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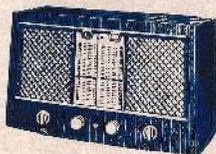
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EDUCATION AND THE STATE

OF Mr. W. Dahanayake it may truly be said that he brings to his task as Minister of Education greater awareness of realities than his predecessors did. His was a most unenviable inheritance of ill-equipped schools languishing in inadequate buildings, discontented teachers clamouring for better conditions, and frustrated students in a *cul de sac* at the end of their school career.

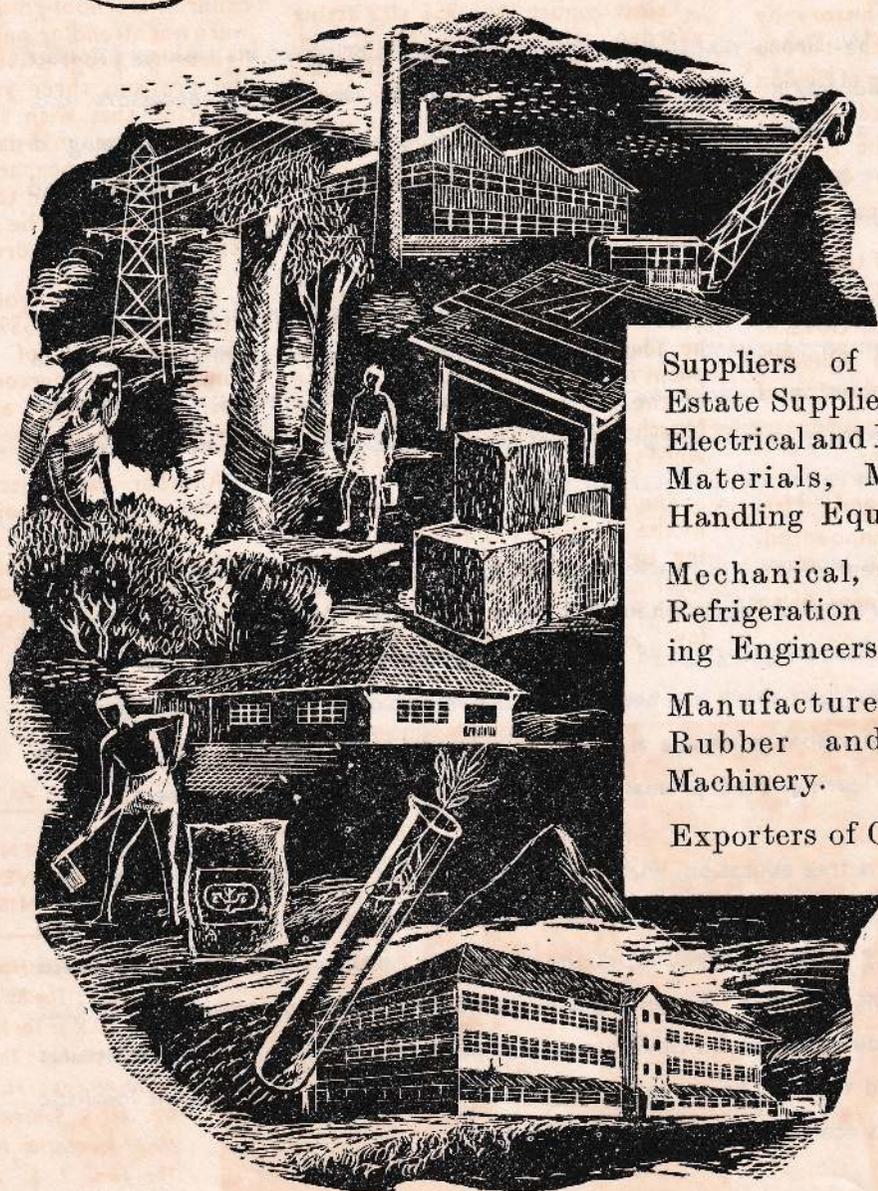
He has not only tackled these problems bravely but is striving to give a new orientation to education. Thus he has laid emphasis on the teaching of science in schools so that the students may take advantage of the new avenues of employment that are opening up with the progress of national development and he has given due recognition to the value of learning English.

At this juncture a disheartening development is the fact, disclosed in the report of the Director of Education for last year, that some 700,000 of the 2.1 million children of school-going age (5 to 14) were not attending school and that in three consecutive years there had been a progressive reduction in the percentage of the children of school-going age at school. It is also recorded that many children have been leaving school prematurely, most within a few years of enrolment.

Why is free education, with a free mid-day meal of a bun and milk thrown in, not being availed of? Mr. Dahanayake himself inclines to the view that it is due to the poverty of parents, especially in the rural areas. If this is so, it is a grave national problem that is posed. The essential lesson to be drawn from the situation is that the paramount duty of the Government is to place the country on a sound economic footing and that to the extent that time and energy are expended on idealistic movements economic progress will be hindered.

THE EDITOR.

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MATTERS OF MOMENT

By BRUTUS

CEYLON will have royal guests next week when the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester stop over in Colombo for the night on Thursday, August 28th, on their way to Kuala Lumpur to inaugurate the Independence of Malaya on August 31.

The Duke of Gloucester already has a place in Ceylon's history by bringing back in 1934 the throne and regalia of the last king of Ceylon and in 1948, accompanied by the Duchess, representing the King at the ceremonies marking Ceylon's attainment of Independence.

Indeed it was the fact of the latter assignment that is said to have suggested his name to the Government of Malaya as the Queen's representative at the celebration of "Merdeka."

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THE Prime Minister and Mrs. Bandaranaike, it is announced, will be Ceylon's principal representatives at the birth of the new Asian state.

Other guests from Ceylon will be Dr. M. P. Drahaman, M.P., and Mrs. Drahaman, and Mr. B. Z. Lye, President of the Ceylon Malay Association, and Mrs. Lye.

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THE Ceylon elephant is on the way out, according to the latest estimate of the number of animals surviving in the wild state.

In his report for 1956 the acting Warden of Wild Life, Mr. C. H. Holmes, says that the elephant population has dwindled by about 22 per cent. in the past five years. He places the number of elephants in the jungles at between 750 and 800.

Although a few more generations may be allowed for, no protective measures, however complete, will, in his opinion, save the species from eventual extinction. Nevertheless, he advocates protection of the elephant on the same lines as in the case of the Koala of Australia and the North American bison, "which were saved only in the nick of time."

The main cause of the diminution of the elephant population is shooting by peasants, or the effects of injuries inflicted by them, in defence of their crops, although for the last few years the Government has

adopted a policy of paying compensation for destruction of crops. In view of the extensive clearing of forest for cultivation, the area of habitation of the elephant is getting constricted. A proposal under consideration is the establishment of "corridors" between forests in order to provide a wider area of movement for elephants.

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A SAD commentary on free education in Ceylon is the disclosure that in 1956 as many as 700,000 children of school-going age (5 to 14) were not attending any school. The figures had progressively increased in the previous three years, but it is expected that with the restoration of the free mid-day meal with C.A.R.E. assistance, an improvement would be recorded this year, since poverty is one of the causes of non-attendance in the rural areas.

The total school-going population last year was 1,434,559, representing 66.8 per cent. of the potential number. The percentage in 1954 was 70.4 per cent. and the following year 69.9.

Another fact disclosed in the report of the Director of Education, Mr. S. F. de Silva, is that of the children leaving school nearly 50 per cent. do so without completing standard 5. The respective figures for 1956 were 90,748 and 44,889.



THE QUEEN WITH THE COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTERS

Left to right—The Hon. John Diefenbaker (Canada); The Rt. Hon. Harold Macmillan (U.K.); The Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies (Australia); The Hon. E. H. Louw (South Africa); H. M. The Queen; Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy (Pakistan); Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru (India); The Hon. T. L. Macdonald (New Zealand); Dr. Kwame Nkrumah (Ghana); The Hon. Sir Roy Welensky (Rhodesia) and The Hon. M. W. H. de Silva (Ceylon).

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A 21-HOUR strike by telephone operators, telegraphists and other white collar workers of the C.T.O. from Tuesday evening, August 6th, to Wednesday afternoon, August 7th, isolated Colombo from the provinces. Not until the Prime Minister intervened was the dispute settled.

The cause of the demonstration is a symptom of the developing social revolution in the country. Telegraph messengers, peons and other minor employees working in the building claimed the joint use of the canteen run by the C.T.O. Recreation Club. Members of the Club declined to share it with them. The minor employees then forcibly occupied the canteen. The Club protested to the Postmaster-General, who ordered that the canteen be run by the Department as an official undertaking. The white collar workers struck in protest at the order and went in procession to the Prime Minister's office in Parliament House, where the House of Representatives was in session.

The strikers were eventually persuaded to resume work on the understanding that a separate canteen would be set up for the minor employees, the existing canteen in the meantime being divided into two for the use of both sets of workers.

When the minor employees' section of the canteen was opened last week, the white collar workers kept away. In his speech on the occasion the President of the Minor Employees' Union said, significantly: Clerks and other officers like the Permanent Secretary and the Postmaster-General were entitled to differences in their own offices, but "on the road, in the bus and train, in an eating house, they cannot expect to be treated as superiors."

Subsequently amity was established between the two sections.

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AS against the Port Trust for Colombo recommended by Mr. E. F. N. Gratiaen, it is the intention of the Government to establish a corporation, with participation by the private sector, for the commercial operation of the port. The intimation was made by the Minister of Transport, Mr. Maithripala Sena-

nayake to a deputation from the Chamber of Commerce which waited on him to make representations about shortcomings in the working of the port. Inviting the co-operation of commercial interests in implementing the scheme, he explained that the idea of a Port Trust did not find favour with the Government as the Government wished to retain some definite power in the commercial section of the port.

In the meantime, a development which is expected to reduce labour unrest in the port to a minimum is the setting up of a joint council of employers, employees and the administration in the port. The Council consists of six representatives of employers and six of trade unions with the Port Commissioner as Chairman and the Labour Manager

of the Port Commission as Secretary. The Council is designed to function as a conciliation board at the request of either or both parties to any dispute and bring about improvements in the welfare of the workers, in their earning capacity and conditions of work, and in the general efficiency of the port.

The Council will work through several committees which will concern themselves with such matters as wages and general conditions of work, settlement of disputes and grievances, welfare, safety and productivity. The productivity committee may set up *ad hoc* sub-committees in focal points in the port so that workers on board ship, on quays and warehouses, and supervisors may have the opportunity of giving of their experience in the working of the port.



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THE extent of the technical and economic assistance Ceylon is receiving from America is shown by the disclosure in a recent review that fifteen specialists were working on various projects and nine others are due shortly.

Five of the fifteen were attached to the Ministry of Transport and Works, viz., a highway engineering adviser (Mr. A. J. Van Dyke), highway materials engineer (Mr. A. L. Smith), equipment maintenance specialist (Mr. M. J. Kilfoil), railroad administration consultant (Mr. L. J. Kiernan), and railroad colour-light signalling consultant (Mr. Robert M. Phinney).

Of the rest, who are attached to four different ministries, Mr. R. D. Bates, public health engineer, is advising on environmental sanitation; Dr. F. J. Le Beau on research for increased food production; Mr. Jack R. Morris on agricultural engineering; Mr. P. Dickinson on development of land and water resources of the Mahaweliganga basin; Prof. E. E. Vezey on assistance to the University to strengthen the programmes of the faculties of agriculture, science and engineering, in association with Mr. M. C. Hughes (both are from the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College); and Mr. John B. Clark and Charles R. Cowherd of the Vinnell Company Inc., who are providing facilities for training Ceylonese in operation and maintenance of equipment on the job and in workshops. Eight more Vinnell Company employees are among those yet to come to Ceylon, besides Mr. J. S. Hopper of Texas A and M system, who will be mechanical engineering adviser.

THE Welimada parliamentary by-election, to which much significance was attached before the agreement reached between the Prime Minister and the Federal Party, has become one of purely local interest. Political parties have retired from the field.

The by-election was occasioned by Mr. K. M. P. Rajaratna being unseated on a petition challenging his election on the grounds that he was disqualified from being a candidate. There are three seeking election: Mrs. Kusuma Rajaratna (wife of the unseated member) Mr. M. B. A. Jayasundera, and Mr. K. A. Dalpathadu. They are all standing as Independents.

The by-election will be held on September 7th.

A NOTEWORTHY development in the commercial life of Ceylon is the fact that Mackwoods, Ltd., has become a Ceylonese company, the majority shareholdings having passed into the hands of Ceylonese.

It is announced that the Company will continue its business as Mackwoods, Ltd., and that the management will be conducted by the same executives and in exactly the same manner as in the past.

The reconstituted Board of Directors consists of Messrs. R. P. L. Ross (Managing Director), A. H. H. Boyns, C. R. Brocklehurst, N. S. O. Mendis, O. B. Forbes, E. F. N. Gratiaen and W. P. Peiris. The Company may now participate in business reserved for Ceylonese.

