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FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

All subscribers are reminded about arrears due. Please settle all dues up to the end of 1967 and if possible the 1968 dues in advance. Please keep us informed of changes in address as and when they occur.
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Calendar of Events

April 29:
Navajeevanam's 9th Anniversary.
May 3:
Thanksgiving Service for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King at St. Peter's Church, Jaffna, at 6 p. m.

NAVAJEEVANAM ANNIVERSARY

The 9th anniversary of Navajeevanam is to be celebrated next Monday, the 29th inst. The celebrations will commence at 8 a. m. with a Thanksgiving and Communion Service. Sister Malar Chinniah will be the leader and the Rev. W. D. Niles will be the celebrant. It will be followed by a Public Meeting, at which the following are expected to speak: the Rev. Fr. S. Selvaratnam, Messrs. N. Sivapillayam and A. R. Kadir-gam. In the evening a Rice Meal will be declared open, followed by a Kathaprasangam by Mr. and Mrs. E. Anandisayagan.

Navajeevanam, a Rehabilitation Centre, started in 1959, has today developed into a very useful institution. It is growing and usefulness here, outpacing its nine years of existence. At the Centre there is a family of about 60 members, a mixed group of Christians, Catholics, Hindus and Buddhists, of Sinhalese, Tamil, Burghers and English. It is also set in a brochure published recently, to be a home for the homeless, an experiment in community living, a centre to demonstrate the dignity of labour, an opening for unemployed youth to earn their living, a place within society for the mentally retarded, an approved hostel for probationers, an experimental self-supporting industry, and a living Church participating fully in the life of the community around and of the community at large.

The following have been listed in this brochure as Navajeevanam's special needs:

- (1) The approach road to Navajeevanam from the main road needs to be metalled. When it rains the road gets boggy, as those of you who have been during the rainy season have doubtless seen. This stretch of road is about half a mile long.
- (2) The upstairs block started in 1963 still awaits completion.
- (3) We need an overhead water tank.
- (4) A transport vehicle for use in an emergency, for selling our produce, poultry, and dairy produce for the transport of the sick to hospitals some miles away or to the General Hospital and away, and for evangelistic work in the interior.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Thangalathan Swaminathan, the wife of the late Chandram S. Swaminathan of Navajo, was held at the Navy Church, (C. S. L.) on Thursday, the 18th inst., at 5 p. m. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. M. Sivapillayam (Savak) Sam, Alfred, conductor of the service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Donald Barlow and Mr. Lyman S. Kulasayagan paid a tribute to the life of the deceased lady. In the course of his tribute, Mr. Kulasayagan referred first to the spiritual influences Mrs. Swaminathan was blessed with. She was a devoted wife, mother and later by marriage to families of Navajo. Her influence was not merely in Navajo but also in other parts of the country. She was the youngest daughter of Mr. Payson Shimmyay. This country was well known in mercantile circles in Colombo. While working with Altkan Spence and Co., she was selected to go to London to get a fire-insurance built for service to the Navy. It was the Lady Langhain, which used to sail between Colombo and Kankesanural. Those days she was also fortunate to have had her education at the Bengali Girls' School, where she was selected to the first batch of English. It was while she was at that school that she became a convert to Christianity.

Mr. Kulathungam described Mrs. Swaminathan as essentially a good woman. He quoted a writer who has said: "There are those who have higher ambition for a Christian woman than to be a faithful wife and a happy and influential mother. It is the place which God has given woman, and she who feels it well is as honourable and honoured as the most illustrious man can be." Mrs. Swaminathan was such a Christian woman with the ambition to be a faithful wife and an influential mother. She was also a woman whose strength lay in quietness and confidence. She remained calm and unperturbed in all circumstances of life, even in the midst of great trouble. She was a woman of very deep faith in her Lord. Though it was not easy for her to remain faithful in her surroundings, she did cling to her Lord and Saviour till the last. This higher loyalty made her a woman of loyalty possible and inspiring to observe and now to recall. First there was her loyalty to her family and friends. She walked the path of rectitude and fellowship with what the poet Whitler called "love's unconsciousness". Then there was her loyalty to the Church. She gave expression to this loyalty in a practical manner. She was troubled about the inadequate stipend of our pastors and their difficulties and was moved to donate a sum of money to the Navy Church to be kept in reserve to be used to meet deficits in paying the workers or to meet some of the special needs. She had also expressed the wish, before her last illness, to be carried out by her children that they should increase this reserve fund by an amount equal to the one she had originally donated.

Mr. Kulathungam concluded that truly she was a faithful woman and that we ought to give glory to God for that.

