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ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF CEYLON

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CEYLON  
TEA INDUSTRY  
SOUVENIR

THE EDEN OF THE EASTERN WAVE — THE LAND OF SPICY BREEZES  
WHERE EUROPE SMILES!

WITH BIOGRAPHIES OF PIONEERS AND SUCCESSORS OF THE  
GREAT PLANTING INDUSTRIES OF CEYLON

BY

**DOUGLAS SENANAYEKE**

PRESIDENT & LEADER, UNITED CEYLONESE PARTY  
(now known as MAHAJANA SOCIALIST PARTY)



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WITH MR. KENNETH MONTFORD AT MOUNT VERNON ESTATE,  
KOTAGALLE IN 1954

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**The Hon'ble  
Mr. DUDLEY SENANAYEKE  
Prime Minister of Ceylon.**



The Honestest Politician in Ceylon who fights his Political battles with Clean hands and the Right Spirit is

**Hon. Mr. Dudley Senanayake**  
Prime Minister of Ceylon.

**The Hon'ble  
Thomas Amarasuriya O. B. E.**

The Hon'ble Thos Amarasuriya is a leading Social Service Worker-Legislator and Philanthropist. He was the First Ceylonese Chairman of the Planters Assoc'n of Ceylon, and he was also President of the Senate. He is presently the Chairman of the Galle Gymkhana Club. Honest and Honourable Men like him have no place in the Legislature of a Country where the true Ideals of Democracy have been stifled by a distortion of the Original purpose and Violation of Democratic Principles.

The Complete Biography of the Hon'ble Thomas Amarasuriya O. B. E. will appear in our Supplementary Edition which will be published in December 1968.



**THIS VOLUME IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED**

TO

**FLORANCE MILLICENT AND SWARNA**

noblest of Women on God's Earth-whose Loving  
Selfsacrifice and all-absorbing devotion Inspired  
my labours on Earth, and led my wandering footsteps  
to the Golden Feet of the Gods. Chastened by their  
Love Strengthened by their Courage and guided  
by their Discretion I attained Eternal Bliss Eternal  
Love Upon Samsara's Sea.

D. S.

**OUR LEGISLATURE**

**Hon Mr. S. C. Shirley Corea**  
M. P. For Chilaw and Speaker, House  
of Representatives.



**Mr. Faleel Caffoor M. M, C.**  
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

## Our Ambassadors Abroad His Excellency SIRI PERERA Q. C. Ceylon's High Commissioner in India.

Mr. Siri Perera Q. C. who left the Island on the 15th of July as Ceylon's High Commissioner in India was born on the 6th of October 1909. Mr. Perera commenced his practice as an advocate in 1933, and his practice was confined to the criminal side of our Courts, Educated at Ananda College and Nalanda Vyalaya and the University College where he Won the Scholarship he joined the Ceylon Law College, where he won the Cash Prize. He passed out as an Advocate in 1932. Mr. Perera married on 15th Feb 1937, Miss. Felicia Mildred Rose Werasekera daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. D. C. Werasekera of Edward Lane Bambalapitiya, and by his marriage he has been blessed with five children as follows... (1) Mrs. Chandra Wijewardena wife of Mr. Chandra Wijewardene, Deputy Director of Industries (Mahinda) (3) Mohan (4) Tilak (5) Hiran. By Religion a staunch Buddhist Mr. Perera's favourite hobbies are Tennis and Billiards. He was made a Queen's Counsel in 1956.

## Late Gate Mudaliyar JAMES SENANAYEKE.

Late Gate Mudaliyar James Senanayeke was born at Kandy on the 21st of June 1877 and he passed away on the 14th of May 1954, Educated at Trinity College Kandy a Staunch Buddhist he was a self made man. He was the Founder and Proprietor of the Kandy Aerated Water Co. He Married on 13th July 1910 Miss. Regina Gunesekeera daughter of Mr Philip Gunesekeera of Katugastota. and by his Marriage he was blessed with 3 sons as follows Dr. J. E. Senanayeke Mr. E. R. Senanayeke and the Hon: Mr. E. L. Senanayeke M. M. C. Kandy M. P. who is presently our Minister of Health. The Late Gate Mudaliyar Senanayeke was a grandson of the Famous Muhandiram Abeygunesekera and his eldest son Mr. Milton Senanayeke predeceased him. This family owned the most amount of Land and their ancestors hailed from Kananke in Galle District. Senanayeke Estates Co. Ltd Kandy which cover thousands of Acres of Tea and Rubber belongs to the Children of this late Gate Mudaliyar Senanayeke. May he attain Parinibbana.

# IN MEMORY OF

## GEORGE BIRD

Father of the Ceylon Planting Industry who about 1824  
opened and Planted at

SINNAPITIYA, GAMPOLA

THE FIRST COFFEE PLANTATION IN THE ISLAND

and of

## JAMES TAYLOR

WHO IN 1866, PLANTED AN ACREAGE OF TEA

raised from Assam Seed on Loolecondra Estate thus Leading  
to the Development of Ceylon's Great Tea Producing Industry

and of

## HENRY WICKHAM

Who in 1875, Collected Seed of Heavea Braziliensis in  
Tabagos, South America from the Progeny of which was

CREATED THE RUBBER PRODUCING INDUSTRY OF CEYLON.

# ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF CEYLON ROYAL WELCOME SOUVENIR

1954 EDITION

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Thanks Mr. Douglas Senanayake, Editor, Encyclopaedia of Ceylon, (3rd Edition)  
which was published as a Royal Welcome Souvenir and presented to Her  
Majesty at Queen's House, Colombo on 10th April, 1954.

S. S. Cothic at Sea  
23rd April, 1954

Dear Mr. Senanayake,

I am commanded by the Queen to thank you for sending  
Her Majesty a copy of the Royal Welcome Souvenir, which the  
Queen is pleased to Accept.

Yours Sincerely,

*Sgd.* / MARTIN CHARTERIS

Douglas Senanayake Esqr.  
Editor, Royal Welcome Souvenir,  
General Printers,  
52, Church Street, Nugegoda.

## Pioneers of the Tea Industry in Ceylon

### (A) JAMES TAYLOR

James Taylor the father of the Ceylon Tea Industry opened up the first Clearing on Loolecondera Estate, Hewaheta. Born in Kincardinshire, Scotland in 1835, James Taylor arrived in Ceylon in 1852 at the age of 17 years. He was sent to Loolecondera which he developed first as a Coffee Estate showing much enterprise also in introducing Cinchona before his first Tea Experiment. He had already grown Tea Bushes on the Estate before the first commercial Scale Clearing and had taught himself something about Tea Making by rolling the Green Leaf by hand on the verandah table and firing it over a Charcoal Fire. The Original 1867 Clearing on Loolecondera still exists.

### MR. H. O. HOSEASON

Mr. Hoseason was a pioneer planter whom Governor Sir West Ridgeway described as the uncrowned king of Uva. He was a great believer in the future of Tea at the time Coffee was crashing. He was in Charge of ODWERE Estate which was mostly Coffee but which later changed to Tea. Hoseason was instrumental in forming the Demodera Tea Co; and was of very great help to young aspirants to Planting Careers. Villiers speaks of his long Vision great energy personality and Ability in his Book "Pioneers of the Tea Industry. He was a popular host - So many were his Guests at Oodoowere says Villiers that he built a very large stable to accommodate the horses of his Visitors.

### MR. GEORGE S. DUFF

Mr. George S. Duff who owned Gonakelle in 1885 will be remembered as a Man who in spite of losing on coffee had sufficient Faith in the Country to put everything he had into tea. Duff was the Manager of the illfated Oriental Bank and did more to help forward the Development of the Country than almost any other Individual. When the Coffee crash came George Duff is said to have sold his property in the Highlands of Scotland in order to meet the Claim of £ 5000/- which he had guaranteed on behalf of a fellow Coffee planter.

### MR. ARTHUR LAMPARD

Arthur Lampard was a Tea Buyer in an Old established firm of China Tea Merchants before he came to Ceylon. He was the original Partner in Crosfield Lampard & Co., which today operates Harrison & Crosfield.

### MESSERS. CAREY & STRACHAN

Mrs. Lawrence Carey owned Pingarawa in 1880. Her husband Lawrence St. George Carey had a large interest in Copper. It is said that for every shilling received on Copper he got a £ 1000/-. He bought 34 Estates in Ceylon and with his brother-in-Law Charles Strachan opened an office in Colombo to manage the Show. But he died at the Age of 23. Just before he went home he bought Pingarawa in his wife's name. Incidentally the East window of St. Pauls Church Kandy, was erected by Mrs. Carey in her Husbands Memory and C. E. Strachan provided the Organ as a Memorial

## The Planter's Association of Ceylon

The Planter's Association of Ceylon is older than the Industry and is 113 years old today. It was created in Kandy on February 17th 1854, when about 100 coffee planters met under the chairmanship of Captain Jolly Keith to form an assoc'n to protect their Interests, and sponsor their Cause. Capt Jolly its Founder and First Chairman was a Mercantile Mariner on Pension from the East India Company who had arrived in Ceylon in 1843 plant Coffee.

*Message From The Hon'ble**Mr. C. P. de Silva**Minister of Lands*MINISTRY OF LANDS  
Irrigation and Pover

Colombo.

18 July 1967

It affords me much pleasure to send this Message of Welcome to the Tea Industry Centenary Celebrations Souvenir Entitled "Encyclopaedia of Ceylon" comprising Biographies of "Pioneers and Successors of the great Planting Industries of Ceylon"

For the completion of this most important publication Mr. Douglas Senanayake its Editor & Publisher has ardently Laboured.

Mr. Senanayake deserves the Patronage and Cooperation of all those connected with the Tea Industry; as apart from compiling Biographies of Pioneers from 1836 down along with Historical Records hitherto Unpublished, he has had and still has the still more Arduous task of touring the Hills of Ceylon to contact the Successors of the Tea planting Industries.

I trust this Volume will grace the Libraries of Lanka and that posterity will treasure it as a Souvenir.

*Signed / C. P. de SILVA**Minister of Lands***AUTHOR'S INTRODUCTION**

Mr. Douglas Senanayake Editor & Publisher  
Encyclopaedia of Ceylon President & Leader  
United Ceylonese Party since 1954

Mr. Cecil R. Senanayake Asst. Editor  
Encyclopaedia of Ceylon Honorary Secretary  
and Deputy Leader United Ceylonese Party.



Mrs. Swarna Weeratunga-Senanayake  
Joint Editor Encyclopaedia of Ceylon  
and Honorary Treasurer United  
Ceylonese Party.



## AUTHOR'S INTRODUCTION

It will doubtless be generally appreciated that in embarking upon the production of a publication of the nature of an Encyclopaedia of Ceylon, as Tea Centenary year Souvenir - containing Biographies of Pioneers and Successors of the Great Planting Industries of Ceylon, the Publisher has endeavoured to supply a longfelt requirement in this Country which is primarily of Importance to the Planting Community in Ceylon. The Introduction of photographs and the artistic quality of the compilation with Biographies of Planting Personalities together with historical Records makes it more elaborate and more interesting than the ordinary type of Biographical Record. The Records of Pioneer Planters together with the history of the Agency and Mercantile Houses will make I am sure an irresistible appeal, not only to those resident within but even outside this Country. The Author has endeavoured to make this a comprehensive volume as far as possible-but as he was like the huntsman going out to the Woods in search of Game, he cannot be blamed if he hath not caught All.

The task of compiling the Encyclopaedia of Ceylon as a Tea Centenary year Souvenir has been a difficult one as it was not possible to contact most of the Tea and Rubber Planters on the Hills of Ceylon who were away on Furlough or long leave.

The thanks of the Editor are due to the following: Victor Ratnayake Esq. M. B. E. for Valuable Assistance rendered, The Planters Assoc'n of Ceylon for Blocks very kindly lent for reproduction. Mr. Cecil R. Senanayake for valuable Assistance rendered as Co-Editor. Mr. Claude Senanayake of Colombo for Valuable suggestions made and last but not least my grateful thanks are due to my wife Mrs Swarna Senanayake but for whose Loving self-Sacrifice and all-absorbing devotion this volume could not have been completed. As it was not possible to make this a comprehensive Volume and include all the Pioneers and Successors of the Great Planting Industries of Ceylon a supplementary Volume would be published in September 1968. The Editor also expresses his grateful thanks to the management of the Oriental Press the kind patrons and Advertisers through whose wholehearted Patronage and Co-operation, it was possible to make this Volume a Success.

Sincerely Yours  
*Signed / Douglas Senanayake*  
*Editor and Publisher*

*Signed / Cecil R. Senanayake*  
*Associate Editor*

*Signed / Mrs. Swarna Senanayake*  
*Associate Editor*

**MESSRS LIPTON LIMITED**

UNION PLACE, COLOMBO



SIR THOMAS LIPTON, D. C. V. O.

Messrs Lipton Ltd., the premier firm of Tea merchants was first established by its founder Sir Thomas Johnstone Lipton Baronet D.C.V.O. No review of this pioneer firm of Tea Merchants would ever be complete, we believe without an adequate reference to Sir Thomas Lipton's achievements in the realm of Commerce. Sir Thomas Lipton has been aptly described as the first of the World's food merchants and England's greatest Merchant sportsman 1850 - 1931. Sir Thomas Lipton had the unique distinction of being the first and only man who placed Ceylon Tea in the Markets of Europe as a popular beverage. His flair for advertising after his fashion in his way contributed immensely to the success of his venture. On the attractive label of a Tamil Girl with a basket on her head he had his Slogan "Direct from the Tea Gardens to the Tea Pot" Sir Thomas Lipton's fame in the arena of Tea was so great that some forty years back Europeans who had never come to Ceylon, but had only heard of Lipton's Tea Gardens referred to Ceylon as an Island in the Indian Ocean belonging to Sir Thomas Lipton. In 1890

when Sir Thomas Lipton came to Ceylon he was 40 years old and a self made Millionaire even before he handled an ounce of Ceylon Tea.

When he entered the Tea trade it was in the interests of his Markets, as presumably he looked upon Tea as something which would attract more trade to his shops. He decided to sell Tea in quarter half, and one pound packets, as it would be fresher and easier to handle as a standard brand. But he soon realized that he had under - estimated the possibilities of his new venture, and that his three hundred shops could not satisfy the demand for tea by the housewife's at -/30 cts a pound. Hence Lipton decided to sell Tea not only in his shops but wherever there was a demand for it. Where there was no demand he would create one. It was a challenge and a great opportunity and he proceeded to advertise Tea as he had his hams and bacons, fifteen years earlier. His shops had made him a millionaire but Tea made him a multi - Millionaire. In the process, the name Lipton ceased to be the name of a series of Chain stores and became instead the trade mark of a national commodity and through Tea Lipton's became a household word. Records of the Lipton tradition reveal that born as he was to a period of unfettered enterprise that Lipton was an honest single minded man of immense vitality and ambition who was never in conflict with his world, and that he was a man of good personality and charm and power of concentration with a genius for showmanship. Sir Thomas Lipton was assuredly a true moral force of the British World of commerce. Astute advertising and honesty of purpose were milestones in the history of a business tradition built by him.....a tradition which time cannot wither nor custom stale. In this centenary celebrations year of the Tea Industry in Ceylon we feel sure that we owe Sir Thomas Lipton a debt of gratitude for his having placed Ceylon Tea first in the markets of Europe and incidentally contributed much towards our vital economy. We have no doubt that Lipton Limited the firm that bears his name will have the progress and prosperity it deserves and desires and to Lipton's we say "Esto, Perpetua!" Be thou forever.

