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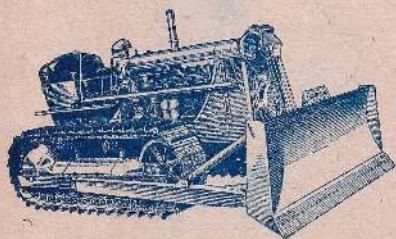
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The onset of the South-West Monsoon was marked by heavy rain, which caused the rivers rising in the central hills to overflow their banks in the lower reaches. Last week the Kelani Valley in Sabaragamuwa and lowlands in the West and South-west of the Island experienced widespread floods rendering thousands of people temporarily homeless. The pictures show (above) a road in the outskirts of Colombo under water ; (below) one of the canoes that replaced wheeled transport.

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A NEW WAY OF LIFE

THE Prime Minister concluded his Wesak Day broadcast message to the nation with these words: "Let us resolve to forget our past mistakes, our hatreds and our ill-will, and begin a new way of life . . ."

One thing that needs to be forgotten and that should not be allowed to recur is the recent tendency to rouse bitter feelings against those who have different religious faiths and racial cultures than those of the majority of the people of the country. The rights of the minorities have to be preserved against the assaults of bigots and fanatics.

Another danger is the fostering of hate and bitterness between political factions and different classes of society by revolutionary elements.

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NEVER has there been a greater need for stressing the value of tolerance and the virtue of maitrya as a factor that makes for national unity and peaceful progress. The coming Buddha Jayanti celebrations should inspire people of all creeds and communities in Ceylon to work for a spiritual awakening and higher moral standards as the basis of the beginning and continuance of a new way of life.

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IN one of the many messages we received on our seventh anniversary, the High Commissioner for Australia observed that this journal had "enhanced the name of Ceylon for tolerance and good humour."

We shall continue to do so. But the good reputation our country has gained for these two qualities will be lost if recent attempts at creating religious antagonism are not sternly discouraged.

THE EDITOR.

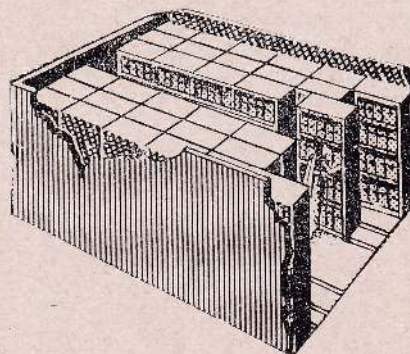
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MATTERS OF MOMENT

By BRUTUS

"THE rain it raineth every day."

This is an apt description of the weather in most parts of Ceylon at the moment of writing. Several rivers have overflowed their banks, causing disastrous floods and rendering thousands homeless. Seldom have monsoonal showers been so frequent and persistent as this May. The floods in many areas have caused damage and suffering that call for urgent relief measures.

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THE celebration of the great Buddhist festival of Wesak this year was marked by more fervour than usual, and the hope may be expressed that followers of all faiths in this country will zealously pursue the ideals of tolerance and non-violence, which are the fundamental tenets of the religion of the majority of its people. Adherence to these ideals should be reflected in the stern discouragement of any attempt to create ill-feeling between communities embracing different creeds and in a determined effort to check the increase in violent crime.

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IT is difficult to believe that the prohibition movement in Ceylon commands wide popular support. But it is easy to create the impression that it does. Was the unprecedentedly large gathering at a public meeting at the Colombo Town Hall in this connection evidence of the appeal of the temperance cause, which some of Ceylon's greatest patriots espoused in the past, to the masses today? Or was it an indication of the lively interest in the future moves of some of the political personalities who joined in this demonstration in favour of a ban on strong drink and racing?

A commission will now investigate the possibility of translating the principle of total prohibition into a practical proposition. Two important considerations are the serious loss of revenue involved in the experiment and the unemployment that would be caused by the suppression of the traffic in liquor. What is needed is a realistic approach to the problem of controlling social evils.

ONE of the brighter headlines during the period under review read as follows: "Government Hopes to Find Work for 110,000." We can only hope that the long-term plan on which this hope is based will begin to produce substantial results within the foreseeable future, and that this is much more than another instance of good intentions not going beyond the blueprint stage. Hope deferred has certainly made the hearts of the growing army of unemployed persons sick with a sense of frustration that can drive them to despair.

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THE Government has decided to make no further reductions in the export duty on tea and is chiefly

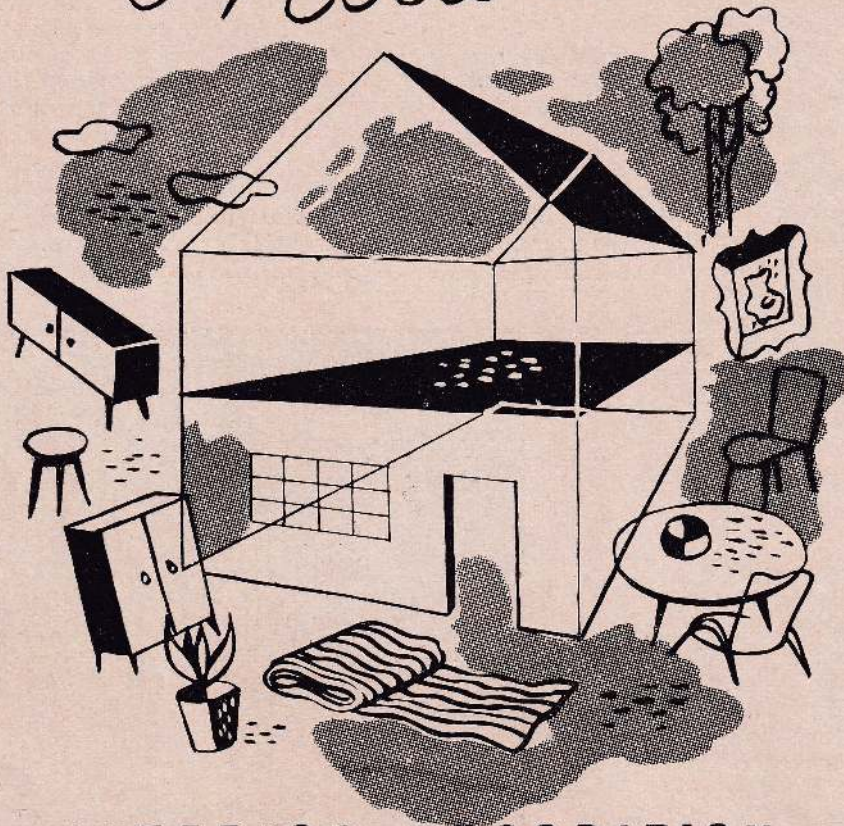
concerned now with the plight of smallholders who have suffered most from the steep fall in prices. It has devised a scheme for subsidising smallholder's tea, having evidently found its entry into the market as a buyer ineffective.

Meanwhile the Chairman of the London Tea Trade Committee, on completing a month's tour of the Island, has commented on the great uncertainty in Britain regarding the Ceylon Government's ability to maintain the export duty at one rupee a pound. He thinks the market would be steadied when this uncertainty is removed and also if the quota restriction on shipments from Ceylon to London is not re-imposed. The question now is whether the slump in the tea market can correct itself in time to prevent much further loss to the interests concerned or damage to the country's economy as a whole.



H.M. Queen Elizabeth II and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh were the guests-of-honour at a dinner party given by Sir Winston and Lady Churchill at 10, Downing Street. In the picture Lady Churchill is greeting the Queen on her arrival. The following day Sir Winston tendered his resignation as Prime Minister.

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MR. PHILIP K. CROWE, American Ambassador in Ceylon, a first instalment of whose interesting article on Galle we publish in this issue, returns to Colombo today after a holiday in Kashmir. We hope he has gathered much material for any articles he may find time to write on fishing and other sport in that picturesque land.

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ARE we not taxed enough? Some anxiety is bound to be caused by the reported recommendations of the Taxation Commission that the revenue from income tax be increased by bringing smaller incomes within the net, and that a sales tax be imposed on all commodities, which would, of course, be passed on by the seller to the purchaser.

Incomes below Rs. 4,800 a year are now exempted from income tax. Can the limit be lowered without causing hardship to many middle-class workers? We shall have to wait for Budget Day, July 7, to know how many fresh burdens a new pattern of taxation will impose on those whom the Government considers best able to bear them.

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A FORMER Principal of Trinity College, Kandy, Canon R. W. Stopford, is to be consecrated Bishop of Fulham on June 11, by the Archbishop of Canterbury at St. Paul's Cathedral, London. He was Senior History Master at Oundle School when he received his Ceylon appointment. He was at Trinity College from 1935 to 1941 when he left to become Principal of Achimota College, Gold Coast, which was founded by the Revd. A. G. Fraser, an earlier Principal of Trinity. In 1939 he was a candidate for the Bishopric of Colombo.

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MR. P. R. GUNASEKERA, former Additional District Judge of Kurunegala, has been appointed to succeed Mr. J. A. Martensz as Ceylon's High Commissioner in Australia. An old Royalist and a Cambridge man, Mr. Gunasekera belongs to a well-known family distinguished for its philanthropy. After taking a degree in Law and qualifying as a barrister in England, he returned to Ceylon to practice his profession, first in Colombo and later at Galle. After a few years of educational work, he returned to the Law and was appointed to the Judicial Service. A keen sportsman, he is specially interested in racing.

EDUCATION of the type that has moulded the character of some of Ceylon's most distinguished leaders owes an incalculable debt to Highfield of Wesley. The fund for a memorial to this great school Principal deserves wide public support. The Governor-General, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, who was given a reception at the Wesley College Old Boys' Union a fortnight ago, made a contribution of Rs. 500, as a first instalment, to the fund and said that not only old Wesleyites but all lovers of education should support it. He recalled the days when the Rev. H. Highfield fought for and secured the release of imprisoned Buddhist leaders during the 1915 riots.



The Late Rev. H. Highfield

We may add that there was nothing narrow or sectarian in the attitude and ideals of Ceylon's educationists in the past. It is in the interests of the country that the traditions they created should be maintained. We hope the Highfield Memorial will be a worthy tribute to a great personality and perpetuate his influence in producing men who make the best use of their opportunities for serving their country well.

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AS the most industrially developed country in Asia, Japan, which recently joined the Colombo Plan, is in a position to help Ceylon to develop her small-scale industries.

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Mr. Raju Coomaraswamy, Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Finance, left for Tokyo recently to negotiate with the Japanese Government with the object of securing technical aid from that country for this purpose. He proceeded from Tokyo to Ottawa and London to carry out the annual negotiations for aid from the Governments of Canada and the United Kingdom under the Colombo Plan.

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SIR Harold Scott, a former chief of Scotland Yard, passing through Colombo recently, remarked that he felt that the Ceylon Police Force was understaffed as compared with its counterpart in Britain. He was also surprised at this country's high murder rate.

Not only should our Police Force be adequately staffed but its standards of efficiency need to be raised considerably if the crime figures are to be reduced and if more convictions are to be obtained in murder cases. Sir Harold's sympathy was with our Police because he felt that 7,000 policemen were hardly an adequate number for Ceylon's population. He also stressed the need for proper relations between the Police and the public.

