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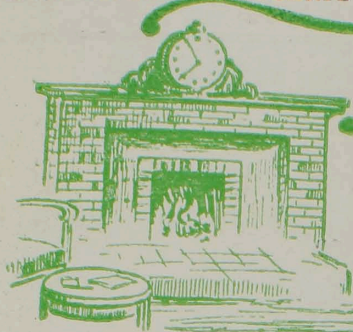
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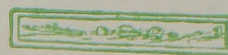
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The Passing Hour



BY THE EDITOR



THE press has now revealed some of the crucial results of the negotiations for next year's trade agreement between the Red Chinese and Ceylon Governments. The reports did not quote their source and consequently they cannot at the time of writing be regarded as fully authentic. However there is every chance that the figures given therein will prove to be accurate and it is therefore not premature to assess the true significance of the facts.

As forecast in these columns the price of sheet rubber for next year has fallen. Instead of receiving thirty two pence for a pound of number one ribbed smoked sheet the Ceylon Government will next year receive only twenty eight pence. This represents the price paid for F.O.B. delivery, and is equivalent to approximately Rs. 1.55. Ceylon is thus assured of a very satisfactory price for sheet rubber during 1954. Now what is the producer likely to get out of it? In the current year the Government has retained a margin of approximately 20 cents per lb. and if this practice continues the shipper will be paid roughly Rs. 1.35 per lb. for F. O. B. delivery. During the current year business has been conducted on the basis of the shipper reserving about $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents per lb. for profit, packing charges, export duty and cesses. On the same basis the shipper will be able to pay the supplier Rs. 1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ per lb. and in this case the price to the producer will have fallen by the same amount as the final F.O.B. price at the other end of the chain. It is not quite certain however that this will be the case. The Government may possibly decide to cushion the repercussions on the producer by retaining a smaller margin of profit for itself. The considerations impelling it to such a course are not very stringent, however, for if the producer receives Rs. 1.12 he will still be enjoying a remunerative price.

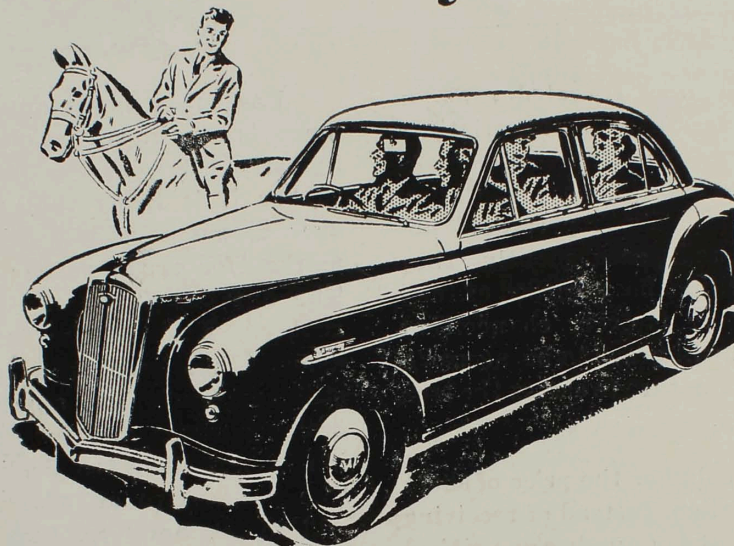
The other important aspect to the agreement is the repercussions on the crepe rubber industry. Despite the fall in the price of sheet rubber it is likely that the tendency to switch over to sheet will continue since the world market for crude rubber still rules very weak. The one exception, of course, will be sole-crepe rubber. Even in the case of this commodity demand has been growing weak of late but it still commands an appreciable premium over ordinary crepe and for this reason its production is not likely to decline to the same extent. The progressive abandonment of crepe milling will mean, however, that Ceylon's hold in the American market will weaken over time and that her dollar-earning capacity will be drastically reduced. **The final consideration is whether Ceylon's eastward trade is making her too heavily involved with the Communist bloc.**

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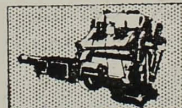
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Ceylon Boxer who never lost a Fight

By T. M. G. SAMAT



ON the the 23rd of August there died in Colombo a policeman, Sub-Inspector E. S. Selladurai, who was almost certainly the finest boxer Ceylon has ever produced. Full police honours were accorded the dead champion at his funeral.

With almost monotonous regularity Selladurai held the fly weight, bantam weight and feather weight titles of the A. B. A. for nine consecutive years—a record which is unlikely ever to be equalled in Ceylon, if not in any part of the world. Ever since he entered the ring as a boy of nine he never lost a fight.

Selladurai had had a most distinguished boxing career when he retired in 1933 from active sport, or rather when he was retired by those then guiding the destinies of Police sport. Some thought that Selladurai should have been allowed to go on for ever; others, however, were loth to jeopardise Selladurai's splendid record.

Selladurai's retirement from the ring opened up for him another notable chapter in Ceylon boxing. For over 15 years he kept Police boxing in the forefront and in such places as Rangoon's Jubilee Hall, where the Ceylon Police more than once won the Burma Ceylon Inter-Police Contest with broad margins of victory, Selladurai brought honour to Ceylon boxing; for everyone of those teams was trained by him. Best testimony to Selladurai's abilities as a trainer was the 7-1 victory Ceylon scored when the Burma-Ceylon Meet was last held in Colombo.

The Police force has always been a breeding ground of boxing champions. Among the best known holders of A. B. A. titles were Ammon, Packeer, Dhanapala, Sherrideen, William and Deen all of whom were pure and simple products of Selladurai's methods of training.

Selladurai's skill also contributed in shaping A.W. Henricus into an Empire Games champion at the Games held in Sydney, not to mention E. I. Grey who was an aspirant for Olympic honours in London. Henricus and Grey, together with more than half the men in the Police Force, had their training in boxing under Selladurai.

A notable "find" of the Police Boys' Brigade, Selladurai quite early as a boy showed amazing

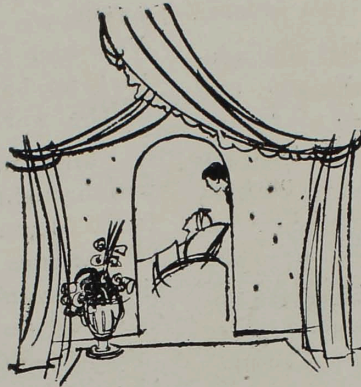
stamina and inexhaustible persistence. In those days he would fight well over ten preliminary rounds before figuring in the finals. Most of these preliminary rounds were keen contests, but Selladurai would always get over the opposition most efficiently without showing a trace of exhaustion. Very high levels in those days were of the opinion that no boy of his weight and age anywhere in the world could beat him.

First international win for Ceylon in sport was brought by Selladurai when, at the All India Boxing Championships in Bombay some 26 years ago, he captured the All India fly weight title beating Wadia, one of India's best known fighters. Subsequently Selladurai met many an outside champion at A.B.A. meets in Colombo. Almost all of them were members of the British Navy or Army with remarkable achievements to their credit in Britain, and at Mediterranean and Eastern ports where naval meets were held. In spite of tough opposition Selladurai was able to keep his unbeaten record clean. No wonder that in Burma he earned for himself the nickname of "Tiger". Police soccer, hockey, and volley ball teams were never complete without Selladurai taking his place in the forward line.

A career as a policeman started for Selladurai in 1924 when he graduated from police boy to police constable. About five years ago he was promoted to sub-inspector after having served as a sergeant for a number of years during which period he had performed very important work as Instructor at the police training school which had heavy programmes of training especially in the latter part of the 1930s.

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FOR the greater part of the last four years of his life Selladurai was a hospital case. Just over a year ago, while still on his back, Selladurai was flown to Vellore where, within a month, he underwent two serious operations on the lung and brain. He stood the operations well and after recovery returned for duty. In the middle of last month he again fell ill and the end came. A most lovable man, the large gathering of young and old, high and low who came to pay him their last respects, bore testimony to the high esteem in which he had been held during his lifetime.



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Women's Page

BY JULIETTE



AN INTERESTING link with the past is Ceylon-born **Mrs. Goodenough**, wife of Capt. M. G. Goodenough, C.B.E., D.S.O., commanding officer of HMS. Newfoundland, flagship of the East Indies Squadron. She is visiting the Island on a 2-months holiday having specially made the trip by air to meet her husband after an eight months separation. The Captain served as Director of Plans to Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten when the latter was Supreme Allied Commander, South-East-Asia. Mrs. Goodenough is the daughter of the late Sir Ransford Slater, G.C.M.G., C.B.E., who was in the Ceylon Civil Service at the time of her birth and stationed at Galle. He later rose to be Governor of Sierra Leone, the Gold Coast and Jamaica in that sequence. Her maternal grand-father was the late Mr. H. T. S. Ward, one-time Director of Public Works in Ceylon. At the age of three she left for England and did not return until December 1938 when she arrived on a 2-months visit to join her husband who was then serving on H. M. S. Norfolk. Before her marriage she accompanied her parents to the Gold Coast and thence to Jamaica where she met her future husband, then a gunnery officer on H.M.S. Danae which was then on the South American and West Indies Station. They married in 1934 and have three children—a 17-year-old daughter and 2 boys aged 12 and 8. Mrs. Goodenough returns to the U.K. on October 2 where her home address is Lower Woodlands, Shiplake, Henley-on Thames, Oxon.

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MEET **Mrs. T. M. Habsjah**, wife of the Indonesian *charge d'affaires* in Ceylon and daughter of the Deputy Governor of North Sumatra, a scion of one of the ruling families of Sumatra. During the Indonesian independence

struggle she was an active member of the *Barisan Pemudi*—Young Womens' front.

She first met her husband in her native town in the province of Langsa where he was serving as a District Officer. A graduate of Al Azhar and the American University in Cairo, her husband has travelled widely, and during the war was attached to the Public Relations Department of S.E.A.C. in Kandy. Before joining the diplomatic service he was an officer in the Indonesian civil service and in this capacity was in the forefront of his country's national struggle. This is the second occasion on which Mrs. Habsjah has joined her husband on a diplomatic assignment—the first being to Pakistan. Mrs. Habsjah speaks Dutch with as much fluency as her native Indonesian and is a voracious reader of books written in both languages. She is a regular film-goer, loves western dancing, and like any other woman is deeply interested in Ceylon's precious stones. Her national dress is the richly dyed and beautiful batik sarong and *kebaya* (long-sleeved jacket) and carved *Keloms* (wooden sandals). At her parties she serves typical Indonesian fare the spices for which grow here in abundance. The Habsjahs and their three sons feel quite at home in Ceylon which bears a very close resemblance to their own country.



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A PIONEER founder-member and secretary of the "Ceylon Thespians" **ZENA DICKSON** (nee Van Twest) has played an enthusiastic part in building up the traditions of the

Ceylon stage and in stimulating public interest in Shakespearean drama.

A school teacher of several years standing, Zena has wide and varied interests ranging from girl guiding, music, singing, dancing and dramatic art to social work. Marriage has been no bar to her continuing to take a major part in her other interesting activities. She is presently in charge of the classes in drama and elocution conducted for the children of members of the "Ceylon Thespians."

A zealous member of Christ Church Cathedral, Mutwal, Zena has been Honorary Treasurer of the Mothers' Union for several years and acted as Hon. Secretary of the Diocesan Board of Women's work for a short period. She also supports social welfare work and helps in the organising of various appeals on behalf of the Deaf and Blind, CNAPT, Red Cross Society and the Ceylon Social Service League.



