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THE MOON AND ITS INFLUENCE ON HUMAN LIFE

Study By Psychiatrists

IN recent years scientists have been devoting much attention to the moon in an effort to discover if this mysterious body does really exercise an influence on marine, plant, animal and human life. More than one brilliant scientist is quite satisfied that the moon has a decided effect on human behaviour and that in many of our actions we are influenced considerably by it.

patient spent two months confined to a glass room. Although the subject was not aware when the moon would be full he became curiously restless and discontented on both periods of the full moon.

Subsequently these scientists studied a prisoner in a New York goal. When the moon was full a delicate instrument, especially made, which recorded the amount of movement and human warmth within his cell approached the maximum. The medical report, issued after both these experiments had been completed, stated that at times when the light of the moon was most powerful there were glandular changes in every one of the persons studied.

Throughout the ages song-writers and poets have acclaimed the influence of the moon and love and courtship. Be that as it may the fact is that the moon is now generally recognised to play a much more important part in our lives than was considered possible half-a-century ago.

If the moon, scientists ask, can tug the tides why should it not also play with the tides of human emotions? Lunatics are supposed to be decidedly more maniacal when the moon is full. Working on this supposition psychiatrists are now collating information in an effort to shed light on the problem. In some mental hospitals the staff is not allowed out on leave when the moon is full for it has been discovered that many patients are quite normal for 24 days of the month but become destructive when the moon is brightest.

Influence on Marine & Plant Life

It is now generally recognised that the moon has a decided influence on marine and plant life. Recently it was discovered that adult eels time their spawning migration from our rivers to the Sargasso Sea in accordance with a change in a moon's phase. Oysters and mussels are known to open their shells and feed at the exact moment when the moon passes over the meridian in which they live.

We owe a big debt to the moon. A chief factor in causing the tides, it acts as a scavenger in taking the polluted matter washed down by the rivers out to sea and so helps to keep our rivers and the towns and cities thereon clean. For that alone it deserves all the nice things that are said about it from time to time.

Planting According To The Moon

I had recently occasion to visit a farm in Lincolnshire containing a variety of vegetables whose excellence prompted me to ask the owner how he managed to produce such splendid crops. The farmer smiled—"I know you'll think I'm crazy", he replied, "but I plant according to the moon." He attributed his excellent crops mainly to the fact that he had planted the seeds during a certain phase of the moon.

This explanation sounded incredible to me at the time.

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Experiments

A group of New York investigators working under the Rockefeller Foundation, have been attempting to solve this problem of the moon and its supposed effect of human behaviour. Over a period of three months they kept close watch on a group of people of different types. In the course of the experiment they took blood tests, glandular tests, studied the respiration and pulse rates and inquired closely into behaviour. Finally, they set themselves to study one subject while the

New Department Of Examinations

Examinations in the Island from October 1 will be attended to by a separate Department styled the Department of Examinations. The Education Department will have nothing to do with this new Department.

Promotions In Railway Service

The following are among those promoted from the general class to Grade II of the executive class of the Railway Clerical Service with effect from July 1, 1950.

Mr. T. Sivasubramaniam, Mr. S. Sunderalingam and Mr. N. Rayappu.

201 Div. Headmen from October

A new post designated 'Divisional Headman' has been created with effect from October 1 and 201 such Divisional Headmen will be appointed by the Government Agents.

The new officer will be in charge of larger areas, than those in charge of Udayars at present.

SRI GANESHA— THE GIVER OF SUCCESS

KNOWN by various names as Vighnaharta Remover of Distress Siddhidata the Giver of Success Sidda Vinayak Surpakarna and Ekdanta Lorp Ganesha tradition asserts is served by Brahma Vishnu and Mahesh and worshipped by pious men and yogis

It is said that He existed even before the Vedas and that it is from Him the Vedas themselves emanated. While some derive his origin from the letter "Om," there are varying versions regarding his birth. One relates that Ganesha was found by Parvathi from turmeric and oil scrapped from her body. His head was cut off by Shiva when he endeavoured to prevent him from the chamber of Parvathi where she was performing her ablutions. Parvathi was first surprised at the entry of Shiva then incensed. She refused to allow him touch her until her child her creation was restored to life. As Shiva could not find out the original head he had to get that of an elephant to replace it. Ganesha came to life and was made the head of his attendants.

The story that is in vogue in Bengal is somewhat different. On the 6th day of Aswin Goddess Durga expressed to her Lord Shiva her craving for a babe to suckle. Shiva smiled and remarked, "Why?

'No Admission' To Red China

New President Elected

The Indian proposal to replace the Chinese Nationalist Delegate by a Chinese Communist was defeated by 33 votes to 16 with 10 abstentions at the Fifth Annual sessions of the U.N.O. on September 19.

Britain, Sweden, Norway, Pakistan, Burma, and the Soviet Bloc with Yugoslavia favoured the Indian proposal.

New President

Nasrullah Entazam, Persian Delegate, was elected President to succeed General Carlos Romulo, receiving 32 votes against 23 for Sir Mohammed Zafrulla Khan of Pakistan.

You are the Mother of the Universe." But she said that it was sad to miss the pleasure of actually nursing a babe and demanded that at least Kartick who was aloof from her should be brought to her. Shiva consented and left Kailas to bring him. The goddess was however so intent on having a babe that she made a doll and was looking at it. Vishnu the Protector noticing this entered the doll which came to life.