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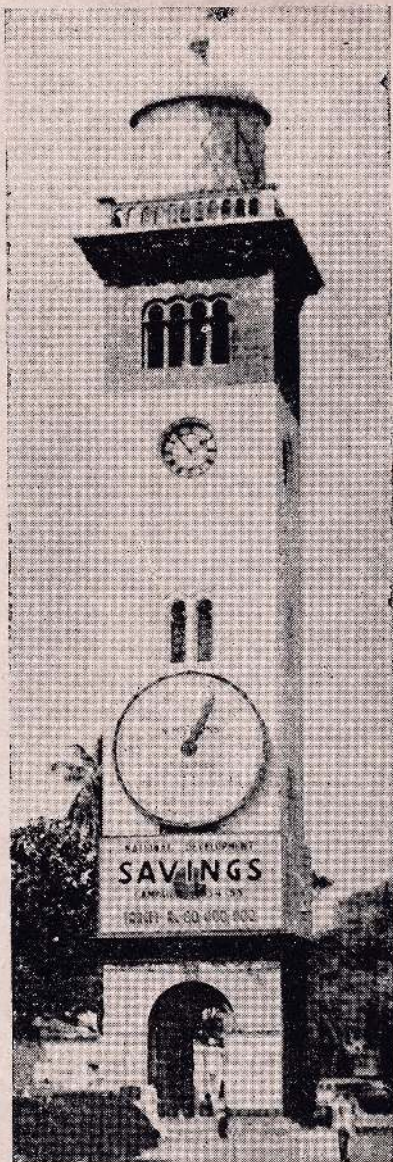
THE latest hospital bungle, reported from an outstation, is that several patients who had gone prepared to undergo operations at the Jaffna Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic were told that the instruments belonging to the clinic were being packed for despatch to the Kandy Hospital, and that their operations could not take place. The prompt intervention of local leaders resulted in this order from the office of the Director of Health Services being revoked. But the incident discloses a lack of foresight or callous indifference to the needs of patients which should not be tolerated by the Ministry of Health.

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THE vacancy caused in the Supreme Court Bench by the retirement of Mr. C. Nagalingam has been filled by the appointment as puisne judge of Mr. H. N. G. Fernando, Commissioner of Assize.

Mr. Fernando, who graduated from Oxford and is a barrister-at-law, joined the Attorney-General's

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Department as Crown Counsel in 1935 and held the posts of Legal Draftsman and Solicitor-General before he was appointed Commissioner of Assize. He is a son of the late Mr. V. M. Fernando, himself a puisne judge, and belongs to a family with a long legal tradition.

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AN expedition of astronomers and scientists from four U.S. centres of learning in association with Trans World Airlines will fly to Ceylon early next month to study and observe the total solar eclipse of June 20.

Totality of the eclipse, which will begin at Colombo at about 8.11 a.m., is of especial interest to scientists because of its long duration, four minutes eleven seconds over Ceylon.

The American observers will include Dr. William B. Sinton, Messrs. Owen Gingerich, and Harold Zirin from the Harvard College Observatory, Cambridge, Mass.; Dr. Arthur Adel, Director of the atmospheric research observatory of the University of Arizona, Flagstaff, Arizona, Mr. Alan Gardiner from the Lowell Observatory also at Flagstaff, and a group of four from the American Museum-Hayden Planetarium, New York.

TWA's continuing studies of long range weather forecasting as an aid to flight planning are expected to be aided by on-the-scene observation of the eclipse.

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THE T.W.A.'s assistant manager of meteorology, Mr. E. D. Farthing, a member of the expedition, recently disclosed an important new development in the science of weather forecasting based on a study of certain rays from the sun. These rays are visible to the naked eye only during solar eclipse. The Ceylon display should provide him with an exceptionally good opportunity for further study.

TWA has long been associated with the scientific groups making up the expedition in its programme of long range weather forecasting.

The TWA party in addition to Farthing will include Agnew Fisher, the airline's motion picture director, who will make films of the eclipse for the company's use and assist other photographic crews, and Walter Menke Assistant to the

Vice-President Public Relations, co-ordinator for the expedition.

Mr. Ralph S. Damon, President of TWA, who will be making an annual inspection of the airline's International facilities next month, plans to join the expedition in Ceylon at the time of the eclipse. Mr. Damon, a member of the American Astronomical Society, has long advocated the value of further study of solar activity and its relationship to weather forecasting as applied to airline operations.

The American observers will be based at Trincomalee and Sigiriya. Other expeditions are from Britain, Japan, Germany and Canada.



Lieut.-Col. F. R. Connolly

IT is with deep regret that we record the death of Lieut.-Col. F. R. Connolly, General Manager of the National Mutual Life Association of Australasia, Ltd., which occurred with tragic suddenness at his residence in Jawatte Road last Sunday afternoon. He had indulged in a game of bowls that morning and was to all appearances in the best of health when he took ill and died.

Lieut.-Col. Connolly, who had been Manager of the National Mutual since 1945, when his predecessor Mr. R. M. West left Ceylon to take charge of the Association's branch office in Cape Town, had been with the firm for thirty-two years. He was a prominent figure in sporting and social circles and during the last war rose to the rank of Lieut-

Col. in the C.G.A. Since his arrival in Ceylon he identified himself with the Colombo Rowing Club and distinguished himself as an outstanding oarsman. He was at one time Captain and later President of the Club. He also took an active interest in Rotary and was Chairman of the international Committee of the Colombo Rotary Club this year. Of a charming disposition he counted a wide circle of friends throughout the Island and the large gathering present at his funeral at the General Cemetery last Monday, with full military honours, was a striking tribute to his popularity. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and an only son at present at school in Australia.

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THE British General Election took place as we were going to press yesterday. We are glad to be able to publish the first part of an informative article on the political scene in Britain on the eve of the election by Ceylon's former Chief Justice, Sir John Howard, whose previous articles on the same subject a few years ago will be remembered by our readers.

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THE latest of many well-merited honours conferred on Professor W. A. E. Karunaratne is a Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians. He was the first Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the Ceylon University, is a Papal Knight of St. Gregory, a C.M.G. and an O.B.E. He has done considerable research work and made many important contributions to medical literature. He enjoys an international reputation in the field of pathology and is a very popular personality who has represented Ceylon at many international scientific conferences.

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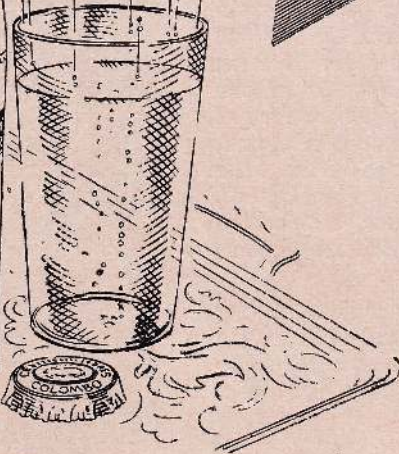
MR. JOSEPH C. Satterthwaite, former American Ambassador to Ceylon, has come to South-East again, having been posted to Rangoon as Ambassador to Burma. His last assignment was in Tangier.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Satterthwaite made many friends in Ceylon during their stay in this country and they have kept touch with the Island through the medium of the *Fortnightly*.

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For all occasions...



ELEPHANT BRAND

THE BRITISH POLITICAL SCENE - I.

GENERAL ELECTION PROSPECTS

By Sir JOHN HOWARD, Q.C.

(Former Chief Justice of Ceylon)

London, 11th May.

IT was anticipated that a change in leadership of the Conservative Party would be followed by a General Election. These anticipations were realized when, after Sir Anthony Eden's appointment as Prime Minister on April 6th in succession to Sir Winston Churchill. Her Majesty the Queen accepted the recommendations of Sir Anthony that Parliament should be dissolved on May 6th and polling for a new Parliament should take place on May 26th. At first sight the necessity for a dissolution is not apparent. Parliament had another year and a half to run before its expiration by process of law. The Government was not faced by a crisis in the conduct of its affairs. In the past the change in the leadership of a Party and in the Prime Minister has not normally been followed by a General Election. In a broadcast on April 15th Sir Anthony justified the course he had taken in the following words :—

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"THE Parliament elected in 1951 is now in its fourth year. It is therefore not surprising that, with a change of Prime Minister, there should be expectation of a General Election. Uncertainty at home and abroad about the political future is bad for our influence on World affairs, bad for trade, and unsettling in many ways. I believe that it is better to face this issue now."

Although some leaders of the Socialist Party have for some time been clamouring for an opportunity to test the feelings of the electorate by a General Election, Sir Anthony's decision was attacked as being made as a matter of political expediency. Socialists have been reported as saying that fear of a worsening in the economic position of the country and no other reason was responsible for an appeal by the Conservatives to the country before Parliament had run its due course.

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ON the other hand, "The Manchester Guardian," which can-

not be regarded as part of the Government press, in a leading article on April 16th expressed the opinion that the Prime Minister had done the right thing in asking for a Dissolution and getting the Election over quickly. There was no particular question of party tactics about it. An Election could have been put off for twelve months, but the



Sir John Howard, Q. C.

—Times Photo

threat would have been always present. Parliament did not work well under sentence of death. It easily gets demoralised and addresses itself to cheap electioneering points rather than serious politics. There was now everything to be said for the refreshment of an appeal to the country. There was a new Prime Minister, a reshuffled Cabinet, yet to be still further reshuffled. There might be no new policies, but there were new men to administer such policies as there were. Moreover the present majority was not a large one.

THERE has been considerable discussion on the effect that Sir Winston's retirement will have on the Conservatives' Election chances. It is generally conceded that, as leader of the nation, Sir Winston has been supreme particularly as a unifying force in Parliament when unity has been essential. The work of his Government has proceeded more smoothly because of this pre-eminence which enabled him to inspire the public to pursue with zeal the principal national objectives. He was able to insure that zeal for these objectives transcended all party differences in the House of Commons. He thus reached a position never before attained in British history except by Chatham in 1759.

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SIR ANTHONY Eden is an experienced parliamentarian and a popular and respected figure. But he will not find it easy to fill the role which has been occupied by Sir Winston, who, although inside party politics, exercised supreme influence outside them. It can, of course, be argued that, during his later years, Sir Winston as Prime Minister has co-ordinated administration and policy with increasing difficulty. In this connection he gives the impression that domestic matters and especially industrial disputes are inconvenient interruptions to the great affairs of State and that they must, therefore, be removed from the path without delay. The younger Tories feel and feel, no doubt, rightly that these habits of mind and action do not make for efficient administration. They, therefore, look for improvement in this respect under the leadership of Sir Anthony Eden. But the latter is a Foreign Office expert and is as yet untried in the co-ordination of administration and policy. It may be that, if the Conservatives are returned to office, the interference from above on departmental administration will be lighter. There may be more order in the conduct of our affairs, but there will certainly be less majesty.

So far as the coming electoral contest is concerned it seems optimistic to think as many Conservatives do that Sir Winston will not be missed as leader of the Party. It is wrong to assume that it will get on better without him. Electors vote not for those whom they regard as efficient administrators but for symbols. Sir Winston may be old, but as a symbol he was unique.

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PAGES FROM THE HISTORY OF GALLE

By PHILIP K. CROWE
(U.S.A. Ambassador in Ceylon)

FROM Colombo down the palm-shaded coast road to Galle is only seventy miles; but in the larger concept of time the towns are centuries apart. For a thousand years before Colombo existed as anything but a mud-walled fishing village, Galle was a thriving mart of trade.

Scholars believe it may well have been Tarshish of the Bible—the fabled port to which Solomon's merchant galleys sailed from Ezion-geber on the Red Sea to trade for gold, ivory, apes and peacocks with the proud Kings of Lanka. For certain it was Kallah, where in the days of Haroun Al Raschid the ships of the Sultan met the junks of the Chinese Emperor and returned with gems, silk and spices for the Court of the Thousand and One Nights.

