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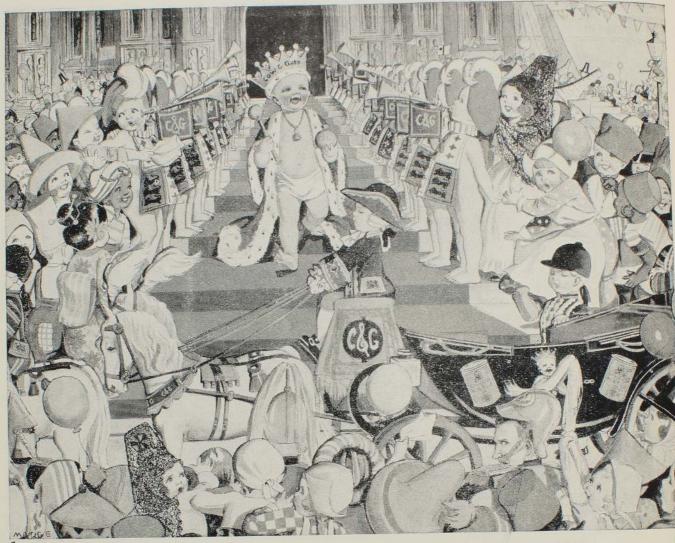
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N the morning of June 2nd Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, escorted by a glittering cavalcade, will drive in a gilded coach from Buckingham Palace to the ancient Abbey Church

of Westminster. Ethere, amid scenes of splendour unparalleled in the modern world, she will be crowned. The trumpets will sound, the bells will peal; and the young Queen, wearing the Imperial Crown, will drive back to her palace through streets crowded with an immense concourse of people drrwn from all parts of the world.

The first Coronation Service known to have been held in Westminster Abbey was that of King William I, William the Conqueror, in 1066. Since then this great church in the heart of London has seen the crowning of every English and (from 1603 onwards) British Sovereign, with the exception only of the two kings who were never crowned at all—Edward V and Edward VIII.

#### Robes of State.

When the Queen arrives at the Abbey with her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, she will be wearing her crimson velvet, ermine trimmed Robes of State, over a richly embroidered white silk dress. But for the Crowning ceremony she will be wearing the heavy cloth-of-gold Coronation robes, embroidered with eagles, fleur-delys, roses, thistles, and shamrocks; and when she emerges from the Abbey after the long ceremony is over, she will be clothed in purple velvet robes, with ermine collar. On her head will rest the platinum Imperial Crown of State, loveliest of all the Royal Crowns, which was made for Queen Victoria, and is set with thousands of dazzling gems.

#### Coronation Service

The Coronation Service is from beginning to end a most solemn religious act, throughout sacramental in its character. The Rites take place within the Order of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and each of them is regarded as an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace sought from God.

In earlier times the title of the service was not the Coronation but the Consecration of the King. Doubtless the actual crowning is the most dramatic moment; but the very heart of the whole ceremony is not the crowning, but the ancinting. With the Holy Oil the Queen will be "ancinted, blessed and consecerated Queen over the peoples whom the Lord God hath given her to rule and govern."

All the symbolic rites that follow the anointing, including the crowning itself, partake of its sacramental character. The giving of the Sword, the clothing with the Royal Robe, the presentation of the Orb with the Cross, the Ring, and the two Sceptres (emblems of Justice and Mercy)—all these, with the culminating act of Coronation, are charged with spiritual meaning and intent which have remained essentially unchanged for the past twelve hundred years.

#### The Procession.

While the newspapers and the radio and television services are telling the story of the Coronation to the world, moment by moment, thousands of people will be waiting among the densely packed crowds lining the route of the Coronation procession to the Abbey and back to Buckingham Palace. They will wave their flags and cheer at the splendid massed bands: the detachments of the Household Cavalry in their scarlet and blue uniforms; Yeomen of the Guard in their historic scarlet and gold tunics and white neck ruffles; the troops of infantry and cavalry from Commonwealth countries: the carriages of members of the Royal Family, the Prime Ministers and other officials.

But at last will come the moment they have all been waiting for—when the 200-year-old Royal State Coach comes into view drawn by eight horses—and through the windows of the Coach, the cheering crowd will see their newly-crowned Queen.



= By THE EDITOR =

ITH the coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to take place in a few days time we are surely called upon to rhapsodize for a few moments on the wonderful ceremony and

pageantry which has for several weeks been dominating the life of the world's greatest city and which is scheduled to reach its brilliant climax on June 2. Certainly the power of London to attract has been as strong in Ceylon as anywhere, and, despite the yawning trade deficit and the slashing of travel allowances, the contingents of Ceylonese who embarked on coronation vessels caused us some nostalgic moments as we recalled the halycon globe-trotting days of 1950 when rubber stood at Rs. 3.30 per lb. and copra at Rs. 320 per candy. The thought occurs to us that if only the fates had caused the Queen's Coronation and our fabulous economic boom to have fallen within the same year then nothing could have stopped half our population from making the trip to London. As things are rumour has it that there are families who have overlooked no act of financial manipulation that would provide the means to support a three months stay in London. The other day we heard about a young couple who sold their house in Colombo 7 lock, stock and barrel in order to rake together the thousands they required for the coronation trip. Certain it is that there are many who have flung prudence and foresight joyously to the winds and who have thought the sacrifice well worthwhile provided it transported them into the midst of that mighty and majestic spectacle. And, indeed, the commentator can well-nigh find the heart to sympathise with them-even in their excesses. Once more in our life-time royalty is to have its day of bright and gorgeous heraldry.

Great Britain is a country where millions of adult men and women vote for the Labour

Party, where great sectors of industry have been handed over to public control, and one where hardly a dozen people have more than six thousand pounds a year to call their own after the Inland Revenue have finished with them. It is a country where, for the most part, the aristocracy live in service flats and second-rate hotels, while their "stately homes" are maintained by a National Trust and are open to the vulgar or plebeian gaze of hikers and cyclists at "sixpence a time". In fine, it is a country where the working man is "top dog", a country which boasts the largest single trade union in the world, and where an ex-truck driver and docker can rise to have the most powerful voice in designing his country's relations with the rest of the world.

And yet in this same country there are institutions which, in their appearance and ritual, though not in deed and practice, link Great Britain to the past of the Tudors, of William the Conqueror, and the Crusades. Though weak and impotent in the great practical affairs of the nation they are, nevertheless, important because they are the visual and living symbol of the history and tradition of the people. The great suit of tilting armour of Henry VIII in the Tower of London, the straight sharp sword over the bench in the Old Bailey, the colours of the Guards regiments bright with the names of victorious battles won all round the globe from Waterloo to Wandewash-all these are threads in the wonderful fabric of British history and culture.

And so it is with the British Monarchy. By any standards it must seem strange that in a country which has gone further than most down the road to Socialism there should still be tolerated the wealthiest family in all Europe—and a family which does not moreover





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Miss Sheila Olivia Rita Wijekoon Kannangara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. W. Kannagara of "Charleston," Ranasinghe Road, Kottawa, who is engaged to be married to Mr. Louis Patrick Norman Ranatunga, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Ranatunga of "Pearlington", Peradeniya Road, Kandy.

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The wedding took place on April 30, 1953 at the bride's residence of Mr. D. Dayawardena Ranasinghe, son of Mr. D. P. Ranasinghe, Chairman, V.C. Mapiligama, Kapugoda, and Mrs. Ranasinghe, with Miss Sunethra Abeyasekera, daughter of Mr. D. L. Abeyasekera, landed propietor of Heiyantuduwa, Kelaniya and Mrs. Abeyasekera.

pay one penny in taxes out of its mammoth fortune. And it must seem even stranger that in a country which has set the world a superb standard in swift and efficient justice there should live persons who are proof against every process of law. Certainly when one thinks of the pomp and circumstance which surrounds them, and of the lavish splendour of their personal lives there seems precious little that is democratic about British royalty. And yet the British monarchy is as popular today as it ever was. As a symbol of unity and a focus for the nations' loyalty it seems to be an institution that is perfectly adapted for the purpose. Because of its permanence, its long history and its colourful trappings the British monarchy seems to capture the popular imagination much more successfuly than do other symbols of leadership and executive power such as the elective presidency.