Zena's husband is Chief Engineer in the Department of Industries. He is equally interested in his wife's various activities and is honorary Treasurer of the "Ceylon Thespians," the Moral Re-Armament movement (Ceylon branch) and Christ Church Cathedral, Mutwal, of which he has been Bishop's warden for the past decade.

PATRICIA MAXWELL BURTON—"Pat" to her close friends—grew up in a small southern town in the U. S. A., a typically sleepy, bucolic, conservative sort of place, but entirely lovely. Born in the mid '20's, she "coasted through the mythical abandon of that era as obviously as she did through the depression of the 30's," to use her own words. At the beginning of the next decade she was sent away to school to Mussourie, thus commencing an educational gamut that subsequently ran from New Orleans, Louisiana, to New York City.

Graduating in political science she had a working introduction to amateur theatricals, i.e., a maximum of back-stage experience—set-building, lighting, sound effects, assistant-direct-

ing—and a modicum of on-stage experience in Lillian Hellmad's *The Little Foxes* and another show whose title she cannot now recall but in which she had the single deathless line "Madame, remember the face." After finishing work in New York for a Master's degree at Columbia University (International Law and International Relations) she trekked back into the entertainment world... first into commercial radio with one of those curious American "give-away" shows and from there into television, arranging music.

Meanwhile Dan Burton of the Standard Vacuum Oil Coy, her husband-to-be, had been posted to India and at the end of his year in Bombay she came out East and they were married. After two wonderful years they returned to the States on a six months holiday. Their son Maxwell was born in the States and did his first long distance flight by air to Ceylon at the age of two months. Their year's stay in Colombo still makes them feel new to the city, or rather, the city keeps showing new unexpected glimpses of itself. Above all, husband and wife love the all-the-year summertime which allows for plenty of swimming.

Patricia is interested in all the mediums by which man is able to express himself and in those people who experiment with such expression. "A writer of sorts" and a woefully amateur painter (finger-painting), she also admits that she plays the piano "quite badly—by ear of course." Her immediate interest is the International Theatre Group which is in process of re-formation. She does Red Cross work weekly at the tea canteen in the General Hospital and is vice-chairman of the American Women's Committee which aids local charities. At the moment they are printing Christmas cards of their own designs and are completing a cookery book—the proceeds of which will go to charity.



PRETTY, 21-year-old **Manel Illangakoon** who has been awarded the title of "Miss Lanka 1953" in the island-wide Beauty Contest



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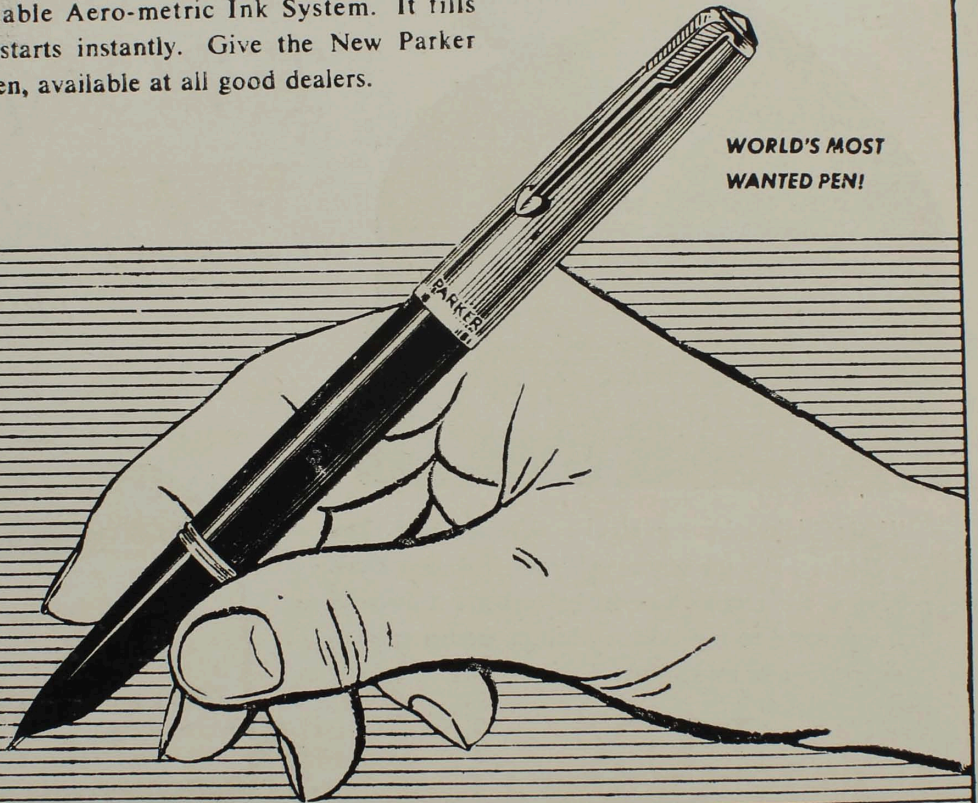
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organised by the *Times of Ceylon* flies to London on October 2 to take part in the "Miss World 1953" competition.

Manel is no glamour girl. Indeed, she is a shy young person thrust into the limelight overnight. As a matter of fact, this was not of her own seeking but of that of her sisters, who knew what they were about when they sent in the entry form with her photograph. Unlike previous local beauty



queens, Manel is typical of Ceylon and a worthy representative of Sri Lanka's womanhood. Attractive, vivacious and a very natural sort of person, Manel has a figure that anyone might envy, and wonderful jet black knee-length hair.

Manel was born at Gampola and had her entire education at the C.E.Z.M.S. school in her home-town. She comes of a family of 5 sisters and 8 brothers, her father being Mr. R. S. Pelpola, landed proprietor, businessman, and ex-M. P. for Gampola. Manel is a fairly good swimmer, plays netball and the guitar, and has often teamed up with Brixious and his Hawaiian Band. Her favourite pastimes are ballroom and Indian dancing and light classical music.

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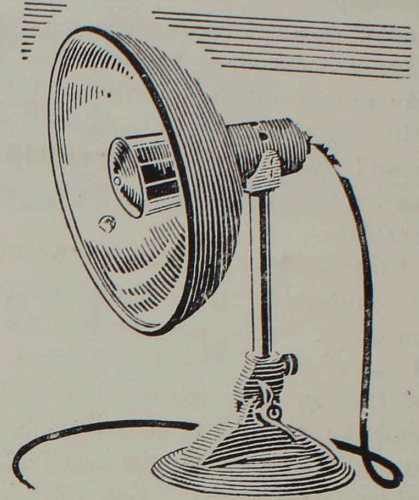
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Cooking is an art she has learned the hard way. Handicapped as she is without electricity in the home, domestic work goes on apace and is no drudgery to Manel—who loves it. Continuing to take an interest in her childhood hobbies, Manel still finds time to collect stamps, snapshots and photos of glamorous film stars. Reading, gardening and poultry rearing are her other relaxations.

Manel confessed that while not accutely fashion-conscious, she nevertheless is very interested in clothes. She never bows to the dictates of fashion but follows her own taste and prefers the saree as it suits her figure best, but dislikes the choli. She likes long earrings, especially the *coodu*. Her

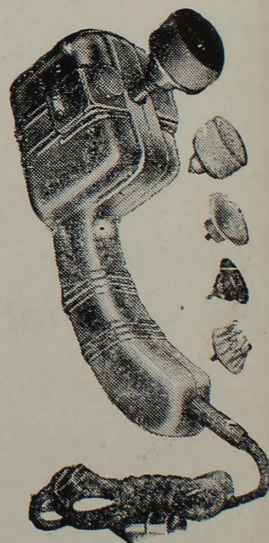
engagement ring is a diamond studded lotus flower and she designed her own bridal jewellery. Her favourite colours are dark green and mauve, but she often wears white for the evening.

What type of husband has "Miss Lanka 1953?" She tells me that their romance started through a pen-pal friendship. Their courtship lasted four years and they were married six months ago. A Public Health Inspector, her husband is a handy man about the house who uses the hammer and chisel with good results. He is also an amateur photographer, a keen naturalist, an ardent horticulturist, plays hockey with vigour, loves dancing and reads true detective novels. His best friend is his beloved *guru*, the Revd. Fr. Augustin Berrewaerts, S.J., Principal of Ampitiya R. C. College, Kandy.