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A Rich Prize

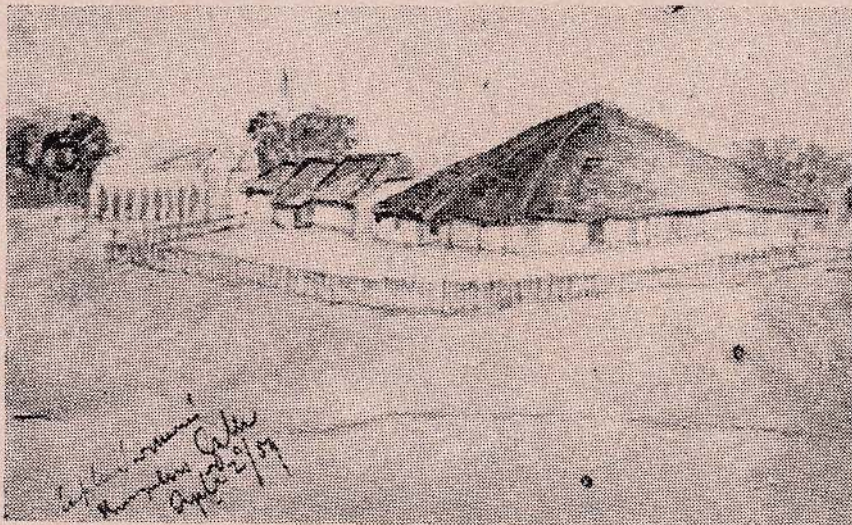
SUCH a prize could not fail to tempt the great trading nations of Europe, and in 1505 Portuguese galleons touched at Galle and found Moorish captains loading cinnamon and elephants in the harbour. Elephants would certainly be a novelty in Lisbon, but cinnamon, in the days before refrigeration, was worth its weight in gold, and the report of the Portuguese captain resulted in an expedition to Ceylon and the establishment of a trading post at Galle. From emporium to fort was a logical move in those uninhibited days and by 1625 the fortress of Santa Cruz, whose walls encompassed the town, was completed.

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Like a Castle

SURROUNDED on three sides by water and presenting to the land approach frowning bastions some

thirty feet high and almost as thick, Galle rises from the rocky coast like a mediaeval castle. Entering through a great arched gate we found ourselves in a narrow winding street lined by old Dutch houses, a yellowing church and the New Oriental Hotel, a hostelry only slightly modified since the days, three centuries ago, when it was used as officers' barracks. Of the school of Raffles at Singapore and the late lamented Shepards of Cairo, the



A sketch of Galle in 1859.

—Times Photo

New Oriental has the character that comes from age and use—a dignity that cannot be superimposed on the gleaming and traditionless inns of more modern times. Our rooms were huge and gloomy, but the old servant's morning bow was a thing of grace, and the keys with which we locked our rooms were of the vintage that Captain Kidd could well have used in his treasure chests.

After dinner a new moon was sailing over the bastions and we walked down the empty and echoing streets to the Water Gate, over whose bronze-studded portals was carved the arms of the Dutch East India Company: the letters V.O.C.—standing for Vereenigde Oost Indische Compagnie, and above them two lions rampant, a cock standing on a rock and the numerals 688.

Dutch Conquest

IN such a place at such a time it is easy to go even further back and conjure up the third watch of March 13, 1640, when the Dutch Captain, Willem Jacobtz Coster, having besieged the city for thirteen days, decided to carry it by direct attack and just as dawn was breaking, hurled his forces at the bastion, scaled them, and fought a long and bloody battle before the Portuguese captain, Lourenco Ferrero de Brito, was forced to surrender. Since de Brito's garrison consisted of only some eighty Portuguese soldiers and sixty native lascoryns, his resistance was an heroic one.

De Brito himself fell gravely wounded and his life was only spared through the intercession of his wife, who threw herself on his bleeding body. The Dutch captain was moved to pity and when de Brito subsequently recovered he was sent to Batavia with full honours of war.

So determined was Coster to take Galle that he "filled the Asiatics with arrack mixed with gun powder," and as if that was not enough to make them brave, threatened with death all who fled. "And this," said the Portuguese chronicler

de Queiros, "was the race with which God has chastened us."

Concern for the indigenous population was apparently not a major concern of some of the early Dutch governors, and we read with awe of Petrus Vuyst, who clapped a plaster over one eye when he landed in Galle to show that he only needed one eye to rule so small and unimportant a country. He had a bad habit of ordering men's nails pulled out and the raw flesh then cauterized with hot sealing wax. He was finally tried at Batavia and drawn and quartered.

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"A Dying Town"

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PAGES FROM THE HISTORY OF GALLE

governors. This fine old house is now the home of Mr. H. L. Harbottle, the manager of the Galle branch of Walker, Sons and Company. Mrs. Harbottle has taken a keen interest in the history of the house and told me that it was built by Thomas Van Rhee, Governor of the East India Company, in 1683. When Galle fell to the British in 1796 the palace was taken over by the British Governors and was known as Queen's or King's House, depending on the contemporary sovereign. The palace was sold in 1872 by Governor W. H. Gregory, an act for which he was severely reprimanded by the Colonial Office.

Mrs. Harbottle has a photostat of his reply to the Lords of the Colonial Office in which he justifies himself by stating flatly that Galle was a dying town. He was dead right, for three years later the breakwater was completed at Colombo and Galle immediately ceased to be the port of entry for Ceylon.

The Dutch Church is a finely proportioned building. Begun in 1752 and completed ten years later, it has a simplicity of design that is rare in the generally heavy architecture of the period. The ceiling was originally painted cerulean blue and studded with stars. Underneath the main floor lies a great vault where the rich and powerful are buried. In those days final rest was regulated by fees; the highest being paid for space inside this vault and the lowest for the berth in the graveyard outside the fort. The baptismal register has been kept without interruption since 1678.

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A Midget Governor ?

TO my mind, however, the most thought-provoking sight in the old church is a curious shield hung on the wall. Purporting to be the trophy of a Dutch Governor, the shield is hung with articles of his personal equipment. There is a shirt, a pair of spurs, a pair of mailed gauntlets and a sword. But these grim accoutrements of war are all tiny. A boy of ten could not have worn the shirt nor pulled on the gauntlets. Was there once a midget Governor of Galle, some fierce little man who ruled the land with the child's sword in his hand ?

The harbour of Galle is beautiful. A hundred years ago Sir Emerson

Tennent said of it : " The sea, blue as any sapphire, breaks on the fortified rocks that form its entrance. The headlands are bright with verdure and the yellow sand is shaded by palm trees that incline their heads towards the sea. The shore is gemmed with flowers and the hills behind are draped with perennial green. Far in the distance rises the zone of purple hills above which towers the sacred mountain of Adam's Peak with its summit enveloped in clouds."

But the harbour is almost always empty. The Master Attendant, or Port Officer and Pilot combined, has little to do. One, sometimes two, freighters a month risk the heavy surf of the anchorage, but most of his duty lies with the high-riding buggalows from India or raking schooners from the Maldives.

He lives in a charming old world house built on the bastion known as "Ackers Sloot" after the birthplace of our friend Coster, who kicked out the Portuguese. Engraved on the wall over the entrance is the

Cock of the Company, and the date 1759.

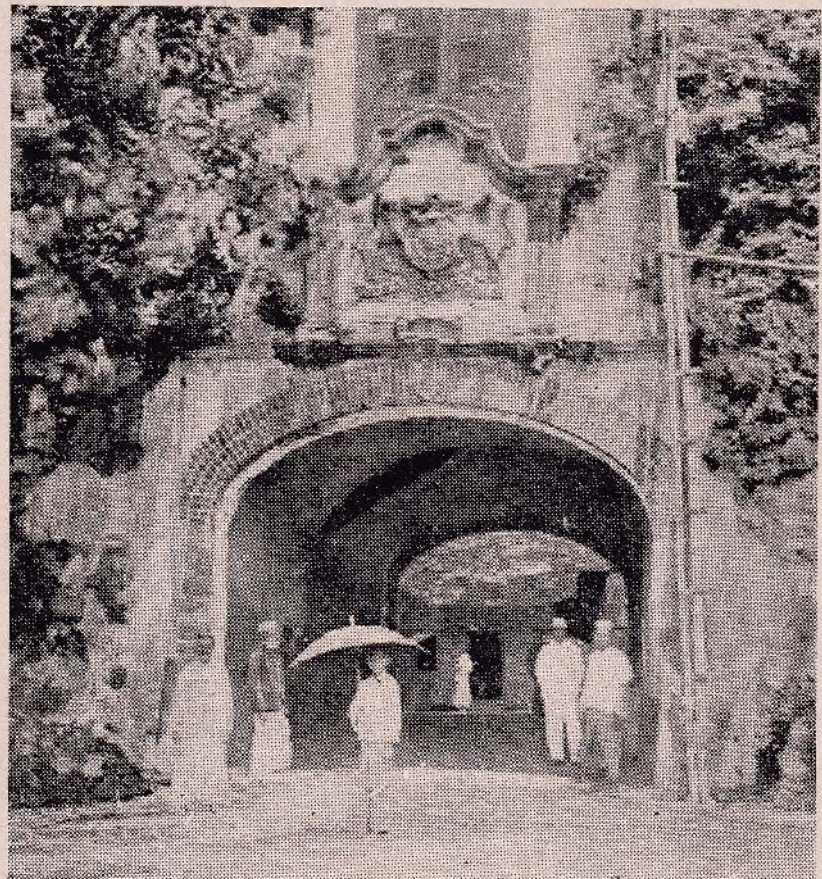
The hinterland of coconut, cinnamon, tea, rubber and citronella, which Galle used to serve, is still a rich producing area, and, if sufficient money were spent on the harbour, there is no doubt that Galle would wake from its long sleep and become a bustling port once again. At this reading, however, the chances of sparking such a programme do not look good. Colombo is now one of the busiest ports in the whole Far East and the complex of companies which handle this trade are not likely to alter the pattern to include Galle.

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Period Piece

WE dined with Mr. Manders, the Government Agent for the Southern Province, whose capital is Galle. An able administrator with twenty-seven years' experience in the Civil Service, he is the last British Government Agent left in Ceylon.

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A POLITICAL NOTEBOOK

—BY CROSS-BENCHER—

THE month of May will be remembered for the all-time low level to which the price of tea fell and the desperate appeals made to the Government by, particularly im- provident Ceylonese, producers to save them from ruin. Company owned estates took the crisis relatively calmly, having cushioned themselves against the eventuality by wise provision out of the extraordinary profits they made last year. Small- holders, living from hand to mouth selling green leaf to processing factories, were of course in dire straits and naturally evoked the sympathy of the Government.

Reduction of the export duty from Rs. 1.30 to Re. 1 had no effect on price and though the clamant demand for a further reduction grew in volume, the Government was adamant in refusing to accede to it. To help the small-holders the Government took the novel course of entering the market as a buyer of the lowest quality tea, at the same time withdrawing for three months the limitation on the amount of tea shipped to London for sale, in the hope of reducing stocks accumulating in this country. These measures too made little impression on the market.

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LAST week the Government announced, while still resolutely refusing to reduce the export duty, a scheme to subsidise tea up to a maximum of 50 cents a lb. where the price fell below Rs. 1.50, with the proviso that manufacturers would pay 20 cents a lb. for green leaf (the price having fallen from 60 cents to less than 10 cents).

In the meantime there are signs of a very gradual recovery of the market indicating that the law of supply and demand will assert itself after the chaos caused by the excessive purchases made in consuming countries when prices rose to the giddy heights of mid-January. The violent changes have also been salutary to producers, for where quality tended to be sacrificed for quantity to cash in on the price-increase, plummeting prices have persuaded them to go in for quality again. As for the Government, the determination to maintain the export duty at a rupee was inevitable, as it had counted the chickens before they were hatched by committing itself to

higher salaries to the public service and to various schemes of development to provide employment.

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UNEMPLOYMENT is indeed posing a serious problem to the Government. The number of unemployed is in the region of half a million, but precise figures are not available. With the educational policy producing unemployables, and industries being yet in the planning stage, the Government has struck upon the production of hand-loom cloth as a means of finding employment for a limited number. It is proposed to set up a thousand weaving centres throughout the Island during the current financial year and absorb 5,000 unemployed for a beginning. The long-term plan is to find employment in this industry for 25,000.

Another scheme is to bring under cultivation 50,000 acres of land in various parts of the Island. The opening of the land itself is expected to give employment to 50,000 persons. High hopes are entertained of an experiment launched in the Northern Province, Killinochi, where educated youth are being trained to be farmers. Jaffna young men have taken enthusiastically to the offer of land but their fortitude remains to be tested. A similar experiment is to be made in the north-central dry zone.

