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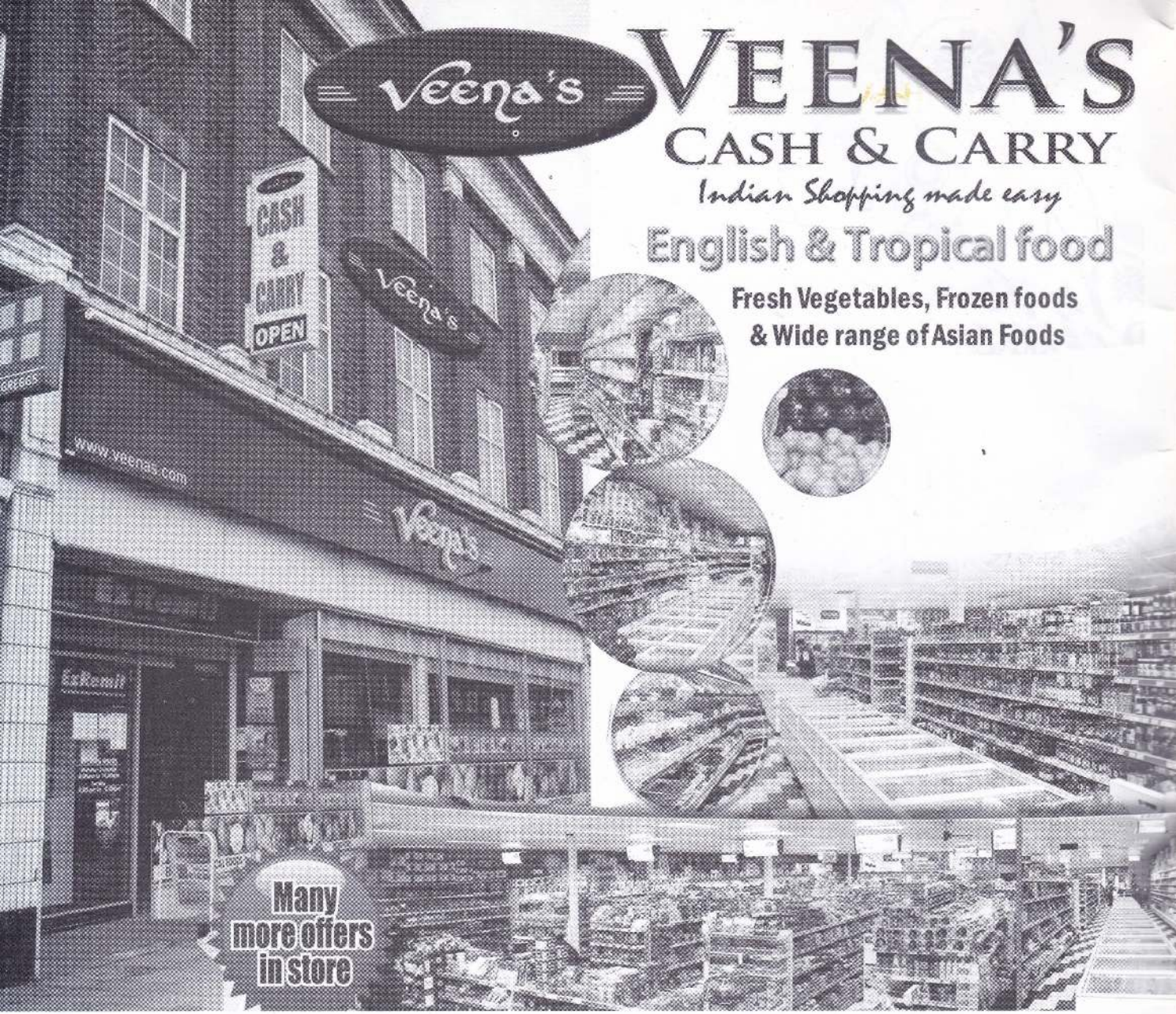
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Over a Century...

A Brief History of Skandavarodaya College

An English school was started at Kanterodai in 1892 by the late Mudaliar Muttuvelu. Mr SKandiah, who had studied under the great doyen of school masters, Page Vaithianathan of Manipay, taught English in this school. Financial difficulties made the Mudaliar abandon this school after two years.