After all orthodox explanations have been presented still another view of the British Monarchy occurs to us and for all we know it may be an original one. Britain is today a Welfare State in which the economic security and material happiness of the greatest number is the foremost objective of policy. But as it works out there is nothing very spectacular, exciting, or glamorous about the Welfare State. All that the average man can see is blueprint planning, actuarial calculation, lots of hard work, and much substantial achievement. His life is divided up between factory, whistle blasts, standing in queues, waiting for buses, strap-hanging in "tubes" and, at the end of it all, the ten days holiday by the sea at Brighton. Far different from this was the life of his grandfather or more remote ancestor who, as the mood struck him, might join up with one of Drake's privateers on one of the slaving voyages to the Guinea Coast, embark on one of the Muscovy Company's brigs for an ice-bound port on the White Sea, or, in quieter mind, just stay at home and hunt game in the King's forest. Yes, the Englishman of today leads a comparatively tame life. He may never have heard the stories of Grandpa who fought with Gordon at Khartoum and may never even have read about the stormy people reigned over by the First Elizabeth, but perhaps his spirit yearns for the comradeship of the Moss Trooper, the battle and adventure of the Welsh Marches, and the joy of victory and achievement under a leader of one's own choice. In the person of his monarch who is about to be

inaugurated in the splendid pageantry of a coronation he can perhaps see some worthwhile object of devotion before whom he can pour out those latent feelings of chivalry and loyalty, and for whose cause he may yet lay down his life.

Today the ceremony at Westminster Abbey holds the attention of all England and representatives of almost every people on this earth throng the streets of London. In our ruthless and dynamic world nothing is inviolate. Bourbon and Hapsburg are strange and outlandish names in the modern world, and as for the Hohenzollerns and Romanovs—you may read a thing or two about them in a good encyclopedia. But if there is one thing that is unchangeable in this changing world, it is the British monarchical system. Today there is a good feeling in the air, there is wonderful pageantry, and the occasion is made lovely beyond compare as the world gets ready to hail the young and beautiful Queen Elizabeth II.

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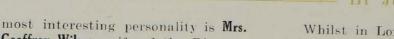
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Geoffrey Wilson, wife of the Director of the Colombo-Plan Bureau for Technical Co-operation, who was born and brought up in the U.S.A. They

came to know each other for the first time in 1945 whilst both were working for the United Nations. She was receptionist-secretary to the U. N. Inspection Group—the first contingent of U. N. personnel to visit America in search of a permanent site for the United Nations Organisation. Their final choice was Lake Success, Long Island.

Director Wilson was legal advisor to the Group and he and his wife worked in a temporary office in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City. A barrister by profession, Mr. Wilson before the war worked in Sir Stafford Cripps' chambers and accompanied him to Moscow on the latter's appointment as Ambassador to Russia. During the war he held a special assignment in the Foreign Office and went into chambers after the war when he married. Shortly afterwards he joined the Cabinet Office as a permanent civil servant and went from there to the Treasury to which he reverts on the expiry of his term of office as Chief of the Colombo-Plan.

Previous to her marriage Mrs. Wilson spent several interesting summers in England and France travelling with a group of ten students of school and college age led by her father who was a Professor at the time, and her mother. There were many such groups in pre-war days, organised by the Experiment in International Living and students spent their vacations cycling and camping in Europe and South America. Their main purpose was to get to know a country and its people thoroughly by living in the homes of French or English students for one month, and then taking their hosts on a camping tour for the second month,

Whilst in London Mrs. Wilson did not have much spare time for any outside activities except for working voluntarily for the Society of Jews and Christians. However, since arriving in Ceylon in October 1951, where life, according to her, seems a great deal more leisurely, she has been able to do her "little bit" here and there in various capacities. She has helped with the Red Cross Home Visiting Committee—this work making a very special appeal to her. Husband and wife received a warm welcome into the fellowship of the Colpetty Methodist Church where Mrs. Wilson



assisted in the choir from time to time and conducted a class in the Sunday School for a year. As one who has always loved singing, she joined various local choirs and groups, one of them being Rev. R. H. Bowyer Yin's small group of singers (not to be confused with the choir of St. Thomas' College) when she was

privileged to take part in the Madrigals last June and in a Bach Modet at Christmas. In Trial by Jury put on by the Colombo Singers last October she was one of the back-row-chorus and, as she says, "well out of sight."

Mrs. Wilson spends most of the time with her four little children—Susan (5) and Kate (3½) both happy kindergarteners at Ladies' College. Peter (2) and 4-month-old Johnny—probably the youngest baby ever to have been taken to Horton Plains in a jeep! The Wilsons have been very happy and have made many good friends here. They deeply regret having to leave just when they have begun to know something of the Island and the people.

Mrs. Wilson even attempted to learn Sinhalese, but failed miserably, and thinks it due to the lack of being able to converse in the language except with an ayah whose knowledge of English was much too good. Mrs. Wilson expresses the fervent hope that there may be a chance of returning to Ceylon some day.

Norma Amybelle Tennekoon the eldest daughter of the late Dr. and of Mrs. S. F. Wickremasinghe, gained a number of prizes for music whilst at Ladies' College, Colombo. She is married to Mr. H. E. Tennekoon who is pre-

sently Government Agent, N. W. P. and Acting G. A., Central Province.

Since her husband's transfer from Colombo to Kurunegalle, Norma has taken an active interest in social welfare work in the province. As President of the Ladies' Sewing Guild, she organised a successful musical recital by Malinee Jayasinghe-



Peiris, and was also instrumental in raising nearly Rs. 10,000 in aid of the Deaf and Blind School last year. As Provincial Commissioner of the Girl Guides, she has done much to foster the growth of Guiding. She is President of the newly-formed Y.W.C.A. at Kurunegalle and was, till recently, an active member of the Red Cross Society.

In 1951, Norma took time off from her household chores to accompany her husband on a wonderful holiday to Europe.

AMPSHIRE-BORN Mrs. H. S. Spittle, wife of Commander Spittle, R. N., comes of a naval family—her brother and uncles being in the Navy. She herself enlisted in the W.R.N.S. in World War II, serving as a 3rd Officer in the Commander-in-Chief's office at Portmouth where she met her husband who was Secretary to Admiral Sir Ernest Archer. As naval folk they considered themselves extremely fortunate that they were able to be together until 1943 when her husband accompanied Sir Ernest to Moscow and remained beihnd the Iron Curtain till after the signing

of the Peace Treaty in Berlin at which he was present.

In peacetime, officers in the Navy are moved almost every two years and Commander Spittle next served a spell on the China Station but his wife was not allowed to accompany him. Thereafter he continued to serve under Sir Ernest in Gibraltar & Scotland, when his wife and 11-year-old daughter Rosemary were able



to join him. Mrs. Spittle is quite used to this sort of life and enjoys travelling around and seeing things and places. They went to Gibraltar in 1947 and this was followed by another two years in Scotland where they became very keen Scotlish dancing fans.

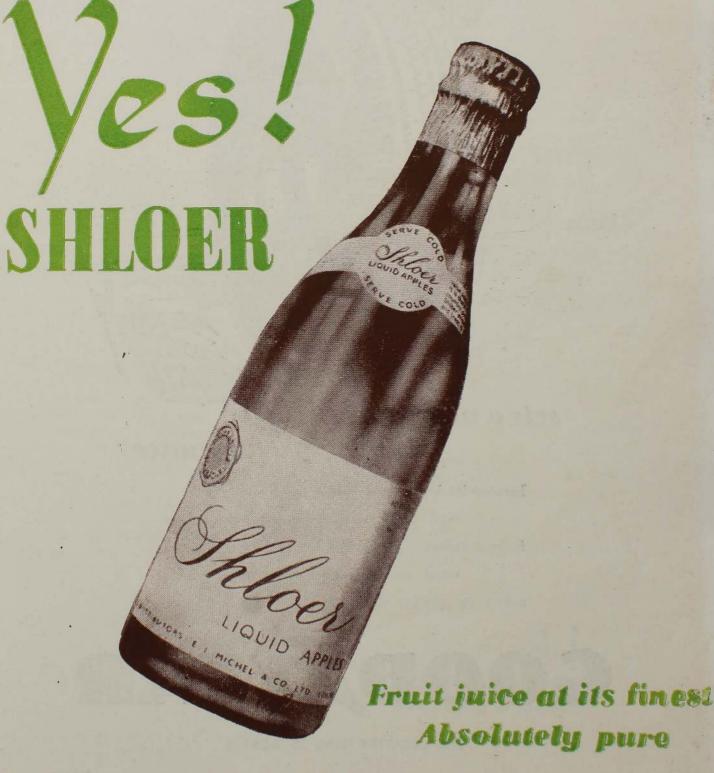
Husband and wife's chief sporting interest in Ceylon is sailing and both went to Madras this Easter to race against the Yacht Club there. Mrs. Spittle is musically inclined but is hundicapped without a piano and consequently is much out of practice. Her main hobby is dress-making and sewing of all description and she is also very keen on cooking.