A Company styled Mackwoods Estates and Agencies, Ltd., has also been incorporated to take over the business of the old Estates Department of Mackwoods, Ltd. The capital of this Company has been provided principally by Mackwoods, Ltd., with certain U.K. interests also participating.

The board of this Company consists of Messrs. G. K. Newton (Managing Director), C. F. Mackwood, N. S. O. Mendis, G. T. Hale and E. F. N. Gratiaen.

THE criticism made by the Chamber of Commerce and other bodies about excessive holidays has proved effective. A sub-committee of the Cabinet has recommended reduction of the number of public holidays from 25 to 15.

The 15 days will be made up of four national holidays—New Year's Day, Independence Day, Sinhalese New Year and May Day—and eleven days of religious significance: five Buddhist festivals—Duruthu, Vesak, Poson, Esala and Unduwap; two Christian—Good Friday and Christmas Day; and two each for Hindus and Muslims to be fixed in consultation with their organisations.

In a statement the Minister of Home Affairs (Mr. A. P. Jayasuriya), who was Chairman of the sub-committee, said that public servants would be allowed to take a week's leave in addition to the fixed holidays for any religious occasion they may wish to observe.



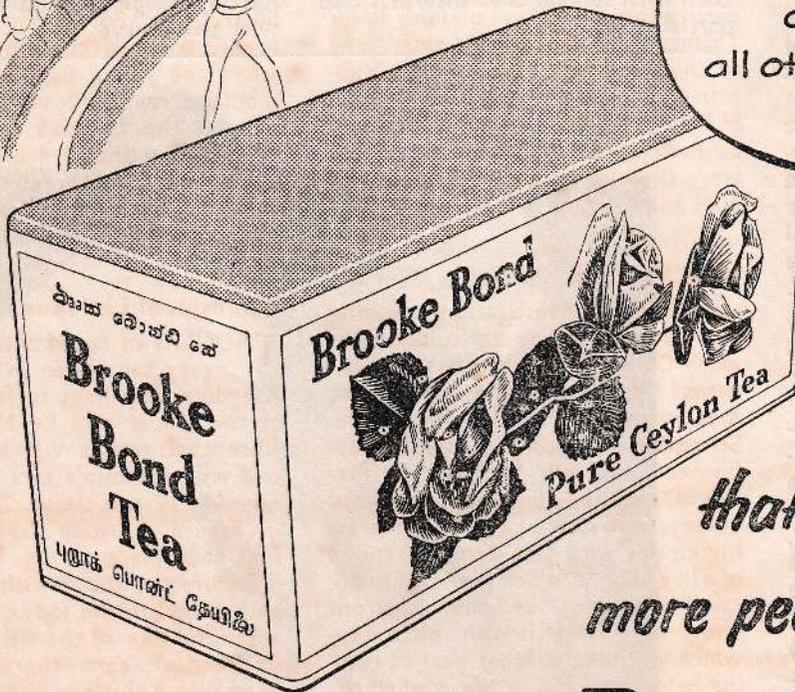
The Governor-General, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, being served with a pint of milk when he opened the magnificent dairy of the Milk Board at Naranbata. Sterilised as well as pasteurised milk is produced at the dairy.

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READING AND SPEEDING

By ERNEST CHISHOLM THOMSON

(Special to the Fortnightly Review)

WITH so much spoken on radio, so much told pictorially on television, a man could get a lot out of life these days without being able to read. It is good to know, then, that as these aids to easy assimilation multiply, we are not creating a race of illiterates.

I have been dipping this week-end into "Standards of Reading," a fascinating pamphlet just issued by the United Kingdom Ministry of Education, recording the virtual extinction of illiteracy among schoolchildren in England.

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A Vivid Portrait

GOOD readers around the age of 11, it appears, have doubled their numbers since the last survey nine years ago. Growing up beside the radio loud-speaker and television screen, these youngsters are nevertheless reported to be on an average nine months ahead of their forerunners in 1948. Out of the 3,115 children in the latest survey, only two juniors and no seniors were found totally unable to read "in the same sense in which the ordinary Englishman would be unable to read a word of Arabic."

Top score for the reading tests was 35. The more brilliant examinees exceeded 30 without difficulty, yet they were by no means "bookish" types. I liked especially the case of "S.H.," who scored 32.

"He is a hard worker," runs the report. "Impetuous at times, irresponsible, high-spirited, interested in fiction, stamps, flying, mechanism of all kinds, motor racing and boxing . . . He is known to have climbed the church spire and to have lain on a runway while an aircraft landed." From a source unknown (added the report) "S.H." has collected live .303 ammunition and a hand grenade. He belongs to the Air Cadets and wants to be a pilot.

Here, in few words, is the vivid portrait of a typical young United Kingdom citizen in the upper intelligence bracket. He takes reading in his stride, as he would, given the chance, the multiplicity of dials on an aircraft instrument panel.

Or is this too big a claim? I see that even experienced pilots of Britain's Royal Navy are now being helped with a new device to save their eyes during the approach to a deck landing. Cine-camera observations revealed that they had too many things to watch—not only their alignment on the angled deck and the mirrored lights relating their movements to the ship's speed, but the airspeed indicator inside the cockpit. Now, with a "sensing unit," they can judge their airspeed by ear on two musical notes, keeping their eyes on the carrier ahead.

This is just the sort of mechanical contraption which brings joy to "S.H." and other boys of his calibre, like those who flocked in school parties this month to London's River Thames to see H.M.S. "Sprat," one of the Navy's five-man midget submarines. For the boys' edification H.M.S. "Sprat" dived repeatedly off Festival Hall Pier, and the visitors were then let on board to study the dials and see how it was done.

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New Vaccines

A SERIOUS investigation arousing interest among agriculturists in many Commonwealth countries concerns "live" vaccine to combat foot-and-mouth disease in cattle. Scientists at the Government-financed research institute at Pirbright, in the English county of Surrey, have started a flutter in farming circles with test demonstrations of a live vaccine which may eventually save thousands of animals from slaughter. This British discovery, which will take another year of testing before any claims are confirmed, will first go to the Union of South Africa, Pakistan and India.

Also at Pirbright is a factory producing 100,000 doses weekly of "inert" foot-and-mouth vaccine specially for export. On three "open days" this month, marking

the completion of a £1,000,000 extension programme, there were visitors representing Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America.

Meanwhile we human beings are looking hopefully towards the Wright-Fleming Institute of Microbiology in London, where a new vaccine has been developed at three weeks' notice to counteract Asian influenza. According to Sir Macfarlane Burnet, Research Institute Director from Melbourne, Britain is not likely to escape it when the cold weather comes, any more than the rest of the world. But at the Wright-Fleming Institute they will tell you that quarter of a teaspoon of the new vaccine should give a person immunity for the winter.

The Institute was the scene of Sir Alexander Fleming's epoch-making discovery of penicillin, which put the world in his debt. Incidentally it is part of St. Mary's Hospital medical school, one of whose recent students was Dr. R. G. Bannister, first man in the world to run a mile in under four minutes. In the three years since then, four minutes has been beaten 18 times, six times by the Australian S. M. Landy, who holds the record at three minutes 58 seconds. For a split second that record trembled the other afternoon when the young Englishman, G. D. Ibbotson, rejoiced his fellow-countrymen at the Glasgow Police Sports by coming within 0.4 of a second of Landy's best and thereby establishing himself the second fastest four-minute miler in the world.

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Triumph of Le Mans

TALKING of speed and endurance, every car driver in the United Kingdom now likes to fancy himself at the wheel of a Le Mans winner since that recent wonderful week-end when Britain's cars won all the honours in the classic 24-hour race in France. British Jaguars in the first four places in the Grand Prix d'Endurance, the British Lotus first and second in the index of performance, and four of the six classes won by Britain's cars—there never has been such a glorious victory over the best competition that other countries could offer.

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THE PASSING OF REV. FR. Y. M. LE JEUNE

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—By The Rev. Father JUSTIN PERERA—

▶ The death occurred on Monday, July 29th, at St. Vincent's Home, Maggona, where he had been living since his retirement, of the Rev. Father Yves Marie Le Jeune, O.M.I. He was 87. The funeral took place in Colombo on Wednesday, July 31st.

Father Le Jeune spent 52 years in Ceylon. For 36 years he was teacher of the classics at St. Joseph's College.

The following tribute to the late priest is from the "Catholic Messenger."

HAD he died in his own dear fatherland, the drums would have beaten for Father Le Jeune as he was lowered into the grave; for he was a true and a great son of his country. France, in turn, recognized his merits, and conferred on him the highest educational distinction she gives to her sons, making him an *Officier de l'Instruction Publique*.

Here, surely, was one of those of whom Pasteur had spoken when describing his ideal citizen: "happy is he who bears in himself a God, and who obeys him—an ideal of art, an ideal of learning, an ideal of the fatherland, an ideal of the virtues of the gospel; these are the living springs from which proceed great thoughts and great deeds."

France has seen many vicissitudes in her history. But she remains a country that has been singularly blessed by God. *Non fecit taliter omni nationi*. She has given the world many great men and many great things. We in Ceylon owe her an incalculable and unpayable debt for sending us a band of zealous and intrepid missionaries who helped to plant the faith in our land. For all this, with a full heart, we thank France. But we thank her, in a very special way, for Yves Marie Le Jeune.

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Incarnation of Kindness

IF on Wednesday evening there was no beating of drums, there was a throbbing of many thousands of hearts as Father Le Jeune, our Father Le Jeune, was lowered into the grave. How many a heart used to thrill to the mere mention of his name. For this man was the very incarnation of kindness and affection and sympathy. His was the apostolate of a boundless charity. He is inextricably bound up with St. Joseph's, and it was there he carried out his life-work. But far, far beyond Darley Road and the Beira, the name of Le Jeune was held in

benediction. Who was there who did not know him? Government officials and business men, school-boys and fishermen, Christians and Buddhists and Hindus and Muslims, they all knew and loved Le Jeune. They all knew this diminutive Frenchman with the magnanimous



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Rev. Fr. Le Jeune, O. M. I.

heart, bubbling over with cheerfulness, sparkling with Gallic wit, overwhelming you with affection.

With the death of Father Le Jeune, St. Joseph's loses one more link with the past. It was on the blood, sweat and tears of men like Le Jeune that St. Joseph's was built. More than any other single man, perhaps, he has helped to make St. Joseph's known. More than most other men has he contributed towards the indefinable and intangible but very real and indomitable thing that is the Josephian spirit. He can never be forgotten so long as St. Joseph's lasts

He was a classical scholar in a great tradition, a linguist, a clear and entertaining speaker, a musician and singer of no mean distinction. Here, surely, was the quintessence of French culture. He acted his Latin and Greek texts as he explained them; he led his armies into Gaul with Caesar, and with Xenophon he saw the sea at the end of the weary march and shouted "Thalatta! Thalatta!" He was a wizard at mnemonics and various other ingenious memory-aids; thus he would speak of Caesar's legate as "Caesar's leg, who was also his right hand!"

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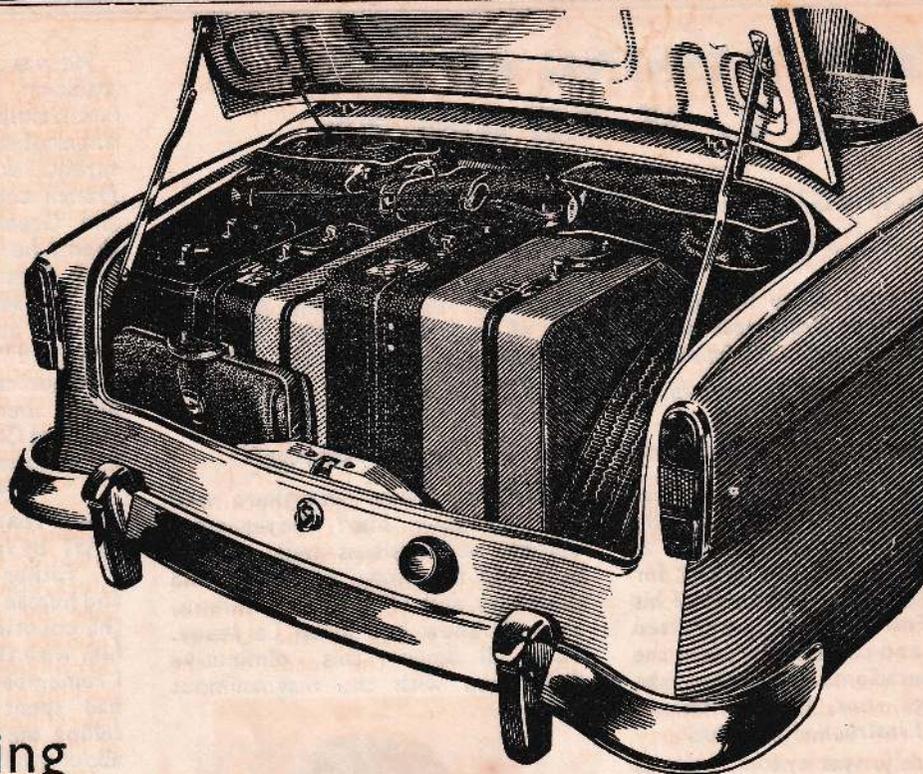
The Heart of a Father

BUT by far the greatest thing about Father Le Jeune was the spiritual and human consolation he brought to the countless people who flocked to him with their troubles and miseries. I remember an Indian politician who had spent some years in Ceylon telling me: "I do not know much about your Roman Catholic Church, but if it can produce a man like Le Jeune, there surely must be a lot to be said for it."