It is not probably until the budget is presented that we shall know what other proposals will be put forward to solve the unemployment problem. The Minister of Finance and the Minister of Industries have been to India, the former studying the working of the first five-year plan, which is claimed to have been a success, and the drafting of the second plan, and the latter the small-scale industries that are being developed in India. He is now consulting local manufacturers with a scheme for training young men under them who will eventually be assisted to set up their own establishments.

It would have been profitable had the Minister of Education also visited India and examined the methods being adopted there to give a practical bias to educated in that country. As it is he is bogged down by the policy of applying the national languages as the medium of instruction without adequate teachers or

text books while the content of education is failing to equip pupils to venture out of the beaten track.

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WITH Parliament in recess, members of Parliament are pre-occupied with the Alutnuwara by-election, all the major parties having put forward candidates. The UNP is confident of victory mainly because Opposition votes will be divided, but the Party machine has nevertheless been active in the field, with the Prime Minister himself taking a hand. The result of the by-election is hardly likely to have a bearing on the next General Election next year as long as the intentions of two UNP stalwarts, ex-Prime Minister Dudley Senanayake and Mr. R. G. Senanayake remain in doubt. They are not, taking part in the electioneering at Alutnuwara, but they have appeared on the same platform as the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, on the prohibition platform. This has led to the suggestion that a new party is in process of formation, but the idea may be dismissed as a case of the wish being farther to the thought. Equally without foundation is talk of a rift within the UNP caused by Mr. Dudley Senanayake's stand on the Prohibition issue. He refused the Prime Minister's offer of chairmanship of a commission to draw up a scheme to bring Prohibition into operation, preferring to prepare the ground for it first. He may not approve of all that is being done by the government, but he is not likely to be a disruptive factor within the Party.

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THE Governor-General, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, had sound advice to give the co-operative movement when, inaugurating the Co-operative Federation of Ceylon on May 21, he said that its main task ahead was not only to safeguard what had already been achieved but ensure that the movement had the fullest support of the people.

That the movement has survived as long as 44 years is in itself a splendid achievement and that it should be in a position to do without official patronage should bring satisfaction to all who have laboured to that end. At the same time there is no doubt that in some aspects of the application of the principle of co-operation features have emerged which tend to undermine public

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ELECTION FORUM

By PEGGY SHOLTO

(Fortnightly Review Special)

London, May 11.

JUST a fortnight before the General Election is due to take place, Britain is surprisingly placid and people everywhere seem almost indifferent to the momentous decision which it is their privilege to make on May 26th. Here and there is open speculation; and occasional electioneering obtrudes into the daily round, as the butcher cuts a steak which he assures us Mr. Butler is certain to make cheaper after the Great Day, or the 'bus conductor chides us for our lack of order at the 'bus stop, wagging a threatening finger to emphasise the point that *this* is not the only queuing we'll be doing soon. But apart from these cosy, homely reminders, there has not as yet been a frontal attack by any of the Parties. And were it not for the Press, radio and television—particularly the latter medium—it is highly probable that a great many citizens in the country would not even be aware of the dissolution of Parliament.

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TO many of the older generation who recall electioneering with all the excitement of the hustings, the rowdiness, the heckling, present day methods must seem tame and inexpressive. But as the electorate has become more educated, it has also become more dignified. Calculated thought has replaced wild emotionalism—and perhaps it is because there are fewer "spur of the moment" decisions that the two major Parties seem so nearly balanced; and Parliament, whichever side holds the deciding votes, pursues a policy of stability. For, although the outcome of the Election is, naturally, unknown, it is felt on all sides that there will be no violent swing of the pendulum. Roughly twelve million voters will definitely vote for the Conservatives; and an equal number are pledged to the support of Labour. It is the odd few million who hold the franchise and who are either Liberal supporters or sitters-on-the-fence, whose votes will decide the issue.

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MANY constituencies will, in this Election, have no Liberal candidate and, whilst one leading Liberal,

Lady Megan Lloyd George, has gone over to the Labour Party, there is no corollary that Liberals elsewhere will follow her lead. Indeed there are even indications that many Liberals will vote this time for the Tory Party. Thus, while neither side anticipates a sweeping majority, both need a greater degree of confidence than has been expressed at the last two General Elections. Sir Anthony Eden, leading the Conservatives, feels that the country would be stronger to hold international talks on the highest levels if they were backed in the House by



Sir Anthony Eden

two or three times the majority they previously held. Mr. Attlee, heading a Labour Party which only recently seemed cleft in internal strife, realises that to succeed in Labours' policies a clear majority is absolutely essential. In an attempt to achieve this, both Parties have striven hard to please their television electorate, now two or three times as large as at the last General Election. The Conservatives, so it is whispered, even have a mock TV studio at Party Headquarters, so that candidates due to face the cameras can have a run through on closed circuit with only Party supporters to watch and criticize. One issue, the H-Bomb, which might well have swayed the on-the-fence-electorate decisively, ceases to hold any Party political importance since both sides now

support its manufacture in Britain. The public is against the bomb, as it is against sin, but it seems to have come to the conclusion that both are inevitable in this imperfect world.

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WHAT then are the issues on which this Election will be fought? In the field of international affairs it seems that "agreement" is not too smooth a word to describe the proposed foreign policies of both Tories and Labour. In their attitude to Europe, on their decisions in Africa, in their hopes for Asia, the Parties are basically agreed. General strategy—the easing of tension, and moving towards an enduring peace—is accepted by all. Only the tactics differ slightly. On the Home Front, however, there is greater divergence between the Parties. Again certain basic policies are endorsed by both: children must have greater educational facilities, the housing programme must continue, full employment must not flag, the old and the needy must be further assisted. But smaller issues may assume large dimensions. For instance, the price of tobacco and beer—ever influential election gambits in Britain—may well be a last minute trump by one side or the other. Or the question of comprehensive schooling may prove a vital issue; or even the National Assistance rates.

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IT could therefore seem, especially to outsiders, that this is to be a tame Election with trivialities dominant and little to choose between the two Parties. In fact, however, there remains the enormous gulf of economics—for on the results of the Election will depend the decision as to whether Britain is going to move in the direction of a freer, or a more planned economy. Were the Socialists to gain power, there is little doubt but that controls would be re-introduced, food subsidies reinstated, and a further programme of nationalization implemented. If Mr. Butler continues at the Exchequer, the likelihood is of greater investments, increased profits and a further hardening of the pound. The differences in handling the economic situation may not clearly emerge throughout the Election campaign. But because they are fundamental, it might be argued in authoritative quarters that this is the most important election in Britain since the war.



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PEOPLE

DR. R. L. HAYMAN, Headmaster of St. Thomas' College, Gurutalawa, who returned to the Island on the Oranje last week, accompanied by Mrs. Hayman and his sister, Miss Hayman, told us that both he and his wife had thoroughly enjoyed their six months' holiday in England.

He had seen a number of Ceylon friends while away. The Rev. A. G. Fraser and Mrs. Fraser are well and have been persuaded to give up their house at Droitwich in Worcestershire. It really was too big for them and it was a great effort for them to keep it up. He also met Mr. Norman Walter and his wife at Weston Supermare and they seemed very happy with their new car. Mrs. Walter and the children had 'flu after landing. They missed the Elliots owing to a letter going astray in the post.

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DR. and Mrs. Hayman called on the Carpenter Garniers—the Bishop at Cuddleston and his sisters in their nursing home at Winchester. Colombo's former Bishop looked very fit and drove to meet them in his car. His sisters are confined to their room but were as full of interest in Ceylon as ever.

Dr. Hayman also saw Canon McLeod Campbell and found him thriving. He has very fine quarters in the Masters' House at Charterhouse, London. Dr. Hayman ran into Dr. C. C. de Silva at the Ceylon Students' Hostel and also met several old boys of St. Thomas' there—L. A. de Silva, Dias Bandaranayake, D. W. W. Kannagara and U. E. Welaratne. They had rice and curry at the Hostel and enjoyed it.

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WHILE at Bournemouth Dr. Hayman met Col. E. E. Meggett, who came to see some of his films of Ceylon. The Colonel had to stay indoors most of the winter but was just getting about again. Dr. Hayman also met K. Ranawake and P. Gunasena and Miss M. Hutchins, who used to work at Kopay.

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ONE of the best known sportsmen in Ceylon at the turn of the century was Mr. W. E. M. Paterson, of Aitken, Spence & Co., whose death in Scotland was announced in our last issue. Few of the present

generation will remember him, but there are hundreds who can recall his remarkable exploits in the field of sport, chiefly at cricket and rugger, two games in which he excelled.

Coming to Ceylon in 1901 with the reputation of having carried all before him at Edinburgh Academy, he gave evidence of his prowess as a golfer to start with, reaching the final of the Amateur Championship in his first bid for the title on the Ridgeway Course, in November, 1901. This was at a time when Ceylon was rich in first class golfers, and the new-comer created a furore when he took that brilliant golfer, D. W. Watson, to the 36th hole, the most thrilling final up to that year. A player with the ideal golf temperament, a terrific hitter off the tee and deadly with his irons, Paterson unfortunately found greater interest in cricket and other games, and never gained the Ceylon title.

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AT cricket he won much distinction, making a brilliant debut against Up-country in the August Test with an innings of 80, which went a long way to give Colombo victory by six wickets. He appeared regularly for the C.C.C. in the years that followed and was captain of the

Senior Club by the time players of the calibre of W. T. Greswell, V. F. S. Crawford, Dr. G. Thornton and J. A. Hellard figured for the European Club and greatly strengthened the side. Apart from his prowess as a batsman Paterson was always worth watching on the field, he was first rate at cover.

Thanks to his efforts the C.C.C. took a big hand in arranging an annual match with the Ceylonese, and the first of these interesting Tests took place in April, 1910, and continued regularly till the outbreak of World War I in 1914. Paterson figured very prominently at rugger, soccer and hockey and was the first to represent Colombo in all four Tests in August Week. He was to Colombo what the famous Tommy Wright was to Up-country, brilliant and versatile and always a big attraction.

As a business man W. E. M. Paterson was as great a success, becoming head of the firm of Aitken, Spence & Co. at a comparatively early age. This was before the first World War, when three of the partners of Aitken, Spence & Co.—Messrs. A. P. Waldock, A. S. Berwick and C. S. Burns joined Lee, Hedges & Co.



The Rev. Fr. Justin Perera, Mis. Ap. (right), and the Rev. Fr. H. Schram, O.M.I., on their way to Melbourne in the 'Orsova' to attend the Pan Pacific Social Action Conference which will be held there next month. The conference is being convened to discuss social problems in South Asia.

—Times Photo.

PEOPLE

THE death occurred, at a nursing home in Colombo on May 18th, of Mr. F. G. Morley, one-time Auditor-General of Ceylon and later Secretary of the Ceylon Turf Club, at the age of 83.

Mr. Morley came to Ceylon in 1908 as Accountant of the Medical Department and joined the Audit Department in 1913. He rose to be head of the department in 1922 and retired in 1931. From 1931 to 1949 he was Secretary of the Turf Club, and in this capacity made many improvements to the race-course and grandstand, besides providing many amenities which the Club formerly lacked. During the war, when there was no racing, he was Controller of Milk Foods.

Mr. Morley was a close friend of the Governor-General, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, who succeeded him as Auditor-General and with whom he was associated both in the turf and in civil defence services during the war. He leaves his wife, a son and a daughter, in England.

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AIR Vice-Marshal Cox will relinquish his post as Air Officer Commanding R.A.F., Ceylon, at the end of this month to become Senior Air Staff Officer, Flying Training Command, U.K.

His successor is Air Commodore H. W. Mermagen, C.B.E., A.F.C.

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AT the Lord's test match between South Africa and England next month there will be an informal

re-union of many former Ceylon folk, prominent among whom will be members of the Magpies, with whom it is an annual assignation.

Certain to be present are Mr. George Fellowes, the reigning President, and Mrs. Fellowes, and others expected are Mr. and Mrs. Phil May, Sir Herbert Dowbiggin, Sir John Howard, Mr. W. T. Greswell and Mr. Kenneth Harper.

