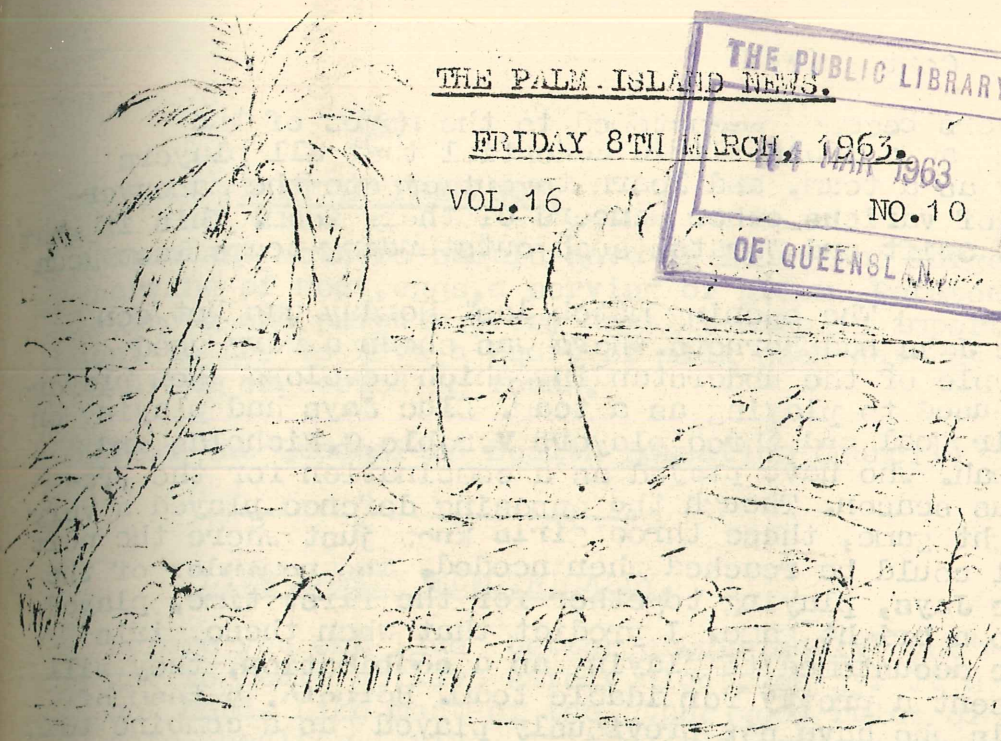


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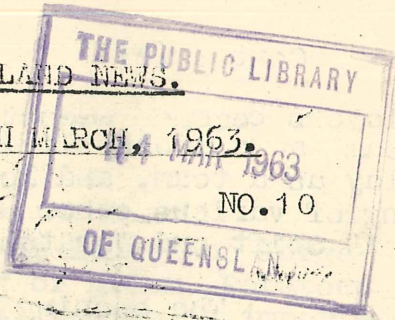
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LADIES BASKET BALL

Monday, 4th March saw the commencement of the Ladies Basket Ball Fixtures. As, during the last fixtures, much difficulty was experienced by the Captains in having their teams arrive to commence play on time, it has been decided to hold only two matches each night. This will mean that the teams will have to rotate and take turns at "sanding down!"

To date six teams have been registered Blue Jays (V. Noble capt.), Hornets (V. Johnson, capt.), Waratah (E. Palmer capt.), Shamrock (I. Robertson capt.), Jacaranda (R. Kirribin, capt.) and Primrose (J. Kennedy capt.). Though some of the titles remain unchanged, all of these teams have undergone major change in last fixtures. This should have the effect of making a very interesting and close competition, once the

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players become accustomed to the moves of the team as a whole. It is essential that all players play as a team, and learn to anticipate the manouevring of various other members of their team. This is what made Swift and Waratah such outstanding teams last year.

The opening match last Monday was between Blue Jays nad Hornets. Here was shown a very good example of the understanding which develops when players are used to playing as a team. Blue Jays had playing on their goal and three players V. Noble, G. Nicholas and M. Obah. who have played as a combination for the previous season. Though the opposing defence played a very bright game, these three girls knew just where the next girl could be reached when needed. The remainder of the Blue Jays, playing together for the first time, played also a bright game. I predict that when these girls come accustomed to playing as a combination, they will present a pretty formidable team. Hornets, a team of girls who have not previously played as a combine team but played together now put up a very strong fight, but more co-operation is needed between players. Frequently a player had the ball, but could find no-one clear to pass to. By the time she could release the ball the opposing team had the players well covered. As some girls had to play in positions to which they are not accustomed their task was doubly difficult. Keep practising, girls, and you also will make a very strong team. Final scores were BlueJays 32, Hornets, 17.

The second match, - between Waratah and Shamrock proved Waratah once again far superior, even though only three of the original players took the field for Waratah. Once again the strong combination of D. Seaton and E. Palmer was responsible for a lot of the goals scored by Waratah. Shamrock, unfortunately fielded a team, in which we saw a couple of lasses who had not played the new rules, nor on the slippery floor before. As the game progressed these players seemed