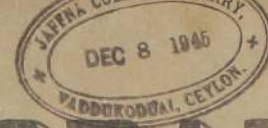


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Notice
 Please send all editorial correspondence as well as all business matters to Tellippalai. This will ensure prompt attention.

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NEWS

LOCAL

Amended Train Service

Certain amendments to the existing train service are to be introduced from Monday. The changes will be brought into operation in such a way that the existing train service will be left almost unaltered while at the same time extensions will be provided for them and additional trains added. The chief amendment in the Jaffna Line is that a train will leave Pallai at 6.20 a. m. preceding the up-mail train from Colombo.

While the drafting of the amended train service was completed the Railway authorities were relieved to hear of the arrival in Colombo of five new locomotives.

Ramanathan Memorial Lecture

The above lecture will be delivered tomorrow at 6.30 p. m. by Dr. W. Ivor Jennings, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ceylon, at Parameswara College. The lecture is open to the public.

Rice Shortage in Malaya

A severe cut in the rice ration in Malaya—probably by half—is expected shortly in view of the world shortage. Malaya depends principally on Burma and Siam for rice imports. Burma which before the war exported three million tons per annum is today estimated to have available an exportable surplus of about 76,000 tons.

In Siam the latest information is that there will be no exportable surplus in 1946.

The price of black market rice in Singapore jumped up 50 per cent in some areas. Rice has disappeared and the authorities are apparently unable to corner the 'uncontrolled' stocks. Other foods have also moved up in price.

Plane Crash at Kadduvan

A four engine Liberator belonging to the R. A. F. caught flames and crashed into a palm-yrab grove at Kadduvan, a village about two miles away from Tellippalai. About twenty three Palm-yrab trees were destroyed and six out of the eight passengers died on the spot. A house situated in the grove had a narrow escape. There were no civilian casualties.

The Christian Message in our World.

The above is the theme of a series of lectures which commenced on Thursday at the Matthew Hall, Kollupitiya. They are conducted by Rev. T. G. Platten, Principal, Christian College, Madras and Dr. M. S. Adieshiah, Professor of Economics at Christian College. The lectures will be conducted till Dec. 12.

Conference of Vice-Chancellors

A Conference of Vice-Chancellors of the Universities of India, Burma and Ceylon will be held this month at the Ceylon University and will be attended by 23 Vice-Chancellors of the Universities of India and Burma.

MALAYAN NEWS

Mr. S. Ramachandran, who went to Malaya in September as a legal officer attached to the British Military Administration has just returned to the island having relinquished his post. He contradicts the statement that all Ceylonese war collaborators in that country had been released mainly through the efforts of Mr. Rajasingham.

He said that a number of Ceylonese had been released for want of evidence but a large number were still in detention. Some had been released on parole. He urged the immediate recall of the Ceylon Government representatives and the appointment of a man who knows the country, the language and the people to watch the interests of Ceylonese in Malaya.

To distribute one lakh of rupees among the Ceylonese these representatives, he said, would have to spend at least about Rs. 100,000 on

their own maintenance. The relief money he felt could be better distributed if it was entrusted to the Malayan Relief Committee established by the British Military Administration or to some person in Malaya.

The immediate requirements of the Ceylonese were food, clothing and medical supplies.

Bible Society Appeal for Special Prayer on Dec. 9

The President and Secretary of the Bible Society of India and Ceylon, along with all Indian Auxiliary Presidents and Secretaries earnestly invite fellow Christians throughout India and Ceylon to join in prayer with Christians the world over, on the second Sunday in advent, December 9th, 1945, for the work of the Bible Society. They state in their printed message: Our rejoicing at the ending of the war is tempered by the knowledge of how much remains to be done before the nations walk together in the paths of peace. Not can we forget the staggering possibilities, whether for good or for evil, of the latest device of man brought into action in the closing days of the war against Japan.

Obituary

Annam, widow of Mr. Nallamuthu Hensun, passed away peacefully on Sunday the 18th November, after a brief illness. The funeral took place the following evening at the General Cemetery, Kanatte, the cortege leaving her residence, No. 9 Clifford Road, Colpetty, at 4.30 p. m.

She was the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. V. Veerasingham of Sandilipay, Chankanal.

Personal

Mr. K. Alvapillai, Director of Food Supplies, has left for India on a business tour of South Indian Centres on behalf of the Department of Food Supplies. He will be away for two weeks.