## PLANTING PERSONALITIES OF CEYLON

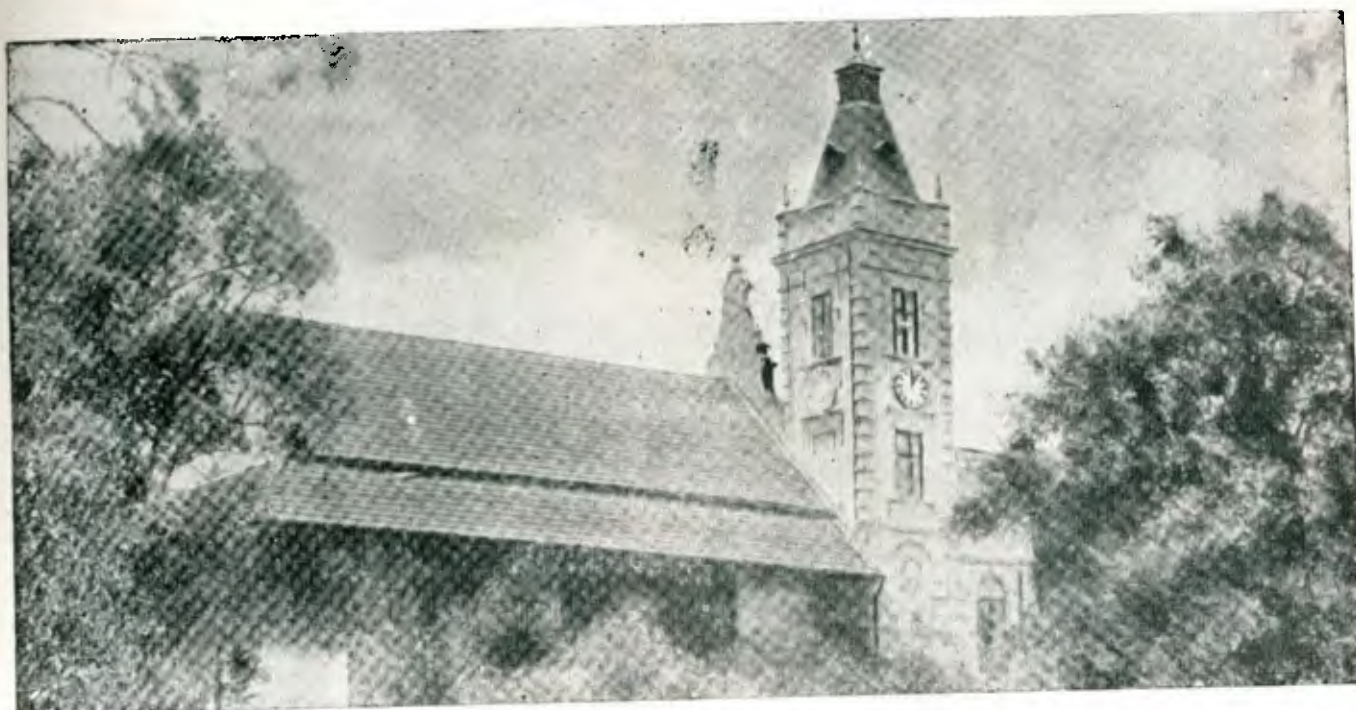
### THE PIONEERS

I speak of the Planters those Stately Men,  
Our Gallant Pioneers of the Coffee Day;  
I Speak of the Planters those princely Men  
Who on each Totem as Periyadorai;  
A Maharajah's Pomp and Power maintain

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I speak of the Planters those Merry Men  
Who enjoy Life and are always happy!  
I speak of the planters those Lucky  
Who blest by Heaven with Wine and plenty!  
Like Sun-Gods Rule the Land the Hunt and Glen

DOUGLAS SENANAYEKE



**THE PLANTER'S ASSOCIATION OF CEYLON**  
OLD VICTORIA COMMEMORATION BUILDING - WARD STREET - KANDY.



**THE PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION OF CEYLON**  
NEW BUILDING AT GALLE FACE - COLOMBO

## FOUR GENERATIONS OF THE ARMITAGE FAMILY IN CEYLON

**JOHN ARMITAGE 1836 - 1855**

Came out to Ceylon in 1836, left Ceylon in 1855. Was a Mercantile Magnate and a Member of the Legislative Council of Ceylon and was known as the Hon'ble Mr. John Armitage. John Armitage gave a brilliant Ball and Dinner to His Excellency Lord Torrington and Sir Emerson Tennant.

**JOHN SCOTT ARMITAGE 1850 - 1899**

Son of John Armitage, was a Partner of Armitage Scott & Company. He had a bungalow for week-ends at Galle known as Armitage Hill.

**JOHN HUNTER ARMITAGE, 1886 - 1946**

Born at Galle in 1886. Died in 1949 in Jersey Channel Islands to which place he had retired.

**JOHN VERNON ARMITAGE, 1923**

Born in Ceylon 24th January 1923. Educated at Eastbourne College. Religion C. of E. married Miss Elizabeth Audrey Andrews. Was Superintendent of Edinburgh Estate, Nanuoya and of Brunswick, Maskeliya before he left. A genial Planter who made himself one with all Communities and Creeds.

## THE LUSHINGTON AND ARMITAGE FAMILIES IN CEYLON



**SIR HENRY LUSHINGTON**



**FRANK H. LUSHINGTON**  
former Manager of Kirklees Estate

The History of the Lushingtons commence from the year 1494. George Henry Fitz James Lushington of Kent, son of Sir Franklin Lushington Chief Magistrate, London, came out to Ceylon at the close of the 19th Century when he bought and opened up Balagalla Ela Estate, Bandarawela (planted with tea). He joined first world war in 1914 — 1918. Held a Commission in the Middlesex Regiment was wounded at Beaumont Hamel came out to Ceylon after the war sold out the Estate and returned to England in 1922. Sir Franklin married Lady Lushington Miss Catherine Marie Morgan, Sir Edmund Lushington the first of the Chief Justices came out to Ceylon in 1824.



George Henry Fitz James Lushington married Miss Julie Mabel Armitage daughter of Henry Turner Armitage of Dunbar Estate, Hatton, and by that marriage they were blessed with two children Marie Isobel who married Henry Cranbourne Fowler of Glassough Estate, Nanuoya who was President Radella Club when Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh visited the club in 1954. And their only son was the late Mr. Franklin H. Lushington, J.P.U.M., former manager of Kirklees Estate, Udapussellawa who passed away recently at his Boralandha Farm in Welimada Area.

## THE PATERSON FAMILY OF ALLOACKLACKMANAN SCOTLAND

WHO SETTLED DOWN IN CEYLON AND PLANTED TEA  
ON ALLAGOLLA ESTATE UDAPUSSELLAWA IN 1864.



The Wedding Group of Charles John Paterson of Allagolla Estate Udapussellawa son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mansfield Paterson of Mansfield Lodge, Trincomalee who hailed from Allaoacklackmanan but came out to Ceylon and started planting Tea. In the picture left to right are F. C. Charnaud of Luckyland - the bride - Charles Paterson, and on the extreme left is Hubert Cameron Paterson, J. P., his brother at Waltrim Church, Lindula



The Hunting Group at Madulla with Mr. Philip Crowe the Former American Ambassador in Ceylon Charles Paterson of Allagolla and Mac'intyre of Downside Estate, Welimada.



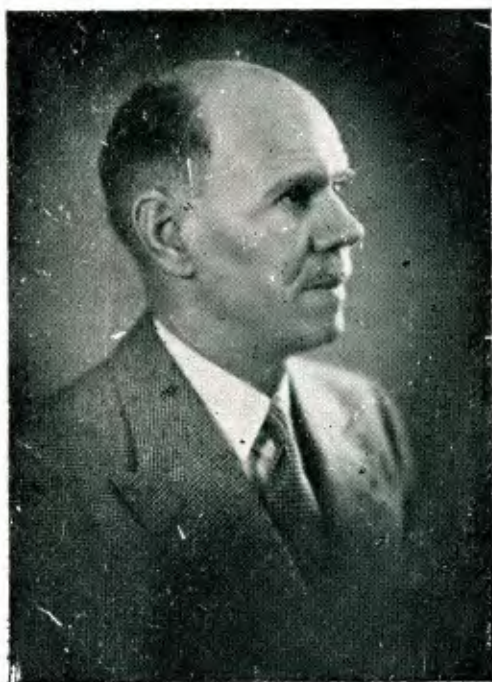
**MR. JAMES OGSTON, MANAGER,  
MAHABERITENNE FARM, TELDENIYA.**

A Gentleman whose name is prominently Associated with the planting community of Ceylon for the past 30 years. Born 25th April 1905 at Inverallochy Scotland, son of the late James Ogston of Scotland and of Miss Mary Jane Carle. Religion presbyterian favourite Hobby Work. Married 13th June, 1946, Miss Elizabeth Mary Craig Three Children Lorang James and Fearn. His last appointment was as Manager, Mahaberitenne Farm, Teldeniya, the uptodate farm in the Island Today.



**THE MAHABERITENNE FARM AT TELDENIYA**

The most uptodate farm in the Island of Ceylon which supplies milk to Elephant House, Colombo.



**GERALD GORDON PERKINS, J.P.U.M.**  
of RYE ESTATE, BALANGODA

Came out to Ceylon in 1920 was Manager, Rye Estate, Balangoda for many years till his retirement Educated King's College, London and Bedford College, London. He was wounded on the first day of the battle of the Somme in 1914. He came out to Ceylon and married Miss Gladys Clare Isaacs. His children are Ian Guy and David Clare. He died in England in 1951.

**G. G. PERKINS, J. P. U. M.**

**DAVID CLARE PERKINS**

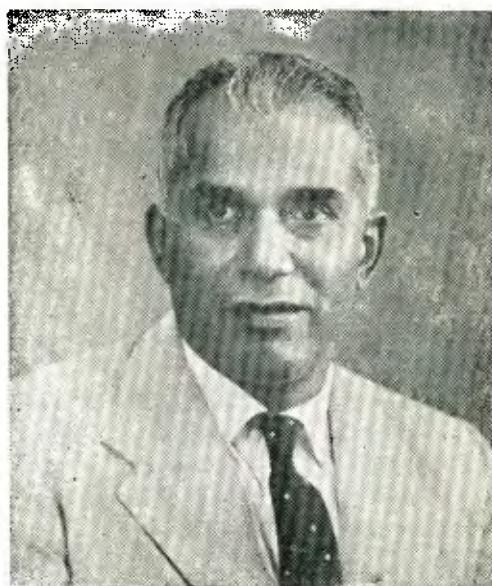
Son of Gerald Gordon Perkins, J.P.U.M. was the Manager of Gampaha Estate, Udapussellawa Morar Estate, Maskeliya born 22nd October 1926 at Balangoda Educated Sussex England married Miss Penny Holsworth of England on 4th June 1952. Two children Miss Sally Perkins and Guy Perkins. Favourite hobbies Rugger and Tennis. Member, Wild Life Society, the European Association of Ceylon, Planters Association of Ceylon.



**DAVID CLARE PERKINS**

## Laird of the South-Pioneer Tea Planter Legislator And Philanthropist.

**MR. VICTOR RATNAYAKE, M. B. E.**



**Mr. VICTOR RATNAYAKE, M. B. E.**  
Director River Valleys Development Board

Mr. Victor Garvin Ratnayake, M. B. E. Eldest son of that great Laird Tea Planter and Philanthropist Mohandiram A. A. W. Ratnayake of Siriniwasa Pallegama Deniyaya was born on the 10th of August 1909 at Pallegama Deniyaya, Educated at Mahinda and Ananda Colleges, Mr. Ratnayake joined the Peradeniya Farm School where he obtained first Class Honours Certificate. By Religion a staunch Buddhist his favourite hobby is Work. On the 28th of October 1938, he married Miss Olivia Beatrice Werasekera daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. D. C. Werasekera of Edward Lane Bambalapitiya and by his marriage he has been blessed with four children three daughters and one son as follows (1) Githangeli (2) Subadra Lakshimi now Mrs. P. D. Mivanapalana, wife of Dr. Mivanapala (3) Suwenethi, Priyadharshini and (4) Senaka Kumar Upatissa. Mr. Ratnayake first entered Politics as Member of Parliament for Deniyaya in 1947 and continued to servethat Electorate till 1956. He was junior Minister of Land Development 1952 to 1956 and Chairman of the Morawakorale Planters Association 1944 to 1949. He also bore the Distinctive honour of being the 2nd Ceylonese Chairman of that August Body the planters Assoc'n of Ceylon 1944-1949. Mr. Ratnayake was a member on the Board of management of the Tea Research Institute of Ceylon from 1947 to 1957. In 1961 for the first time in the history of the Tea Industry in Ceylon Mr. Ratnayake got the Tea Research Institute to conduct a Series of Lectures to all Teamakers in the Island, and the outcome of it was the production of a Monograph on the Subject by the Tea Research Institute of Ceylon. Mr. Ratnayake is now on the Committee of Management of the Tea Centenary Celebrations of 1967. Mr. Ratnayake sponsored the Tea Trade with Iraq by the Import of Dates, and he is presently on the Tea Consultative Committee of the Ministry, of Trade and Commerce. Mr. Ratnayake is practically on every Committee of the Tea Industry, and he is presently on the General Committee of the Planters Assoc'n of Ceylon. Mr. Ratnayake was President of the Morawakorale Multipurpose Cooperative Union for 17 years from 1946 to 1962 and he is now President of the Village Cooperative Society Pallegama. He also serves on the National Food Advisory Council of the Hon the Prime Minister. We wish Mr. & Mrs. Ratnayake and Children many years of radiant health and happiness.

Complete Biography of Mr. Ratnayake will Appear in our Supplementary Volume (September 1968)

## MR. B. A. PERERA

PROCTOR S. C., MATARA



Mr. Bulathsinghelage Ariyadasa Perera is a Proctor, practising at Matara for the past fifteen years. Born on the 20th of December, 1925, educated at St. Thomas's College, Matara, he joined the Ceylon Law College and passed out as a Proctor in 1952. His practice though confined to the Criminal and Civil Sides of our Courts it is more on the Criminal Side that he looms very largely. He is a Company Commander of the third Volunteer Battalion Gemunu Watch. He was elected Basnayake Nilame of the Dondra Dewale in 1962, by defeating his opponent by a large majority of Votes. He is also a partner of the Firm of Provincial Property Sales and Investments Matara, a Business Establishment he founded. He has organized the Annual Dondra Perahera which is easily comparable to the Kandy Perahera and made it an extremely colourful procession and an occasion to remember during the festive season down South. Mr. Perera married in 1963, Miss Swineetha Karunaratna daughter of Mr. E. W. Karunaratne of Kamburugamuwa, Matara and by his marriage he has been blessed with two children Sharminie and Assunta as we go into Press. By Religion a staunch Buddhist his favourite hobbies are sports Tennis, Etc. As a Proprietary Planter Mr. Perera owns a Rubber Estate at Morawaka apart from his family Estate which is situate at Sultanangoda. He is the Secretary of the Matara Club and a member of the Singhalese Sports Club. Calm and collected in manner of a most unassuming disposition as Basnayake Nilame of the Dondra Dewale he is the Possessor of administrative Talent of a rare type. That with his Forensic Eloquence brilliant Initiative frank Simplicity and Winning Ways he will someday adorn the Political or Legal Firmaments of Ceylon, we have not the Slightest Doubt. We wish Mr. & Mrs. Perera & family many years of radiant health and happiness.



**MR. JOHN MICHAEL TURNBULL  
M. C.  
AND MRS PERCIVAL**



**MRS. JOAN FRANCES TURNBULL  
AND MRS. PERCIVAL**

Mr. John Michael Turnbull M. C. is the son of the late Mr. Edward Turnbull J. P. of London. Born on the 22nd of January 1921, he started his planting career in 1939. Mr. Turnbull first crept in Rubber under Mr. K. D. H. Gwynne D. S. O. in 1939 at Nagahatenne belonging to the Eastern Produce and Estates Company Ltd, and after Creeping on various Estates of the Company assumed duties as Manager Rothschild Estate Pussellawa in 1940. He was last away on Furlough in July 1966. Mr Turnbull married on 14th August 1947 Miss' Joan Frances Percival (Nee Miss Waring) and by his marriage he has been blessed with three Children (1) Lynne Gillian (2) Sheila Hazel (3) Geoffrey John who is a student in England, Educated in Highfield School London where he was preceded by his 3 brothers-his favourite hobbies are stamp collecting Photography Camping Sailing and Visiting Jungles. He is also the Secretary of the Ceylon Stamp Club. Mr. Turnbull saw war Service in 1940. He was on the Western Front and in Italy with the 2nd and 8th Gurukhas Regiments. He was wounded at Frenza in Italy. At the Cessation of hostilities in 1944, he was demobbed and in Hospital for 2 Years. Mr. Turnbull returned to Ceylon in 1946 September and resumed his planting career. Mrs. Turnbulls father Michael Waring was on Park Estate Kandapola and her Uncle Archie Waring was planting on Great Valley Deltota. Her grandfather Mr. Waring was also planting on Craigie Lea Estate Mr. Turnbull was awarded the Military Cross when he was wounded on active Service. As one of the most genial Planters in our midst, Mr. Turnbull has always won the confidential esteem of his colleagues as well as his subordinates. We wish Mr. & Mrs. Turnbull and Children many years of radiant health and happiness.

