

Everyone was assembled on the beach by 6.30 a.m. and many well before then, so that a good start could be made and an early arrival in Townsville assured.

All those inclined to be poor sailors were reassured by the placid appearance of the sea and only a slight breeze was blowing. However, the skipper, Mr. Whiting, warned that a swell could be expected once away from the protection of the Island - and so it proved. Not that it was very rough, but enough to separate the good sailors from the rest.

In the calm of Magnetic Island all those who felt up to it partook of the prepared sandwiches, cake, fruit and tea.

The "Wondi" arrived in Townsville at 11.30 A.M. a full hour ahead of when the bus was expected, which was to take us all to Railway Estate School, where the matches were to be played.

Everyone changed into their respective uniforms and chatted away among themselves or to friends who came down to meet the "Wondi" until it was time to board the bus.

After an enjoyable ride through parts of Townsville new to most of us, the party arrived at the Railway Estate State School, to be greeted by the Headmaster, Mr. O'Brien and his wife, and Mrs. Walsh.

Mr. & Mrs. Krause were in charge of the school children section of the Party, and Mrs. Bartlam of the adults.

The Cricket started at one end of the school grounds and the basket ball up at the other end with two matches going at once, so that it was hard to see everything.

After the matches, the Railway Estate School children provided softdrinks and cakes for the Palm Island children when further basket ball was played and also vigaro, after which they were accompanied back to the "Wondi" by Mr. & Mrs. Krause.

The Senior members of the party, accompanied by Mrs. Walsh and Mr. & Mrs. Bartlam and Alison, walked up to Victoria Park, when, after refreshments were enjoyed, they cheered their former basket ball opponents in a softball match.

It was not possible to see the completion of this game (in which many of the Palm Island girls are interested) as it was time to catch the bus back to the "Wondi".

With all aboard and very little delay, the "Wondi"