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Editorial

The Chakkaram entered its ninth year of publication on the 1st July. During this period it has grown from one page issue to a magazine running into 16 pages. No doubt there is room for further improvement and this rests with all the members. The Editor records with regret that in the past, though appeals were made to the members to contribute articles for publication, the response has been almost nil. Perhaps, with the enthusiasm shown now, it is expected the Chakkaram could look forward to a bright future.

We welcome the new Rotary year that brings us new hopes, new desires and new opportunities. We must not forget the benefits of our membership that gives the opportunities to the acquaintance of men one ought to know the genuine wholesome good fellowship, the true and helpful friends and the stimulation of a desire to be of service to fellow men and society in general. On our part we must fulfil the obligations by **attending meetings regularly, paying our dues promptly.**

FLASH

Past Rotarian Dr. W. R. Holmes, who is now in America, has been appointed Dean of Albany Junior School, Albany. New York.

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Congratulations to Rotary Annette Charlotte Jane Bunker, daughter of Rotarian Rev.S.K. Bunker. Like her parents, she graduated from the Oberton College, Ohio, U. S. A. She also follows her parents' footsteps in taking up missionary work under the American Board. She leaves for Turkey next month.

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Past President H. A. C. Ratnesar has been elected an Honorary Member of the Clhb.

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The Charter Presentation meeting of the Rotary Club of Pt. Pedro will be held on the 12th August 1961. It will be presented by Past Governor Shanti Banker.

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Film Show was given to the Prisoners at Jaffna on the 12th of June. This was the second show organised by the Club.

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— JAFFNA —

The Significance of Work Camps

by

K. NESIAH, *Lecturer in Education, University of Ceylon.*

"A work camp is a group of people living together under simple conditions and working on a voluntary basis to meet some community need."—**Max Parker.**

The work camp movement dates from the formation of Service Civil International by Pierre Cerezole in 1920 as an attempt to foster goodwill between peoples who had been divided by the hatreds and suspicions of World War I. The movement first reached Ceylon when the World University Service and the Institute of Social Work together organised the Hanwella Work Camp in June 1955. Since then several other Work Camps have been organised under various auspices, perhaps the most ambitious camps have been the ones organised during the long vacation of 1960. The Manawa International Work Camp to rehabilitate a backward community was a joint project of the S. C. I. and the Shramadana Movement. The Moladanda Work Camp Training Project was co-sponsored by the Co-ordinating Council

for Work Camps in Ceylon and the Central Ceylon Youth Council. There is every sign that the work camp has caught the imagination of the youth of this country.

The benefits a work camp may confer on the area where it operates have a significance far beyond the material aspects. A new cottage would mean more than meeting the need for shelter of a rural family, it would convey the ideal of a higher standard of comfort and dignity in living to the entire village. A built up well or a sanitary lavatory would signify a higher standard of hygiene. A new village road such as the one that has now linked Moladanda with the main road system and enabled a motor vehicle to reach the village for the first time in history is a symbol of the far-reaching effects of modern means of communication. With the

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road and the wheeled traffic now on it, the village is bound to share in the economic and social development of the area. Not only persons and goods can now move to and fro but newspapers and books and the radio will reach the village and the children find schools more accessible. In the wake of all these changes new ideas will enter the remote rural areas. It is true that urban society is a freer and richer society than the rural, but what is desirable is not the migration of rural folk to the towns but the enrichment of rural life by bringing the freedom and amenities of the towns to the remotest villages.

The gain to camp participants will be no less valuable than to the people of the village. If the aim of education covers the education of the worker, the man and the citizen, the work camp is a school to achieve all three aspects of the educational aim. The work camp however is pre-eminently a school for citizenship. Aristotle discovered long ago that men do not acquire virtues by talking about them but by practising them. Citizenship education is most effective when it is instilled by organising it as an experience. For one thing camp life and manual labour provide a severe discipline, that much of this code of discipline is self-imposed strengthens character. For another, the leadership in a work camp has to justify itself. In a feudal society leadership goes by birth; in a totalitarian state it goes by political ideology. But in the democratic conditions of a work camp the leader's authority stems from his character and his efficiency at the work site no less than in the house meeting. Perhaps the distinctive gain in a work camp consists of the fellowship generated by shared service and shared living. In an international work camp persons of different countries are brought together and this contributes towards sowing the seeds of better international understanding. In a work camp like that of Moladanda urban and rural youth shared in a common endeavour. The participation in the project of large numbers of men and women from the village and teams from neighbouring villages increased the area of friendship. There could be no better

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means of building human brotherhood.