Mr Kandiah, who had even at that young age of 23, realised that educating the poor children was the highest form of service, started a school in 1894 by the name of Kanterodai English Institute in a shed put up on a piece of land belonging to the late Mr S Seenivasagam. He taught English and Mr A Kandiah taught Tamil. Mr Seenivasagam, later endearingly called Seeni Upathiar, was the Manager. In 1900 Mr T K Ponniah was appointed Headmaster and the school was registered as a grant-in-aid school in 1902. The Inspector of schools reported that year, "Kanterodai is a large and prosperous school under Saivite management. The manager and proprietor are genuinely interested in the work and teachers are energetic and enthusiastic. The school is bound to develop very rapidly." The teachers at this time were Messrs M A Arumugam, M Thambipillai, V Chellappah, P Ramalingam who had taught the founder at the Page School, and Notary Sabapathypillai. Mr V Chellappah served in the school till 1933 and was a tower of strength to the founder. These two with Seeni Upathiar formed the triumvirate which steered the school through the early critical years. Mr T K Ponniah was an able Headmaster and left after a few years to become inspector of Schools.

In 1904 the pupils were taught up to the Entrance class. Messrs T N Sinnathamby, SR

Thuraiappah and T Chellappah joined the school this year. Mr Sinnathamby taught here for nearly 30 years and was Headmaster for a short time. He was an impressive and successful teacher. Mr T Chellappah was a strict disciplinarian and worked very hard for the school. Mr S Visuvanathan, the brother of Dr S Subramaniam and father of Mr V Dharmalingam, one of the trustees of the College, returned after his studies at John Hopkins University, USA and joined the staff. He worked here till he retired in 1931. He taught English with special emphasis on grammar and pronunciation.

Tuition was almost free and the hard and conscientious work done by the founder and his assistants received wide publicity. Students came from distant places like Kodikamam, Chavakachcheri, Myliddy, Pont Pedro, Vavunia, Mannar, Mullaitivu, Kaithady, Achchuvely, Velanai, Neervely and Puttur. The students of this period, who later distinguished themselves in various walks of life, were Doctors GA Amirthanayagam and S Ramanathan of the Ceylon Medical Service. Doctors A Visuvalingam, K Rajaratnam and S Chelliah of the Malayan Medical Service; Baristers S Seenivasagam, C K Thamby and Messrs S Thambirajah JP, S Sinnadurai, Member, Legislative Assembly, Perak and N Apputhurai of the Administrative Service, Malaya; Messrs V K Nathan, retired E.O.N.P and M M Kulasekaram, Acting Principal, Royal College. The increasing needs of the school required a new building and the foundation stone was laid in 1907, but owing to financial difficulties the building was completed only in 1912. The formal opening was done by Adigar (then Gate Mudaliar) Naganather. Sir Ponnampalam Ramanathan helped the school at this time with his advice and official influence. Mr S Eliathamby B.A was appointed Principal in 1912. Four candidates were first presented for the Cambridge Junior School Certificate Examination in 1913 and all passed. Mr K S Arulnandy MSc, Mr T Sinnathamby, Retired Headmaster, Alaveddy English School, Mr M A Chelliah of the Staff of Drieberg College, Chavakachcheri and the late Mr S Murugesu, CCS, were the successful candidates.

In 1917 Mr Sabapathypillai BA., LT., the uncle of the present Principal, who had earlier been Inspector of School, Madras and Principal, Manipay Hindu College, was appointed Principal. Additions were made to the school in 1918. Mr S Murugesu, Trained Teacher, joined the school in 1919. Mr L Macrae, Director of Education, visited the school and made the following minute: "This is one of the best elementary schools I have seen. The boarding and feeding arrangements are excellent. The staff is on the whole very good and there is an excellent one among the boys." The Cambridge Senior Class was started in 1923. Mr A Manickam, Inter Science, London,

joined the staff and Science was introduced in the curriculum. Through the energetic efforts of Mr Manickam a small science laboratory was established. In 1924 Mr P Sabapathypillai left and Mr S Eliathamby succeeded him.

Mr Sabapathypillai was a good teacher of English, History and Geography and did much to raise the standard of teaching in these subjects. As principal he was an able administrator. He was a man of rare sincerity, integrity and independence of spirit with lofty ideals who always placed principles before mundane considerations. Such a man found it difficult to adjust himself to the difficulties of a growing but poor institution; but in his own way he succeeded in inspiring his students to learn to lead noble lives. In 1925 candidates were first presented for the Cambridge Senior School Certificate Examination. Mr S Nalliah, Chief Clerk, Office of the Divisional Superintendent of Post Offices, N.D. Jaffna and Mr V Kathiresu of the CGR were the successful candidates. In October 1929, the Founder visited Malaya and collected money for the school. Everywhere he went, he was received with affection and honoured by the old students. With the money he brought from Malaya he settled the debts he had incurred to run the school and made some extension to the building.