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DR. S. F. CHELLAPPAH, former Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, Ceylon, is now working in Burma as a WHO expert. He is public health adviser to the Government of Burma.

After retiring from Ceylon Dr. Chellappa was for six years deputy-director of the WHO regional office in Delhi.

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MRS. SAROJINI ARULANANDAM, home science teacher at the Buddhist Ladies' College, has returned to Ceylon after taking her B.Sc. degree in America.

She studied at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, on a Smith-Mudnt scholarship.

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THE death occurred in London on April 29 of Mr. Charles de Lemos, the Kandapola planter. Born in Ceylon in 1893, Mr. de Lemos was educated in England and, returning to Ceylon at the age of 18,

took to planting. He saw service in World War I, winning the M.C. He resumed his planting career after demobilisation.

Mr. de Lemos took an active interest in the Ceylon Defence Force, being an officer in the CASC. He was for some time Chairman of the Nuwara Eliya District P.A.

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DR. C. ELLARD Van Rooyen, now one of the most senior residents of Nuwara Eliya, was eighty-three years old on the 13th of last month. His younger brother Mr. Fred Van Rooyen, who has practised as a lawyer at Matale since the early years of this century was, eighty-one a few months ago and is still as active as ever. Both brothers were educated at Royal College and won their colours for cricket.

Dr. Van Rooyen was D.M.O., Dickoya, for many years before he was transferred to Nuwara Eliya in succession to the late Dr. G. W. Van Twest, and it is interesting to recall that he followed in the wake of three distinguished medical men in Dr. W. G. Woutersz, Dr. Frank Grenier and Dr. Lorenz Prins.

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UP-COUNTRY must have received with deep regret the news of the death, on May 8th, in Surrey, of Mr. A. T. Sydney Smith. A man of great energy and ability, and a forceful speaker, he was one of the outstanding Dimbula men in a generation of versatile planters.

Mr. Sydney Smith was born in Ceylon, son of Mr. Thomas Smith of Dolosbage, and educated in England. Returning to the Island he crept under his father and moved on to Dimbula, where he was long on Diyanilkele, Lindula. After his active planting days his services were in great demand as a visiting agent.

In his younger days Sydney Smith was a successful athlete and an enthusiastic tennis and badminton player.

During the last world war, Mrs. Sydney Smith gave much of her time to Services welfare in Kandy.

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MR. KENNETH MORFORD, Manager of Mount Vernon, Patana, left for the U.K. by air last week and expects to be back in July.

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ART, MUSIC AND DRAMA

By "LYRICUS"

NOT long after the exhibition of American water-colour paintings we have been able to study and admire the work of leading Canadian artists. On May 17 the Governor-General declared open an exhibition of paintings from the National Gallery of Canada, sponsored by the Arts Council of Ceylon in association with the Canadian High Commission. Here again an opportunity was given to Ceylon artists for deriving a new stimulus and inspiration for better work from appreciating the achievements of contemporary painters in another country.

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THE Jubilee Singers delighted large audiences in Colombo with their recitals of folk music and Negro spirituals. It was clear that they have not departed from the appealing and simple character of the songs they sing. Their musical "missionary" work found an appreciative response in Ceylon, where we have seldom heard so effective a blending of beautiful voices in authentic appreciation of the Negro folk idiom. Their current tour was made possible by a grant of 21,000 dollars to the Jubilee Singers by the American National Theatre Academy, which was recently chartered by the U.S.

State Department to carry on its programme of International Cultural Exchange.

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THE C.A.D.C's next production is to be "The River Line" by Charles Morgan, to be staged at the Lionel Wendt Theatre from June 15 to 19. The producer is Howard Letty, who is so well-known to Colombo theatre-goers. He produced three plays when he was at Cambridge, but this is his first production in Ceylon. In the cast are Pat Robins, Commander Guy Meller, the new Resident British Naval Officer in Ceylon, Clare Dewing, Barry Dixon-Clarke, Phil Deacon, Brian Rockingham-Gill, Hans Lourensz and David Miles. This play was first performed at the Edinburgh Festival of 1952.

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THE gifted danseuse Charmaine Vanderkoeen gave her second solo recital at the Lionel Wendt Theatre on May 14. Her programme included items representative of three classical Indian dance styles and also the Kandyan technique. She showed again that she has progressed far beyond the amateur stage and can now be judged by the highest standards. One critic put it well when he said that her dancing was performed in the spirit "of a devotee in the service of a god." It is rarely that a young girl can go

through so long a programme, as she did, and retain the sustained interest of a critical audience. She takes her art very seriously.

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A GRAND Council of the National Society of Teachers of Dancing (Ceylon), composed of persons eminent in other branches of the arts and in the professions and of keen amateur dancers, was formed on May 14 at a cocktail party at the Grand Oriental Hotel. After the inaugural meeting, at which the rules were framed and the office bearers were appointed, a film of the 1954 Star Championships was shown to the large gathering present through the courtesy of Mr. Tyrrel Lewis.

The National Society of Teachers of Dancing (Ceylon) was created in March, 1953, to bring together all teachers of modern ballroom dancing in Ceylon and to promote their interests by mutual co-operation. The objects of the Grand Council are to encourage and further the general good of ballroom dancing in Ceylon through the medium of the National Society of Teachers of Dancing, and to provide a guiding influence for the National Society of Teachers of Dancing (Ceylon) to obtain public recognition and official patronage for the profession of qualified ballroom dancing teachers. The patron of the Grand Council is Mr. Montague Jayawickreme, and the president is Mrs. G. R. Handy.



Some of the Officials of the Grand Council of the National Society of Teachers of Dancing (Ceylon).

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LIGHTER INTERLUDES

By TWEEDLEDUM

A SOLDIER was being tested by a psychiatrist.

"Do you ever hear voices without being able to tell who is speaking or where the voices come from?" he was asked.

"Yes, sir," replied the soldier.

"Ah," said the examiner wisely, "and when does this happen?"

"When I answer the telephone," was the reply.

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I RESENT him saying there's a fool in every family."

"Why?"

"He knows very well I'm an only child."

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I GATHER Mr. Jones is trying to find a treble for the choir."

"That's odd. I thought he was dead against gambling."

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AFTER fifty years she has at last stopped biting her nails."

"Good heavens, what cured her?"
"She had all her teeth taken out."

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WOULD you care to take away some views of the boarding-house, sir?"

"No, thanks. I have my own."

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HOTEL Guest: "Please send me up a full-length mirror."

Clerk: "But there's a half-length mirror in your room already."

Hotel Guest: "Yes, and twice this week I've gone out without my trousers."

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THIS is the perfect place for a picnic."

"It must be. Fifty million insects can't be wrong!"

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THE old campaigner had been telling spine-chilling tales for an hour, and finished up by saying: "Many a time I have faced the enemy without flinching; but what is life without risks?"

"You're quite right," replied the timid little man who had been listening. "Often when the B.B.C. weather forecast was doubtful I have ventured out without my raincoat."

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THE new member claims to be related to you and says he can prove it."

"The man's an idiot."
"Yes, but that may be pure coincidence."

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A WELL-KNOWN painter noticed a drawing of a fish by a pavement artist and asked what sort of a fish it was supposed to be.

"A shark, sir," said the artist.

"But you've never seen a shark."

"That's true, sir, but then, don't some of you Academy chaps paint angels?"

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LAWYER: "You say you were about 35 feet from the scene of the accident? Just how far can you see clearly?"

Witness: "When I wake up I see the sun, and they tell me that's about 93 million miles away."

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I DON'T understand why a handsome boy like Donald should marry an ugly woman twenty years his senior."

"When you want bank notes you don't look at their dates!"

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A MIDDLE-AGED man had been invited to help with a child's birthday party.

Arriving at the house, he handed his hat and coat to the maid who opened the door. "Don't announce me," he said, and made for the drawing-room door, through which a buzz of conversation could be heard. He opened it, and, dropping on his hands and knees, pranced in, uttering loud "Hee-haws."

There was a dead silence. He looked up. Half a dozen adults gazed at him with surprise and some alarm.

"I had come to the wrong house."

BUT, madam," exclaimed the detective, "didn't you suspect that burglars had been in the house when you found all the drawers pulled out and their contents on the floor?"

"Oh, no," answered the lady readily, "I just thought my husband had been looking for his socks."

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MAGISTRATE: "And what did you do when you heard the accused using such dreadful language?"

Policeman: "I told him he wasn't fit to be among decent people, and brought him here."

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THE usual mob of reporters were clustering round the Chinese delegate as he stepped from his plane. Questions were fired at him on every conceivable subject, and his answers were models of diplomacy and tact.

At length the question was asked: "What strikes you most about Occidentals?"

He reflected for a second or two, then smiled and said smoothly: "I think it is, perhaps, the extraordinary slant of their eyes."

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QUESTION: "What persuades a man to marry a bad-tempered girl?"

Answer: "The bad-tempered girl."

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ROBINSON: "Has Jim got a good memory?"

Green: "I'll say he has—his last job was with a circus, reminding elephants who forgot."

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AN English minister tells of a timid and nervous fellow who brought his demure young lady friend to the church "for matrimonial purposes."

"According to my usual custom," the clergyman said, "I turned to the bridegroom at a certain part of the ceremony and said: 'John, this is your lawfully wedded wife.' In the excitement of the occasion, John turned quickly in the direction of his newly-acquired bride and stammered: 'Pleased to meet you!'"

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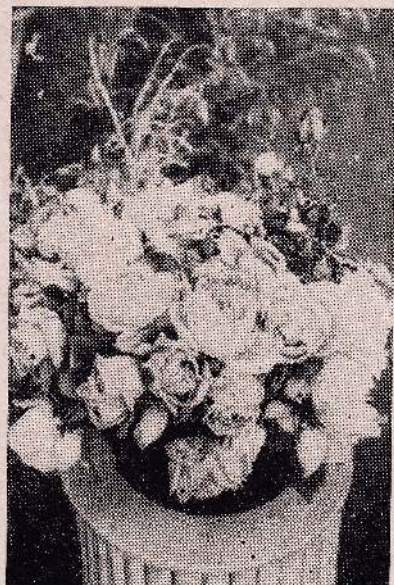
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"THE FABULOUS FUTURE"

By JAMES GREGORY

(Special to the Ceylon Fortnightly Review)

IN a recent issue of "Fortune" magazine David Sarnoff, chairman of the Radio Corporation of America, looks backward at scientific achievements and forward to the progress which he believes will characterize the next 25 years.

Writing of "The Fabulous Future," he first recalls some of the developments of the past 100 years, a period that "compassed more technological achievement than the millennia that preceded."

Some of the most conspicuous inventions were electric light, power and communications; the radio; motor vehicles; mass production in industry; a knowledge of astronomy that has infinitely extended man's conception of the universe; and, in biological and medical sciences, the germ theory of disease which has led to the conquest of man's worst scourges in the field of disease, and the discovery of anesthetics and antibiotics or "wonder drugs."

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MR. SARNOFF then brought his survey closer to the present by mentioning several of the leading developments of the last 25 years. These included television, nuclear energy, jet planes, penicillin and the new synthetic fabrics.

He believes that in the next 25 years the world will see "centuries of development telescoped into a brief span," and he also makes the following striking prediction: "The quantity of the new powers and products and processes at man's disposal is important; but even more important is the increasing speed at which these things have come. It is not a case of continued increase, but of continued acceleration of increase. We need only to project the curve into the future to realize that we are merely on the threshold of the technological age."

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SOME of the developments of the next 25 years, according to Mr. Sarnoff, will include electronic lighting that will change the appearance of our homes, stores, factories, streets and cities; nuclear power applied to the operation of factories and machines, including ships, locomotives, air-craft and automobiles; and atomic batteries that will provide

electric current for years without recharging.

Other developments may be the practical use of power derived from the sun, tides and winds; new metals and fabrics; the extraction of salt from ocean water to irrigate vast desert regions; guided missiles for civilian use, such as transmission of mail; and pilotless aircraft.

