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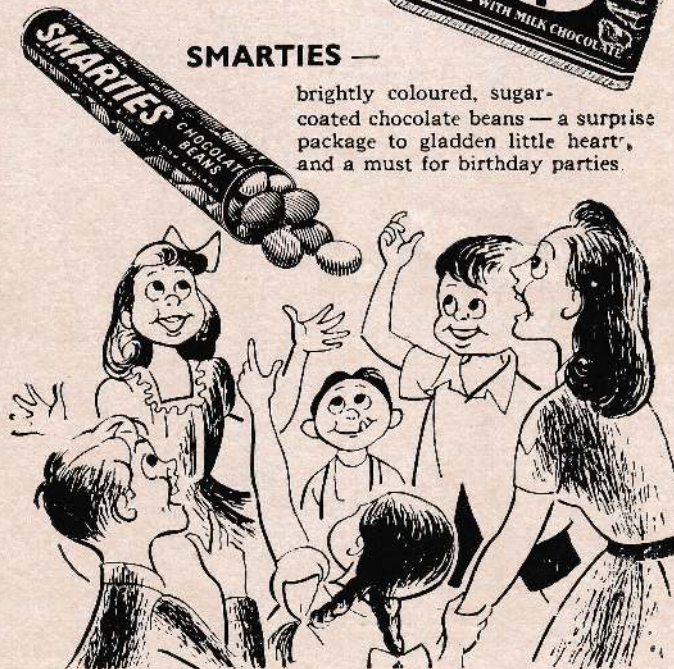
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TRULY is there cause for special rejoicing in this traditionally "merrie" month.

True patriotism and statesmanship on the part of the Prime Minister and the leaders of the Federal Party have removed the threat that hung ominously over the country during a whole year. The blood-bath that must inevitably have followed intransigence on either side has been averted. More trust and confidence between the majority community and the minorities have been re-established. For all this there should be deep thanksgiving.

Now indeed we can enter with zest into the spirit of the August season with its fun and frolic.

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MANY will thrill to the thud of horses' hoofs, made more exciting by that little wager on their fancy. For the skilled and the energetic, there are the strenuous matches which feature the Week, with their ancient and traditional rivalry which, however, never oversteps the bounds of good sportsmanship.

Of a different kind, yet an integral part of the ritual of August Week, is the revelry by night when fair women and gallant men sway to the rhythm of the dance bands in the hotels and the night-clubs, with their special attractions "laid on" for the season.

Even the thousands of others who are too old to take a lively part in the activities, or too young, have no reason to complain. They have plenty of opportunity for relaxation and enjoyment if they only stand and stare.

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LET us relax and enjoy ourselves. If there are any kill-joys who frown on innocent and wholesome pleasures, let us ignore them as they deserve to be.

This may yet not be the best of all possible worlds, but it is a good world to live in and work and play. A spot of fun in season, a little break from the daily routine do not come amiss.

On the contrary, we shall get back to work refreshed in body and mind after the respite August Week (which extends practically over the month!) offers. That, of course, is the best justification for what has now become a national institution, cutting across race and creed and class.

It is the hope of the *Fortnightly Review* that when the season is over it can be said: a good time was had by all.

THE EDITOR.

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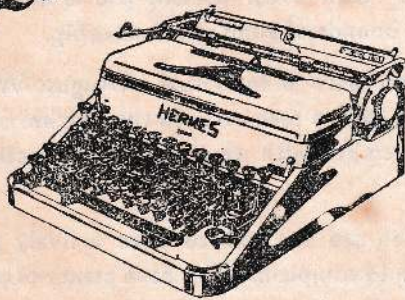
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MATTERS OF MOMENT

By BRUTUS

FOREBODINGS of crisis if the Federal Party launched its Satyagraha campaign this month were dispelled when, after a six-hour discussion which went on until half an hour past midnight on Thursday, July 25, it was announced that agreement had been reached on the questions raised by the Party.

In the final talks the Government was represented by, besides the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister, Mr. Stanley de Zoysa, as before, the Minister of Agriculture and Food, Mr. Philip Gunewardena, the Minister of Industries and Fisheries, Mr. William de Silva, and the Minister of Labour, Housing and Social Services, Mr. T. B. Illangaratne. The Federal Party representatives were the founder, Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayakam, M.P., Mr. C. Vanniasingham (President), M.P., Mr. V. A. Kandiah, M.P., Mr. C. Navaratnam, Mr. V. N. Navaratnam, M.P., and Dr. E. M. V. Naganathan (Secretary).

The eventual settlement as ironed out during the series of talks spread over four weeks is to be embodied in the provisions of the proposed Regional Councils Bill. At the end of the discussions the Federal Party announced that it would call off the Satyagraha Campaign fixed to begin on August 20th. Regardless of the terms of the agreement, the decision has been universally welcomed as putting an end to the fear and anxiety the proposal had aroused.

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FROM the joint communique issued at the conclusion of the talks, it transpired that Mr. Bandaranaike made it clear quite early that he was not in a position to discuss the setting up of a federal constitution or regional autonomy, or to take any step that would abrogate the Official Language Act. At his suggestion the draft of the Regional Councils Bill was examined with a view to providing for some of the demands of the Federal Party.

Agreement was reached whereby in the proposed legislation Tamil would be recognised as the language of a national minority and, without infringing on the position of Sinhalese as the official language, the language of administration of the northern and eastern provinces would be Tamil, with necessary

provision for the non-Tamil speaking minorities.

The Prime Minister gave an undertaking to give early consideration to the question of Ceylon citizenship for people of Indian descent and the revision of the Citizenship Act.

The successful outcome of the negotiations was, it is reported, materially assisted by the moderating influence of Mr. de Zoysa on the side of the Government, and Mr. P. Navaratnaraja, advocate of Colombo, who accompanied the Federalist representatives.

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A CHANGE in the policy of the Government with regard to the disposal of the earnings of foreign capital is foreshadowed by a statement issued by the Minister of Finance in explanation of remarks made by him in replying to the Budget debate last week. The statement read, in part: "The Government is concerned about the transference of capital from this country, but has no intention to interfere with such transference for legitimate reasons. Steps have been taken to prevent the transfer of capital for the buying of shares in sterling companies in the present economic situation in the country.

"It is not correct that any legislation is in contemplation or under

consideration at present. What I did intend to convey was that any further action will involve legislation, which will be considered if and when it becomes necessary."

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THE Government of West Germany has, it is announced, offered to Ceylon the services of Dr. Walter Emerich, former chief of the Free Port and Foreign Trade of the City of Hamburg, to study the economic aspects of the proposed conversion of Trincomalee into a free port. The offer, it is explained, is under the technical co-operation agreement between Ceylon and West Germany. Dr. Emerich is expected in Colombo during the latter part of this month.

In view of comments in Reynold's News (London) about the arrangement, a Commerce Ministry communique stated that no agreement has been entered into with the Bonn Government for the conversion of Trincomalee into a free port. The assistance of West Germany is being availed of as a valuable contribution because "West Germany has recently developed the idea of free ports in a successful way and has considerable experience in their operation."

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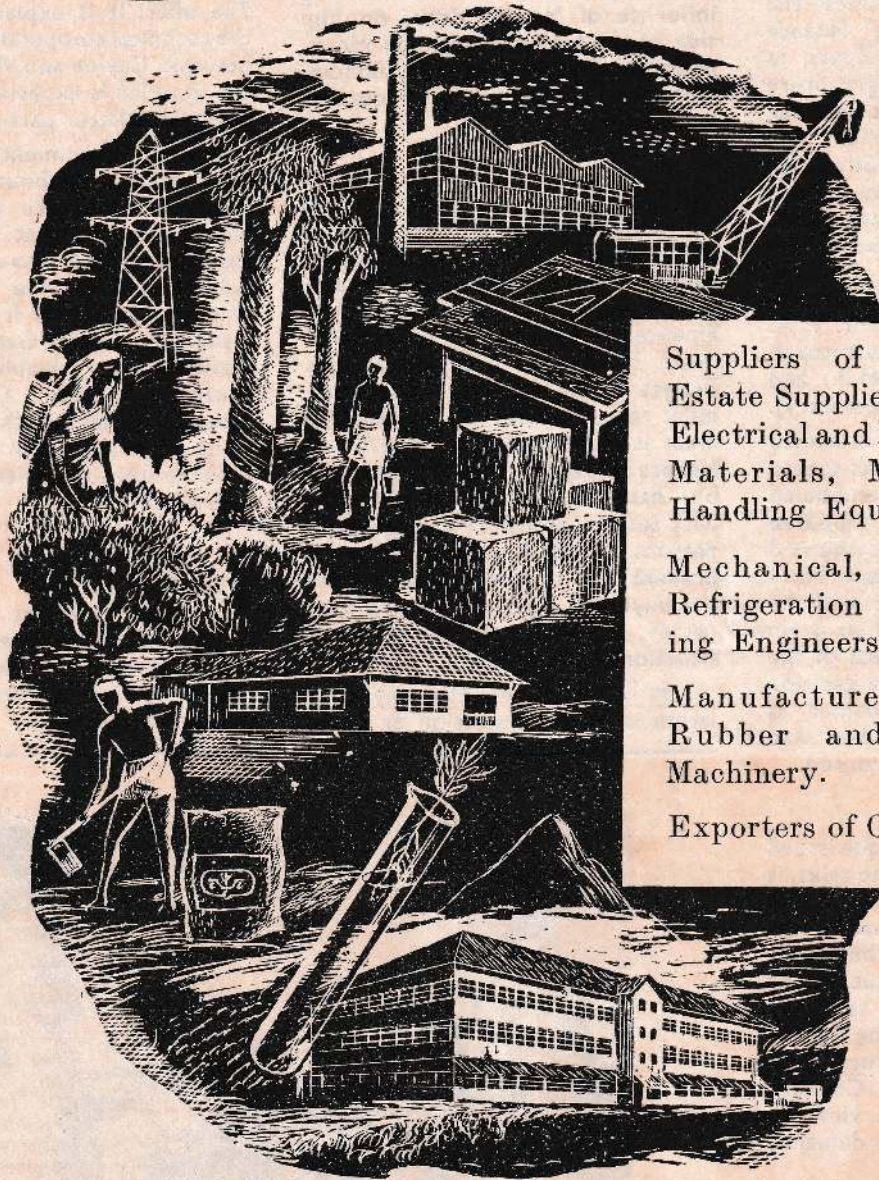
THE first batch of Ceylon Army officer cadets to be trained in Ceylon passed out last week, when they received their commissions from the Army commandant, Brigadier Anton Muttucumaru.



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The Army Commander, Brigadier A. M. Muttucumaru, inspecting the ten new officers at the passing-out parade held at Army Headquarters.

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Hitherto Ceylon Army cadets have been sent to Sandhurst in the United Kingdom for training. In the local training the cadets were put through an 18-week course similar to that given at Mons Officer Cadet School and at Eaton Hall for National Service officers.

The ten officers commissioned were : F. W. A. Dias, J. L. C. Corera, A. J. N. Selvadurai, M. A. P. Samarasinghe, P. A. S. P. Dahanayake, P. Mylvaganam, K. I. M. T. Deen, S. W. Jayasekera, C. W. Fernando and M. D. Fernando.

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The best type of English gentleman, was the description given of Mr. R. P. Gaddum in the tribute paid to him last week in the House of Representatives. The news of Mr. Gaddum's death, after an operation in England on July 10th, was received with sorrow in commercial and planting circles and in numerous scattered towns and hamlets from Gampola to Yala where he had been known as planter and wild life enthusiast.

Virtually a self-made man, Reg Gaddum was an Assistant Superintendent of Police during World War I and later managed the estate he inherited from his father, Ambalawa, Gampola. His interest in planting affairs, beginning with his district, led to his election as Chairman of

the P.A. of Ceylon in 1935, and his re-election in the two following years. Retiring from planting in 1939, he acquired interests in Aitken, Spence & Co., Ltd., of which he was Managing-Director at the time of his death was an appointed member of Parliament and resigned his seat last December on grounds of health.

Gaddum had a distinguished career on the sports field. An all-rounder at cricket, he played for Up-country in the twenties. It was as a tennis-player that he made a mark, winning the doubles championship with his brother-in-law, G. D. H. Alston, in three consecutive years from 1920 and being runner-up to O. M. L. Pinto in 1921 for the singles championship. He was a pioneer wild life photographer.

Mrs. Gaddum (Doreen Burmester) is, like her husband, Ceylon-born. To her and her daughters, one of whom, Sheila, represented Ceylon at the Empire Games in Wellington as swimmer, will go the sympathy of a very large number of people.

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An important contribution to a better understanding was made by a public meeting held at Royal College on July 16th under the auspices of the Ceylon Chapter of World Brotherhood. Sir Cyril de Zoysa, President of the Senate, presided and the speakers were :

the Ven. Piyadassi Thero, Sir Edwin Wijeratne, the Most Revd. Dr. Thomas Cooray, Mr. S. Somasunderam, Mr. E. F. N. Gratiaen, Senator A. M. A. Azeez, Mr. R. S. S. Gunawardena and the Rt. Revd. Dr. Lakdasa de Mel.

Piyadassi Thero said that intolerance and animosity were growing without any check, and appealed for the strengthening of the bonds of friendship between the communities.

The Archbishop of Colombo, Dr. Thomas Cooray, said the ultimate source of evil was the existence of pressure groups which tried to bully and overawe power-hungry politicians. While politicians who yielded to such pressure could not be exculpated from blame, the more guilty persons were the pressure groups which consisted of people who masqueraded as patriots. Dr. de Mel said that language and many other things which were sacred to the people were being made the raw material for political scheming in a tussle for power.

