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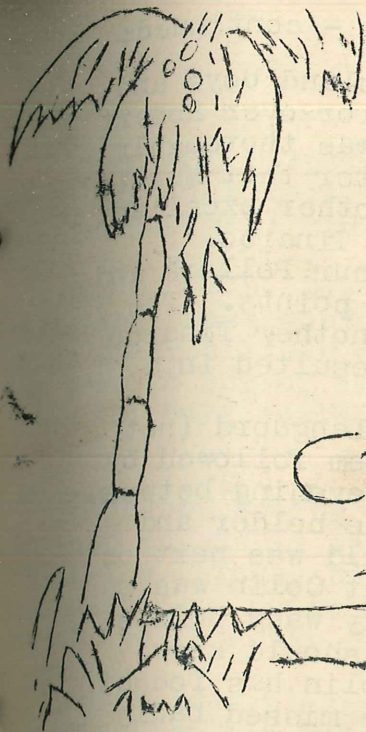
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## Palm Island Boxers visit N.F.C. Tournament

On Saturday the 1st September a group of boxers, together with their trainer Sgt. Barry and a small group of supporters boarded the "Irex" enroute for Townsville. I am pleased to be able to report that Jim Daisy's prowess as a referee has at long last been recognised by our mainland friends and he was invited to accompany the team in an official capacity.

The writer who went along to represent the Staff and after a quiet trip everyone was very happy to be greeted by Colin Gibson at the wharf. Colin, in his usual quiet way was pleased to see us and reported very well on his new job at Tinaroo Falls Dam. The N.F.C. people put on a first class meal for all hands and after that was safely stowed away the party adjourned to the Stadium where a programme of over a dozen bouts had been arranged.

The first match was between two of our own lads - Norman Anderson and Jimmy Reid and after a good clean fight the former won on points.

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The next was also between two Palm Island boys and resulted in very close win for David Prior over Robert Burton. This was a splendid fight and was thoroughly enjoyed by the big crowds present. After that Mattie Johnson fought a boy from Tinnaroo - another excellent fight which resulted in a close win for Tinaroo.

James Fourmile then tangled with Arthur Pollock and after a good tough fight Pollock won on points. The next bout, between Mervyn Murdock and another Tinaroo boy, was also a tough one which again resulted in a win for Tinaroo.

An easy win for an N.F.C. boy named Langdord (not Sam) over Ernest Friday was the next item followed by two all N.F.C. bouts. The bout of the evening between Colin Gibson and the State Amateur Title holder and winner of the Olympic Quest Bert McDonald was next on the list and I am pleased to relate that Colin was on top all the way and finished up a fairly wasy points winner. Sgt. Barry and Jim Daisy, who should know, tell me that it was the best match. Colin has fought to date and apart from the fact that he missed badly several times in one round, his performance was that of a craftsman. Colin was quietly confident of winning when he met us and he certainly justified his faith in himself in no uncertain manner. All in all it was a very pleasant trip and the behaviour of the boys received very favourable mention from both the N.F.C. officials and general public. Their conduct was a credit, not only to themselves, but to the Palm Island community as a whole.

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GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

We wish Dawn Johnson and Pam Bligh all the best, these two girls are off to Townsville where they will commence their bursing training at the Townsville Hospital.

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