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EARLY DAYS ON PALM ISLAND.

By Cappy Smith.

Last week I told you I would tell you more about our Sports' days. These were very happy days and eagerly looked forward to.

Mrs. Curry was Superintendent then and on sports days Mrs. Curry-helped by some of the big girls, would make a pineapple cordial for us and did we enjoy it!

Everyone who went in for a race got a prize - old as well as young ones. Our first bullock riding turnout was held down at the horse yard. We caught our bullock and tied him to a tree and the rider got on him. When let go the bullock would career around the trees and through the fences. One of the riders got cut by barb wire on one of these rides and that was the end of bullock riding for a while.

Football and boxing were two sports we all liked and these took place very often. Sgt. Tommy King, who came from Hull River was our police sergeant in those days.

Mrs. Tibby Fulford and her family was closely associated with the early days with the planting and caring for the young coconut trees while another woman known as Nellie Bligh was in charge of the boys home.

In those days the boys' home was down near the farm and the boys had a very nice garden there. They walked to the settlement each day to attend school and a coloured man called Willie Soloman was the teacher. Many of us still remember him.

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Who comprises this Social and Welfare Association? This question frequently comes to the minds of some of our readers. Very shortly every man and women 18 years and over, will be privileged to vote at the coming general election of this Association.