Elephant Head

Shiva who returned with Kartick was overjoyed and invited all the gods to look at the babe. Among the gods was Shani. As soon as his Evil-eye upon the new-born, its head dropped off. Durga began crying. At her request he sent his ganas to find out the lost head. But as their search proved futile, Shiva directed them to get the head of any creature sleeping with its head towards the north and bring it to him forthwith. As it was a cow-elephant that was first seen in that position, its head was severed and placed over the mutilated body of the doll, which came to life again. But as the hideous, disproportionate figure distressed Durga, Shiva ordained that he should be appointed the head of the ganas, and in all pujas be

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DISCOVERING A COMMUNIST

U. S. S. R As Motherland Of Proletariats

WHAT are the characteristics of a Communist and how to discover him?

The United Nations World gives the following;

The Communist is an individual who believes in the establishment of a system of society in which the nation as a whole owns all property and all instruments of production. Such a society is to be attained after a transitional government, known as the dictatorship of the proletariat, has completely destroyed the capitalist state machinery and all bourgeois remnants. The duration of the dictatorship of the proletariat, which should theoretically be followed by a classless communist society in which government is reduced to mere administrative activities, is not defined.

90 per cent of the 20,000,000 registered Communist Party members in the world are what is known at present as Stalinite Communists and the following definitions apply only to them.

A Stalinite Communist believes that the U.S.S.R. is the motherland of the international proletariat, and that its leaders are the supreme authority for world communism.

The interpretation of Marxism, the adoption of tactical and strategic policy in the world class struggle and changes in the party line are, for all practical purposes, the sole privilege of the Soviet leaders.

The Communist uses the method of direct propaganda for the ideas of communism, and the tactics of a united front with non-communist forces. The united front lasts only for relatively short periods, and is either abandoned if the Communists cannot control it, or those leaders and members who remain non-communist in their convictions are eliminated. The Communist is not bound by legalistic and moral concepts of non-communist society and in his opinion the end always justifies the means.

Party Above Person

The Communist will put the party above his personal life, love and friendship. A Communist may, upon instructions of the Party, conceal his membership in a communist organization. The Communist, however, with rare exceptions when he may have been entrusted with an especially confidential espionage mission, can be identified by the fact that he will never criticize a single act of the Soviet Union or of Stalin's leadership. He may abstain from discussion but will never openly criticize Moscow. The Communist can also be recognized by his stringent condemnation and slander of liberals, socialists, Trotskyites, Titoists and others who refuse to follow the Communist Party line. He

will tend to emphasize the supposed eventual collapse of capitalist society. He will be able to work sympathetically with conservative technicians, whom he considers as machines who can usefully serve any kind of society, but he will be unable to associate with liberals. He will always be genuinely distressed by any original expression of democratic energy, which will seem to him only a symptom of chaos.

No Responsibility for World Crisis

The Communist will never admit that the Soviet Union or any of the "popular democracies" have any responsibility whatsoever in the present world crisis. He will never criticize an individual leader of a Soviet country. He will never admit the personal integrity of anyone who has broken with communism. He will never admit the necessity of adopting any international program which is not approved by the Soviet Union. He will never admit that the Governments of Eastern Europe which call themselves People's Democracies are in reality completely Communist controlled. The Communist will never admit his secret fear of being one day purged himself for reasons unknown to him.

The Heart - some Facts About It

Those who live until they are 70 years old are generally surprised when they are told that, during their life-time, their heart has stopped beating for 21 years, but it is an established medical fact.

In a normal adult person the heart beats at the rate of 70-72 times a minute, or once in 0.8 seconds. This means that it beats 104,000 times a day.

In between beats it rests for about 0.2 of a second which, on calculation, comes to roughly 21 years of inactivity. The heart, however, is far from being the laziest organ in the human body.

Every minute it pumps five to six pints of blood throughout the whole body. This works out at roughly 50, 00,000 gallons in a life-time. That is when the body is completely at rest. In the case of an athlete or people employed in heavy work it may be called upon to deliver blood to the body at the rate of 15-16 gallons a minute.



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Treasure These Thoughts

Whatever thou dost, whatever thou eatest whatever thou offerest in sacrifice, whatever thou givest whatever thou practiseth in austerities, O Kauteya, do it as an offering unto Me.

—BHAGAVAT GITA.

CIVIC SENSE

THE RESOLUTIONS REGARDING the Silent Zone, reading room and library, and other matters considered at the last monthly meeting of the Jaffna Municipal Council show that the City Fathers are not unmindful of their duties. Resolutions by themselves will be tantamount to merely pious wishes unless they can be enforced without working any appreciable inconvenience or hardship. The enforcement of municipal bye-laws relating to a Silent Zone cannot be successful without the roads in the zone being broad enough to admit of two way traffic, pavements for pedestrians on either side of the roads and pedestrian crossings at suitable points. It will not be practicable to give effect to the resolution regarding the silent zone where pedestrians and cattle roam at will all along the roads round the Jaffna Civil Hospital. Whether there be any bye-law or not, it is the duty of every motorist to observe silence in and around the hospital area, temples, churches, mosques and other places of worship, courts of law and similar places where silence ought to reign.