In addition, we should see improved medical diagnosis and treatment that will greatly lengthen the present lifespan; electronic machines that will compute, remember and file information; automatic factory equipment that will select, test, check and handle raw materials and finished products; and practical ways of making available the oceans' wealth of chemicals and foods, in addition to the oil that is now being obtained from the ocean floor.

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SUCH predictions coming from a less well-informed authority might seem exaggerated, but when a man of Mr. Sarnoff's reputation sees the possibility of such remarkable new developments, there is more than a possibility that they can be realized.

"The very fact that electronics and atomics are unfolding simultaneously is a portent of the amazing changes ahead," Mr. Sarnoff says. "Never before have two such mighty forces been unleashed at the same time. Together they are certain to dwarf the industrial revolutions brought about by steam and electricity. There is no element of material progress we know today—in the biological and chemical fields, in atomics and electronics, in engineering and physics—that will not seem, from the vantage point of 1980, a fumbling prelude."

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MATTERS OF MOMENT

(Continued from page 9)

CEYLON lost its most distinguished malariologist by the death, on May 8, at the age of 55, of Dr. S. Rajendram, Superintendent of the Anti-Malaria Campaign. He was responsible for organising the system which has virtually eradicated malaria from the Island. His work attracted international attention and officers from other lands came to the Island to study the methods adopted to control malaria here.

Associated with the fight against malaria for almost his whole career, Dr. Rajendram studied the work done in many countries, which, added to his own experience, made him an authority on the disease. Head of the anti-malaria campaign from 1946, he was a member of the expert committee on malaria of the World Health Organisation.

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AN Old Wesleyite who had a notable career in the Public Service is Mr. N. W. Morgappah, who attained the age of 90 on May 13. He entered the Registrar-General's Department as long ago as 1884 and was appointed to the Civil Service in 1913. He acted as Registrar-General on more than one occasion and retired 30 years ago. He now lives at Dehiwela. Very few public servants in Ceylon have become nonagenarians.

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READERS of the *Fortnightly* will see the regular feature written by Mr. W. T. Greswell appear in this number under a new heading—Crick-et-cetera. The idea is Mr. Greswell's himself. His letters used to be published either under the heading Cricketana or Etcetera, but Cricketana did not always contain only cricketana and Etcetera included cricket also! It will be agreed that the new headline is more appropriate to his contributions.

Incidentally, referring to the *Fortnightly's* seventh anniversary, he writes: "To my mind the proof of its health and general acceptance is the length of time it has lasted and continues to grow in favour. There is nothing more laudable than that it reflects a wise and tactful choice of reading matter . . ."



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FIFTY YEARS AGO

A VISIT TO DARRAWELLA

A JOURNALIST LOOKS BACK

FIFTY years ago the leading Up-country districts possessed a plethora of sporting talent, most of the young planters of that period being products of English and Scottish Public Schools. Not only were these districts well off for cricketers above the average, but rugby football, hockey and athletic talent was at a high water mark. Some of the finest golfers too in Ceylon were to be found in the hill country, and for many years the golf championship was invariably won by a Clarke, an Ogilvy or a Taylor. As I said in my previous article, the standard of athletics Up-country was never higher than at that time, and the annual meets of the D.A.C.C., D.M.C.C., Kandy and Gampola attracted entries from Colombo, as each district meeting had Ceylon A.A.A. events allocated to them because the Amateur Athletic Association did not run a meet of their own.

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WHEN the Dimbula Club held their athletic meet fifty years ago, at Radella, the best athletes in the Up-country districts were A. M. Cooper, H. B. Kirk, W. R. F. Brock, D. H. Farrer, R. C. Fowler, O. S. Wickwar, C. Fraser, H. A. Grigg and N. G. B. Wyse. Prior to that period Ceylon possessed two outstanding performers in Col. Savage and E. Dolman, both sprinters. H. B. Kirk excelled as an all-rounder, but his forte was the long jump, in which he held the Ceylon record. Kirk left Ceylon at the height of his fame as an athlete, having decided to try his fortune as a planter in South India. In 1912 I travelled with him in the "City of Lahore" from Liverpool to Colombo and spent many a pleasant hour chatting on various sporting topics and discussing the outstanding performers during the time he spent in this Island. He thought a great deal of that fine all-round sportsman B. C. N. Knight of Dickoya, who apart from his achievements at cricket and rugby football, was particularly good at athletics and lawn tennis.

COLONEL T. Y. WRIGHT, now in his 87th year, who arrived in Ceylon in 1889, was at the time of my visit to Radella the most famous sportsman in the Island, excelling in every game he figured in—cricket, rugby football, hockey, polo, tennis and even golf. As an athlete he carried all before him, and if I am not mistaken he came to Radella to witness the various events, though he did not participate. He was always very keen on athletics, and when the



Col. T. Y. Wright, V.D.

—Times Photo.

A.A.A. was resuscitated after World War I, he was elected President and for many years did a great deal to raise the standard of Ceylon athletics.

I remember the time he went to fight in the Boer War as a member of the Ceylon Contingent. After months of active service he fell dangerously ill with typhoid fever, and curiously enough it was a former well-known Ceylon rugby player, Surgeon Major Pike, who discovered Tommy very ill on the battlefield. The great sportsman made a remarkable recovery.

Tommy Wright's father was Sir Abe Wright, who made a fortune as an industrialist in Manchester.

IT was not till the year following my visit to Radella that I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of the picturesque Darrowella ground, the headquarters of the Dickoya and Maskeliya Club. I was detailed by my paper to cover the Up-country tour of the Nondescripts C.C. It included matches with the D.A.C.C. and the D.M.C.C. The Ceylonese Club took up a formidable side led by F. J. de Saram, the old Cliftonian, who had returned a few years earlier to the Island after some time at Oxford University. Among those playing for the N.C.C. were D. B. Gunasekera, A. F. Molamure, J. C. Weinman, the brothers Frank and E. Ondatje and a visitor from the Federated Malay States, Norman Grenier, who had left the Island as a child and had passed into the Malayan Civil Service. Grenier had shone as a batsman in state cricket in the F.M.S. with another brilliant all-rounder from Ceylon, Dr. J. A. Scharenguivel, but made no impression against the Up-country sides. At Darrowella the N.C.C. met a powerful XI which included E. F. Fuller, an old Wykehamist, who was a prolific rungetter with a beautiful style, the beau ideal of a batsman.

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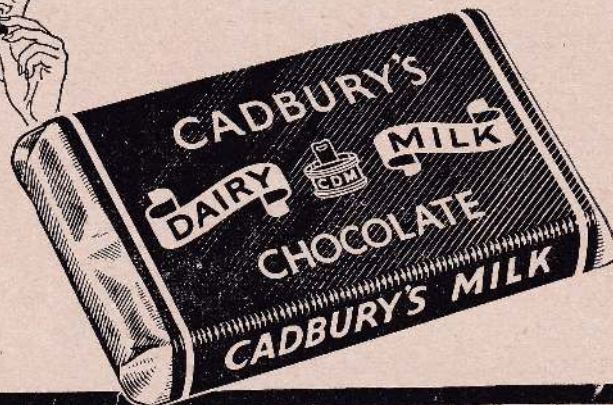
THAT visit to Darrowella gave me the opportunity of seeing the then famous lawn tennis champion, Douglas Kelly, in action against another excellent player in B. C. N. Knight. In the next few years I saw these two outstanding exponents of the game figuring in the Ceylon Championships at Nuwara Eliya. Kelly was then the reigning champion, and I have never seen a finer volleyer and such a favourite with the crowd. S. P. Hayley was Kelly's most formidable rival at the time and on two occasions I saw these top-notchers fight out the challenge round in the men's event.

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ANOTHER fine sportsman of that period was H. J. G. Marley, who was planting in Gampola. Marley, who came out to Ceylon in 1896, was a versatile sportsman and proved an asset to Up-country for many years both at rugby football and soccer. I remember seeing him working tirelessly in the annual soccer tests against the C.H. & F.C. in the August season. Marley also distinguished himself as an athlete and won many a close event on the Gampola ground, where the late Bertie Van Langenberg used to take a lot of beating in the sprints.



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CRICK-ET-CETERA

By W. T. GRESWELL

(Special to the Ceylon Fortnightly Review)

London, May 10.

AS early Summer comes to England and brings welcome relief from Winter's trials each cricket season has a preliminary savour of its own. To those who love the game, cricket has a personality. She is a capricious lady of smiles or frowns, or of seeming indifference, but ever capable of the unpredictable on closer acquaintance. It is thus that we look forward to the season. This Summer there is much to whet the appetite and there is a more enthusiastic welcome to what lies ahead. The cause of this primarily is the recent win of our team in Australia, since enhanced by the unexpected success of Australia in the West Indies, where, a little over a year ago, England had to struggle hard to avoid defeat. Opinion now has drifted to the conclusion, and with good cause, that it was England's growing strength more than Australia's weakness that allowed us to keep the Ashes.

Thus it is that the visit of the South Africans has aroused greater interest than usual, for it was this team which, two years ago, pointed the way to Len Hutton and his happy band, when, by dint of magnificent fielding and little individual brilliance, they held the might of Australia to a halved series.

National pride in England's cricket now runs high and there are great expectations. Small boys being imitative, many have already shouted "I'm Tyson!" and have run once round the village green to arrive breathless at the bowler's end, there to deliver an erratic tennis ball at a small friend declaring himself to be Peter May, feeling most defiant in the make-believe.

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THOUGH England's cricket star is undoubtedly in the ascendancy, complacency on that score would be

folly. The South Africans are capable, particularly if they have a fair share of fortune's blessing, of giving us rude shocks. Rumours of their fielding have already fired public imagination. Good fielding is a joy for spectators and, more than anything, reveals the true spirit of a team. In bowling there is the great off-spinner Tayfield, who, on Australia's batting wickets, claimed 70 victims, 30 of them in Test matches, on a single tour, a record for any bowler visiting Australia. Then there are two new bowlers of the speed variety, Adcock and Heine, the former threatening to rival Tyson in pace. England will require a strong pair of opening batsmen to withstand the initial assault. Some think that the Visitors lack great batting, but there is much of good quality throughout, reinforced by the inestimable asset of youth. And there is—a Duckworth to keep wicket! Our batsmen may be excused for a fulsome regard for the "presence" behind the sticks.

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FOR England's prospects there is no cause for apprehension. The choice is wide of good young players of distinction and there is no need for the Selectors to fall back with super-caution on ineffective patriarchs of a former age. There is a new Selection Committee. New ideas and freedom from prejudice are welcome. G. O. Allen succeeds H. S. Altham as chairman. Ames and Sellers will share the watching with him, while Wooller's ripe experience will be assisted by observation of form out "in the middle," this energetic ex-Rugby international still being captain of Glamorgan's cricket.

And, of course, it is assumed that Hutton will continue as captain and will be on the committee as such. Since this great batsman became the first professional captain of England in 1952 he has established a record for English Test captaincy, having led his country in 23 matches without losing a series. Hutton and his wife prolonged their stay in New Zealand and returned home only yesterday. He had a welcome surprise, which has given his

admirers great satisfaction. A unique honour has just been conferred on him by M.C.C.

Until now honorary membership of the famous Club has been extended to a few famous professional cricketers, but only after their retirement from the game. The Committee last week changed one of the rules by adding the words "save in exceptional circumstances." Len Hutton, indeed the exceptional and most acceptable, was thereupon elected by a special committee the first professional honorary member who is still playing cricket. No one will grudge Hutton this great and unprecedented distinction. He has earned it in full measure.

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ON the first day of South Africa-Worcestershire match much attention and many T. V. eyes were directed to Wembley Stadium, where a crowd of 100,000 applauded uproariously at one more F.A. Cup Final, the culminating fixture of a football season which ever grows longer. Any of those spectators, had they so wished, might have spent a more tranquil day at Lord's or the Oval watching cricket now well under way. Newcastle United won the Cup for the fifth time in history by beating Manchester City, 3 goals to one. In one respect it was a disappointing match, for luck, before and during the match, ran against the City. Two of their regular players were out of the team because of injury.