In 1931 Mr Muttukumaru MA was appointed Principal. He gave a new orientation to the school. He tightened discipline, systematically supervised teachers' work and paid great attention to games which had been neglected in the past. Co-education was introduced. Soccer and athletics were also introduced. In 1933 Mr Muttukumaru left and Mr A Manickam acted as Principal. Mr Muttukumaru returned in March 1934 as Principal and continued the good work he had begun. The school took part in the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Meet in 1935. Examination results were good. Candidates were prepared for the London Matriculation Examination. Science Laboratories were remodelled and science became a popular subject. In October 1935 on the Vijaya Dasami Day the school was named 'Skanda Varodaya College'. The Founder transferred the school to a Board of Trustees consisting of himself, Adigar A Naganathar and Dr S Subramaniam. Unfortunately for the school, Mr V Muttukumaru left us in December 1937 to become Vice-Principal of Parameshvara College. It was a great blow to the school. He had laid the foundation on which his successors were able to build so well. His service to Skanda will always be treasured by us.

Mr S Srinivasan MA, a young graduate of the Madras University with high academic attainments was appointed Principal in January 1938. The college entered the Inter

Collegiate Soccer Competition in 1938. A playing field was acquired to the south of the College and Mr S Sethucavalur (later MA), the Sports Master, did much to improve the standard of Soccer. In 1939 Mr S Eliathambi who had served the College as Principal and Vice-Principal for 27 years, retired. He was a conscientious teacher and gave of his best to the school. The students, the staff, the old boys and well-wishers of the school assembled at a public meeting and had farewell to him.

In 1940 the school was raised to B Grade. The first College Magazine was published in 1941 and an Old Boys' Association was inaugurated. In February 1943 Mr S Srinivasan left and Mr A Manickam acted as Principal. Mr Srinivasan was a good teacher of English and produced good results at public examinations. He evinced great interest in games and did a lot of spade work for physical education. In April 1943 the College was lucky to secure the services of Mr S Sivapathasundaram MA (Cantab.) as Principal. He had gone on Government Scholarship and was full of enthusiasm to make the school the equal of any other in Jaffna. He infected the teachers with his enthusiasm and every one co-operated with him towards the achievement of his ambitious and bold plans. Work on the new playground was started, steps were taken to start the H.S.C. classes, schemes of studies were made up-to-date and morning assemblies were introduced. But, before he could complete the work he had so well begun, probably, being impatient of the delay in the implementation of his schemes, he left us to become an Inspector of Schools. Mr A Manickam retired in 1943 and died in 1946. A tribute to him was published in a previous issue of this magazine. He served the College selflessly for 20 years.

Mr C Subramaniam BA (London), the present Principal was appointed in January 1944 and Mr V Sivasubramaniam BSc (London), Vice-Principal. H.S.C and University Entrance Classes were recognized by the Department of Education and Mr T Kandasamy BSc (Hons) was the first student to enter the Ceylon University from this College in 1945. The same year there were 36 passes in the S.S.C. (English) Examination with one 1st Division; 9 exemptions from the London Matriculation Examination and 9 distinctions.

In 1946 separate laboratories for Chemistry, Physics and Biology were established and considerable additions were made to these at a cost of about Rs.6,000. Many valuable books were added to the Library. There were 28 Passes in the SSC

Examination with four 1st Divisions, 5 exemptions and 9 distinctions, one of which was a Distinction in Sanskrit. Three of our boys entered the University of Ceylon - two for Science and one for Arts. In March, 1947 Cricket was introduced and Inter-House Matches were played. We played 11 soccer matches against the leading Colleges, won 5, drew 4 and lost 3.

In July, 1947 the College was raised to Grade 1 along with nine other schools in Jaffna. There were 6 passes at London Matriculation Examination of June 1947, 29 passes at the SSC (English) Examination with one exemption and seven distinctions. Three entered the University of Ceylon for Science and one passed the HSC. On 12th July 1947, the Old Boys' Association met and inaugurated the Colombo Branch of the Old Boys' Association with Mr K S Arulnandhy as President. In March 1948, the new playing field was formally opened by our Manager Dr S Subramaniam and a cricket match was played between the College Team and Dr Subramaniam's Team which was captained by the Principal. The first Inter-House Sports Meet on a large scale was held in July under the distinguished patronage of Dr S subramaniam and the Founder, although bed-ridden at that time, had the pleasure of being taken round the spacious ground and of visiting the various House-Sheds and meeting the present boys. This he did every successive year till his death in September 1952.