## THE SCOTT'S THE MURRAY'S AND THE POLKE'S SCIONS OF PIONEER PLANTERS' IN CEYLON

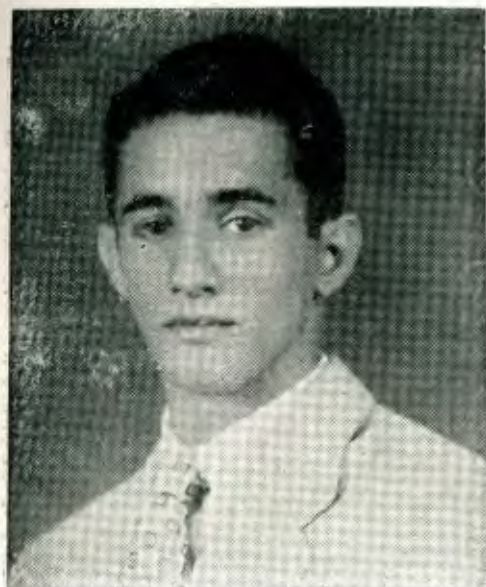


**MR. JOHN J. POLKE**  
Manager Glassough Estate  
Nanuoya.



**MRS. EILEEN POLKE**  
Performing Opening Ceremony of  
Hatherley factory Haputale Estate

Mr. John Joseph Polke son of Mr. Charles Polke of Ireland who died in 1947, is Manager of Glassough Estate Nanuoya. Born in Ireland on the 5th of August 1919, Mr. Polke Married on the 13th of June 1964, Miss Eileen Scott daughter of Mr. James Scott of Raxawa Panwila and granddaughter of Mr. A. Scott pioneer Planter of Waverley Agrapatna. Mr. Polke is by religion a Member of the Church of Ceylon and Mrs. Polke is a Roman Catholic, and her favourite Hobbies are gardening and dressmaking. Mr. Polke was in the Ceylon Navy and he came out after the War, in 1946 when he was demobbed and stationed in Colombo. Mr. Polke's planting career commenced on Selegama Estate Matale and thereafter he was on Harangala Matale Kotmalie, Venture Norwood Millakanda Kalutara Hatherly Rakwana and in March 1965 he assumed duties as Manager Glassough Estate Nanuoya. No review of Mrs. Polke's Biography would ever be complete, We believe without an adequate reference to the Opening Ceremony of the New Factory which was declared Opened by her in June 1964, in the presence of a distinguished gathering as Portrayed in the Picture appearing above this Article. Personalities in the Picture are Let to Right Mr. James Walker M. D. of Walker Sons & Co. Ltd., Colombo Mr. R. C. Bois retired Chairman of Messrs George Stewart & Co, Mr. W. L. Scott of Rambukkanda Estate Ratnapura and Mr. J. J. Polke of Glassough Estate Nanuoya. Mr. Polkes is one out of the select few genial planters in our midst with the old World Spirit and the Old World Charm. Mr. & Mrs. Polke are true Moral Forces of the great Empire to which they Belong and we are proud to have them in our Midst. We wish Mr. & Mrs. Polke many years of radiant health and happiness.



**Mr. KENNETH MURRAY**  
S. D. of Dyagama Arapatana is a son of Mrs. J. J. Polke of Glassough Estate, Nanuoya.



**Mr. JAMES SCOTT**  
of Bramley Estate, Kandapola father of Mrs. J. J. Polke of Glassough Estate, Nanuoya, was born at Waverley Estate, Agras (Ceylon) in 1897 and Educated at Trinity College, Kandy. By Religion a Roman Catholic, he married Miss Elizabeth Marshall and by his marriage he was blessed with two children Mrs. Eileen Polke of Glassough Estate, Nanuoya and Mr. W. L. Scott of Rambukkanda Estate, Ratnapura. He was a Pioneer Planter of Ceylon.

## Mr. ARTHUR HOWIE

Mr. Arthur Howie, Superintendent of Attabagie Estate, Gampola is a son of that Pioneer Planter Mr. A. S. Howie, who was manager of Walpola Estate, Dehiowita who died at N'Elia. By religion a member of the Church of Ceylon, Mr. Howie's favourite hobbies are gardening and music. His grand father Mr. Howie was also planting in Ceylon.

Mr. Howie first crept on Lelwela Group, Bogawantalawa and he has been Manager of Attabagie Group for the past 8 Years.

Educated at Christian College, Kotte, he took to planting 35 years ago. He married Miss Felicia Jansz of Gampola and by his marriage he has been blessed with five children. We wish him Long life health and happiness.



**Mr. J. W. CRAIG**  
Visiting Agent.



**Mrs. MARJORIE CRAIG**

Mr. James William Craig, Planter and Visiting Agent of Estates is a son of Mr. James Craig of Glasgow. Born on the 2nd of July 1916 in Scotland, Mr. Craig was educated at Glasgow Academy. By religion a member of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian), he married on 24th April 1964, Miss Marjorie Bogistra and by his marriage he has been blessed with two children Misses Angela and Dain who were born in Ceylon. Mr. Craig started his planting career in 1937 on Hapugastenne Estate on which estate he crept and worked for two and half years as S. D. Thereafter Mr. Craig was S. D. on Rasagala Balangoda. He was away on war service for 6 years 1940 — 1946. He returned to Ceylon and went over to Halgolle Estate, Yatiyantota, as S. D. Thereafter he went over to Allupola Group, Ratnapura as Assistant. In 1948 he assumed duties as Superintendent, Pelmadulla Group. In 1962 Mr. Craig became a fulltime Visiting Agent of Messers James Finlay & Co., Ltd., and other Estates. Of his hobbies it could be truly said that work is his main hobby. Of a calm and unassuming disposition Mr. Craig is one out of the select few of those genial planters in our midst with the Old world Spirit and the Old World Charm. We wish Mr. & Mrs. Craig and family many years of radiant health and happiness.

## **Mr. W. J. CHILDERSTONE**

**MANAGER, BALANGODA GROUP, BALANGODA**

Mr. Walter James Childerstone, Manager of Balangoda Group, Balangoda is Visiting Agent for Whittall Bousteads. Mr. Childerstone first came out to Ceylon in 1924, and crept under Mr. G. F. Morse on Hunasgiriya, Matale. His first charge as S. D. was on Talgaswela. He was on Gonapitiya Group, Edinburgh Estate, Nanuoya, Weddemulle Ramboda and in 1945 he assumed duties as manager Balangoda Group, Balangoda. Born 26th March 1906, in London Educated at Bedford School, Mr. Childerstone's favourite hobbies are work, and Agriculture, Politics and Social work. He is also interested in Natural History Fishing Politics and Social Work. Mr. Childerstone married in 1933 Miss Mary Fergusson and by his marriage he has been blessed with one son Michael Childerstone who is presently studying at the Agricultural University in New Zealand.

## THE HAWKES' - A PLANTING FAMILY IN CEYLON



### **MR. H. STACEY HAWKES**

MANAGER, ST. LEONARDS, HALGRANOYA.

Mr. H. Stacey Hawkes, Manager, St. Leonards Halgranoya was born on the 15th of February, 1916 at Kandy. His father Mr. W. C. Hawkes was a pioneer planter who worked for several years on Loolecondera Estate, Deltota and his mother was Miss Henty. Educated at Haddon Hill School, N'Elia, and Dulwich College, England, Mr. Hawkes came out to Ceylon in 1933, and crept under his father on Craigilie Estate, Kotagala. The first Estate he worked on was St. Clair Estate, Talawkelle under Mr. J. W. Fergusson and thereafter he worked on Dunsinane, Punduloya, Gowerakalle Group Upcot Kotiyagala Group, Bogawantalawa. Mr. Hawkes assumed duties as Manager, St. Leonards, Estate Halgranoya in 1962. By religion a member of the Church of England, his favourite hobbies are shooting and Fishing. He played Rugger for Upcountry for three years and for all Ceylon for one Year. Mr. Hawkes married on 22nd May 1960, Miss Margaret Gordon, daughter of Mr. Gordon of Scotland, and by his marriage he has been blessed with one daughter Miss Melissa Hawkes who is a student at School in England as we go into Press. Mr. Hawkes was for five years on War Service in the Middle East from 1940 to 1945. He was also a Major in Skinners Force Royal Lancers. Touching the Record of his planting Career, we find that Mr. Hawkes is Visiting Agent of Alton Estate, Upcot, Morar Estate Bogawantalawa, Preston Agrapatna and Troupe Estate, Talawakelle. He is also a Director of the Dickoya Tea Co., DooMoo Tea Co., and Uvakelle Tea Co., Mr. Hawkes is a member of the Planters Association of Ceylon, The Ceylon Planters' Society, The D. A. C. C. Dicksons Corner Club, The Ceylon Game Protection Society, and the Horn Club. Mrs. Hawkes was educated in Scotland and her favourite hobbies are gardening and painting. Mr. Hawkes is one out of the select few genial Planters with the Old World Spirit and the Old world Charm living in our midst and we wish him Mrs Hawkes and family many years of radiant health and happiness.



**Mr. George Armstrong Manager  
Walpita Group**

Mr. George Armstrong Manager Walpita Group was born at Lindula in 1900 and was educated at Kingswood College Kandy. His father Mr. H. L. Armstrong was the pioneer planter who planted first on Rookwood Hewaheta and at Mayfield Hatton and died in 1917.

Mr. George Armstrong's brothers are Mr. John Armstrong retired Planter living in Ceylon and Mr. James Armstrong who was planting in Ceylon and gave up same.

Mr. Armstrong who is now planting on Walpita Group first crept on Park Group Lunugala and Meegastenne Mr. Armstrong also took to Papaw Planting at Kenilworth Ginigathena and Pallebedde Ratnapura for 2 Years. He was also on Monrovia Group and has been Manager Walpita Group for the past 16 years. Mr. George Armstrong married Miss Elsie Mac'intosh and by his Marriage he has been blessed with two sons, Mr. W. G. Armstrong of Nakiyadeniya Group Galle and Mr. H. G. Armstrong of Henfold Group Linnula. By Religion a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, his favourite hobby is Gardening. We wish Mr. & Mrs. Armstrong Many years of radiant health and happiness

### *Mr. H. L. Armstrong*

MANAGER ROOKWOOD  
HEWAHETA

Mr. H. L. Armstrong father of Mr. George Armstrong of Walpita Group Poddala Galle was a pioneer planter who first planted on Rookwood Estate Hewaheta and was later manager of Mayfield Hatton. He died in 1917. Mr. H. L. Armstrong's elder brother was Mr. C. Spearman Armstrong who also retired after planting at Rookwood Mr. H. L. Armstrong is seen in the Picture Opposite seated along with his Excellency Sir Hugh Clifford Governor of Ceylon and Mr. A. T. Sydney Smith of Diyanilakelle Lindula.



**MR. H. L. ARMSTRONG**

Father of Mr. George Armstrong  
With His Excellency Sir Hugh  
Clifford Governor of Ceylon and  
Mr. A. T. Sydney Smith of  
Diyanilakelle Lindula

## THE PARKERS' AND THE HURST'S AS PIONEER PLANTERS IN CEYLON

### *Mr. Bryan Norman Parker*

Manager Veralapatana Group,  
Madulsima.

Mr. Bryan Norman Parker Manager Veralapatana Group was born at the Hatton Nursing Home Ceylon on 27th August 1936. Educated at Bedford School Bedford, he came out to Ceylon in 1954, and crept under his father on Ampitikande Estate Bandarawela. Thereafter he was for five years on Ury Group Badulla, on Hewaheta and Maturata Estates and finally in 1964, he assumed duties as Manager of Veralapatana and Uvakelle Estates Madulsima, By Religion a member of the Church of Ceylon his favourite hobby is Writing. He married on 27th January 1960 Miss Ruth Hall of Kent and by his marriage he has been blessed with 3 Children Master Sean, Miss Jane and Master Shane. Mr. Parker's Brother Mr. David Parker is now in New Guinea but when he left Ceylon he was Supdt. of Delta Estate Pussellawa. Incidentally Mr. David Parker's Father had also been on Delta for 9 Years, and Mr. David Parker had also acted on Veralapatana and Uvakelle Estates in 1958, and his brother Mr. Bryan Parker is the present Manager of those two Estates The Parkers are a Pioneer Planting family of Ceylon and notably Mr. N. B. Parker the father of Bryan Norman Parker and his Maternal Uncle the never to be forgotten, Mr. H. S. Hurst of Rothschild Estate Pussellawa whose contributions to the Times Planters "NOTE BOOK" under the Pen Name of Sandy Souchang will remain a fragrant and Perennial Memory of those Cultured men who graced our planting Arena in days long Gone. We wish Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Parker and Family many Years of radiant health and happiness.



**Mr. BRYAN N. PARKER**

## PLANTING PERSONALITIES

### **MR. J. E. SAFFREY**

Mr. Jack Edgar Saffrey is a son of Arthur Hall Saffrey. Born in London educated at Bedford School, was Supdt on Waharaka Undugoda and Hemmingford Parakaduwa. Married Miss Janet on 7th March 1928. Children Robert, Edgar, Ruby Edith. He was a Member of the Hill Club and Chairman of the Kelani Valley Planters Assoc'n. He played Rugger for Upcountry Vs Low Country in 1921 and was a keen player of Golf.

### **MR. R. E. SAFFREY**

Mr. Robert Edgar Saffrey is the son of that Wellknown Rugger Player and Planter who was for many years connected with Hemmingford Group Parakaduwa., and who is presently planting at Yatiyantota. Born at Hemmingford, educated first at good Shepherd Convent N'Eliya and later at Lawrence Memorial Military School Lovedale, He first crept on Hemmingford under his father and served on Yogama Dehiowita High Forest Kandapola Brunswick Maskeliya and finally assumed duties as Manager Hathbawe Group Rambukkana. Mr Saffrey married Miss Waldine Sansoni daughter of late Colonel Waldo Sansoni Retired Commissioner of Assize, and by his marriage he has been blessed with two daughters Misses Evelyn and Aileen.

## SECRETARY PLANTERS ASSOC'N OF GEYLON

**Mr. ANNESLEY PERERA B. A. (Hons. Lond.)**

Mr. Annesley Mervyn Sigisfund Perera B. A. Hons (Lon) is the present Secretary of the Planters Assoc'n of Ceylon. A son of Mr. David Vincent Perera born at Moratuwa 1st May 1919 educated at St Peters College he held Civil Service Appointments and retired as Registrar General. Married Miss Naomi Perera Children Nirmalie Snomaine and Shiranee. He was formerly attached to the Ministry of defence and External Affairs., By Religion Roman Catholic Favourite hobbies Films and Photographic Interests.

## MR. DONALD R. MACRAE

**Manager Haputale Estate Haputale**

Mr. Donald Roderick Macrae manager Haputale Estate Haputale was born on the 22nd of April 1930, and educated at Dingwell Academy and the University of Aberdeen. By Religion a member of the Church of Scotland his favourite hobby is Rugger. Mr. Macrae married Miss Anna Ritchie daughter of Mr. James Ritchie of Scotland on 11th Sept 1965 and by his marriage he has been blessed with one daughter Miss Susanne Macrae. Touching the record of his Planting Career, We find that he first Crept on Cocagala Estate Madulsima and later worked on Sarnia Badulla and Brookside Ragala. He assumed duties as Manager Haputale Estate Haputale in 1962. He has been away on Furlough in 1955, 1958, 1960-1962, 1965, and again in September 1967, He is a member of the Planters Club the Uva Club and the Colombo Club. Mr. Macrae who is Presently away on Furlough returns to the Island in January 1968. We wish Mr and Mrs Macrae a safe return to the Island and many years of health and happiness.