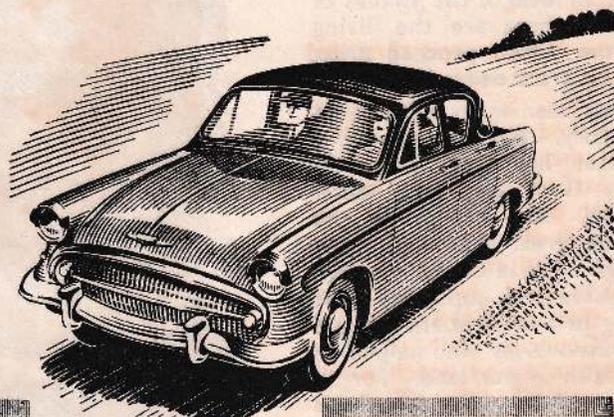
Over how many un-numbered and un-numberable souls his priestly hands must have been raised in absolution. If only the walls of that old room of his at St. Joseph's could speak, what secrets they would reveal. We who went to him, used to knock at his door with child-like trust and come away with unspeakable joy. I remember his telling me when I first went to his room as a little boy of thirteen, "You can always come here, and you will always find here the heart of a father." And so we did. It was a case of "*cor ad cor loquitur*," of heart speaking to heart.

There was about his charity the stamp of the absolutely heroic. From the small hours of the morning to the late hours of the night, people kept streaming into his room. This constant impact of countless other human lives on his must have been, as any man will know from his own little experience, a tremendous strain. But never did he show the slightest sign of annoyance; he always welcomed you with a smile; he almost gave you the impression he had been waiting for you all the time. Never have I heard him, under whatever provocation, say an unkind word about another. In fact it was almost a joke that the more someone tried to annoy him the more he would say, "Very good, very good!"

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A POLITICAL NOTEBOOK

By CROSS-BENCHER

AS was to be expected, interpretation of the terms of the agreement arrived at between the Prime Minister and the Federal Party on the position of the Tamil language and the development of the Tamil-speaking areas provoked a fresh controversy. It is a matter for gratification, however, that the Government and the Federal Party have decided to abide by the understanding reached so far and await the drafting of the respective Bills before engaging in further discussion.

Of the other parties the Communists alone gave general approval to the July agreement. It was attacked by Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam, representing the Tamil Congress, by Mr. C. Suntheralingam independently, by the Sama Samaja Party, which stands for parity for Tamil and Sinhalese, and finally by the United National Party, the acting leader of which, Mr. Dudley Senanayake, held that it would leave the Island split into two racial states.

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THE Prime Minister was then led to make a statement, in which, inevitably, Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayakam picked holes. In a subsequent statement Mr. Bandaranaike gave the assurance that there was no intention on his part to depart from the spirit of the four points on the use of Tamil that he made in Parliament in April. He was certain, he added, that the provisions of the Regional Councils Bill could be worked out in a way which would remove "unjustified fears" in the minds of both sections of Sinhalese and Tamils.

He went on to make a public appeal to all persons of goodwill to assist in preserving the foundations of friendship and co-operation that had been laid.

Representatives of the Federal Party met Mr. Bandaranaike again last week and the outcome of it appears to be that the seal has been set on the understanding that had been previously established. But this will evidently not end the controversy, for Mr. Bandaranaike has turned his guns on the U.N.P. for their destructive criticism and accused it of following an opportunist policy to capture power by creating confusion in the country.

A FEATURE of the debate on the budget, which was concluded last week, was criticism of the University with particular reference to its meagre record of research. There has been a general demand for an inquiry, but the question has arisen what form any inquiry should take considering the fact that the University is an autonomous institution. An interesting contribution to the debate came from Dr. N. M. Perera, Leader of the Opposition, who is a member of the University Council. While deprecating criticism motivated by prejudice, he agreed that it was necessary to alter the present set-up at the University to meet the needs of the



—Times

Mr. W. Dahanayake

country, but the probe should be conducted by not only members of Parliament but outsiders.

The Government is in agreement with the view that an investigation of the University, which has been described as a degree factory, and the administration of which was charged with obscurantism and tyranny, is necessary. The Minister of Education gave an undertaking in Parliament that an investigating body would be set-up. Incidentally, Mr. Dahanayake himself said that he was ashamed and embarrassed at being an ornamental head of the University (he is pro-Chancellor).

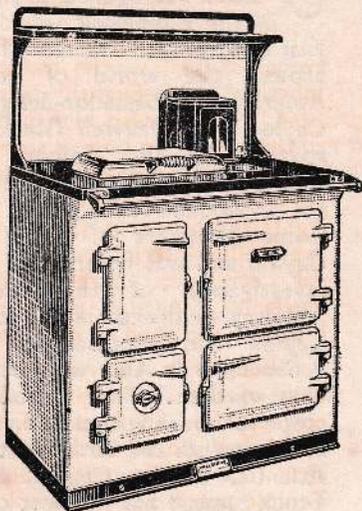
CEYLON has figured prominently in the diplomatic world in the past few weeks. The story has gone around the world of how the American Ambassador-designate to Ceylon, Mr. Maxwell Gluck, interrogated by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was not able to pronounce the names of the Prime Ministers of India and of Ceylon and was ignorant of the UN investigation of the revolt in Hungary, on the committee for which Ceylon was represented by the Ambassador in America, Mr. R. S. S. Gunawardena. The episode gave scope for much witticism on the part of journalists on both sides of the Atlantic, besides Ceylon, but Mr. Gluck himself has not lost countenance by all the publicity he has received and is looking forward to carrying out his assignment with the backing of the President himself, who has refuted the charge that his choice of Mr. Gluck was an instance of the "spoils system," i.e., that it was in return for Mr. Gluck's contribution to Republican Party funds.

An affair of domestic interest was the protest of the Ambassador to China, Mr. Wilmot A. Perera, at not being the head of the Ceylon trade mission to China for the renewal of the rice-rubber pact but being associated with the two parliamentary secretaries leading it. The Prime Minister explained that the parliamentary secretaries, his own, Mr. T. B. Subasinghe, and the Finance Minister's, Mr. C. Wijesinghe, had special instructions and the position was understood by the Government of China. Nevertheless, Mr. Perera has declined to be a member of the mission and undertaken only to assist it from outside. It is likely that he will relinquish his post before long.

Not the least of the difficulties the Government is facing is the paucity of capable men to fill the few diplomatic offices abroad. It is a pity in the circumstances that Mr. Wilmot Perera, whose appointment was approved by all parties, should feel discomfited so early in his career. It was not so long ago that Mr. Rajah Hevawitarne gave up his appointment as Minister to Burma because he was not satisfied with the conduct of the external affairs office in Colombo. Incidentally, the new Minister to Burma is Mr. W. D. Gunaratne, former Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health and some time counsellor of the Embassy in America.

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ANCIENT NUWARA ELIYA—III

A LITHIC RECORD

By JAMES T. RUTNAM

(Special to the Fortnightly Review)

(This is the third and final article on the ancient history of Nuwara Eliya and its environs.)

HAVING disposed of legend and lore in our last two articles, we now come to consider a hard rock of fact. Except for one solitary instance, there are no records available to show of any signs of considerable human activity in ancient times in the plains of what we now call Nuwara Eliya.

This one instance was furnished by the late H. C. P. Bell in 1891, when he was in charge of Archaeological Survey in Ceylon. The discovery of a lithic inscription was brought to his notice in June that year. It was an inscribed rough slab of grey granite which was discovered on the banks of a streamlet known as Talagala Oya, near the turn to the Old Jail, now demolished. This slab was later taken to the Armoury close by.

M. M. Wedderburn, Assistant Government Agent of Nuwara Eliya at the time, had it removed to the present Kachcheri building, where it now lies. As Bell states, "the inscription has suffered much from exposure to the elements for centuries." It dates back to the tenth century A.D., and is a portion of a Gal-Sannassa granted by a king. Who this king was we do not know. A photograph taken from an *anestampage* made from the stone is reproduced by courtesy of the Royal Asiatic Society of Ceylon. It was first published in the Journal of this Society in 1918 (JCBRAS 1918, Vol. 26, No. 71, pp. 61-64).

Referring to the inscription, Bell had reported on the 13th May, 1893, to Sir E. Noel Walker, Lieutenant-Governor and Colonial Secretary, as follows: "The characters are of the 10th century. Naturally very little connected sense can be made of a record so broken and worn. Side 'A' contains 'the Royal decree' (*Vadaleyin*), but the name of the King—doubtless one of the many rulers of the period with the alternating *birudas* (epithets), 'Siri Sang Bo,' or *Abha Salamewan*—is not ascertainable; it must have been on the upper part of the stone now missing.

"This lithic record, fragmentary though it be, is of considerable interest, as proving the existence of a Buddhist Temple at Nuwara Eliya (under whatever name then known) nearly 1,000 years ago."

Bell in his article in the Journal of the Ceylon Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society (pp. 63 and 64) states, "It seems most probable, from the wording of the lines on the side marked 'A' in the Plate that the inscription commenced on that face; was continued, to proper left, along Sides 'B' and 'C'; and finished on 'D.'"

"The lines of writing, between ruling, still discernible, in whole or in part, on these four sides are: 'A,' lines 6 (covering vertically 1 ft. 4 inches); 'B,' lines 9 (1 ft. 8 inches); 'C,' lines 13; 'D,' two lines traceable, with faint indications of others below.

"Only the Text, Transcript, and Translation of Side 'A' of the pillar slab are offered: of the probable contents of the rest of the slab mere suggestion must suffice.

Side 'A'

Text

1. (...) ඇලස (ර) සමද-
2. රුවමො එක් සෙ (වැ)
3. වදල එක් තැන් සමි-
4. යෙන් කොහොමබ
5. ගෙම (ව) ඇලසර (ආ)-
6. (මබු) නොර තලගම අවු

Transcript

1. (...) Elasa (ra) samda-
2. ruvamo ek se (ve)
3. vadala ek ten sami-
4. yen Kohomba
5. gema(t) Elasara A-
6. (mbu)nora Talagama avu

Translation

(...) Elasa (ra). (We, the above) Chiefs, being assembled together at (this) site, (declare) upon the order (of His Majesty) that Elasara at Kohombagama, A(mbu)nora, Talagama Avu

Sides 'B,' 'C' and 'D'

"The recurrence, not once nor twice, of *isa* (i.e., the modern conjunction *da*—English ampersand 'and') points with high probability to the repetition on this stone of the almost stereotyped 'injunctions' regarding the violation of Temple rights and property, found on nearly every pillar inscription of the mediæval centuries. (see 'Epigraphia Zeylanica' *passim*, for these prohibitions repeated *ad nauseam*).

"But—with the exception perhaps of the semi-legible '(Mela)tsi no-vadna isa' (B, lines 2, 3, 4), 'and Mlechhas (foreigners, i.e., Moors) shall (not be allowed) to enter (the Temple precincts)'—it would be unsafe to construct phrases from letters occurring here and there, which, albeit in themselves fairly clear, do not necessarily form part of familiar words, into which it is tempting to weave them."

After carefully examining the slab, Bell confidently states, "There is no possible doubt of the existence of a *Vihara* during the period, broadly speaking, from A.D. 900 to A.D. 1000." He further states, "The location of a Buddhist Temple at Nuwara Eliya, nearly a thousand years ago, is striking testimony to the religious zeal of the *Topawana*, or Forest dwelling monks, who buried themselves amid utmost wilds, which after a millennium have become one of Ceylon's most easily accessible Hill Stations."

It is appropriate at this stage to take notice of an article which appeared in the Ceylon Literary Register in March, 1891 (Vol. 5, No. 33, pp. 267-268), entitled "The Archæological Ruins in the Neighbourhood of Nuwara Eliya," by a correspondent who had chosen to remain anonymous. The correspondent refers to Halgaranawa (now known as Halgarana Oya) lying on the then "new" Uda Pussellawa Road. He writes: "... what is this black stuff the hill abounds with? Mining again! One would think a mine of wealth to be here—in iron. And why all these trenches on all sides of the hill?"

