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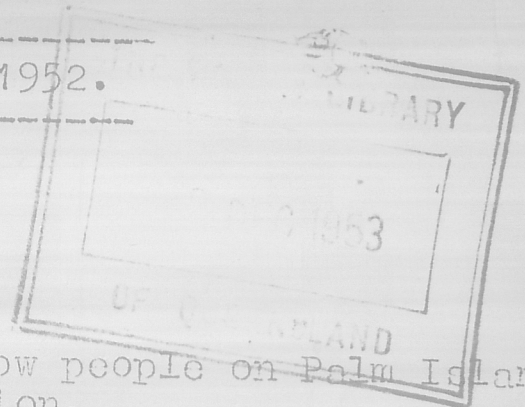
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Editorial



It was really surprising how people on Palm Island can rise to any unexpected occasion.

Prior to Anzac Day many had made arrangements to go camping, attend picnics, or spend a quiet day at home but with the sudden and unexpected arrival of the warships H.M.A.S. 'Australia' and H.M.A.S. 'Anzac' all plans had to be changed at a moment's notice.

The Prime Minister was on board and was expected ashore next morning. The Superintendent, Welfare President, and President of the Football Committee conferred with Lieutenant Commander Black and later saw members of the staff and Welfare members and organised a programme for the following morning.

By 10 a.m. the sailors to take part in a football match came ashore to be followed by hundreds of other Navy men. At 10.30 a.m. the Prime Minister and official party landed and after a round of introductions were conducted around the Settlement.

Displays of dancing and other native forms of entertainment were quickly organised and the day passed all too quickly.

After the visitors returned to their ships the local population went about fulfilling its previous plans. Sunday school picnics proceeded to schedule, those who wanted to go camping went camping, and generally speaking everybody was back to normal in a remarkably quick space of time.