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**Calendar of Events**

- August 7: Jaffna Christian Union Fellowship, Dr. P. A. Niles, Trimmer Hall, Jaffna, 5 p.m.
- August 8: Annual Youth Rally of the J. D., C. S. I., at Trimmer Hall, Jaffna.
- August 13-15: Convention - Fort Oburch, Jaffna.
- August 15: Christian Union's 60th Anniversary, Fort Church, Jaffna, 3-30 p.m.

**FATHER LONG'S PORTRAIT IN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Last Wednesday, the 31st July, at 5 p.m. a portrait of the late Rev. Father T. M. F. Long, Rector of St. Patrick's College, Jaffna, was unveiled by Senator M. Thiruchelvam, the Minister of Local Administration, in the Jaffna Public Library. Mr. V. Thangavelu, the Acting Municipal Commissioner of Jaffna, presided over the function, and invited the Minister to perform the unveiling ceremony. In the course of his address, Mr. Thangavelu paid a tribute to Father Long for his excellent service he had rendered the people of Jaffna for over 40 years. He said that he had come from a foreign country but he soon made Ceylon his mother country and identified himself fully with our people. His primary service was to St. Patrick's College, which he helped to raise to very high standards. In this and other ways he rendered a great contribution to the cause of education in this country. The people of Jaffna, Mr. Thangavelu stressed, are greatly indebted to Father Long for his labours in fostering the cause of the Public Library. He was foremost among the workers in this cause. A Vice-President of the Committee originally appointed for bringing the Library Scheme to fruition, Father Long was responsible for collecting money from America, Canada and England. Later through a Circular he was able to raise a sum of Rs. 65,000. At the present time the Library has the support of the people. There remains some work unfinished in the new building. Another building is a part of the scheme. Money is also required for buying books. Therefore, the best manner in which our people can show their appreciation of Father Long's services is to help in a concrete way the Library which was so close to his heart. Mr. Thangavelu concluded.

The Hon. Mr. Thiruchelvam, in unveiling the portrait, expressed happiness at being able to take part in this function which was to honour a man, who had served the people of Jaffna in several capacities. Though a Christian, Father Long had worked for the welfare of all communities. The Minister said that it was but right and proper that such a man should be honoured in this manner. He kept alive. He then referred to two pressing problems facing the Tamil Society. First, there was the problem of temple entry for the Hindus. It was a problem facing not only the Government, nor the politicians, nor the Christians, but the Hindus. It was of some significance that the Peking Radio recently broadcast news of the temple entry campaign. Whatever political tilt might have been given to the question, it still remained a pressing one to be solved without undue delay by the Hindus. In India temples were all open to the Hindus, and so in Ceylon and East Ceylon, N.R.H. Jaffna was the only place where a section of the people were denied facilities to worship God in the temple. The Federal Party, of which he was a member, was determined to work tirelessly for the removal of such differences. He appealed to the Hindu community to do their part towards helping to solve this long-standing problem.

Secondly, Mr. Thiruchelvam referred to the urgent need of a University for the Tamils. He appealed for the support and help of all Tamil people. In taking any differences of class, caste or religion, they should all strive for a University, which was so essential for the development of the language and culture of the Tamil people.

Mr. Thiruchelvam assured that a proper Housing Scheme would soon be a reality.



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 The Manager, The Morning Star - A. Kadrigamar, Esq., College Lane, Vaddukoddai.

Mr. R. Paeklinathan, the Librarian of the Public Library, proposed a Vote of Thanks. The meeting was followed by a Tea.

The portrait was a gift of the Old Boys' Association of St. Patrick's College to the Library.

**APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD**

Mr. Paul C. Lewis of 105/3 Horton Place, Colombo 7, has been appointed to the Board of Examiners (Ceylon) Ltd., as Financial Director. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Subramaniam Lewis.

**NETBALL CHAMPIONS**

Udell Girls' College Junior Netball Team emerged as Champions in the finals of the Jaffna District Netball Competition held by the Education Department. The Scorpions came the Runners-up to Ilavaiyal Covert Netball Team.

**A NEW VILLAGE COMMITTEE**

The Araly Village Committee has been newly created. Up to now the villages in Araly were a part of the Vaddukoddai Village Committee. The new Committee will consist of 13 wards.

**Chundikuli Girls' College**

The annual College Day celebrations of the Chundikuli Girls' College, Jaffna, took place on Wednesday, the 31st July, commencing at 5.30 p.m. with Dr. George Thambayappilly, Professor of Geography, University of Ceylon, Peradeniya, and Mr. Thambayappilly as the Chief Guests. The celebrations commenced with the College Hymn, followed by prayer by the Rev. W. R. Coomarasamy.

Then a programme of entertainment followed. Interesting and well-executed items were contributed by various sections of the College - songs, dances, instrumental music, recitation and sport, in both English and Sinhala. They all reached the high standard usually associated with this school, and won the appreciation of the large audience assembled in the spacious open air grounds.