Commander Spittle's time in Ceylon is almost up and both will be very sorry to leave this beautiful Island and all the friends they have made here, which is somewhat compensated for by the fact that they will be joining their daughter who is at the R. N. School, Haslemere. Mrs. Spittle says she hopes to be able to recapture some of the happy times spent in Ceylon by putting on a good curry and rice lunch occasionally.

RS. Geo. De Saram, wife of the retired Deputy Inspector-General of Police and now Chief Marshal of the University of Ceylon, was born in Sydney, N.S.W., Australia, but after a glorious holiday visit to Ceylon decided to make this her home.

Before coming here she had obtained a diploma in music which, with riding and gardening, has always been her chief interest.

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niya due to lack of stabling accommodation close enough to the bungalow. Husband and wife have also played a lot of polo and competed at horse shows and gymkhanas all over the Island.

During wartime her husband was stationed at Badulla as Police Superintendent, Uva. Whilst there she was

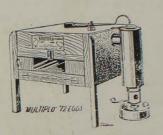


Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and an active member of the Hospital Supply Association, cutting-out garments and knitting in her spare time. Shortly after the memorable Easter air raid over Colombo her husband received transfer orders to proceed to the metropolis. She then joined the Naval Office for a few months and was later attached to the Special Security Branch of the C. I. D. in Colombo.

The de Saram's have a son and two daughters. The former is in the R. A. F. having joined up straight from the Ceylon University, while her eldest daughter worked with her mother at the Naval Office in-between leaving College and going to the Ceylon University. She has now finished two years at the Toronto University, Canada, having completed her Diploma course in Child Psychology. She has also taken the Master of Arts degree in Education and returns to the Island in July or August. The youngest daughter who is married to Koo de Saram passed the A. T. C. L. when she was only 17.

GERTRUDE Constance Meldrum, popularly known as "Trudie", is the wife of Mr. Hugh T. Meldrum, Superintendent of Hunugalla, Elkaduwa. She was born in Colombo, her father being Mr. O. J. Steiger from Switzerland, the then Manager of Volkart Bros who later joined hayley & Kenney, became a partner, and managed her grandfather's business of Chas. P. Hayley & Co., Galle. Her mother was Miss

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Mrs. Meldrum received her education in Beginning married England and Switzerland. life on Waltrim Estate, Lindula, in 1931, they had the most unfortunate and weird experience when their bungalow was razed to the ground one night when both of them were stricken with malaria. They survived the ordeal of the conflagration but lost all their wedding gifts. none of which were insured. Ever since then they have heavily insured all their household possessions. In the following year, they went to Deaculla Estate. Bandarawela. During the war years she and her two daughters were alone on the estate as her husband left for England in 1940 to join the 1st Battalion of the Rifle Brigade. He took part in the whole of the North African campaign, and was awarded the D. S. O.

Mrs. Meldrum's chief interests are poultry farming, dressmaking, and cooking, while tennis and golf are her favourite games. An excellent ten-

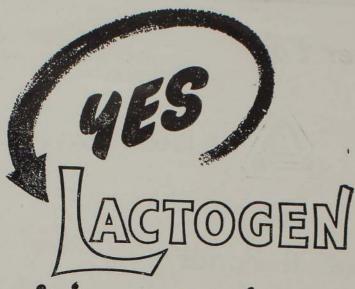
nis player in her younger days, she annexed Singles Ladies' the Ceylon title in the Championships in 1931 and in 1930 the Doubles Championship with Mrs. G. J. Dewhurst as partner. The Colombo Garden Glub Ladies (Open) Singles chamalso pionship was off by her carried in vears for two



succession about the same time and the Open Mixed event in 1930. Mrs. Meldrum still plays as much tennis as she can but has to drive many miles to get a game. She also participates in the Up-country vs. Colombo Ladies' golf contest for the "Puffin" Cup.

When her husband retires from planting they are hoping to settle down at Gurutalawa where they have a delightful property—a house, a big poultry farm, and twelve acres of cultivated land consisting chiefly of citrus fruit. Incidentally, their eldest daughter (20) has a secretarial job in London and the youngest (14) is still schooling in England.





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minster built by Ed. ward the Confessor of which no trace now remains above ground. But recent excavations have shown that the ground plan of that Church almost exactly corresponded with the ground plan of the present West. minster Abbey which was built on the same site between 1245 and

1269.

The Coronation Service itself is older still. It has been handed down from



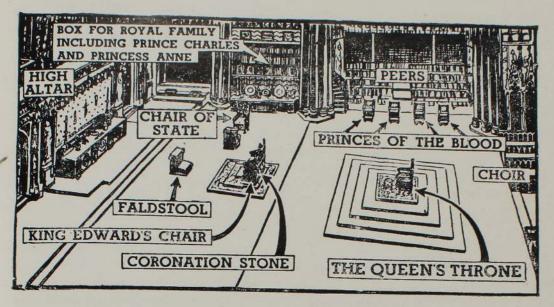
The last Coronation, on May 12th, 1937. was that of King George VI. This picture, taken on that occasion, shows the Coronation Coach, drawn by eight Windsor Greys accompanied by outriders and immediately followed by the Sovereign's Escort of the Household Cavalry, passing through Admiralty Arch on its way to Westminster Abbey.

generation to generation, and the essential features have remained the same for at least 1,000 years. It traces its descent in Lawrence E. Turner. a direct line from the

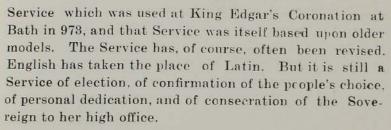
HEN Queen Elizabeth II goes to Westminster Abbey on June 2nd, she will be crowned with very nearlythe same ceremonial and almost on the same spot as all her predecessors for the last 900 years. It was William the Conqueror who first decided that Westminster should be the Coronation Church-He and his successors for 200 years were crowned within the great Church at West-

The most sacred part of the Abbey is the Chapel of St. Edward the Confessor, its founder. surrounded by the tombs of medieval kings, stands the Coronation Chair dating from Iused for every subsequent Coronation. For the Coronation Service it is moved to a position before the High Altar in the centre of the Abbey. This picture shows the High Altar.

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A plan of the seating arrangements inside the Aller.

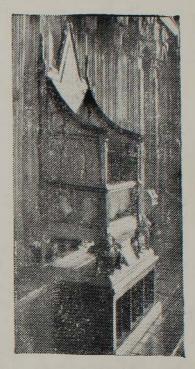


There is little doubt that it was deliberately moulded on the service for the consecration of a bishop, anointing taking the place of the imposition of hands, and both services are incorporated within the Communion Service.

#### The Real Meaning

There was a time, more especially in the 18th and early 19th centuries when there was a real danger that the Coronation would become a mere pageant devoid of much significance or meaning. All this, however, has changed within the last 50 years or so as its real meaning has become more generally understood. This is partly due to the learning and scholarship which have been expended upon its history, partly to the realisation that, as the late Archbishop Lang wrote, "although the forms are old, the spirit embodied in them and expressed in the words attached to them is never old and may ever be renewed"

But, perhaps, it has been due even more to the personal character of those who have played the principal parts in the ceremony, for they have slown by their lives and example that their Coronations were no mere a of royal pageantry, but a true dedication and control of themselves to the lifelong service of God and of the peoples over whom they were called to rule.



The Coronation Chair rests on four lions and the seat is made to slide in and out, and in the space beneath rests the Stone of Scone.



The design of the invitation card for guests attending the Coronation in Westminister Abbey on June 2nd. A part of the Regalia has been introduced as being essential to the occasion with the Sceptre and the Rod integrated into and embraced by the Commonwealth flowers, while the Crown dominates the central group containing the Orb, the Ampulla with its Spoon, and two of the Swords. The flowers which appear are the Rose, which is associated with England; the Thistle, Scotland; the Leek, Wales; the Wattle, Australia; the Fern, New Zealand; the protea, South Africa; the Lotus, India; Cotton, Jute, Wheat Pakistan; and another Lotus, Ceylon.

In spite of all the elaborate ceremonial and the splendour of the setting the Service itself is a very simple one. At the beginning, by what is known as the Recognition, the Queen is presented to the people as their "undoubted Queen", and they show by their shouts of "God Save Queen Elizabeth" that they consent and accept her as such. The Queen laying ther hand on the open Gospel, then takes an Oath that she will govern her peoples according to their laws and thereby dedicates herself to their lifelong service. The Recognition and the Oath are the foundations upon which the whole Service depends.