"They have a history of their own. Halgaranawa, now St. Leonards, once formed the boundary and gateway of the Uva principality. Every traveller to and from Kandy in the days gone by should necessarily lodge here and wash his rice—

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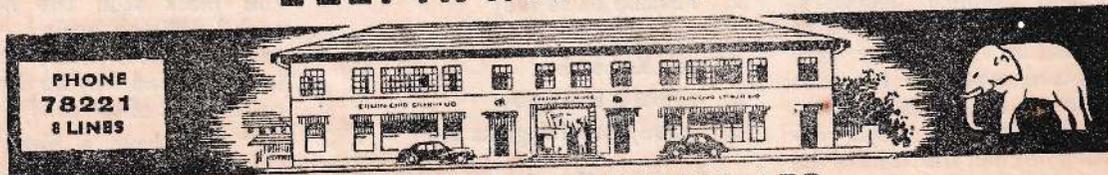
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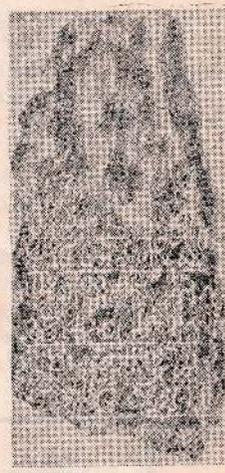
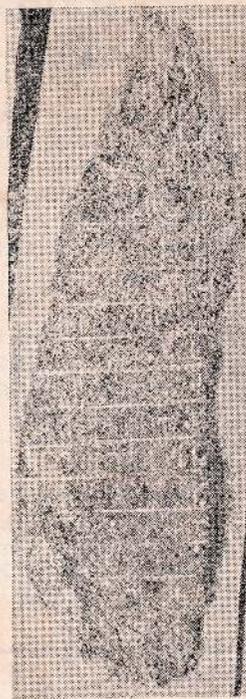
ANCIENT NUWARA ELIYA—III—

hence the name. Now there lived an outcast King by name Kotamapa—rajuruwo, reigning according to his own sweet will. This despot not only levied blackmail, but exacted *rajakariya* from every passenger, be he of whatever grade, if not otherwise protected. He may have had an irrigation scheme of his own, though that scheme is past all comprehension. But yet the trenches are in all directions of the plain, down to the ravines below."

Proceeding further along the bridle-path leading to Maha Uva Estate, the anonymous correspondent observes, "Traces of buildings, real castles at one time, stone walls, enclosures, music halls, 'gi maduwa,' where there was an establishment for weaving cloth 'Algettenna'—I suppose not as a commercial concern but only as a necessary appendage—stables of elephants, 'Etgala'—possessions of kings who now lie in glory, every one in his own house. Miniature parts, stray monolithic pillars and a tank are seen.

"From this tank, there is a trace of—one could hardly conceive—a subterranean tunnel connecting it with the *oya* below, some mile and half further below. The legend goes that whilst an army of infantry was wending its way through it, the king sent his elephants and trod them to the ground, so that for days the stream flowed blood. Be this as it may, is not the name Yak-katu-Oya significant of some tragedy?

"I would now turn to the left slope and take you a zigzag turn,



The pillar-slab at Nuwara Eliya

also rideable, to breathe more of historical atmosphere. Half a mile's ascent and you get the loveliest spot: jackals, monkeys, squirrels, deer and elk may be inducement to a sportsman to enter this forest land. Large trees, some 10 feet or more in circumference at base, may give an idea of the ravages of time. This is Holee Kotte or Fort of the Cholia Kings. A tank with acres of level ground surrounding it, two streams running on either side, and parallel, well-defined courtyards, stone walls,

strong carved stones, deserve description by a better pen. What does history say?"

In the absence of more positive records, lithic or literary, what could history say? It could, for the present, only surmise or remain dumb. Perhaps at some future date some little clue will be found, sufficiently convincing and conclusive, to enable the historian to reconstruct this fascinating story of the past with some degree of assurance.

EX-COUNTY PLAYER WINS £ 12,000

MR. W. T. Greswell, our well-informed correspondent in England, writes:—

"I heard recently an amusing story, and as I know the person concerned, I have no doubt as to its truth. He is an old County player himself who has plenty of money and likes now and then to let on anything that offers a chance.

About six years ago he obtained "odds" from his firm of Bookies about Surrey and the Championship over a period of years. It was one of those complicated cumulative bets

which can amount to a very vast sum of money if the winner keeps turning up.

The report goes that, before this current season started, the Bookie firm compromised for £12,000 fearing that one more success for Surrey would put them out of business!"

[Surrey won the County Championship for the sixth year running.]

SIDELIGHT ON APARTHEID

RECENT reports of cases against non-Whites in S. Africa who trespassed on "white preserves" remind one of the fears and experience of Rajan Anketell, son of Mr.

C. R. Anketell, of Telecommunications. His mother is English.

He wrote of his short stay: Only one thing spoilt Cape Town, and that was the colour bar. I first came across it in the Post Office. *Luckily for me I was mistaken for a European or the consequences might have been serious.* I had forgotten all about the colour bar when I entered the Post Office, and as it was very large I had to enquire where to get stamps. An old gentleman directed me to a counter where I bought my stamps. It was only after, when I looked around, that I saw there were not so very many different counters after all, but that the one on the left was for "Blacks," and the other on the right for "Whites."

NATURE STUDIES

ADDITIONS & SUBTRACTIONS

—By Rev. P. T. CASH, M. A., B. Sc. (Lond.)—

ALTHOUGH subtraction is considered to be a less simple operation than addition, I may perhaps deal with it first. But what—someone may ask—have these elementary arithmetical principles to do with "Nature Studies." The answer is as follows:—Some members of our Household Zoo subtract materials from the abode in which they are uninvited guests, whilst others add to the sum total. It is only with one class of these carriers out in practical life of such simple operations that I intend to deal now, however. And that class is the broad one which contains bees and wasps—known to the slightly initiated as Hymenoptera.

The only subtractor that need be introduced at present is that buzzing blue-black busy lover (forgive the alliteration, what can one expect when writing about "bees?"). Known as the Carpenter Bee or *Xylocopa*.

HE works at the very edge of the Household Zoo, and makes his presence felt during the mid-day heat of sunny days. He—or should we write "she"—makes a neat cylindrical burrow in the timbers of the verandah roof perhaps; if research be conducted into her operations when they are complete, it will be found that this burrow leads into panelled galleries in the

wood—all of which have been carefully prepared by our subtractor. In these galleries are cells, each separated from the other by partitions consisting of a compote of wood and the product of the salivary glands of the bee. These cells at first contain the eggs and later the larvae. A few weeks after the eggs have been laid, the perfect insect emerges. And there are more *Xylocopas* in the world ready for further subtraction. Very considerable depredations may be made on the borders of our Household by these creatures, though they are ready to adopt and adapt old burrows upon occasion without so much additional damage.

The legs of *Xylocopa* are richly hairy as a rule and he has a general resemblance to one of the aeroplaning beetles that sometimes makes night hideous for us by his noisy takings off and his many crashes on the bedroom floor. The resemblance, however, is very superficial.

BUT, on the whole, wasps are more in evidence than bees in our houses. They engage in the operation of addition and add to the materials to be found on our walls and amongst our valued documents.

We are searching for "that lost receipt," for the bill has been presented twice. How many rolls of paper there are to be examined! Other lost things turn up, but not the missing receipt. Then we open up another roll of papers. And we find a line of earthy cells, perhaps diminishing in size by regular intervals. In those cells there is perhaps a host of Attid spiders—either dead or paralysed; and amongst them already, may be, there are papery looking grubs with dark-coloured heads. A solitary wasp has been at work. She has brought in mud from outside and constructed those nicely geometrical cells, then has laid her eggs there—after furnishing each cell with its store of Attid spiders.

We have met these spiders before. They are the little fellows that haunt the walls, visit our tables and desks, and pounce upon unwary flies, sometimes bearing them off bodily before our eyes.

They have met with this miserable end. The fierce and relentless wasp has sought them out, pierced them with her dreadful sting and prepared them to be food for the unborn generation she will never see.



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THE skill of the wasp is very evident. The cells just fill the space that she found available and the patten of dried mud that falls upon our newer papers when we make the discovery is another evidence of the mysterious effectiveness of instinct. There were no examinations which the wasp had to pass in cell-building. She was furnished with her full abilities as soon as she was mature. And she builds for a future she will never see !

Then more familiar still are the mud cells which sometimes look as if they had been carelessly thrown against our walls.

Who amongst us has not found pleasure in watching the engineering activity of the solitary wasp engaged in building the home for her young ?

She is probably a member of the great family Eumenidae. Journey after journey from the selected spot which may be almost anywhere in our house, is made by the careful and patient builder. At last a cell is completely ready for its occupant.

First the food must be found. It will probably be a caterpillar or rather many caterpillars for each cell. When the food has been provided, the egg is laid amongst it, and the cell is sealed. Next another cell is built on to the first, and still another until several cells have been completed and the whole mass is neatly covered in and finished off by the absorbed and enthusiastic mother.

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MEANWHILE we observe this addition to our walls or to our furniture, which is often so little appreciated that the servant brushes it off and destroys the whole structure. But if the mother whose work had been really completed saw the catastrophe, it would concern her not at all. She has obeyed the mandate of Dame Nature and fulfilled the purpose of her life and may now pass away, her little existence justified.

Then there is the familiar little wasp that makes its burrows in crannies and chinks in our noble

abodes, sometimes in keyholes. This little fellow furnishes the burrow with a caterpillar and closes the cell with *clunam* from our whitened walls. Sometimes this makes it far more conspicuous than it would otherwise be. This is the case if the spot selected be a keyhole, but if it be a chink in the plastered wall then the burrow is fairly well concealed.

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IN the case of at least some of the Eumeniel wasps the egg is not just laid amongst the caterpillars, but suspended above them, so that when they still have life and can wriggle, the egg will not be destroyed. It is also provided that the larvae of the wasp may remain suspended and at least commence its meal from a position of vantage above the wriggling mass of caterpillars. In all this we see that the additions and subtractions are for the purpose of multiplication after all, which indeed is one of Dame Nature's commonest ends.



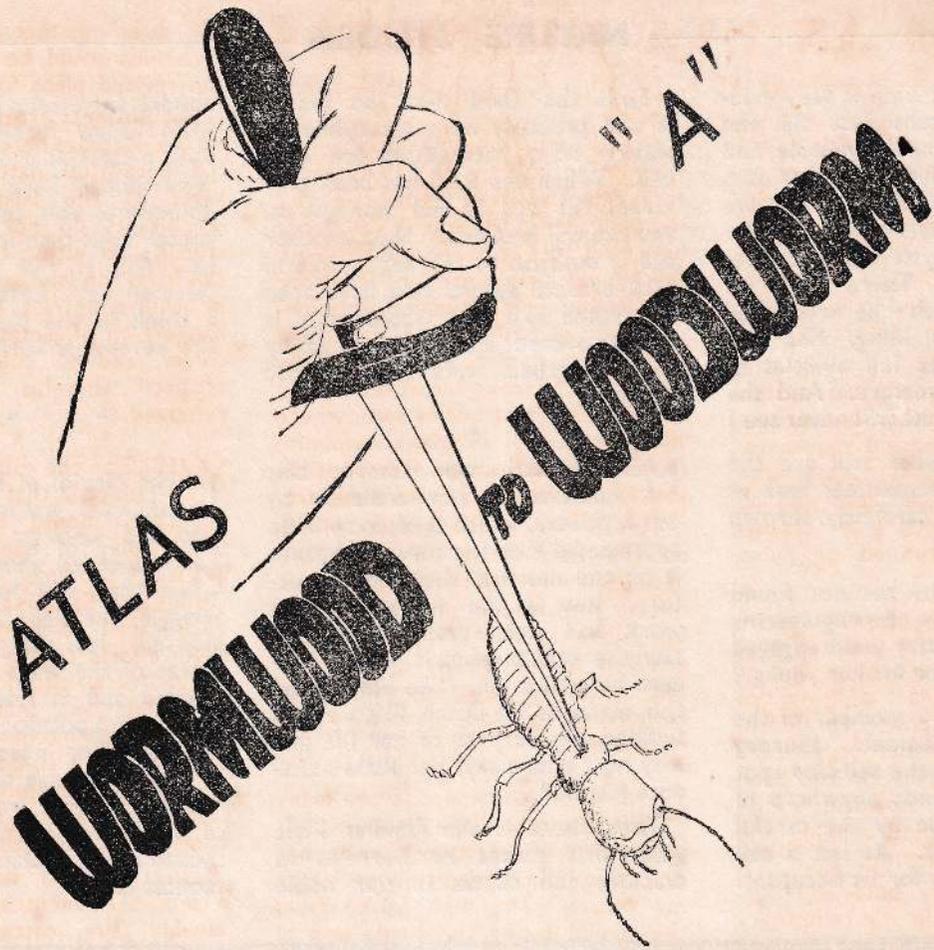
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FROM AN UVA HILLSIDE

By FELICITY

EIGHT o'clock of a Sunday morning. We were enjoying tea on the verandah after an early swim while revelling in the calm beauty of the scene over Back Bay, Trincomalee, when suddenly a dull reverberation sounded and a plume of water shot up from the spot where we had been bathing.

Dynamite had been tossed into the sea by two youths now waiting expectantly on the edge of the waves, and in a few minutes a catamaran had shot over to the spot and all hands were busy netting and throwing aboard the stunned or dying fish.

This scene was being repeated on different parts of the beach almost daily, in the early mornings and at dusk. I was indignant and wanted to telephone the police to inform them but the servants begged me not to do so. Information had been given once before, they said, and it had no effect beyond making the dynamiters their enemies.