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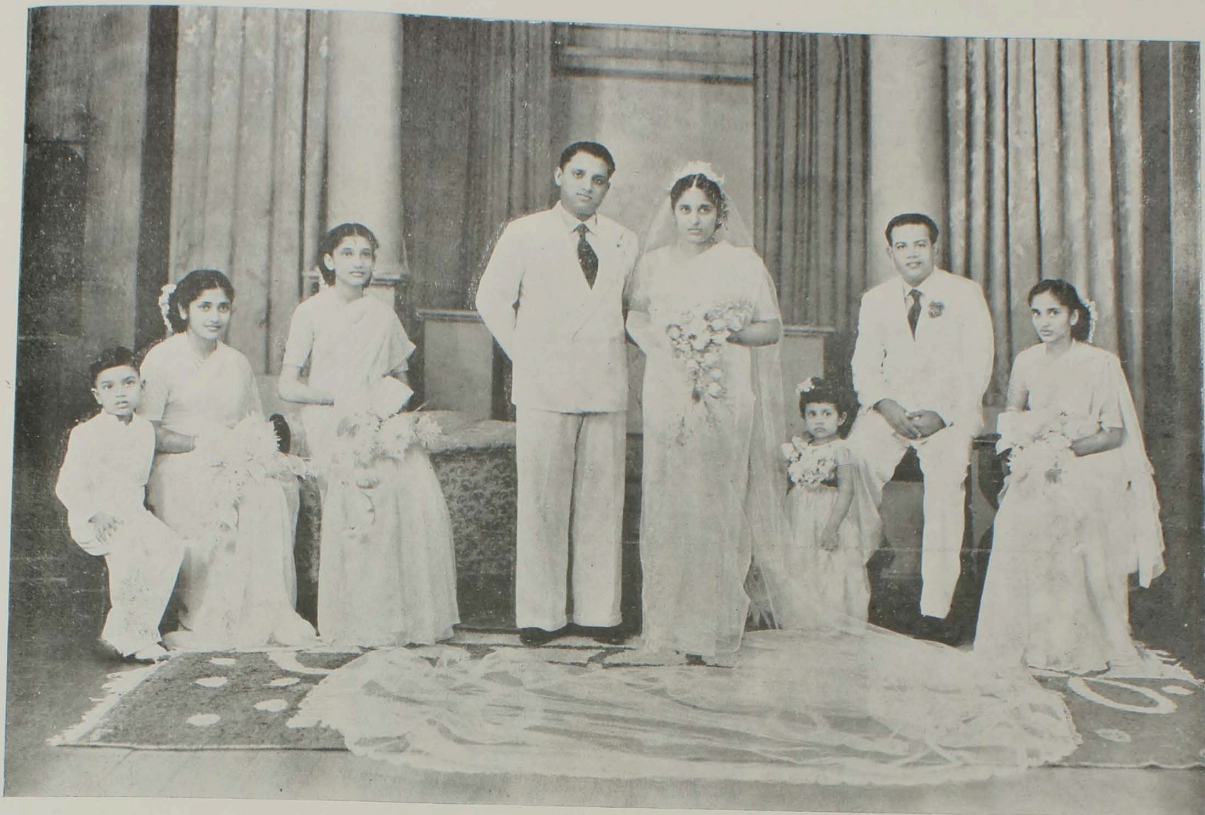
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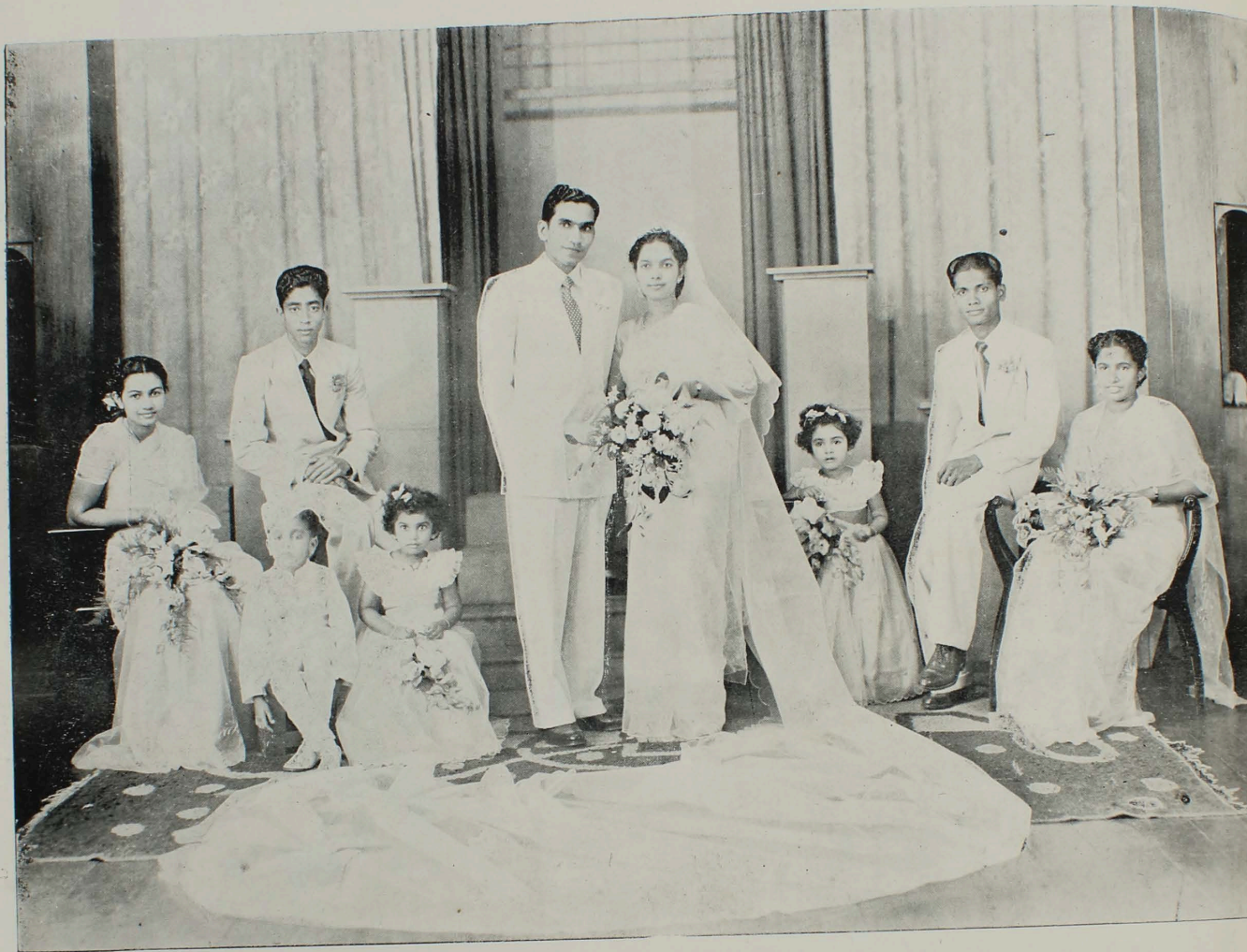


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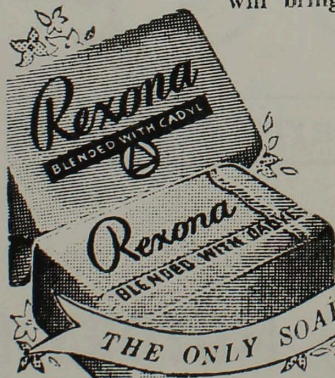
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London Watches Adenauer

HOW pleased is Whitehall with the German election results? This is no idle question; for jubilation has been neither quite so general nor quite so unqualified as in the citadel of Mr. John Foster Dulles. If Dr. Adenauer continues to behave as he has for the most part in the past, the British diplomatic observers will be quite happy. But the fear does exist that, with his new, assured lease of power, he may abandon some of his customary prudence. His first public statement, since his electoral triumph, on the subject of unity, has not reassured the anxious. The Chancellor talked of "liberating" the East Germans. This is not a word that he has allowed himself to use in the past. However, this echo of the less well considered elements in the Republican election campaign last autumn should not be taken too seriously. In the first place, it was a last gasp of the election; and in elections politicians always say many things they do not intend to follow up. In the second, we may be quite confident that Dr. Adenauer was not meaning to imply that Germany would be unified under his aegis through force of any sort whatever.

Sign of the future

A most significant step has been taken by the United States in their efforts to strengthen NATO defences. An expert on pilot-less aircraft and guided rockets has been appointed new Chief of the U. S. Military Assistance Advisory Group in Britain. He is Brigadier General P. H. Robey of the U. S. Air Force. In his new position he is working in London with British Government officials, administering military aid supplied by the United States. In 1939, flying a B-17, he became co-holder of world records for speed and altitude in heavy bombers. For the past three years he has taken part in developing pilotless planes and guided missiles.

Hectic days ahead

While the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are resting at Balmoral their diary of public engagements is steadily being filled up for weeks ahead. And in the opinion of many the future

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programme makes far too many demands on their energies. October, the month before they depart on one of the most extensive and ambitious Royal Tours ever planned—is over-crowded with events for all members of the Royal Family. The greatest burden has been placed on the seemingly tireless Duke of Edinburgh. During the next two months his engagements will be punctuated with rests only at the week-ends. On several occasions he has two and even three engagements on the same day. Between October 15th and 26th he has no less than fourteen to fulfil, and more are being considered. For the Duke has agreed to attend public functions until four days before leaving.

Duke to fly again

When the Royal family returns to London from Balmoral, it is expected that the Duke of Edinburgh will make more use of his helicopter. Prior to the Coronation he made several trips by air from Windsor, saving himself much travelling time. During the next month the Duke has more engagements than any other member of the Royal family, for which the helicopter will be equally useful. Before leaving with the Queen for Bermuda in November, the Duke will probably use his helicopter for trips between Buckingham Palace and Sandringham. It



The Princess Royal, who has a natural way with children is expected to be a frequent companion for Prince Charles and Princess Anne while their parents are on the Royal Tour.

is understood that he intends to put in a few days shooting there; although the partridges and pheasants at Sandringham, in common with those in East Anglia generally, have suffered from the very wet weather during the breeding season.

In good hands

Where will Prince Charles and Princess Anne stay while their parents are away on the Royal Tour of Australia and New Zealand? Part of the winter will undoubtedly be spent at the Royal Lodge, Windsor. Balmoral, Sandringham and the Castle of Mey can all be rather depressing at that time of year. Looking after the children will be the Queen Mother, to whom both are devoted. She took care of the Duke of Cornwall for a long time when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were touring Canada. Three great-aunts, the Princess Royal, the Duchess of Gloucester and the Duchess of Kent, will also spend time with the children. The Princess Royal, however, is likely to be their frequent companion. She has a natural way with children.

The King's Biographer

One of the busiest writers this summer has been Mr. John Wheeler-Bennett, the 50-year-old historian. He is finding that gathering material for this magnum opus—the official biography of King George VI—is an enormous task. He has recently spent two days at Sandringham collecting facts. It was his first visit to the Norfolk home; but he will be going there again soon. Mr. Wheeler Bennett is working at Garsington Manor, his Elizabethan home near Oxford. There he sometimes shuts himself in his study for days going over details again and again to secure his most valued objective—accuracy. When working he receives no callers; only his wife may interrupt him in an emergency. When will his important commission be fulfilled? Even the author has no idea. There is a mountain of material at his disposal and the Oxford don will overlook nothing.

New T.U.C. Chairman

For the first time in 30 years the engineers' leader has been elected chairman of the T.U.C. He is Mr. Jack Tanner, President of the A.E.U. Although Mr. Tanner is not so colourful a character as Mr. O'Brien, whom he has succeeded, he has had his adventures. Among them are stowing away on a Scandinavian ship to get to the Second Communist International at Leningrad, where he met Stalin. The A.E.U., of which he has been president since 1939, is one of the rebel unions that have been well to the fore in wage demands and in urging further nationalisation. They have an amendment down for

the Labour Party Conference at Margate at the end of this month, urging nationalisation of the aircraft, shipbuilding, and ship-repairing industries. It will be interesting to see how Mr. Tanner, who is not so far to the Left as many engineers would like, gets on with his own union in his new office.

Woman Politician

Lady Megan Lloyd George's allegiance to the Liberal Party has been very much the topic of conversation in political circles in London recently. It is nearly a year since she came to her decision not to put up again as Liberal



Lady Megan Lloyd George, the great Liberal leader's daughter, is not likely to join the Labour Party.

candidate for Anglesey, and the rumour, rife at that time, that she would go over to the Labour Party has been raised again at intervals, denied, and raised again. Lady Megan herself has refused consistently to comment on the situation, and has kept out of the public eye altogether since she made her

decision. Now, however, the matter has come up again following Liberal Party meetings in London, and there is a definite feeling that the great Liberal leader's daughter is not likely to change her political faith. But the pros and cons of the situation have provided a piquant subject for her London friends in politics to discuss.