WEDDING

The marriage was solemnized on Monday, the 22nd inst., at 4:30 p. m. at the C. S. L. Church, Navajo, of Mr. Ashley I. Somasunder, son of Mr. Somasunder, Somasunder of Battaramulla, and Miss Juliana Damayanthi Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lawrence of Lawton, Battaramulla. The Rev. L. N. Hitchcock, assisted by the Rev. J. M. Sivapillayam, an uncle of the bride, solemnized the marriage. The Rev. Mr. Hitchcock preached the homily.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Louisa Seevaratnam Devasagayam

The death occurred last Friday night, the 19th inst., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Selvadurai, at Vaddukodai of Louisa Seevaratnam Devasagayam, the wife of the late Mr. A. O. Devasagayam, Government Apothecary. The deceased was 59 years of age at the time of her death. She was the eldest daughter of the late Rev. E. D. Velupillai, of the Methodist Church of Ceylon. She had been working for a time at Railier in the Eastern Province and later went to India. There, while working among cholera patients, she caught cholera herself and died. She was the widow of the late Mr. L. P. Spencer, his brother-in-law, who was then studying in India, had Mrs. Velupillai and her three daughters sent back to Ceylon. The deceased lost her husband in 1921, and had to shoulder the responsibility of looking after her five children. Unflinchingly and sacrificially she looked after them. She was of a religious nature and was very keen on observing family prayers at her home. Since her husband's death she had been living with her only daughter, Louisa, the wife of the late Mr. J. A. Selvadurai, the staff of Jaffna College, Vaddukodai.

The funeral took place on the evening of Saturday, the 20th at 5 p. m. at the Navy Church, assisted by the Rev. S. Kathiraveedu and Mr. Lyman S. Kulasayagan, conducted the service at home. Mr. J. R. Layton paid a tribute to the life of the deceased and Rev. Mr. Hitchcock preached the sermon. The remains were then removed for interment at the cemetery of the Methodist Church, where the committal rites were performed by the Rev. Mr. Hitchcock, assisted by Mr. Kulasayagan. The deceased leaves behind Mr. Edward A. Devasagayam, retired Collector of the Outram, and Mrs. Devasagayam, Mr. Samuel J. Devasagayam, of Associates, Rubber Industries and Mrs. Devasagayam (sister and daughter-in-law), Mrs. J. A. Selvadurai (daughter), her sister, Margaret Nagalingam (daughter) and many grand children and a number of great grandchildren and a number of nephews and friends who will miss her.

17th Century Nun's Prayer

(Reproduced from 'Wholeness', of 1-2-1968, P. O. Box 197, Stratford, New Zealand.)

Lord, Thou knowest better than I do, that I am growing older and will some day be old.
Keep me from getting talkative, and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.
Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs.
Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.
Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point.
Seal my lips from my many aches and pains. They are increasing and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.
I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains. Help me to endure them with patience.
Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.
Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint. Some of them are hard to work with; but a sour old woman is one of the crowning works of the devil.
Help me to extract all possible fun out of life. There are so many funny things around us and I do not want to miss any of them. Amen.

W. C. C. OPENS MARTIN LUTHER KING MEMORIAL FUND

The World Council of Churches has invited national and regional councils of churches to make commitments to subscribe to six cents of the Mississippi Delta Ministry for reconciliation, rehabilitation, and relief as a memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King.
This action has been taken after the Danish Inter-Church Aid Committee spontaneously sent a special gift of \$5,000 to Geneva to support the work of the Mississippi Delta Ministry. It was at once followed by other donations.
As respected leaders as well as their influence in the life of their respective communities.
A preliminary indication of Ceylon's participation in the Congress is the membership of Mr. A. B. S. N. Palleysayagam, General Secretary of the National Christian Council of Ceylon, in the Congress Programme Committee.
Chosen leaders now involved in the preparations for the Congress are from Pakistan, India, Hong Kong, Singapore, Philippines, South Korea, Republic of China, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, Malaysia, Japan, South Vietnam and the United States of America.

PEACEFUL ATOM SOON MAY EASE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM

The peaceful atom may soon help ease the world's food problem, according to Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, Chairman of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, speaking to South Carolina and Georgia scientific organizations, Dr. Seaborg outlined ways in which the nuclear age "will ultimately fulfil the great promise it holds forth today, helping to bring us a better and brighter tomorrow." Dr. Seaborg said: "We tend to emphasize the production of more food, but most of us do not realize how much more food would be available if we could cut down on the loss of food already in production."
Radiotopes, Dr. Seaborg said, can help reduce the losses by decreasing the perishability of some foods, delaying the ripening of fruits and vegetables, killing pests and helping to breed healthier strains of livestock and crops. Using radiation machines to detect grain would be "extremely important" in terms of world production of cereal grains where 60 percent increase in losses would result in annual protein savings of one million tons—enough to feed nearly 40 million people, Dr. Seaborg pointed out.

ASIA-SOUTH PACIFIC CONGRESS ON EVANGELISM

Sixteen leaders from Ceylon are expected to participate in the Asia-South Pacific Congress on Evangelism being held at Singapore from November 5-13 this year. The venue will be the 1000-seat Conference Hall.
The Congress is sponsored by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and is expected to draw about 1000 leaders selected from South America, Africa, Asia and South Pacific. Dr. Billy Graham announced the holding of this Congress during his Tokyo Crusade last year.