Work camps properly organised could make a vital contribution to the spread of democracy. It is being increasingly recognised by social thinkers that the essential work of a democratic society is not the power of a central parliament nor the welfare services of the state, but the preservation of the individual's freedom and the extent to which the community remains a community. A new society, equal and free, can be created not so much through theoretical instruction or political action but through experience of community activity, group discussion and group decision. The case is clearly in favour of shifting the emphasis from a central parliament to the small community group. With enlightened leadership, a work camp drawing the people of a village into participation in thinking out, planning and executing measures for better conditions in their area can be a powerful instrument to create a new attitude. Nor need these discussions be confined to local problems. When the village community has caught a vision of what

their village and their country might be and retain their own initiative in action, it is truly then that change will begin. It is when the first village in Ceylon becomes self-conscious in this manner that a real social revolution will be possible in this country.

No work camp should conclude without an attempt to evaluate its success and to draw conclusions for improving the technique of such camps. A work camp is a sociological experiment of deep significance.

The following suggestions about the organisation of work camps are derived from the experience of some of the work camps that have been held in Ceylon:-

(1) **Selection of Work Project :**

The project selected should answer to a felt need of the community concerned and at the same time be an enterprise likely to evoke the enthusiasm of the participants. The sponsoring organisation should therefore consult both these parties and also take into account the available material resources.

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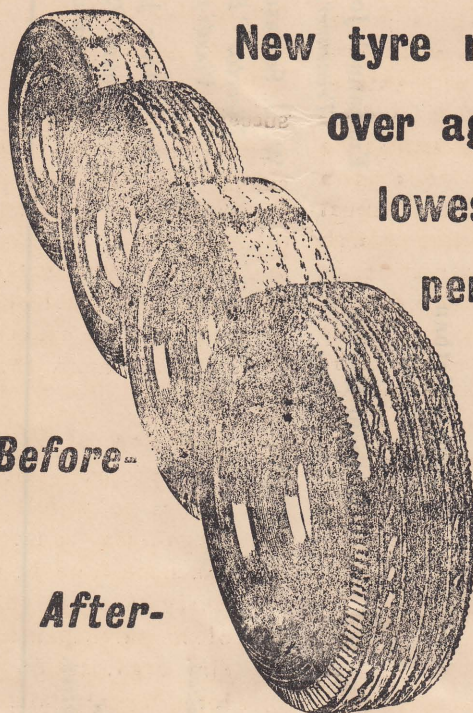
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- (2) **Local Co-operation:** A work camp is not just donating labour service to a village. The active participation of the local population is necessary not merely to achieve quantitative results but the more intangible objectives. In particular the co-operation of all local organisations should be sought. The real test of the success of a camp is whether the spirit of self-help continues after the campers have departed.
- (3) **Mature Leadership:** There should be a proportion of older age-groups to provide stability and mature leadership to a work camp. A few persons with previous work camp experience would be very desirable. Trained leaders would be particularly necessary where the objectives include: (a) training in work camp techniques, (b) a social survey of the village, (c) a social education programme. Perhaps the ideal age distribution would be one-third, 16 plus-18; one-third, 18 plus-21; one-third, over 21.
- (4) **Pre-camp Activity:** An advance party should make a preliminary study of the locality as well as make the necessary arrangements for the smooth running of the work camp and project.
- (5) **Orientation Evening:** All other camp participants should arrive in the afternoon before the day the work is due to commence. They should meet each other (if they have not met before) meet the people of the village, go over the work site and familiarize themselves with the setting and the task to be accomplished.
- (6) **Camp Administration:** The division of responsibilities among individuals and groups should be clear. Regular camp meetings and discussions would be necessary. The daily routine should include some organised recreation. The Camp leader should have every aspect of camps life and work under his eye. Yet he and others chosen for leadership roles should exercise authority not so much by

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giving orders but by friendly and gentle means. The effectiveness of a Camp depends on morale and discipline. Punishments should be administered only in extreme cases.

- (7) **Follow-up Activity:** An agency which has sponsored a Work Camp should continue to watch subsequent developments in the

village, especially the growth of any youth organisation that may have been set-up. While following up the work project initiated, the local organisation may provide volunteers for new works camp elsewhere.

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KNOW YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR.

RTN. K. V. SRINIVASAN

Born 1904—Graduated from the Madras Christian College—Took Law Degree from the Madras Law College—Is a leading Advocate in Tanjore.

