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FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK
Our advertisement rates have been revised as follows, and will take effect from January 1st, 1968. All advertisements within 2 ins. Rs. 10-00. In Memoriam Rs. 12-50. Other rates on application.

Calendar of Events
January 18 - 25: Week of Prayer for Unity.
January 21: Unity Sunday.
February 7 - 10: 'Camp Farthest Out' by Roland Brown and Marcia Brown at the Christa Seva Ashram.

30,584 POUNDS OF NESPRAY FOR JAFFNA
This time, Jaffna will get 30,584 lbs. of Nespray, and this will be distributed to those who have infant coupons, through the Multi Purpose Co-operative Societies. One child will receive one pound of Nespray according to this scheme.

SIXTY DOCTORS UNEMPLOYED
The Health Ministry is awaiting a ruling from the Prime Minister in regard to the employment of sixty Doctors who completed their internship this year and who were informed that they would be absorbed into the Health Ministry. A further 160 Medical students are expected to complete their final examination in June this year and will have to be provided with internships.

NEW DOCTOR FOR MANIPAY HOSPITAL
Dr. S. G. Jayarajah, who was in Government service for several years and last at the Government Hospital, Jaffna, has now joined the staff of the Green Memorial Hospital, Manipay. He is a specialist in Ear, Nose and Throat diseases and holds the following degrees: M. B. B. S. D. T. M. and B. Sc. of Ceylon, and D. L. O. of London. He is a son of Mr. J. C. Charles, retired Vice-Principal of Jaffna Central College, and Mrs. Charles of Nallur.

KALMUNI TO HAVE URBAN COUNCIL STATUS
The Minister of Local Government has appointed a Commission to inquire into and report whether the Kalmuni Town Council should be upgraded to the status of an Urban Council.

GUIDES CAMP AT CHUNDIKULI
The Guides of Jaffna are camping at Chundikuli Girls' College this week-end. We understand that this is the first time that the International Guide Camp to be held in February, in Colombo.

INSURANCE POLICY HOLDERS' ASSOCIATION
An Association named the Insurance Policy Holders' Association has been formed to promote, protect and advance the interests of the Insurance Policy Holders. Its main work would be to carry on all its respective branches the business of Consultants in matters relating to Insurance. The main objectives of the Association would be to give free legal advice, free claim advice, free advice in the selection of the type of policy according to one's legal needs, and negotiation on their behalf with their insurer for the best possible terms and benefits.

WEDDING
A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Paul's Church, Misiriywa, on January 6th at 5.30 p.m. when Mr. Mano Beckenridge of the late Mr. E. B. Beckenridge of Trinity College, Kandy and of Mrs. Beckenridge of the late Mrs. Evelyn Mac Intyre of the late Mr. E. T. Mac Intyre, Finger-print Expert of Colombo and of Mrs. Mac Intyre, grand-daughter of the late Dr. T. Mac Intyre of (P. O. Lumuru). The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. C. W. M. U. K. who also presided the homily.

WEDNESDAY AS FUTURE CHURCH GOING DAY!
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"PASANILA" IN ENGLAND

"Pasanila", the first 10 m. m. Tamil film produced in Ceylon, has been taken by the Anglo-Ceylon Club to be shown in England, from March to May this year. This film producer and director by Messrs. Joe Devanandhan and Davu Kulthunganam and technically directed by Mr. Luther Selva-Ceylon to be shown abroad. Incidentally Mr. J. Devanandhan has been the technical director of the Mental Health film "At Home in Hospital" produced in 1957 by Dr. David Ratnayak. This film was shown at the Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists' Congress in Perth and was highly appreciated. The W. B. O. is now interested in obtaining this film for their Library.