It is regrettable that the citizens of the Northern capital, while being anxious to enjoy the amenities afforded by the municipality, are utterly unmindful of the obligations cast on them. People let loose their cattle and horses to roam at large along the roads; they often construct the gates of their dwelling lands so as to open out into narrow lanes or roads; they delight in dumping the refuse collected in their land into their neighbours' lands by throwing such refuse over their boundary walls or fences; they do not sometimes hesitate to out and remove firewood from shade trees, or scrape grass from the Jaffna esplanade, some of them answer calls of nature on public highways, and street urinals for sport remove stores from the P. W. D. metal heaps meant for macadamising roads and throw them into the esplanade or where they list. It is needless to state that all these are a sad reflection on the civic sense of the people. It is the duty of the City Fathers to remedy these defects by legislation if neces-

sary and is equally the duty of the citizens of Jaffna to obey the law and co-operate with the municipal authorities in making their city beautiful.

There is hardly a road in Jaffna which would admit of two-way traffic and there is no pavement for pedestrians anywhere except perhaps along a very small portion of the Hospital Road. The need for widening the roads where traffic is heavy, providing pavements and demarcating pedestrian crossing at suitable points exists and deserves the attention of the Jaffna Municipal Council. The few who have been lucky enough to get houses allotted to them under the Karaiyoor Housing Scheme enjoy more amenities than others in other parts of the town in that they have been provided with pipe water and a sewage scheme. The water scheme for Jaffna is said to be over 100 years old. It is to be hoped that the Municipal authorities of Jaffna will not fail in their duty to devise ways and means for the introduction and installation of a Water Scheme and Sewage Scheme for the entire town.

Pandit Nehru's Prestige Is 'High'

Mr. Justice William Douglas of the United States Supreme Court told Pressmen in New Delhi that the prestige of Prime Minister Nehru was "high in America, Korea or no Korea."

The 52-year-old Mr. Douglas who is on a world tour is a keen mountaineer. He will stay in India for a week during which he proposes to visit Ranikhet or some other hill station "to have a preliminary look at the Himalayas". Mr. Douglas hopes to return to India next year "to look at the Himalayas more closely."

Mr. Douglas said the feelings in Iran towards the Americans were different from those towards the British. The Iranians felt strongly against the British because of their past policy of "divide and rule." The Americans were in Iran mainly to help the Iranian Government in their seven-year plan of development which includes building of dams and flood controls.

The American Judge said his visit and tour were purely personal and he could not say why the Communist papers should have attacked him as a "spy". Mr. Douglas avoided all attempt to draw him out on Communist China saying he would not discuss politics.

Mr. Douglas said the Americans knew very little about India and he could not find anybody in the States who from personal experience could advise him on the Himalayas. But India had an emotional appeal to the United States and the prestige of Pandit Nehru and that his sister Srimati Vijaya-lakshmi was "high."

'READING' A SURE ROAD TO RECOVERY OF INVALIDS AUXILIARY TO MEDICAL AID

EVER Since the invention of the printing press, reading has been a boon and blessing to an increasing number of people in all parts of the world. The printed word is the basis of modern civilisation. It is the universal means of communication among the nations. It is the high road of world culture. More recently it has been proved that reading can be of immense value in the healing of the sick.

Having in mind the success which has attended the circulation of millions of books to hospitals in the course of the past 30 years, medical men agree that reading can often mark the rehabilitation of hospital and convalescent patients. Books were originally distributed for purposes of diversion. But today it has been proved that when they are circulated with expert care and attention to the subject matter they can be of the highest remedial value.

The Scheme

The vast organisation in Britain of the St. John and Red Cross Hospital Library Service came into existence after World War I. The mounting number of casualties filled the hospitals, and voluntary organisations were formed to collect books for the recreation of the wounded. When the war ended it was decided to continue the distribution of such literature to hospitals in Britain for the benefit of civilian patients.

In the inter-war years the organisers of the scheme faced many difficulties through the falling-off in public interest, but when hostilities broke out again in 1939 a renewed appeal for books in hospitals met with such an enthusiastic response that by 1945 no fewer than 4,000,000 volumes were in circulation. This time the usefulness of books as an auxiliary to medical treatment had become widely recognised.

A new type of medical official came into being—the librarian. On his shoulders fell the responsibility of trying to "fit the book to the patient". It was found that in many cases patients had had no previous inclination for reading of any but the most cursory kind. They had to be stimulated before they realised the ultimate benefit, apart from pleasure, regarding gives to the tired spirit. In cases of long term convalescence in sanatoria, on the other hand, it became often impossible to keep up with the demands of patients eager to pursue a course of study in a particular subject.

Initially initial difficulties were overcome, and today the "cure of books" is part of the accepted regimen of hospitals in Britain. There are on the average 386,000 patients in hospitals and convalescent homes in Britain and Northern Ireland and in Service Hospitals in overseas stations, but in those hospitals serviced by the St. John and Red Cross Hospital Library Department, a suitable book is always available for everyone.

Volunteer Workers

Such a service demands an elaborate organisation; and most of

4,000 workers are the volunteers. These men and women collect and distribute books. Many of them have become expert at re-binding and repairing damaged volumes. There are 184 book-repairing depots, and last year they made good 48,000 books, using 4,000 yards of binding materials.

The provision of reading matter to ordinary patients who are able to use their hands in the normal way presents no great difficulty. But what of those who are so crippled or paralysed that they cannot hold a book or turn a page? This problem was first successfully overcome in the United States, where an electrically driven "page turning machine" was devised. It consisted of a long thread, with clips fixed on each page, attached to a revolving drum. The apparatus worked by means of a switch which could be operated by touch of the chin, or pressure of the knees, or touch of the elbow. Use of the hands was unnecessary.