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MR. R. S. S. Gunawardena said that if Ceylon is to contribute to world peace it must establish peace within the country.

Dr. J. H. F. Jayasuriya, President of the Chapter, said it was urgent that the minds and hearts of all the peoples in the country should work



The Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Cooray, O.M.I., Archbishop of Colombo, speaking at a public meeting held under the auspices of the Ceylon Chapter of World Brotherhood, on Tuesday, July 16th, at the Royal College Hall, Colombo.

Also in the picture (left to right) are Mr. E. F. N. Gratiaen, Q.C., the Rt. Rev. Dr. Lakdasa de Mel, Mr. S. Somasundaram, Dr. J. H. F. Jayasuriya, President of the Ceylon Chapter of the World Brotherhood, Sir Cyril de Zoysa, President of the Senate, Sir Edwin Wijeratne, Piyadassi Thero, Mr. R. S. S. Gunawardena, Ceylon's permanent delegate to the U.N. and Ambassador to the U.S., and Senator A. M. A. Azeez, Principal of Zahira College.

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steadfastly towards strengthening the bonds of understanding and goodwill.

Mr. Gratiaen, advocating a Day of National Prayer, said that their thoughts and prayers should be for the Prime Minister and the Tamil leaders in whose hands the immediate destiny of the country rested.

The Ceylon Chapter was formed two years ago. The Brotherhood movement started in the U.S.A. in 1928 as the National Conference of Christians and Jews and developed into the World Brotherhood at a Unesco Conference in Paris in 1950 to deal with inter-group tensions. The Brotherhood is non-political and non-religious.

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THE Parliamentary Secretary of the Minister of Finance, Senator C. Wijesinghe, and the Parliamentary Secretary of the Minister of Defence and External Affairs (the Prime Minister), Mr. T. B. Subasinghe, M.P., are leading the mission to China to renew the rubber-rice pact.

Two of the official members of the mission, Mr. K. M. D. Jayanetti, Food Commissioner, and Mr. B. Mahadeva, the Rubber Commissioner, left for Peking in advance. They are travel-

ling via Thailand, where also they will have talks concerning the purchase of rice from that country. The other members of the delegation are Mr. W. J. A. Van Langenberg, Permanent Secretary to the Minister of Commerce and Trade; Mr. A. R. Ratnavale, Commissioner of Commodity Purchase; and Mr. Douglas Gunasekera of the Central Bank.

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AT Prize Day at S. Thomas' College last Saturday the chief guest was Sir Nicholas Attygalle, and Lady Attygalle distributed the prizes.

The Warden welcomed Sir Nicholas as the senior partner in the work they were both engaged in. Sir Nicholas, he said, was the supreme educational task, shaping finally the still rather raw products of the school for the tasks that lie ahead.

Addressing the gathering the Warden expressed the hope that the people be given what they wanted, and not what the politicians thought they ought to want—the facilities to enable them to become good, both in their own language, and in English. If this were made our aim, much of the difficulty of the language question would disappear, and, what is more important, our people would be gifted to take their place in a

world in which it is becoming every day more irrational to attempt to shut ourselves up to ourselves.

Adverting to the long service rendered to the school by several members of staff—notably Messrs. Wise and Davidson—the Warden pointed out that despite all temptations during and after the War, they had remained Thomians—reminding him of the Englishman in H. M. S. "Pinafore," who

Might have been a Roosian,
A French or Turk or Proosian;
Or perhaps Itali-an!
But in spite of all temptations
To belong to other nations,
He remained an Englishman!

Sir Nicholas laid stress on the value of a broad and general education, fitting a student for life, irrespective of the career chosen. He had always been struck, he said, by the high source of discipline displayed by Thomians. He congratulated the Warden and Staff on the all-round record of the College. *Esto Perpetua!*

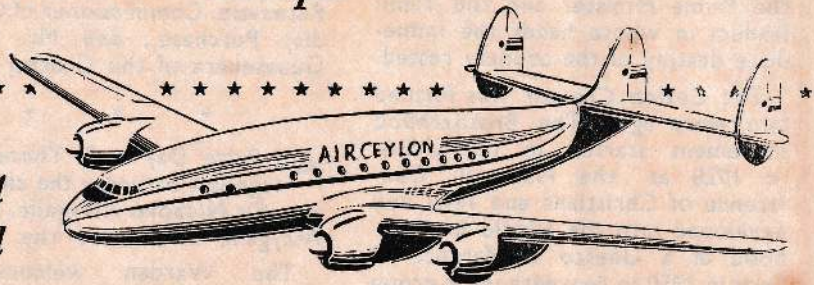
The Prize distribution was marked by a unique interruption, when the Warden posed the six Jaya Ratnam brothers for a special photograph, on the platform. They had been awarded the Walter Dias Bandaranaike Memorial Choir Prizes.



These twelve Ceylon girls were presented to the Queen at Buckingham Palace on July 19th: Christine Cartman, Janet Ondaatje, Mary Rose Murray, Bernice Perera, Charmaine Vanderkoen, Priti Wijekoon, Rochelle Kelaart, Carmen Jansze, Radhadevi Panniker, Mallika Cooray, Anne Edwards, Annette Sebastian.

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WOMEN'S OWN FESTIVAL

By ERNEST CHISHOLM THOMSON

(Special to the Fortnightly Review)

ON the corner of Westminster Bridge, London, just across the road from the famous clock tower of Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, stands the most animated and vital statue that I know in all Britain. No visitor can miss the wild but splendid figure of Boadicea in her chariot—Queen Boadicea of the Britons, who died fighting the Roman invader in the year A.D. 62.

Boadicea is still accepted as the model of militant womanhood, and it surprised me not a bit to find this ancient British Queen pictured larger than life beside Florence Nightingale, pioneer of Army nursing, Emmeline Pankurst, champion of votes for women, and other heroines of Britain's history at the June Festival of Women at Wembley, near London.

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The Challenge to Men

THE object of the exhibition, the first of its kind in the world, was quite frankly to show how greatly women's influence has grown in recent years in the economic and industrial, business and professional life of the country.

We have in the United Kingdom any number of fairs and exhibitions of the Home and Beauty variety, but this was different. There was no lack of gaiety. Canopied open-air cafes were there by the lakeside, with a food fiesta and a vast beauty salon perfumed with exotic scents as the models paraded in the latest garments from Britain's fashion houses. But behind this delicious facade the male visitor could discern a more serious purpose.

At least a dozen leading women's organisations had combined to put the point of view not only that women were the world's first workers—when men, it seems, were beguiled by the myth of their inherent superiority—but that to-day, relieved of the shackles of medieval slavery, women are proving their claim to economic equality.

The programme of events certainly left little doubt about women's challenge to men in almost every field, especially in the conferences on careers, which covered everything from the Civil Service to the travel industry, journalism, personnel management and practically every branch of engineering, including nuclear energy.

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THE sponsoring organisations represented some 3,000,000 women belonging to professional or business groups, clubs and rural institutes. Their realistic outlook could be judged from typical exhibitors. To take an example or two, there was the National Association of Women's Clubs, with a display showing how clubs all over the country give members a chance of keeping abreast of current affairs, of making new friends and picking up a good deal of informal education. The National Union of Townswomen's Guilds gives women a common meeting ground, irrespective of party or religious beliefs, to widen their interests and enrich life generally.

The Scottish Women's Rural Institutes sent 500 members to Wembley and they had a stand to themselves to prove that they and 6,000 of their fellow-countrywomen not only study handicrafts and housewifery, drama and the arts, but are kept in touch with the Associated Countrywomen of the World to foster international understanding.

The Festival of Women was a woman's show, but not one man's hand, so far as I could see, was raised against it. There were many of us males there, and if any came to scoff, I can say truthfully they remained to praise.

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The House of Productivity

AMID so many good things I picked out specially the House of Design and Productivity, a brilliant piece of pre-fabrication based on women's ideas of the perfect "machine for living in" in the mature half of the twentieth century. Made from standard parts, it incorporated the best and latest products from 200 United Kingdom firms, assembled

on the spot. Even the concrete-mixing for the foundations could be done in the truck as it travelled from the factory.

The kitchen alone was every woman's dream road to emancipation. It had automatic ventilation, electric washing-machine, trouble-free cooker, and a spin-dryer that takes only four minutes to get clothes straight from the wash to the ironing board.

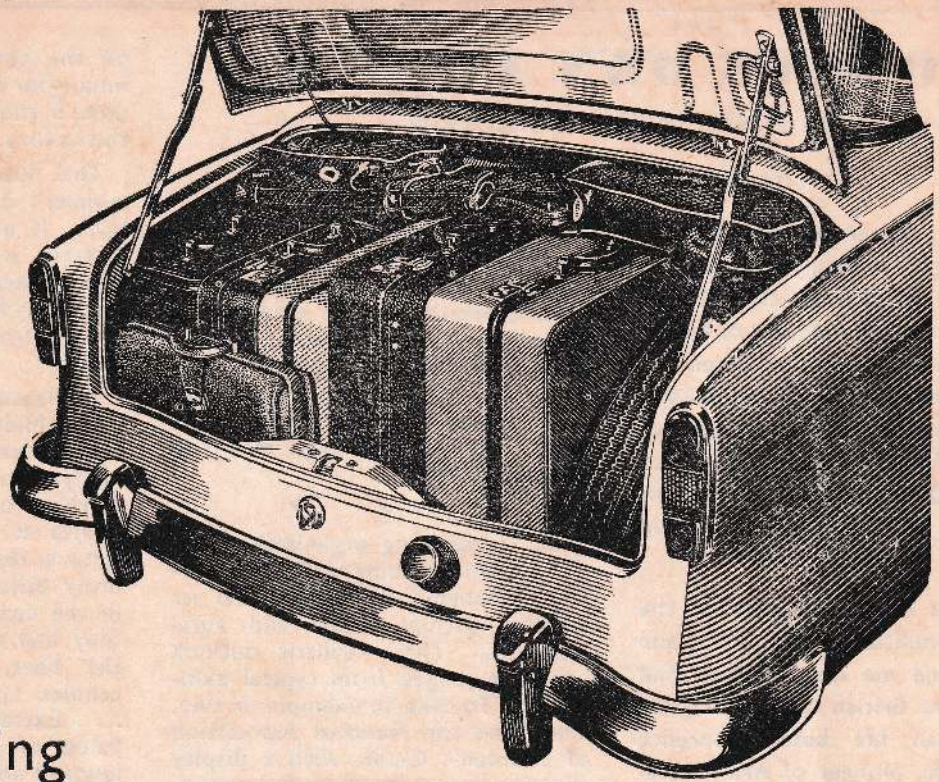
A pleasant contrast to conditions in the Middle Ages described in the Festival programme: "They (women) were veritable slaves of labour, working on the land and in their homes at that basic British manufacture, the woollen industry, and at many other trades, including work in the coal mines. As housewives they had to bake the bread, brew the beer, manufacture soap and candles, spin, weave and dye cloth. . . . Extraordinarily, the economic value of women's exertions was ignored and their work was considered merely supernumerary to men's." And then, in clarion tones; "To-day women's importance and strength are immense, their influence is immeasurable . . ."

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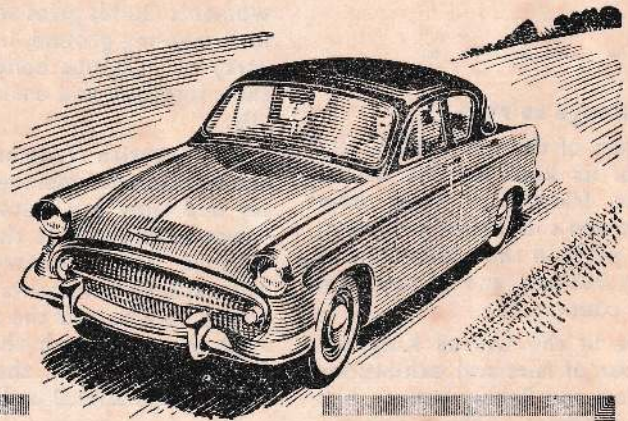
Electrical Entente

TALKING of the electric kitchens of to-day and to-morrow is a reminder that in the next week or two work begins on an electric power scheme across the Channel between England and France. Soon British housewives may be cooking meals with hydroelectric power routed from the French Alps, and their French counterparts may do the family wash with electric energy from Britain's coalfields or from the world's first full-scale nuclear power station at Calder Hall, in the English country of Dumberland.

The idea, worked out by Britain's Central Electricity Authority and Electricite de France, is to take advantage of the staggered demands for power in each country. Their "peaks" do not coincide, so a "peak-exchanging" plan can benefit both nations. Power will be transmitted across the Channel by direct current at 200,000 volts. Terminal buildings near Dungeness, in the English county of Kent, and Le Portel, next to the French port of Boulogne, will contain elaborate regulating equipment to cope with the risk of heavy current surges from two massive national networks.



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“By OLD HAND”

WITH the approach of August each year the older generation in Ceylon in particular take their minds back to the good old days when, prior to World War I, the Island was rich in distinguished sportsmen—Turfites, Cricketers, Footballers (Rugby and Soccer), Hockey, Polo and other field sports, who helped to make the August “Week” Tests far more interesting than they are today. Those were the days when Ceylon counted many famous all-round sportsmen of the calibre of George Vanderspar, then past his prime, Col. T. Y. Wright, W. E. M. Paterson, who for several years had the unique distinction of playing in all four Tests—cricket, rugger, soccer and hockey—between Colombo and Up-country, A. F. West, who hailed from Felstead and played cricket, rugger and soccer for Colombo, B. C. N. Knight and A. L. Gibson, to mention only a few who were real heroes of that period.