#### A Solemn Moment

The Archbishop of Canterbury, to whom alone belongs the right to conduct the Service, can now begin the Ante-Communion Service, and, after the Creed, proceeds to consecrate the Queen for her high office by anointing her with the Holy Oil. This is the most solemn, as it is the most ancient part, of the Service. Nowadays the emphasis has slightly shifted. We tend to regard the Crowning as the supreme moment of the Service. And so it is. But it is only because the Queen has first been anointed that she can be invested with the royal robes and insignia, each with its symbolic meaning, culminating with the Crown.

The Spurs, the Sword, the Royal Robes, the Orb, and the Sceptres are brought in turn from the Altar and delivered to the Sovereign seated in the historic Coronation Chair. Then the Dean of Westminster, who by ancient custom has assisted the Archbishop throughout, brings St. Edward's Grown from the Altar and hands it to the Archbishop who places it upon the Queen's head. At the same moment the peers and peeresses put on their coronets, the trumpets sound, and the people "with loud and repeated shouts" cry "God Save The Queen."

The Queen then moves to the raised Throne behind the Coronation Chair and in the sight of all is solemnly placed or enthroned in it by the Archbishop with other bishops and peers. The Bishops of Durham and of Bath and Wells. who have had the right to "support" the Sovereign at a Coronation since 1189, stand to the right and left of the Throne; the Lords carrying the Swords of Mercy and Justice, together with the Lord Chancellor and other great peers group themselves on the steps. Then the Queen receives the homage of her principal subjectsfirst the Archbishop of Canterbury on behalf of the other archbishops and bishops, then the Duke of Edinburgh and the other Royal Princes. They are followed by the senior peer of each degree, headed by the Duke of Norfolk, who. as hereditary Earl Marshal, has been responsible for the whole of the arrangements for the Coronation Service.

The Homage Ceremony ends the actual Coronation, and the Archbishop then resumes the Communion Service at the Offertory. After the Queen has taken the Sacrament at the Altar she returns to the Throne and the Blessing and Te Deum brings the whole Service to a close.





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# The Crown of St. Edward the Confessor with which all monarchs have been crowned since it was made. Copied in the time of King Charles II from the Crown worn by Edward the Confessor, it weighs seven pounds and is worn only for a few minutes during the ceremony. Its gold circlet is studded with diamonds, rubies, emeralds, sapphires and pearls; and a jewelled orb and cross surmount the interception of the golden Cross-arches.



The Imperial State Crown worn by the Sovereign on ceremonial occasions, such as the State Opening of Parliament. The existing Crown was made for Queen Victoria in 1838 and embodies many historical gems—the Black Prince's Ruby, sapphire from the ring of Edward the Confessor, Queen Elizabeth's earings and many other ancient gems. In front is the Second Star of Africa, weighing 309\frac{1}{4} carats cut from the Great Cullinan Diamond. In all, the Crown contains 2,783 diamonds, 277 pearls, 17 sapphires, 11 emeralds and 5 rubles.

## Crown Jewels

HE world-famous Crown Jewels, which have played an essential part in the Coronation of British Sovereigns for nearly a thousand years, are one of the most magnificent

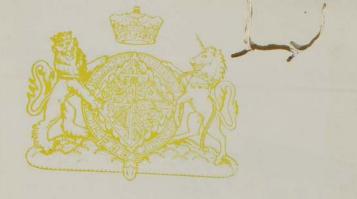
and historic collections of jewels in existence. Between Coronations, they are kept in the Tower of London, where every year thousands of visitors file into the little chamber in the Jewel House to see and admire their glint and craftsmanship.

Many items of the present Regalia were made for the Restoration of Charles II in 1660, after the originals had been destroyed under the regime of Oliver Cromwell. The only pieces which escaped this destruction were the goldon Ampulla, shaped like an eagle from whose beak the anointing oil is poured during the Coronation eeremony, the gold anointing spoon, and the jewel-studded salt set of Queen Elizabeth I. Descriptions of the principal regalia appear with the pictures on this page, and other items are St. Edward's Staff, the Coronation Ring with which the Sovereign is "wedded to the State", and the gold chalice used for the Communion Service after the Coronation.

The Crown Jewels were valued in 1900 at £3,000, 000, but today they must be beyond price.



The Royal Orb, on left of the picture, is of polished gold studded with large pearls, rubies, sapphires and emeralds. It is placed in the Monarch's hand after donning the Royal Robe, and represents the Sovereigning of Christianity.

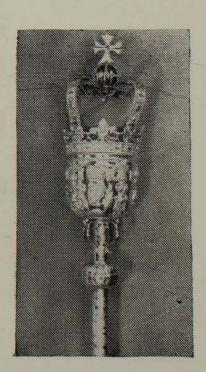




The Golden Ampulla and the Anointing Spoon are two of the most ancient objects in the Regalia used in the important rite of anointing the Sovereign during a Coronation. The Ampulla takes the form of an eagle with wings outstrete as a receptacle for the Holy Oil which is poured from the beak into the Anointing Spoon. The age of the Ampulla is uncertain, but it is believed that it was used in the Coronation of Henry IV. The handle of the Anointing Spoon is believed to be of Byzantine origin.



The head of the Royal Sceptre with the Cross. The Royal Sceptre is held in the Monarch's right hand at the Coronation. It contains amongst other jewels, the Great Star of Africa, cut from the Cullinan Diamond and weighing 516½ carats, which was presented to King Edward VII and embodied in the Royal Sceptre.



The head of the Mace carried by the Sergeant at Arms.



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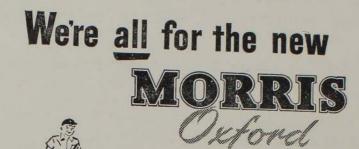


Photographs taken at the wedding on May 6th, 1953 of Melville, son of Mr. L. A. R. Alles, Shroff of Ceylon Wharfage Co., Ltd., and of Mrs. Alles of Jampettah Street, Kotahena, and Bertille, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Vinduram Pulle of Mutwal.

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Snapshots taken at the wedding of Mr. Melville Alles and Miss Bertille Vinduram Pulle.



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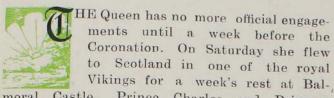
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## London Letter

#### Highland Holiday

London, 15th May, 1953.



moral Castle. Prince Charles and Princess Anne left by train for Ballater the day before. At Balmoral the thickly-wooded mountain slopes around her Highland home present an unfamiliar aspect to the Queen. Since her last visit there has been extensive damage to the fir trees by gales and there are bare patches where the fallen trees have been cleared. Chief relaxation for the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at Balmoral will probably be fishing. Since she caught her first salmon-using a prawn baiton the Dee a year ago, the Queen has become an enthusiastic angler. The Duke will probably take the opportunity to try out his special new-type split-cane rod.

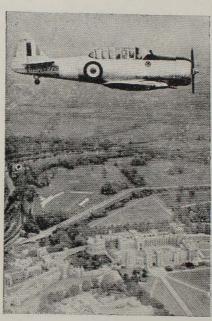
#### Rough Riders

Heathermaid -a filly foal which the Queen has accepted from the Exmoor Pony Societyis now being trained in the West Country before she goes to Sandringham to be ridden by Princess Anne. Meanwhile the Princess has been having frequent lessons and will soon be learning to ride. With her brother she has been training on an old and gentle brown pony called Bunty, who previously had a royal rider in Prince Michael of Kent. Prince Charles's horsemanship is progressing rapidly. Recently he has been taking out more exciting mounts than Bunty and has been dividing his riding between a Shetland pony called "Cloudy", and a small white pony. He uses the bridle and saddle presented to him by the National Federation of Saddlers and Leather Goods Retailers. He is already asking for a larger mount; for it is his ambition to ride with his parents as soon as possible.

#### Duke at Cranwell?

The Duke of Edinburgh wearing the uniform of a Marshal of the R. A. F. and his newly-won wings, may visit Cranwell—the Sandhurst of the R. A. F.—a week after the Coronation to take

the passing-out parade. The honour of being the reviewing officer would be a fitting climax to his sustained and thorough training as a fullyfledged pilot. At the parade he would present the Sword of Honour to the outstanding cadet and the Queen's medal to the best all-round cadet. The actual wings are presented to the cadets the evening before the ceremony. The



The Duke of Edinburgh piloting his Harvard training machine in a flight over Windsor Castle, Soon afterwards he received his wings from Sir William Dickson, the Chief of Air Staff.

reviewing officer is usually an Air Marshal but there was not one available at the last passingout parade, so the Commandant of the College filled the breach. At present the Air Ministry say there would be no official announcement for a long time, if the Duke were to take the parade. "We like to be sure the officer will be present, so do not print official programmes

until the last minute." If the Duke takes the parade at Cranwell, it will be two years since the Queen, as Princess Elizabeth, performed a similar ceremony there. It was the first time a Princess had taken a passing-out parade.