The St John and Red Cross Hospital Library Department have no funds available to purchase the machines now being manufactured in England, and these must be supplied by the hospital or individual concerned. The Hospital Library Department have, however, 50 machines of the American type—gifts by well-wishers in the United States—and these are available on loan to hospitals where a St. John and Red Cross Library Service is established.

The Aid of Science

Then there was the problem of the patient compelled by illness to lie either prostrate or else propped up in bed. In other days they were condemned to long hours of boredom because they had nothing to occupy their minds. The resultant effect on their general health can be readily imagined. Science has come to their aid with the provision of micro-film projectors which reflect the printed page on to the ceiling or an improvised screen above the head. These devices can be operated by a touch, and the film can be turned both backwards and forwards at will. Film books have to be made for these machines, and no fewer than 300 works of all kinds are already in circulation through the St. John and Red Cross Hospital Libraries.

A device of a young engineer employed by the firm of Siebe, Gorman and Company, of Surbiton, in the English county of Surrey, manufacturers of the artificial respirator, popularly known as the "Iron Lung," has brought reading to the victim of infantile paralysis. His name is Haywood, and he has adapted a series of prismatic mirrors which, when used in conjunction with the automatic page turner machine, reflect the printed page. The book is behind the head of the patient, who cannot see it. The succession of mirrors brings the words in front of his eyes.

And so the "kinder-world-of-books" has been opened to many sufferers and helped them along on the road to recovery.

WAYSIDE WHISPER

That Cotton Yarn

Studded with many a brilliant patch appears the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Accounts of the Island for 1947-48. A gem of it emits this radiance, in reference to the purchase of large stocks of cotton yarn which has resulted in a loss of only Rs. 9,000,000.

"It would appear," states the Committee in its report, "that orders for this yarn were placed in 1946 and 1947 without prior financial provision being obtained to meet the cost. The Committee wishes to place on record their strong disapproval of this flagrant breach of financial procedure."

Certainly it must have been an unusual feat and achievement for the committee to have been able to place on record their disapproval of the breach of regulations.

Much cry and little wool

Forget and Forgive

Cornered by not so much the opposition attack on the yarn deal as the guilt of the officers concerned, the Premier readily admitted the whole affair only to be pardoned. The House of Representatives would not like to



56th INDIAN CONGRESS SESSION ENDORSES NEHRU'S FOREIGN POLICY.

punish the P. M. who was deputising for the Finance Minister and the vote for this over-expenditure was approved.

The fault according to the Premier was not in the Cabinet but in the system—the Treasury. The way has been paved for a Commission to be appointed to enquire into the faulty system! Expenditure cuts expenditure very much like diamond cutting diamond!

'Sword's' Suggestion Suicidal?

The leader of the U.N.P. could not contain himself having heard it reported that his incorrigible Cabinet colleague and Party disciple had promised making Sri Lanka a Buddhist state if he were offered the Premier's Crown. At Mataa, the Chief made no secret of his contempt for the Sinhala Maha Sabha leader's ambition and suavely declared that any attempt to have only Buddhist education in the Island would only destroy it. The 'Sword', itself a destructive agent, cannot be expected to bring forward any constructive suggestion. The battle for the Premiership has assumed a sensational turn. Will Mr. Senanayake be able to stop the 'sentimental reaction' to 'Sword's' subtle propaganda? Let us await further sparks from the anvil for more comments.

In Parliament

Faulty Accounting System

Blame on Treasury

Over expenditure without prior Treasury sanction was the subject of sharp criticism by Dr. N. M. Perera, and Messrs W. Dahanayake and Pieter Kunneman in the House of Representatives.

In the absence of the Finance Minister who is away in England solving 'sterling' problems, the Prime Minister had to listen to unpleasant comments. Always having an eye on results and not on methods, the P. M. made bold to be quite frank with the unrelenting Opposition critics and admitted the soundness of the criticism but passed on the baby to the 'Treasury'.

The colossal loss on the cotton yarn deal which threatens to be a continuing affair for some more years was exposed mercilessly, yet the Premier was able to persuade the House to approve the vote.

Minister's Magic Touch

Having found enough material to speak about, the L. S. S. P. leader and the Communist mouth-piece ably assisted by the Member for Galle turned the searchlight on the Minister for Transport for the over-expenditure on a booklet entitled 'Goodwill Mission to Burma'. The Treasury which had been very adamant in its attitude could not, however, escape the Magic touch of the Minister for Transport and had to yield. This was the inference from the concentrated criticism of the particular item of over expenditure. Once again the Premier piloted the vote through notwithstanding the noise.

What's On When And Where

England—Labour Survives

Rushing the sick and the holiday making M. P's the Labour Party could muster just the strength needed to avert a defeat on the "steel issue" in the British Parliament. The keenest fight for Parliamentary superiority was seen in the voting which ended in a win for Labour by just six votes.

Lake Success—Kashmir Issue

When the frontier of Jammu and Kashmir was crossed by 'hostile elements' in October 1947, it was contrary to international law admitted Sir Owen Dixon in his report to the Security Council in the Kashmir Issue.

Give And Take Treaty

Britain's Attorney-General Sir Hartley Shawcross, said that an effective treaty on the atom bomb and disarmament could still be concluded. He was certain, he stated, that with "give and take, and with goodwill on all on all sides we could have secured such a treaty and can yet secure it."