Now in his eighty-ninth year, Col. T. Y. Wright was without doubt the “greatest of them all,” being an all-rounder the like of whom Ceylon has not possessed in the years that followed World War I up to the present time. He was indeed the “Admirable Crichton” of Ceylon Sport. Sixty years ago Tommy Wright was a name to conjure with in Ceylon Sport. He was the darling of the crowd and it can truthfully be said that no sportsman in this Island was ever held in such high esteem as the subject of this sketch.

COL. Wright was born in January, 1869. He was educated at Edinburgh Academy, 1880-81 and at Stratford-on-Avon College, 1882-87, where he was in the cricket eleven and rugger fifteen, and was Captain of both for three years, 1885, '86 and '87. He also played for Manchester at rugby football in 1887 and 1888. He turned out earlier for the Richmond Club and had the satisfaction of playing in the company of the famous A. J. Gould during the last season in which the latter played for that Club. Had T. Y. remained in England and gone

to Oxford or Cambridge he would have obtained a “Blue” and doubtless would have secured international honours as his elder brother Frank did, playing half-back for England for two years.

TOMMY Wright was for the greater part of his career in Ceylon in the Kandy district, with the exception of a few years spent on Shakerley Estate in Kurunegala.

He captained Kandy for many years both at rugger and cricket and



—Times

Col. T. Y. Wright

was a fixture in the Up-country rugger and cricket teams for over twenty years. He was a most resourceful, wily and remarkably cool-headed three-quarter and his forte was drop-kicking. Many a beautiful drop goal, when much needed, did he score for Up-country. He was probably the first player in Ceylon to give effect to this most useful accomplishment, in which the English International Capt., J. A. Pym of the R.A., in later years, and Alistair Blair—a worthy successor to T. Y. as an all-round Up-country sportsman—proved to be adepts.

But it was not only in rugger that Col. Wright was a master. His

name is writ large in the annals of Ceylon cricket, while his prowess at Polo and Hockey was no less outstanding.

IT may not be generally known that Col. Wright in his first appearance for Up-country against the C.C.C. on Galle Face, in 1893, obtained a “pair of specs,” being bowled by H. S. Woodcock in the first innings and being run out in the second in an attempt to avoid the unenviable distinction. But that unfortunate start did not worry him. He went on to score heavily in district matches and in 1899 scored 202 not out for Kandy against Matale, who were a strong side in those days. He had previously scored a magnificent 103 not out in the August match in Colombo against a strong bowling side which included Lieut. F. J. Bowen, one of the best left-hand bowlers the C.C.C. ever had, E. R. Waldock, and Lieut. J. B. F. Currie. E. B. Alexander, who had arrived in the Island early in the year, having done well at Oxford, made his debut in big cricket in Ceylon that year and afterwards figured in most of the representative games and those against visiting teams with Col. Wright. In 1904, on the C.C.C. ground, he played a great innings of 50 out of a total of 181, and he continued to score consistently till he retired in 1906. T.Y. was one of the hardest hitting batsmen of his time and his fielding was always of the highest standard.

COL. Wright was an excellent hockey player too and did well for Up-country in the matches with Colombo, while his prowess as a dashing polo player was well-known. As a Nimrod and Shikar he was as proficient as in other branches of sport and in his younger days he was a very capable exponent at athletics. He was the first President of the Ceylon Amateur Athletic Association. He has also taken a great interest in local boxers. The Police Force in particular found in him a very encouraging supporter of the Fistic Art.

COL. Wright was one of the first to enrol when the Ceylon Contingent—composed mainly of members of the C.P.R.C.—was being raised for service in the South African War, being at the time a Corporal.

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PRELUDE TO FESTIVITY

By ANNETTE SWAN

COLOMBO'S month of carnival sparkles around the corner. So August, here we come!

There is expectancy in the air, and the promise of much fulfilment.

The Turf Club is busy with an extra attractive programme for the month's meet, and the Island's sports' talent is agog with enthusiasm over new tournaments, many of which are already well under way. Tennis, hockey, swimming, water polo, rugger, motor racing . . . they are all on the cards.

Drama fans have been promised the best in stage entertainment. As a prelude we have had that enthralling Gilbert and Sullivan opera, "The Gondoliers," by the Colombo Singers, a show that surely stole away all hearts with its unique appeal. A special bouquet here to Sylvia Van Ens, a new star, and the superb acting of Averil Greet.

The Rolling Stars at Donovan Andree's Bambalapitiya Carnival, deserve special mention for the surfeit of thrills they roll out before repeatedly crowded halls. Over at the big hotels bigger, better, and brighter surprises are being planned for patrons who never let the sponsors down.

As a side issue things are looking up at the hill capital, Kandy, where the rich caparisons of traditional glory preserved over the years for the annual Perahera, when half Ceylon converges there to renew acquaintance with splendour, are being aired and renovated for the great event.

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On the Fashion Front

ROMPING home with the festivities of the season will come the newest trends in fashion. Well, what have we?

The indications all point to suave glamour and elegant formality. The Ceylon woman has grown so supremely dress conscious, that she holds the stage now for outfits that are remarkable for their good taste, in marked contrast to the bizarre creations a few years ago.

The naturally draped saree, not denuded one whit of its grace, has come back into its own against its rival—the made-up innovation.

Soft Manipuris and Benares with originally attractive borders and pallaus will be much in vogue this season. It would seem that nylon, the rage last year (and not because of the budget tax), is fading out. Georgettes excitingly blended in matching tones are still great favourites.

For evening wear, lame and silver tissue are certainly making a shining come-back. And then, of course, we have those gracious lace ensembles that will never fade out, an extra enchantment lent to them now with the motifs picked out in the glitter of sequins and pearls.

Blouses for the most part still remain plain for day wear, and subtly embroidered for night.

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Accessories

NECKLACES which were given the go-by last year for elaborate ear-rings, are back on the fashion front. Some of the Egyptian and French varieties are intricately ex-

quisite. Ear-rings teaming with these are appropriately small and dainty.

Hair styles worn in bits and pieces last year have thawed out into longer tresses. It seems to me the soft Edwardian styles are creeping in again. And then there is the new slant on the Spanish effect . . . curls held up high on the head surmounted with colourful combs.

Hats, which are a "must" with frock ensembles at any race meet, are a gay mix-up—small and brimless, or large and flowing. The accent, however, seems to be on the forward tilt . . . very pretty and demure.

Shoes will boast the highest heels ever. Some of the uppers are so wispy they hardly cover the feet. But I wouldn't recommend these for the heavy footed. For them there is always the ubiquitous "court."

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Back to Work

SO August, here we come; and when the fleeting mad rush for sport and glamour and music and song is over, we shall go back to the mundane world with depleted purses maybe, but a strange satisfaction that we have made the most of life's opportunities!

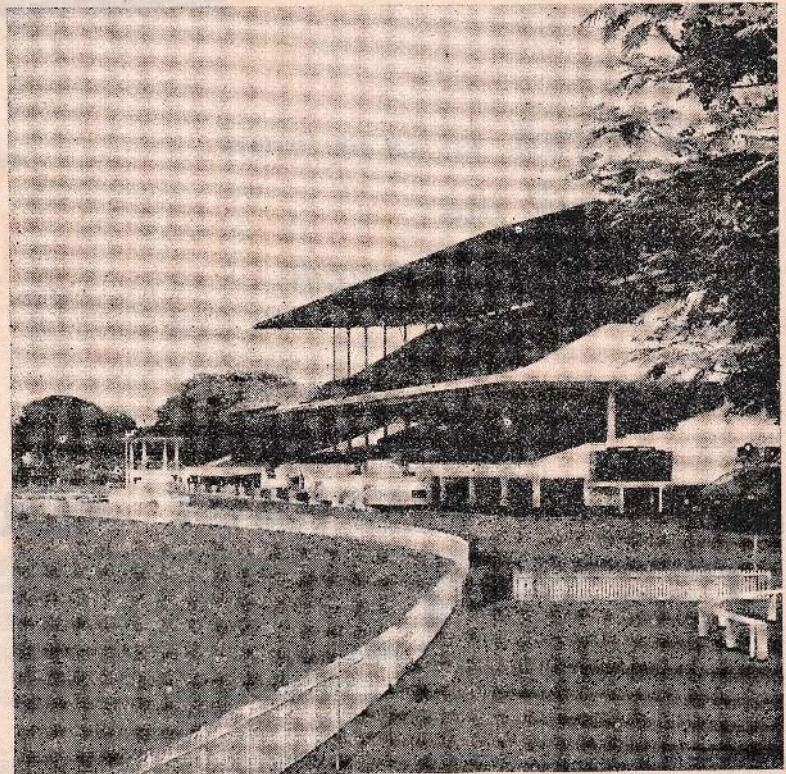


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EARLY DAYS OF RACING IN CEYLON

WHEN THE VENUE WAS GALLE FACE

WITH the big August Race Meet round the corner, the following interesting reminiscences by that famous turfite, the late Mr. M. H. Thomas, one of the Committee members of the Ceylon Turf Club in the late sixties and early seventies, written more than forty years ago, will be welcomed by all racing votaries in the Island:

Racing had been an annual institution in Ceylon for some time in the 'forties, but I think it was the Bakers, or rather John Baker, as thorough an all-round sportsman as ever lived, who first imported English thoroughbreds for racing and breeding purposes. He cut out a small circular training course round a hill close to his house near Nuwara Eliya, where he used to train his own horses and, what was more, generally rode them himself at the Colombo and Kandy races. He left Ceylon in 1856, but returned to the Island with Mrs. Baker some years later, resuming residence at Mahagastotta, where he built a new bungalow.

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JOHN Baker was to be seen occasionally riding his own horses up to within a few years of his death. He must have been over sixty years old when he rode his last race on the old "Galle Face" racecourse. And a nasty course it was—hard in dry weather and sometimes very heavy going in wet, with a couple of hundred yards of steep up and down at one end and the dangerous turn near the Garrison cemetery, which it was always a relief to get safely round, at the other. In the period from 1815 to 1865, the Military and one or two planters were the chief contributors to such sport as we had, but more than one member of the Ceylon Civil Service and of the Mercantile community occasionally showed their colours. Sometimes too, Indian stables were represented. Indeed, some of the best horses we ever had in those days were sent down by the Arbuthnots and others.

The planters and Military horses were, for the most part, Arabs and were trained and ridden by their owners—but weight for age

and class races formed a part of every year's programme, and it was not considered then, as it is now, impossible to bring Australians and Arabs together, probably because Australians were far inferior and Arabs were much better than the class of horses running now. That was many, many years ago.

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ONE instance may be recalled of an Arab beating three Australians—one of them being a horse that had run that year for the Viceroy's Cup in Calcutta. The Raja of Ramnad had presented a hundred guinea cup—no rupees then—to be run for the C.T.C. meet in Colombo, and sent his own horse Nuseeb to compete for it. The distance was three miles. The horses started at a common canter and continued to keep that pace for half a mile when the Australians all began to draw away, leaving the Arab more and more behind. After a mile had been covered and when Nuseeb was quite a hundred yards in the rear, the Australians again increased their pace and were soon racing together in earnest with the result that, as far as they were concerned, the race was over a good mile from home and the Arab quite 400 yards from them. The latter had by this time been set going and steadily decreased the pace between them till, with nearly half a mile to go, he challenged the leading horse and had him beaten a few hundred yard further on, cantering in an easy winner by eight or nine lengths.

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I WAS at the Colombo races a few years ago (this refers to 1900), and was struck with the very little interest taken in them, notwithstanding the fine racecourse, the big fields entered, the number of events and the much larger amount of added money given. Is it because there is less of the sporting element than there used to be in Ceylon, or that the sport had become more costly for any but a few to participate in? Probably both causes have had some effect; but it seems at least doubtful if those who have made racing so expensive a pastime

by importing such valuable horses and such costly men to ride them, have done as much for real sport as distinguished from money-making as they have been credited with.

We miss now the bright young Regimental subalterns and the junior Civil Servants, both of whom had possibly ridden on the flat or at any rate were good cross country riders at Home; while Heaven help the planter whom his V.A. finds indulging such propensities in the more work and less pay days we live in.

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MR. Thomas speaks of the forties, but 1866 would appear to be the first year when the Ceylon Turf Club began to keep records. It appears curious that newspaper files should not have enabled information of earlier days to be collected, particularly as Colombo had an English newspaper so far back as 1834; but it seems beyond doubt that racing and sport of all kinds were viewed with disfavour by the conductors of that newspaper and all hospitality was refused. There appears to have been the greatest enthusiasm over racing in the sixties and the big meet in September always extended over a week with five days' racing. No times were kept till the year 1874.

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IN the first leap of the C.T.C. rules of 1871, the names of the Officials are given. The Patron and President was H.E. Sir Hercules Robinson, the Vice-Presidents, Major-General H. Renny and the Hon. Mr. H. T. Irving, Colonial Secretary. The Hon. Secretary was Mr. G. V. Lambe and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. B. Donnall.

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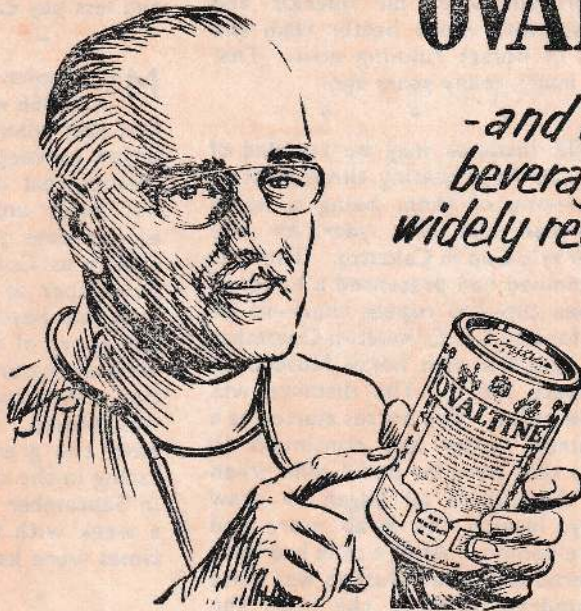
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WHO WILL WIN THE "CLASSICS"?