The Dollar Man

There is no surprise in London that Mr. Eugene R. Black has been renamed for a new five-year term as President of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Although at 54 he is one of the highest paid bankers in the world—he earns £10,600 a year, tax free—he is also one of the hardest worked. Since he was appointed to the Presidency in 1949 he has been almost perpetually on the move, visiting the many countries where his bank plays fairy godmother. In 1951 alone he visited many



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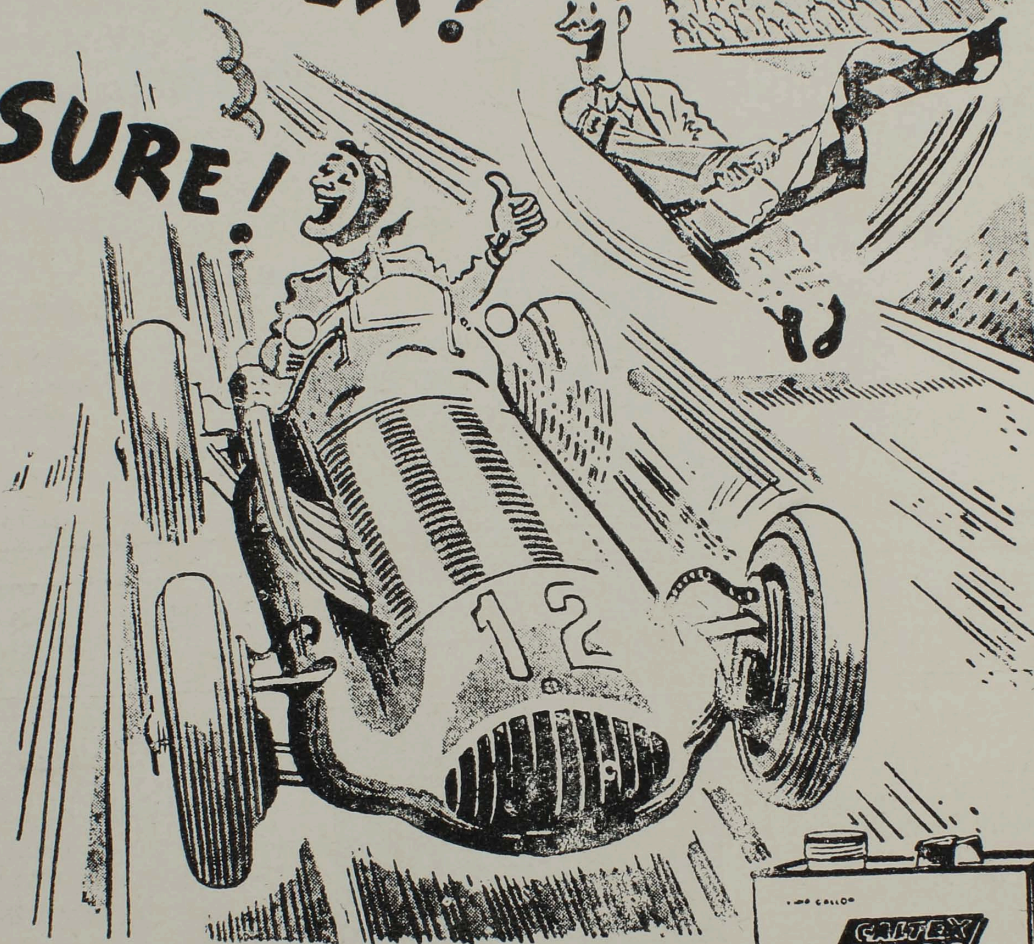
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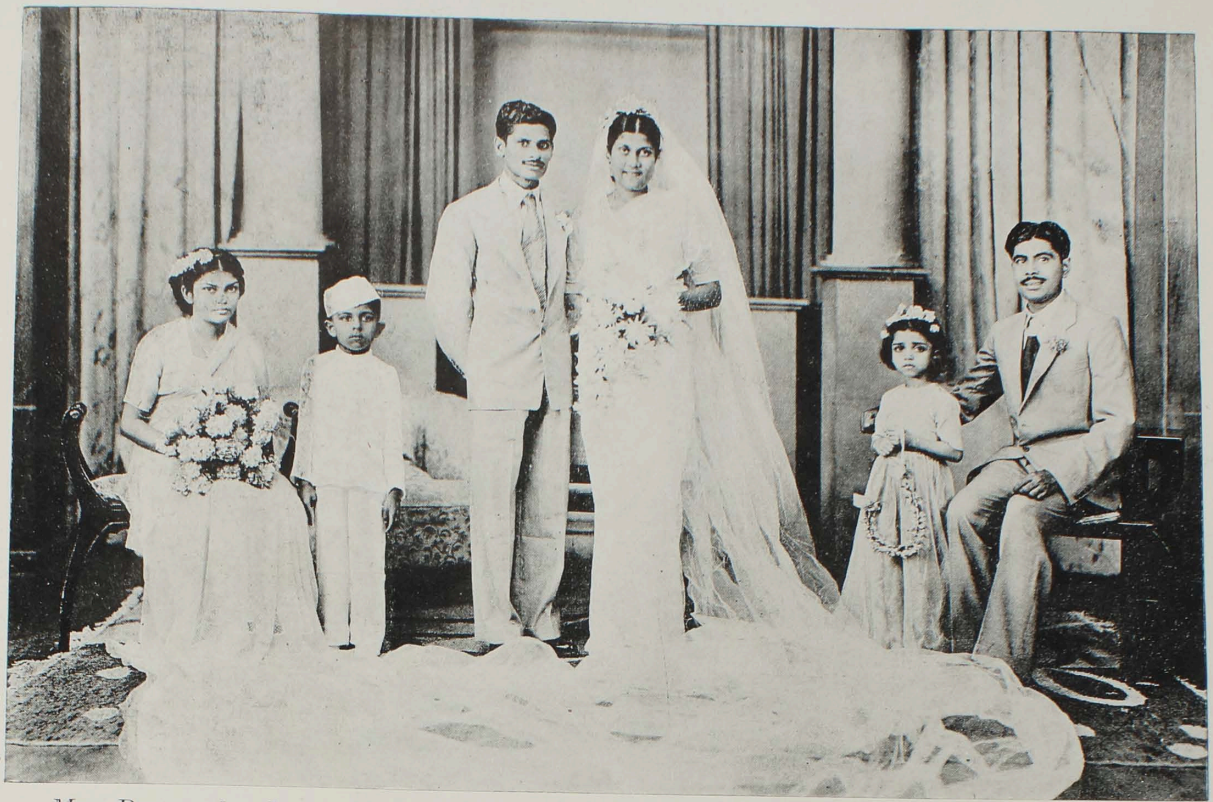
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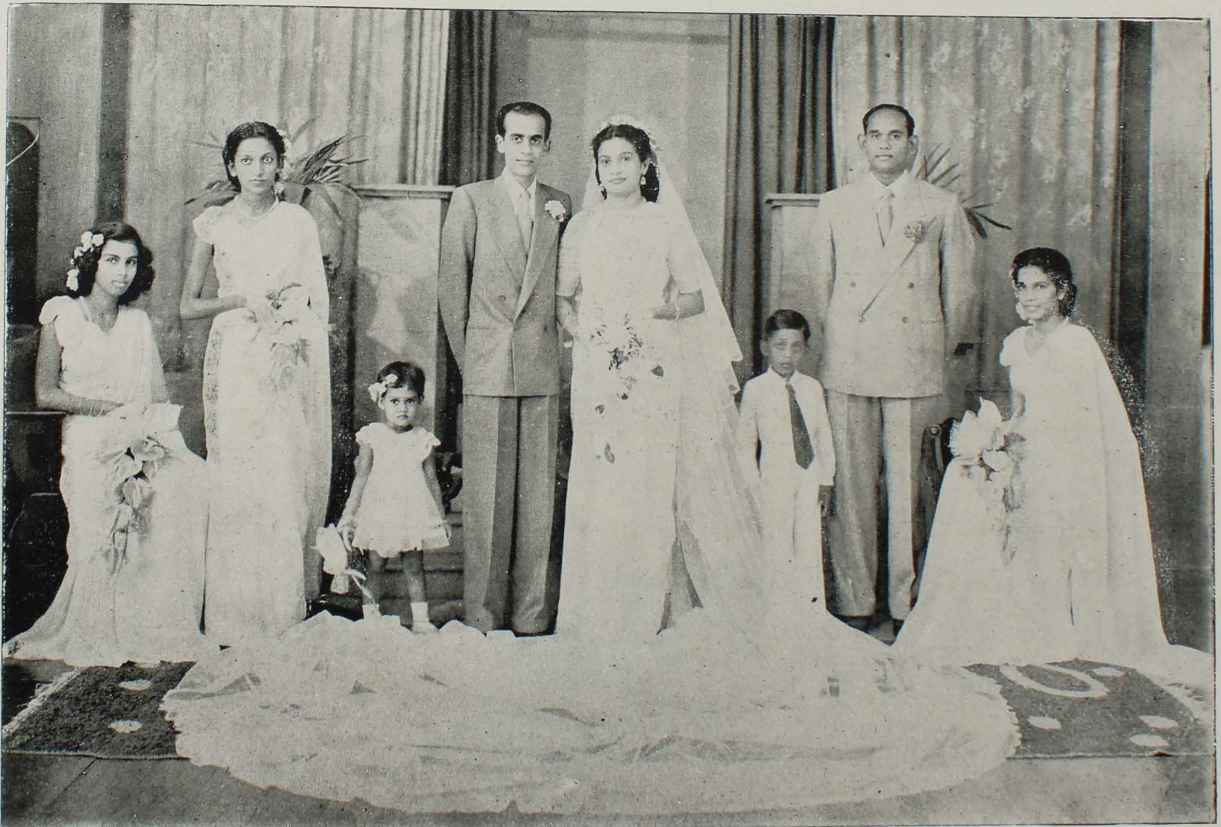


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Mr. W. L. Soysa and his bride Miss Sitha de Silva, who were married on 24th September, 1953.



Mrs. F. H. Perera, Government Lady Vaccinator, has been awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medal 1953, for meritorious work rendered by her to the Department of Medical and Sanitary Services during the past twenty-five years.

International Bank projects in South American countries and covered Pakistan, India, Ceylon, Thailand and Australia. Before joining the Bank, tall and handsome Mr. Black spent more than 25 years in private investment banking. He went to the International Bank in 1947 as United States Executive Director.

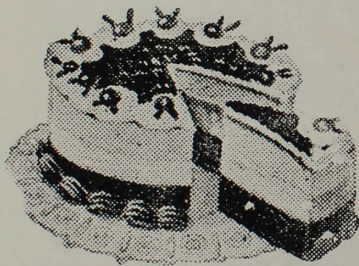
Royal Farewell Tribute

This week the box office has opened at the Royal Festival Hall for the Australian-New Zealand Royal Concert—the farewell tribute to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, before they leave on their Royal Tour in November. As anticipated, there has been a big rush for tickets. Advance bookings for seats at 3gns, 2gns, and 1gn., have been available for the past few weeks, and the demand has been impressive.

Australia House has received over 300 subscriptions; and New Zealand House over 200. So far there have been bookings for boxes at 50 gns and 25gns. The Festival Hall, with a seating capacity of over 3,300, is expected to be sold out before the end of this month. The Concert should prove the greatest royal gala occasion since "Gloriana".

Race Prepasation

The Vickers Valiant—the only one of Britain's new big bombers entered in the England—New Zealand Air Race—is now being prepared for the event next month. The actual plane to be used is the second prototype which was first seen at Farnborough last year. In the weeks immediately before the race a considerable training schedule will be flown on the aircraft, mainly



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to observe fuel consumption and performance details. A number of full-load take-offs and landings will be made. Also domestic arrangements—such as the best way to feed the crew who will be wearing oxygen masks for much of the flight—will be put to the test. Captain of the Valiant will be Squadron Leader Rupert Oakley, 38. He was awarded the D.F.C. in 1944, and the D.S.O. in 1945. Altogether he made 74 operational sorties in the last war and has flown some 2,500 hours. He lives at Shirley, Croydon.

Collectors' Coins

The Royal Mint has received orders for thousands of sets of special "proof" coins customarily issued for United Kingdom, Commonwealth and American collectors at the commence-

ment of a new reign. These collectors' coins, to be distributed this month, are struck from highly-polished dies which give them a mirror-bright appearance and make them distinctive from ordinary currency issued for circulation purposes. While many of the sets are of the same design as English coinage, ranging from a farthing to a five shilling piece and including the Scottish shilling, some countries have asked for specially-made coins according to their national pattern. Because of the exceptionally high polish required for these collectors' pieces they take considerably longer to mint than ordinary coins. Each set is packed in a specially-prepared presentation case containing a new tissue paper to prevent tarnish during transit and enable the coins to reach their destination in the same bright condition in which they leave the Mint.