Among the factors used as basis for the selection of the 1000-attendee conference was the following: Singapore Conference as a landmark in the development of a new industrial

centers—huge nuclear powered complexes that could turn coastal deserts into flourishing farm and factory regions. The nuclear complex could make fresh water and fertilizer from mineral rich ocean waters, Dr. Seaborg said, so that "food production might be increased to the extent that we could feed many more millions of people an adequate diet."

Turning to medicine, Dr. Seaborg noted that in the United States three to four million people each year have illnesses diagnosed and treated by radioisotopes. "It has been demonstrated that bone for transplant in animals and humans, if properly sterilized by radiation, can be stored at room temperature for long periods," Dr. Seaborg said. "This has made possible a "bone bank" in two of these are already in use in Poland and Austria."

A longer range project under development, he said, is an entire artificial heart powered by a radioisotope. This man-made surgical implant device would fully replace the human heart.
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GOING ON FURLOUGH

The Rev. Donald Barlow, Minister in charge of the St. Peter's Church, Jaffna, leaves Jaffna on the 5th of May on furlough to England. He conducts his final services of Holy Communion at St. Peter's both in the morning at 6 and in the evening at 8 on Sunday, the 6th May. After attending Holy Communion Service the next morning at the Ashram, he returns by air from Jaffna to Colombo and flies to the United Kingdom from Colombo on the 8th via Bombay and Rome. He expects to return to Jaffna in February of 1969.

U. S. CITY OBSERVES "CEYLON WEEK"

New Orleans is honouring Ceylon with a "Ceylon Week" celebration. The celebration coincides with the observance of its 250th anniversary.
Ceylon's Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Oliver Weerasinghe, and Mrs. Weerasinghe came from Washington to join in the festivities. They were officially welcomed by New Orleans Mayor, Victor H. Schiro.
"We are particularly honoured and pleased," Mayor Schiro said, "to have the distinguished Ambassador from Ceylon and his wife visit New Orleans during our 250th anniversary year. We have enjoyed mutually beneficial trade relations with Ceylon for many years, and we certainly hope to maintain and strengthen this amicable relationship between the citizens of New Orleans and the Ceylonese people."
Ambassador Weerasinghe, in thanking the citizens of New Orleans for the honour bestowed on his country, said Ceylon was interested in fostering a further exchange of goods between his country and Louisiana.
Ambassador and Mrs. Weerasinghe participated in a variety of activities most of which centered around trade talks with executive's of the city's International House, which plans a trade mission to Ceylon in March, 1969.
The Ceylonese Ambassador noted that Ceylon has "a wide range of industries open to private enterprise," particularly tea, fisheries, spices and precious and semi-precious stones.
Trade discussions with International House Manager, Mr. Weerasinghe suggested that among prospective business ventures for American investors in the building of hotels in partnership with Ceylonese interests to help serve Ceylon's tourist business.
During one of the many International House gatherings, Ambassador Weerasinghe was presented a plaque by International House's President E. M. Rowley in recognition of his "outstanding contributions to international understanding."
"One of the highlights of 'Ceylon Week' was the Ambassador's opening of an art exhibit in the International House Lobby. It featured 20 paintings by 17-year-old Senaka Senanayake, a veteran artist and sculptor with some 60 sculptures to his credit."
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DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS RETURNED IN BURMA AND GHANA

According to reports we have seen, both in Burma and Ghana the Government has decided to give back the denominational schools, which they had taken over earlier to their former owners. It would be remembered that Burma nationalised schools two and a half years ago and Ghana about a year back.

FROM FAR AND NEAR LOW COST RICE SUBSTITUTE DEVELOPED IN U. S.

Foreign students at the University of Michigan have tasted and put their stamp of approval on a new rice substitute designed to supplement the diets of people in underdeveloped countries. The substitute, known as Batina, was developed by Professor Lloyd B. Brownell of the University's Department of Chemical Engineering.
Professor Brownell says Batina seed, which closely resembles rice, is made of cereal flours, toasted legumes, flour, wheat germ, dehydrated yeast and vitamin and mineral supplements. Students at Michigan International Centre have prepared dishes from their native lands, using Batina seed as a rice substitute. They found that it can be cooked like rice and they agreed that the flavour was acceptable.
Professor Brownell believes the new food "should be a great boon to solving malnutrition in the tropics. The seed was developed from experiments designed to produce a rice substitute that could be produced from local foods at low cost.
Batina seed is made in a high-speed press, similar to a macaroni machine. It cooks in about ten minutes and costs about the same as rice.
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JAFFNA CHRISTIAN UNION
A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING for the LIFE AND WITNESS of THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING at St. Peter's Church, Jaffna, on Friday, 3rd May, 1968, at 5 p. m. ALL ARE ASKED TO COME.

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