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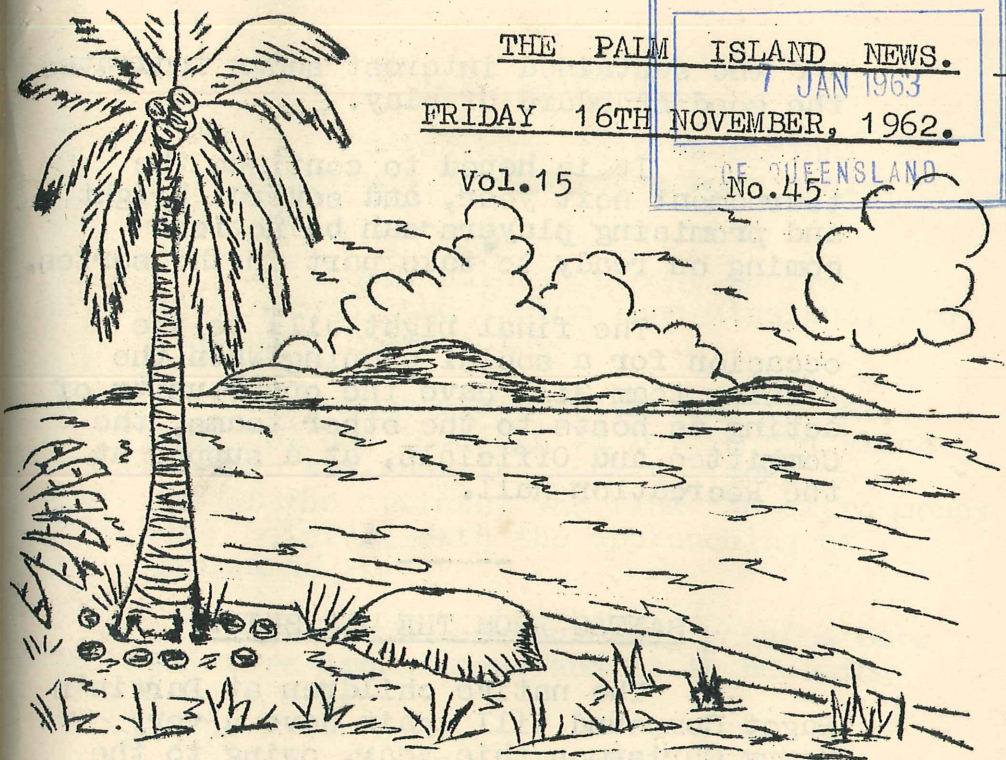
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WOMENS BASKETBALL.

The Womens' teams are nearing the end of their second round for the R.H. Bartlam Shield. Last Thursday, Swifts met Margaret Haines' team and defeated them while Jacaranda went down to Primrose, and Waratah defeated Ravens. There were patches of good play, which enlivened the evening. It is hoped that an exhibition match can be arranged with the team which wins the Shield, and a combined Palm Island team, after the tournament is completed, on the night when the Shield will be presented to the winner of the series.

The series has been a good one,



and the sustained interest shown indicates the good standard of play.

It is hoped to continue the tournament next year, and several bright and promising players can be noticed coming on ready to take part in the series.

The final night will be the occasion for a social evening when the winning team will have the opportunity of acting as hosts to the other teams, the Committee and Officials, at a supper at the Recreation Hall.

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#### SANTAS FROM THE WAR SHIP.

The native children at Darwin's Bagot Compound will again have a very Merry Christmas this year, owing to the efforts of the men of the warship H.M.A.S. "Queenborough".

Without a whisper of publicity they have delivered to the Settlement model jet planes, toy boats and trains, cranes, dolls and teasetts, plus £25 worth of chewing gum, - and that's a lot of chewing gum. Oh! my aching jaw!

The gifts were put on display for the children to see, and have now been stored away, awaiting Christmas Eve.

This is the fourth time the men of H.M.A.S. Queenborough have assured the children of Bagot a Merry Christmas.

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