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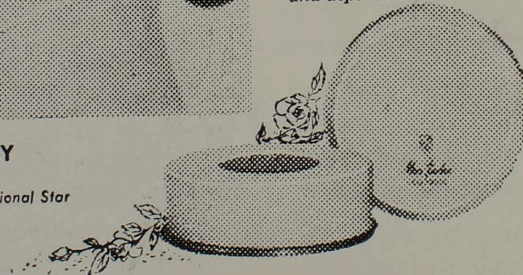
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Merriment and Monument

By R. H. BASSETT C.M.G., C.B.E.



DURING July and August we have had a spate of galas and fêtes, (we pronounce this word "feets"), and it is a close time for public duties, except those that are essential. I have a part-time job as a Civil Defence officer, which enables me to write "Employed" under the Insurance heading in government forms, and prevents a feeling of complete superannuation, but at this time of year we give up lectures and exercises, because all the Civil Defence members are quite rightly either gardening or taking their holidays. After all, one does hope our prospective enemies realize that only the most unsporting type would attack while the Australians are here.

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SOME of the less cheerful writers of letters to the Times have lately been deploring modern England's abandonment to Sport and Pleasure. They maintain that in their young days people were not like this; they worked, and liked



Sunrise at Stonehenge on Midsummer day. Note the Hele Stone directly in the path of the sun. The big pillars of the outer circle, with lintels, are the "Grey Wethers" of Salisbury Plain. The smaller stones, many of them broken, of the inner circle, are the "foreign" stones from Prescelly in South Wales.

centuries, idle elderly gentlemen have resented the pleasure with which people who work appreciate well-earned leisure. In the "Alphabet of Scientific Angling", published in 1836, the author James Rennie M. A., quotes a passage which, though written in a style now forgotten, gives expression, as long ago as the seventeenth century to the identical opinions still ventilated in the press.

There are 35,000 spectators today at the Test Match at Headingley, and 20,000 were turned away because there was no room, so perhaps this is not the moment for comment; anyway I think I will give up work for a time and watch on the T. V. until play is again stopped by rain. That was a most enjoyable interlude. I saw the tough last fifteen minutes of the fourth day on a wet pitch, with the top dried by sun. Both Compton and Bailey had very near misses as bumpers from Lindwall and Miller skimmed their heads by fractions of an inch, but they survived by dour, grim batting, leaving England seventy eight runs ahead at the close of play.

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LAST evening we had trouble between Robert the dog and a hedgehog, who was helping himself to a few tit-bits out of an old bath tub into which refuse suitable for the compost heap is thrown. The hedgehog was standing on his hind legs, with his front legs, like arms, over the edge of the bath, and his head inside among the rubbish, so that he was caught at rather a disadvantage, but rapidly dropping back, he rolled up and frustrated the attacks of Robert, who received several prickles on his nose. Undeterred by this affair, the hedgehog visited us again about 3 a. m., when he and a lady friend awoke me with their noisy love-making below the bedroom window. This morning there are mysterious blurry foot-prints, like those of the abominable snowman, in the childrens' sandpit.

The hedgehog known in Lincolnshire as the "Urchin", seems to be a very ancient type of animal, who has not changed his model for many

it, or at any rate they had to pretend they did or they got the sack. The blame for this ostensibly new playboyishness that has pervaded the character of the English, particularly the young, is attributed in the correspondence column rather vaguely to politics. Whether the charge is true or not, it is certainly not a new one. For

thousands of years, like the sea urchin, another spry creature, whose fossilized remains show no difference from the modern type. Man is not so conservative. In the Gloucestershire and Wiltshire "barrows", or burial mounds, we find skeletons of two types, the long-headed pastoral man and the round-headed agricultural man, though it is pure coincidence that the long-heads buried their dead in long "barrows" and the round-heads in round "barrows".

About 1800 B. C. some of these round-headed men migrated from South Wales to Salisbury Plain, where they built Stonehenge, the latest and best "finished" of all Stone Circles. They brought with them, some 150 miles by sea, forty-five of the pillars, each weighing fifteen tons or so, and an extra big one, which they picked up and brought along because it caught their fancy at Milford Haven while they were em-



*Stonehenge about 1800 B. C. looking South East. The Hele Stone is on the extreme left standing in the Avenue.
Note also the other two sighting stones.*

barking there. I have found a picture of Stonehenge as it must have looked when it was first completed and was in use for religious purposes. You will see that the building stands within a circular earthwork. The diameter of the outer circle of stones was 108 feet, the same as that of the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral, and the height of the tallest Trilithon, with its lintel, about 24 feet. A detached piece of one of the pillars, dug from the foundation, where it has lain unaffected by weather, shows that the surface of the stone was beautifully dressed with rough tooling all over, the tool being a quartzite pebble or implement, of which many used specimens have been found at the site. The tremendous weight of the "foreign" stones emphasises the skill of these prehistoric mariners and engineers, who, after ferrying their cargo round Land's End to the mouth of the Hampshire Avon, brought it up that river to Amesbury, whence they dragged the monoliths overland to the site, by the easiest route, along which their

tracks still show from the air. The outer ring of pillars are hewn from the huge roughly rectangular boulders with which Salisbury Plain was once thickly strewn. The country people call them "Grey Wethers," because they look like huge sheep resting on the downs, but they are comparatively scarce now, having been used by vandal contractors for building houses and making roads, like some of the rock inscriptions in Ceylon.

There is little doubt that Stonehenge was built for religious ceremonies connected with the sun. As you can see in the picture, an earthwork avenue, seventy-one feet wide, led away straight to the eastward for about 500 yards. In the middle line of this avenue, 256 feet from the exact centre of the Stone Circle, and 16 feet high, stands a solitary unworked monolith called the Friar's Heel, or Hele Stone. If you rise early enough on Midsummer's day, and go to the precise centre of the circle, you will see from there, through one of the huge arches and straight down the avenue, the sun rise exactly over the tip of the Hele Stone. There are two other single unworked stones just within the bounds of the circular enclosing earthwork, and, from the same central spot you will see the sun rise immediately above the southeasterly one on the Winter Solstice, and set over the south-westerly one on the Summer Solstice. The whole edifice makes one think of a kind of giant sundial, marking the seasons, so that the Priests, or Wise Men, could tell the people when it was time to plough and sow.

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Stonehenge, in its wide setting of grassy downland, made me imagine an Anuradhapura on the patnas, and it seemed to me that picture was a seemly one. High places have been venerated from time immemorial, and still are among peasants all over the world. I mean the sort of high place where, on a really hot day, you can lie in the sun on the grass, usually in a small depression on the hill top, and hear a monotonous buzzing in the air, which I suppose is made by insects, interspersed at intervals during the mid-day heat, with a faint, dull boom, more a vibration than a noise, the cause of which I have never discovered, though the wisest man in our village used to say it was the sound of the world going round. But I have seen sheep stampede in panic just after

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I have heard it, after first gathering and staring, as if someone had scared them, and I know of a Downland shepherd who kept a goat's foot in his hut among the hill-tops. He would never answer questions, but he maintained that "on hot days" the sheep never "gadded" when he carried a cloven hoof near the flock.

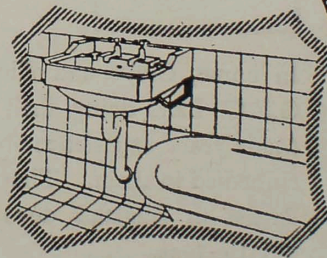
ONE is reminded of the Ceylon "kemmas", many of which are successful, or at least think they are, which is just as good. Failure to treat a "kemma" with respect can certainly lead to catastrophe. I once was in the Bintenna with J. R. G. Bantock, who was in the Ceylon Police, and is now Governor of Brixton Prison, where he looked after Christie while he was on remand. Bantock treated the anti-tick "kemma" with undue levity. Instead of plucking a small leafy twig unostentatiously from behind him as he passed a bush, and sticking it, with complete lack of self-consciousness, in the back of his shorts, he, with humorous gravity, broke down a small tree some seven feet high and proceeded on his way below, a towering plume of foliage. As a comic act it was a success; the villagers have laughed about it ever since, so I have been told. But that evening at Kaltota, when we searched ourselves for ticks Nemesis was found to have struck. The scoffer had literally hundreds, whereas those of us who had used the "kemma" properly had next to none.

SPEAKING of charms, while we were in Essex, visiting my daughter I spent some time one evening in the local Dog and Duck. Conversation ranged over the war in Korea, from which my son-in-law had just returned, Test matches, fishing, national health, and from these to rheumatism. The landlady, who was forty, and comely withal, complained bitterly that she had it in the leg, and in rather an awkward part of the limb too, so that when she sat it hurt. She said that someone had told her to tie a kipper securely to the seat of the trouble, and it would soon be cured. One or two of those present endorsed the treatment and there were various offers of help. I suggested that there might be certain discomforts attached to sitting on a kipper for a long time, not to mention going to bed with it, but the courageous lady said she didn't mind as long as it cured her rheumatism, and she was going to try it. I never heard whether the charm succeeded; it probably did, as she certainly believed it would.

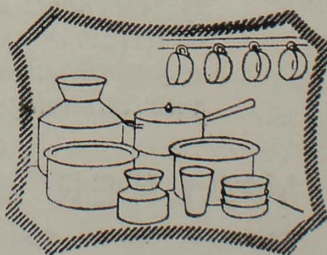


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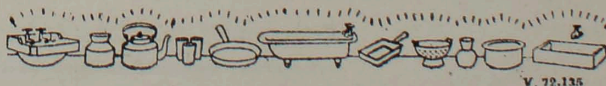
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Salt is white and pure; there is something holy in salt. Hawthorne.



TO think of salt is to think of the sea which is its chief source. Few of us ever think of the salt-mines where miners dig it out of the earth like coal or plumbago.

Such rock-salt deposits were formed due to evaporation of saline lakes or seas so many centuries ago that we have to 'place' the time in terms of geological periods. If, at any time in the future, the Dead Sea dries up, an enormous quantity of salt would be similarly made available to the people living on the earth at that time.

SALT is a common ingredient of our every meal, and it is readily and cheaply available. But in some other parts of the world it is very rare. Scientists and explorers who venture deep into remote regions have found it advisable to take along a quantity of salt with them for purposes of bartering with the natives. In some areas salt is used as money in the way we use coins and pieces of paper, while in parts of Dark Africa it is so valued that a man can buy himself a wife by handing over a quantity of the commodity to her father or guardian.

The uses of salt do not end here. Salt has a proven medicinal value, and is essential to the correct functioning of the human system. Scientists have found that lack of iodine in our daily salt intake leads to goitre formation in the neck. Frequent medicinal baths with salt solutions cure rheumatism and skin diseases. The busy housewife who complains of a sore throat and gargles with a tumblerful of salt solution probably does not know that salt was one of the earliest and cheapest antiseptics known to man.

Salt has even crept into our literature and the English language has many commonly used terms which refer to the useful mineral. For example, we talk of certain rich people as having 'salted away' their cash, and we say, don't we,

that the 'facts' of the habitual and notorious liar must be taken with a "pinch of salt." Other terms that spring easily to mind are: attic salt for wit, and the classification of an undeserving character as one who is "not worth his salt."