By "GAY CRUSADER"

THE August racing season is on us again and though shorn of much of its glamour and colour, this racing carnival still is and will always remain the local Ascot.

Punters will be hurrying to and fro from tomorrow, armed with form books and gallop notes in search of secret information straight from the horse's mouth, while thoroughbreds and sleek Arab ponies, trained to the minute, will vie for the valuable trophies.

after a successful season in Ireland and will ride for trainer A. Selvaratnam.

The Governor-General's Cup is, as expected, the most sought after trophy, and, though the stakes have been cut, it still remains the richest race on the racing calendar.

Usually for this terms event there is a certainty, but surprisingly enough on this occasion I cannot find one. The entry of eleven thorough-

to give of his best on the gelding, so that run of his must be ignored.

Of the older brigade, Joshua and Briggs ran fair races, but at level weights it is hard to see the latter beat this field. Joshua, however, has plenty of go still left in him and I felt the Frenchman was in need of the outing. His last run was on February 9th, and when Ahamed Khan called on him for his effort near the distance, he wilted, due obviously to the lack of a run under his belt. Bound to have improved, Mr. Zarook's candidate will strip a much fitter horse on Cup day and should make a bold bid for his second trophy.

Anomaly had unfortunately to



— "Times"

Mahoul

a contender for the Roberts' Cup



— "Times"

Anomaly

expected to improve on last year's effort in the Governor-General's Cup.

breeds from the top class includes previous winners in Owen Grange and Joshua, the Nuwara Eliya "Plate" winner Anomaly, Adamant, Friendly Isle, Shell Pink and last month's Queen's Cup winner, Way to Paradise.

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THE result of last month's big race did not provide us with many pointers, but it did reveal that Owen Grange is not the horse he was and that Shell Pink is at his best a miler. I have information that the latter will not take his chance in the "Blue Riband"

The Queen's Cup race also did not help us as far as Friendly Isle is concerned, for Raffaele was not able



— "Times"

Judar

strongly fancied for the Lawyers' Cup.

keep out of the Queen's Cup, due to a slight injury, but his connections have high hopes of him pulling off the big race this month. The Nomellini gelding ran second to Joshua last year and has improved considerably since then. If he is sent out fit and well he will take a lot of beating.

Adamant ran rather disappointingly despite conditions underfoot to his liking. It is not advisable to neglect him here, but Roman Signal, Festival King and Canway can be ignored.

Summing up I fall back on Joshua, Anomaly, Adamant and Friendly Isle

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Despite the cares and worries of our little world, the small punter as well as the big, and even the man-in-the-street, will find the time to visit the Havelock Racecourse for Ceylon's biggest sporting festival.

Racing will again be confined mainly to Saturdays, there being only one mid-week fixture on Wednesday, August 14th.

As the number of horses in training has been greatly reduced in recent months, the entries are not as large as in previous years, but there is a touch of class among them, and with every runner giving of his best, there will be thrills aplenty.

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RUGBY FOOTBALL

THE most popular of the sporting contests during August "Week" has always been the Rugby Football match between Colombo and Up-country in the good old days and in more recent years between Low-country and Up-country for the Capper Cup. Since the late nineties the writer has witnessed nearly fifty of these encounters, but few during recent years owing to poor health. To compare the rigger of those early times with what we see nowadays would scarcely be fair in view of the changes that continually take place and the lack of new blood during the years that followed the last war. There are fewer new-comers to the Island and Up-country do not get as many British Public School men to fill the gaps in District fifteens, and that is the reason why both Dimbula and Dickoya, who were well served with rigger men of good class, have now to combine their forces to put up anything like a formidable combination.

To hark back to the old days when Dimbula and Dickoya were rich in good players, and Kandy and Uva also fielded excellent teams, Up-country were a side to be reckoned with. Many years ago when a famous Regimental team from India—the Leicestershire Regiment—toured the Island under the leadership of Captain G. C. Liddell, afterwards Lieut.-General during the last World War, very nice things were said of Ceylon Rigger and special mention of the Up-country fifteen that put up such a great game against the visitors at Kandy. Among the famous Up-country players of that period were A. H. S. Clarke, Angus Ogilvy, Maxwell Johnston, G. D. F. Sinclair, R. Bannerman, A. E. Peter among the forwards, H. D. Walter, Douglas Norman, D. A. Forbes and W. H. Field among the three-quarters, Dr. Smart and D. H. Keith at half and R. N. Rowbotham at full-back.

The standard of Rigger then was so high that good judges thought that a representative Ceylon fifteen was right up to English County form. One who has seen this season's matches has been good enough to give the *Review* writer his impressions and the following will be read with interest:

"PERHAPS the most salient feature of Rugby in Ceylon at present, on a tournament level, is the very marked difference in the standard of forward and back play. The standard of forward play among local sides is undeniably low; attacking back play, on the other hand, is of a fairly satisfactory order, although, as a general rule, defence leaves much to be desired.

"To go back to the forwards, however, there appear to be two basic reasons why the standard is low.



—"Times"

John Arenhold

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The first is a lack of knowledge of what is a far more complicated aspect of the game than many people realise, and the second is the lack of weight of the average Ceylonese forward. The first point, I feel, stems from the absence of outside competition against better players—undoubtedly the best way of improving in any sport once the basic fundamentals have been learnt. It would appear, however, at present that the general run of forwards in Ceylon, with certain exceptions, do not know enough about the basic principles of forward play for their future development to proceed along the right lines. While this fault can be remedied by coaching and application, nothing much can be done about

the lack of weight, apart from lower packing in the set scrums and a more concerted shove than is apparent at present. The physical drawback of weight can be countered to a certain extent by speed and above all by cultivating that ability to be in the right place at the right time, doing the right thing. It is only in this way that light forwards will get possession of the ball against heavier packs, and get possession they must, if matches are to be won.

"In general I should like to see, in the backs, straighter running in attack and much lower tackling in defence. In the forwards lower packing, more intelligence in the loose and a little more of the aggressive spirit would be steps in the right direction towards a higher standard of play."

C. H. & F. C. WIN CLIFFORD CUP.

THE C.H. & F.C. won the Clifford Cup for the first time since the inception of the tournament when they beat Dimbula-Dickoya by 11 points to 3 in a disappointing final at Radella.

Adopting identical safety-first tactics as in the match against the C.R. & F.C. the previous week-end, the C.H. & F.C. once again owed their victory to a heavy, tenacious pack and good work by halves, Leefe and Arenhold, and opportunist three-quarter Spark.

They were aided and abetted by the Dimbula-Dickoya wing forwards, Cameron and Wright, who made the mistake of repeatedly going for stand-off Arenhold, leaving scrum-half Leefe unscathed.

THE CRICKET MATCH

PRIOR to World War I, the cricket Test between Colombo and Up-country used to arouse considerable interest not only amongst supporters of the two sides but also among Ceylonese who always looked forward to these contests. The standard of cricket was then high compared with what obtains today. An Up-country side was able to give the best Ceylonese sides like the Colts, Nondescripts and the Sinhalese Sports Club more than a match and often defeated them. Similarly the C.C.C. were a formidable team with such outstanding cricketers as V. F. S. Crawford, W. T. Greswell, Dr. G. Thornton—all ex-County players, and several former British Public School cricketers like J. C. Johnson,

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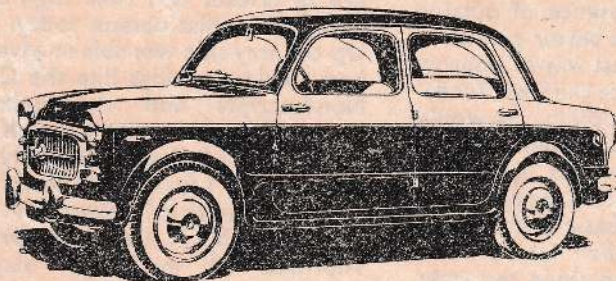
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EARLY DAYS OF CEYLON RUGBY FOOTBALL

REMINISCENCES OF A FAMOUS FORWARD

By ITINERANT

OVER thirty years ago I had the pleasure of chatting with a distinguished old Rugby Football forward who figured in the Colombo team against Up-Country for many years in the earliest contests and I feel sure that what he had to say of Rugger in those good old days will be read with interest by devotees of this popular game on the eve of another struggle for supremacy on Monday next, on the Havelock Racecourse.

The late Col. E. H. Joseph was not only one of the best forwards to represent Colombo in the earliest matches with Up-Country in the 'nineties, but an acknowledged authority who was responsible for a highly interesting weekly column on sport in Ceylon which appeared for many years in the "*Ceylon Independent*," then in its palmy days. "Notes by Welcome" appealed greatly to the sportsmen of that period as Col. Joseph was not only a gifted writer but one whose knowledge of Cricket, Rugby and Association Football and other games was both encyclopaedic and unique.

COL. Joseph in the course of a long chat gave me the following absorbingly interesting reminiscences: "My experiences of Rugger in Ceylon might have dated back to close on fifty years had it not been that just before my return from Bath School in 1886 the game had been suspended for a period of six years owing to the death of young Hall, the son of the Deputy Fiscal, during a match on Galle Face, in 1885. Hall did not actually die on the field of play. He was carried off in a state of collapse to the Military Hospital just across the road, and died there soon after his admission, it was said. Considering that his death was attributed to heart disease, and that he should not have played with such an affection. Rugger should not have been blamed

for the sad occurrence. Be that as it may, the game was practically abandoned for six years, and was not seriously revived till 1892.

I HAVE not the names of all those who took part in that ill-fated match of 1885, nor do I know what the two teams styled themselves, but I remember two of the players. They were V. A. Julius, who was afterwards the first President of the Colombo Hockey Club, the precursor of the C.H. & F.C., and E. C. Davies the Factory Engineer, both stalwarts and, I imagine, very convincing forwards.

The first Colombo—Up-Country fixture that I remember and took part in was in 1892. The venue of the Match was the Rifle Green and the captains of the two teams were George Vanderspar (Colombo) and Norman, better known as "Toby", Rowsell (Up-Country). I fancy the revival of the game and the inception of this annual fixture was due to the initiative of these two protagonists of the game. Why the match was played on the Rifle Green and not on the ground opposite the Military Hospital on Galle Face, I do not recall. Perhaps the taboo, following on the Hall tragedy, extended to the ground.

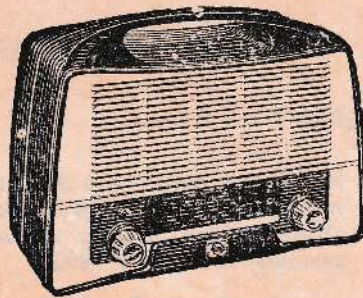
THE Rifle Green was by no means ideal for Rugger. It was uncommonly hard, not too even and not specially prepared for a match of this importance. It was no uncommon experience for players to pick up quite formidable chunks of metal on the ground and throw them outside the field of play. Besides this the ground was somewhat restricted, in breadth at least. When one recalls the doubtful amenities of this ground and contrasts it with such playing fields as obtain in Colombo nowadays, such as the C.H. & F.C. ground, on the Racecourse, and that of the C.R. & F.C., at Longden Place, one is apt to envy the present generation its luxurious

equipment. And yet in dry weather one hears complaints regarding the hardness of these grounds by present-day players.

IN looking through the names of those who played in 1892, I recall most of the participants. George Vanderspar was an enthusiastic leader for he was all out all the time and being an excellent three-quarter with a thorough knowledge of the game and an effective drop and place kick, he was invaluable to his side. "Toby" Rowsell at scrum half, sometimes doing duty at three-quarter, was an equally great acquisition to his side. T. Y. Wright was one of the Up-Country fifteen and in the heyday of his young manhood, being only twenty-three, and having come out to the Island with his blushing sporting honours thick upon him, barely three years previously. He was a genius in the back division, in which he was capable of filling any position most efficiently. Another stalwart for Up-Country was A. L. Hine-Haycock, one of the best forwards ever seen in Ceylon. He was a Rugger enthusiast of the finest type, and afterwards skipped Up-Country with marked success. He was an old Wellingtonian. In W. A. Lane, Hine-Haycock had a confrere after his own heart, who though somewhat slimly built was a glutton for work in the scrum and a great player in the loose, being an exceptionally fine dribbler who was seldom parted from the ball.

I DO not intend to detail the characteristics of each of the players in this match. There were many other good players I can recall, but I should like to make special mention of one other Up-Country man, J. R. Neale, to serve as an example to the youngsters of the calibre of the old stock. He was a very fast and brilliant three-quarter who took a lot of stopping. He contributed a son to the game in Ceylon—G. R. Neale, who played for Cheltenham. He was a good forward who gave up the game far too soon. Of the Colombo players W. E. Mitchell made his first appearance in Ceylon Rugger, in which he was a shining light for some years. It may be of interest to note that two Ceylonese played for Colombo in this match—W. Van-Langenberg, who played in the Richmond team, and myself."

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SOME FAMOUS CUP WINNERS

By "OLD-HAND"

ABOUT thirty years ago a leading Ceylonese turfite won the Governor's Cup; and in addition to the hundreds of hand shakes, letters and telegrams acclaiming his luck was a lone gentleman's gift. Mr. Wilton Bartleet sent him a present of a horse, he hoped would win him another Cup in a future year. I cannot quite remember what happened to that horse, but I remember with reflected pride that I too belonged to a leisurely and graceful age, when that was the spirit of August, of racing, of Cup Day. Will I then be thought an old man "nodding by the fireside," who, having no more to live for in the present or the future, lives his youth again in memory? But listen first to the tales of those romantic times I have to tell.