## Mr. ALSTAIR DOUGLAS SCOTT

**Manager Sarnia Estate Badulla.**

Mr. Alstair Douglas Scott is Manager Sarnia Estate Badulla. He was born on the 22nd of February 1930, in Scotland. A son of Mr. H. R. Scott School Master of Edinburgh Scotland, and Miss Douglas of Australia, Mr Scott came out to Ceylon in 1950, and Crept on Mahadowa Madulsima and thereafter worked on Haputale Estate Haputale Cocagala Madulsima and Sarnia Estate Badulla. He assumed duties as Manager Sarnia Estate Badulla in 1962. Educated at Edinburgh Academy Scotland he came out to Ceylon in 1950. He was also Acting General Manager Haputale Estate Haputale as he is now, until the arrival of the Permanent General Manager Mr Macrae in January 1968. Mr Scott married on the 11th of August 1956, Miss Hermione Wallace and by his marriage he has been blessed with three Children Johanna Peter and Jacqueline all of whom are at Hill School Colombo. Mr Scott has been away on furlough in 1956, 1958, 1964, and 1967 In 1948 he was commissioned into the Royal Artillery. By Religion a member of the Church of England his favourite hobby is Work. We wish him Mrs Scott and family many Years of radiant health and happiness.

## **Cranstown Graham Reith Proprietor Longville Estate, Rattota**

Mr. Cranstown Graham Reith Justice of the Peace Unofficial Magistrate was a son of Joseph Reith of Montrose Scotland who arrived here in 1880. Born at Mousaheriya Estate Laggala 1st June 1891, Educated at Kingswood College Kandy. Mr. Reith started Planting under Mr. James Westland of Gamaduwa Group Mr. Reith's father opened up Mousakanda and later Mr Reith became the Manager of Mousakanda, Mr. Reith also worked as Manager on Mousagala Estate Matale Galegewatte Elkaduwa and was Supdt of Longville Estate Rattota and later he purchased Longville Estate and became its Proprietor By Religion a Presbyterian (Scots Kirk) Mr. Reith's favourite hobbies were hunting with pack of hounds. He married in 1912 Miss Alice Tytler daughter of William Alexander Tytler of Lipton Estates Ltd. His Children are Mr. W. J. Reith who was killed in an Accident at Kandy in 1951, Miss H. Reith who is now Mrs. W. Winter, Miss J. Reith Mr. Duncan Reith Planting on Spring Valley and Sheen Estates Miss Anne Grace Reith Mr. R. B. Reith Supdt. Yelverton Haliella and Maurice G. Reith who was planting here but now in Canada.



**LATE MUHANDIRAM  
A. A. W. RATNAYAKE  
OF SIRINIWASA,  
PALLEGAMA, DENIYAYA.**

early in Life he was drawn towards the poor, and learnt to alleviate their sufferings. As a good Buddhist he not only associated with Priests - but gave them magnificent donations as well. Muhandiram Ratnayake married on 2nd July 1902 Miss Dona Clara of Benagamuwa Walauwe who hails from the Sepala Ratnayake Clan. In the year 1906, he built and completed the Road from Deniyaya to Pallegama a distance of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles. This was a mammoth task accomplished after putting down huge boulders and rocks. The building of this Road cost him Rs. 35000/- and the construction of the Bridge across the Ginganga cost him Rs. 15000/- the entire patriotic Service costing him well over Rs. 50,000.

The British Government saw in him not only a great Road maker and Bridge Builder, but a great Nation Builder as well and that he richly deserved Royal Recognition. He was conferred the Rank, Title and Status of a Muhandiram on the 3rd of June 1914 at Queen's House, Colombo. Muhandiram Ratnayake passed away on the 23rd of January, 1946, but though dead he still liveth in those great and wondrous deeds he performed with particular Love for humanity on a vast scale with a larger heart and a kindlier hand. His son Mr. Victor Garvin Weerawardena Ratnayake of Ratnayake Group Deniyaya and his equally brilliant daughter Mrs Nancy Henrietta Dias Abeyagunawardena live to follow in his noble footsteps. May this great Laird of South Ceylon whose name stands as a beacon which illumined the darkness of South Ceylon attain Parinibbana.

## **LATE MUHANDIRAM**

### **A. A. W. RATNAYAKE**

**LAIRD OF SOUTH GREAT PHILANTHROPIST  
WHO RENDERED SERVICE TO HUMANITY**

Selfless Patriots and great Philanthropists like Muhandiram Ratnayake, (A. A. W.) who rendered service to Humanity are today rare as Sandlewood trees which, adorn the Sylvan Woods of Lanka.

Muhandiram Abraham Andarayas Weerawardena Ratnayake was the son of Don Andarayas Weerawardena Ralahamy. He had one sister and one brother. Born on the 14th of December 1880 at Siriniwasa Pallegama, he was educated at the Pallegama School. After leaving School he joined his father in his agricultural and Business pursuits. Though born on the Lap of Luxury



**LATE MUHANDIRAM  
A. A. W. RATNAYAKE**  
Seated in his earliest car in 1901 - 1906.

## MR. C. WIJESINGHE

Mr. Chandradasa Wijesinghe former Senator is a son of Mr Francis Wijesinghe and his mother was Miss Laurencina Wickramasinghe Goonetilleke. Born at Halala Weligama he was educated at Royal College Colombo and Ananda College Colombo. By Religion a staunch Buddhist he married Miss Laura Wickramasinghe on 26th April 1933. By his marriage he was Blessed with one Child Miss. Nandani Wijesinghe, who is married to Senator Vernon Dassanayake. His Country Seat is Andapana Estate Kamburupitiya.

## LATE MR. J. A. DE ANDRADO

Late Mr. James Andrew de Andrado was a son of John Edmund de Andrado and Miss. Angela Perera Jayewardena of Dehiwela. Born at Dehiwela, Educated at St Benedicts College Colombo he was attached to the teaching staff of St Benedicts and was later attached to various Accountancy Firms such as the firm of Messrs K. B. L. Perera & Sons, the Politechnic Etc. and finally he joined the Trust Insurance Co as Accountant. By Religion a Roman Catholic his favourite hobbies were Reading and Tennis. Mr. Andrado married Miss. Muriel Silva daughter of Mr. S. A. Silva Planter of Chilaw on 28th December 1933. His children are Miss. H. Elsie de Andrado and Elswyn de Andrado.



Late Mr.  
Tudor C. Dias Abeyagunawardena

### *The Late*

### *Mr. T. C. Dias Abeyagunawardena*

The late Mr. Tudor Cornelius Dias Abeyagunawardena was the scion of an old and honoured family. A son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Dias Abeyagunawardena of Galle, he was educated at Mahinda College, Galle. He joined the Survey Dept. and later settled down as a surveyor at Matara. The late Mr. Dias Abeyagunawardena married on 30th January 1933, Miss Nancy Henrietta Ratnayake, daughter of the late Muhandiram A. A. W. Ratnayake, Tea Planter and Philanthropist of Siriniwasa, Pallegama and sister of Mr. Victor Ratnayake former M.P. and Proprietor of Ratnayake Group, Deniyaya.

The late Mr. Dias Abeyagunawardena had three brothers who predeceased him. His Eldest brother was Mr. E. Y. Dias Abeyagunawardena Proctor whose daughter Miss Hilda Dias Abeyagunawardena married Mr. G. V. P. Samarasinghe Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Defence and External Affairs. His second Brother was Mr. A. C. Dias Abeyagunawardena whose son Mr. D. D. Abeyagunawardena is attached to the Milk feeding Centre. His third brother was Mr. Titus Dias Abeyagunawardena.

whose eldest daughter Maheswari married her first Cousin Mr. Laduwahetty. The late Mr. Tudor C. Dias Abeyagunawardena's two Sisters are Mrs. Felicia Maud Laduwahetty of Poddala Galle and Mrs. Matilda Gunawardena of Ahangama. His Sister Mrs. D. C. Laduwahetty's sons are Dr. Stanley Laduwahetty Mr. Walter Laduwahetty District Judge Matale, Douglas Laduwahetty Engineer Walawe Scheme, and Neville Laduwahetty Engineer Steel Corporation Colombo. The late Mr. Tudor C. Dias Abeyagunawardena passed away on the 11th of December 1966. He leaves behind to follow in his noble footsteps his beloved Wife and an only son Mr. Upali Dias Abeyagunawardena. The Memory of his noble Life will console them both. We believe when they Miss him most, until they reach the Dawn of Peace upon Samsara's Sea. May he attain Parinibbana.

## Mrs. Nancy H. Dias Abeyagunawardena

When the future Historian comes to record the Biographies of Ceylon's great Social Workers to Mrs. Nancy Henrietta Dias Abeyagunawardena he would readily assign We believe a most conspicuous Position in the annals of a Ceylon National Biography. This gifted Daughter of the late Muhandiram A. A. W. Ratnayake Proprietary Planter and Philanthropist of Deniyaya, is also a sister of Mr. Victor G. W. Ratnayake former M. P. for Deniyaya and Proprietor of Ratnayake Group Deniyaya. Born on the 8th of February 1906, Educated at Sacred Heart Convent Galle Mrs. Dias Abeyagunawardana married on the 30th of January 1933 the late Mr. Tudor C. Dias Abeyagunawardena the Wellknown Licensed Surveyor of Matara who passed away on the 11th of December 1966. By Religion an Ardent Buddhist and a staunch Social Worker throughout her long and interesting Career she was closely associated with her late husband in his Religious Activities and Social Service. Mrs. Dias Abeyagunawardena took a devoted Interest in training girls for Sewing work. She was a Founder Member of the Matara Orphanage for Girls which was established 24 years ago and is still a member of that Institution Her magnificent donations to Religious and deserving Causes are far too numerous to mention here but suffice it to say that her contributions to Sri Suddharma Aramaya Madiha for the Image Flooring are lasting Monuments to her greathearted Acts towards Buddhism and its Welfare. The Ketaramaya Temple at Deniyaya and the Mahamantinda Temple at Matara are two of the Vihares to which her Close Patronage is Extended. Her only Sister Miss. Lily Ratnayake is married to Mr. Upali Batuwantudawe and her Son Mr. Upali Dias Abeyagunawardena is a Planter at Deniyaya managing the family Estates. May the Devas bless this greathearted Lady of Lanka and grant Her many years of radiant health and happiness.



Mrs. Nancy  
H. Dias Abeyagunawardena



## THE CEYLON CIVIL SERVICE. Mr. P. O. FERNANDO C. C. S.

When the future historian comes to record the Biographies of distinguished Ceylonese who towered high in the Public Service and wielded Dignity without Pride to Peter Oliver Fernando of the Ceylon Civil Service would be assigned We believe a conspicuous Position in the Annals of a Ceylon National Biography Born on the 28th February 1898, after a brilliant academic career at St Josephs College Colombo in 1921, he passed the Ceylon Civil Service first in order of Merit and held a number of Appointments before he was appointed Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Defence and External Affairs. In 1950. Mr. Fernando was appointed Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Fisheries and Industries which office he held until 1954 when he was appointed Deputy High Commissioner of Ceylon in the United Kingdom. In 1956 Mr. Fernando retired from the Public Service and was appointed a Judge of the Industrial Court in which capacity he functioned until his Death Mr. Peter Oliver Fernando Passed to his Eternal Reward on the 23rd of October 1965, and we feel Sure that he is now in the Inner circle of the Saints nigh unto the throne of God with the Souls of Just Men Made perfect - as he was a just man much admired and loved by All.

## Mr. George Weeratunge

Proctor S. C.

Mr. George Weeratunge Proctor who hails from an old and honoured family from the South was born on the 20th of October 1887. His father Mr. D. C. Weeratunge who built the Weeratunge Aramaya at Madiha Matara was also the president and Trustee of the Buddhist Temporalities at Matara District. After a brilliant Scholastic Career which commenced at Richmond College Galle and ended at Mahinda College Galle Mr. Weeratunge took to the Law and practised his profession for about 50 Years and he also functioned as Chairman Urban Council Matara almost from its inception. As a Public School Boy Mr. Weeratunge took an active part in the Sports of the College and was in his day Captain of the College Cricket Team, and later he was President of the Town Cricket Club, He played a very Important part in the Social Life of Matara, and was one of the Original Founder Members of the Sujatha and Rahula Vidyalayas which were Established for the Welfare of Rural Buddhist Children for whom there were no English Schools at Matara in those early Days. Mr Weeratunge was Basanayake Nilame of the Maha Vishnu Dewale Devinuwara from 1959 to 1960. As Basanayake Nilame he displayed a rare type of Administrative Ability. Passing from the relative to the Material we come to the history of his family and close connections. Mr. Weeratunge married (First) Miss Letitia Perera sister of Mr. C. E. Perera, Proctor of Negombo and after the death of his first Wife he married Miss. Gertrude Amaliya Dawson Chelvadurai who is wellknown as Kokila Devi in Ceylon Social Circles as the Gifted Talented Musician the thrilling tones of whose beautiful Voice We have heard and shall yet hear over Radio Ceylon.



Mr. George Weeratunge  
PROCTOR

Former Basanayake Nilame, Maha Vishnu  
Dewala, Devinuwara.



Mrs. George Weeratunge  
(Amaliya) (Kokiladevi)  
The Famous Radio Artist

would have wafted him to a very high pedestal in the realm of Music, had he like Deva Suriya Sena Devoted his entire Life to Music and Music alone. However men of his Stamp Mettle and genius with the old world Spirit and the Old World Charm are today Rare as Sandlewood Trees which Adorn the Sylvan woods of Lanka, with the Advent of a brave New World. We wish Mr. & Mrs. George Weeratunge and family many years of radiant health and happiness.

Mr. George Weeratunge's Children are as follows:-  
Miss Juanita Weeratunge who is married to Mr. Jinadasa Samarakkody Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Defence and External Affairs Head of the Public Service, Secretary to the Treasury and Miss Sarojinie Amaliya Weeratunge who is married to Mr. Ajanta Ranasinghe who is a Sub-Editor at Lake House and last but not least Master Ramesh Buddhapriya Weeratunge who is a Student at St. Thomas's College Mt. Lavinia. Mr. Weeratunge's Sister Dona Francina married Mr. Samuel Situge son of Henerick Silva the Famous Henegama Appuhamy. His sister Dona Emayalia Weeratunge was married to the late Mr. D. M. Rajapakse the former M. P. for Beliatta and his sister Alice was married to Simon Sirimanne J. P. U. P. M. of Elpitiya Cousin of Mr. Albert Sirimanne and the late Mr. Don Henderick Weeratunge of Henegewatte Madiha Matara was Mr. George Weeratunge's Brother. In concluding this brief Sketch of Mr. George Weeratunge's Biography We feel certain that although he was a Lawyer Politician and Social Worker, that his favourite hobby Music

## Mr. J. A. Thomas Superintendent

### Battawatte Group Madulsima

Mr. J. A. Thomas Superintendent Battawatte Group Madulsima is an Agriculturist who graduated from the Farm School Department of Agriculture Peradeniya. Born on the 8th of March 1923 Educated at St Thomas's College by Religion a member of the Church of Ceylon his favourite hobbies are Clubs and Club Schools. Mr Thomas Married on the 14th of January 1956 Miss Victorine Laxhimi Perera and by his Marriage he has been Blessed with 2 Children Ravi Aged 8 Years a Student at St Thomas's and Suresh the Youngest who is Just 5 Years as We go into Press. Mr Thomas's father was a Business Magnate in Matale who died in 1956. He has one Brother Mr. S. D. Thomas who succeeded to his father's Business of Chemists and Grocers Matale and an only Sister Miss P. N. Thomas B. A. of St. Agnes Convent Matale Mr Thomas's Planting Career commenced at Farm School Peradeniya and at Matale on Ovale Estates under the Village Expansion Scheme He was also a member on the Staff of St Thomas' School Gurutalawa and in Charge of the School Farm.