As there is a great economic value in the production of salt, it has, from early times, been mixed up with politics, sometimes on an international scale, with one nation eyeing the resources of the other in a bid to exploit the commodity to the greatest advantage.

It will be recalled that in India, Gandhiji led the now famous Salt March as a protest against the unjust salt tax. India, like other countries, had lost no time in working the salterns as government monopoly ventures, but the tax became a heavy burden on the poor. The Mahatma's protest had, however, many far-reaching effects: it united the country, added momentum to the freedom movement and, eventually, *Satyagraha* led to the final overthrow of British power in India.

IN Ceylon, too, the production of salt came in for much meddling prompted by political considerations, and the salterns at Puttalam figured in what may be called the "salt diplomacy" of our early European conquerors. One historian records that the Dutch, especially, used the control they gained over the supply as an effective lever to exert pressure on the Sinhalese and to bring them to meek acceptance of Dutch terms.

The port of Puttalam, which then was of some importance, was the main outlet of the Kandyan King when the maritime regions fell to the enemy, or were rendered useless by blockade. Streams of merchants would visit the port and return with their *thavalam* bulls and carts heavily laden with imported articles as well as local products, chiefly cloth and salt.

It was salt that gave Puttalam its name and prominence as one of the chief towns in the north-western province. Puttalam became

the administrative headquarters till the seat of the agency was removed to Kurunegala in 1856. According to Casie Chitty the name is derived from two Tamil words, *pudu* (new) and *alam* (saltern). The port is said to have been visited by Ibn Batutua in 1327, when the Chinese traveller noted that (as now) salt was the principal source of revenue in the area.

From the time of Ibn Batutua to the present day is a long jump, and, of course, the production has increased and the area roundabout has developed. Yet the methods of salt production remain surprisingly primitive. Organisation, implements, the working conditions show no signs of progress.

The privately-owned salt pans are worked on the share-crop basis, much like the *ande* system which prevails in our paddy cultivation. This system is open to abuse. The worker who toils and sweats often finds that he is left with a mere pittance at the end of the harvesting season after the provisions have been paid for, and the 'loans', and 'advances' returned to the mudalali.

Back-breaking toil is the lot of the workers and one cannot but be struck by the unsophisticated ways and the simple demands of the labour gangs. Sometimes the women coolies sing, giggle, and even break into a jig, like happy schoolgirls, as they work in the blazing sun and the intolerable glare. No intelligence, indeed none is needed, in their scheme of things, for no effort has yet been made to assure the worker steady employment when work in the salt-pans ceases during the off-seasons.

It is then that the workers make a desperate search for employment and consider themselves lucky if they are engaged on the surrounding estates. Some of them do a little fishing in the lagoon, others gravitate into the town to do odd jobs, while their womenfolk try to supplement the family earnings by gathering and selling firewood.

The production of salt is always at the mercy of the weather conditions, so they watch the clouds wistfully, and brag of bumper crops

when an unexpected drought sets in. Sometimes goats are offered to the gods in the hope that the clouds will hold back the rains. It is all guess work and completely unscientific throughout.

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THE Government-managed centre at Palavi, about 3½ miles from Puttalam is the only saltern where a little scientific action is displayed. Here a series of reservoirs and condensing pans are used to pass the brine, at various degrees of concentration, until final crystallization takes place. Motor pumps, windmills, and a small internal railway are the outward signs of modernity and indicate the advancement of technique. Windmills, which produced a minimum 6 m.p.h. winds, draw about 60,000 gallons of brine per hour.

When the brine is drawn from the lagoon it is at about 5 degrees Beume (Beume being the scale on a salinometer which measures the degree of salt impregnation in water). After about two months in the pans, the brine reaches 25 degrees Beume—saturation point—and salt is deposited in the bed. When the thickness of the deposit is about one inch it is collected by manual labour.

At the stage when the brine is between 12° B. to 25° B. a precipitate of gypsum is formed which is cleaned, powdered, and manufactured into plaster of paris.

Some months ago a ripple of surprise was caused by reports that *experts* were said to have recommended the closing of the salt pans around Puttalam. The Government, it was believed, had been advised to concentrate on the production of salt at Point Pedro and Hambantota only. The object of the expert viewpoint, it was conjectured, was to ensure production "on an economic basis." But the implementation of any such recommendations would most certainly have resulted in economic chaos and unemployment in the Puttalam area. Fortunately, the suggestion that the salt pans, which date back to the time of our Sinhalese Kings, be closed, has, apparently, been treated by official quarters with some doubt and but mild enthusiasm.



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L. M. G. Fernando, son of the late Mr. Marcus Fernando and of Mrs. G. Fernando of Wadduwa, to Swenitha, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Sidney F. Jayawardene of Colombo.

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WEDDINGS

Goonasekara—Nagahawatte :

RECENTLY, of Sub-Lieutenant D. B. Goonasekara, Royal Ceylon Navy, with Clara Nagahawatte.

Karunaratna—Perera :

Recently, of Mr. W. S. Karunaratne, Ass. Archaeological Commissioner, with Chandra, daughter of Mr. L. P. Perera of Vedamedura, Nikape, Dehiwala, and Mrs. Perera.

Saravanamuttu—Vaithianathan :

Recently, of Dr. R. Saravanamuttu with Devajanaki Vaithianathan.

Dissanayake—De Cabraal Wijetunga :

Recently, at St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, of Dr. Stanley Dissanayake of the Faculty of Medicine, Ceylon University, with Ellerine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. F. de Cabraal Wijetunge of Thimbirigasyaya, Colombo. The Prime Minister and Sir Nicholas Attygalle signed the register.

Silva—Medonza :

On September 3. at the Galle Face Hotel, of A. D. Silva, Proctor, Panadure, with Molly, youngest daughter of Mr. A. Medonza. The attesting witnesses were Sir Ernest de Silva and Mr. G. C. T. A. de Silva, District Judge, Panadure.

Anderson—Metzeling :

On Sept. 5, at the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, of Dr. Arthur (Gigi) Anderson of the Civil Hospital, Galle, with Lorraine, daughter of the late Mr. Arthur Metzeling and Mrs. Metzeling of Layards Rd., Bambalapitiya.

Perera—Wijesinghe :

Recently, at St. John's Church, Nugegoda, of Tudor Perera with Christobel, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wijesinghe of Nugegoda. Sir Oliver Goonetilleke (the bride's uncle) and Mr. K. Williams, Director of Census and Statistics, were the attesting witnesses.

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Quiet Wedding :

IN their jubilee year the "Ceylon Thespians" broke with tradition and branched out into the field of modern drama. Their first effort in this field, *A Tight Corner*, was enjoyed by all who saw it. For their second modern play they have selected *Quiet Wedding* by Esther Mc Cracken. It is delightful comedy. A strong cast has been selected among whom are Peggy Jansz, Diane Sproule, Nedra Wijeyakoon, Peggy Schokman, Lyddia Gunasekera, Lola Prins, Drüssille Siebel, Lheila Leembruggen, Robert Ramsay, Earle Anderson, Bernard Tyler and Terence Surgenson. Rehearsals have commenced and once again the production is in the capable hands of Arthur Van Langenberg. The "Thespians"

hope to put this play on the boards early in October—so look out for the dates.

Oratorio:

A feast of sacred music is in store for music lovers when over 70 voices composed of the Colombo Singers augmented by the Maradana-Colpetty Methodist Choir will put over Haydn's masterpiece *The Creation*. The Colombo Singers have in the past given Colombo's musical public its only opportunity of hearing such works as Brahms's *Requiem*, Parry's *Voces Clamaneum* and selections from Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*. Their production last year of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Trial by Jury* was a great success. The Maradana-Colpetty Methodist Choir (formed in 1947) gave performances of the Bach Motet *Jesu, Priceless Treasure* the following year, and the Passion Music from Handel's *Messiah* early this year. On both occasions they were augmented by singers from outside their two churches. *The Creation* was last performed in Colombo and Kandy in 1940 by the choir of the Kandy Music Society, accompanied by a string orchestra conducted by Hilda Utting; the soloists Margaret Jones, Devar Surya Sena and Revd. Robert Nelson.

The soloists on this occasion are already well-known to Colombo audiences. Joan Cooray (soprano), who sings the parts of Gabriel and Eve, studied first under Margaret Jones and later at the Trinity College of Music, London, under Charles Kennedy Scott, conductor of the Oriana Madrigal Society and of the Bach Cantata Club. The Revd. Eric Bartlett (tenor) who has had much experience of oratorio work in England, will sing the part of Ariel, which is familiar to him, while Lylie Godridge (bass-baritone) one of our most promising singers and a pupil of Mrs. Spencer-Sheppard, sings the parts of Raphael and Adam. The work will be accompanied on the organ (pianoforte accompaniment at Kandy) by Lucien Fernando, organist of the Church of St. Michael's and All Angels, and will be conducted by Gerald Cooray. Two performances are being given—on Oct. 14 at the Church of St. Michael's and All Angels, Polwatte, and on Oct. 24 at Trinity College, Kandy—in aid of the Ceylon Red Cross Society, the proceeds to be devoted to the

work of the Home Visiting Committee of the Colombo Division and to the Kandy Division's Headquarters Building Fund. Make it a "must" and help a most deserving cause.

Darrawella Goes Gay

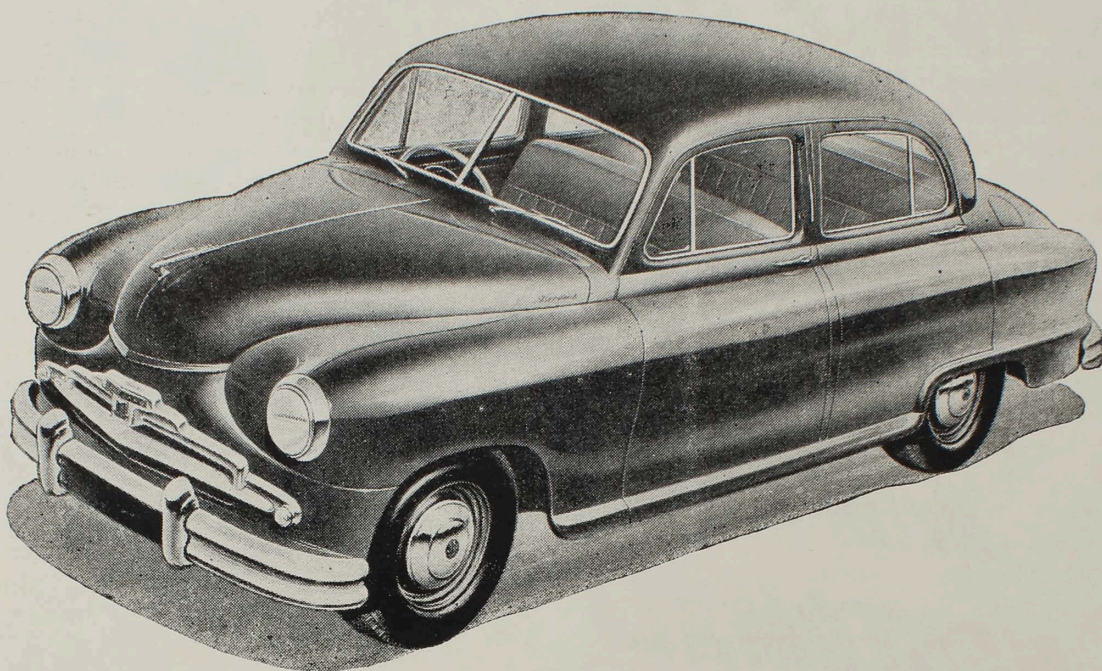
THE annual rugger match between Scotland and England was played recently on the D. M. C. C. grounds at Darrawella. A large crowd was treated to a rousing game of rugger with England coming out on top by the narrowest margin of 6 pts. to 5. After the match the usual dance was held under the auspices of the Caledonian Society. The Club looked colourful with masses of lovely flowers which had been arranged by the ladies of the Dickoya district, and the Caledonian Society's shields and banners added to the feeling of gaiety. The Caledonian Society Pipe Band under Honorary Piper Margaret Dyson-Rooke played before the match and the pipers also played for the first eightsome reel, while the Swinging Harpe's band supplied a pleasing selection of dance music which was greatly appreciated. The organisation of the party was in the capable hands of William Munro and Alan Macdonald.