BIBLE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The 165th Annual Meeting of the Ceylon Bible Society was held on the 11th December, 1967, at the Central Y. M. C. A. Hall, Colombo. The Patron of the Society and the Bishop of Colombo, the Rt. Rev. Harold de Soysa, presided. The opening prayers were led by the Rev. Andrew Billie, of St. Peter's Church, Colombo. The delegates from Ceylon to the United Bible Societies Asian and South Pacific Regional Conference held recently in Bangalore, the Rev. S. J. de S. Perarathne, Messrs. B. E. Fernando, A. B. S. N. Pullanayagam and the Rev. Celestine Fernando - reported on the recommendations of the Conference. The "Sunbeams" provided lyrics in all three languages and musical items and the Rev. Don Rubesh, of the St. Peter's Church, Colombo, cast, proposed the Vote of Thanks. After the meeting, which was well attended, there was a Fellowship Dinner, arranged by the Women's Committee of the Bible Society, in which about 120 persons participated and the happy evening terminated with the singing of carols led by the Rev. Don Rubesh and the "Sunbeams".

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

This week, from the 18th till the 25th, is being observed as the Christian Unity Week of Prayer. Churches are conducting special prayer meetings in this connection. Church members should "shape up or get out of the church", says the Rev. Robert K. Hudnut, who believes it is time to refuse membership in a church to those who do not stand one-third about their faith and two-thirds to treat their membership cavalierly.

PASTOR CONDEMNS!

Pastor of St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in Minnetonka, Minn., Mr. Hudnut says most churches on earth to lose two-thirds of their members. Less than one-third are really carrying out their faith," he declared. Mr. Hudnut said, "The soft sell of a f. l. gospel has attracted soft people to soft jobs, but it has not turned the world upside down for Jesus Christ. It has not driven men by American churchmen into the slums and gutters of the world to risk on those who are segregated and impoverished. "So now the churches are finding that they are full of pre-luders. We have confessed Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, but many of us have never cracked the Bible and have it never done anything more for the starving of the world than to give each week a piece of a hot dog at a ball park.... U. C. H.

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FRESH WATER FROM THE SEA

A £1,200,000 order has been signed with Weir Westgarth of East Kilbride, Scotland, for three seawater desalination plants to be built at Maras Creek, Grand Harbour, Malta. The Malta Electricity Board contract calls for completion by July 1969, with the first plant scheduled for operation by the end of 1968. With a total output of 3,650,000 imperial gallons of fresh water a day, the plants will be integrated with the nearby electricity generating station to obtain their power supply in the form of steam from the station's turbines. The desalting will be of the multi-stage flash evaporator type, originally developed by Weir Westgarth in 1953 and now the basis of all modern large-scale seawater desalination plants. They will produce fresh water to meet the growth in local industry and the tourist trade on the island.

Intensive Research

Weir Westgarth has designed and built more than half the world's present capacity of large-scale - more than 100,000 gallons a day - land-based seawater desalination plants. The firm has just completed two months ahead of schedule, the building of Australia's first major desalination installation - two plants with a total capacity of 48,000 gallons a day for the Hamersley Iron Company in Western Australia. In recent years the company has been collaborating with the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) under the Ministry of Technology's desalination research programme. A practical example of this collaboration is the company's newly-commissioned research and development centre at Irvine, Scotland. Where combined UKAEA and Weir Westgarth research is undertaken to ensure that commercial installations operated by the Malta project are advanced and proved desalination technology.

ANIMAL HEART BANK AIM OF U. S. DOCTOR

A project aimed at conditioning the hearts of unborn calves for later transplanting into human patients is reported by Dr. Charles A. Hufnagel, developer of the first artificial heart valve. The experimental programme could eventually lead to an animal heart bank. The doctors could draw on for a critically ill heart patient rather than have to wait for a suitable human donor. Dr. Hufnagel, who transplanted human heart tissue as early as 1948 and introduced the now commonplace artificial heart valve a few years later, believes the total artificial heart is the ultimate answer because it solves the problem of tissue rejection. However, he says, "medical research is probably closer to a permanent, successful transplant than to the total artificial heart." He added: "An artificial heart with an external power source should be available in the next few years, but a heart with a self-contained power source is farther in the future." Meantime, he reported, decorative but expensive research involving treating calf embryos still in their mothers' wombs with suppressive drugs and radiation to minimize or eliminate the rejection mechanism is the tendency of the organism to throw off transplanted tissue as foreign matter. In the five human-to-human heart transplants performed, there has been no opportunity to precondition the donated heart before implanting it to the recipient. Post-operative treatment to suppress the patient's rejection tendency has been employed, using radiation and anti-cancer drugs in combination or singly. Such treatment lowers the patient's ability to fight off disease, leaving him vulnerable to germs, bacteria and viruses, he would ordinarily throw off. Dr. Hufnagel said his research would concentrate on calves, and the younger the heart the better from the standpoint of further maintaining the immune response, the rejection problem," he said. Calves are also by nature less "antigenic" than humans, he said, and thus are other animals with hearts large enough for transplanting into humans.