Wembley "nerves" were probably responsible for Newcastle's first goal, which came after only 45 seconds of play. From a corner kick the ball was headed into the net by a player who was standing unmarked in the goal-mouth, a grave omission attributable only to the opening tenseness of the big occasion. After 20 minutes play Meadows, the Manchester right back, twisted a knee and retired from the game. With ten men the City fought back pluckily, playing so well that they were able to score their only goal to make it "all square" at half-time. But no side one short could endure the strain. In the second half Newcastle were well on top against a broken team. After the final whistle Scoular, the winners' captain, who had played a fine game himself, stood before a smiling Queen to receive from her hands the famous Cup which glittered in the rays of cricketing sunshine.

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A SPORTS CAUSERIE

By ITINERANT

Racing

THE season is on at headquarters again, and the first day of the Monsoon Meet, though a few races were marred by poor starts, was quite pleasantly eventful. Reg Heather, making his debut in Colombo, had six mounts. He won on three, finished 2nd on two and 4th on the other. A grand bit of riding which I hope is maintained.

Joshua was a hot favourite for the main event, the Monsoon Handicap, and, frankly, ran very disappointingly. He kept within striking range of Mr. Vernon Rajapakse's Florescent (who led from barrier-rise) all the way, but could not produce the power to pass him. Florescent romped home. Jockey Young steered Oval Bar to victory in the Urapola Plate—and so ended a lean spell for this once promising animal.

Val Curry, who finished 3rd to Coin Lover and Hoagy Carmichael, is a stylish runner and should be piping hot before long. Another who impressed was Neon Lights. The ease with which he glided past early leaders at the distance spoke of many more wins.

On the second day jockey Harbutt went one better than Heather. He booted home four winners, which included the course treble and double! This, on the slushy going, was some riding.

His winning mounts were Lock Katrine, Summer Gold, Ala Mahlak II and Adhid al Qasif. Trainer A. Selvaratnam saddled three of them; his son Raja the fourth.

Racing began with a tragedy when, in the first race Life's Laughter fell soon after the start and died on the spot. G. Samarawira, who rode him, was thrown, but escaped unhurt. Mr. A. R. M. Zarook's Joshua, who disappointed on the first day, made no mistake about the main event, the Dutugemunu Stakes. He carried top weight to victory over Canway and Star Studded. Heather it was.

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Rugger

PREDICTIONS are so perilous, and so tempting! My bet for the Clifford Cup is the C.R. and F.C. And yet I say that the C.H. and F.C.—

if they mark Rodrigo, Paiva and Diaz, and tackle resolutely, not letting Williams, or Paiva, or Navaratnam sidestep and slip through—is a side that can very well make me swallow my Qu-ink!

The way Uva held the "C.H." to such a narrow (and late) win started my doubts. Even without Heath, Walker, Somerville and Molligoda, the "Merrie Men" could not be subdued till the last quarter hour. And then Les Cotton left the field, bleeding profusely from a gash in the forehead. It was St. John Davies and skipper Knopp who eventually turned defeat into victory with tries that were not converted.

Gamely as Uva and Kandy play, they simply do not have the striking power to beat the "C.R." or the "C.H." But a good kicker (and I'd advise every Club to develop a specialist in this line!) could take advantage of the many penalties coming their way owing to the new rules, and thus gain a snap victory over a stronger side. Anghie, for instance, for "C.R." against Dickoya converted four penalties in addition to three tries. There's a match-winning boot on him!

Dickoya were no match for the champions, and Dimbula, although they played with great heart, were outplayed by Kandy. From the scrum, and Pilapitiya, the ball would fly to Ratwatte and off Kandy's "threes" would go—much too fast for their opponents. Yet it was Dimbula who opened scoring. M. Wright, Herman, Packer and A. de Saram played attractively for them. Outstanding for Kandy were Cameron, McPherson, Bandaranaike and Madugalle.

I was sorry that K.V. and Havelocks were thwarted by floods. They were a match for each other and an interesting, if not exciting game was expected.

The Havelocks, with the exception of Foenander, fought shy of the hard, low tackle, and the burly C. H. and F.C. machine crashed through their scattered ranks time and again. If the C.R. and F.C. backs don't bring their men down promptly they will suffer the same fate. Now that skipper Navaratnam is out with an injured hand the "C.H." will have

one "flyer" less to cope with, but even so they'll have to be pretty alert and nippy to keep Diaz and Paiva at bay.

Meanwhile Dimbula have beaten Uva, thanks to the initiative of M. Wright and some solid work by the rest of their men. So that defeat in Badulla has been avenged.

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Cricket

CEYLON'S Laddie Outschoorn and Gamini Goonesena have struck early form in England, and this new season finds them both near the top of the table. Outschoorn gave the touring South Africans a most inhospitable reception when, for Worcestershire he adorned their opening match with an elegant 80. Against a bowler like Tayfield this is a very satisfactory show. And he is continuing to produce runs with a "hey presto"—as an opening bat once again.

Goonesena insinuated his leg-spinners among the wickets in the final Cambridge trial, got beaten up by Surrey on a heartless wicket—then came back into the picture with ball and bat.

And, talking cricket, the Australians have come out literally and metaphorically from "Down Under." Trounced by England, they looked a sorry sight. In the West Indies, who drew with England, they were expected to come an awful cropper. But Morris, Mc Donald, Harvey, Miller, Lindwall, Benaud, Johnson—the "old faithfuls" for whose Test places the critics were looking elsewhere, have fought their way back to form again, and now it's the West Indies who are panicking. Talk about the glorious uncertainties of cricket—lovely cricket!

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Hockey

ANOTHER prediction!—The Tamils are going to lose their crown this season. I see it returning to Havelock Park, and the B.R.C. There are all sorts of rumours that a couple of last year's key players will not be turning out for the Tamils this year. But these have nothing to do with my conviction that the B.R.C. will, win the championship of the "A" Division. The B.R.C. is a new, rather exciting side this season—they're all young, very, very fit and fast, and playing with precision.

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The cause of it all was a wind-whipped night: on the morn it was mayhem. There were telephone wires to duck under, fallen trees which demanded a detour if one couldn't dodge. But the worst impediment was a conscientious clutch of constables supervising the sawing of a tree trunk. The tree blocked one half of the road: the posse the other. Impasse!

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THE tragic death of A. L. (Ana) Amerasinghe, who was killed when the car he was driving crashed into a lamp standard opposite the Colombo Racecourse grandstand was a shocking blow to his many friends. Very few young men had so much talent—and so much modesty; so much intelligence and technical knowledge and so much warm humour.

Ana, one of our classiest racing drivers, participated in meets abroad, too, and his DKW was seldom headed. In hill climbs, road and

circuit races his skill and nerve won him many laurels and quite a few records. And it is a grim thought that the end came just past a finishing post, opposite a grandstand.

The cycle race is gaining prominence, and one should welcome this sport because it is cheap, and not by any means as dangerous as motor racing. But I understand from those "in the know" that the betting boys are fastening their tentacles around this sport—and that is not so good. The rumour is that the better cyclists are "owned" by "sponsors." And one youngster didn't even know it till it was too late. He was invited to race in an outstation, won—then found he'd only been "taken for a ride."

SPORTS CAUSERIE

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A side that should do well is the N.C.C., making its debut. They've got Prins, Rienzie Perera, R. Abeysekera, S. Jayasinghe and, I hear (though it is not confirmed) Sattar and Hettiaratchy, the Matala "Stars." If Freddie White plays for the Army, the Havelocks will be crippled. Metzeling is out (crooked knee), Rode will play for the Navy, Foenander for the B.R.C. and Solomons, I learn, for Income Tax.

Much depends on the Umpires this season. For one thing there must not only be a thorough knowledge of the rules but also uniformity in the interpretation of them. But what is more important is that they must be firm to stamp out, and not tolerate

or even inflame an alarming tendency among certain playing and, alas, certain teams, to play rough. The expression "I'll see him off" (which means, I gather, intention to lay the other man low with stick, ball, elbow or any other painful and objectionable means) is being heard more and more often in dressing rooms or, before games and at half-time, on the field itself. Umpires and players this must not happen to hockey!

Talking of hockey, Mr. Lloyd R. Barrow, who has just completed 50 years with the British Ceylon Corporation, and who was an accomplished left-half at hockey in his day, is the proud possessor of the Moore Shield, presented by Mr. Harold M. Moore and won three times by the Bambalapatiya Hockey and Football Club, for whom Mr. Barrow and other former B.R.C. "stars" turned out in the days that were. It is a fine old Shield, worth winning.

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Golf

CEYLON'S "Pin" Fernando, who is champion of India, too, will, at the end of this month meet England's top-notchers in the British Championships. He's not had as much time to get the hang of the course, I imagine. And as far the weather (there's plenty of rain about just now) and cold, stiff fingers—it's not at all easy. But "Pin" is one of those remarkable young men who slay giants with nonchalance, so there may be just a chance. If there is—he'll take it!

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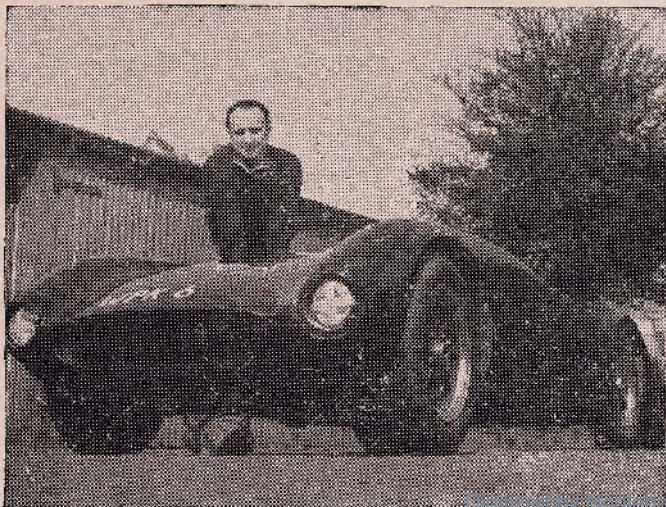
Cricket

THE Ceylon Recreation Club in London has formed a cricket team that has, with such stalwarts as Sathi Coomaswamy in it, trounced its first opponents and now has a long fixture list for the rest of summer. Sub-Lt. Malcolm Wright, Ian Pieris, Ridley Bartholomeusz and Frank Sirimane are among others who will wield the willow for Ceylon in England.

A POLITICAL NOTEBOOK

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confidence. The malpractices that are current can be suppressed only by co-operation in the widest sense. Therefore, rather than rest on having attained the summit of its ambition, the movement should seal its arrival at maturity by purging it of elements that exploit it to their advantage where it was designed to serve the community.



A new Racing Car with an overall height of less than two feet designed by Mr. Eric Brandon (seen here) will have its first race in the British Racing Drivers' Clubs Empire Trophy Race at Oulton Park, Cheshire. This Car is named Halseylee.

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THINK! BEFORE YOU START SNIPPING

SPRING with its greater outdoor activities and balmy weather inspires hundreds of the feminine sex to start snipping curls away from necklines and faces in order to acquire a cooler, more simple coiffure. Yet, in snipping, many will destroy their one claim to glamour and become ordinary and plain looking.

Glamour is an illusive thing, and the hair which frames the face is one of the great factors in keeping this glamorous illusion.

Your hair has the power to change the contour of your face. The length, the height, and the width of your coiffure, and the curls that surround your face can either bring you greater glamour or cause it to disappear. The girl who cuts her hair for comfort and convenience alone, without thinking, can easily destroy the beauty she wants most. Therefore, think before you take the fatal step, and heed the following rules:

If your face is round, do not cut your hair so short that it fails to add length to your face. You will need enough hair on top to add height in waves, curls, etc. Also you will need enough hair to fall down below the lobes of your ears so that the illusion of the perfect oval face is created.