But mere paper prohibition, without adequate safeguards against any countering the convention, would be a fraud and a delusion, he added.

Sir Hartley called the Stockholm Peace Petition "completely bogus" "They want us to make peace on Communist terms," he said. "What they want is an undertaking to destroy one kind of weapon in which America has a great superiority, while leaving the Communists free to bombard us in Europe with bombs and rockets filled, perhaps, with bacteriological and other frightful devices for mass destruction"

INDIAN CONGRESS ROOTED IN HISTORY

Beware Of Communist Appeal To Emotion

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari in a message on the occasion of the 56th session of the Indian National Congress, now being held in Nazik says:

"There is general anxiety now about the future of the Congress. Its health is causing great concern. Resolutions and organisational changes cannot help to cure, if there is not a purification of heart and a resolve to serve. A new pride of renunciation must replace the present greed for gain that has made almost every Congressman a parasite."

The following is the text of Mr. Rajagopalachari's message:

The roots of the Indian National Congress are in history. Congress does not derive its life or strength from resolutions passed. Resolutions and policies derive force from the Congress. It is not the other way about.

Great political parties in all the civilised countries of the world have their roots in history. It is a mistake to accept the apparent and to suppose that any big political party rests upon formulated policies. Ad hoc non historic groups and associations can branch off and serve national ends in a minor way. But the big parties that take over Governments are invariably parties that have their

roots in history.

There is general anxiety now about the future of the Congress. Its health is causing great concern. Congressmen should ask themselves this question: "Shall I serve Congress or am I making Congress serve me?" Each individual Congressman should give his answer to this to his own conscience and act. On the answer, especially of those Congressmen who guide and lead others, depends the fate of Congress health. Resolutions and organisational changes cannot help to cure, if there is not a purification of heart and a resolve to serve. A new pride of renunciation must replace the present greed for gain that has made almost every Congressman a parasite.

It may be thought that there is not much of a future before a political party that offers nothing to its adherents except the prospect of sacrifices. This is a great mistake. The emotional appeal of Congress in 1920 onwards lay precisely in the sacrifices demanded, not in what it offered to its members. Ever since the Congress began expressly or by implication to offer something of advantage to its adherents, the health of the organisation has deteriorated.

We oppose those who through fraud, sabotage, violence and secret methods seek to attain a

new order in which they claim there will be equal opportunities for all the survivors of their programme. The means employed will surely contaminate the end. No equality can be produced by such means. One form of inequality will be substituted by another, that is all. In spite of this inherent defect in the Communists' programme, it must be admitted that there is an emotional appeal in it that touches the inner being of the young intellectual. The appeal and the attraction lie in the sacrifices, material and spiritual, that it demands of the convert to Communism. If Congress again offers a precise opportunity for sacrifice, the younger generation will respond as it did in the days we remember. It is wrong to bank on the profit motive, here as elsewhere. here is that in man which responds more eagerly to the call for sacrifice than to the temptation of gain.

Chavakachcheri News

Ratepayers Meet

Speaking at a General Meeting of the Chavakachcheri Ratepayers Association, Mr. C. Vanniasingham M. P. suggested that the hygienic conditions of the market should be improved before model teaboutiques were introduced.

Mr. C. Suntheralingham, advised the ratepayers to adapt themselves to the requirements of the new Local Government system.

Mr V Canagasabai, Proctor, presided.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1186

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Ledchumippillai wife of Sivagurunathar of Puloly West

Sadasivam Sivagurunathar of Puloly West Petitioner.

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1 Wallippillai widow of Ganapatipillai 2 Ganapatipillai Sadasivam 3 Nagappur Veluppillai and 4 wife Manonmany 5 Somasundaram Saravanamuttu of Puloly West 6 and wife Sivagamasundary 7 Ponniah Veluppillai of Puloly West 8 and wife Paru pathi evi of do 9 Vadivelu Sivapathasundaram and wife 10 Rajeswary alias Sellamuthu of do

This matter coming on for disposal before William Gunam Spencer, Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on the 15th day of June, 1950, in the presence of Mr. M. Esurapadham Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the abovementioned petitioner dated 4th April 1950 having been read and the affidavit of the witnesses to the Last Will dated 19th February 1950 also having been read.

It is ordered that the Will of the abovenamed deceased No. 3361 dated 31st December 1945 and attested by V. K. Subramaniam Notary Public be and the same is hereby declared proved unless the Respondents or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 31st day of July 1950 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the said Petitioner is the executor named in the said Will and that he is entitled to have probate of the same issued to him accordingly unless the respondents or others interested shall on or before the 31st day of July 1950 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 15th day of June 1950
Sgd. W. G. SPENCER,
District Judge.

Drawn by
Sgd. M. Esurapadham,
Proctor for Petitioner.
Time to show cause extended and reassued for 25-9-50.
Sgd. W. G. SPENCER,
District Judge,
(O. 63, 22)

New Rotary Cultivator

Big orders for a new rotary cultivator, which tills wet rice fields at more than the speed of any other machine, have been received by a British firm from India, Ceylon, Malaya and Thailand as well as the U. S. A., Portugal and Trinidad.

The cultivator was developed during a long period of experimental work on the wet fields in Thailand where the standard machine made by the firm was found to have insufficient clearance for operating in the water and deep mud. The problem was solved by modifying the normal drive and axle, and fitting the cultivator with outside wheels which sink through the mud and drive along the hard bottom, still giving the machine enough clearance from the water. Other improvements include a special rotor blade and steering brakes to decrease the steering circle.