CELL DISCOVERY OPENS NEW APPROACH TO DISEASE CONQUEST

By CHARLES R. SCHMIDT
U. S. researchers have found out something new about the living cell that opens an entirely new approach to the conquest of a host of diseases, including cancer. Two biochemists of Roswell Park Memorial Institute, working on a different problem, discovered the outer walls of cells carry RNA, the chemical "computer tape" that guides the destiny of the cell. More importantly, they found RNA may rub off on adjoining cells, changing them for good or bad. The finding is contrary to a central tenet of biology that says RNA is present only in the nucleus deep inside the cells. RNA is the messenger molecule that translates into action the genetic code as laid down by DNA, the master life molecule. The American Cancer Society has reported the discovery by Dr. Leonard Weiss, Director of the Institute's Department of Experimental Pathology, and an associate, Dr. Eric Mayhew.

THE SCIENTISTS SHOWED THE RNA IS SECRETED BEYOND THE CELL WALL TO GLASS SURFACES; THEY DID NOT KNOW RNA IS TRANSFERRED AMONG LIVING CELLS. HOWEVER, THE EVIDENCE IS THAT THIS DOES TAKE PLACE, THEY SAID.

THE SCIENTISTS WORKED WITH CELLS OF MAMMALS, NOT ALL THE CELLS HAD STORES OF RNA IN THEIR MEMBRANES.

The Cancer Society's comment on the significance of the finding said: "One may wonder whether cancer cells might be reformed into normal cells by being forced to take up normal RNA and whether a large number of cancer cells could be cured or controlled by exposing the sick cells to cells capable of transferring healthy RNA."

DO PARANORMAL CELLS TRANSMIT THEIR MEMBRANE RNA TO NORMAL CELLS IN CONTACT WITH THEM? CAN DISEASE SUCH AS LEUKEMIA?

Do cancer cells "infect" normal cells with malignant characteristics by rubbing off some of their malignant membrane RNA on them? Modern biochemistry theory holds the densely packed nucleus contains DNA and RNA, which controls the behaviour and function of the cell. The nucleus is thought of as a computer that directs and regulates the manufacture of specific proteins that form the bulk of the cell and make it what it is, be it a muscle cell, a liver cell or what have you.

MODERN CANCER THEORY, IN TURN, RESTS FIRMLY ON THE DNA-RNA CONCEPT. THE THEORY SAYS CANCER IS A DISRUPTION OF THE HEART OF THE CELL IN WHICH AN INVADER (VIRUS OR SOME OTHER AGENT) TAKES OVER THE NORMAL DNA AND STARTS THE PROCESS OF PRODUCING OFFSPRING CELLS WITH THE SAME DISRUPTED CHARACTERISTICS. ACCUMULATION OF THESE CELLS FORMS MALIGNANT GROWTH OR TUMORS.

THE NEW WORK HOLDS OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN RNA "RUBOFF" FROM THE WALLS OF ONE CELL TO ANOTHER IN THE RISE OF CANCER AND IN THE SPREAD OF CANCER THROUGH THE BODY.

THEY SAID THAT SOMEDAY RNA MAY BE USED AS A VECTORS TO TRANSMIT EVEN PREVENT IT.

MORE SHIPS THIS TIME?

The signs are that more ships will be diverted to Jaffna this season. Last year only two ships called at Jaffna during this season. This year already the second ship is being expected shortly - the "Kandhos" which will be diverted to Jaffna with 6,000 tons of flour. This information has been conveyed to the Government Agent, Jaffna, by the Food Commissioner.