If your face is long, you will need enough hair to curl or dip over the side of your forehead, you will need enough hair to add width to the sides of your face, and you will need hair falling down below your jawline. In other words, your long face needs complete framing to create the wanted oval contour.

If your face is a triangle—a narrow forehead and wide jaws—your hair must never be cut so short that it

causes these jaws to stand out in relief. They should be completely framed by a soft coiffure that falls below them. Furthermore, the narrow forehead should be widened by waves or curls so that the oval illusion is created.

If your face is an inverted triangle—a wide forehead and narrow chin—your hair should never be cut so short that your pointed chin is left alone. Your hair should be cut and curled so that it is long enough to give width to this chinline, and so that dips and curls may cover part of the forehead to give balance to the contour.

If your face is square—wide forehead and wide jaws—be sure to leave your hair long enough to soften its contour into the perfect oval. Never crop your hair so short that jaws and forehead are left standing alone.

If your face is a perfect oval, you are a very lucky person indeed. Show this beauty by wearing the most simple styles possible. Your face type will look lovely with short hair or long hair. However, avoid extreme styles, for these can distort even a perfect face and cause it to lose its natural glamour.

Study the contour of your face before you start your Spring snipping, and determine whether or not you will be snipping away your glamour.



Not only does motion picture star, Susan Hayward, have luxurious hair, but she knows that her beautiful face is even more beautiful when it is completely framed with soft, gleaming tresses, says Max Factor, Jr., famed Hollywood Beauty Authority.

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A WOMAN'S VIEWPOINT

THE FAIRY PRINCESS OF BRITAIN

HOW persistently has Princess Margaret been in the news of late! All this speculation on the outcome of her romance with Captain Townsend has served more than ever to increase the loyalty the world has always felt towards her. How lovely she is! How chic! How spontaneously a woman at heart in spite of the rigorous training she has had in royal ethics.

The French call her "The Fairy Princess of Britain." The Americans are not so romantic, but their admiration for her is tremendous. Even here in little Ceylon the majority of the people love her. Maybe some day we shall have the joy of seeing her in the flesh if and when she should visit our country.

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MY favourite story of Margaret dips back into her childhood. She was only four then and staying at the Castle of Balmoral. One night peculiar sighing noises emerged from a defective tap in the bathroom. Margaret was perturbed. "Is it a ghostie, Crawfie?" she inquired of her governess, Marion Crawford, for even the children had heard of the castle's traditional ghosts.

"Maybe it is," Crawfie replied. "Perhaps it has lost its way but it will soon find it out again."

Early next morning she found Margaret inserting a bit of bread into the tap. "It is for the poor little ghostie," the little one explained. "Just so that he won't go hungry when he comes out."

I was reminded of this when I read Miss Crawford's recent book about the Princess. The human side of Margaret is best seen when she visits the afflicted. She is very tender with the blind and the maimed. And since the great sorrow she experienced at the death of her father, her sympathy towards the afflicted has increased intensely. Especially is she at home with children. To her own nephew and

niece "Auntie Margo" is more than a heroine. She is a beloved playmate.

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MISS CRAWFORD writes vividly of this fascinating young woman whose character "is an array of opposites." In the classroom she hated mathematics, and who can blame her? But she loved languages, especially French, which she speaks expertly to-day. Although she plays her part of Princess to perfection, she was never squeamish about "mucking in" when she had to. "This is fun," she would laugh as she polished brass and washed down the woodwork of a ship as a Sea Ranger in her younger days.

Even today there is no detachment about her. She is always completely absorbed in whatever she does. It is this wonderful zest for life no doubt, that finds her off her guard at times, and immediately the Press finds a loophole for making capital out of it. There was the time, for instance, when a picture of her in bathing costume appeared in half the newspapers of the world, and it was called a royal scandal. She had been holidaying at Cannes, and somehow some snooping cameraman had got the picture.

When her father was alive, there was so deep a bond between him and his younger daughter that her life was utterly free of care. His death was a great shock. For some time she went all to pieces. The expression on her face has changed since. It is more mature, more composed and thoughtful. And with Elizabeth engaged in her queenly duties, Margaret and her mother are almost inseparable now. It has been noticed that in many ways they are alike. The quick wit that Margaret displays on occasion is just one asset they share in common.

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LIKE all women Margaret loves clothes. It is widely known that the Duchess of Kent has been her model and adviser all along. Miss Crawford records that it was the Duchesse who actually kindled the first spark of Princess Margaret's love of clothes. She remembers how the two small Princesses would look over the staircase into the Grand Hall at Buckingham Palace and study the elegant guests arriving there for a Court Ball or other function. It was always her Aunt Marina who caught Princess Margaret's eye. She would gaze in

admiration at the gown the Duchess was wearing and say . . . "When I am grown up, I shall have a dress just like that!" Nor has the Princess ever lost her conviction that her aunt is the best dressed woman in the world. It was with the Duchess that she made her first visit to Paris and with her again that she visited Christian Dior, who now fashions most of her clothes. "No one could look more lovely in ball dress than Princess Margaret," writes Miss Crawford. "She has a flair for making everything she wears exquisite in her own special way. The only inflexible instruction she gives her dressmakers is 'Keep it simple!' Once they have given her what she wants in a gown, she is able by some magic of her own to make it look an entirely different dress from what it would be on someone else."

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FEW know, says Miss Crawford, that Princess Margaret is not very robust. This she considers an extra burden to the normal strain imposed on royalty. Often Margaret has to wind herself up to perform a duty for which she is not really fit. She is easily fatigued, and the end of any tour always leaves her pale and weary. As a contrast to this frailty she is possessed of a remarkable determination. Excitement and danger only serve to bring out extra supplies of courage in her. Miss Crawford recalls an incident when Margaret was learning to ride. She and the Crown Equerry, Sir Dermot Kavanagh, were visiting some stables at Holyport near Windsor, when they noticed the Princess practising jumping. The mount was a difficult one. As they watched Margaret was thrown twice but kept on remounting.

"This can't go on, Crawfie," Sir Dermot said in alarm. At that moment she was thrown a third time. In a trice she was back in the saddle and this time she stayed on. Horses and riding have always been one of Margaret's chief pleasures. Another of her interests is photography. She shows great perception here and she has a fine eye for the beauties of nature. One can imagine the raptures to which the scenery of Ceylon will send her.

Let's hope it won't be long before she comes over.

ANNETTE SWAN.

A LOOK ROUND

By PERISCOPE

HIS friends in Ceylon will have received with regret the news that Mr. T. Reid, formerly of the Civil Service, is not seeking re-election to the House of Commons. As a Member of Parliament he was always active in putting the House wise on matters relating to Ceylon and to the colonies generally.

Mr. Reid will be remembered in Ceylon as the most successful official Mayor of Colombo. It was he who was responsible for the building of the city's magnificent Town Hall.

He also played an important part in building up the Labour Department and stabilising relations between India and Ceylon in regard to immigrant labour.

Mr. Reid's last service was as special commissioner for the inauguration of the Donoughmore Constitution.

An Irishman who was most friendly to Ceylon, his premature retirement from the Civil Service was the loss of a versatile official to the country.

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A CEYLONESE who migrated to Malaya and made good was Mr. Victor Mendis, who died in Colombo on Sunday, May 15, shortly after his return home. A barrister-at-law, he gave up his practice in Colombo and first established himself in Penang. He later set up in practice in Singapore, where on the Japanese invasion he lost the fortune he made, only to resume his practice successfully after the liberation. He was reputed for his hospitality and Ceylonese in Malaya and those who passed through the Straits found him a grand host.

In later years Mr. Mendis interested himself in Singapore politics and was the moving spirit of the Labour Party, which swept into power at the first General Election of the colony.

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A REBEL who was exiled to Ceylon who is now revered as a hero in his native Egypt was Ahmad Orabi el Misri, or Arabi Pasha, as he was popularly known. He and his family and members of his retinue spent about 20 years in Ceylon before they were

allowed to return home in 1901. During his sojourn in the Island he took an active interest in the welfare of the Muslims in this country, a notable occasion being his chairmanship of the meeting in 1892 at which the school which has grown to the present Zahira College was founded.

The event was commemorated on May 17th, when a portrait of Arabi Pasha was unveiled by Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, Foreign Minister of Egypt, during his two-day visit to Ceylon on the way back to Egypt from Japan. Mr. A. M. A. Azeez, Principal of Zahira College, recalled that Arabi Pasha was a powerful influence for progress on Muslims and induced in them a sense of pride of race and religion which was to the social and economic good of the community.

The same day at a meeting of the Y.M.M.A. which Dr. Fawzi attended, the President, Mr. M. A. Razak, recalled meeting Arabi Pasha's sons in Cairo recently. They were his contemporaries at Kingswood, Kandy, when Mr. L. E. Blaze was principal.

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CEYLON lost a very clever and popular racing motorist and his friends a charming and modest companion by the death, on May 12th, of Ananda (Ana) Amarasinghe in an accident on Reid Avenue, Colombo. His DKW car, in which he won many triumphs, skidded on the wet road at night and crashed into a lamp standard and then into a tree, killing him almost instantaneously.

Ana Amarasinghe was only 29 years old. Son of the late Dr. H. Amarasinghe and of Mrs. Amarasinghe of Colombo, he was educated at Royal College, where he won his colours for rugby, boxing and swimming. He interrupted his studies in engineering in Ceylon and London and joined the Shell Co., where he was in the engineering department.

His racing career began in 1952 with success at the Katukurunda circuit and his latest achievement was to win his race at the Nuwara Eliya hill climb this year. He also participated in the Scottish Motor Rally two years ago.

I HAVE just seen a copy of the Bulletin of the European Association of Ceylon, of which Mr. G. D. Gordon is now President. This publication seems to have improved immensely in the range and quality of its contents since I saw it last. The current number contains an excellent portrait of the Queen Mother; an appreciation by Sir Cecil Syers of Sir Winston Churchill, "perhaps the greatest Englishman of all time;" a full report of the Association's annual meeting; a review by Phyllis Davies of Princess Margaret's 24 crowded years; articles on the West Indies, the Highlands of Scotland and a Peep into Canada; a survey by Dr. R. L. Tuli of the work of the W.H.O. in South-East Asia and an assessment of the Colombo Plan's achievements so far by a well-known writer on foreign affairs, who concludes with the encouraging verdict that "Asia is setting the world a fine example."

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FROM the latest issue of the lively and thoughtful monthly "Social Justice" I extract this "examination of conscience" for prohibitionists:

"The avowed champion of temperance that I am, am I not so intemperate in my vociferous outcries as to make honest people feel that delirium tremens has taken possession of my abstemious self as well? Has not the alcohol of pride, presumption, scheming for power and popularity gone into my brain? Could not teetotalism, like patriotism, be the last resort of the scoundrel in me?"

PAGES FROM THE HISTORY OF GALLE

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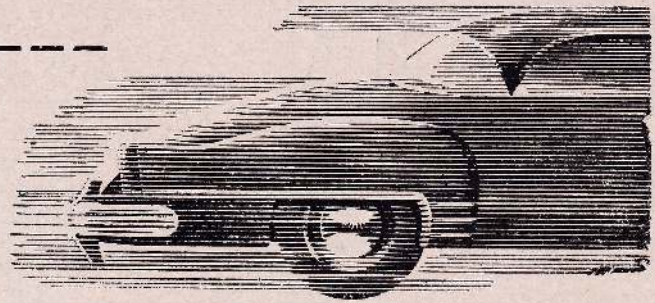
He takes a great interest in his job and told me many interesting things about the province and its people. His wife is equally adjusted to life in Galle and told us that she was delighted with the old rambling Government bungalow, even though we could see it leaks and is innocent of running water. The view is one of the finest in Ceylon, and the breezes always blow through the ample rooms.

Over the table hangs a vast punkah, which is pulled slowly backward and forward by a servant to keep the air moving during meals. It was the first I had seen since my days in India twenty years ago and a more Kiplingesque period piece it would be hard to find East of Suez.

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