Pupils Of Eyes Grow Smaller with Age

The pupils of your eyes gradually grow smaller as you grow old doctors report after measuring up the pupil-width of 224 people aged 20 to 89.

Men and women in their twenties had pupils 1-16th of an inch wider when measured in bright light than those in their eighties. In the dark the young folks' pupils were 1-10th of an inch wider. This change must cut down the amount of light reaching the eye's light-sensitive screen which it is said may be an important cause of the dimming vision of old age.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary No. 907 D.C. Kandy Jurisdiction No. 1219 D.C. Jaffna

In the matter of the Intestate Estate of the late Annamathai wife of J. V. Thambyrajah of Kondavil, Jaffna presently of Nawalapitiya

Deceased.
Joseph Vencatarao Thambyrajah of Kondavil East Jaffna presently of Nawalapitiya Petitioner.

Vs.
Minors, 1. Rathee daughter of Thambyrajah
" 2. Thambyrajah Palarajah and
" 3. Thambyrajah Arulrajah all of Kondavil, Jaffna
4. and Sinnathamby Alagaratnam of Udavil East, Chunnagam

This matter coming on for disposal before F. Conrad Perera Esq. Additional District Judge Kandy on the 17th day of April 1950 in the presence of Mr. K. Aiyadurai Proctor for Petitioner abovenamed and the affidavit of the said Petitioner dated 6th March 1950 having been read: It is ordered that the 4th Respondent be and he is hereby appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Respondents for the purpose of these proceedings unless the Respondents shall on or before the 6th day of June 1950 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is ordered that the said Petitioner be and he is hereby declared entitled as husband of the abovenamed deceased to have letters of administration issued to him unless the Respondents or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 6th day of June 1950 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 17th day of April 1950
Sgd. F. Conrad Perera
Addl; District Judge.

Drawn by
Sgd. S. Patanjali
Proctor for Petitioner.
Time to show cause is extended to 28th September 1950.
Sgd. W. G. S
D. J.
(O. 64, 22 & 26)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Insolvency Jurisdiction No. 1193

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Bastiampillai Zacharia Thambipillai of Karampon, Kayts. Deceased.
Regina Thangaratnam Thambipillai of Main Street Jaffna Petitioner.

Vs.
Minor 1. Edward Mariathasan Thambipillai

" 2. Christie Francis Ariarajah
" 3. Basil Manoharan Thambipillai all of Main Street Jaffna. and
4. Bastiampillai Raphael Chelliah of Karampon, presently of P. W. D. Eheliyagoda

This matter coming on for disposal before Wm. G. Spencer, Esquire, District Judge Jaffna on the 5th day of June 1950 in the presence of Mr. V. K. Subramaniam Proctor for Petitioner and the affidavit and Petition of the Petitioner having been read;

It is ordered that the abovenamed 4th Respondents be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minors 1st-3rd Respondents for the purpose of proceeding on with this case and that Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of the said deceased be granted to the Petitioner as widow of the said deceased, unless the said Respondents or any other person or persons shall appear before this Court on or before the 31st day of July 1950 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 5th day of July 1950
Sgd. W. G. Spencer,
District Judge

18.9.50
Time to show cause extended to 27 Sept 1950,
Sgd. W. G. Spencer,
District Judge
(O. 61, 19 & 22)

Our Astrological Feature

WEEKLY FORECASTS

"SRIPATY"

FROM 24TH SEPTEMBER TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 1950

ARIES Aswini, Barani, Kartikai 1st part—[Medha Rasi]

This should be a very prosperous week. The ground work you have done should begin to show real results. The revival of a new friendship also promised. Spend the last day of the week with care.

LEO Maha, Pooru, Uttira 1, part—[Singha Rasi]

If you spend the whole of this week with care you are sure to achieve something from next week onwards. Monday afternoon Tuesday and Wednesday are the worst days of the lot. Avoid tussles and arguments.

SAGITTARIUS Moolam, Pooradam, Uttiradam 1. [Thanu Rasi]

It might be a shock for you this week to discover some new enemies this week. There will be no mental peace for some time. Expenditure also will be on the rise. Conflicts with senior officials also shown.

TAURUS Kartikai 2, 3, 4, Rohini, Mirugasirisha 1, 2—[Idapa Rasi]

You will find it difficult to keep in good health this week. Friends will betray you. Unavoidable expenditure and troubles through secret enemies also shown.

VIRGO Uttira 2, 3, 4, Attai, Chittirai 1, 2—[Kanni Rasi]

Health still a problem. Be careful that you don't make any new enemies for some time. There will be a cloudy atmosphere prevailing. Your professional or business affairs won't be affected but your mind will not be at peace. If you are over 30 these evil influences will not be of a higher degree; the last 3 days of the week must be spent with care.

CAPRICORNUS Uttiradam 2, 3, 4. Thiruvonam, Avittam 1 2. [Makara Rasi]

Promising outlook from all angles from this week. Wait till next week for new investments. Fame and success promised. Spend last day of the week with care.

GEMINI Mirugasirisha 3, 4, Thiruvathirai, Punarvasu 1, 2, 3—[Mithuna Rasi]

You will find things shaping according to your plan this week. You will derive much pleasure and happiness from your young friends of both sexes. Financial gains also promised.