"These are very bold and desperate people," said my temporary appu. "They carry knives and threaten to kill anyone who informs against them."

Scores of towns-people, he informed me, indulged in this sport, some of the younger ones doing it just for the "fun" of the thing. The majority, of course, regard it merely as a cheap and easy way of gaining food.

My Tamil appu asserted they were all of them Sinhalese! "Our good Tamil fishermen go out at night and face many dangers to catch their fish," he said virtuously. "Then these lazy no-account people commit this crime and nothing is being done to stop them."

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I TOOK a snapshot of the boat and its owners and this may have frightened them, for they did not appear on our beach again. But I cannot help wondering whether the many small dead fish they left behind them acted as bait to larger fish, for within a few days the whole fishing community from further along the beach came to the spot, to spread their big nets just off-shore, drawing in catch after catch, as many as nine a day, so much so as to render sea-bathing impossible during the last week of our stay.

I had no way of discovering whether such shoals of fish normally approach the land there at this season of the year, but I could not help connecting the event with the dynamiters' earlier activities. The newspapers have recently announced an intensified campaign against dynamiters, and it is to be hoped extra strong measures will be taken in the Trincomalee area, where the presence of so much dynamite in the possession of irresponsible youths in itself constitutes a menace.

This is one of the aspects of life on the East Coast on which we have been very glad to turn our backs, but it remains an urgent problem for inhabitants there, and propaganda is needed to waken them to the necessity of supporting the authorities in their efforts to eliminate it.

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ONE does not expect to see many changes in a village like ours after an absence of only two months, but one thing I did immediately notice on my return. The high bank across the street, facing the single line of shops, had been scooped out at intervals, forming hollows that are roughly four feet square and about half that in depth. Into the bank above these, roofs of tin or tent-cloth have been introduced, and platforms within the hollows provide tiny booths in which street vendors can display their goods on fair-days.

How long the police will permit them to do this is an open question. The effect, for the moment, is somewhat picturesque, the stock—mostly vegetable produce—is either sold or packed tidily away at the day's end. In fact it seemed to me this part of the village, where in times past its rubbish has too often been cast at the foot of the bank in question, looked far cleaner than usual. Long may it so continue!

What we lack here is a sheltered market place where people from outlying villages can bring in their produce. The open wire enclosure allotted to them for the "Wednesday Market" is well away from the main road and unsatisfactory from the point of view both of purchasers and sellers, whether in glaring sunshine or drenching rain, or merely in the harum-scarum wind which blows up at this season to aggravate

the dust nuisance. Perhaps some such idea could be incorporated in the revised plans for Co-operatives.

But business prospects seem to be on the decrease here, and one regrets the parasitical nature of much of parts of the Island, where the inhabitants do not set themselves sturdily to wrest the utmost they can from the land, as do the peasants in other countries, but remain mere hangers-on of camps, estates or factories, and so collapse when the artificial stimulus to industry is removed.

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WHILE on the subject, I might also point out that a sheltered market-place should offer room for the display of handicrafts as well as land produce: the Women's Guilds and Samitiyas would then be encouraged to bring the fruits of their efforts to the weekly market, instead of waiting for an annual fair or exhibition. Incentive to "improve the moments" and reap rewards from so-doing is still conspicuous by its absence in most rural areas, and where it does exist it receives scant encouragement.

On the other hand, given even a semi-permanent shelter for these weekly fairs, cottage crafts might easily win a certain amount of patronage from visitors. I often see strangers go the rounds of the market-ground (with difficulty on the crowded, uneven plot of ground) and come away shrugging their shoulders, empty-handed.

What a pitiful contrast between our dismal little show of produce and the wonderful Nuwara Eliya market, which I visited the other Sunday, on my way back from the East Coast! I suppose it is the finest in all Ceylon, with its clean and colourful array of fruit, flowers and vegetables, all displayed in a manner to charm the money from people's pockets. One wonders that business in that area should be sufficient to sustain it all, but no doubt, people come from afar to make their purchases, and the stall-owners deal intelligently with orders for goods to be dispatched by rail.

Of course, the best that our own district can produce goes away there, by lorry or by foot-porterage. It is still possible to see men arriving at Nuwara Eliya in the very early hours of Sunday morning, bowed under sacks with which they have trotted over the patanas for many miles.

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PEOPLE

THE Minister of Finance, Mr. Stanley de Zoysa, has accepted the invitation of the Australian Government to spend two weeks in Australia in September on his way to the meeting of the World Bank in Washington. He is expected to arrive in Australia on September 2nd and to resume his journey to the United States on September 15th or 16th. He will be accompanied by his private secretary, Mrs. Olga de Jacolyn, and both will be the guests of the Australian Government during the visit.

The invitation stems from the general desire of the Australian Government to increase the informal contacts between the Governments and leading citizens of the two countries and in this way to promote greater understanding between them.

The visit will not be a "business" one and no formal discussions are proposed, although Mr. de Zoysa will have the opportunity of such informal talks as he wishes.

He will be meeting Federal and State Ministers, senior officials, and leading professional and business men. He will also be invited to speak over Radio Australia and to address a number of representative Australian bodies. In addition arrangements have been made for him to see something of the Australian country-side and of Australian agricultural and economic development.

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IN a communication from the Governor-General Mr. N. U.

Jayawardena, who was removed from the office of Governor of the Central Bank three years ago, has been cleared of any imputation of blame-worthy conduct implied by the order of removal.

The communication was in reply to representations made by Mr. Jayawardena against the decision of the former Government and states that the present Prime Minister has considered all the relevant material and is of the opinion that Mr. Jayawardena, as Governor of the Central Bank, had not done "any act or thing which was of a fraudulent or illegal character or was manifestly opposed to the interests of the Bank."

Mr. Jayawardena did not seek reinstatement in the office as the period for which he was appointed had expired and he had besides assumed other responsibilities, but he requested that he be exonerated of any imputation of blameworthy conduct.

Mr. Jayawardena is now Managing Director of Vavasseurs Trading Co., Ltd.

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HAILING from a family of medical practitioners, Mr. Theodore Britto Babapulle of "Hemakanthi," Turret Road, Colombo, is the first Ceylonese to graduate in medicine at the University of Melbourne, Australia. Our new "Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery" is to do part time work at the General Hospital in addition to helping his brother, Dr. Nicholas Babapulle in his surgery. Theodore also holds his "Bachelor

of Science" degree obtained in India in 1949.

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THE death of Col. W. E. V. De Rooy, the well-known Proctor and Notary of Colombo, in his seventy-seventh year removes from the scene one who played a leading part in public life, volunteering and sporting activities since he left the Royal College in the late nineties to take up a clerical appointment in the Colonial Secretary's Office. Even as a junior clerk he caught the eye of men like A. R. Slater and F. Bowes and made his mark there before he decided to become a lawyer. His progress was meteoric, and as a Proctor and Notary he was in harness till last year when he took ill.

His greatest work was as an Officer in the Ceylon Engineers, where he rose to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel. He was responsible for making that Corps, during his command, one of the most efficient in the Ceylon Defence Force. In 1931 when he was due for retirement he had his term of command extended by four years, and no better compliment could have been paid to his great efficiency and indispensability. While on a holiday in England in 1929, he visited the Military Schools of Engineering at Gosport and Chatham, and spent some time in going through a course of training in Military Engineering.

In his day Col. De Rooy was one of the moving spirits of the Nondescripts Cricket Club and later took to Golf and lost no time in proving one of the front-rank men in the H. G. C. It should be mentioned that Col. De Rooy was one of the founder-members of the Dutch Burgher Union and was largely responsible for the building of their home in Reid Avenue. He was at one time a zealous member of the Colombo Municipal Council.

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THE death occurred on Monday, August 12th, at the early age of 25, of Dawn, daughter of Senator and Mrs. John Wilson and wife of Mr. Susila Abeyesundera.

Mrs. Abeyesundera, who married last December, had been in good health and spirits during the week-end which made her sudden illness and death all the more poignant. We extend our deepest sympathy to the parents and husband.

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PEOPLE

A LETTER from Dr. R. Victor Dowse of Dickoya recently has recalled to mind his prowess as a rugby forward when he played for Trinity College, Dublin. The greater distinction, however, was won by his brother, Major-General Dowse, who was capped for Ireland.

While one of Dr. Dowse's sons, now with Whittalls, has apparently inherited his father's skill at rugby—he played with distinction for the C.H. and F.C. for some years—the inclinations of the younger son, who however is following in his father's steps in the choice of his career, have taken a different line. David, who is studying medicine at Trinity College, Dublin, has this year become both Irish universities (he won his university colours) and Irish national hardboard diving champion.

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It is with regret that we record the death, in her eighty-first year, of Mrs. Lilian Winn, widow of the late Mr. Ernest Winn, of the Accountant's Department of the C.G.R. at the residence of her son, Dr. W. E. S. Winn, at Kandy, on Saturday, August 3rd.

Mrs. Winn, who had been in poor health for some time, was well known for her kindly disposition and counted a wide circle of friends. She leaves behind, besides her son, an only daughter, Mrs. Patrick Crozier, and a brother, Mr. Reginald E. Stork. The funeral which took place at the General Cemetery, Kanatte, on the evening of 4th August, was well attended, the officiating clergymen being the Archdeacon of Kurunegala, the Ven. James Amerasekera and Canon Ivan S. Corea, Vicar of St. Paul's, Milagiriya.

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THE British Council Scholarship for 1957/8 has been awarded to Mr. D. S. Sanders, B.A. (Cey.) of 210, Bullers Road, Colombo. Mr. Sanders will be sailing shortly for the United Kingdom to join the one-year *United Nations' Course in Social Welfare* at University College, Swansea, which is a constituent College of the University of Wales.

This course is specially arranged for students from all parts of the world who are actively engaged in Social work or in training others in this field.

Mr. Sanders is Secretary and Lecturer in Social Economics at the Institute of Social Work, General's Lake Road, Colombo, and is also Sub-Warden of Brodie Hall, University of Ceylon.

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YOUNG Everard Bartholomeusz leaves shortly for Australia. He won the Cup for the Best Performance Under 12 at the Inter-House Meet held in 1956, and set up a new High Jump Record shortly before leaving school last month. Besides he participates in most of the games played in school, and in swimming.

His grandfather, Everard, captained S. Thomas' in 1908. His uncle (now the Rev.) Douglas opened for his school. This lad's departure prevents him emulating their record for the old school. His father, also Everard, was one of the finest cricketers playing for S. Peter's College in the early 30's.

Australia should make a fine sportsman of him.

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BRIAN Van Twest, at school in Melbourne, has topped his class in English, to the amazement of the local folk, who ask how long he has been studying English!

Brian is, of course, the grandson of that gifted writer, the late J. R. Toussaint.

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A FRESHER AT THE RACES

By TWEEDLEDEE

(Special to the Fortnightly Review)

THEY told me it was a "must," if you figured to be anybody, to be seen at the races during the August Season, particularly when the race for the Governor's Cup was run and, perhaps, also for the Roberts' Cup. Being, naturally, as vain as the next man, I followed the well-meant advice, though I claim, take it or leave it, that my day at the races was strictly in the nature of a pursuit of knowledge for its own sake, with never an idea—so help me!—of winning some easy money. Anyhow, I did not win any money.

Particularly on the first day I found it all bewildering, but I comforted myself with the thought that when I went on Governor's Cup Day I would be as good as a veteran. A confirmed punter, I believe, is the expression. But, alas, the second day left me even worse confounded, if it was possible.

The fault was all mine, of course. In spite of the fact that I religiously read every newspaper from page one to the sports page and should, therefore, have known that fashions count as much as the races, I was not quite prepared for it all. True, I did not go to the extent of mistaking a woman clothed in a creation for a vegetable-seller, as the cartoonist pictured. But many of the creations left me quite breathless. I suspect it was the combined assault upon my senses of all the dazzling creations brought together within one enclosure and one sunny afternoon of an August Day.

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I ADMIRERD the way so many women worked so tirelessly to such good purpose, and since one of the articles of my personal beliefs is that a woman must be well groomed, I had no reason to cavil at anything I saw to the contrary.

But if I spent more time perhaps than I should have—remember this was the first day I was a witness of the sport of kings—looking at the women instead of the horses, it was not the only thing that baffled me.

There was the talk of the men, for instance; to all appearances, they knew all that was to be known about the horses. As far as I am concerned, a horse is a horse, so to say. They are magnificent creatures, many of them, and I don't suppose they all bite. And I just manage to distinguish one end of a horse from the other. That is the sum of my knowledge.

Not so these men. They knew which horse was sired by which out of which. They knew its family tree almost as well as they knew their own—perhaps better, I should not be surprised.

They knew the previous performances of each contender from the first time it ran as a two-year-old—or whatever the minimum age at which horses qualify to enter the arena. They spoke of furlongs and weights and some mysterious thing called "form."