THE JAFFNA SEASON LAST APRIL AND THE HARBOUR SERVICES UNION EXPECTS MORE SHIPS TO BE DIVERTED TO JAFFNA THIS TIME.

TAMILS' EDUCATIONAL WELFARE SOCIETY

A deputation from the Tamil Educational Welfare Society headed by Mr. S. J. V. Chelvanayakam, Q. C., M. P., met the Director of Education, Colombo Region Mr. E. P. M. Senanayake recently to protest against an attempt to discontinue the Tamil stream at Presbyterian Girls' School, Dabihwala and to apprise him of the difficulties experienced by Tamil children.

Associated with the Director of Education were the following Officials viz. Mr. V. Westwardena, Ch. E. O., Mr. V. Saratharajah, Ch. E. O., and Mr. T. Manickavasagam, C. E. O.

The members of the deputation were: Mr. S. Somsundaram, Mr. E. Rasiah, Mr. S. Nagarajah, Mrs. E. S. Wijayarajah, Mr. A. S. Nadarajah and Mr. S. Sivabramanian.

The deputation told the Director that the School authorities had been discouraging the growth of the Tamil stream and that was why the strength of the Tamil speaking children there was not impressive. It was illustrative of what was happening at other places.

Representations also were made regarding the Tamil stream at St. Clare's College, Kotlawerapura Tamil mixed School, Wellawatta Maha Vidyalaya, Girls' High School, Mt. Lavinia and other schools having Tamil streams and the need for laboratory facilities for Tamil girls to study Science subjects and Mathematics. The Director agreed to give due consideration to the representations.

TO ALL OUR SUBSCRIBERS

We regretfully announce to all our subscribers that our subscription rates have been increased to Rs. 15-00 per year for subscribers in Ceylon, and to Rs. 20-00 per year for those outside Ceylon. The new rates take effect on the 1st January, 1968.

We are forced to take this step for reasons well known to you. For more than ten years the subscription has remained static, while the cost of paper, printing and even postage has doubled or even trebled. We have borne this very heavy burden for too long and an increase in subscription is only one way out to meet the heavy expenditure involved.

Manager.

CHRISTIAN TEACHERS' GUID

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21, at 3 p. m., at the Trimmer Hall, Jaffna. After the meeting there will be a Special Service at St. Peter's Church, Jaffna.

Precacher: Mr. GLENN YOCUM, Wellawatta.

All Christian teachers are welcome!

For the Secretary, C. B. Bavinck.

CAMP FARTHEST OUT

Pastor Roland Brown and Marcia Brown will conduct a Camp Farthest Out at the Christa Seva Ashram from 4.00 p. m. on Wednesday Feb. 7th, till noon on Saturday 10th. For further details contact Rev. S. Selvaratnam at the Christa Seva Ashram.

ORDER NISI IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

Testamentary Jurisdiction. No. 2022.

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of Daniel Kathiravelu Perinpanayagam of Attchery North, Attchery.

Deceased. Josephine Narsaratnam Perinpanayagam, widow of Daniel Kathiravelu Perinpanayagam of Attchery North, Attchery. Petitioner.

This matter coming on for disposal before N. M. J. Balasingham Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna, on the 12th day of February 1967 in the presence of Mr. G. V. Balasingham, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated 12th day of February 1967 and the affidavit of the Notary and attesting witnesses dated 12th day of February 1967 and the Last Will and Testament dated 3rd November 1961 and attested by G. V. Balasingham under No. 1021 deposited in this Court having been read.

It is ordered that the above named Last Will No. 1021 dated 3rd November 1961 produced and now deposited in Court be and the same is hereby declared proved and the Petitioner as the Executor named in the said Last Will be and she is hereby declared entitled to have Probate issued to her accordingly on her payment of Estate Duty and taking Oath of Office.

The 19th day of February, 1967. Sgd. G. C. Niles, District Judge, Jaffna.

Drawn by G. V. Balasingham, Proctor for Petitioner.

The Jaffna season last April and the Harbour Services Union expects more ships to be diverted to Jaffna this time.

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