Badminton was started through the enthusiastic efforts of Mr A Nithiananthan, the Sports Master, and ever since we have remained unbeaten among the Jaffna schools in this game. A College tuckshop was started at the same time. A block of five class rooms was put up at a cost of about Rs. 12,000. Twenty two passed the SSC (English) Examination with 5 distinctions and 45 were 'referred'. Five students entered the University, two for Science, two for Medicine and one for Arts. This still remains a record for the University Entrance Class. One passed the HSC and two the London Matriculation Examination. In 1949 additions were made to the Library. Chemicals and Physical apparatus were brought at a cost of about Rs. 10,000. There were 57 passes in the SSC with 11 distinctions, 3 first division and 1 exemption. In 1950 a gas plant was installed at a cost of about Rs. 6,000. There were 47 passes in the SSC (English) Examination with 3 first divisions and 13 distinctions and one exemption. Three entered the University, two for Science and one for Arts. Mr T T Changarappillai retired this year after a service of 38 years. An account of his services to the College

was published in a previous issue of this magazine. He was the loyal right hand man of the Founder, who always valued his help and advice. As bursar he husbanded the meagre resources of the College and used them to the best advantage.

In 1951 a Block of 6 classrooms was built at a cost of about Rs. 18,000 and water service was installed. There were 51 passes in the SSC with five first divisions 17 distinctions. Two entered the University for Arts. In October this year Mr S Murugesu retired after a service of 32 years. He was one of the best teachers we have had and whatever classes or subjects he taught he did them thoroughly and methodically. His sense of humour, his apposite illustrations and his beautiful presentation of the subjects made the pupils get interested in their work. He loved the Founder, he loved the College; he was always prepared to do any extra work given to him, as was evidenced by his readiness to continue to teach on a meagre allowance, even after his retirement.

In 1952, the Old Boys in Colombo donated books to the Library worth about Rs. 1500. The College is greatly indebted to them. A full time librarian was appointed and more books and periodicals were added to the library. There were 62 passes at the SSC (English) Examination with 4 first divisions and 13 distinctions. One entered the University for Science. At the GCE (Advanced Level) Examination one passed in 3 subjects, two in two subjects and one in one subject. At soccer we lost only one match.

On the 6th of September 1952, a gloom was cast on the College by the passing away of the Founder. The news was received with great sorrow by all his past students all over the Island and Malaya. Tributes came flowing in from all quarters. Though the college was in vacation, almost all the teachers and students and the old boys in Jaffna attended the funeral and paid their last respects to him.

Before we conclude this brief history of the College, we should place on record our undying gratitude to our Manager Dr S Subramaniam, who on a modest estimate, would have spent over a hundred thousand rupees in enabling the Founder to build the College. We should also express our gratitude to all those teachers who in the early days worked ungrudgingly on a small pittance and helped the Founder to educate free a large number of poor children.

('Skanda'-1953)

நிகழ்ச்சிகள்

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நாடகம்: 'பேர்த்திக்குக் கல்யாணம் பேசுகினம...?'

தயாரிப்பு-நெறியாளகை: திருமதி யோகா பேரின்பநாதன்

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PROGRAMME

Dance: Students of Mrs Nalayini Rajadurai's 'Ruksha Nanthanalaya'

Participants: Sharanya Maheetharan

Thanushijah Thavayoganathan

Brittame Srivas

Arrabi Mahendran

Sumetha Uthayakumar

Kooththu: Mr Bala Sukumar

Mridangam: Mr A Thivisanten

Drama: 'Perthikku Kalyaanam Pesukiname...?'

Participants: Mrs Mallika Baladasan

Dr Inthu Kumarendran

Mr Kuhanathan Subramaniam

Dr Rupini Perinpanathan

Mrs Durka Karunakaran

Mr Kumarendran Thanabalasingam

Mr Veluppillai Arunasalam

Mr Arunan Mahendran

Mr Sayendan Devadas

Mr Rahulan Kuhanathan

Produced & Directed by Mrs Yoga Perinpanathan

Vocal: 'Ore Ragam'- Carnatic & Cine songs blending in same classical ragas

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Mridangam: Mr A Thivisanten

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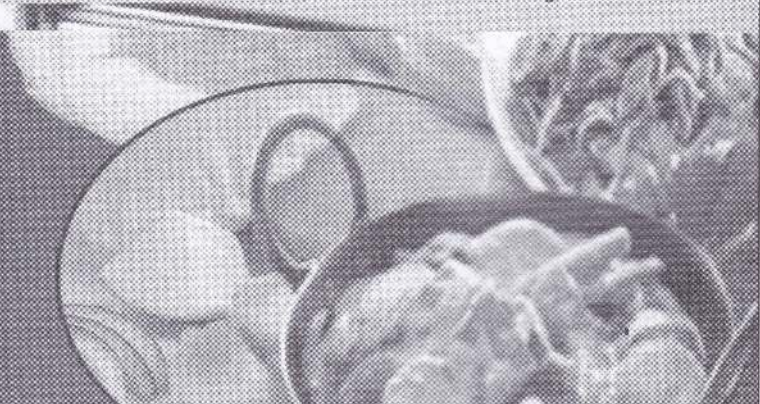
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