The Australians played All-Ceylon at Darrawella on Sep. 5 before one of the biggest crowds ever seen on this picturesque ground. Altogether 2,555 people gained admission to the grounds and were treated to an excellent exhibition of rugger by the Australians who scored a run-away-victory by 39 pts. to nil. A dance followed with the popular Swinging Harpe's band supplying the music. The Club decorations were magnificent, thanks again to the kind ladies of the district who saw to the flower arrangements which is a feature of these social get-togethers. The Australian team made themselves very popular and it is hoped that this will not be the last time that Darrawella will see an Aussie team in a rugby "test."

Aussie's Rugby Tour

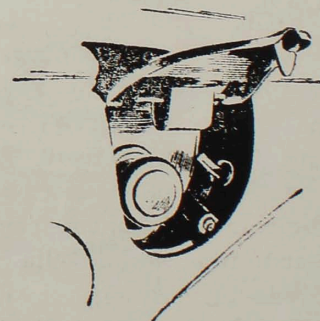
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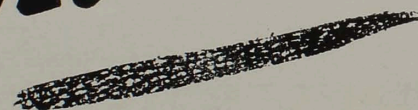
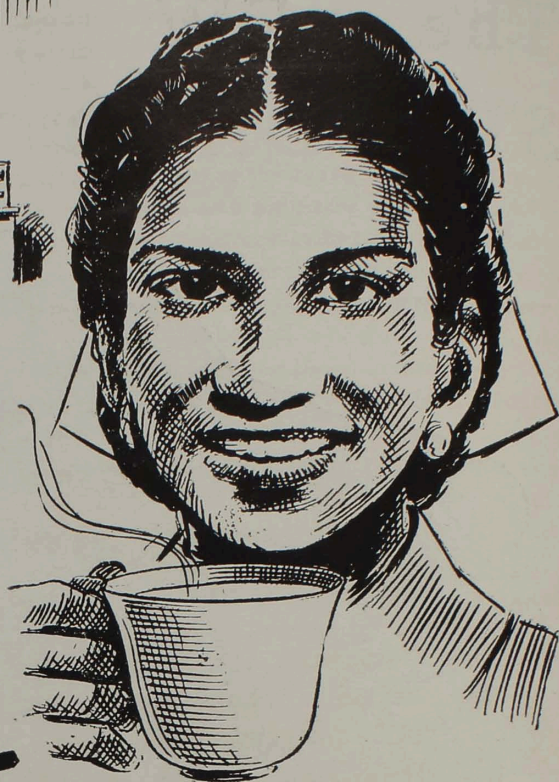
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spectators enjoyed an exhibition that will not be forgotten for a long time to come—thanks to Mr. Justice Gratiaen and the Ceylon Rugby Football Union. The Aussies were superior in all departments of the game—their forward play was an eye-opener especially in the loose, Short snappy passes and flying tackling were a feature while speed and stamina were factors to be reckoned with. The local teams were time and again beaten in the lineouts and set-scrums. Conceding nearly a stone each they were “up against it” from the moment the game started till the last whistle sounded. It was only in the final match of the tour that Ceylon showed marked improvement and fought gamely. The rain proved a “spoil sport” so far as the Aussies were concerned and Ceylon was not slow to push home the advantage. It is to be hoped that the C. R. F. U. will make these visits a regular feature if local rugger is to make any headway. The results were as follows:-

Won against	Colombo	by 35 pts. to	11
“	“	Ceylon	by 39 pts. to 0
“	“	Up-country	by 32 pts. to 3
“	“	Barbarians	by 30 pts. to 3
“	“	Ceylon	by 11 pts. to 0

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The Wrens:

THE local branch of the Wrens Association formed four years ago comprises ex-Wrens who served in Ceylon and other parts of the world. Their aim, apart from keeping in touch with each other here and with friends overseas, is to provide hospitality for sailors from visiting ships, hospital visiting if any are sick ashore, and the collection of books and magazines to be sent on board. Small in numbers, the Wrens greatly appreciate outside co-operation in the achievement of their objective.

Appropriately enough, they are holding a Benefit Film Show at the Savoy on Oct. 21, “Trafalgar Day”, under the distinguished patronage of H. E. the Governor-General. The film *I Confess* directed by Alfred Hitchcock will be screened, the first part of the programme consisting of a “live show”, including a performance by members of the Royal Ceylon Navy. The proceeds will be equally divided between the Ceylon Naval Welfare Fund, Royal Naval

Benevolent Trust and the WRNS Benevolent Trust. Make it a date:

The Y. W.

THE annual finance campaign of the YWCA closes at the end of July with a deficit of Rs. 12,000. Renewed efforts are now being made to make good this sum by holding a Jumble Sale, a Fair, and a Charity Ball. The Jumble Sale will be held at the Y. W. headquarters on Oct. 3 at 2 p. m. Useful old clothes for men, women and children (sarees, frocks, housecoats, suits, shirts, ties, shoes) and household requisites (crochery, glassware, brassware, pictures), toys, tea, and coconuts, etc., will be on sale. Contributions from well-wishers will be gratefully accepted and may be sent to the YWCA., Union Place, Colombo or to the President, Mrs. G. R. Handy, 106, Havelock Road, Colombo 5.

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The "Tropicana"

The "Tropicana," an October Ball is to come off off at the Women's international Club on Oct. 17. Special cabaret items are being provided, music by Mario Manricks and his Swingtette, assisted by Myfawny Pompeus as vocalist. Tickets are available at the Y. W. at Rs. 7/50 per head for the supper-dance. The Fair will take place at the Y. W. on Oct. 31 at 3.30 p. m. and is to be declared open by Lady de Silva. There are to be several stalls providing articles of special interest to ladies and children including Christmas toys and gifts. Keep these dates free and help clear the deficit.

"Never Take NO for an Answer"

THE American Women's Committee—a charitably disposed organisation—is holding a benefit show at the Regal

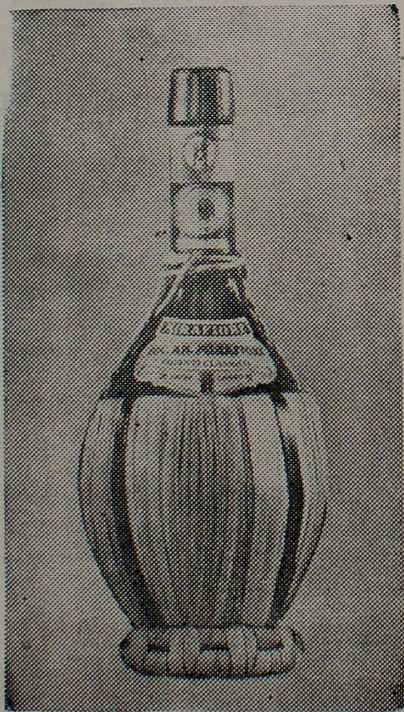
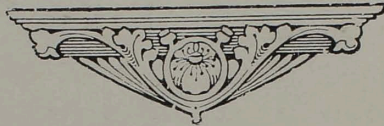
Theatre on Oct. 13 at 6.30 p. m. in aid of the Home for the Aged, Darley Road, Colombo. The film is to be the Italian production *Never Take No for an Answer*. Tickets are priced at Rs. 5 and Rs. 3/50 and can be had from any member of the A. W. C. The organiser is Mr. Bernard Gufley (who is shortly leaving the Island), assisted by Mesdames D. A. Nicholls, Kermit Midthun, L. R. Atkins and S. V. Suhler.

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Stop Press.

THE Darrawella Players are coming to the Ladies' College Hall, at 7 p. m. on Sat. Oct. 3, with *A Lady Mislaid*, a comedy thriller by Kenneth Horne bookings at Millers, seats Rs. 4 & 3 each.

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Without hesitation the Indian replied, "Egg".

Some years later the Englishman found himself in the district again, met the same man and gave the traditional Indian greeting: "How."

"Pouched," replied the Indian.

Sir Winston's Lady

I *MARRIED and lived happily ever afterwards. My marriage was much the most fortunate and joyous event which happened to me in the whole of my life, for what can be more glorious than to be united in one's walk through life with a being incapable of an ignoble thought.*

—SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL.

Young Ideal

"THE Gorgons," wrote a schoolboy, "were three sisters who had long snakes for hair, tusks for teeth and claws for nails. They looked like women, only more horrible."

What's in an age?

I *FEEL just the same as when I was twenty. I have never noticed age—it doesn't interest me. I don't feel any different at all.*

—CECIL COURTNEIDGE (aged sixty)

I *FEEL just the same as I did when I was twenty, and I shall feel twenty when I am eighty.*

—CLAUDETTE COLBERT (aged forty-seven).

PEOPLE, as we know, vary at different ages. Some people are born about sixty-five years old and ready to retire. And some stay twenty-one until they are ninety.

—LORD BEVERIDGE

Woman at work

A FLUTTERY young thing was being interviewed for a bookkeeping job at a swank night club. "You understand," said the personnel man, "that we need a responsible person."

"I'm very responsible," she assured him. "Why, on my last job, whenever there was something called a discrepancy, they always said I was responsible."

A *FRENCHMAN must be always talking, whether he knows anything of the matter or not; an Englishman is content to say nothing when he has nothing to say.*

—DR. SAMUEL JOHNSON.

THREE professors were gathering wool on a station platform. There stood the gabbling trio, thick in their metaphysics, while the train waited. Finally, as the whistle blew, two of them shuffled hastily on board. "Lucky for them they made it," said a porter who was standing by. "Be that as it may," said the academic ancient who was left, "it was they who had come to see me off."

I *F a man has satisfied his ambition and is happy with his lot, he is a success no matter how little money he has made. The one ingredient that is essential for success is contentment.*

—PETER J. STEINCROHN.

I *HEARD of a French M.P. who went to sleep for four hours during a debate and when he woke they told him he'd been Prime Minister twice.*

—TED RAY.

A MARKET research investigator asked a nine-year-old schoolboy: "If you could have one item from a sweetshop without having to pay for it—what would you choose?"