—Mr. S. Mahadeva, First Assistant Director of Public Works, has been appointed Director to succeed Mr. C. A. Bradley who retires on the 15th inst.

—Mr. C. A. Balasingham of the Medical Superintendent's Office, Jaffna has been transferred to Anuradhapura and has already assumed duties.

INDIAN

—The Executive Committee of the National Christian Council which met at Nagpur recently decided to request Dr. Manikam to attend the International Missionary Conference Ad-Interim Committee Meeting to be held at Geneva in February 1946. He is being requested to visit also the Southern countries of Europe and then go to Britain for consultation with the British Conference of Missionary Societies and return to India in time for the next meeting of the N. C. C. in April. It is anticipated that he will leave for Geneva by air.

Christmas Service

A Christmas Service woven around the theme, "Christmas after Easter" will be conducted in the Uduvil Church on the 8th of December at 6.00 p. m. by the Uduvil Girls' English School.

All are cordially invited. Please keep the date free.

NOTICE

Issue of Extra Wheat

It is now decided to extend the issue of an extra measure of whole wheat per week on each ration book or token card irrespective of class till the end of this year.

E. Goonaratne,
 for Deputy Food Controller,
 Jaffna

The Kachechhari,
 Jaffna, Nov 23, 1945
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PRIZE DAY

AT
JAFFNA CENTRAL COLLEGE
 on Tuesday 18th December
 at 5.30 p. m.

Sir Waittialingam Duraiswamy will preside.

Parents, Old Boys and Friends are kindly requested to keep the date free.

J. C. Charles,
 Acting Principal,

Jaffna Central College,
 Jaffna, 4-12-45.

INTERNAL PURCHASE SCHEME

Kalabokam 1945-46—Jaffna District

All producers resident in the Jaffna District who receive paddy from more than one Chief Headman's Division are hereby requested to furnish the information required on form I. P. S. 4. Copies of which are available with the Chief Headmen of the respective divisions or at this office. The completed I. P. S. Form 4 should be forwarded to this office.

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E. Goonaratne,
 Asst. Govt. Agent,
 Jaffna, 27th Nov, 1945. (Emergency)

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Friday, December 7, 1945

NEW ENTRANT TEACHERS

The epithet "New Entrant" as applied to teachers came into vogue as early as 1933 to denote a class of people who were subject to a sixteen and two-third per cent cut in their salary in view of their joining the profession at a time of depression and retrenchment. Though hard-hit, the teachers concerned accepted the Government decision in good spirit as they felt that they too should take a share in helping the Government to tide over the difficult period that was ahead. But it is a matter for stock joke (stock jokes are often at the expense of pedagogues) that twelve long years have passed by and the epithet still remains unaltered and worse still the sixteen and two-third per cent cut still continues. During the last twelve years, our little island has passed through various vicissitudes of fortune. The period of depression was followed by a period of boom; salary cuts in many Departments were not only restored but in many cases increases were effected; A new Education Scheme was passed by the State Council. Despite all these far-reaching changes, the New Entrant teacher, following the example of the old brook immortalised by Tennyson, still goes on or rather plods on, branded with an epithet of dubious significance and with a levy on his salary which, like the old clock of Grandchester, (which always remained at ten to three) still remains at sixteen and two-third percent, after more than a decade of political, social and economic changes in the island.

We are afraid that of late the Department of Education, by being, naturally, pre-occupied with matters affecting the shaping of educational policy in this country, has been somewhat oblivious of some of the anomalies of the Teaching Profession, which, perhaps, by too frequent emphasis have become stale in the eyes of the powers-that-be. But at the same time it cannot be too much stressed that these very anomalies, if not remedied in time, may very well prove to be spokes in the wheel of the New Scheme which has already been launched by the Department. No doubt, the question of teachers' salaries has been and is under discussion. But the logical step to be taken first is to restore all "cuts" that have been levied under emergency or exceptional circumstances which do not exist any more. Any consideration of salary scales of future entrants to the profession without first restoring the scales of those who have been for twelve long years the victims of a levy, is to the say the least very unfair to a section of teachers who have been merely tolerating a situation in the hope of seeing a brighter day. We hope that the Department of Education will attend to this anomaly immediately and remedy an injustice which has already been overlooked long enough to be tolerated any further.