And it seems in a horse race there was more to it than the horses. The men who rode them (whom even I knew were called jockeys) had to be reckoned with. These men I've been speaking about knew all about the jockeys. And I don't mean their names or the colours they ran under. They knew which jockey had ridden which horse to victory in which race and in which year or years. They knew what kind of weather and ground—apparently all this came under the head "going"; correct me if I am wrong—they (the jockeys) preferred; not to mention the horses.

It would also appear that there were others concerned called trainers and owners who also had to be considered when you judged the chances of a horse in a race. And certain practices which, these men said, were not infrequently indulged in before, or even during a race. (I hasten to add that there was no suggestion whatever that any of these practices were to be indulged in on these days; the racing was

DO I hear some one say there's too much dawdling around here? All right, let's cut the cackle and come to the horses.

But before you could place your bet—a lot of people actually go there, it appeared, not merely to see the horses run but to make some money by guessing which horse or horses come first, etc.—you went down to the paddock and watched them a bit "showing off," as it were. If you were an expert, it apparently helped you to see them. I saw the horses there but again I saw the women, too; apparently, they were also showing off. They could have been seeing the horses, of course; but it didn't look like that to me.

Then having seen them in the flesh and knowing their "form"—I don't think I quite understood what that meant; so I can't tell you—they chose which horse they'd put their shirt on.

I had a simpler way. I closed my eyes and having borrowed a pin from my wife I waved it over the race card and brought it to rest on the card. The horse nearest the pin-head was my choice. I don't say it was more successful than the technique of the experts but it didn't seem much worse. Anyway my wife swears by it and what is good enough for her is good enough for me.

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THEN the race started though apparently not without some difficulty experienced by the starter (Is that what the man is called?) in getting the horses to stand still all together and not try to sneak ahead while the others were not looking.

Then the crowd cheered like mad, and you could even bring yourself to believe that the animal whom you cheered on till you became hoarse actually knew and responded. But that might be wishful thinking.

And the next thing, it was all over. And you collected your winnings if you won; you swore under your breath, if you didn't.

Oh, I haven't actually said anything about the Roberts' Cup or the Governor's, have I? But it would have made no difference if I had. Either you were there and saw it all yourself and knew what was happening (which is more than I can truthfully claim), or you read it in the next morning's newspapers. I did so, too.

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LIGHTER INTERLUDES

By TWEEDLEDUM

A STABLE lad was taken ill, and a friend gave him the address of a doctor to whom to go. The lad came back later and reported progress.

"I got some medicine," said he, "but I'm hanged if I went to that doctor of yours!" "Why not?" asked his friend.

"Well," said the racing lad, "I was just about to ring when I noticed on his door plate his name, 'Dr. Brown' and below it, '10 to 1'!"

"Well?"

"Why, when I saw that I said I'll be blowed if I take such risks as that, so I went a few doors farther down the street, and saw that 'Dr. Jones was 3 to 5.' 'The odds were shorter, so I went to which.'"

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THE shopwalker approached the gentleman who seemed to be lost in a dream: "Can I help you, Sir?" he asked.

"I wish you could, but I've clean forgotten what I came for. It was either a casserole or a camisole, and I can't remember which."

"Is the bird dead or alive, Sir?" asked the shopwalker.

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BOARDER: "Come quick; two rats are fighting in my room."

Landlady: "What do you expect for thirty-bob—a bull-fight?"

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HOUSEWIFE (to tramp): "You told me when I helped you the other day that your son was serving the Queen. Now I find that he is a convict at Dartmoor."

Mr. Potts: "Well, ma'am, it isn't for the likes of me to question where Her Majesty sees fit to employ 'Arry's services."

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A FERRY-BOAT Captain shouted down to the crew's quarters below decks, "Is there a mackintosh down there big enough to keep two young ladies warm?"

"No," came the booming answer, "but there's a Mac Pherson here who's willin' to try!"

MR.S. Jones decided to give a house party. She had recently bought a hat-stand, and she was showing this to one of the visitors when her little son came in. So engrossed was the hostess in pointing out the good points of the hat-stand, that for a few moments she did not notice the arrival of little Tommy, but when she did she saw to her disgust that he was still wearing his hat. "Tommy," she said crossly, "what did I buy that hatstand for?"

"For 14s. 6d.?" retorted Tommy; "but you said I wasn't to tell anyone."

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GIRL, in drawing-room with boy friend, to irate father: "George did go, Daddy. This is Peter."

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IN his radio programme, Groucho Marx asked a man if he knew what an extravaganza was.

"I ought to," replied the man, "I married one."—*N.B.C. Broadcast.*

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ONE Tea guest to another, as hostess heads for the kitchen: "She starts more gossip! All she has to do is leave the room."—*Colliers.*

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LITTLE boy to friend in school-bus: "I woke up with chills and fever and headache and sore throat and earache and upset stomach—but it didn't work."—*Colliers.*

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BOSS to feet-on-desk clerk: "I'm going to mix business with pleasure, Gardner. You're fired."—*The Saturday Evening Post.*

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ON Christmas eve a Scotsman and his little son were walking round looking at the shop windows.

Just then a loud misfire was heard from a passing motor bike. "What was that sound daddy?" the boy asked his father. The Scotsman thought for a minute. "Alas! my son," he said, "Santa Claus has just shot himself."

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SANDY: "Your worship, I was not drunk, but I may perhaps have been intoxicated."

Magistrate: "Well, the fine was going to be 10s. and 6d. but I will make it half a guinea."

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THE irate lady rushed into the grocery store. "Do you realise," she cried, "that those sausages you sent me this morning had meat at one end and bread at the other!"

The man nodded his head. "Yes, madam, you know in these hard times it's very difficult to make both ends meet."

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SCENE on the L.N.E.R.: Two slightly deaf passengers face each other:

First S.D.P.: "Is this Wembley?"

Second S.D.P.: "No, it's Thursday."

First S.D.P.: "So am I—let's have one."

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BALZAC, the French novelist, woke up out of a sound sleep and saw a man picking the lock of his desk. He burst into loud laughter whereupon the thief whirled around in astonishment. "What are you laughing at?" asked the intruder.

"I am laughing, my friend," replied Balzac, "to see what pains you are taking to find money in a desk where the lawful owner has never been able to find any."

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THE mistress of the house heard the bell ring and saw standing at the open front door a Chinese hawker. Quickly retreating she called out to the maid: "There's a Chinaman at the door. You go, Ella."

This was too much for the Chinese, who stuck his head well into the hall and shouted indignantly:

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CRICKETANA

By W. T. GRESWELL

(Special to the Ceylon Fortnightly Review)

START this letter two days before the Fourth Test at Leeds. Prophecy is usually dangerous and tempts Providence, but a break in the weather this month and a review of what has happened so far in this series make it less of a risk to back England to win. After a rainless April, a little over an inch fell in May with only two inches following in June. In the first three weeks of July three inches fell. Prospects are such for the Fourth Test that the West Indian batsmen must already suffer from serious doubt, if not more, when they consider the variety and strength of the English attack, which has never been more formidable in living memory.

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THE English Selectors have had the Gentlemen and Players match at Lord's to assist them in their selection of the team; not that this is now a task fraught with problems. This match was rather a surprising one in which Dexter, the Cambridge Blue, took 5 Players' wickets in 5 overs for 8 runs. This was after the Gents had made 169. The Players thereupon declared at 46 for 9 wickets. The Gents in their second venture declared at 167 for 6 wickets. The match was drawn after the Players had rallied somewhat but were saved by time when their score was 242 for 9 wickets.

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THE Rev. D. S. Sheppard was top scorer (55) in the Gents first innings and once more proved his ability to produce the highest form after long absence from first class cricket. He therefore finds himself in the England team and may well open the innings with P. E. Richardson, as good an opening pair as England can find. Statham has a bruised heel and cannot play. His place goes to Surrey's Loader, who continues to improve and must now be considered as one of England's best fast bowlers. Smith keeps his place as one of the 12 chosen on the strength of his recent century at Lord's for the Players but he may have to stand down.

It depends if May decides to have 4 regular bowlers or 5. The younger Richardson's name does not appear for the obvious reason that Sheppard is available and Graveney is presumed to have overcome his Test weaknesses (I have my doubts!). Young Richardson will be in the England team again and often. Even as I write these words wireless news reports that the old war horse, Trevor Bailey, is injured and cannot play. Nobody else is so far named to take his place in the 12, so it would appear that Smith is sure of inclusion in the match.



—Times

Rev. D. S. Sheppard

THE Fourth Test is now over and England has clinched the series in a manner most convincing of complete superiority. The game was decided in 2 days and 4 hours, England winning in an innings and 5 runs and finally proving themselves to be World champions. As opponents the West Indians were not a strong side and fears that they may be so after the first innings of the first Test match were soon dispelled, more particularly because of the astonishing subjugation of their match winning bowler Ramadhin, a development which was not expected. Poor Sonny, after taking his first 9 wickets in the First Test for 67 runs, was worn down and mastered there by May and Cowdrey and has since taken only one Test wicket costing 374 runs. Was ever a great Test bowler thus mastered and "liquidated"?

England's side is now as formidable a combination as has been seen in the past half century. The bowling is varied and of great strength, the fielding increasingly brilliant—a sign of a keen and confident team.

In batting alone is there some inconsistency, a certain brittleness under pressure which may in time be remedied when our leading professional batsmen become as reliable as our few amateurs, who, in the persons of May, Cowdrey, Richardson and Sheppard (when the last named can play) inspire the greatest confidence and seldom fail.

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AS was anticipated, the weather at Leeds was to the advantage of England. Rain was always threatening and there was a humidity in the air and on the pitch which gave the ball some liveliness in flight and off the wicket. But this was no excuse for the West Indians' poor scores of 142 and 132 and for the match being over in under 3 days. It may be suspected that the Visitors have gradually succumbed to a diminishing morale. The style of West Indian cricket is always effervescent and needs success to maintain its sparkle. It gets "flat" under relentless pressure and the power of recovery and retaliation weakens.

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THE fact that the West Indians won the toss at Leeds in no sense fortified them to fresh endeavour. The splendid bowling of Loader added to the deterioration. His 6 wickets for 36 runs, as a substitute for Statham, was the last straw and the Visitors had no reply. Loader excelled in this match. He is not only fast and hostile but is able to import the slight variations in pace which are so remunerative. His hat-trick of the last 3 wickets was a sensational finish to a fine spell, particularly as a wicket fell to the previous over's last ball, making 4 wickets in succession. Only twice in 300 Tests since the War has the hat-trick been done: once by Allom vs. New Zealand in 1929 and once by T. W. Goddard vs. South Africa in 1938.

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FOR the losers Worrell bowled well, taking 7 wickets for 69 runs, thus adding to the great all-round work he has done on this tour. Another of the famous veteran W's, Walcott, at last ran into form with

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SURREY'S SIXTH CONSECUTIVE WIN

By W. T. GRESWELL

(Special to the Fortnightly Review)

THE month of August, the final month of this season's official programme of first class cricket, is half over. There will follow a few festival games in the first half of September, in lighter vein because the burden of serious cricket will have been raised from first class shoulders which will no doubt open and hit many a parting "6."

Cricket will then leave the stage to football, which even as early as the first week in August, has already intruded on the Summer game, a case of unblushing "gate-crashing."

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THE winners of the County Championship can only be Surrey who, at the moment of writing, are at the top of the table, where they sit secure with a lead of 74 points over Northampton who lie second. So this County, already Champions, is about to beat all records by maintaining the position over six successive years. The Champions may set up yet another record by making sure of the coveted title earlier in a season than any county since the War. Warwickshire at present holds this honour by becoming champions in 1951 on August 17th of that year.

When Surrey's phenomenal strength in players in recent years is considered there is every excuse for seeking the reason why. Seven members of the present Surrey side have played for England and three of them, Laker, Lock and Loader, are our leading Test bowlers while Alec Bedser was the World's greatest bowler only a few years ago and is still a power to be reckoned with. Again then why is one county thus so greatly favoured? There is more than one reason. Players are attracted to a county which has once

achieved success, since the satisfaction of being members of a strong and winning side is natural enough.

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CRICKET is now a professional game almost entirely, and it is of benefit to a player to be on such a side when he has made cricket the sole business of his active life, say up to the average age of 42, for nearly 6 months of the year, this period covering practice and coaching in March and April in indoor Schools.

Membership of a county team is made easier these days by qualification rules which are less strict than of old. Birth or three years residence in a county used to be required; now birth or one year is sufficient. In addition each county is now allowed a limited number of players who join under "special registration." Under this system a player with neither of the other two qualifications can transfer from one county to another provided he has the permission of his old county and of the M.C.C. and he can play immediately for the county of his adoption. This method, it may be agreed, comes very near to the transfer system of League Association Football Clubs but without the great transfer fees peculiar to football.

But money plays an increasingly important part in county cricket as time goes on. A successful county attracts ever growing support both in members of the Club and in the "gates" for the public likes to see its county winning matches. The money thus accumulated provides for higher players' salaries. This in itself attracts the best talent both in the regular team and in reserves.