#### Test of Goodwill

The projected approach by the Western powers to the Soviet Union suggesting a four-power conference on Austria- probably in London next week— gives hope of providing a really searching test of Soviet goodwill under the new post-Stalin regime. A principal obstacle to agreement on an Austrian peace treaty in the past has been Soviet insistence on including Triesten the discussions. If the Soviet Union truly

intend to relax international tension, then they should be prepared to forget Trieste now—especially as the Western invitation may be expected to bring a big concession, the scrapping of the shortened draft treaty which was offered in desperation a year ago and which brought from Mr. Gromyko a refusal to negotiate further. If this line is adopted, the new approach on Austria would provide the British intiative hinted at by Sir Winston Churchill in the Commons a few days ago. For there is little doubt that the Americans would not be the first to urge the dropping of the short treaty.

#### Conspicuous Omission

The choice of official Government speakers for the Foreign Affairs debate comment among M.P.s. Sir Winston Churchill opened the debate and Mr. Selwyn Lloyd and Mr. Nutting, the Foreign Secretary's two lieutenants, were to speak on the second day. But no second Minister was put up to support Sir Winston on Monday. The omission suggested that the Prime Minister has no intention of replacing Mr. Eden with another Foreign Secretary immediately. For here would have been an ideal opportunity to give a successor-designate his trial run in an international debate. It was, indeed, rumoured earlier in the week that Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe might be chosen to intervene late on the first day. That would obviously have been a significant step. As it is, Sir Winston seems determined still to make no change at the Foreign Office at least till the autumn, when some sort of ministerial reshuffle is inevitable because of the amalgamation of the Pensions and National Insurance departments. Then-but probably not before then-he is expected to make Mr. Eden Leader of the House and switch the Foreign Office to another of his senior Ministers.

#### Medal For M.P.s.

Though it has not been officially announced yet, it appears that all M.P.s are to receive the Coronation medal. There is no doubt that this honour will be welcomed with acclamation hy Conservative members, but among a handful of Socialists there might be mixed feelings. So the Opposition Whips have been sounding out the ground to avoid any possible unpleasantness when the news is pub-

lished They are believed to have been agree. ably relieved by the reaction of several Left Wingers, including one or two Scottish members who in recent years have been to the fore in opposing increases in the Civil List. What Mr. Emrys Hughes, the House's most outspoken Republican, will have to say about the matter remains obscure. It is not known whether Mr. Whiteley, the the Oppositon Chief Whip, has spoken to him yet. But Mr. Hughes, as well as being an ardent critic of the monarchical system, is a philosopher whose saving grace is a sense of humour. He therefore seems likely to accept this mark of royal favour with equanimity.

#### London's New Russian.

No reception was planned at the Russian Embassy for Mr. Jacob Malik, the new Soviet Ambassador. Officials there said they had "no



Jacob Malik, the new Russian Ambassador to Britain, who has just arrived in London.

idea when he was coming." In practice, though, he arrived this week-end. Already diplomats have attached new significance to his presence in London and optimism has been further stimulated by a report from Moscow of M. Malik's farewell meetings with Alvary Gascoigne and British other

Now that he is here Sir Winston officials. take him to to see hopes Churchill soundings personally of any new desire the Russians may have to negotiate of difference with the West. The new Ambascapable of producing least is at sador predecessor. his than grin broader Mr. Gromyko, and because of his United Nahe probably experience and contacts knows more about the West and its leaders than any other Russian diplomat.



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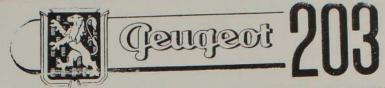


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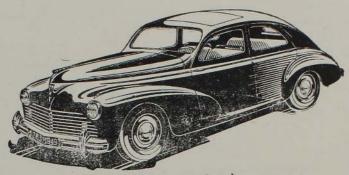
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#### G. O. M. of Cricket

Sir H. D. G. Leveson Gower came into London on Friday to celebrate his eightieth birthday by having lunch with 70-year-old Jack Hobbs and a few other cricketing friends. The former England captain is now in the best of health and intends to spend this summer seeing as many important matches as possible. He does not mean to miss a a Test Match. Sir Henry-better known as "Shrimp", ever since his Oxford days-met his Chelsea friends again as usual on Sunday at the Church of Holy Trinity where the veteran amateur cricketer regularly reads the lesson when in London. Sir Henry today represents cricket past and present. He has been the driving force behind Surrey cricket for many years and was president of the county cricket club for a decade. He entered first-class cricket in 1896. Why he is called "Shrimp" no one, not even Sir Henry knows.

#### Royal Visitor.

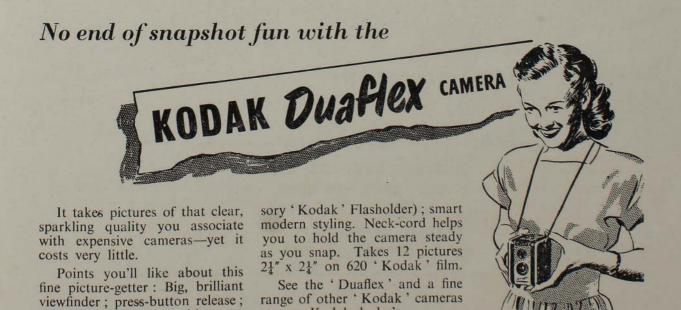
The first Queen to arrive for the Coronation is 6 ft. 3 in. Queen Salote of Tonga. This ruler of the South Sea Island is the only person in the British Commonwealth—apart from members of the Royal Family—who is entitled to be addressed as "Your Majesty." Her full title is Queen Salote Topou, G.B.E. and she reigns over nearly 50,000 subjects. Queen Salote, 52 and 20 stone, is bringing her daughter-in-law, Princess Mata-Aho, the

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wife of Crown Prince Tungi. They will be guests of the Government at St. James's Palace. For the Coronation there is rather frivolous speculation over what the Queen will wear. At home bare feet and sarongs are the fashion, but for formal occasions the Queen adopts shoes and when entertaining British visitors to her banquets she wears a hat. It is understood she has bought a completely new wardrobe in Sydney.

#### Demand for Hair.

Although there were many to criticise the provision of wigs for the bald under the original National Health scheme, the introduction has, in recent years, certainly brought forth an astonshing demand. In the first three years of the Health Service more than 31,000 wigs were mademostly for women. There was at first a long waiting list for wigs despite the fact that 200 firms were engaged in producing them. The list has now been cleared. But the demand for wigs continues and last December 389 were supplied, on doctor's certificates, to National Health patients. They paid £2. 10. 0. for wigs costing the Ministry of Health up to £18. Off the Health scheme wigs can cost up to £70-£80. Most of the hair is imported from Italy, where girls from the mountain villages continue to barter their tresses for cloth. The rarest kind-fine curly hair-is worth over £6 Wigmakers who prepare wigs for an ounce. lawyers usually use horse hair.



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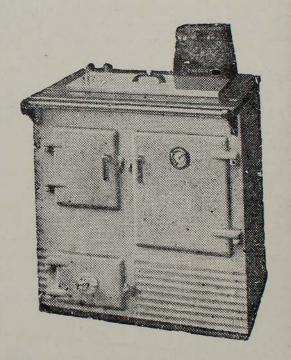
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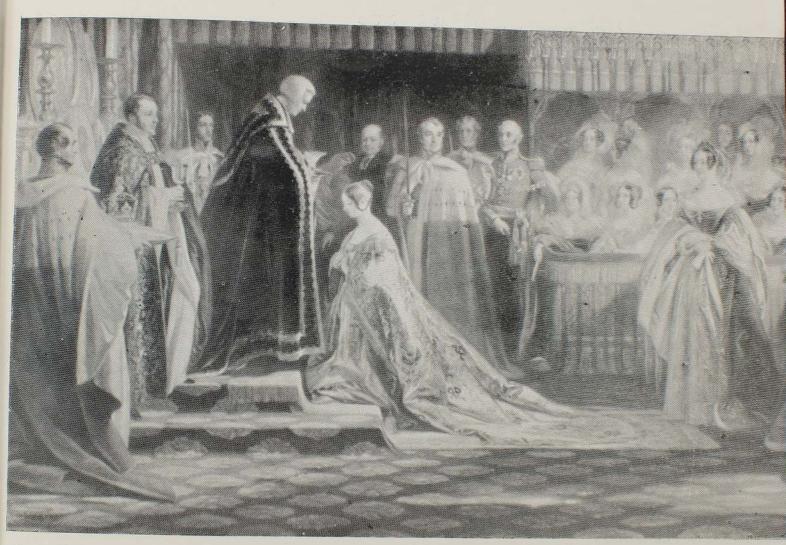
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Queen Victoria taking the Sacrament at her Coronation at Westminster Abbey in London on June 28, 1838. The Queen is wearing the Robe Royal of cloth of gold. Although she has been crowned, she has removed her crown as a gesture of humility before going to the altar.