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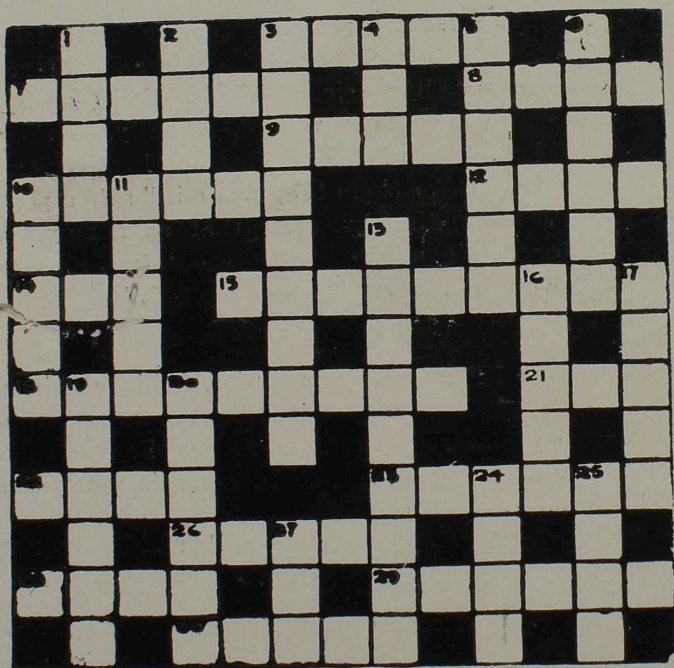
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7. Expansion
8. Difficult
9. Proposal
10. Earlier
12. Measurement
14. Japanese sash
15. Brazen
18. Comrade
21. Small cask
22. Oil of roses
23. Mad
26. Combat
28. French military cap
28. Whole
30. Garment

DOWN

1. Therefore
2. Bird
3. Stenography
4. Dolt
5. Excitement
6. Summary
10. Philosopher
11. Dislike
13. Unwise
16. Additional
17. Fur
19. Vent
20. Gain
24. Satisfy
25. Pleasant
27. Spirit

Solution to Puzzle No. 203

ACROSS

1. Vassal
4. Studio
9. Acquaintances
10. Dreamer
11. Swine
12. Stiff
14. Staff
18. Again
19. Repulse
21. Unintelligent
22. Lunacy
23. Lesser

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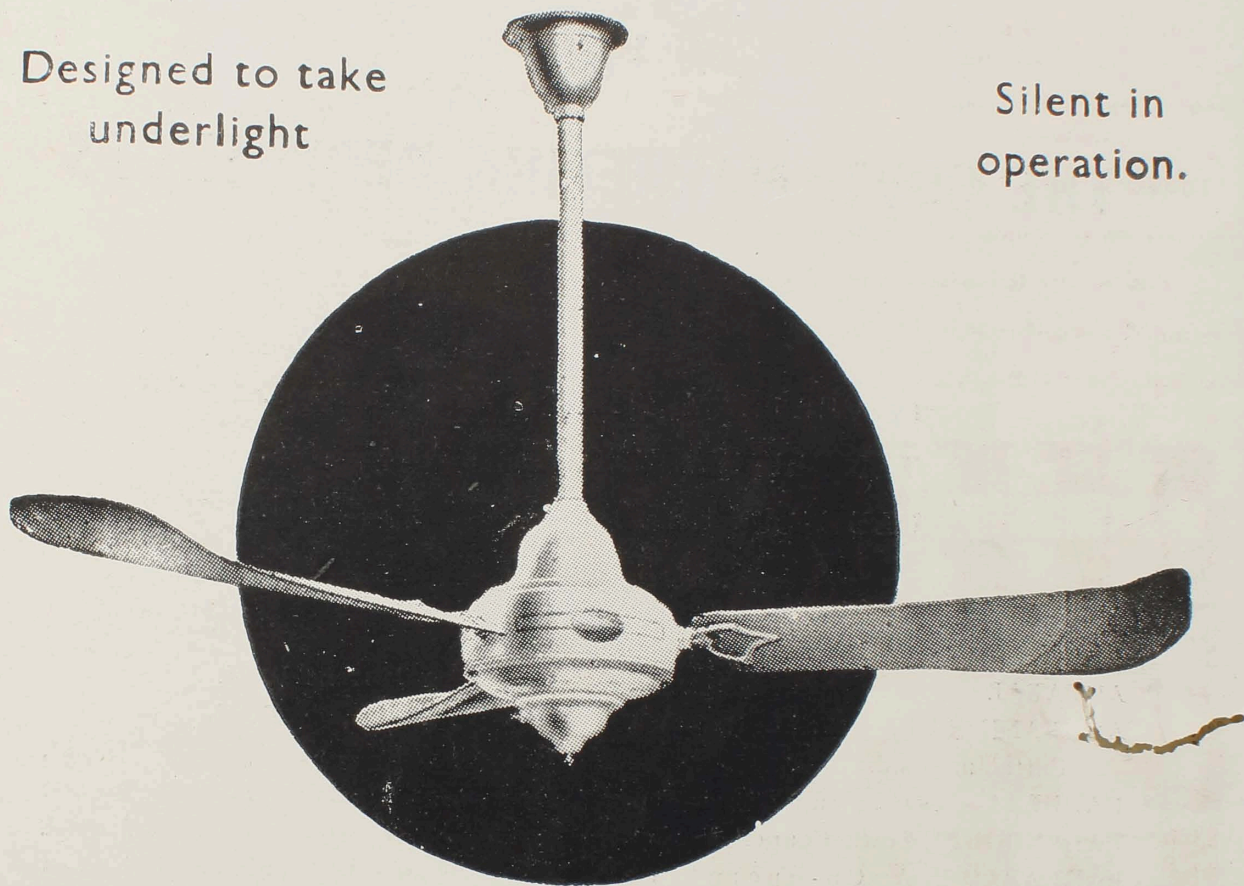
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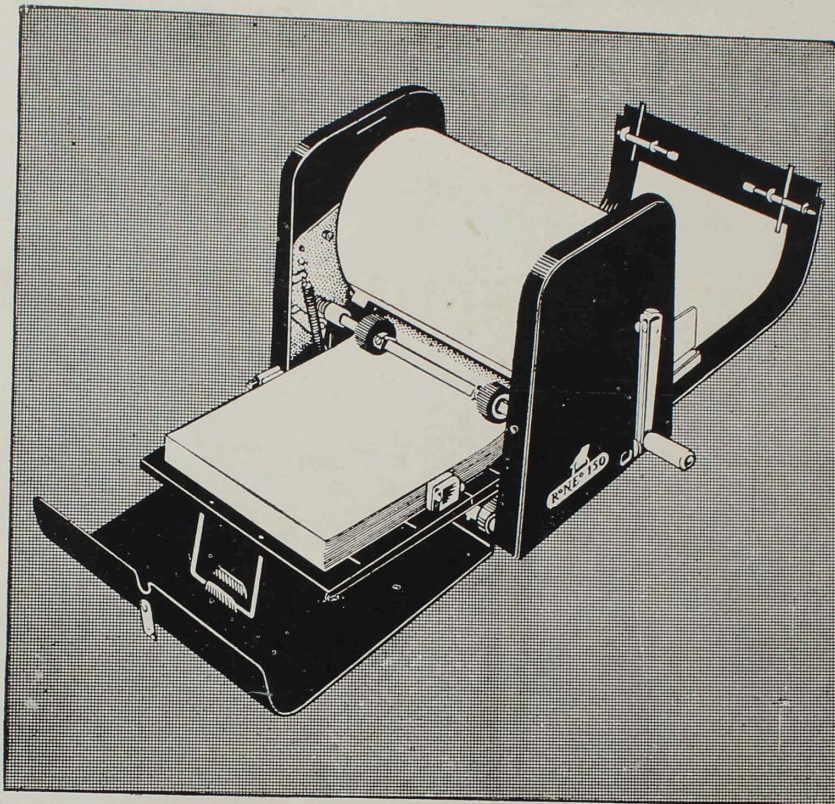
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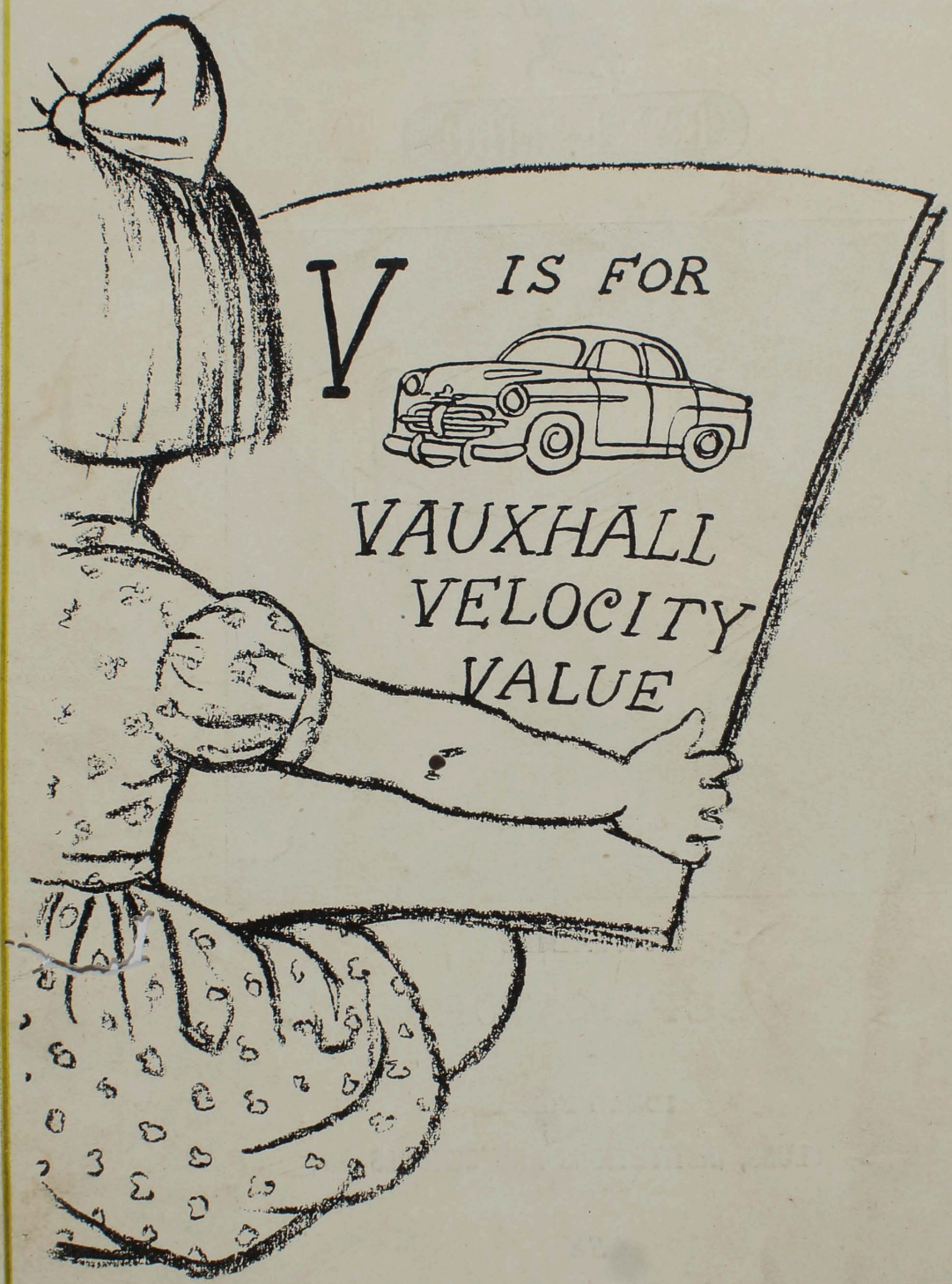
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