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IT was a lazy, sunny day in August, the type of day that was never different from any other, when a smart Arab was being led down along a Fort street from the Jetty past F. J. Hills' Auction Rooms. The stable boy ambled up to the auctioneer's rooms and asked for a bucket of water for the pony. When the lad was asked what he was doing leading a horse around that part of the Fort, in undertones he said, quite confidentially, that this was an Arab racer, Peninsular, just landed in Colombo. And if we wanted a good thing for the Roberts' Cup this was it. The tragic folly of making this travel-worn horse run was only equalled by the insolent optimism of this stable boy. But all punters do not always follow form. The absurd incredibility of this situation made a few risk a tenner on it. I do not know how but Peninsular won on that day, the day it was landed in Colombo, to pay Rs. 900; and in spite of all the Footprints, Orange Williams and Cotton Halls, I raise my hat highest to this amazing achievement.

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BLACK Buck was a champion thoroughbred, consistently in form. But the whole world knew that, as

I realised when it paid me Rs. 11 for a Rs. 10 investment in the Governor's Cup. It was a common story in those days. But winners were not all punters' fancies. I remember the year Black Buck was backed as if it ran alone in that race. Santoinette from the same stables was running as a pacemaker for Black Buck.

When the race started with Santoinette in a prominent position the "know-alls" nodded benignly when a few isolated optimists, one in



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Owen Grange
(A Triple Cup Winner)

a hundred perhaps, were hoarsely cheering it. The calm was unruffled when Santoinette was still in the lead half way. They reached the distance. Now was the time. The pacemaker would tire and we were reserving our cheers for Black Buck when it hit the front. There was no doubt about it. But Santoinette did not tire and, even before we could really grasp the fact, it slid past the post ahead of the field. The sullen silence of that moment was frightening. But I cannot believe that it was more than a lucky fluke of an undiscovered horse. There could not have been any pre-arrangement... a gamble which might have lost a Governor's Cup. Then it was only the Cup that mattered.

I remember E. L. F. de Soysa refusing Rs. 100,000 for Mordennis, a Colossus in those days, after it

had won the Cup three times in succession and just before it won it the fourth time.

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GREAT horses, however, made tame races. We could always foresee the result. Footprint, Mordennis and Black Buck never had much competition but the most exciting race was in Willow Stream's year and controversy over the result was never resolved. Willow Stream and Louvello battled past the post locked together, with the crashing roar of a thousand fans around... a background for that terrible moment. Officially it was a dead-heat, but the result was, perhaps quite unreasonably, grudgingly accepted by jealous fans. The men who won the races those days were sportsmen who loved their horses and kept the rules. But I have my reservation. I cannot believe that racing will ever be clean as long as the owners, trainers or jockeys are heavy gamblers. The commercial element in collecting cash never favours fair-play. Mr. E. L. F. de Soysa, good sportsman though he was, was also a heavy punter. He once admitted that he stood to win Rs. 400,000 on Merloolas, an odds on favourite.

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THE turf in my life was dominated by the de Soysa's. In fact, it had been so for some time. In 1896, the result of the Governor's Cup was (1) Mr. E. L. F. de Soysa's Jack O' Lantern; (2) Mr. J. W. C. de Soysa's Reputation; and (3) Mr. E. L. F. de Soysa's Harrison. And quite often the win and the places in many other races were shared by E. L. F.; J. W. C.; R. E. S.; or Walter de Soysa. E. L. F., of course, had most success. His interest was first aroused in Cambridge in 1891 when he used to ride frequently at the Cottenham Races. I could never keep pace with the record of his victories both here and in England.

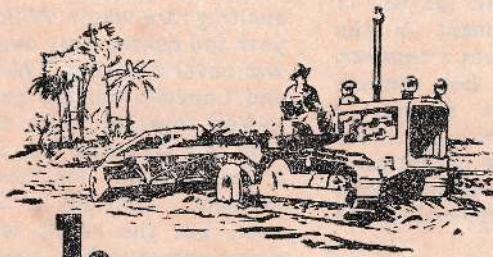
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THE Farquharsons were the keener sportsmen. The "Confederacy" of those brothers not only owned and trained horses but even rode them. R. J. had an outstanding animal in Prince Lyon, which won the Cup in 1904 and 1905. Wilton Bartleet, a good judge of horseflesh, had a large string and was de Soysa's rival for a long time. Sir Solomon Dias Bandaranaike was most unlucky.

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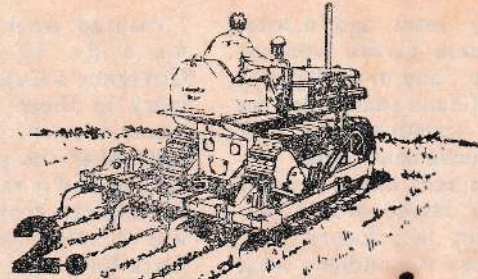
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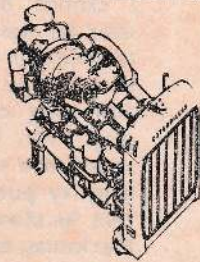


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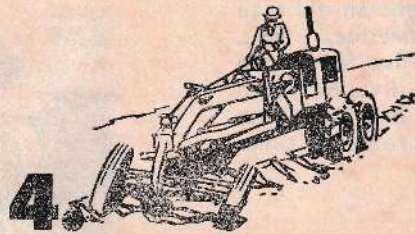


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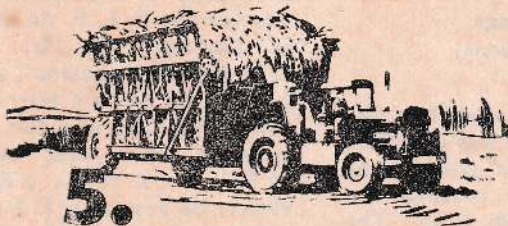
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A POLITICAL NOTEBOOK

By CROSS-BENCHER

SATISFACTION at the fact that there will be no satyagraha, with all its possible fearful implications, was the main public reaction to the conclusion of the talks between the Prime Minister and Federal Party representatives. Examination of the terms of the agreement discloses that many questions of detail and interpretation might arise to delay implementation of the agreement. However, the great gain from a national standpoint is that the talks did take place at all, that after the months of argument and even recrimination the parties were able to meet together, thrash out the differences between them and arrive at understanding. For this consummation, the country cannot be too grateful not only to the representatives of the two sides who actively participated in the long weary discussions but to the others behind the scenes who promoted the first meeting and used their good offices to prevent a breakdown when points of view seemed irreconcilable.

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WITH abrogation of the Official Language Act and regional autonomy ruled out at the beginning of the talks, the final settlement hinges on the provisions of the proposed Regional Councils Bill. On this the principal features of the agreement are: the northern province is to form one regional area and the Eastern Province is to be divided into two or more areas; members of the Council are to be elected and the electoral areas are to be demarcated by a commission; Parliament is to delegate various powers and subjects to the Councils, including agriculture, co-operatives, lands, education, health, industries and fisheries, housing and social services, electricity, water and roads; the central governments is to provide block grants to the councils.

With the general agreement that Tamil is to be recognised as the language of a national minority and is to be the language of administration of the northern and eastern

provinces, the Federal Party's object of regional autonomy has been all but achieved. But other Tamils evidently do not regard it as an advantage.

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MR. G. G. Ponnambalam, for example, condemns the agreement as "a complete and abject surrender of the cherished fundamental right of the Tamil people to live on terms of equality, dignity and self-respect with the Sinhalese in the whole Island," and "a tragic betrayal of the economic future of Tamil youth for generations to come in the matter of employment and enterprise except by a compulsory acquisition of a knowledge of Sinhala."

Senator S. R. Kanaganayagam observes: "The people are left in uncertainly about everything except the proposed satyagraha campaign. It seems to me that the M.E.P. and the F.P. have co-operated effectively to silence other opinion till the next parliamentary elections." He calls for a constituent assembly to frame a republican constitution acceptable to the races and religions in the country and suggests provincial autonomy for the Tamil provinces, the Kandyan provinces and the maritime provinces, with a Federal Parliament at the centre. He envisages that under such a constitution Tamil and Sinhalese parties will disappear and national parties will emerge.

The criticism of the U.N.P., on the other hand, is that the recognition of Tamil constitutes abrogation of the Official Language Act and that the delegation of powers to the regional councils negates central planning and, in the matter of land development, will jeopardise the claims of the surplus population in the western, southern, south-western and central areas of the Island.

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FROM a statement made by Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayagam, founder of the Federal Party and leader of the delegation to the talks, on the eve of the annual party convention at Batticaloa, it is clear, however, that the agreement will serve to heal the injury to Tamil sentiment caused by Sinhalese being made the only official language of the country. "The rank

and file recognises and understand," he said, "that it (the Party) has achieved something definite in that Tamil has received official recognition to be embodied in a statute and a method has been produced whereby the Tamil-speaking people can preserve and develop a territory of their own."

In other words, the pride of the Tamils has been redeemed.

He went on to say: "There are welcome signs that the Sinhalese people have begun to understand that the Tamil-speaking people do not mean to or want to separate from the rest of Ceylon but only aspire to develop their individuality while remaining an integral part of Ceylon."

Mr. Chelvanayagam acknowledged that the Prime Minister and other ministers who participated in the discussions realised the "political hardships" of the Tamil-speaking people. He indicated that his Party for its part appreciated the "difficulties and political commitments" of the Government.

In sum, the agreement represents mutual understanding of different aspirations leading to a compromise which satisfies the respective points of view in all the circumstances of the case.

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THE talks over the Federal Party demands overshadowed the debate on the second reading of the budget, which has now entered the committee stage.

A criticism to which no answer has been forthcoming is that, considering that in the past estimates of revenue have invariably been exceeded and voted expenditure has as often been under-spent, there is no justification for the level of taxation that is in force. A feature of the debate was the criticism of the Government by some of its own back-benchers. As members of a people's government they may be said to voice the feelings of the average householder who sees no relief from the high cost of living and is not conscious of any striking effect of the vast expenditure on development projects.

Now that preoccupation with the language dispute has ended with the successful conclusion of the talks over the Federal Party's demands, it is to be hoped that greater attention will be paid to the clamant economic problems that have so long been neglected.

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OTHER AUGUSTS

By FELICITY

(Special to the Fortnightly Review)

THE Editor has requested my reminiscences on the subject of "Other Augusts," by which I take it he means Other August Race-Weeks.

Does he realise, I wonder, that it is exactly twenty years since my last visit to a Racecourse? And I cannot write anything about the Race-week of August, 1937, for the simple reason that I have forgotten all about it. Memory might, if she willed, present me with some oddities from the scrap-bag of 1927, but before they can be recaptured the whimsical jade is off again, skipping another decade and yet another, into the days when Ceylon and the August festival were unknown to me.

August, nevertheless, was always the important month for me, way back as far as I can remember. On account of the long school vacation it has always been the English Holiday Season.

Let me, since I must, go back to those earliest-remembered Augusts, when, the domestic staff dispersed, the furniture mysteriously swathed in holland covers, and the cat travelling with us in her wicker basket (since we were not the sort of people to leave the cat behind us when we went away) we set forth in the station "growler" to catch the train to the watering-place of our choice, taut with excited anticipation of queer crowded lodgings, sand-castles and paddling in the sea.

Because we were on the Great Eastern Railway and our family was very young, we went usually to the East Coast in the earliest days, so my farthest memories extend to the toy railway with its single line running out to Southwold, to the two fishermen's cottages we rented for the season, the long slope of the "Gunhill" and the coastguard's station perched high on the cliffs. Strangely enough, the keenest memory is that of the ancient church with its painted rood screen and the "Minute Man" who solemnly marked the passing hours.

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LATER there were the Augusts spent at Broadstairs, which included the annual pilgrimage to Ramsgate, not so far away, to be shown the house where Great-Grandfather lived, when he was Harbour-master of the once import-

ant packet-station. We always listened avidly to the same tale :

"Your great grandfather first ran away to sea when he was seven," our mother would begin. Whereupon we would chorus : "But he didn't go to sea, because he was running the wrong way up to London."

"And," one of us would supplement, "he got a lift quite a long way by a carter, through saying 'If you will kindly give me a lift in your cart I shall know the place when I get there.'"

"Well then," Mother would go on, "he was found and brought back. But the children in those days were very severely treated. Little girls had to curtsey and your great-grandfather had to address his father and mother as "Sir" and "Ma'am." So when he was eleven years old he ran away again and this time he stowed away in a great ship in the harbour and got right out to sea before he was discovered."

"And when he came back three years later his father and mother were dead, so he stayed with the ship," we would go on . . . "And he rose to be a Captain in the King's Navee !"

"I rather think", said my mother, "that good Queen Victoria was on the throne before he attained that eminence. Let's go along to the museum and look at his memoirs. I want to make sure whether it was Elizabeth Fry or Hannah More he saved from drowning. I never can remember."

I never could remember either, but an English lecturer at the Ceylon University once assured me it was Hannah More and that she had it in her memoirs.

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AMONG the seaside places subsequently visited, there were naturally many where August racing did take place, but these were yacht races on the pattern of the Cowes regatta. One of the most vivid mind-portraits retained from those days is that of my father. His head in a yachting cap, his feet firmly on dry land, spy-glass to his eye, he eagerly followed the long-drawn-out manoeuvres at sea, from his vantage point on a cliff-top, the while we children romped among the

poppies and tickley grasses, or lay flat on our fronts to get a cautious view down the cliff-face to the foaming waves far, far below.