#### WEDDED



Photo Plate

Mr. Upali de Silva and his bride who were married recently.

## Moments of Decision

BY MURIEL JANE



E sat on the edge of his bed, his head sunk in his hands. It was too horrible. He shuddered. Then he stood up and paced to and fro in the narrow room, his eyes darting here

and there as if looking for a way of escape. But there was none. This thing that he had to do, he just had to do. He stopped before the bureau and stretched a trembling hand towards the cup that stood on it: but before he reached it the hand drew back, and he was again seized with a shudder that shook him from head to foot and made his eyes goggle. "I can't; and yet I must," he muttered, "If I don't; I know what will be my lot. Pain and tears." He started walking again. A voice seemed to speak to him, "Get it over quick. The anticipation is the worst part of it. A quick gulp and it will all be over." He knew that about the anticipation, but how could he be sure that it would all be over? He caught his breath in a sob, returned to his seat on the bed. He sat there staring as if fascinated, at the cup...... "What? not finished yet? Now drink it up like a good boy. It isn't so bad and here's a nice lemon drop to take after it." Ten years old Tommy reached out his hand for the inevitable-he knew he couldn't escape this dose of Epsom Salts!

THE train drew into the Fort Station, and creaked to a halt. Doors opened and out poured all sorts and conditions of men, women and children. The old lady picked up her small case and got out of the train. She went with the stream toward the gate and through it. But then the people went in different directions and she found herself alone. Fear suddenly grip ed her. She should never have started this thing. At her age it was foolish. But now that she was here she had to go through with it. She had come thus far and there must be no turning back. She considered the consequences of the step she was about to take. It might lead to the realization of her dreams. What she had often imagined might become a reality. How wonderful that would be-if she only had the courage to do what she had begun when she left her village

home! On the other hand the taking of this step might lead to disaster; the killing of those hopes on which her life had been built up for years. It might bring pain and sorrow, not only to herself but also to others. Oh, it was hard and frightening. People passed her by, all hurrying and intent on their own business, heeding not the old woman hesitating in her fear and indecision. She knew that if she took this step she must take it unassisted. Making up her mind and taking her courage in her hands she looked to the right, to the left, then to the right, following the rules she had studied in the train, and then stepped off the curb and walked steadily along the zebra crossing to do her shopping in the Pettah-something she had been promising herself for years.

E had that feeling that one often getsthe feeling that something must be done. Then he realized what it was and that it must be done by him. If he left his present position all sorts of things lay ahead-opportunities for work and success, friendship, delight, travel. Yes, if he changed his position there were indeed wonderful possibilities. But he did not want to change it. There was the other side of the picture - possibilities of pitfalls, mistakes and misunderstandings, of drudgery and failure. After all, there is always risk attached to a change. Possibilities? Yes-but as much for evil as for good. Besides, he didn't want to move. He was quite happy and comfortable in his present position; quite snug in fact. He didn't wish for any change. Prospects? Oh, he didn't worry about prospects. He was content. He was comfortable and happy; yes, very comfy and very happy...... He dozed a little, and then there was the whirr of the alarm clock. This was it! He switched off the alarm, and snuggled deeper into bed. No, he didn't want to change his position, he was all right where he was. But he knew he couldn't stay there-with sudden decision, he threw off the bed-clothes and sprang out of bed, murmuring between prodigious yawns," It's nice to get up in the morning, but it's nicer to stay in bed."

THE sheet of paper lay on the desk before her. The scratches spoke only too plainly of her indecision. It only she knew. If only she could be certain that what she wrote would meet with approval. It was dreadful not to know. Dire consequence might follow if she put down in black and white what she thought. And yet, what else could she put down? Yes, she must write what she thought best. No, she couldn't bear the shame and ridicule which might follow if what she wrote was not acceptable. But the moments were ticking away, and time was an important factor. She had to make up her mind and that soon. In her indecision her writing was becoming a scribble, almost illegible. She looked around, hoping that inspiration would come from somewhere, but there wasn't a chance of any advice or assistance. What she wrote must come from her and her alone. She glanced at the clock again. The bands were flying! Bending low over the desk she wrote, starting on a new line. ..... As she finished the bell rang and teacher said, "Time's up now, girls. Hand in your papers." The little girl smiled to herselfshe was pretty sure she had put the right word in the blank"-The deceased man sat up and stared at the people watching beside him."

E slipped into his coat, smoothing its freshly ironed surface, almost caressing it. Then he stepped before the mirror to admire himself. Nothing must be amiss, for he had an important announcement to make tonight. The success of the whole evening depended on that announcement. Supposing he decided not to make it? He would bring about the failure of the whole entertainment. Everyone would be waiting for the announcement; indeed they would have come there solely in anticipation of it. Supposing he bungled it, said the wrong thing or swallowed his words? That must not happen. He studied himself in the mirror, watching his lips as he shaped them in accordance with the rules of elocution. Carefully he rehearsed every detail-his entry, his stance, his facial expression. his words. At last he was satisfied. No, a wisn of hair was out of place. There, that was all right. Turning on his heel he walked with dignified, measured tread to a closed door. He hesitated for a moment, then, with the firmness of decision, laid his hand on the door-knob and swung the door open. The assembled company turned towards him expectantly. After a suitable pause, he spoke, "Ladies and Gentlemen; Dinner is served."



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# Look and Listen

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

AST month my local garage proprietor told me that by the end of this year he would probably be asking me to buy a new car. I appeared incredulous, but he assured me

that he was neither exaggerating nor joking. What economic phenomena this unexpected trend of the automobile market portends I do not know, and since I gave up having to invent ideas on these matters in order to earn my pay, I have never let such problems worry me, but it would be interesting to discover whom the prospective purchasers of the new cars are going to ask for the money with which to buy them.

Even in the overdraft racket there have been amazing developments. My Bank Manager, (bless his generous soul), actually wrote to me that, owing to restrictions, regulations and prohibitions, he felt there was really no sphere of activity left in which a Manager could be useful, except in accommodating his clients with overdrafts. I have the letter; in fact I wonder whether it ought not to be preserved in the Victoria and Albert Museum as an illustration for posterity of the incredible economic conditions prevailing in this mid-twentieth century. Of course the overdraft could only be obtained for the purpose of developing property, and suitable security was essential, not to mention the nice little packet the bank would earn by way of interest, but even then it is hard to believe.

A 1949 model car of the Vauxhall type is worth about £450 in part exchange now, if it is in good condition, and I have been told that in some places, you can still buy a car on hire purchase, like a television set.

ANY people just dare not buy a T. V., even if they could find the money, because when anything goes wrong it is generally something that costs you a shattering sum. They prefer to hire a set, and let the owner stand the cost of fair wear and tear, apart from which, after a year or two the set will be

completely out of date. Ours is on hire and we were glad it was, because the owner had no end of trouble over the aerial. When he fixed it on a chimney it gave us nothing but streaks of light, then he could not find anywhere else to put it, so he leant it against a bay tree and went home in the snow, saying he would return. During the night the aerial fell into the dining room window and the T.V. man ran into a lorry, so we have not seen him again. I carried the aerial about while



William Tyndale's Monument, North Nibley, Glos. When the lower part of the tower was first built about 150 years ago a structural defect was discovered; it was therefore completely dismantled and rebuilt. The monument, standing on the crest of a spur of the Cotswolds, is a landmark over the whole Severn Vale.

my wife watched the picture and shouted through the window when it came right, then I fixed it up exactly where I was-in the middle of the lawn. And there it is still; it looks rather peculiar, but it gives us an excellent picture. and a Great Spotted Woodpecker uses it daily as a perch. on his round of trees and bird trays. One day, no doubt, the T. V. man will return and want us to pay a bill, because I hear he was not

injured in the accident; then he will fix up the aerial properly somewhere and we shall never have such a good picture again, and the woodpecker will also be justifiably annoyed.