## MR. M. D. YAPA J. P.

Mr. M. D. Yapa J. P. of Waralla is son of Mr. Siyadoris Dahanayake Yapa of Akuressa. Born at Pinwatta Akuressa on 22nd November 1904, Mr. Yapa was educated at St Thomas's College Matara, Mahinda College Galle and the School of Agriculture Peradeniya By Religion a Buddhist his favourite hobbies are gardening and Social Service. Mr. Yapa Married on 26th January 1931 Miss. Catherine Wanigesekera daughter of Mr D. Wanigesekera Mr. Yapa is Chairman V. C. Morawaka. During the last great World War he was A. R. P. Controller for the District.

Mr. & Mrs. M. D. YAPA AND FAMILY

## MR. TITUS RATNAYAKE

Mr. Titus Ratnayake (Tilak) Proprietary Planter is a son of the late Muhandiram and Mrs A. A. W. Ratnayake of Deniyaya. Born at Siriniwasa Walauwe Pallegama on 7th February 1918, Mr Ratnayake was educated at Mahinda College Galle Ananda College Colombo and the School of Tropical Agriculture. By Religion a Buddhist his favourite hobbies are Reading Research work Gemming and Manufacture of Oriental Products. Mr Titus Weerawardena Ratnayake is the Managing Director of the Tropical Research Laboratories Deniyaya. He is a brother of Mr Victor Ratnayake former M. P. for Deniyaya.

## MR. KUMARADAS KARUNANAYAKE

Mr. Kumaradas Karunanayake is a son of the late Mr. J. E. Karunanayake. He was educated at St. Thomas's College Mount Lavinia which he left from the Cambridge junior Form. By Religion a staunch Buddhist he is interested in Politics and his favourite hobby is travelling. He married Miss Brenda Doreen Munasinghe daughter of Mudaliyar R. Munasinghe on 19th March 1942, and by his marriage he has been blessed with one son Master Sirinath Kumar Karunanayake, Mr. Kumaradas Karunanayake is the Proprietor of Kumaradas Estate Telijjwela.

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## Late Mr. James Pujithe Gunawardena

**Proctor S. C. and Notary Public**

The late Mr. James Pujithe Gunawardena Proctor S. C. & Notary Public hailed from an old and honoured family. After a brilliant Academic Career at the Royal College and the Ceylon Law College he had a large and lucrative practise on the Civil side of our Courts for nearly 45 Years. The late Mr. Gunawardena was of a deeply Religious turn of Mind and a staunch Buddhist. His religious Activities were vastly confined to the Pamburana Temple, and his favourite hobby was gardening. He married Miss Ranawela Liyanage Karunawathie of Anuradhapura and by his Marriage he has been blessed with three Children - Karunadasa the Eldest Miss Maud Gunawardena the gifted daughter who follows her father's Worthy footsteps as a Proctor practising at Matara and Dr. Miss Violet Gunawardena who has established herself as a Medical Practitioner in Colombo. Men of the stamp mettle and genius of James Pujithe Gunawardena with that old world spirit and old world Charm are today rare as Sandlewood Trees which adorn the Sylvan woods of Lanka and Ceylon is all the poorer for it. Mr. Gunawardena died at the Age of 71 Years in 1963. May he attain Parinibbana.

## THE LATE MR. A. F. R. GOONWARDENA

The death of Arthur Francis Rodrigo Goonawardena has removed from the public life of this country a great Philanthropist. A son of Mr. E. A. Goonawardena, Deputy Fiscal Kurunegala he was born on 29th December 1882 at Panadura. Educated first at the Badulla Buddhist School and later at the Ceylon Royal College he passed out as a Proctor in 1906 and he established, at Kurunegala his practise which was confined to the Civil and criminal sides of our Courts. He was Life member and Chairman of the Kurunegala Planters Association and held a prominent place in the Councils of the Church of Ceylon. He married on 10th October 1912 Miss Trissette de Mel daughter of late Mr. Jacob de Mel and sister of the late Sir Henry de Mel. His Children are Mr. Asoka Goonawardena J. P. U. M. Proctor S. C. Kegalle who is now Magistrate Matara. 2 Mr. Maithripala Goonewardena Planter Ragalla Group Hapgranoia, and his daughters are Mrs. Malini Wijeratne wife of Mr. Joe Wijeratne, Advocate, Negombo and Mrs. Mallika Perera of Gregory's Road, Colombo 7.



The late Mr. A. F. R. Goonewardena

## CHEVALIER C. L. W. PERERA

**PROCTOR S. C. KURUNEGALA**

Chevalier C. L. W. Perera is the leading Criminal Lawyer of the Kurunagala Bar. The eldest son of Mohandiram C. T. Perera of the Colombo Kachcheri Educated at Wesley College he joined the Ceylon Law College in 1919. His Legal Publications "The Motor Manual" and the Criminal Law Reference are two of the Outstanding Volumes that will perpetuate his Memory and the Memory of his Work. Mr. Perera married on 10th Feb 1916, Miss. Esther Weerakoon daughter of Mudaliyar George Edward Weerakoon. He was created a Knight of St. Sylvester by His Holiness the Pope in October 1954 and was granted a Private Audience by the Holy Father Pope Pius xii in 1957. After the death of his Wife he remarried and has one Child by his Second Marriage.

## THE LATE MR. ALBERT FONSEKA, J. P.



**THE LATE MR. M. ALBERT FONSEKA, J. P.**

hearts of thousands of grateful people who worked for him — and in the hearts of his friends in the social and public life of this Country. By Religion a staunch Buddhist the late Mr. Fonseka married on 25th July 1925, Miss Aleda Perera, daughter of the late Mr. A. Mendis Perera of Hapitigala and grand-daughter of A. Suwaris Perera. By his marriage the late Mr. Fonseka was blessed with two children, Mr. M. K. W. Fonseka who unsuccessfully contested the Mirigama Seat in the General Election of 1965, and a daughter (Mangalika) Mrs. A. H. D. S. de Silva. Life's Race Well Run Life's work well done Albert Fonseka has passed to his ETERNAL REST, May he attain PARINIBBANA and may his Children and Generation follow his worthy footsteps emulating those noble qualities of Head and Heart which were salient Characteristics of his Life for the Welfare of his family and his Country.

The Late Mr. Albert Fonseka, Justice of the Peace was a son of the late Mr. M. T. Fonseka of Panadura. Born at Panadura he was educated at Ananda and Wesley Colleges. His death at the comparatively early age of 56 years-on 11th September, 1956 has removed from the public Life of this Country an ardent Philanthropist whose public spirited activities were directed towards the welfare of humanity. Mr. Fonseka started Plumbago Mining in 1926, and eventually by honest industry and perseverance rose to be the proprietor of Plumbago Mines Fibre Mills Rubber and Coconut Estates. Calm and collected in manner of a most unassuming disposition he possessed to a remarkable degree the old World Spirit and the World Charm which is fast disappearing with the advent of a brave New World. His private benefactions for Welfare of humanity are far too numerous to mention within the brief space of his interesting Biography but few among his varied public spirited Activities are his donations to the Nelundeniya, B.T.S. School, at Nittambuwa and his contribution of Rs. 1000/- towards the Ananda College Building Fund and the Nagadipa Pilgrims Rest. In view of his public usefulness he was honoured by Government with the rank of a Justice of the Peace for Western Province in the King's Birthday Honours of 1948. Men of the stamp mettle and Philanthropic Genius of Mr. Albert Fonseka are today rare as Sandlewood trees which adorn the Sylvan Woods of Lanka. His death is a loss to his family in particular and the Country in general — but his memory will remain enshrined in the

## OUR LEGISLATURE

### Mr. PERCY A. SAMARAWEEERA M. P. WELIMADA.

Mr. Percy A. Samaraweera. Member of Parliament for Welimada the honestest Politician in the Island and by far the most popular candidate at Elections who held and still holds the heart of his Electorate in Chains, may aptly be described by the future historian as one who sails like John Bright from Headland to Headland ignoring the Creeks and Inlets. of a calm and unassuming disposition his pleasant winning demeanour has always won for him the confidential esteem and the responsive Affection of all those who evey came into contact with him. Educated at St. John's Panadura and St. Sylvester's Kandy after a brilliant Academic Career he took to Politics about some 15 years back and he is today the Governing Planet of the Welimada Electorate. He married Miss. Manel Kuruppu, daughter of Dr. Percy Kuruppu and by his marriage he has been blessed with one child, Kalinga Preethi Viraj. By Religion a staunch Buddhist, his favourite hobby is Tennis. He is Part Proprietor of Weymulle Estate Welimada in Joint Partnership with his brother Mr. Alfred Samaraweera We have no doubt that greater honours and dignities are ahead of Mr. Percy Samaraweera, when Political Clouds of today disappear like Mist before the Rising Sun. We wish Mr. Samaraweera Mrs. Samaraweera and Family many years of radiant health and happiness.

## SUPPLEMENTARY VOLUME

The production of this publication as a Tea Centenary Year Souvenir was a mammoth task, as within the short space of time allotted for the work it was not possible to meet all the planters on the Hills of Ceylon. The Editor and Publisher was like the Huntsman going out to the woods in Search of Game and he cannot be blamed if he hath not caught all.

In Order to include all the Pioneers and Successors of the Great Planting Industries of Ceylon a Supplementary Volume now in preparation would be published in June 1968. All Planting Personalities who are SUCCESSORS of the PIONEERS on Ceylon Tea Estates could furnish their particulars with their Photographs to the Editor and Publisher, Henegewatte Estate, Madiha, Matara, with Planting Careers, dates of Birth, Marriage, Hobbies, Estates, worked on, Crept on, Religion, Name of Partner, Names of Children Etc., should be forwarded with a Cheque for Rs. 200/- in favour of Douglas Senanayake ESQ, EDITOR & PUBLISHER Henegewatte Estate, Madiha Matara.

## THE ANCIENT GLORY OF CEYLON

The Ancient Glory of Ceylon is what has been left of the Work of our Ancestors in what are called today the "RUINED CITIES" there once stood the embellishment of Ceylonese Culture and Civilization.

Buried deep in the Wilds of North Central Provsnce lies the centre of our past renown. The historical and Religious Importance of these places invite us to pay not One but MANY VISITS. Many of us have had the privilege of Visiting these Places of extravagant Beauty and Charm. The Sacred places of Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa no doubt shine in the Annals of Lanka. The glory that was Anuradhapiunra is depicted in the saced Monuments that stand there to this day.

The Thuparama the first of the Dagobas erected in Anuradhapura and on which the Right Collar Bone of the Buddha is enshrined stands there with a New Orientation given to it in recent Times.

It was built by King Devanampiyatissa (247) B. C. during which time Buddhism was first introduced to Ceylon.

## The First Sinhalese Who Preached Buddhism to the West in English so early as 1827, was a Christian

### Life and Times of Mudaliyar Johannes Welselius Perera Wijesundera Seneviratne of the Ceylon Civil Service

Mudaliyar Johannes Welselius Perera Wijesundera Seneviratne was the son of the great Don Abraham Squire and Proponent of the District of Negombo, who stood 8 feet from the ground and was known as the giant Padre who was the Head of the Society for the propagation of the Gospel of Christ in Ceylon, and the great Educationist who in 1805 opened and established the first English Educational Institutions in the District of Negombo and Civilised the inhabitants of the Villages of Kurana, Andiambalama, Seeduwa, Kochchikade and Suburbs of Negombo.

Mudaliyar Johannes Welselius was born at Kandy, in 1806 when Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe was King and Pilame Talauwe was Maha Adikaram. His mother was Dona Maria Lamatheni a Kandyan Lady of honourable Family. Johannes Welselius was not only the first Sinhalese who went to England and preached Buddhism to the West by a series of Lectures, he delivered at Exeter Hall, London, in English (so early as 1827), he also bore the distinctive honour of being the first Sinhalese to dine with the Royal Family in England — and incidently he was the first Sinhalese nominated to the Ceylon Civil Service by Governor Sir Edward Barnes. The members of this Clan were Rulers of the Maritime Provinces from 1700, and notably among them Mudaliyar Henry Alponsus Wijesekera Rajakaruna the first Mudaliyar of Negombo under British Rule who in 1815, held the Singhala Raja Sri Wickrama as a Prisoner of State in his Historic Dodangas Walauwe, when the King was taken enroute to Madras Via Negombo as the Road to Kandy was unopened and there were no Maha Mudaliyars at Horagolla or Veyangoda then. His equally brilliant son Don Francis Herbert was the Magister Magistorum who taught English to Maha Mudaliyar Sir Solomon Dias Bandaranaike and the older generation of Obeysekera's and Bandaranaike's including Sir Harry Dias and Rt. Hon. D. S. Senanayake Ceylon's First Prime Minister, in the old St. Thomas's College at Mutwal. The historic voyage of Johannes Welselius on board a woodens ailing vessel a windjammer to preach Buddhism to the West in English in 1827, arrests attention. He was reputed to be not only an Authority on Buddhism in that far off age but an intellectual Sky scraper whose Education in the English Medium enabled him to be an accomplished Pali and Sanscrit scholar without ever having heard the Cry of Modern Politicians or the National Scheme of Education envisaged by Political Pundits of today.

On his departure from the shores of Ceylon the then High Priests of Malwatte and Asgiriya Temples Chanted Pirith and Jayamangala Gathas at the Colombo Landing Jetty and invoked the blessing of the Gods on Johannes Welselius who in 1827 undertook that perilous voyage round the Cape of Good Hope to preach Buddhism in England as the Suez Canal was unbuilt, then, Iron Ships were unknown, and Air Travel was undreamt of in 1827. And what was Johannes Welselius by Religion. Strange as it may seem he was a Christian and the son of a Christian Priest who never changed his Religion? Why did Johannes Welselius a Christian preach Buddhism to the West in English in 1827, is a question that may well be raised at this momentous period of our Political Evolution? The answer is obvious. Christians and Buddhists in that far-of age were United as human beings devoid of racial religious or communal hatred, which is rampant today. Men of the olden days were men of righteousness who abhorred indiscipline and lawlessness. Johannes Welselius belonged to that age and that group of mortals who believed in and preached religious tolerance to a remarkable degree. The memory of Johannes Welselius and his great hearted act as a Christian who first preached Buddhism to the West in English by a series of Lectures he delivered at Exeter Hall, London and expounded it to the Pundits of the West and in so doing brought Glory to Buddhism and Ceylon and the Cause of Buddhism speaks Volumes to the remarkable degree of Religious Tolerance he practised as a Christian. As a homage to the Intellectual Genius of that most Brilliant Erudite Scholar Johannes Welselius who as a Christian brought glory to

Ceylon and Buddhism by preaching it first as a Singhalese in England. — Let all of us who are Buddhists, Christians, Muslims or Hindus in this predominantly Buddhist Country practise Religious Tolerance and Righteousness without violating the Sacred Precepts of our respective Religions or the Doctrine of the Moral Law as it is then only that we can hope as human beings to be wafted above the envy and scorn of this material world to a realisation of that solemn truth that God and our Neighbours Rights are above the ties of Nature — that Right is always Right, however hard it may be to follow and however distant and shadowy may appear its Rewards — that wrong is ever wrong, whatever shape it may take, whatever disguise it may wear — that even as Crowned Monarchs of the Globe, We cannot ride rough shod over the rights of fellow human beings — without inviting upon ourselves the vengeance of the Gods who preside over the destinies of our land.

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 Of Would I Were Some Heavenly muse  
 Full Sweet thy Praise to Chant.

Sweet Pallegama I Adore Thee!  
 That Hath Such Pleasures Given me  
 And may Celestial Devas be!  
 Still more Lavish with Gifts on Thee.