The Ven. J. A. R. Navaratnam, the Archbishop of Jaffna, presided over the Prize-giving which followed. The Principal, Mrs. G. E. S. Chelliah, read the annual report, and Mr. George Thambayappilly distributed the prizes. The Prize Day address was then delivered by Professor George Thambayappilly, Mr. J. Navaratnam, a member of the staff of the College, proposed the Vote of Thanks, which was seconded by Miss Pamathy Varniasigan, the Head Girl. The very pleasant function came to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

**Principal's Report**

The report recorded the story of the College's activities and progress during the year under review. It was a good year for the school, full of successes in studies and sports.

The Principal made a special reference to the achievements of three of the Old Girls of the College, "who have ventured into fields considered hitherto to be meant exclusively for men. Misses Gunambika Kanakasay and Krumukambika Ponnampilly were both successful at the last C. A. S. Examination. Miss Sita Muthulingam has secured her Master's degree in Plant Breeding and Genetics at the West Pakistan Agricultural University, Lyallpur."

The following are extracts from the report:

**Finance:**

The increasing cost of living has raised the salary bill. The introducing of new subjects has necessitated additional expenditure. The whole cost of running the school has increased. Beside the current expense, we need funds to improve and expand the playground. We require better buildings, more and better equipment, Audio-Visual Teaching Aids, etc. We have to secure such funds because it is good for us to know what we want. Only then we may get them some day. And we may have benefited so much from the school cannot better show thankfulness for all that the school has stood for in the past than by providing for its continuance under even better conditions in the future.

**Teaching of English:**

The introduction of the Swabasha medium has brought about a

deterioration in the standards of English. The Ministry of Education and the Training College are from time to time inventing new techniques for teaching English as a second language, but standards keep slipping because neither the pupil anxious to learn English nor the teacher to teach it. The saying that the community gets the education it deserves is true in this context. We muddle along without knowing what we actually want. We clamour for our children Science and more Science and nothing but Science. But we want our children to learn Science we cannot afford to be indifferent to the study of English, because contact with the latest developments in Science and technology has to be through English. The Swabasha medium has its own limitations. It is a fraction of the time our pupils spend with private tutors who are expected to brush up their Science could be devoted to special coaching in English, it would prove fruitful.

**Conclusion:**

Some years ago, people were clamouring for girls to have the same academic education as their brothers. As a result the girls of today has varying and growing demands made on her and we see that there is an ever increasing struggle for entrance. She is driven by the circumstances in which she is placed to shape her life as though she was meant to be the Bread Winner of many replace men one day. Now that the G. O. E. (A. L.) examination has become a bottle-neck restricting the opportunity of a University education, we ask ourselves what sort of education we want for our girls. Do we want our girls to be doing what mere men do or do we want also to fit them to be more ideal wives and mothers than their grandmothers were?

**Prize - Day Address**

Prof. Thambayappilly, in the course of his address, expressed joy at being able to take part in this celebration. His mother and his wife were both Old Girls of the College and his father-in-law, the late Mr. S. J. Gnanaseeram, was a much respected figure in Jaffna. He then congratulated the College on the progress it was making. The report of the Principal showed how it outshone several educational institutions in studies, sports and other extra-curricular activities. Its Old Girls' contribution to their credit notable achievements in the Ceylon University and elsewhere.

Dr. Thambayappilly said that, in spite of the Education Minister's condemnation of University. Does, they could feel that their girls were safe in the University. New courses of studies for girls like Nursing and Nutrition were being introduced into the curriculum. Other fields than Science and Medicine were being made available. Referring to student discipline in the University, he reminded that the fall in standards in a number of countries of the world. This fall had been accredited chiefly to the frustration created in the youth by the lack of employment opportunities. Though he admitted that school could play an important part in inculcating a sense of social responsibility in the minds of their students while they were very young. He was always grateful to his school, a private college, for creating this sense in him. His teachers were all his friends, interested in and concerned about him and that was what made his student days at the College.

Dr. Thambayappilly said it was wrong to think there was discrimination against the students in the University. The appointments to the staff were made strictly on merit and not on a basis of students to the various Faculties. Several Tamil students were today holding positions of leadership and responsibility in the life of the University community. And there was a marked unity between the Sinhalese and Tamil students. He exhorted his school to create in their students a sense of nationhood, and not one of minority communalism.

Dr. Thambayappilly concluded his address with an emphasis on the fact that they had all to remember that all knowledge comes from God and that they were entrusted with responsibility. God Himself. "In this 150th anniversary of the Church Mission Society, let us remember the spirit of our founders and emulate it for the benefit of our people."

**An Appreciation**  
**Mr. W. P. A. COOKE**

W. P. A. Cooke and his family have been my friends since 1937 when I worked in Batticaloa.

During the last 9½ years Mr. Cooke has been a friend of Navajeevanam, paying us visits almost monthly until his ill-health prevented him. He was so much at home with us that he even had some note paper printed with a Navajeevanam address on it. He loved to sit and talk, and encourage talking so that he could listen, but he was anxious that he should not take our time if there was work to be done.

His generosity abounded, and one large building that he "roofed" will ever remind us of his visits to us and his loving concern for us.

Most of all, our friend liked to join us in our Family Prayers, and he used to bring those who were sick or in trouble and ask us to pray for them.