But a sea-side boarding school was chosen for me, and suddenly the August Holiday pattern changed and we found new fascinations in the heart of the country. It was to an old manor farm belonging to an Aunt in the Evesham district that we now went year after year, and at least once every August I had the treat of driving to Evesham on market day with my Uncle, the farmer, in his rattling dog-cart . . . It took the best part of an hour to get there and our first visit was inevitably to the leading inn, where I parted from Uncle and went sedately to the Ladies' Parlour.

Here, presently would come an elderly barmaid with the expected message : "Mr. Blake presents his compliments, and what will the young lady take to drink?" To which the young lady invariably replied : "A small glass of port and lemon, please."

Huge parties of us gathered at that old farm, which could accommodate twenty of us without bulging at the seams. What rides there were from the harvest fields, and what romances in the rose-gardens. I had mine there like the rest, sweet, sad, shortlived and soon forgotten !

But now, in this age of speed, English girls and boys set out on a plane-journey to Ceylon more casually than we did to the country or seaside. They are with us already, those August annual holiday-makers from cooler climes. And depend on it the day will come when one will say to another :

"Remember August, 1957—the year we flew out to Ceylon and went to the races?"

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PEOPLE

THE number of European Civil Servants in Ceylon has been reduced to two with the retirement last month of Mr. W. H. Moore, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Industries and Fisheries. He spent 31 years in the Island.

Mr. Moore had several spells in the Treasury as Controller of Establishments, Controller of Finance, etc., and in between was Chief Administrative Officer of the Railway, Government Agent, N.W.P., Excise Commissioner and G.A., Central Province. He became Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Industries and Fisheries in 1955, and brought the highest traditions of the service in the constitutional changes that took place in the country. In this respect he followed the shining example of his name-sake, Sir Henry Moore, the first Governor-General of Ceylon.

The two civil servants of the old brigade who are left are Mr. R. H. D. Manders, Government Agent, Nuwara Eliya, and Mr. R. M. Gybbon Monypenny, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labour.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore will take with them the good wishes of a large number of friends to their retirement in Burnley, Lancashire.

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THE latest number of the *Ceylon Forester* pays tribute to two members of the Forest Department who have recently retired. They are Mr. J. A. de Silva, Conservator of Forests, perhaps better known as "Bertie" de Silva, the stylish Trinity, Oxford and All-Ceylon

cricketer of the twenties, and Mr. T. Carthigesar, Administrative Assistant of the Department.

Mr. de Silva joined the Department in 1927 and became the first Ceylonese professional Conservator of Forests in 1950. "During his seven years tenure of office," says the *Forester*, "his modest, patient and enduring personality guided the affairs of the department along smoothly. He had the knack of a good captain in getting each one to contribute his best. By this he achieved considerable progress in forestry, with enormous strides in plantations of teak, jak, mahogany and eucalyptus, the reconstitution of the working plans branch, the development of the research laboratory, the opening of a forestry school . . ."

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MR. Carthigesar, also an old Trinidadian, counted 36 years' service in the department. Passing from the clerical to the Accountants Service, he became Office Assistant and Accountant of the Department, and was appointed administrative assistant on the recommendation of Professor H. G. Champion of Oxford, who was adviser to the Government on forestry.

Of him the journal says: "Mr. Carthigesar rendered valuable assistance in the reorganisation of the department, transfer of control of other Crown forests, organization of war supplies and formulation of timber exploitation schemes. At the head office he was for long periods acted for both assistant conservators and senior assistant conservators with commendable success."

MR. L. E. Heal, former Managing Director of Messrs. Millers, Ltd., and since his retirement some years ago, Manager of Millers' London office, is at present in Ceylon, with Mrs. Heal, and expects to spend about three months in the Island. He is here on business. Mr. Heal was associated with Millers for nearly four decades and was accountant of the firm when he succeeded the late Mr. H.J. Hutchings, as Managing Director.

For many years he was Signalling Officer of the C.D.F. and during the last war served as a Major in the Ceylon Engineers. Both Mr. and Mrs. Heal have a host of friends in Ceylon and they are both glad of this opportunity of resuming old acquaintances.

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MR. N. W. Morgappah, retired C. C. S., spent nearly half a century in the Registrar-General's Department finishing up as Assistant Registrar-General over thirty years ago. Born on 31st May, 1865, he had reached the age of 92 on his last birthday. We wish him *ad multos annos*.

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WE were glad to have a cheerful letter from Mr. Arthur Fernando, who joined the Douglas Aircraft Company in Los Angeles on a staff grade appointment three months ago. He appears to have settled down in his new surroundings and to be happy with his work in this world-famous aircraft factory. He is the only non-American at the plant, which is indeed a proud achievement for this young Ceylonese aeronautical engineer.

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THE *Fortnightly Review* has been the means of a former Ceylon resident renewing her contact with the Island in the person of Mrs. Janet Hamilton of Cape Province, South Africa. She adds to the quite considerable number of ex-Ceylon folk who have made their home in this part of the world.

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WE regret to record the death, at her home in Braybrooke Place, Colombo, on July 29th, of Mrs. Ruby Wijewardene, widow of Mr. D. R. Wijewardene, founder and first Chairman of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon, Ltd.

A daughter of the late Meedeniya Adigar and Kumarihamy, she leaves a sister, Lady Molamure, two sons, Mr. P. S. and Mr. Ranjit Wijewardene; and three daughters, Mrs. C. E. L. Wickremesinghe, Mrs. G. B. S. Gomes and Mrs. L. C. Gooneratne.

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P E O P L E

MR. R. G. Hills left Ceylon for the United Kingdom on Tuesday, the 16th July, by the "Willem Ruys."

He is the last to leave of a three-man mission, led by Mr. L. Hawkins, a member of the London Transport Executive, which came to Ceylon in January to advise on the nationalisation of the Ceylon omnibus services. The other member of the team, Mr. F. C. Adcock, left by B.O.A.C. on July 5th.

The services of this mission were provided under the Colombo Plan by the United Kingdom. Its main report was presented to the Minister of Transport by Mr. Hawkins before he returned to London in March. Messrs. Hills and Adcock have since been engaged in the work of preparing a number of appendices to the report, and in advising the Board and its officers on technical matters concerned with the takeover and the future organisation of the nationalised omnibus service.

NOW completing a six weeks' visit to Plymouth in a ten-month study tour of British Town Planning schemes Mr. P. H. W. Peiris, Colombo Municipal Council architect.

Mr. Peiris, who is in the United Kingdom under the Colombo Plan Technical Co-operation Scheme and has already inspected town planning projects at Birmingham, Southampton, Kingston-upon-Hull, and the Basildon New Town, said that he had been deeply interested to make a detailed study of the New Council Housing Estates in and around Plymouth, a city-port greatly damaged by bombs in World War II.

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SIR Cecil Syers, U.K. High Commissioner, will leave for home towards the end of the year to succeed Sir Edward Hale as Secretary of the University Grants Committee. Mr. A. F. Morley, deputy High Commissioner of the U.K., in Calcutta, will take Sir Cecil's place in Colombo.

Sir Cecil has been in Ceylon since 1951, and is the dean of the diplomatic corps. Both he and Lady Syers have made themselves most popular in Ceylon and have participated in many aspects of the life of the country. In cultural circles especially Sir Cecil, a classics scholar, has been much in demand for lectures and discussions, and Lady Syers has been active in social service movements.

Mr. Morley (Rugby and Queen's, Oxford) is 49 and had his early service with the India Office. He was attached to the U.K. delegation to the U. N. General Assembly in 1946, was economic adviser to the Lord Privy Seal in 1947, deputy U.K. High Commissioner in New Zealand, 1950-53, and Assistant Under-Secretary of State, Commonwealth Relations Office in 1954.

He has been in Calcutta since February, 1956.

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ART, MUSIC AND DRAMA

By "LYRICUS"

THE distribution of prizes and awards gained by the students of the Amarasekera School of Art at the Children's Royal Academy was held on Saturday, July 2nd.

Gate-Mudaliyar Amarasekera welcomed the Archdeacon of Colombo, the Ven. Harold de Soysa, who distributed the prizes, as an old boy of the school. He hesitated to call him an "old boy", he said, because he looked so youthful and reminded him of the day he came to be admitted to his school of art with tears in his eyes and an ayah to cling on to. The tears soon turned to smiles when he began to enjoy his painting lessons, and eventually carrying off coveted prizes not only in his school but also at the Royal College Drawing Society and at the Society of Art exhibitions.

The Archdeacon, after distribution of the prizes, was in a reminiscent mood and he said how most grateful he was to Mudaliyar Amarasekera for what he learnt at the school. He not only learnt to draw and paint but he made the first speech he ever made at a Prize-giving of the school when he proposed the vote of thanks to Lady Stubbs who gave away the Prizes on that occasion.

The Archdeacon, in concluding, said: "People who bring joy, give faith and courage to others, inspire and help, are those who have learnt to look out for and see beauty and truth."

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"THROUGH Art one learns to feel. Art is the transmission of feeling the Artist has experienced . . . when we learn to feel strongly enough as to express that feeling on canvas or in clay, in music or in dance we are adding something to life. Thirdly, training in an Art School like this teaches application and discipline of instincts and emotions . . . All great Art needs stern discipline and hard application.

"These three gifts I gained, and I am sure all pupils of this school gain these gifts essential for fullness of life—to see and appreciate beauty, to feel deeply so that we are moved to creative action, to apply oneself and to discipline one's faculties. And I am sure we are all extremely grateful to Mudaliyar Amarasekera

for having taught us not only to draw and paint but through them some of the most important elements of the fullness of life."

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MUDALIYAR Amarasekera read out a short report sent by the Secretary of the Children's Royal Academy who had commented on "an excellent selection of work—the best contributed by any member of the Commonwealth outside the British Isles. Most of them are of a high standard, colour is usually sensitive and some of the brushwork even bold. Altogether they form a fine collection of interesting pictures which do credit to the young Artist and those who encouraged and inspired them".

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OF other overseas competitors who have entered Barbados, Gibraltar, India, Jamaica, United States, South Africa, South Rhodesia, but one each had been selected for hanging on the line from Gibraltar, India, Jamaica and South Africa, none of the other overseas candidates having reached the exhibition standard, while Ceylon had four hung on line and four selected for the permanent collection.

Mudaliyar Amarasekera followed up with a novel and unique entertainment for the children, the adult students and parents present—a three-quarter hour of Magic at its best and an exhibition of Ventriloquism which kept the audience in roars of laughter.

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Philharmonic Choir's Concert

A DATE to remember is August 3rd when the Colombo Philharmonic Choir continues its Third Season with a concert in the Royal College Hall at 6.45 p.m. With a reputation firmly established within two years the Choir turns from the longer, more serious works which it has already performed with such outstanding success, e.g., Bach's "St. Matthew Passion," Mozart's "Mass in C Minor," Faure's "Requiem," to a programme in which the light and serious are judiciously mixed. It is a programme selected to satisfy all tastes, and judging from the advance information received,

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all Colombo's music-loving public will want to be there on the 3rd to hear a type of concert which is all too rarely heard in Colombo.

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THE programme falls into four groups. The first is a group of Madrigals in which are included such well-known and delightful ones as *Sing we and Chant it* by Thomas Morley, *The Silver Swan* by Orlando Gibbons, and Thomas Weelkes' *As Vesta was from Latmos Hill descending*.

In the second group, *Modern Part Songs* will be performed. Charles Stanford's *Heracitus*, Elgar's *As Torrents in Summer* (incidentally this year is Sir Edward Elgar's Centenary), and a rollicking chorus by Balfour Gardiner, *Sir Eglamore*. Two other interesting works are also included in this group—*Hymn to the Waters*, Gustav Holst's setting for female voices of one of the Rig Veda Hymns, and *Old Joe has gone fishing*, a chorus from the opera "Peter Grimes" by Benjamin Britten.

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THE one longish work in the programme is the *Five Mystical Songs* by Vaughan Williams, a setting of a group of poems by George Herbert for baritone solo (Lylie Godridge), chorus and pianoforte (Chintamani de Pinto).

The programme ends with a group of folk songs and includes an arrangement by Peter Warlock of *One More River to Cross*, for baritone solo and male voices, the North Country folksong *Bobby Shaftoe*, and a Welsh folksong, *O 'Twas on a Monday Morning*, arranged by Gustav Holst.

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WHO WILL WIN THE "CLASSICS"?

(Continued from page 19)

as the pick of the lot and expect them to fight out the finish, with my vote going to Joshua and Friendly Isle, the upsetting factor.

On the opening day to be held tomorrow, there are five trophy races on the seven event card.

Firstly, the Channer Cup, the sprint classic for top class thoroughbreds which has attracted only seven runners. Cobscar looks the hardest to beat, as Berwick Law has been on the easy list due to being pin-fired soon after his Nuwara Eliya success, and may not be ready.

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THE LAWYERS' CUP

THE Lawyers' Cup is always a popular race and judging by the entry of 17 Class II performers we should have a good race.

Judar, who will be making his debut in this class, enhanced his claims with a stylish victory last month and as he will carry a light weight gets top vote. Navarhos, although not too reliable, Advocate, Naseeb, who is working extremely well, and Little Marvel, are the best of the others.

Land Lubber, who revealed stamina of a high order when winning the Polgahawela Plate (1½ miles) on the third day of the July Meeting, looks a good thing for the Colombo Bank Shroffs' Cup, where Kola Bear, Select Allow and Arc de Triomphe are his dangers.

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THE ROBERTS' CUP

AND then we come to the Arab classic, the Roberts' Cup, which has attracted a very good entry of 21 ponies, including previous winners in Ibn Orient, Hilal Ahmad and Taimour. A notable absentee, however, is Hopeful Pearl, who, I understand, is not likely to run again.