LIBRA Chittirai 3, 4, Suciati, Visaka 1, 2, 3, [Thula Rasi]

Petty official troubles and mental restlessness shown. Avoid argumentative disposition. Misunderstandings with friends also shown. But your profession or business looks promising. Financial luck also indicated.

AQUARIUS Avittam 3, 4, Satayam, Pooraddati 1, 2, 3, [Kumbha Rasi]

Take care of health this week. Official troubles and mental restlessness also indicated. Don't risk any conflicts. Minor accidents also not ruled out. Don't worry much if periods and sub periods are favourable.

CANCER Punarvasu 4, Poosa, Ayilya [Kataka Rasi]

The first two days of the week must be spent with care. Scandals and unnecessary expenditure shown. The rest of the week will be somewhat more favourable than these days. But from next week you will find much improvement in all your affairs.

SCORPIO Visaka 4, Anusha, Kettai [Frischika Rasi]

A favourable week for all undertakings. I have only to caution you against your ill temper for some time. Overseas business will bring in good results. Encouraging developments in all circles promised from next week.

PISCES Pooraddati 4, Uttiradati, Revathi. [Meena Rasi]

This week will be very expensive. Domestic snarls and mental restlessness shown. Don't court displeasure with senior officers. Be practical and keep your temper under control.

Hindu Ladies' College

Grand Fair: FRIDAY & SATURDAY
Sep. 22—23

Classical Presentation
Of
Dances
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BHAVANI

SEPTEMBER 23. 6 30 P. M.

Indian National Congress

Subject Committee Approves Indo-Pak Agreement

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's resolution on the Indo-Pakistan agreement was adopted by the subjects committee of the Indian National Congress by 246 votes to 4.

Introducing the resolution Pandit Nehru said "On this question of communalism you cannot waver; if you want me to lead Congress you have to pass this resolution unequivocally"

and added that "if the country does not follow a non-communal path, it will be ruined."

The resolution suggested that all disputes and conflicts between India and Pakistan should be considered as political problems, and said that "in no event should a spirit of communalism or misuse of religion be allowed to mar and distort consideration of our internal problems".

"You have to decide whether to bring religion and consideration of parochial tendencies into politics," Pandit Nehru said.

SRI GANESHA — THE GIVER OF SUCCESS

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the first deity to be invoked. Bestowing on the boy the title of Siddhidata, 'Success Giver,' Shiva added that he who invoked Ganesh at the beginning of an undertaking shall have his efforts crowned with success.

Version of Philologists

Philologists and ethnographers have tried to trace the origin of Ganesh to the harvest season, comparing Parvathi to the earth and the clay of which the figure was made to the alluvial crust found on the banks of rivers soon after the Bhadrpad crop. According to Sri B. A. Gupte, "From the primeval attributes of this deity, he seems to represent the harvest festival. He is called, Mushakvahan, rider on a rat, but the word mushak, comes from a Sanskrit root which means a thief."

The title therefore means that he is riding over the field (field rat). The elephant's head and snout have possibly their origin the appearance of a farmer, carrying on his head a load of the corn sheaf, particularly when the lower or lowest ears swing to and fro. The appearance was readily passed to the symbol, possibly owing to mythological fable of four elephants which are supposed to support the heavens.....The idea therefore of a bumper crop over-riding the pestilence of the rats might well be expressed by a god with an elephant's head, riding a rat and possessing in addition a 'fair round belly', the latter evidently symbolical of the barn. Conquest is very often symbolised in this manner, Shiva rides the bull—Nandikeswar—he conquered; Krishna dances on the hood of the snake, Kaliya whom he vanquished and Ganesh rides over the rat he destroys, as the Lord of the Harvest."

Tilak made it a National Festival

The credit for making this festival a national one goes to that prince among patriots, Lokamanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak. At the beginning of his political career Tilak went among the villagers of Deccan and towns people of Poona urging the revival of celebrations of Ganesh Chaturthi. In 1898, he organised in Poona the first public festival in honour of Ganesh and incidentally founded Ganapathi societies.

As is usual with all festivals and holidays it is a day of feasting and rejoicing. A few days before the commencement of the festival images of Ganesh in various sizes and colours appear in the market. Particularly on the morning of the auspicious day there is a great demand for them, flowers, fruits and incense.

Made up of clay the image is installed and offered puja.

The leaves of durva are sacred to Ganesh and he is worshipped with them. The food that is offered consists of "modaks" made of rice, raw sugar, and the kernal of the coconut, iddli and all kinds of fruits.

Curse On Moon

Some people keep the image for a day and a half, some others for five or six days, according to the wealth and wishes of the house holder. On the final day the image is taken in procession and eventually committed to the river, sea or tank. It is believed that the moon should be avoided on the Day, lest the subject may incur any calamity down the year. There is a legend that one day Ganesh while riding his favourite mouse had a fall at which the moon laughed. Enraged at the insult Ganesh cursed the moon and all who looked at him and afterwards restricted it to one day, viz. his birthday.

Grants Desires

The sacred books say that Ganesh is the God who grants all desires in all ages. When the Pandvas and Kauravas stood duly arrayed on the battlefield Yudhistir asked "O, Krishna, what good will grant us success on the battlefield?"

The Lord said: "O, Dharmma, if you perform the puja of Ganesh you will be able to conquer your enemies in this battle and will soon be crowned. He who worships Siddhi Vinayak gets what he wants, i. e. knowledge, wealth, success in battle, son, husband, etc. Ganesh should be worshipped in the first instance before the commencement of the puja of every other god or goddess, such as Vishnu, Shiva, Devi, Parvathi or the Sun. If the God Ganesh is worshipped all the Chandikas and Mother-Goddesses are pleased."