We give thanks to God for our friend, and rejoice with him that he is in the Presence of his Lord.

ELIZABETH BAKER  
 With me would associate  
 Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Thambayappilly, Brother Jesuthasan, and Boys of Navajeevanam.

**YOUTH COLUMN**

My dear Youngsters,

Once again your holidays are here. Those of you who have been boarders will go home to eat some of your mother's nice food. All of us have some particular favourite food we look forward to eating when we are back home.

When I was away for a few years in other countries, I used to long for a nice, home made, rich cake. When Christmas came, I was given the Christmas cake but it never tasted the same as the one made at home. Even in rich affluent America or good old England (from where I am sure our recipe came), not anywhere did I get the rich cake I longed for. When a few of my English friends tasted the cake sent to me from Ceylon, they were full of appreciation for its richness but admitted that they could not afford to make it so rich nowadays.

I returned to Ceylon and once more in real anticipation waited for the lovely cake. But alas! - when I tasted it, I was disappointed beyond words. It did not have that lovely rich delicious flavour. Then I found out that due to various reasons many of the ingredients used for it were now not available in Ceylon. So everybody had started using substitutes. In fact, most of the original ingredients were replaced by substitutes. Yes, we did have a cake for Christmas, but it had lost

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life".  
 Prov. 4: 23.  
 Yours sincerely,  
 PETER RABBIT.  
 C/o the Editor, "The Morning Star", Vaddukoddai.

**THE JAFFNA CHRISTIAN UNION INVITES YOU TO**

**A PUBLIC MEETING**  
 on  
**Wednesday, the 7th August, 1968, at 5 p.m.**

in  
**TRIMMER HALL, JAFFNA,**  
 TO FELICITATE

**Rev. Dr. D. T. Niles**  
 on his election as one of the Presidents of the World Council of Churches,

**Dr. Niles**

will also make a report of the proceedings of the Uppsala Assembly of the World Council of Churches.

S. Sellathurai, J. C. Handy, Secretary, President.

Jaffna Christian Union, Christa Sava Ashram, Chunnakam.

is full richness and was only second best.

In the world too I think the Christian life lived according to Christ's recipe would be rich and delicious and be appreciated by all, wherever they are. Christ has given us a recipe for our lives. But we humans are always finding substitutes for one or the other basic requirements of Christ and, therefore, our Christian lives, as we live them, are only second best. He has asked us to strive to be perfect. He knows our weaknesses and has promised His help to overcome any weakness. Instead of letting any small weakness grow into a big one, let us go down on our knees and ask God to guide each one of us in our lives - that He dwell in our hearts and right every wrong. We are tempted to do by His constant presence with us. Whatever the temptation, be it ever so small, if you think Christ would not approve of it, don't give in. Make your decisions by asking yourself what Christ would do if he was in your place and do the same.

During the holidays you'll have plenty of time. Do spend more time on your Bible study and meditation so that you understand what the real elements of the Christian life should be. Once you understand that, then you yourself will be able to recognise the substitution in the lives of those around you. You'll be able to learn from the mistakes of others around you, compare it with what Christ wants and thereby mould your character with wisdom and understanding.

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Yours sincerely,  
 PETER RABBIT.

C/o the Editor, "The Morning Star", Vaddukoddai.

**Annual C. S. I. Youth Rally**

on  
**Thursday, 8th August, 1968,**  
 at  
**TRIMMER HALL, JAFFNA.**

Theme:  
**'God's Call - Our Response'**

**Programme:**  
 8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 Address: Rev. S. T. Asercvatham  
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
 Rev. S. S. Arulambalam

10:00 - 12:00 noon Workshops on:  
 Art  
 Drama  
 Music and Literature

12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Lunch - Rest  
 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Youth Forum  
 4:30 p.m. Tea

5:00 p.m. Dedication Service

Address: D. S. Ambalavanar, Esq.

A Canteen run by the Eariatal North Youth League will be open in the premises all day.

Dr. (Mrs.) I. C. Sethurajan, (Convener), McLeod Hospital, Inuvil.

Mrs. S. T. Asercvatham, (Director), Parsonage, Toltippal.

**IN MEMORIAM**



**IN LOVING MEMORY**  
 of  
**MERCY**  
 (Mrs. Wadsworth Wijayaratham)  
 At rest 2nd August, 1967.

Lord, my loved ones are near me, I know that they live in the shadow.  
 But in you, Lord, I hear them calling me.  
 I see them beckoning to me, I hear them giving me advice, For they are now more vividly present.  
 Before, our bodies touched but not our souls.  
 Now I meet them when I meet you, I receive them when I receive you, I love them when I love you.

Affectionately remembered by her husband and other loved ones.

**IN MEMORIAM**



**IN LOVING MEMORY**  
 of  
**Giles Kularatnam Ganakendran Sundrampillai**  
 Died on: 2nd August, 1967.

"Father, to Thee we look in all our sorrow,  
 Thou art the fountain whence our healing flows;  
 Dark though the night, joy cometh with the morning;  
 Safely they rest who in Thy love repose".

Inserted by his parents, wife, brother and sisters, - Araly and Colombo.

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