there were three attempts before it started to shine properly for the dancers.

Congratulations to the champion dancers - the Gunavidji-Gunwinggu men. That Gati-Gati the seagull, really came to life as they danced. The Jinang butterflies also fluttered about very pleasantly. The ritual fight between the two Mimi slapstick men, Garuse and Frank was a joy to see. It is to be hoped that this polished mime will one day be seen by audiences in the Southern States and overseas. It was a pity that Paddy Fordham and his kangaroos were away in the bush. After their triumphant trip to Banyili last year they should have added a lot of interest and enthusiasm to the day.

One of the visitors was very impressed with the young boys who danced on Sunday afternoon and reckoned that a junior dancing competition would also add to the program.

On the serious side, what about the future. Apart from 6 visitors from Adelaide, some visitors to the Settlement and a couple of short-ared plane loads of people from Darwin the number of visitors was small compared with all the work and preparations which went into the collection of the bush tucker and the building of the houses. On the other hand Open Day is like a Show day in Southern states, a festival day, which everyone looks forward to each year. The emphasis on the past heritage in these ~~year~~ days of change is desirable. If only a couple of decent sized planes could be available to bring another 40-50 visitors!

Fisheries.

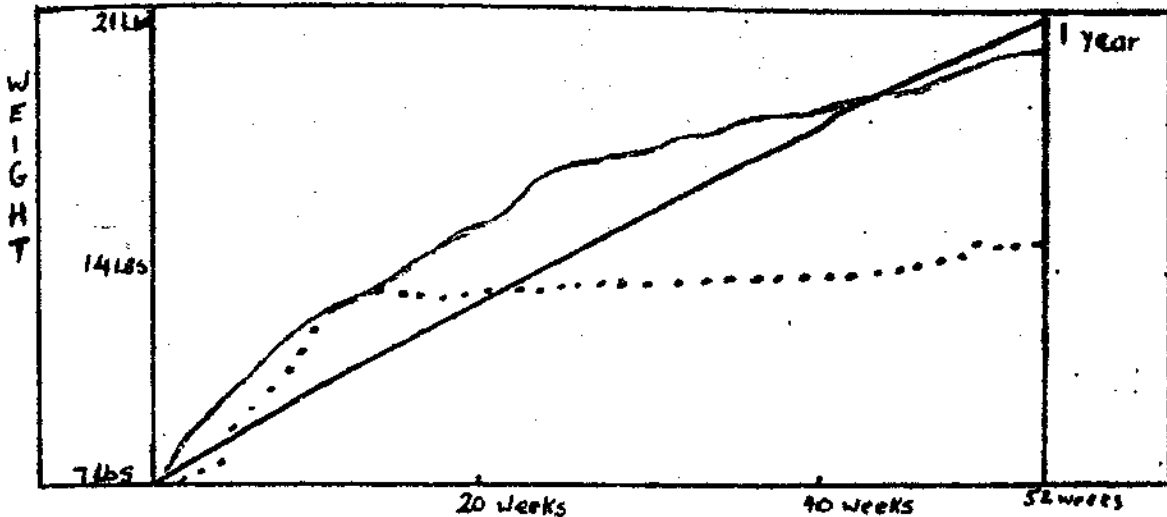
Once again, the fisheries freezer is aglow with light at night, Men from Dept. of Works are making the plant "fully operational"

MOTHERS

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The future of your children depends on you.

Drawn below, is a "Weight chart". Everytime the Sister weighs your baby she draws a line on this chart and can tell whether the child is growing well.



The thin line shows how most babies in other places get heavier as they grow from birth up to one year old.

The dotted line shows how most Maningrida babies grow.

Why does the Maningrida line start to run straight instead of climbing upward? In about the first 20 weeks, the milk from the mothers is enough to make the babies grow strong and fat. After this, the babies need more than mother's milk - they need baby foods such as cereals. The Infant Welfare Staff can help them to get the right foods.

Lack of care in the ages between 6 months (when baby first sits up) and 18 months (when baby starts walking), means weak, backward, crying baby and weak, miserable pre-school child and school child.

Not enough tucker during these months, and baby will always be weaker and slower in body and in mind.

Dont let your child cry at Pre-School "I cant run fast. I am tired. Mummy didn't feed me when I was tiny".

Children who are well fed do not get sick so often, and are happier and brighter at school. Infant Welfare Staff will help you.

If you would like to see your baby's weight chart, ask at the clinic.