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FINALLY as an aid to success come coaching, captaincy and team discipline, the last two named being dependent on each other. Surrey

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for some years has had the services as coach of "Andy" Sandham, a most gifted instructor, once a Surrey and England player himself who is both popular and respected. Coaching is not as easy as some may think. Players are artists at their profession and some can be very temperamental needing wise and tactful handling. An unpopular and tactless coach who gives offence can have a disrupting influence on a side. Under the heading of coaching it may be mentioned that in Surrey is situated one of the greatest cricket schools in the Country founded and managed by Gover the old Surrey player. Any likely player who passes through his hands is seldom allowed to stray far from Surrey unless the County experts are quite certain he will not "make the grade," in which case he may be "tipped" off to some other county for a billet. Fair enough, of course.

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LASTLY captaincy both on and off the field and a proper team discipline are vital to success. Surrudge, Surrey's championship captain for 5 successive years, besides being a good all round player himself and able to set an example on the field of play was reputed to be a stern disciplinarian. It is safe to assume that he was well able to restrain within reasonable bounds the exuberant spirits of younger players who may be tempted to indulge themselves off the field to the detriment of form on it. Peter May who now leads this great side, has been left a machine in perfect working order and of high efficiency. His temperament may be milder and more kindly than that of his exacting predecessor but he has the advantage of being England's captain as well as the greatest batsman of modern times. In Surrey he is leading a side which in itself is all but a Test team. What county will be able in the foreseeable future to depose Surrey from the Championship it is quite impossible to see, for no other county is "in the same street" or even near it.

The last Test match at the Oval starts next week and there can be but little interest in it as England has already won the series. Perhaps our Selectors may use the occasion with an eye to the future and "Cap" one or two promising performers. It would be a wise policy but one which is not often indulged in.

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THE ROBERTS' CUP

BRILLIANT weather, coupled with the latest in fashions, gave the August meet a grand kick-off and, with favourites too obliging, everything was rosy for turfites.

Although not the first choice of punters, Senator C. Wijesinghe's Mahoul scored a popular victory in the Roberts' Cup, being ridden to advantage by Mohideen, who was the first Ceylonese rider to 'boot' in a winner of this classic event.

It was also a proud occasion for trainer A. Selvaratnam, for Mahoul was his tenth Cup winner since he became a professional.

Stablemates United Steel and Reckless Courage owned by Mr. Vernon Rajapakse staged a pretty finish for the Lawyers' Cup, in which the former prevailed, while the speedy Berwick Law made it 'six in a row' when he took the Channer Cup.

'First-time-out' Ted Fordyce lived up to his name, when getting Qamaran home in the C.A. Laing Cup, which was the first race on the programme, while a breathtaking finish in the concluding event, the Colombo Bank Shroffs' Cup in which the favourite Kola Bear nosed out the rank outsider Sun Gold in a rather controversial photo-finish, put the large crowd in a happy frame of mind.

Trainer Renga Selvaratnam and Jockey Tyrrell combined to such good advantage that they finished the day with three victories and two seconds, while the veteran Norman Whiteside showed his skill as a rider when winning on United Steel and Wilson II.

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GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S CUP

ON the second day, which was of course the "big" day, Mr. A. R. M. Zarook's Joshua thrilled the

large crowd, when he strode out like a champion to win his second successive Governor-General's Cup.

The Frenchman who was ably piloted by the Indian rider Ahmed Khan, won very convincingly from Briggs, who tried to steal the race, and the old favourite Owen Grange who was a gallant third.

Anomaly, a shadow of his true self was definitely "under a cloud," while Friendly Isle was just not good enough on the terms of the race.



Mahoul

—Times

The day was notable for a series of upsets, the biggest surprise coming in the G.R.'s race, the W. M. Rajapakse Cup, which Happy Slipper won with young Mr. Kumar Perera in the saddle, at odds of over 20 to 1.

Naseeb (also owned by Mr. A. R. M. Zarook and ridden by Ahmed Khan) and Select Allow, won the G. N. G. Wallis Cup and Stewards' Cup respectively like champions, while Hatheri Pasha (late Sa'adun Salem) nosed out the hot favourite Qamaran in the Morley Cup to return very nourishing odds.

All in all a very enjoyable day's sport, spiced with splendid riding, close finishes and the inevitable upsets.

THE O. E. G. CUP

THE first record for the meet came on the third day when Mr. D. H. Halahackone's Surety II (B. Perera astride) won the Madras Cup (1 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles) by six lengths, clipping one-fifth of a second off the record for the distance, which was set up by Dhukhr Hashim in 1952.

Ahmed Khan was astride another Cup winner, when he steered Mullaley to victory in the W. B. Bartlet Cup (7 furs.) while Minette scored her first victory in the Island when she went kindly for Fordyce to win the R.W.I.T.C. Cup (6 furs.) in a close finish with Quam Celerrime and Silver Balm.

Fordyce with a double assumed leadership in the jockeys' championship, having four winners to his name.

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THE GALLE CUP

JOSHUA'S failure in the O. E. Goonetilleke Cup (1 mile) on the penultimate day of the August races proved a big disappointment to racing fans, for the champion was strongly fancied to beat his six rivals, despite giving weight to them.

The French-bred horse was badly beaten into fourth place, the winner being Mr. Vernon Rajapakse's Shell Pink, who ably ridden by the veteran Norman Whiteside beat Adamant and Drake's Drum comfortably. The Pink Flower gelding who gave his earlier races a miss fully justified his connections' confidence in him by winning the valuable trophy.

Judar made amends for his failure in the Lawyers' Cup on the first day, by annexing the Galle Cup (1 $\frac{1}{8}$ miles) in easy fashion from United Steel and the pair are likely to clash in the local St. Leger to be run tomorrow, when on the weights I feel United Steel will have his own back.

Mr. Reggie de Silva's Ipomea scored a popular victory in the Laxapana Cup (1 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles) from Edouard Valmont, who had been purchased prior to the race by Mr. C. Sathananthan. Russell, who rarely gets a ride these days, was seen to advantage on Ipomea.

And then we had a thriller in the concluding event which was the Colombo Cup (Div. 1), when Petroleum and Qaddah raced neck and neck to the judge in the last furlong, the former ultimately getting the decision in a photo-finish by a head.



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CRICKETANA

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Rugby Football

UP-COUNTRY retained the Capper Cup after a close but scrappy game on the Colombo Racecourse. The 3-3 draw was a fitting end to a match which provided ruggers hardly worthy of a cup tie.

Conditions were ideal for fast, open rugby but this was sadly lacking. Both teams excelled in defence which rather spoilt things from the spectator's point of view.

Up-Country had by far the better of the exchanges in a blank first half. Stand-off Gordon worked his line at every opportunity but lack of speed in the centre ruined many good movements.

Colombo Clubs attacked strongly in the second half but some good work by the Up-Country forwards, Barry Cameron prominent as usual, transferred play back to mid-field.

In the twentieth minute inside-three Panditharatne did a good run and passed to Madugalle who just made the corner flag with Rambukwella fast overhauling him. Soon after, Trevor Anghie put over a penalty to equalise. There was no further scoring.

For Colombo Clubs' Spark, on the wing, looked dangerous on the few occasions he saw the ball. In an inside berth he might have given the Colombo "threes" the thrust they sorely lacked.

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Cricket

DECLARATIONS featured the drawn game between the CCC and P. Paulet's XI at Maitland Crescent, Colombo. Batsmen were on top throughout and only 13 wickets fell.

Veteran Paulet, Douglas Ironside and Waller for the "Hillsmen" and Paulet, Jr., Flindall, Wand and Boustead for the CCC found run-making easy.

Boxing

WITH Ceylon's Olympic boxers, the Jayasuriya brothers winning their fights, the Police Boxing team won the Clifford Cup at the inter-team boxing meet held at the Royal College ring last Saturday.

Although the standard of boxing was not as high as in former years, there were some keen bouts, especially that in the light welter event, where C. P. Jayasuriya was extended by H. B. Wickremapala of the Army. However Jayasuriya's experience and ringcraft told in the end and he gained a points decision.

Percy Fernando of the Prisons was awarded the Francis Jayawardene Memorial Cup for the best boxer at the meet after his victory over Tikiri Banda of the Army in the fly-weight, while K. H. G. Fernando of the Y.M.C.A. who was rather unlucky not to gain the decision over H. Ekanayake in the bantam-weight, had some consolation, when he was awarded the best losers' cup.

P. Wijesuriya (Welter) and R. Silva (light middleweight) were other Police boxers to win their fights.

An added attraction at the meet was the appearance of four Russian boxers from the training ship "Tovarisch." They figured in exhibition bouts among themselves.

His Excellency Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, the Governor-General was an interested spectator and gave away the trophies at the end of the meet.

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Hockey

THE Tamil Union wrested the Andriesz Shield from their old rivals, the BRC, after a scoreless draw at Havelock Park.

In the annual August Week fixtures, the Colombo Ladies, led by Shirley Staarup (nee Thomas) outplayed the BRC Ladies and the Ceylonese Ladies 4-0 and 3-0 respectively while BRC Ladies beat

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38 and 35. Apart from a top score of 47 by Kanhai there was nothing of note in the West Indians' disappointing performances.

England as usual owed most of her only innings runs to the three amateurs, May, Cowdrey and Sheppard, who had the strangely identical scores of 69, 68 and 68. It was a surprise that Sheppard batted No. 6 in order. It is possible that, as he is not a regular player, an effort was being made to build an opening pair. It fell to the luckless Smith to accompany Richardson to this and only to find "o" after his name on the score board. So England still looks for a reliable opening pair whose names for some years will roll off the tongue like "Hobbs and Sutcliffe" or "Bacon and Eggs!"

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GRAVENEY was 4th highest scorer but with only 22, a modest effort after his mammoth score on the docile wicket at Trent Bridge. He is sure to play in the final Test at the Oval, where, as there is now nothing at stake, he is certain to delight with a three figure innings of consummate skill and punishing brilliance.

And don't forget! Somerset beat the West Indians on the first innings having dismissed them for the smallest score of their tour: 76, if memory serves! Match drawn.

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Tennis

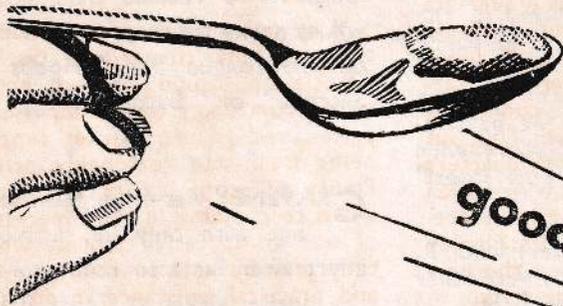
CEYLON has sent a team, with two Davis Cup players, Bernard Pinto and Rajah Praesoody, to take part in the Malayan Championships.

Others in the team are P. S. Kumara, a Junior Champion, and Miss Ranjani Jayasuriya.



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A WOMAN'S DIARY

WOMEN participants from 16 Asian countries attended a Seminar held in Bangkok from the 5th to the 17th August. This Seminar on the "Civic Responsibilities and Participation of Asian women in Public Life" was organised by the United Nations in conjunction with the Government of Thailand which offered host facilities for the meeting.

Three U.N. officials, and one or two specialists appointed by the U.N. also attended to form a secretariat and to act as discussion leaders at the meeting.

Mrs. Ezylnn Deraniyagala, President of the All-Ceylon Women's Congress, was appointed to be a Participant in the Seminar by the U.N. but was unable to accept the invitation.

The I.L.O., F.A.O., UNESCO, W.H.O., and UNICEF were also represented. Observers were sent from non-governmental organisations which have consultative status with the U.N.O. Observer from Ceylon to this Seminar is Mrs. F. B. de Mel who will represent the International Alliance of Women to which the All-Ceylon Women's Congress is affiliated. She was the first Vice-President of the A.C.W.C.

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Girl Guide Association

FIVE Ceylon girl guides and rangers are amongst the 4,000 guides from different parts of the World who were attending the World Camp at Windsor Great Park. They are two rangers, Marlene Dassanaiké and Chitrangi Serasinghe, and guide Nirmala Welikala, all of 5th Colombo (Ladies' College) joined in England by Sirom Rodrigo, one of our former guides. The group is led by Mrs. G. Gooneratne, Headquarters representative. The camp of 4,000 guides divided into 80 groups, each group to be named after a famous place visited by Lord Baden Powell whose 100th birthday this World Centenary Camp commemorates.

The highlight of the Camp was the eagerly looked forward to visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth, who still retains her keen interest in Guiding, and is Patroness of their Association.

Four regional camps were part of the B.P. Centenary celebrations. One was held in the Philippines last

January; one in Switzerland in July, the biggest in Windsor Great Park, and the last will be held in Canada.

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New Training Centre

GUIDES in Ceylon are looking forward to the opening of their new Training Centre, now nearing completion. This will be declared open by Mrs. J. G. Morley, a former Chief Commissioner of Ceylon, whom members of the Association who worked with her for many years are looking forward to welcoming back to the island on a holiday. She is expected to be here about the middle of September. It was mainly to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Morley's efforts that the guides owe their present Headquarters, now 24 years old, which was declared open by Lady Thompson, wife of the then Governor of Ceylon, in September, 1943. They owe the lease of the land on which Headquarters is built to Mrs. D. S. Senanayake, always a staunch supporter of the movement.