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### AUTHOR'S INTRODUCTION

Life and inspiring ideals of F. R. Senanayake is a volume intended to reveal the real Greatness that was F. R. Senanayake to the world and in this Miniature sketch of Ceylon's most admired and admirable patriot I have attempted to speak the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth how ever unpalatable or stranger than fiction. The ideals of F. R. Senanayake inspired me from the days of my blustering boyhood to manhoods proud down and I saw in him not only the rare philanthropist but also the truest and noblest citizen of the country. I had intimately known F. R. enjoyed his hospitality and friendship so that when he passed away at Calcutta in 1926 my grief was keen. From him who was simplicity personified I gained a Knowledge of life which I esteem today as wisdom far above rubies. If within the brief space of this life story of the Magnanimous F. R. who was assuredly the greatest embodiment of our national patriotism I have run the gauntlet on modern society or parried a few home thrusts with the ideal of social reform and national progress in view I crave dear reader the courtesy of your kind pardon. If my crude pen has strayed at the dictates of my undisciplined heart into the social clubs and drawing rooms of modern society to paint the horrors of this enlightened age let it be remembered that I have attempted to lift humanity from the level of the inhuman beast the material brute to something higher nobler and divine. To them who chaff challenge or ridicule the truth I have written in the affecting language of jesting Pilate, let me say that which I have written I have written and there is no power in the tongue of man to alter me. Consciously or otherwise I have written nought in this volume which my moral conscience could neither sanction nor vouchsafe for here or in the great "beyond". Within the space of twenty years having studied life not language, like Ulysses of Ithaca, I feel that all experience is an arch where through gleams that untravelled world whose margin fades for ever and for ever when I move. *Experientia sapientiam dat aye*, experiences lived through and really felt on the material plane rough and rugged experience through it alone can the acme of perfection be ever reached by mortals. The revolution of man from grade to grade from world to world and the ultimate retribution reserved for his past misdeeds were firm and shining truths in the grand dogma of F. R. Senanayake's belief in an age of uncertainty woe

and unbelief. Strengthened by the light of a spiritual vision wafted above the envy and scorn of this material world F. R. lived on a vasty plane of elevated thought. He was a man unawed by influence and unbribed by gain. His sense of Justice and fairplay was equal to that of the gods, as such his life and inspiring ideals should serve as a model to stir and stimulate the youth of today who are the men of tomorrow to follow in his noble footsteps. If that happens this volume shall amply justify its appearance as my humble tribute to the memory of one who was much admired and greatly loved by almost everyone in this country.

Weeratunge Walauwe

Madiha, Matara

January 1968.

Sincerely Yours,  
DOUGLAS SENANAYEKE

## LATE

## Mr. A. G. WICKRAMAPALA

J. P.

The Late Mr. A. G. Wickramapala J. P. was a brilliant example of that ancient saying "That The Real Greatness and Dignity of Man Does Not Lie In what He Has - But In What he is" Born on the 28th of December 1906, at Galle, he passed away on 17th August 1961 at a comparatively early age-but his life and inspiring ideals will continue to Serve as a Model to guide the youth of today Who are the Men of tomorrow. The Late Mr. A. G. Wickramapala was in 1955, created a Justice of the Peace for the judicial district of Colombo in view of his prominent public spirited activities. He was a Co - Director of the Maliban Biscuit Manufactory Ltd., and the Maliban Hotels Ltd. He was also a Director of The Eastern Finance Ltd., and a Member of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce. By religion a staunch Buddhist Mr. Wickramapala's favourite hobby was travelling. He travelled extensively in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Switzerland, Italy and Monaco and all these were pleasure trips. He also travelled on Pilgrimage to India and His Itenary included Buddha Gaya, Benares, Saranath, Mysore and Bangalore. May He attain Parrinibbana.



Late Mr. A. G. Wickramapala J. P.

**The Historic Chief and Overlord of Hapitigam Korale who was a descendant of the Historic Senanayeke Prince Sapumal.**

**Kulawardenamudalige Don Samuel Appuhamy Wijesundera Senewiratne Senanayeke - the Original owner of**

**BOTHALE MAHA WALAUWE, AMBEPUSSE**

The Historic Chief Kulawardenamudalige Don Samuel Appuhamy Wijesundera Senewiratne Senanayeke of Bothale Maha Walauwe who was Overlord of Hapitigam Korale, died at Walauwatte Bandura-goda his 45 acre Estate. He was a descendant of the Historic Senanayeke Prince Sapumal who conquered Jaffna twice defeated the Chackrawathy King of India, and finally ascended the throne of Lanka at Kotte under the name of Sri Buveneka Bahu. In the early days of British Rule this Historic Chief Don Samuel Appuhamy Wijesundera Senewiratne Senanayeke alias Kudagammana Rajjuruwo was arrested by the British in the Old Palace at Pandugasnuwara near the Temple in Hettipola Area for having set up for himself a miniature throne declared himself King of Lanka and issued gun licenses to the inhabitants of the seven Korales. After his arrest on the Orders of Queen Victoria he was taken to England and produced before the Queen.

When questioned by the Queen as to why he had committed High Treason against the British Crown by declaring himself King of Lanka this Historic Senanayeke answered the Queen thus:

"Your Majesty I am also one of your Majesty's Loyal Subjects, but it has been the custom of my Race to sit on Royal Thrones and Rule as Kings. I merely did this as it was pure and simple pleasure to re-enact the past stages of life and therefore I committed no Treason."

Queen Victoria exonerated him from the charge exempted him from the Poll Tax as he was a descendant of Kings and sent him back to Ceylon. The Royal Estate, Maligatenne in the neighbourhood of Attanagalle Vihare which belonged to him as a scion of the Historic Senanayeke Prince Sapumal is strange to say today in the possession of the descendants of the Muslim Servant Kanakapulle Mudalali who was placed in charge of same. When the Historic Don Samuel Appuhamy Senanayeke died his heir was just an infant who knew nothing of his Estates. The Nindagama lands at Kehelwella, Kudagammana and in Hapitigam Korale were encroached upon by close relations and outsiders. Surviving descendants of this Historic Prince of Attanagalle deprived of this Royal Heritage are the Late Mr. Aelian Hamlyn Senanayeke, The Late Mr. Julian Stanley Irving Senanayeke, Mr. Claude Senanayeke and Mr. Douglas Senanayeke, President and Leader of the United Ceylonese Party. (Mahajana Samajiwada Pakshaya)

## **THE LATE MR. T. RAMACHANDRA.**

The Late Mr. T. Ramachandra, son of the Late Mr. H. T. Ramachandra, Proctor, died at Swarnan Campbell Place at the early age of 37 years. Educated at Wesley College, Colombo, up to the Senior Cambridge standard, leaving College he took to the Management of his father's Estates, Diasy Valley Mawatagama Hayes-Lauderdale Group, Deniyaya. He married Miss Vythialingam, daughter of the Late Arunachalam Vythialingam. By religion a Hindu, he was Secretary of the L. C. P. A. and Vice President of the N. C. C., Secretary of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness. Committee Member of the Tamil Union Club, Orient Club and Kennel Club. His favourite hobby was Planting. He passed away on 15th February 1962.

## Pioneers and Successors of the Great Planting Industries of Ceylon

### MR. C. R. WARREN.

Who was the Manager of Hunuwella Group which was Originally planted  
(by Mr. Dawson Cousin of Lord Dawson of Penn.)

Mr. Charles Reginald Warren Manager Hunuwella Group Opanaika is a son of the late Charles Edward Warren. Born in England on 22nd October 1909, Educated at Churchers College Peters Hill, Mr. Warren came out to Ceylon in 1927 and crept under Major P. A. Cornish. He also served in the K. V. on Ardross Estate. He was S. D. Watapota Estate and came as S. D. to Hunuwella Estate. In 1928 from Hunuwella he went to Robgill Bogawantalawa and came back to Halina which is now a part of Hunuwella Group. Mr. Warren was at Watapota as P. D. for Seven years. Four Years ago he came back to Hunuwella as P. D. In addition to his own duties as P. D. of Hunuwella Group Mr. Warren visits Landsdowne Talgaswela, Talangaha and Mapalagama Estates. Hunuwella Group was originally planted by Mr. Dawson Cousin of Lord Dawson of Penn. A member of the Church of England Mr. Warren's favourite Hobbies are Polo riding and Tennis. Mr. Warren married Miss Barbara Isobel Legge daughter of Mr. E. W. Legge of Millhill London on 17th September 1946. and by his marriage he has been blessed with an only Child Miss. Gill Poleyn Warren who is just 11 years old. Mr. Warren is a member of the Balangoda and Ratnapura Clubs. He is also a member of the Bow Club Haputale Bandarawela. Politically Mr. Warren has Independent Views, but all the same he is a genial Planter with a true sense of Justice and fair play and a Gentleman from the Finger Tips to the Toe Nails. Mrs. Warren was a Runner-Up for the Tennis Championship at Nuwara-Elipa. She is a Wimbledon Player born on the 21st of July 1917 and Educated in England and her favourite Hobby is Tennis.

### MR. ARTHUR WATT

Superintendent, Endana Estate, Kahawatta.

Mr. Arthur Watt Superintendent of Endana Estate Kahawatta is a son of the late Mr. Adam Watt of Kincardishire Scotland his mother was Miss. Cannon of Scotland. Born in Kincardinshire Scotland 25th August 1906, educated at Mackie Academy Scotland, he came out to Ceylon in January 1928 and first joined Brae Group Madulkelle. He served on Little Valley Sheen Group Punduluoya Midlands Estate, Rattota, Alma Group Maturata, Bathford Estate Dickoya, and Stockholm Maskeliya. He took charge of Endana Estate Kahawatta in March 1949. He visits Bopitiya and Starthdon Estate. He was a member of the C. P. R. C. until it was closed down. He has been to England 4 Times in 1951 and just returned. He is a democrat politically. Mr. Watt who is a Protestant by Religion married on 6th July 1931, Miss. Joyce Hammond daughter of the late Mr. Edmund Hammond of Sussex. Mrs. Watt was educated in Sussex and by religion she is a member of the Church of England. Her favourite hobbies are Art and Gardening. Mrs. Watt is a trained Artist having taken to it when quite Young-her mother's brother being an Artist too. She paints Ceylon Portrait Scenes-historic and Natural Sceneries. As a professional Artist during the last great War, some of her paintings went for Sale and the proceeds utilized as contributions towards WarFunds. Mr. Watt is a member of the Ratnapura Club, Pelmadulla Club, Kandy Club. Darawella Club-Sea Anglers Club. Swimming Club Ceylon Fishing Club - Kandy and Ratnapura Golf Clubs. His favourite Hobbies are golf Visits to Jungle and Fishing.



MR. ARTHUR WATT

## Mr. H. S. HUDSON SUPERINTENDENT

Randolla Estate Balangoda.

Mr. H. S. Hudson is a son of the late Mr. Thomas Hudson Pioneer Planter and Proprietor of Glenanore Estate Haputale who came out to Ceylon in 1889, and died in 1931. His grandfather Mr. John Hudson was the proprietor of a Farm at Waterford Ireland. Born at Tienstin Bogawantalawa on 9th October 1884 Mr. Hudson was educated at St Anthony's College Kandy. He started Life as an engineering apprentice at Walkers and his planting career commenced in 1917. His first appointment was on Stokesland Estate Udugama. Thereafter he served on Horankande Estate Alauwa and on Sir Thomas De Sompayo's Estate at Ambagamuwa and on Glengariff and Hardenhuish Estates. Mr. Hudson assumed duties on Randolla Estate Balangoda in 1940. which post he creditably maintains to this day. He also visits Lanka Estate Agency Estates Silvaland Estate and about five or Six Estates in the neighbourhood of Randolla Estate. He is a valuator to Govt and Private concerns since 1943. By religion a Roman Catholic his favourite hobby has been stamp collecting from his school days. He married Miss. Mayert Macnicol daughter of Mr. Samuel Macnicol of Galboda Estate Galboda in Sept 1924. and by his marriage he has been blessed with two children Miss. Molly Hudson and Mr. Barney Hudson Supdt of Walawe Estate Balangoda. Mr. Hudson is the Chairman of the Balangoda Planters Assoc'n since 1943. We wish Mr. & Mrs. Hudson and family many years of health and Happiness.

## Mr. DAVID P. CAMERON

Supdt. of Meddakanda Estate, Balangoda.

Mr. David Paterson Cameron Supt of Meddakanda Estate Balangoda is a son of the late Charles Alexandr Cameron and his mother was Miss. Mary Dawson. Born at Drumchapel Scotland on 28th April 1907 educated at Swariston Glasgow Academy, he came out to Ceylon in 1929 from Scotland and worked first as a Creeper on Ellapola Estate. Thereafter he worked on Galature Estate Kirelia Medakanda Estate Balangoda Halwature Estate Ingiriya, Hapugasteuns Estate Ratnapura. From there he went to Rasagala Estate Balangoda - from Rasagala to Wickeliya Estate and from Wickeliya to Ellapola Estate and from Ellapola again to Hapugas tenne and from Hapugastenn to Halgolla Yatiyantota and from Halgolla to Rasagalla and from Rasagala to Warwick Ambawela and then back again to Meddakande as Supdt in 1947. which Post he creditably maintains to this day. By religion a member of the Church of Scotland Mr. Cameron's favourite hobbies are Fishing Riding Shooting Mr. Cameron Married Miss. Helen Doris Clark daughter of Mr. Robert Clark of Glasgow England on 12th June 1939, and by his marriage he has been blessed with two Children Miss. Wilda Margraet and Master Maurice Cameron Both of Hill School N'eliya. Mr. Cameron is a member of the Ratnapura Club Hill Club N'eliya Golf Club Balangoda Bambarabotuwa Club Garden Club and Swimming Club. Politically Mr. Cameron is out for a Peaceful Life. His only brother is Mr. Charles A. Cameron of the Colombo Commercial Company. Mrs. Cameron who is a Golf Champion was educated in Glasgow. Her favourite hobbies are Golf Gardening and Flowers.

## Mr. G. B. MIDDLETON

Superintendent Houpe Estate, Kahawatta.

Mr. Gelfrey Boswell Middleton Supdt Houpe Estate Kahawatta is a son of Mr. Donald Tindall Middleteon. Born at Chippemham England on 28th February 1921, Educated at Monckton Combe School Bath England he came out to Ceylon in 1946, and crept under Mr. W. M. Miller on Tangakellie Estate Lindula. He also worked on Holyrood Estate under Mr. Picken. He joined Houpe Estate

as S. D. in 1949 and acted as P. D. on Houpe Estate in the absence of Mr. Gordon Graham who was on leave till February 1952. A member of the Church of England by Religion his favourite hobbies are Shooting Gardening and Sports in General. He married Miss. Anthea Walton Ball daughter of Mr. Herbert Walton Ball managing Director of Regent Oil Company England, on 2nd September 1950. He is a member of the Hill Club Nuwara Eliya, Taldua Club, Colombo Swimming Club, and Captain of the Dimbulla Rugger Team 1948. He played Rugger for Upcountry Low Country and for Ceylon in 1948. Mrs. Middleton was Educated at Rhodeen and Queenswood. Her favourite hobbies are Music and Swimming.

## MR. C. M. M. MORRIS

**Proprietor Blaneywatte Estate**

Mr. Collin Maesmore Morris is a son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Maesmore Morris. Born in Melbourne Australia on 13th October 1903, educated at Uppingham (same School at which Lord Soulbury was Educated) Mr. Maesmore arrived in Ceylon in 1912. His first Appointment was on Hopton Group as S. D. In 1914, he saw Active Service with Ceylon Contingent and returned to Ceylon in 1923, after 7 years War Service in Mesopotamia Mr. Maesmore Morris purchased Blaneywatte from Mr J. D. Robinson and has been on Blaneywatte ever since. By religion a member of the Church of England his favourite hobby is Cricket - and it was Cricket in the Earlier days. Mr Maesmore Morris Married on 20th August 1920, Miss Alice Doyle daughter of the late Mr. P. J. Doyle of Cairnes and he held the rank of Captain in the Army He is a member of Hill Club Princes Club Golf Club and Uva Club.

## MR. GORTON COOMBE

**Manager Poonagala Group Bandarawela**

Mr. Gorton Coombe son of Mr & Mrs R. G. Coombe was born on the 12th of January 1904 at N'Elia Ceylon. He was Educated at Cheltenham Junior School and Royal Naval School Dartmouth and at Aberdeen University Scotland. He took to planting in October 1923, his first appointment being on Deacula and Craig Estates, and he was made the permanent Manager of Poonagala Group Bandarawela as from first January 1939 Mr Gorton Coombe holds the B. S. C. degree in Agriculture. He was Chairman of the Uva Planters Assoc'n in 1947, and again in 1948. He was a member of the Hill Club Colombo Garden Club Colombo Club and N'Elia Golf Club. The departure of Mr & Mrs Gorton Coombe from Ceylon for good has removed from our midst a very genial type of planter the members of whose families have for more than two Generations adorned our planting Arena. Planters to whom We feel ever so Sad to Say Farewell, as we have come to admire their Works and feel that their Exit from our Island Home is a Colossal Loss not only to our planting World but to our Society in which they moved as genial friends.