KEEP THAT WEIGHT CURVE CLIMBING. YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT.

FOR SALE

Radio
Records (classical and popular)
Ironing Board
Deck Chairs
Other items, including electrical leads, some tools and sundries.
Available for inspection at Eric & Alison's home on or before weekend.

INVITATION

Party at Pickersgill's
on Saturday evening.
Ena will provide the eats.
So ladies, dont worry.
Everybody will be welcome.

We wish Eric and Alison and the four boys, well, as they leave Maningrida early next week. Eric is hoping to continue to work in the 'Top End'.

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

GOVERNOR-GENERAL SPEAKS:

Sir Paul Hasluck, who is soon to visit Maningrida, says in his new book that he has done more than anyone else to help Aboriginal people. He said that Aborigines have nearly the same rights as white people now and he did a lot to bring this about.

RUSSIANS IN ORBIT:

Two Russian astronauts this week set a record for the length of a space flight. The previous record held by Americans Borman & Lovell was nearly 14 days. The Russians have already stayed up 14 & plan to stay another week.

MR. KENTISH RUBBISHED:

Mr. Rupert Kentish the Legislative Councillor for Arnhem is in trouble for rubbish dumping. Mr. Kentish is alleged to have carried a vehicle full of offensive or unwholesome smelling matter in an uncovered vehicle and depositing same in an unapproved place at Berrimah recently.

BRITISH ELECTIONS:

In Britain (today our time), people are voting in the elections. Harold Wilson, The Prime Minister is leading the Labour Party against the Conservatives led by Edward Heath. The campaign has been very bitter.

YIRRKALA MOVING AHEAD:

The Aboriginal brick making project at Yirrkala is to install new automatic equipment to speed up its production. The bricks are to be used in the aluminium mining project. Yirrkala aborigines have also won a contract for garbage clearance from the new township.

WALKABOUT:

The Annual Darwin Walkabout will be held on the 27th of this month. 846 people will walk from the 15-mile on the Stuart Highway to Darwin. Some boys and girls from Kormilda College will be competing in the Walkabout.

Cont. Adventure in the Bush from back page

The first part of the journey was by land rover to Ta-gala-dorna where Mr. Long "had a shower in the creek".

Then the journey by foot began, and the first major stop was the Balpanarda Billabong where a lot of England Bangkala's relations were camping. On a big plain called Imubar Peter cut his foot on some sharp edged grass and still bears the scar today. Jerry Long gave him some hot water to "water my string" (sinew) and put on a bandage.

On reaching the Blyth river they saw "Charlie Gunbuna's mob" camped over the other side and Charlie lent his canoe to ferry them across. Going on to a billabong called 'Gornajarri', Jack Meritja took up his gun and with deadly shooting brought down 4 geese, 6 ducks, and they also caught 3 turtles and 2 goannas. These made a good dinner.

The next stopping place was Gadji, 'This is Ray Baku's place'. Here they looked at the place where a garden used to grow and an old air strip which Mr. Sheppy had used sometimes.

Further on, they saw Palpilji, where they met David Malangi (the dollar note painter) and many people who had flour from the Ngatju palm nuts and each of the party was given a paper bark parcel of this bush flour.

Then on to a place called Wak-nirri Creek. This was near the track taken by the dreaming dog.

When they were crossing a creek their raft gave a bit of trouble and Mr. Long lost one of his boots and also a kangaroo tail. However, Jerry being a good bushman, had a spare pair for just such an emergency.

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PAPERS: A reminder that all papers left in the office on weekends or Public Holidays are available only to subscribers, several instances have occurred where other than subscribers have purchased same, and a consequent shortage has been incurred.

STORE HOURS OF TRADE:

A reminder that hours of trade are:

Monday - Friday	8.45am - 12noon	1pm. - 5pm
Pay Friday:	8.50am - 12noon	1.50pm - 6pm
Pay Saturday:	8	-12noon
Non Pay Saturday	8.50am - 10.50am.	

THE FUTURE:

The Co-op Society and Progress Association have a very full programme in the immediate future, the commitments include.

1. The major Govt. Grant housing project over a 5 year period as outlined in last weeks edition by Mr Hunter.
2. The Self Help Housing (50) units in all.
3. The erection of three units at the Cadell Gardens.
4. The Bakery
5. The building of the community hall
6. Completion of the residence currently under construction.