Several of the contenders have been given a searching preparation for the race and there is going to be a rare scramble before the winner is found. Mahoul, Taimour, Kosaj al Bahrain, Neon Lights, Ala Mahlak II, Surety II and Hilal Ahmad are the best on first impressions, but in a race of this type, one can never say what will happen.

Kosaj al Bahrain and Surety II are new comers who have worked their way up the top class in rapid time and the former, who has been turn-

ing in some attractive gallops, must be highly considered.

The last cup race on the first day is the C. A. Laing Cup (6 furlongs), which looks a good thing for Qamaran, another promising young Arab. The chestnut will, however, have to contend with Mas'ud al Khair and Sudan who are in good trim.

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A NEW race figures on the programme for the second day—the G. N. G. Walles' Cup, named after Ceylon's veteran trainer who died early this year. The race a sprint for Class II horses should be fought out by Navarhos, Mountain Minstrel and Naseeb.

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THE RAJAPAKSE CUP

THE Rajapakse Cup, a welter handicap for Class IV horses where Gentlemen Riders take the mounts, should add interest to the programme. With several amateur riders available, there should be a good field out, but I expect stablemates Half Blue and Gibby to fight out the finish. The latter is to be ridden by Mr. Nalin de Soysa, son of the Secretary of the C.T.C.

Royal Impression, one of the best thoroughbreds in Mr. Vernon Rajapakse's string, has the best credentials for the Stewards' Cup (1 mile). The youngster has made rapid improvement and should soon make his way to the higher class. Select Allow, and Land Lubber should follow him home.

Qamaran must also be considered for the Morley Cup (1 mile), where he will come up against the greatly improved Nasheet. The latter has won three races off the reel in the lower class and now tackles stronger opposition, which should be well within his capabilities.

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THE MADRAS CUP

THE Madras Cup and W. B. Bartlet Cup are the main attractions on the third day. In the former event, which is the longest race for Arabs, last year's winner, Adhid al Qassif has run rather disappointingly recently, but may strike his best form again, so must be taken into consideration. The opposition consists of Mansur Qassim, Kosaj al Bahrain and Desire,

who went under in a photo-finish last year.

Shell Pink should run well in the Bartlet Cup (7 furlongs), while Quam Celerrine gets my vote in the R.W.I.T.C. Cup, a sprint race for Class IV horses.

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THE O. E. Goonetilleke Cup is the "piece de resistance" on the penultimate day, and supporting this event there is the Galle Cup, Laxapana Cup and Colombo Cup.

The "O.E.G." Cup should also be within Shell Pink's grasp, for as I have mentioned earlier, he is best over a mile. The Pink Flower gelding is likely to be well prepared for this race and if he gets beaten in the Bartlet Cup on the third day, should make no mistake here.

Drake's Drum, Summer Gold, a very good miler, Owen Grange, Adamant and Joshua, provided he doesn't have much of a burden to shoulder, are others of note.

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THE GALLE CUP

THE Galle Cup over 12 furlongs should be fought out by Judar, United Steel, and Cape of Good Hope, while Ipomea looks a safe bet in the Laxapana Cup. I was very impressed with the gelding's last run, and pick him as a certain winner during the August meet.

As the Colombo Cup has been divided, the trophy will go to the winner of the top division and among the crowd here, Ibn Mirdas, Petroleum and Janin are very speedy and should revel on the conditions underfoot.

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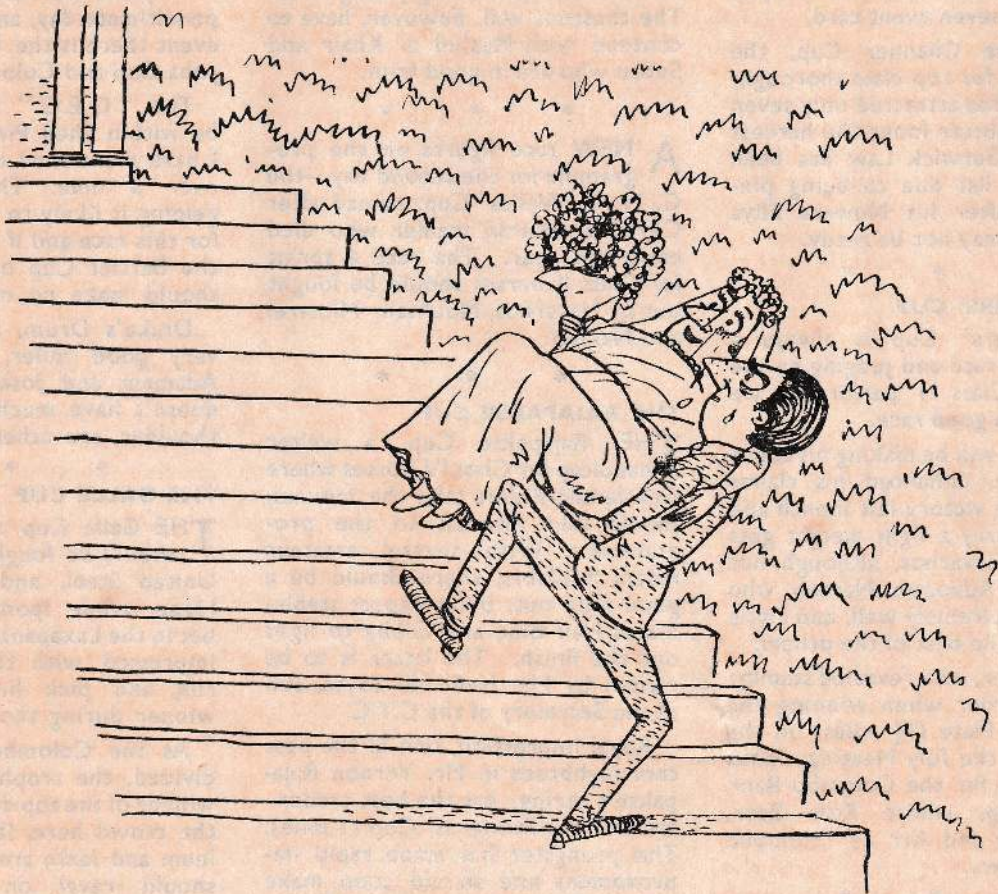
A. E. De SILVA CUP

ON the concluding day on August 24th, there are three trophy races named after former stalwarts of the turf. There is the local St. Leger, the A. E. de Silva Cup run over a distance of 14 furlongs, the E. L. F. de Soysa Cup and the Arab sprint classic, the Bandaranaike Cup.

Run over a really gruelling course, the A. E. de Silva Cup brings out the best in our stayers and the clash between Friendly Isle, Briggs, Anomaly and Way to Paradise, should be worth watching.

Land Lubber, if not promoted by then, Kola Bear and Brockdale stand out in the de Soysa Cup, while Qaddah Leila, Madlul Naji, Mahoull and Ibn al Jazira are a speedy quartette for the Bandaranaike Cup.

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CRICKETANA

By W. T. GRESWELL

(Special to the Ceylon Fortnightly Review)

"A TALE of two pitches" may well be a suitable title of the story of the second and third Test matches of the current series.

As I wrote in my last letter the pitch at Lord's was a lively and natural stretch of turf known in modern cricket parlance as a green-top. It gave life to the bowling and caused batsmen many apprehensive moments. It favoured bowlers of the faster variety. Experts have since described that wicket as rather an insult to Test cricket, a purveyor of bruises which are unexpected and unseemly in cricket's highest class. Good length balls may lift or shoot on the village green but not in the dignified sanctuary of Lord's and other Test grounds.

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AND now consider this. The Second Test at Lord's lasted just under three days during which 30 wickets fell for 812 runs and England won in an innings. At Trent Bridge the Third Test ran its full time of five days during which 27 wickets fell for 1,422 runs. The match was drawn. So what of that wicket at Nottingham. In the first place it ran true to form in that for years it has enjoyed a reputation as a batsman's friend. In the second place it had been subjected to the extra loving care reserved by a dotting groundsman for this very special match. It thus became a veritable batsman's paradise, docile and well behaved from the first ball till the last. Indeed, as I watched the closing overs of that match it was apparent that this demure wicket would not revolt if it were thumped and pounded for 10 days on end. And it must be remembered that, in the case of both these Tests, weather conditions were perfect both before and during play, the little rain which fell on the Sunday at Trent Bridge having no effect at all on the Monday. All this then is an object lesson in the preparation of wickets and a reflection on the all important art of groundsmen, technical maybe but vital in bearing both on the course of play and consequently on "gate" takings.

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THE composition of England's team for the Third Test was interesting

and has since invited criticism as being responsible for our not being able to force a win. It is indeed difficult to agree with the Selector's decision to include only four regular bowlers when they knew so well the properties of the Trent Bridge wicket and that weather conditions promised to remain fine. In the end those four worked so hard and became so exhausted that Smith and Graveney were used for a while to give them a rest. When Graveney on rare occasions bowls for his county there are amused smiles



—Times

Tom Graveney

round the ground. If five bowlers had been chosen it is probable that the fifth would have been Lock or Wardle, while Graveney with nothing to support his inclusion would have been omitted. In a recent letter to the Review I mentioned the claims of D. W. Richardson, Peter's younger brother, and it was no surprise that he was given his "cap."

I go further now and believe that, although circumstances were not in favour of his having a fair trial (he made 33 when England's score was already astronomical and a declaration imminent) we may see him established as a regular member of our Test side, unless for the moment Graveney keeps him out. So the remarkable has occurred;

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two left-handed batting brothers in the same Test side!

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MANY of my friends knowing my opinion of Graveney and his long inability to produce his undoubted skill in a Test match (until this last match and since 1955 when he made 100 at Sydney he has a Test average of only 22 for 18 innings) have exclaimed. "And now what about Graveney?" I gladly give England's greatest county batsman his due. His mammoth score of 258 was a dream of delight, perfect in its majestic fluence, the true Graveney in super county form. I say further that, come weal or woe, Tom has now played himself back into the Selectors' hearts for a considerable time. But one question must be asked. What if he had failed once more on that gift of a pitch at Trent Bridge? It was a gamble. The Selectors must have decided they could afford, if necessary, to "carry" Graveney since England was one up and had given much evidence of being the stronger side. I will be convinced of Graveney's Test greatness only when he gives of it on a wicket which affords bowlers even the smallest help.

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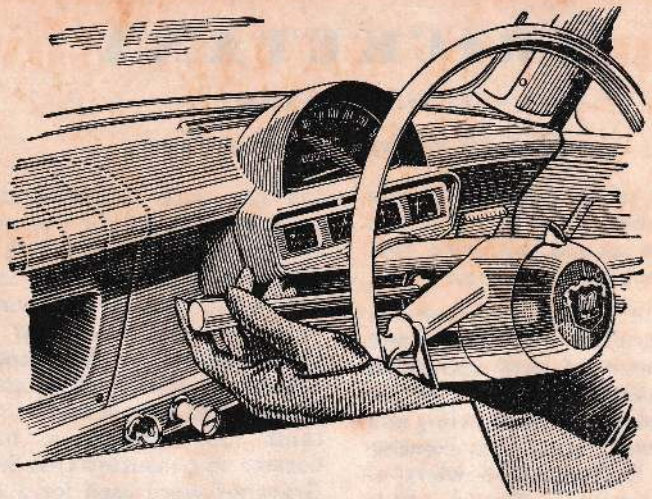
SO this Third Test produced feats of brilliant batting remarkable more for physical endurance than for calls on skill.

May made 104 and his partnership with Graveney was magnificent, an exhibition of free and perfect stroke play unequalled in recent Test history. Peter Richardson's 126 was the answer of a great opening batsman to the invitation of a perfect wicket, and, if Evans had not carelessly run out Cowdrey (55) another century would have appeared on the score board.

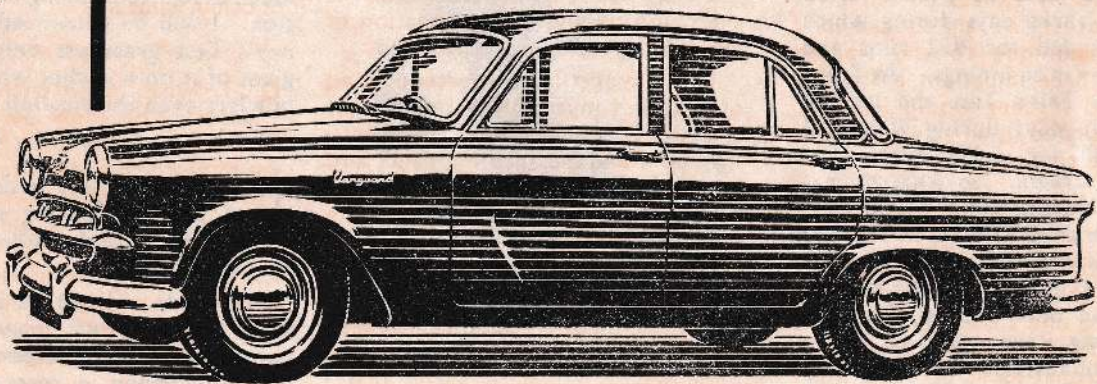
But to the West Indians go the honours in this match. Goddard lost the toss and the result of this misfortune must have been obvious to them. It turned out to be England 619 for six wickets declared. But they faced up to the gruelling task and never "let up." After an exhausting period of fielding they fought back carefully and steadily reducing the limited English attack to an exhausted standstill and finally setting England the impossible task of making 121 runs to win in only 60 minutes.