Apart from all financial considerations, common sense demands that this epithet "New Entrant" applied to teachers who joined the profession twelve years ago is a misfit and should be done away with immediately, in view of the country having already adopted a new scheme. It stands little to reason that a teacher with a service of twelve years (a big slice off life's short span) should be regarded as a New

Entrant especially when a New Scheme is operated and should be victimised for being born a few years later or having entered the profession a few years later than his colleagues of the same qualification who draw salaries much higher than him. It may be of interest to note that the difference in the maximum salary of a new entrant graduate and an old entrant graduate is a sum of Rs. 45. No wonder many young men with good qualifications keep the teaching profession as their last resort for fear of being branded with an epithet which besides its dubious connotation involves a salary cut which is as unreasonable as it is ignominious. Parity of status within the teaching profession should first be secured before we can aim at parity of status with other professions. Equality of opportunity which is the key note of the New Scheme is meaningless unless and until an equality of status is achieved within the teaching profession.

CEYLON ENVOY IN MALAYA

The purpose of his visit to Malaya was explained to a large gathering of Ceylonese at the Kuala Lumpur Town Hall by Mr. V. Coomaraswamy, Chief Ceylon Government Representative in Malaya. He said inter alia:

"I have come here as a special representative sent by the Government and people of Ceylon to bring greetings to the Ceylonese in Malaya. We heard conflicting reports of your economic position. A. I. Rajasingam, Deputy Representative who had come ahead of me, has done a good deal of spade work and has made my work easier for which I am grateful to him.

One of my main functions is to report on the general economic condition of the Ceylonese in Malaya and to provide immediate relief for those who are in acute distress until these are in a position to be rehabilitated.

I have also been asked to look into the question of arrests and detention of the Ceylonese on charges of alleged collaboration with the Japanese. This has caused great concern to the people of Ceylon. I have already contacted the proper authorities on the subject and my endeavour is to put things in the proper perspective and see that justice is done to my people.

Passages to Ceylon

Since my arrival here a large number of Ceylonese have pressed on me the question of passages to Ceylon to restore their family ties and to recuperate from the mental strain undergone under the Japanese regime. As these are important factors I recognise the necessity for a holiday and change. Government here is very sympathetic but, as you know, at the present time, due to shortage of shipping, it is not an easy matter to get passages. I assure you of doing everything possible in this connection.

With regard to Government servants and their wives and children, the grant of passages is to be considered with grant of leave. This can only be granted according to the exigencies of the services they perform. Government has assured me that it will take my representations into consideration and endeavour to arrange for passage and leave at the earliest possible date.

With regard to non-government servants and their wives and children, it has been proposed that the priority lists of those wishing to go to Ceylon should be prepared in each state by unofficial committees of Ceylonese. When these lists are completed the authorities will do their best to arrange for their return, subject to consideration of certain principles of priority.

There are, of course, other questions like the need for facilities in Ceylon for the educational handicaps suffered by students during the last four years. Then there is the compensation for property lost during the war. I am visiting the various parts of Malaya to form a comprehensive idea of the special problems that affect the Ceylonese in Malaya. —Malaya Tribune.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE S. I. U. C. FOREIGN MISSION

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your Editorial in the last number of the M. Star, commending my appeal to your readers on behalf of the S. I. U. C. Foreign Mission. One sentence in the article, however, may be misunderstood by the casual reader. You say, "Before we can respond to the invitation of the S. I. U. C. to take a share in the Foreign Mission enterprise, we have lot of spade work to do at home". Evidently you refer to the sending of missionary personnel from Jaffna and not to the sending of the urgently needed financial contributions in support of Missionaries now going. Otherwise there would be no meaning in your giving the hospitality of your columns to my open letter or in your editorially commending it to your readers.

I am writing this to correct such a possible misunderstanding of your words. Indeed, seeing us giving for this enterprise gladly and generously will be a splendid example to the rising generation and will go a great way in helping them to grow up missionary-minded. Our youngsters have an embarrassing way of ignoring all our fine, lovely talks to them and of forming their judgments as to what is best, from what we do. If they find us grudging to part with a little money now for Missionary work, no amount of talking will inspire them later on to dedicate their whole lives to the Missionary enterprise or to contribute substantially towards the support of their friends who may venture into the foreign fields.

Green Hospital, Yours truly,
Maipalay, 4-12-45. C. T. Chelliah.