All of this will mean a greatly increased tempo of action and a resultant increase in available accomodation, indeed with commitments in the regin of $\frac{1}{4}$ million dollars, available accomodation is problem No. 1 and every endeavour is being made to investigate and solve this stepping stone to achievement. It is certain that the employment of further skelled staff, both Aboriginal and Non Aboriginal will be an urgent necessity.

STOCK TAKING: Will take place at the Co-op Store on Saturday afternoon 2pm - 27th June and Sunday 28th June 9am.

For purposes of liquidation an accurate and detailed stock take is essential any volunteers for counting and pencilling will be appreciated - queue to the right! We need to finish in time as our accountants will be visiting Maningrida on Monday June 29th.

June 19th.

Weekend Duty Officer : Mr. Bert Ryan
Weekend Duty Sister : Sister Edith Tilley.

Star Theatre.

Friday 7.30p.m. Tarzan's Secret Treasure . Yikkee.
Saturday 7.30 p.m. Pirate's of Tripoli.

Church Services.

Sun. 9.30 a.m. All age Sunday Schools . "Man's love."
7.30p.m. Church Parade for Girl Guides and Boy Scouts.
Address Mr. Glen Bagshaw.

Tues. 7.30p.m. Women's Club.

"There are a lot of different kinds of nuts in the Lord's fruit-cake"
Walter Hearn.

"Gratitude is born in hearts that take time to count up past mercies "
Charles Jefferson.

Approaching Wedding.

Private Merv. Mason and Miss Shirley Barr expect to marry on Sat. July 4th. in Canberra. Shortly after, Merv. anticipates that he will go to Vietnam.



People.

Mr. Trevor Day left this week for the mountain country of West Irian, where he will make roads for a mining company.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Jenny Tuite whose mother has died in Queensland after a long illness.

Matthew Strand came home to his parents on Monday from Darwin Hosp.

The Government photographer has been here this week taking photos to display at the Show as part of Maningrida's display.

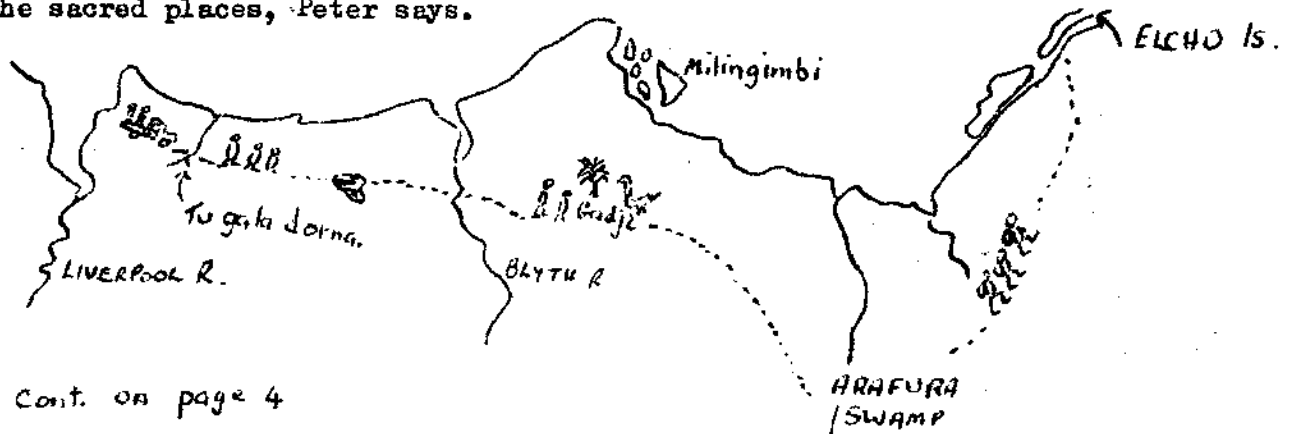
About 100 visitors have come to Maningrida during the past two weeks , either to work or see the Settlement. These include the S.A. teachers , the African teachers, Open Day V.I.P.'s and visitors , and men from various Govt. departments.

Kunapippi is about to move off on a long journey which is to take it to Oenpelli, and Goulburn Island.

"Adventures in the Bush"

part 2.

Mr. Jeremy Long and another Welfare officer came to Maningrida in the Dry Season of 1963 and gathered a group of active young ~~Jinang~~ Jinang men , including Peter Banjurljurl , to accompany them on a walk across to the Blyth River , then on to Gadji , down to the Arafura Swamp and up to Elcho Island. The purpose of this journey was to map some of the tribal lands and the sacred places, Peter says.



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