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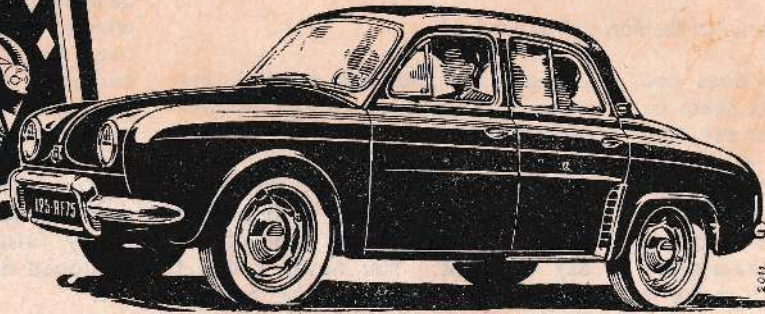
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A GREAT SPORTSMAN

The Late Col. S. SARAVANAMUTTU

By W. T. GRESWELL

ASSOCIATED with cricket clubs representing Ceylon's leading communities are the names of one or more families who, by cricket talent of a high order, have either brought their Club to a position of high standing or helped to maintain it at this level.

The Tamil Union, which I believe is Ceylon's youngest cricket club, after many early difficulties in the teething stages, rose rapidly to man's estate, there to command respect ably won and well deserved. The three brothers Saravanamuttu figured largely, if not in the Club's initial rise to fame, most certainly in consolidating a leading position.

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WISDEN'S Almanack of the year 1950 reported the death of one brother, P. Saravanamuttu, President of the Ceylon Cricket Asso-



—Times

Col. S. Saravanamuttu

ciation for many years and Chairman of the Board of Control. A sad loss indeed to Ceylon cricket circles. His brother, the subject of this tribute, after showing much bril-

liance as a boy at St. Thomas' College, was soon an active member of the Tamil Union team, for whom he was a prolific batsman even before he passed on to Cambridge to study. Here he quickly obtained recognition as a batsman of merit. He played for the University in County matches with marked success and it must have been a great disappointment to his Ceylon friends and well-wishers that he did not win a "blue."

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SARAVANAMUTTU was pre-eminently a punishing batsman who would set about the business after the shortest possible time wasted in "playing himself in." His strokes, strictly orthodox, and particularly on the off-side, were made with that joyous abandon and accurate timing which finds the alertest fieldsman "left standing." A well built and athletic figure, he had more than the average reach, the reason perhaps why he preferred attack as being the best defence.

When in full action he was the type of batsman who can be a delight to twenty-one players (opposing bowlers not excepted!) and a joy to spectators. Alas! judged by modern standards was his a fashion of a by-gone day?

CRICKETANA

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THERE were several heroes on that West Indian side but pride of place goes to Worrell, no longer a young man. He was on the field on duty with ball and bat for over three days on end, to be exact for 21 hours, a feat of endurance without parallel. His 191 not out in the first innings was the response of an ageing cricketer to his side's S.O.S. in grave peril, and O. G. Smith's 168 in the 2nd innings the determined answer of youth expected to carry on the torch. Both these feats were supreme. Smith may well become one of the greatest West Indian cricketers of all time; an all-rounder rich in promise and temperament.

Space does not permit further comment on this match except to exclaim "Hats off to the bowlers

on both sides" and especially to Fred Trueman, who took a total of nine wickets for 143 runs. Poor little Ramadhin failed to draw blood. Since the Saturday evening of the first Test he has taken only one Test wicket for 295 runs!

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THE Richardson brothers are about to make further history, for they have both been chosen to play at Lord's this week in the Gentlemen versus Players match, "P.E." for the Gent's and "D.W." for the Players. This is the first time since this fixture was first played in 1806 that brothers have been in opposition.

Ceylon sporting circles must have been delighted with Goonesena's lion share in Cambridge's victory over Oxford by an innings and 186 runs, the biggest margin ever recorded in this fixture. Goonesena's 211 (out of 424 for 7 declared) was more than a captain's innings. In addition he took five wickets for 52 runs. A year or more ago I wrote

in one of these letters that Goonesena was as good an all-rounder as can be found playing in England today. And now, where do we go from there? Your guess is as good as mine!

England wins the Rubber

NOTE by Ed.—Those who expected the West Indians to fight back in the Fourth Test with England at Leeds were sadly disappointed; the visitors, right from the start, showed their worst form on this tour and were beaten all ends up. England won by an innings and five runs on the third day of play as they did in the Second Test at Lord's.

Loader, in his first appearance in a Test for England in England, bowled magnificently in the first innings when he ended his great feat of 6 for 36 with the "hat trick." Peter May, Colin Cowdrey, and the Rev. David Sheppard carried off the batting honours.

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A WOMAN'S DIARY

THE last of the delegates who attended the Triennial Conference of the A.C.W.W. held in Colombo last month will have reached home by the time this copy of the *Fortnightly Review* is published; they take back with them messages of friendship and goodwill, and many happy memories. They all agree that the Conference has been a success.

On the night before the sessions ended there was a very well attended supper party given by the Prime Minister, Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike, and Mrs. Bandaranaike. The softly-lit, spacious lawns at Temple Trees formed a perfect setting for colourful saris and evening gowns, as the guests moved around before supper chatting to each other and admiring the illuminations, particularly a bunch of white Wesak lanterns which decorated one corner of the grounds. Two excellent films on Ceylon added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

Next day came the closing sessions of the Conference; two of the resolutions passed are of local interest.

One was—

"That this Conference recognising that the world is now beyond the threshold of a new era—the Atomic Age—expresses the hope that the thermonuclear weapons for destructive purposes may be forever held in check; and urges the peoples of the world through their governments, to concentrate their research, their resources, their talents and treasure, on development and peaceful use of atomic and thermonuclear energy for the universal good of mankind, and urges governments to recognise the invisible danger to mankind when radioactivity is released during research into the use of atomic and thermonuclear energy, even for peaceful purposes . . ."

The other—

"Whereas ACWW has long recognised the need for exchange of rural youth, scholars and other international visitors under governmental and private sponsorship, and as recommended (Copenhagen, 1950) that some procedure be established for carrying out these exchanges, this Conference urges that societies work out plans and obtain financing for the interchange of their own member home-makers between countries."

A closing banquet for the delegates was held at the Galle Face Hotel; covers were laid for over 300 guests. After-dinner speakers were Mrs. A. M. Berry, re-elected as uncontested President for a further term of office; Mr. A. P. Jayasuriya, Minister of Home Affairs, and Dr. N. M. Perera, Leader of the Opposition.

Mrs. Berry was presented with a silver tray as a memento from friends in Ceylon, and Lady de Soysa received a souvenir from Norway.

Delegates were up early the next morning; some to catch their 'planes, others to join a series of tours organised for them in Ceylon. One such tour, very much enjoyed, lasted a week and included Gal Oya, enabling them to see something of the progressive schemes for our country, a little of its wild life, and several of the Model Centres put up in some of our remoter villages aided by the UNESCO Gift Coupon Scheme. Pictures, and talks on Ceylon will definitely be a feature of ACWW meetings the world over during the next few months.

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Montessori—50th Anniversary

THE All-Ceylon Montessori Association held a Commemoration Session to honour the late Dr. Maria Montessori on the 50th Anniversary of the opening of her first school in Rome, at the A.M.I. Montessori School in Colpetty.

The Chairman of the Session was Mr. H. Jinadasa, C.C.S., Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Education. Mr. A. Gnana Prakasam, President of the Association, spoke on Maria Montessori's contribution to education. An address on "The Appreciation of the Montessori Method" was given by H.E. U. Ba Lwin, Minister for Burma in Ceylon.

A display of work done by the children in Montessori schools was declared open after the meeting by the Chairman, and visitors who crowded into the class-rooms were delighted and very much impressed with the progress made and the standards attained by pupils ranging in age from two to twelve years. Miss Lena Wickramaratne is to be highly congratulated on the results of her efforts, and the progress of the school under her guidance.

Y.W.C.A.

IT was with very deep regret that the news of Miss Faith Parmalee's death was received by her many friends, not only in Ceylon, but in many parts of the world. She was National General Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. of India, Burma and Ceylon for some years, and is remembered with gratitude and affection in Ceylon for her work here as General Secretary of the Colombo Y.W.C.A. from 1924 to 1934. Her work during this period resulted in the present hostel for working girls in Colombo, for Junior clubs in schools, and the much looked forward to annual Island camps. The work in Ceylon always remained very close to Miss Parmalee's heart, and it was her wish that her friends should be requested not to send flowers for her funeral but that gifts be given instead for the work in Ceylon.

A very well attended Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for her life and service was held at the Y.W.C.A., Colombo, on the 27th June.

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PEOPLE

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RECENTLY, a Ceylonese was appointed Manageress of the Bandarawela Hotel, Bandarawela, Miss Gladys B. Hepponstall.

Miss Hepponstall brings to her position a family flair for the management of *domus* and *cuisine*. She has had a wide range of interests, and "played many parts," having been Guide and Ranger, teacher, and officer in the A.T.S. during World War II.

Miss Hepponstall has been Assistant Manageress for the past five years at the Bandarawela Hotel. The dinner and dance parties arranged by her have been most popular, her genial personality contributing in no small measure to the success of arrangements and setting.

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MISS Violet Pereira, whose death occurred last week in Colombo at the age of 81 years, belonged to a generation in which teaching as a career was considered more a vocation than a profession.

She devoted her life to her work as a teacher, first in the Methodist Mission school at Mutwal where her father, the Rev. Peter Pereira, one of Ceylon's pioneer Methodist Ministers, was in charge of the circuit. Subsequently the family moved to Matara. Here Miss Pereira continued her teaching as well as doing a good deal of social service work amongst the people in village areas.

After her parents died she and her sister Rose came back to Colombo and continued their careers as teachers. Children who were backward as well as children who were bright were coached by them according to their needs, and many of them were able to enter the normal schools as a result. Others who were not able to enter the ordinary schools were also given the individual attention which fills a pressing educational need of today.

Miss Pereira was the last of her line in a well-known family; her brother Lenny, and her sister Rose, pre-deceased her several years ago.

AUGUST TESTS

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G. R. Neale, B. F. A. Fawcett, W. G. Beauchamp and J. A. Hellard, to mention only a few of them. The writer can recall many an exciting game when men like the brothers G. H. and A. L. Gibson, old Wykehamsists, E. F. Fuller, the brothers George and H. G. Cornish, A. A. Pillans and P. H. Papillon, and last but not least, Tommy Wright played a big part in these struggles with the flower of European cricket in the Metropolis.

Even after World War I, these historic encounters were worth watching as most of the outstanding men who had fought in the war had returned and there was much fresh blood on both sides. Cricketers of the calibre of Tom Cuming, the brothers George and Douglas Wright, C. E. Allen, J. L. S. Vidler, D. F. Fitzgibbon, A. E. Blair, W. T. Brindley and A. N. Hutt gave a fresh impetus to the game and many an interesting contest was witnessed both in the hills and on the C.C.C. ground.

The second World War, however, seriously interfered with the game which was recovering after the departure of players like Crawford, Greswell, George Wright, Fitzgibbon and other outstanding players and it has never recovered since. In recent years Up-country have found it difficult to raise anything like a good side and the C.C.C. too have not had any fresh blood of class, though this year their ranks have been greatly strengthened by the arrival of a really excellent all-rounder in the old Oxford "Blue," Arenhold, who bowled in great form when he represented Ceylon against Madras last April in the contest for the Gopalan Trophy.

CEYLON'S CLASSIC TURF EVENT

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Once it seemed he had won the Cup. But apparently the judge had not noticed his horse clearly ahead finishing under the judge's box.

And now to the present. Who will win the Cup this year? My mellowed judgment does not allow much sentiment. But permit me some indulgence to hope that the best horse will win again. My reason tells me that, too.

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THE WAY WE LIVE NOW!

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the hand that fed him. How many visitors swore luridly at him when they patted him on the head and were bit in the hand!

He, too, had to go, poor devil. And there were ten pairs of suspiciously glistening eyes in the house that day, just before we started for the flat, when at the last moment I took them away to leave them for good with a kind neighbour (who, incidentally, didn't have to be bribed) a hard-working carpenter, not blessed with many of the good things of the world but one who has a way with dogs.

But the parting with the dogs is not a thing we like to remember and nobody mentions them at home. Should any conversation by chance turn upon dogs, we quickly talk of something else—all of us together.

And now we are in the flats. But that is another story.

A FAMOUS CEYLON SPORTSMAN

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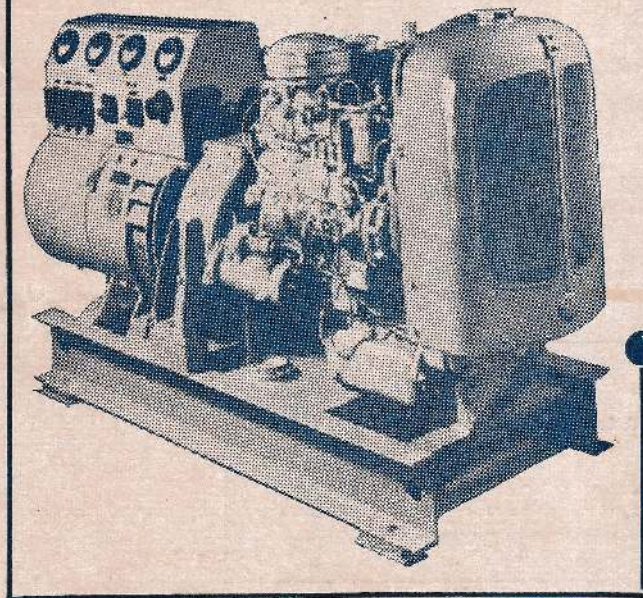
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