Joined Rotary Club of Tanjore in 1950—Secretary in 1951—52—President in 1953—54—Has been Director of all Services—Conducted Inter-City meetings while Secretary and President—At the latter, Sri Sri Prakasa, then State Governor, was present—organised as Chairman of all Committees the one-day Rotary Institute held recently in Tanjore.

Attended many Inter-City Meetings, Rotary Institutes, District Assemblies and District Conferences.

As Secretary, arranged for laying of the Foundation Stone of the

Rotary Maternity Block in the Head-Quarters Hospital by the then Dt. Governor. Rtn. S. Pararajasingam and also for opening the same—as President mainly responsible for the founding of the Rajah Serfoji College in Tanjore and for the gift by the Rotary Club of 156 acres of land to the College—was the first Joint Secretary of the College Committee—now serving in the Committee—The College site has been named "ROTARY TOWN".

Is a keen high-ranking Freemason—was Secretary for a number of years for the local Masonic Lodge—is President of the Sri Besant Lodge (Theosophical Society) and Vice President of the Tamil Districts Theosophical Federation—is Vice President of the Sanskrit Seva Samajam, Tanjore.



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President Sathia Nathan has been appointed the Governor's special representative for Group X. This group comprises of Kandy, Batticaloa, Jaffna and Pt. Pedro Clubs. Our Club is proud of him and we are sure that these Clubs will avail of his services for the promotion of the Rotary ideals.

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The Jaffna Club extends its good wishes to all the new Presidents and Secretaries of our District who took office on the 1st July 1961. We hope that during their term of office they will give of their best for Rotary.

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Fellowship meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month will in future be held at Palm Court Hotel. With this new arrangement more Annes are expected to attend these meetings.

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There are 40,738 Rotarians formed into 906 Clubs in England. The

attendance average for all the 906 clubs is as follows:-

1960	Sept.	78.76 %
	Oct.	82.65 %
	Nov.	84.75 %
	Dec.	82.18 %
1961	Jan.	82.83 %
	Feb.	83.13 %

Our averages are far below this. Can members give the reasons why?

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N. H. LAHARRY —

Nominated as President of Rotary International 62/63.

Nitish C. Laharry a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta, has been selected to the high office of R. I. President. He is the first Asian to be so elected.

Ned has been a Rotarian for 35 years and has served R. I. as Vice President, Director, District Governor and Committee Chairman.

Until 1959 he was Managing Director, Columbia Film of India, and has been Chairman of the Eastern India Film Advisory Board. He is also an Advocate.

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Asst. Commissioner of Probationary Services &
Child Care.
"Social Welfare."
- 11 - 7 - 61 Mr. A. C. Villavarayan, B. A.,
District Manager, Shell Co. of Ceylon Ltd.
"Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and its likely impact
on the Economy of Ceylon."
- 18 - 7 - 61 Mr. C. E. Anandarajan, B. sc., Dip. Ed.,
Teacher, St. John's College, Jaffna.
"Survey, Statistics and Evaluation"
- 25 - 7 - 61 Dinner Meeting.
Induction of President and New Members.



Other Rotarians at our club.

Rtn. Gate Mudlr. S. Canaganayagam — Kandy,



Our Rotarians at other clubs.

Rtn. V. Sathia Nathan — Colombo
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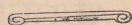
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✓ W. S. Somasundram	100 · 0	✓ Dr. W L. Jayasingham	53 · 33
✓ Dr. M. Saranāpalasuriyar	94 · 44	✓ S. Sathialingam	50 · 0
✓ H. A. C. Ratnesar	94 · 44	Navam Nites	42 · 85
✓ William Mather,	89 · 0	✓ J. S. Machado	39 · 0
✓ Emmanuel Joseph	86 · 66	✓ A. K. Kanaganayagam	39 · 0
✓ S. Kanagaratnam	77 · 77	✓ *Yoosuf Hashim	39 · 0
✓ Antony St. George	72 · 22	✓ *D. Doulatram	33 · 33
✓ A. Arulampalam	72 · 22	✓ S X. Francis	33 · 33
✓ R. K. Arulambalam	66 · 66	✓ A. G. Rajasooriar	22 · 22
✓ C. Muthuthamby	66 · 66	* M. M. Abubekr	22 · 22
C. Thanabalasingam	66 · 66	New members	
✓ A. S. Mahadeva	61 · 11	✓ P. J. Wye	100 · 0
✓ A. V. Chinniah	61 · 11	✓ Dr. F. J. Ratnesar	100 · 0
✓ B. S. Joseph	61 · 11		
✓ Anton R. Joseph	55 · 55		
R. C. S. Cooke	55 · 55		
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