Before the guides realised their dream of having a Headquarters of their own they put in some very hard work collecting funds to build it; even harder perhaps under changed conditions is the work they have now put in to extend their new Headquarters by the addition of a new wing which will be used as a Training Centre. It is a happy gesture that Mrs. Morley should be invited to open the new Training Centre when she arrives in Ceylon. This training centre will add much to the advancement of the movement, in keeping up standards of efficiency, and being of special help to outstation guides, especially those in rural areas where guiding has now been firmly established, particularly in the central schools. Outstation guiders who come in for training can now be accommodated in reasonable numbers.

In addition to all this comes the news that Lady Baden Powell herself expects to visit Ceylon, perhaps early next year, and writes that she is looking forward to seeing the progress they have made. This will be her third visit to Ceylon.

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Soaring Prices

IS it only the Budget that is responsible for the soaring prices of tinned foods, and even some of the "un-tinned" variety, which not quite in the category of "Luxury Goods" are important when the ordinary necessities of life in the way

of fish, beef, vegetables, potatoes and fruit are not available . . . usually unexpectedly?

Prices went up, and overnight, on nearly all tinned foods—irrespective of the fact that most of these tins had obviously survived a storage period of many months, if not years, —on the very next morning after the Budget was presented! And these prices have increased subsequently. A recent survey showed that tinned peas cost nearly double, the price of local beans about the same time was 80 cts. a pound, (and these had to be cooked!); golden syrup was up by about 40 cts. on a tin. The racket in potatoes ended in the public being supplied with stocks which had been obviously stored away for a few weeks and then hurriedly released when supplies improved. The climax came in an outstation, when the price of *milk-foods* was raised; threats of immediate exposure brought the prices back to normal, but there is no such relief in the case of other commodities.

Why not a Housewives' Association as in other countries? Such an Association would protect housewives from being exploited, control prices, and ensure market supplies being fresh and reasonably priced. Plenty of scope exists for housewives to combine in the supervising of our co-operative stores, where they may be able to render useful and practical assistance in advisory and other capacities. Especially now, when the food-front must needs take priority if health and family comfort are to be maintained.

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THE PASSING OF REV. FR. LE JEUNE

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You never could draw him out on a topic which would involve his having to make an adverse comment on anyone. He was the soul of charity. Here indeed was a man in whom there was no guile. We, his brother priests, have lost in Father Le Jeune one who fulfilled, in his love of God and of his neighbour, the perfect ideal of a priest and a religious.

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The Last Call of the Bugle

I SHALL never forget a certain day in 1928. It was at the end of a College Sports Meet. Father Le Jeune had just been made an *Officier de l'Instruction Publique*, and as the decoration was pinned on him by the local representative of the French Government, he rose to make a speech of thanks. It was the first time I heard him speak. It was my first year at St. Joseph's and I was a little boy in the Preliminary Form. But the day and the speech will live in my memory. Towards the end of that speech Father Le Jeune said something which made me feel a tugging at my heart-strings and brought a mist to my eyes. He said:

"Be not afraid, my dear Josephians; the gold medal on my breast will alter in nothing and lessen in nothing that long lasting affection and devotion. My last wish, before I end, is the realization of a title over a certain photograph that appeared yesterday in the "Times of Ceylon Sunday Illustrated" (a loving choice, I presume, of the Editor himself, one of my past pupils)—*Father Le Jeune of St. Joseph's*. Let these words alone be written on my grave as they are written in my heart."

He continued:

"Now for the last call of the bugle! It is for you, dear old boys of St. Joseph's. You have prayed here, lived here, played here, run here—the finest prayers, days and hours and races of your life. You have seen me seeing you and cheering you in those your school days and hours. This is why you have gathered together, your own selves first, and the money afterwards, to have this gold wreath so artistically wrought. I thank you twice for this, and twice will the "officier" pray for you."

For him too the last call of the bugle has come, and Father Le Jeune is gone, Father Le Jeune of St. Joseph's.

A GRAND MAGICAL ENTERTAINMENT

IN aid of the C.N.A.P.T. the Sri Lanka Magic Circle (I.B.M. Ring 139) is presenting a grand magical entertainment at the Royal College Hall on Friday, the 30th August. His Excellency the Governor-General has given his distinguished patronage to the show and has promised to be present at the entertainment. This generous gesture of His Excellency is prompted not only by the worthiness of the cause in aid of which the entertainment is given, but also as a recognition of the work the Sri Lanka Magic Circle is doing for the advancement of the art of Magic as a cultural accomplishment and an asset to social service. The Sri Lanka Magic Circle has, since its revival after World War II, given many public performances in all parts of the Island in aid of deserving charities and other benefits, thereby fulfilling one of the objects of the Circle. They also have been pioneers in lifting the art of conjuring and magic from the street Juggler to the artistic level of the stage. The Circle counts over 50 members who are Artists playing the role of the Magician, some of whose talent has been recognised by the Magic Circle of London by admitting them to its membership.

We trust that this unique performance will be largely supported by a wide circle of sympathisers in the worthy cause of prevention of Tuberculosis and by those interested in the cultural pursuits of the people of Ceylon. There will also be a special show for children on Wednesday the 28th August, from 5-7 p.m.

PEOPLE

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DR. Cleobis H. S. Jayawardene, of the department of forensic medicine of the University, has left for the United States to take a three-year course in criminology at the University of Pennsylvania. He is accompanied by his wife, Dr. Hilda Jayawardene.

Dr. Jayawardene assisted Dr. A. L. Wood, Professor of Sociology of the University of Connecticut, last year in the general survey of crime trends in Ceylon conducted by him. Educated at Royal College and Trinity he served in the Medical Department before joining the

THE funeral took place in Moratuwa at the beginning of the month of Chrisantha Mendis (son of the Rev. F. R. E. Mendis, Incumbent of Moratuwa, and Mrs. Mendis), who died in tragic circumstances in America.

Mr. Mendis was a student at the University of California, where he was preparing for the Ph.D. in Entomology on a scholarship. He was a grandson of Canon Mendis and was educated at Trinity College and the University.

CEYLON CRICKET TEAM IN MALAYA

A GOOD start is a great thing and the Ceylon Touring Team in Malaya must have felt very pleased with what they were able to achieve in their opening match early this week in Singapore. The Home team were cheaply dismissed for 85 when they made first use of the wicket. Yatawara and Peiris were responsible for their debacle, the former's fast deliveries giving him the splendid analysis of 5 wickets for 12 runs. Peiris claimed three wickets for 11 runs.

Ceylon had replied with 161 for the loss of five wickets when play ended on the first day; the batting was consistent, as many as 7 entering double figures. Resuming their innings last Monday they carried their total to 205, H. I. K. Fernando playing a Captain's innings of 42 to top-score for the side.

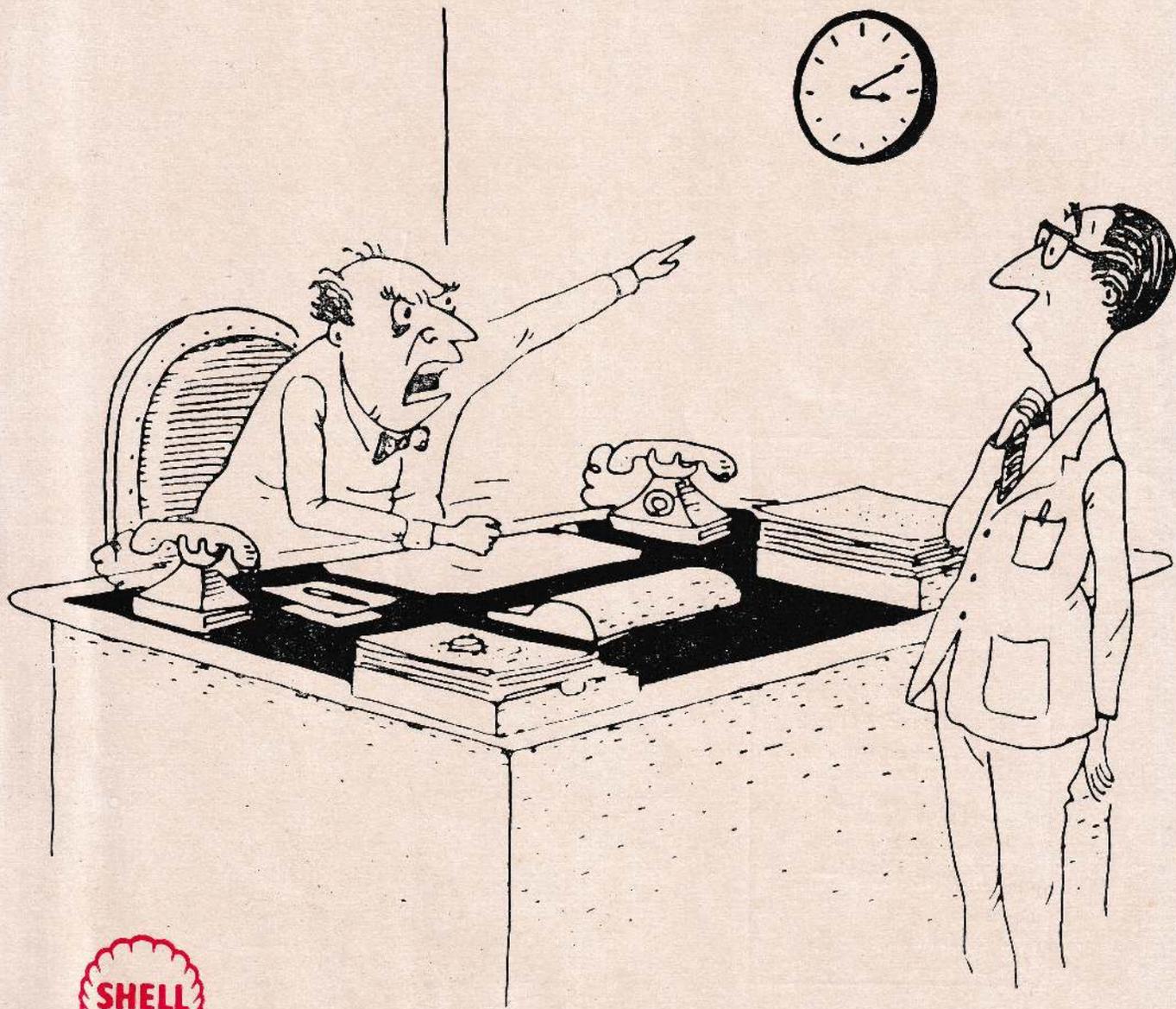
Singapore gave a far better display in their second innings declaring with their total at 220 for 8 wickets. For this they were chiefly indebted to J. Woodhouse 58 and C. Arkell 48. Left with 101 runs to make in 35 minutes, the visitors gave the crowd their money's worth by totalling 73 for 1 wicket, Lafir 33 and Weerasinghe 23 providing the fireworks.

FROM AN UVA HILLSIDE

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It is rather hard on us country-folk to have our local produce all disappear in this fashion, bound for busier centres. The only remedy is always to grow sufficient for our use, but it makes for monotonous living when, as with us at present, peas, beans, cauliflowers and brussell sprouts happen to fail. Nuwara Eliya is just a little too far away for us to do our shopping, and Bandarawela provides no adequate compensation.

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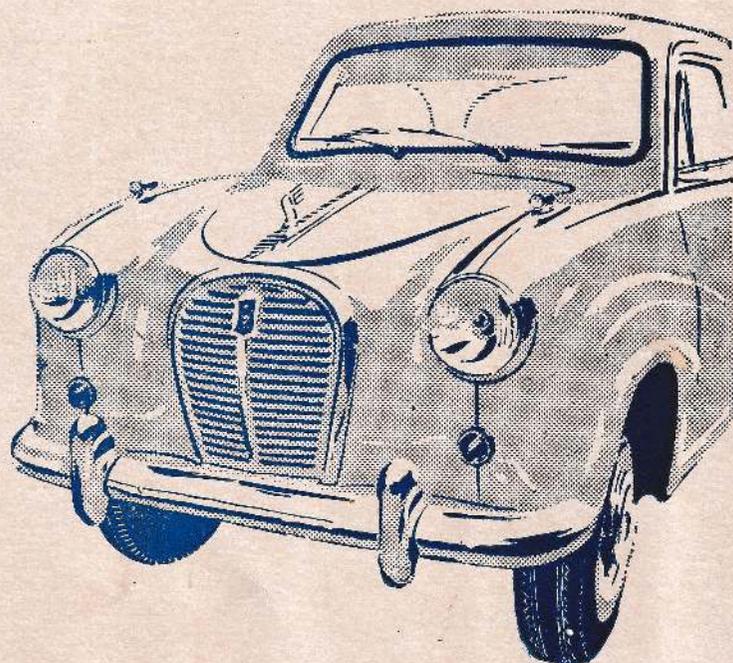
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