Tired Feeling? Due To Lack Of Sugar in Blood

Studies of business executives over fifty who felt tired during the day have shown that the tired feeling is due to lack of sugar circulating in the blood.

When sugar is not in quite the required proportion, the brain refuses to function properly. But it was found that taking sugar in the form of candy, sweets and so on does not help much. The doctors found that starches and proteins which form sugar slowly are best.

When there is not sugar enough in the blood, the man becomes high-strung, easily tired and the body goes on a 'sit-down' strike, the doctors state.

Regular meals taken slowly helps a lot. And if one must smoke it is better done after meals and not on empty stomach.

THE MOON AND ITS INFLUENCE ON HUMAN LIFE

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Since then, however, I have met in England quite a number of farmers and gardeners who believe that the state of the moon at the time of planting has a direct and notable influence on the growth of the seed or root.

Dr. Rudolph Steiner, who studied closely the effects of the forces of the moon on plant life and growth, found that they varied greatly at the times of new and full moon. Experiments carried out under his guidance over a period showed remarkable results.

An authority on this unorthodox system of planting recently gave some striking instances of differences in growth attributable to lunar influence. In a series of carefully experiments maize planted two days before the full moon 'ran away' from maize planted two days later. When the former plants where four feet high the latter had reached only thirty inches. Moreover, the yield from the former was considerably greater.

In both cases the rainfall was equal. This is an important point; for Steiner considered that definite lunar influences are conveyed through rain.

Struck by the results of these experiments a South African farmer decided to make a test. Later he wrote saying that the maize planted with the waxing moon yielded 30 to 40 per cent more than maize planted with the moon on the wane. Even more remarkable was the experience of a South American farmer who wrote saying that it was common knowledge in his area that trees planted in the first few days of the new moon come to harvest two years earlier than those planted at other times.

On the Continent many farmers believed that planting with a waxing moon encourages growth above ground while a waning moon influences growth below ground. Maize peas and beans therefore are planted before the full moon and roots when it is on the wane.

The Influence of Full Moon

In recent years experiments made in England with lettuce and cabbages showed that those planted two days before full moon—the perfect lunar time—had more vigorous growth, larger, and firmer heads and were nearly three times as heavy as those planted at other times. In addition their yield was greater as much as 30 per cent increase in crop being recorded. Similarly beans showed a higher yield by 50 per cent, and peas by 70 per cent when planted under the best lunar conditions.

When transplanting is called for experience suggests that the most favourable time

is within forty-eight hours of the full moon. Before transplanting trees, particularly if they are old ones, it is wise to mark on them the points of the compass so that when replanted they may retain exactly their old position in relation to the sun and the moon.

The moon it is said stimulates those organs in a plant which digest the food extracted from the soil. Thus the argument continues the moon must have an effect on the growth of young seedlings, and must also affect the sap contents of young trees. Who knows perhaps one day all sowing and planting will be done according to the phases of the moon?

(DORIS CARTER in the Madras Sunday Hindu)

Simple Operation for Coronary Occlusion

About two teaspoons of pure talcum powder inserted between the heart and its cover by a relatively simple, safe operation relieves the pain of coronary occlusion. This is reported by an American surgeon, Dr. Samuel A. Thompson of the New York Medical College, on the basis of a 12 year study.

The coronary malady deprives the heart of its blood by closing off arteries which feed it. When the arteries become completely closed, death comes rapidly. If the vessels feeding the heart are only partially closed, the patient may live but will suffer varying degrees of intense pain. In such patients the large arteries feeding the adjoining organs send out millions of tiny arteries, like runners of a strawberry plant, in an effort to feed the blood-starved heart. This growing process normally goes on very slowly.

Dr. Thompson's explanation of the success of the talcum powder technique, as reported by the New York Herald Tribune, is that the powder stimulates the growth of these tiny arterial runners by irritating the heart. This inflammation of the heart, rather than worsening the original heart condition, causes enough of the arteries to grow to send a large supply of blood to the heart, thus relieving patient's pain. The talcum powder—in much purer form than that ordinarily used on babies—remains harmlessly in the heart for the life of the patient.

Dr. Thompson is quoted as saying that no special training is required by a surgeon to perform the operation. The surgeon cuts out a portion of the rib directly over the heart, slits the heart cover—without touching the heart—and puts in the powder.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction No.1192
In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Thangam Alias Thangamuttu wife of S. Veluppillai of Karukampalai, Tellippalai

Deceased.
1. Karthigesu Vyravappillai and wife
2. Mawenmany both of Tellippalai West
Petitioners
Subramaniam Veluppillai of Tellippalai west
Respondent
This matter coming on for disposal before William Gunam Spencer, Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 1st day of June 1950 in the presence of Mr. M. Sithambaranathan, Proctor for the Petitioners and the affidavit of the Petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that the 2nd named Petitioner as daughter of the abovenamed deceased be declared entitled to have Letters of administration to the abovenamed deceased issued unless the respondent or any other person shall appear before this court on the 28th day of August 1950 and show sufficient cause to the

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satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 1st day of June 1950
Wm. G. Spencer (Sgd)
District Judge

Drawn by
M. Sithambaranathan (Sgd)
Proctor for Petitioner
28-8-1950
Order Nisi is extended till
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