## Mr. H. T. MELDRUM, J. P. U. M., D. S. O.

**Superintendent, Melfort Estate, Pussellawa**

Mr. H. T. Meldrum is a son of Mr. & Mrs. A. T. Meldrum, born at Edinburgh on 27th August 1904 - educated at Rugby, England Mr. Meldrum took to planting in 1925. By Religion a member of the Church of England his favourite hobbies are shooting and fishing. Mr. Meldrum married on 5th December, 1931, and by his marriage — he has been blessed with two children Misses Pamela and Sally Meldrum.

## MR. G. F. ALDERSON - SMITH

Superintendent, Mahacudugala Estate

Mr. Fredrick George Alderson Smith is a son of Mr. A. Alderson Smith and Mrs. G. M. Howard late of Ceylon. Born on September 21st 1902 in Ceylon Mr. Alderson - Smith was educated at Marlborough, England. His first appointment was as Assistant on Rangbodde and Halgranoya Estates. He is presently Superintendent of Mahacudugala and Silverkandy Estates. By Religion a member of the Church of England, his favourite hobbies are Racing Polo Tennis. Mr. Alderson Smith married on 6th June, 1926, Miss Dorothy Bliss. During the last great War he was in the C. M. R. & the C.P.R.C. He is also a Justice of the Peace and unofficial Magistrate. Mr. Alderson Smith is a member of the Hill Club - Colombo Polo Club - Dickson's Corner Club - N'eliya Golf Club - Maturata Club - A. A. of Ceylon and he is also member of the Ceylon Fishing Club.

## LATE MR. S. C. V. TRAIL

The late Mr. Stanley Cavendish Valentine Trail was born in Westpor County (Mayow Island) on St. Valentines Day 14th February 1882 and he died on 8th October, 1948 in South Africa. Mr. Trail first came out to Ceylon in 1909 and Crept on Binoya, Rozelle. His first charge was on Hatton Estate, and he later served on Coolbank and Fruithill Estates. He was in the Regular Army 2nd Dragoon Guards Ireland. The late Mr. Trail served in the great War of 1914 to the very end of the War. By Religion a member of the Church of England his favourite Hobbies were sports, soccer, Cricket and Hockey. He married Miss Florence Madeline Stap in Durban on 3rd June, 1916 and by his marriage he has been blessed with five children as follows: The late Mr. Eric Stanley Trail (2) Mr. Terence Victor Trail presently of El-Teb Passara (3) Mrs. Joan Madeline Gottelier (4) Mrs. Valerie Clare Paterson (5) Mrs. Maureen Trail. Mr. Trail retired as a planter from his last charge - Alpitikande Estate, Gampola in 1946. He was a member of the Kandy Sports Club and Gampola D.A.A.C. Mr. Trail was also President of the Kandy Amateur League for many years and Vice-President of the Upcountry Games Association. He represented up-country in Soccer and Hockey on a few occasions. He was also a member of the Automobile Club of Ceylon. A genial planter Mr. Trail is sadly missed and deeply mourned.

## MR. T. V. TRAIL

Mr. C. V. Trail is a son of Mr. S. C. V. Trail who first crept under his father at Alpitikande, Gampola. In the early stages of the Great War he went to Passara Group and in 1946 he served in the C. P. R. C. and was commissioned in the R. N. V. R. Mr. Trail saw service with the Eastern Fleet and the East Indies Squadron. He returned to Ceylon in December, 1946 and resumed duties as S. D. on Passara and four months later he was brought back to El-Teb as Senior S. D. Mr. Trail has been 14 years planting in Ceylon since 1935 and was S. D. on El-Teb in 1937. His favourite hobbies are Sports, Cricket, Tennis and Hockey. He played Rugger Cricket and Hockey for Uva for a number of Years.

## MR. W. D. CALLANDER

Mr. William Dayrell Callander is a son of the late Major G. H. Callander and his mother was Miss E. M. Davies Born at Kowlahena, Lindula, Ceylon on 2nd September 1923. Mr. Callander was educated at Cathedral School, Wells, England He crept under Mr. N. M. Sanders at Hetherrett. His first appointment was as Superintendent, Hethersett Estate. Mr. Callander saw War Service in 1942-1946 and on his return resumed duties as Superintendent of Hethersett Estate. His favourite hobbies are Fishing, Golf and Tennis. He served as Major in the Sixth Guruka Rifles. Major Callander is a genial planter of a very frank and unassuming disposition. He is Presently Manager of Pedro Estate N'eliya.

## MR. CLIFFORD ALLDAY

Mr. Clifford Allday was Superintendent of Delmar Halgranoya until his departure from Ceylon. He is a son of Mr. Edmund Allday and Miss. Julia Wallis. Born at Hockly Heath Warwickshire England on 25th June 1899 he was educated at Malvern College. He came as Asst Supdt on Delmar Estate on the 1st of September 1920. He was Supdt Miriella in June 1924, and of Craigielie in April 1937. He was Supdt Delmar in 1946 By religion a member of the Church of England his favourite hobbies were horticulture fishing and Shooting. He married Miss. Hilary Challen Allport on 28th April 1933. He is a member of the Hill Club N'Elia. Mr. Allday joined the R. A. F. in the last World war (1st April 1942) and left it in January 1946. He was in the first World War in the R. A. F. as a Pilot.

## MR. G. H. ALLDAY

Mr. Gordon Humphrey Allday was Supdt of Craighead and Cholakande Estates until his departure from Ceylon. He is a son of Mr. Edmund Allday and Miss. Julia Wallis. Born at Knowles Warwickshire on 8th January 1888 Educated at Clifton College and Birmingham University Mr. Allday first came out to Ceylon to Study Engineering at Messers Brown & Davidsons. His first appointment as a planter was on Nichol Oya Estate Rattota under Mr. C. A. Evans. He next went to Eastern Produce Company's Estate known as Asgiriya Estate Matale. He reverted back to Nicholoya Estate, while Mr. Evans was on leave in 1912 and from there he went to Millawana Estate Matale under Rossough Company. From there he joined Undugoda Estate Undugoda on the 22nd of September 1917. He went home to join the Army. He was in a ship for five months and also in a Prison Camp in Germany. He came back to Craighead Estate as Supdt in 1919. He was Visiting Agent of Nagastenne and Gorukoya Estates. By religion a member of the Church of England his favourite hobby is Fishing. Mr. Allday married on 23rd September 1923 Miss. Irene Muriel Durrant Field and by his marriage he has been blessed with One Child Miss. Gillian Elizabeth Allday who was born on 13th June 1938. He belonged according to him to a thousand clubs in Ceylon.

## MR. R. A. A. DOUDNEY

Mr. Raymond Arthur Atherton Doudney was Supdt., Peacock Hill Estate, Pussellawa. A son of the late Mr. Raymond Pelly Doudney and Miss Ada O'dowd, he was born at Redesdale Batticaloa on 22nd July 1900 and educated at St. Wilfred's Prep. School, Seaford Sussex and Taunton School Somerset. His education commenced in England in 1907, and his first planting appointment was on his father's Estate at Batticaloa from whence he came to Peacock Hill Estate, Pussellawa. By religion a Member of the Church of England, his favourite hobbies are running Tennis and Shooting. Shooting in days gone by and Tennis now. Mr. Doudney married Miss Sybil Baylis daughter of the late Mr. W. W. Baylis of Hampshire, England on 1st June 1940, and by his marriage he has been blessed with two children — Richard Hugh Atherton and Kenneth Edward Atherton Doudney. Mr. Doudney is a member of the Hill Club, N'Elia and the Kandy Club. He served in the second World War first in the Army — but was later transferred to the R. A. F. He is also a member of R. A. F. Association.

## MR. VERNON WELLS

Mr. Vernon Wells Supdt. Clovis Estate, Uhumiya is a son of Mr. Joseph Wells pioneer planter who opened up Millewa Estate now belonging to H. L. de Mel & Co., and Delhena Estate, Kurunegala District. He was also responsible for opening up estates in Batticaloa such as Chandy Valley Rockwood, Mayfield. Wandasmulla and Kalkudah Estates. Born at Kandy 17th March 1897 educated at Trinity College, which

he left in December 1914., Mr. Wells joined Kumara Group, Batticaloa coconut estates and later went to Colombo in charge of Messrs. Bartleets Rubber Stores in 1923. He also assumed charge of the Ceylon Hemp & Produce Co., Ltd. under Messrs Carson & Co., in 1923 and left same in 1927. Mr. Wells joined the Ceylon Coconut Co., Ltd. of which the agents and Secretaries are Messrs Aitken Spence & Co. under whose management he has assumed duties as Supdt. of Clovis Estate which post he creditably maintains to this day. He is vice-chairman of, Kurunegala P. A. and Sub-District Advisor for the Ceylon employer's federation. He does plenty of social and religious work and he is politically a staunch democrat. By religion a member of Church of England. Favourite hobbies are stamp collecting philosophy, sports, shooting big game hunting He married Miss Maisy Edelaide Emiline Misso on 13th April 1925. His children are as follows — Vernon Joseph Wells, Anton Peter Wells, Patrick Ian Wells, Edna Wells, of these children Mr. Vernon Joseph Wells is in Australia having settled down there and the rest are students in Ceylon. Mr. Well's father was born on 6th April 1862. He was a member of early P. A. and C. P. R. C.

## MR. JOHN KENT

Mr. John Kent Manager Parambe Group Undugoda is an adopted son of Dr. J. A. Scharneval the all Ceylon Cricketer. Born in England on 7th April 1926 Educated at St. Thomas College Mount Lavinia Mr. Kent started life as a creeper on Pembroke Estate Kalutara. He also worked on Udupola Estate Deraniyagala and on Woden Estate Dehiowita where he acted for nine months. When Mr. Kent assumed duties on this estate there were two labour strikes and after his arrival another 700 labourers were on strike and the trouble lasted for nearly four days 140 Policemen armed with guns arrived on the scene and the strike was put down in the end and that was in June 1949 when Mr Kent assumed duties as Supdt on this estate. Mr Kent though born in London speaks very fluent Sinhalese he is a great swimmer and a sportman. He is a keen motorist and a motor cyclist. On the official visit of the Prime Minister to the District in 1950 Mr. Kent welcomed him at the turn off to the Estate. One of the greatest assets naymore a striking feature of this estate is that there's 100 miles of road on this estate which would stagger the best of motor cyclists. He is of member of the P. A. C. P. S. and the A. A. C. He is a member of the Motor Cyclist Club M. G. Car Club He is also unofficial Hospital Visitor. We wish Mr Kent many years of health and happiness.

## MR. N. M. AMARASEKERA

Mr. Neville Maxwell Amarasekera Supdt Etana Estate Warakapola is a son of the late Edward Henry Amaraseknra Chief Clerk Land Department Kegalle Kachcheri. Born in Colombo 11th January 1913 Educated at Wesley and Kingswood Colleges Mr. Amarasekera joined the Sanitary Department and later joined the Irrigation Department leaving the Irrigation Department he joined the Kegalle Kachceeri from there he joined the Tea Control Department He later became a Petrol Inspector in the Caltex Petrol Company. It was in 1939 that Mr. Amarasekera took to planting and joined as a creeper on Etana Estate, Warakapola of which the late Mr. Francis de Saram was Superintendent and the late Mr. Willie Jansz the Assistant who got burnt to death in a motor accident. Mr. Amarasekera was appointed Conductor in 1940. In 1941 he became Field Assistant. In 1943 he was promoted Asst. Supdt. and he acted on various occasions as Supdt. during the absence of the permanent Superintendent. In November 1949 he was appointed permanent Supdt. of Etana Estate which post he creditably maintains to this day. Mr. Amarasekera's father comes from Batuwatta Walauwa, Kegalle. His mother was a Miss Joslin Silva from Buthgamuwa, Colombo. The original Amarasekera's family hails from Kaleliya. Mr. Amarasekera's brothers are Messrs. Douglas Amarasekera, Electrical Supdt. Kotte. A. M. Amarasekera Supdt. Cool bawn Estate, Nawalapitiya, A. D. Amerasekera, Dept. of Industries and flight Lt. R. Amerasekera

## MR. J. M. BIRKETT

Mr. John Morris Birkett son of the late Mr. & Mrs. B. Birkett of Manchester, England, was born on 9th June 1909. Educated at St. Peters York, Mr. Birkett first arrived in the Island in December 1927. His first appointment was on Raigam Estate, Ingiriya and he has been since 1930, on Mahadowa Estate, (Scottish Tea and Lands Co.) first as Assistant and later as Manager. By religion a member of the Church of England his favourite hobbies are All Games. Mr. Birkett married on 16th November 1939, Miss Margaret Martha Baird. Mr. Birkett who was Major in the last War 1939 — 1945 served in the 14th Army South East Asia and was mentioned in dispatches. He is a member of the Overseas Club, Badulla Uva Club, Swimming Club and C' Anglers Club.

## JOHN A. CRAIG

Mr John A Craig Manager of Unugala Group Haliella is a son of the late Mr Gordon Craig and Miss Anne Leslie of Aberdeenshire Scotland. Born at Aberdeenshire Scotland on 2nd January 1889 Mr Craig was educated at Gordon College Aberdeen. Mr Craig first came out to Ceylon in 1910. His first appointment was on the Colombo Commercial Co., He served on Ellawatte Waldemar Udussellawa Hopton Group Passara Rookettenne Haliella and Newburgh. Mr. Craig served in the first Great World War in the R. Seaforth and returned to Newbury in 1919. He served 38 Years in Ceylon and was on Unugala as Manager. He is a Valuator and Visiting Agent as well. By religion a member of the Scots Kirk his favourite hobbies are shooting Golf and Fishing. He married Miss Margaret Forbes Keith Cromar on 6th September 1926, and by his marriage he has been blessed with two children Graeme Alexander Leslie Craig, and Miss Margaret Keith Gordon Craig. During the War he was promoted from Lieutenant to Major. He is Secretary of the New Uva Club, Convenor of the Malaria Control Scheme Badulla District member of the Colombo Club, Hill Club Golf Club and Ratnapura Club. Mr. Craig is a member of the Caledonian Society. He is also a Valuator and Visiting Agent. He has been on furlough to England on 11 occasions.

## MR. E. G. WINDUS

Mr. Edward Gordon Windus Superintendent of Park Estate Kandapola is a son of Mr Gordon Windus retired planter of Colombo. Born at Haputale Ceylon on 12th December 1909; Mr. Windus was educated at Haddon Hill N'Elia Edgeburgh Guildford England Sherborne College England and Chillon College Switzerland. His first appointment was on El Teb Passara, and thereafter Mr Windus assumed duties as Superintendent and served on the following Estates. Heathersett Kandapola, St. John's Pedro Naseby N'Elia, and Portwood Concordia and Park Estates respectively. His last charge in Ceylon was Park Estate Kandapola of which he was Superintendent. By religion a member of the Church of England his favourite hobbies were fishing and farming. Mr. Windus married on 14th April 1936, Miss Elaine Joyce Beauchamp daughter of Captain Beauchamp and by his marriage he has been blessed with two Children Master Michael Edward who is being educated, and Miss Stephanie Gail who was educated at the Hill School N'Elia Mr Windus retired as a J. P. U.M. in 1946. He was chairman of the District Planters Association in 1946. He is a member of the Hill Club N'Elia Garden Club and the Wanderers Tennis Club. He has been on furlough to England in 1934 1939 1946 and 1950. Mrs. Windus was born on the 26th of January 1916, at Maria Estate Ceylon. Her favourite hobby is farming She is a member of the Church of England and was educated at St. Leonards School Scotland. She was responsible for the Organisation of REST CAMPS in Ceylon during the last War.