[We are sorry that we should have been misunderstood. Our emphasis was more on the training of personnel for Foreign Missionary Enterprise than on the financial implications of the Scheme, because we felt that the latter was sufficiently stressed in Dr. Chelliah's "open letter". We, however, agree with the correspondent that it is by what we do rather than by what we talk that we can set an example to the rising generation. The financial support that we give to the Scheme is therefore in a sense part of the "spade work" that we have to do "at home." Ed.]

Dear Sir,

I have again heard from Dr. H. B. Amstutz, Acting Methodist Bishop in Singapore under date November, 10th, in acknowledgement of the second draft I sent to him through the Bank of Ceylon for Rs. 1075. In view of the conflicting reports received in Ceylon recently from different sources I give below one extract from his letter which throws some light on the present situation in Malaya.

"The situation in Malaya is very difficult. At first, the Administration repudiated the Japanese currency so that the majority of the people were rendered penniless overnight. This caused acute suffering for some time, as almost everybody had considerable amounts of the Japanese paper, or, as we call it, "banana money". Following that, there has an ever-mounting increased cost of living. For some reason, the authorities have been unable to bring in any considerable amounts of food or any other supplies with the natural consequence that the providers of the necessities of life here are making what profit they possibly can. When peace first came, eggs were selling at practically their pre-war price of 5 cents each. Today they are 40 cents each. A kat of cabbage costs S. 0.16, a kat of small tiny tomatoes cost S. 16. Rice is the only thing that is sold through Government control, and sold at a reasonable price, namely, 10 cents last month and 8 cents this month, per kat. Otherwise, people would find it impossible to live. Unfortunately, there are already disturbances in the country, due to the severe economic pressure. It is with deep gratitude that we accept your gifts, and please convey our thanks to your people and especially to the boys and girls in your schools".

Yours faithfully,
JAMES S. MATHER.

Vembadi, Jaffna
17th. November, 1945.

THE JAFFNA URBAN COUNCIL.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR TENDERS

Schedule of rates are hereby invited from registered Contractors for all works in connection with the construction of Maternity Home at Reclamation grounds.

2. The whole of the works to be undertaken on agreements to be entered into by the Chairman, Urban Council, Jaffna, and the Contractor, on the basis of accepted tendered schedule of rates.

3. The drawings, specification, bill of quantities and form of agreements can be seen and all other information obtained from the Office of the Inspector of Works, U. C. Jaffna, any week day between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4-30 p. m., (Saturdays 9 a. m. and 1-30 p. m.)

4. Schedule of rates must be submitted in duplicate on forms obtained from the Inspector of Works, U. C. Jaffna, duly signed and dated and forwarded in securely sealed envelopes addressed to the Chairman, Urban Council, Jaffna, endorsed on the outside "Schedule of Rates" for constructing Maternity Home at Reclamation grounds so as to reach this office on or before 12 noon Tuesday the 20th December 1945. Schedule forms will be issued on a deposit of Rs. 50 and such deposit will be refunded on the successful tenderer entering into agreement.

5. Any alterations made in the quotations should bear the initials of the Tenderer, and all quotations containing alterations not so initialled will be treated as informal and rejected.

6. Any extra item of work done under this contract to be paid for at tendered rates or at rates approved by the Chairman.

7. The Council reserves to itself the right to supply the contractor with any materials, including any imported articles which may be necessary for the execution of the work included in any agreement and cost of it to be deducted from the Contractor's dues.

8. No contract shall be entered into with any person whose name is on the list of Crown or Council defaulting contractors, either individually or jointly with any other person, nor shall the contractor employ any person whose name is on the list of Crown or Council defaulting contractors or any other person to whom the Chairman, Urban Council, Jaffna, for reasons which appear to him sufficient objects, after giving due notice of his objection in writing.

9. The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any of the schedule of rates submitted, nor to give all the work included in the whole scheme or in any one item to any one contractor.

10. The successful tenderer will be required to pay one-tenth of the amount of tender as cash security at the discretion of the Chairman.

C. PONNAMBALAM,
Chairman, U. C.

Office of the Urban Council,
Jaffna, 4-12-45.

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Coconuts will be available for sale at the Government Check Depot, Bankshall, Street, Jaffna, commencing from 5-12-45. Retail price cts. 8, wholesale price to Co-operative Stores Rs. 7 per 100 No permits necessary.

(Sgd.) E. Goonaratne,
A. G. A. (E), Jaffna.

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