We get a lot of good entertainment out of T.V., but for consistent high value I think that no feature of the programmes can beat Muffin the Mule, who has become a national figure, and in this house, a popular hero. The set is kept in my study, so that anyone who does not want to "view" can stay else-

where; the logic of this arrangement has never been quite clear to me, but I raise no objection because, if it was anywhere else, I should have to leave my study to see it, whereas now I never miss anything. It has been "on" during most of the time of writing this article.

I wish I could pick up Ceylon on our wireless set, but I fear that is quite impossible. It was both pleasant and interesting to hear an interview last week with Commander Procter of the Wijaya. People in England have a great liking for and interest in Ceylon. Many are rather vague as to its position on the map, but they regard it as a sound reliable member of the Commonwealth inhabited by a pleasant and responsible people.

NOTICE so often, as I did in Ceylon, but this time from another angle, how closely the village people of England and Ceylon resemble each other in their customs and manners of thought. One meets the Sinhalese village schoolmaster whose superior, but not always perfect education, sets him above his fellows, certainly in his own opinion, if not in that of others. There was an old schoolmaster in the Lincolnshire village where I was born who was just the same type; a delightful character and a good schoolmaster, but he had his very human failings. One of them was his inordinate pride in a smattering of Latin, which language he used whenever opportunity offered. His most erudite feat of classical composition was achieved when he recorded in the Parish Register certain reafforestation which he had effected in the churchyard. "Quinque Arbores set in Cemiteriocircum Oreas March 1902, and hope some person will take care they are not destroyed per Desiderium." He also entered a special list of his numerous children at the end of the Register "to prevent trouble if ever wanted". There was a funeral or a birth in his family nearly every year, and a corner of the churchyard is known as Allerton's Garden. His own stone bears the words "Ludi magister 59 years."

SOMEONE told me of a field on the top of Rushmire Hill, behind our house, where prehistoric implements could be found—Eoliths and Neoliths and such interesting things, as are found on the hill tops round Bandarawella

golf course, where the podians know all the proper archaeological terms they learnt while helping the Seligmanns to investigate the site So my granddaughter and I went up there to look. She is an observant child aged five. with a remarkable power of running commentary, a most entertaining companion for rather a tedious pursuit. We searched a field of young wheat and very soon found a piece of a kelt or stone axe, but that was all, nothing else rewarded our patient and vigilant quartering of the field. In fact, somehow, we lost more than we found. Fay started the search wearing a Canadian cap with ear flaps, but an hour or so later I observed she no longer had it on. She agreed that my observation was correct. but had no recollection whatever of what she had done with it. She had felt too hot and had removed it. Where? When? She couldn't remember. We retraced our course but never found it. The loss was not well received at home, but we are both of a philosophical turn of mind. These important archaelogical discoveries are seldom achieved without sacrifice.

I had been a beautiful afternoon with sun and a strong wind. The Severn glistened in the hazy valley far below the last great flanking spurs of the Cotwolds, bearing at their points great monuments to General Somerset and William Tyndale, and we could see right down as far as Avonmouth and over to the Welsh hills beyond Cardiff.

The Tyndale monument commemorates William Tyndale, the first translator of the Bible into English. He is said to have been born in North Nibley, the village above which the monument stands, but he was, in fact, born at Southend, not far away. He became tutor at Little Sodbury Manor and, travelling round this part of Gloucestershire preaching, he became aware of the country people's total ignorance of the Bible, because it was in Latin. "If God spares me", he said, "I will take care that every plough-boy in England shall know as much of the Scriptures as the Pope in Rome".

Religious persecution drove him to Wittenberg, where he translated the New Testament.
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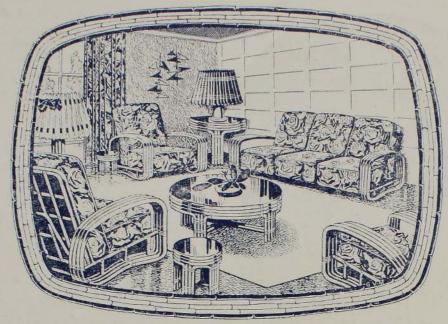


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exported from Glaucestershire. Tyndale then translated a large part of the Old Testament but, before he could finish it, he was betrayed and burned at the stake at Vilvorde on October 6th, 1536. His last words were "Lord, open the King of England's eyes". His prayer was answered within two years when King Henry VIII quarrelled with the Pope and ordered that a copy of the Bible in English should be kept in every parish church. The bishops who prepared the translation used Tyndale's version word for word. Only one copy of Tyndale's first edition of the New Testament in English now survives, in the British Museum.

VESTERDAY a fox killed seven of my neighbour's fowls at ten o'clock in the morning in a field on the edge of the village. There was the usual suspicion that it might have been done by a dog. We have had such an epidemic of fowl-killing and sheep-worrying all over the country and no less round here, but it was clearly the work of a fox. Although no

one would suspect our sedate Robert I. was glad he was out in the car with me at the time, and therefore beyond suspicion. The sheep-worrying



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that has become so unusually common is a peculiar outbreak of which no one seems to know the real cause. I think it may have spread from

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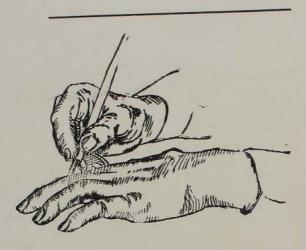
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town dogs that come with their owners on visits to weekend cottages and country houses, and who are not trained in country behaviour. The country-reared dog will soon pick up bad habits from as occasional visitor with whom it is friendly, and so the wave of canine crime has spread in the same way as human crime does. It is just as difficult to stop. Quite a number of farmers have given up keeping sheep after an attack; they consider the risk to be not worth-while. The

farmer cannot shoot a dog unless he catches it in the act, or he is liable to a heavy penalty. A valuable sheep dog near here was shot by the irate owner of some show dogs whom the collie used to come and disturb, which act cost him £50 in the Magistrates' Court.

It is getting late and a very wet night—which reminds me that we have a real Town Crier here I must find a picture of him for next month.



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#### ENGAGEMENTS.

#### De Zoysa - Wijesekera:



R. de Zoysa of Ramsay Florist, Colombo, to Lilian Charlotte Wijesekera, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Simon Mendis Wijesinghe of Rajgama, and of Mrs. Wijesekera of Tallala, Kottegoda,

#### Wanigasekera - Perera:

S. V. Wanigasekera, and Miss Sumitra Perera, daughter of the late Mr. David Perera, and of Mrs. Perera of Colombo.

#### Newton - Taylor :

The engagement is announced between Roger Walston, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Newton of Matlock, Derbyshire, and Helen Noel, only daughter of the late Mr. S. G. Taylor, C.B.E.. and of Mrs. Taylor of Dundee, Scotland.

#### Schrader - De Silva:

The engagement is announced of Ronald, only son of Mr. Fred Schrader and the late Mrs. Schrader of Kimbulapitiya Estate, Negombo, and Marlene, daughter of Col. H. V. C. de Silva and Mrs. de Silva of Colombo.

#### Weerasinghe - Senanayake:

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place shortly of Doreen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Senanayake of Avisawella, and Dr. V. E. Weerasinghe, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Weerasinghe.

#### WEDDINGS.

#### Gomes - De Silva:

THE marriage took place on May 15, at the Grand Oriental Hotel of Mr. J. S. Gomes, Works Manager, Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd., son of the late Mr. J. S. Gomes and of Mrs. Gomes of Gomes Path, Havelock Town, and Chandra, daughter of the late Mr. N. R. Silva and of Mrs. Silva of "Lily Villa", Egoda Uyana.

#### Wanduragala - Marcelline :

The marriage took place recently at St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, of Lieut Mervyn Wanduragala, son of the late Mr. Ernest Wanduragala of Kurunegala, and Annette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Marcelline of De Fonseka Place Havelock Town.

The bride's parents held a reception at the Galle Face Hotel.

THE Island-wide "Cancer Drive" organised by the Ceylon Cancer Society is on. Funds are urgently needed to carry on the present work as well as to expand it so as to serve a greater number of those afflicted with the dread disease. The Society runs a Home for Cancer Patients in Regent Street and has set apart Rs. 61,000 towards the provision of a ward for cancer incurables at the Government Cancer Institute, Maharagama, but the Society has had to curtail even some of the bare necessities of the patients while the after-care and propaganda work has been brought to a standstill.

