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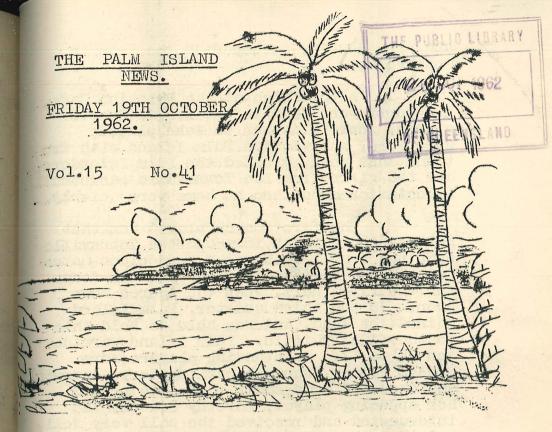
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BASKETBALL WIN:

The Palm Island Womens' Basketballers went to Townsville last Saturday, at the invitation of the Townsville Womens' Basketball Association.

Two teams went in - Waratah and a Swifts modified team.

The "Kiru" left at 7.30 a.m. on Saturday, and headed into a light South East sea on the forty mile trip to Townsville. One or two of the girls got seasick on the way in, but it is rumoured that one of them gets seasick standing on the jetty! Mr. & Mrs. Bartlam,

and Mrg. Hogbin, accompanied the team to

After lunch at the Relatino Cafe, the party was taken to the N.F.C. Sports ground, where play was to take place.

Mrs. Ford, who visited Palm Island with two teams last week, greeted the Palm Islanders, and the girls from the Townsville Basketball Association made them at home very quickly.

The first match played was that between the Waratah team and the Townsville combined team. This was a very close match and there was little between the two teams for the first half, when the scores were even. In the third quarter, Palm Island gained the lead, and was able to hold this to the final whistle. Palm Island Waratah won 22 to 17. Outstanding playere were Evelyn Palmer, who was passing very accurately and executed some smart movements behind her opposing player; Dorothy Seaton, Who intercepted and received the ball very well, and Agnes Dawn Prior, who gave a very good performance. Ellen Johnson and Theresa Anderson retired hurt, and were replaced by Sylvia Phillips and Ethel Nardoo, who gave good assistance to the team. Patsy Nardoo played particularly well, and in the last quarter her efforts showed great determination while Irene Simpson, who moved very fast about the court, intercepted well and forced the opposition into many errors.

There was a great interest in the second game, which was between the Swifts combination and the North Queensland Premiers, and a fierce determination to win was evident on both sides. Right from the start, the pace was hot, and seemed to get faster with each quarter played.

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Mavis Bligh were outstanding and Greta's efforts around the goal post were terrific where she made full use of her height.

Margaret seemed to be everywhere at once, and her change of position from one side of the court to the other, left openings for many good passing movements by the Swifts.

Mavis Bligh was brilliant in defence, and again and again she retrieved the ball from the tiring Premiers, to send it looping back through the centre players to her own goal end. The combination team work in this game was very noticeable. Veronica Noble put in some good work, as did Sally Johnson, Andrea Wilson and Beverley Palmer, the latter in particular intercepted well.

The Townsville team played a very tricky and determined game, and the Swifts combined team did very well to defeat them 28 to 21.

The Townsville Basketball
Association entertained Mr. & Mrs. Bartlam,
Mrs. Hogbin, and the eighteen Palm Island
Basketball players, to afternoon tea before
they returned to the boat for the trip
home.

The sea was much kinder to them on the way home, and as the "Kiru" was able to get into the jetty, the disembarkation went smoothly.

All voted it a fine day's outing, and hope to repeat it soon.

The Townsville Softball Association hope to visit Palm Island shortly, to play

a match, and this is looked forward to with interest.

THE SPITTER PUBLIC ENEMY!

No habit is more dangerous and disgusting, or more inexcusable, than spitting. The person who spits at random is, at very best, a poor and thoughtless citizen - a public enemy, entirely unconcerned with the welfare of his family and neighbours.

The indiscriminate spitter obviously cares nothing for the way he appears in the eyes of others as he spreads disease from the railway carriage, the tram or bus - or turns a peaceful suburban footpath in to a place of peril for children. He spits with complete disregard for the law or the dictates of decency.

Disease Spread

Spitting can spread of mankind's most dangerous and fatal diseases. These include scarlet fever, epidemic meningitis, measles, mumps, diphtheria, who oping cough, poliomyclitis and T.B.

Sometimes the offender is a smoker who spits at random. At others, he is 'just clearing the throat'. Many times it is merely a revolting habit. But, whatever the reason, there is no excuse for spitting indiscriminately.

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