Mrs. E. A. Nugawela (wife of the Minister of Health), who is the chief organiser of the Cancer Drive, makes an appeal to one and all to help the Society in achieving its objects. Cheques (crossed), Postal and Money Orders should be made payable te "The Ceylon Cancer Society," whose address is 100, Kynsey Road, Colombo.

The bridal pageant, "Silken Strands", held at the Royal College Hall went off very well and according to the organiser, the Cancer Drive will benefit to the extent of Rs. 2,000. As stated in the last issue of The Ceylon Causerie, June 5 and 6 have been set apart for the All-Island Schools' and Island-wide Flag Days respectively, and on June 11, there's to be a Bridge and Mah Jong Drive at the Galle Face Hotel. The highlight of the Cancer Drive will be the grand Charity Ball (organised by Sakuntala Rajagopal) presenting "Concourse D'Elegance"-a Mannequin Parade at the "Copacabana" on June 13. Two bands will be in attendance supported by international cabaret stars. For the first time in Ceylon there will be a revolving stage from which the mannequins will show off their lovely clothes and the special hair-styles created for the occasion by Ranee Fernando.

Among those displaying frocks will be: Mesdames Brown, Button, Cecilia Burns, Aloma Dender,

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Ravathi Balasingham, Anusha Balendra, Rosemary Greve, Shirani Gunesekera, Tilaka Jayawardena. S. Kanagasunderam, Hilary Koch, Priyadashani Nadaraja, Indihira Naganathan and Dhushyanthi and Dilrukshi Nugawela.

"Meet Me Tonight" starring Noel Coward will be filmed at the benefit show to be held at the Savoy on July 7, under the patronage of Sir Alan Rose, the Chief Justice, The charity cricket match has had to be cancelled as the Colombo Oval will not be available.

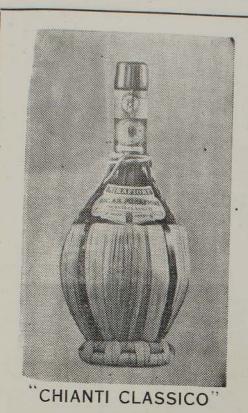


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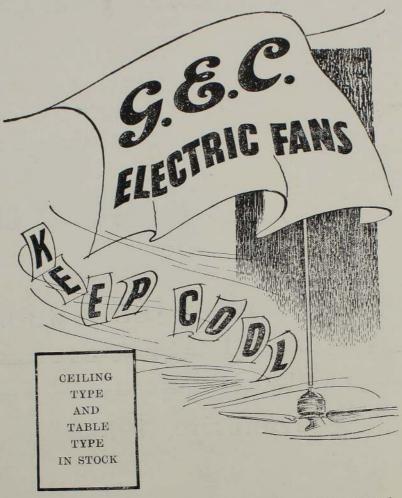
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- 8. Insect
- 9. Very pleased
- 10. Dwarf
- 11. Misfortune
- 13. Bow
- 14. Kind
- 17. Dodged
- 19. Help
- 21. A congress
- 22. Coming
- 24. Vigorous
- 25. Extend
- 26. Flourish

#### DOWN

- . Rough
- 3. Seethed
- 4. Division
- 5. Small amount
- 6. Puzzling
- 7. Stammer
- 8. Border
- 12. Spontaneous
- 15. Ungenerous
- 16. Retire
- 18. Dread
- 19. Cherubs
- 20. Part
- 23. Finish

### Solution to Puzzle No. 199

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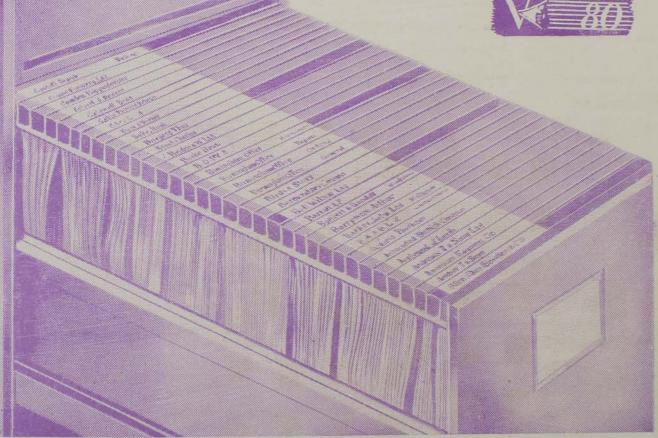
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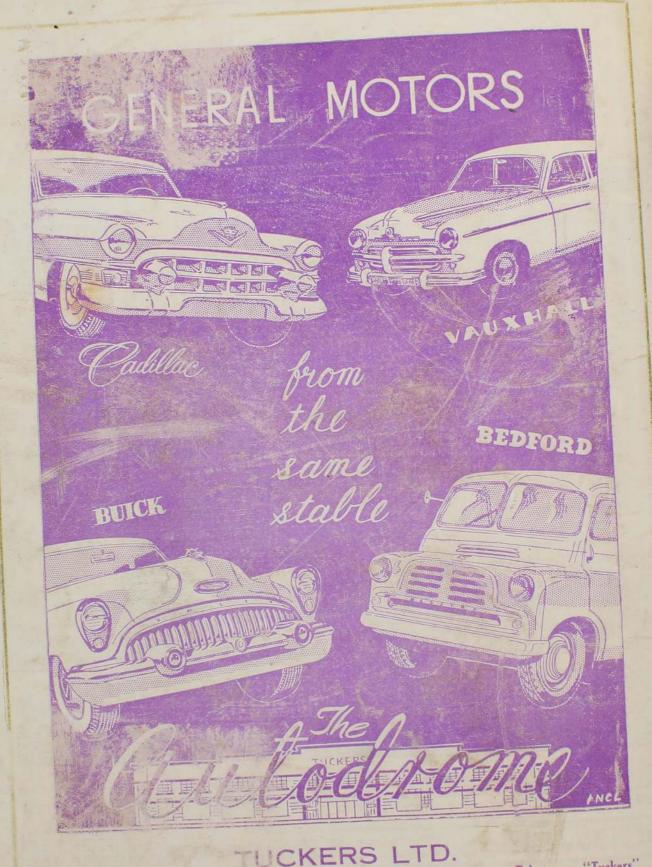
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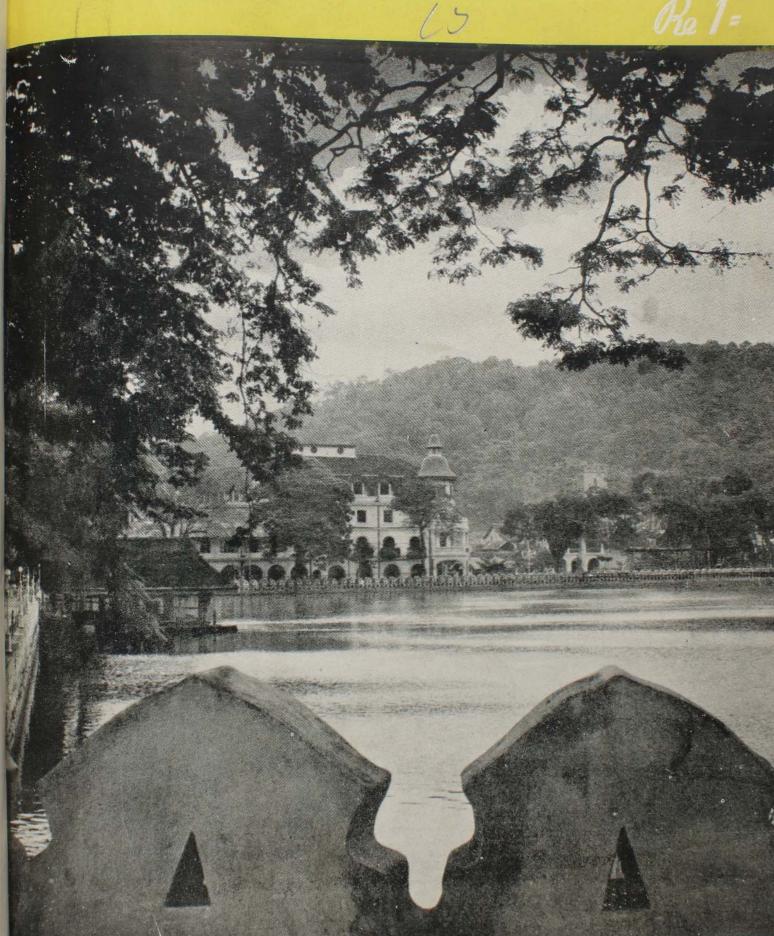


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