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Controller of Aerodromes Wing Commander Ceylon R. A. F. Religion Church of Ceylon. Favourite hobbies are Tennis, reading, gardening. He married Miss Grace Letitia Jayatileke, daughter of the late Mr. D. P. Jayatileke of Kohilawatta and by his marriage he has been blessed with three children Nimal, Gamini and Shirani. He is a member of the A. A. C.

**THE BOYD-MOSS PLANTING FAMILIES IN CEYLON****MR. M. R. P. BOYD-MOSS**

Manager, Telbedde Estate, Badulla.

Mr. Michael Robin Peter Boyd-Moss, Manager of Telbedde Estate, Badulla, is a son of that well known pioneer planter Charles Edward Durban Boyd-Moss and a grandson of Mr. C. C. Boyd-Moss who was Asst. Conservator of Forests, Ceylon in the early days of British Rule.

Mr. M. R. P. Boyd-Moss was born in Ceylon on 18th August 1931, and educated at the Hill School, L. M. R. M. School, Nilgris and Mondton House, U.K. By religion a member of the Church of Ceylon, his favourite hobbies are shooting and sailing. Mr. Boyd-Moss married on 11th December 1956 Miss Shelagh Musgrave, daughter of Major Musgrave, General Manager of Railways, Assam, Sengal and by his marriage he has been blessed with two children, Nicola Margaret and Robin James who are at the Hill School, N'Elia which has since been transferred to Colombo.

Touching the Record of his planting career we find that Mr. Boyd-Moss first crept on Opatha Estate, under Mr. H. V. M. Clarke for three years 1950 to 1953. From 1953 to 1955 Mr. Boyd-Moss was on Veralapatana Estate, Madulsima and in 1956 he came to Telbedde Estate, Badulla. He has been on Furlough in the years 1956, 1960, 1964 & 1967 and has just come back from Furlough. His elder brother is Mr. A. D. J. Boyd-Moss, Manager of Luckyland and Hugoland Estates, Udapussellawa and his younger brother is Mr. John Boyd-Moss of Downside Estate, Welimada. His grandfather Mr. C. C. Boyd-Moss was in the East India Company and he was also the pioneer planter who bought Beauvais Estate, Idalgashinna. Mr. Boyd-Moss is one out of the select few of those genial Planters who adorned our planting Arena in the glorious past and we wish him, Mrs. Boyd-Moss and family many years of radiant health and happiness.



Mr. M. R. P. BOYD-MOSS

**MR. JOHN BOYD-MOSS**

Manager, Downside Estate, Welimada.

Mr. John Boyd-Moss, Manager, Downside Estate, Welimada is a son of that pioneer planter Charles Edward Durban Boyd-Moss and a grandson of Mr. C. C. Boyd-Moss who was Asst. Conservator of Forests, Ceylon in the early days of British Rule who also bought Beauvais Estate, Idalgashinna. Born in Ceylon on the 27th of August 1935 educated at Hill School, Nuwara Eliya and Milford School, United Kingdom, by Religion a Member of the Church of Ceylon, his favourite hobbies are shooting and tennis. Mr. Boyd-Moss married on 4th September 1961 Miss Anna Ross, daughter of Mr. George Stewart Ross who was on

**Mr. John Boyd-Moss (Contd) from Page 46.**

Oodoowera Estate, Demodera and by his marriage he has been blessed with One child Master Grahame Stewart Boyd-Moss, as we go into Press. Touching the record of his planting career, We find that Mr Boyd-Moss first crept under his father on Non-Pareil Estate and thereafter in 1956 he was on Mahadowa Group Madulsima from whence he went over to Cocogala Group Madulsima and baek again to Mahadowa Madulsima. From Mahadowa he went over to Sarnia Group Badulla, Leangahawela Bandarawela and Haputale Estate Haputale. He assumed duties as Manager Downside Estate Welimada on 2nd February 1967. It May also be mentioned that he first came out to Ceylon in 1955 after 2 years Service in the Royal Navy United Kingdom. He was away on furlough in the years 1960 1963, and 1965 Mr Boyd-Moss represented Ceylon in Rugger in the Years 1958-1959 against the Oxford Touring Team when they came out to Ceylon. He also represented Ceylon Rugger 7 or 8 times in 1958 1959 1962 and 1964. Mrs Boyd-Moss (Nee Miss Anna Ross) was born in Ceylon on the 14th of June 1938. By Religion a member of the Church of Ceylon her favourite hobbies are gardening and tennis. Mr. & Mrs. Boyd-Moss are the last Links We have in Ceylon of this family of genial planters whe have contributed much to the progress of the great planting Industries of Ceylon. We wish Mr. & Mrs. Boyd-Moss and family many years of radiant health and happiness.

**ESTATE STAFFS ON CEYLON TEA ESTATES.**

**Mr. & Mrs. Devadas Daniel of Kirklees  
Estate Udupussellawa.**

Mr. Solomon Devadas Daniel, son of the late Mr. Nallatamby Daniel was born on 13th October 1917, at Kirklees Estate Udupussellawa. Mr. Daniel married Miss. Pauline Joshua daughter of Mr. J. C. Joshua. Mr. Daniel was Educated at the Christian High School Nagercoil, India. By Religion a member of the Church of Ceylon, his favourite hobby is work. His children are Deutrom, Rani Wimala, Mary Mohandas Joshua Nallatamby Sugaran Devadas Solomon Rebecca Saorojinu. Mr. Daniel is the Chief Clerk of Kirklees Estate Udupussellawa. and a member of the Estate Staffs Union of Ceylon.

## MR. S. P. NAVARATNE

Field Officer Etana Estate, Warakapola.

Buthgammudianselage Seimon Victor Perera Navaratne Field Officer Etana Estate Warakapola is a son of the late Mr. J. P. Navaratne Notary Public Veyangoda who died in 1927. Mr. Navaratne started life in 1931, as a private Clerk under Mr. Francis de Saram on Gasnawa Estate Nelundeniya and he also practically crept on Gasnawa Estate where he was initiated into a comprehensive knowledge of Field Works and the management of Labour. Mr. Navaratne later joined Etana Estate Warakapola and he married Miss Thelma Nellie Rupesinghe daughter of the late Mr. R. J. Rupesinghe Notary Public Kaddawata on 16th November 1961. By his marriage he has been blessed with one son Master Kuwere Nawaratne who is yet a Student as We go into Press. Mrs. Nawaratne was educated at Ananda Ballika Vidyalaya. Mr. Nawaratne who was born on 2nd December 1916, was educated at St Mary's College Veyangoda. Mr. Nawaratne's favourite hobby is planting and by Religion he is a staunch Buddhist. He was born on the 3rd of April 1919.



Late Mr. S. R. Amerasekera.



Late Hon Mr. C. E. Corea M, L. C.



Dr. Linus Dissanayeke  
who Unsuccessfully Contested  
Negombo Seat in Parliament  
in 1967.

## History of the United Ceylonese Party (NOW KNOWN AS) The Mahajana Samajawadi Pakshaya.



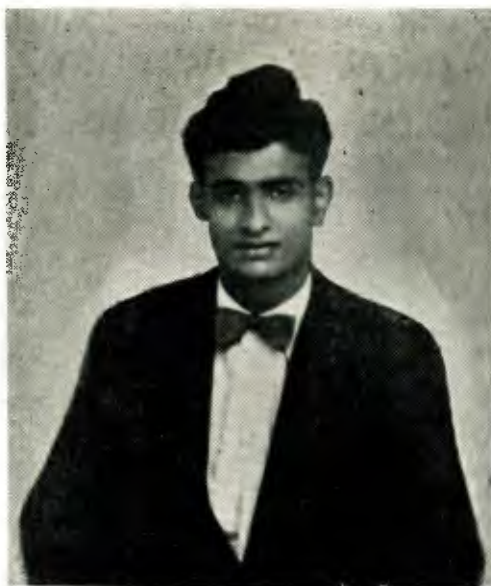
**Mr. Douglas Senanayake,**  
President and Leader.



**Mrs. Swarna Weeratunge Senanayake** Wife of Mr. Douglas Senanayake. She is the Joint Honorary Treasurer of the Party, and a neice of Mr. Victor Ratnaveke the former M.P. of Ratnaveke Group Deniyaya.



**Late Mrs. Florence W. Senanayake** Neice of Sir Oliver E. Goonetilleke Ceylon's First Ceylonese Governor General She was the Founder of the United Ceylonese Party now known as The Mahajana Samajawadi Pakshaya. She passed away on 9th Aug. 1959.



Mr. Cecil R. Senanayake Honorary  
Secretary and Deputy Leader of the  
Mahajana Samajawadi Pakshaya.

## HISTORY OF A POLITICAL PARTY

The United Ceylonese Party, now known as the Mahajana Samajawadi Pakshaya (Mahajana Socialist Party) was inaugurated on 27th February 1954, at Ratnagiri Estate Kadawata, by the late Mrs Florence Senanayake, and Mr Douglas Senanayake was duly elected its President and Leader. Mr. E. W. Lamont of Taptonwood Estate was duly elected Honorary Treasurer, and Mr. Cecil R. Senanayake was duly elected Honorary Secretary of the Party. In 1956, the United Ceylonese Party opposed the Take over of Schools the Evacuation of British Forces; the Nationalisation of Tea Estates, and the Elimination of English as a Compulsory Second Language. In the Matale by Election of March 1961, the party was recognized for concession deposit by the Commissioner of Parliamentary Elections and Mr. Douglas Senanayake as President and Nominee of the Party contested Matale Seat Unsuccessfully in March 1961. In the General Election of March 1965, and at every By - Election thereafter the United Ceylonese Party was Suppressed without Political Recognition for Concession Deposit, for the obvious reason that the party preached the Doctrine of Truth to the Nation free of Extremism, and Truth was highly unpalatable to Extremists in Power. On the 29th of December 1967, the United Ceylonese Party decided to change its Name to that of Mahajana Samajawadi Pakshaya (Mahajana Socialist Party) and the Party Continues its Political Activities today with the Original President and Office Bearers. The Mahajana Samajawadi Pakshaya at a Meeting of its Executive Committee held on 6th February 1968, Unanimously decided to hold Public Meetings in all Parliamentary Electorates of Ceylon commencing with its Town Hall Meeting Scheduled for 27th February 1968 at Moratuwa and passed the following resolution:—

"That as the Whole Country has been brought to Economic Ruin and Starvation Language and Religion to States of Mockery with Educational Chaos and Confusion the Mahajana Samajawadi Pakshaya Unanimously decides to hold Public Meetings in all Parliamentary Electorates of Ceylon commencing with the Town Hall Meeting at Moratuwa in obtain a Mandate from the Nation and form the next Govt by defeating Political Goliaths of all Political Parties at the General Election of 1970 on the following predominant Issues:—

(1) That all Trade and Imports be placed in the hands of the Private Sector to bring down the high cost of Living. (2) That Education must be placed in the hands of the Educationists with Freedom for Parents to Educate their Children in the School Medium or Language of their choice. (3) That Sinhala is Official Language but English must be compulsory Second Language with Sinhala Tamil and English continuing as Languages of Administration as Immediate Fanatic Switchovers for the purpose of gaining political Power or Votes will never help to unite a divided Ceylon or build a Welfare State. (4) That Buddhism must be purified and allowed to remain on that high pedestal of Honour Lord Buddha placed it on, without desecrating in for the Ignoble purpose of gaining Seats of Power. (5) That Agricultural Policy must be revolutionized to stop blackmarketing. (6) That all Workers in Govt. Corporations must hold shares in equal proportions. (7) That all unemployed must be placed on Agricultural Schemes with out asking them to wait for an undated future and the Villager and the small Farmer must be given aid to cultivate Paddy and Food Crops with Manure and Tractors. (8) That a free and Impartial Press which is the Bulwark and Bastion of National Freedom and not the Stooge of the Ruling Party or the Party it hopes to bring into Power must be established.

If the Mahajana Samajawadi Pakshaya Comes to Power at the next General Election Leader Douglas Senanayake will allow the Nation to Select a Prime Minister who will carry out the Policy and Ideals of the Mahajana Samajawadi Pakshaya, a Prime Minister who will be an Administrator and not the Head of a gang of Traders, a Prime Minister who will not yield to Pressure of Right or Left wing Extremists but hold the scales of Justice evenly between all Communities and Creeds, without Religious or Racial discrimination. The Nation must clearly understand that Leader Douglas Senanayake is only guiding the destinies of the Mahajana Samajawadi Pakshaya, for the noble Purpose of Calling of Political Chicanery and Bluff of all Political Parties whose brilliant Socialist Brains have ruined this country by 20 years of administrative defects and Acts of Misgovernment (wrong planning.) Leader Douglas Senanayake is only fighting a Battle of Righteousness for the Liberation of Lanka from the grasping Tentacles of Political Vampires masquerading in the guise of Patriots-just as a man who builds a Temple to the Gods and not for Fame Inscribes not the Marble with his Name-Leader Douglas Senanayake as a Selfless Patriot works for the Liberation of Lanka and not for Seats of Power or Fame.

## THE LEADER

Mr. Douglas Senanayake who arises from his Political Wilderness as the Leader of the Mahajana Samajawadi Pakshaya to Right the wrongs of a suffering Nation and save Ceylon has Dutugemunu like in on uncertain terms thrown the Gauntlet challenging Political Goliaths of all Political Parties whom he hopes to defeat at the General Election of 1970 purely on the Doctrine of Truth-Free of Extremism and the desirable ideals of a Peoples Govt. enunciated by him in his General Election Manifesto of the Mahajana Samajawadi Pakshaya, as a Clarion Call to the Nation. Educated in Ceylon and England, a gifted Classical Scholar some years back he conducted cases in the appellate Courts with brilliant Counsel opposed to him, and won decisions in his favour on questions of Jurisdiction and Pauperism. As a labour Leader he was first President, Colombo Unemployed Men's Assoc'n. By reason of Tradition Mr. Douglas Senanayake forms the dark and glorious background of our Social and Political world. He is a greatgrandson of the Historic Kulawardenamudalige Don Samuel Appuhamy Wijesundera Senewiratne Senanayake alias "Kudagammana Rajjuruwo" who was arrested by the British in the old Palace at Pandugasnuwara for declaring himself as Prince of Attanagalle King of Lanka but later released on the Orders of Queen Victoria. Mr. Senanayake is also a descendant of the Historic Senanayake Prince Sapumal who drove the Indian Invaders from Jaffna twice defeated the Chakravarthy King of India and ascended the Throne of Lanka at Kotte under the name of Sri Buveneka Bahu. By a Strange Irony of Fate the Royal Estate Maligatenne in the neighbourhood of Attanagalle Vihare which belongs to him is today in the Unlawful Possession of the Descendants of the Muslim Servant Kanakepulle Mudalali who was placed in Charge of same by his greatgrandfather who was also the original owner of Bothale Maha Walauwe and Overlord of Hapitigam Korale. His maternal ancestors were

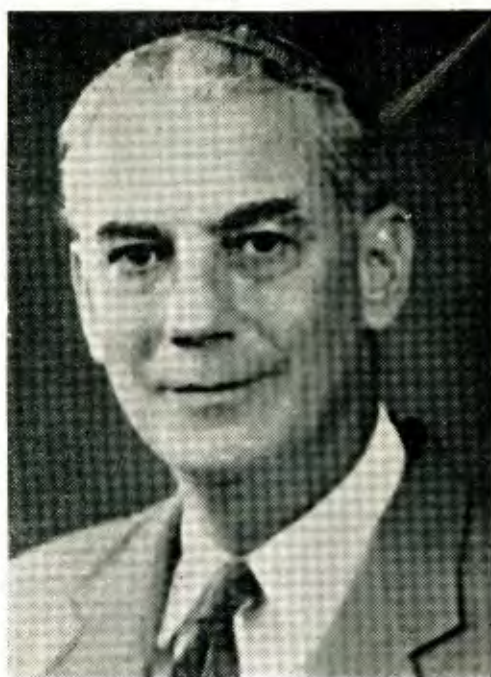
the Mudaliyars and Rulers of the Maritime Provinces from 1791 Down and notably among them was Mudaliyar Don Johannes Welselius Perera Wijesundera Senewiratne of the Ceylon Civil Service who bore the distinctive honour of being the first Singhalese to Preach Buddhism to the West in English (so early as 1827) that far-off Age and bring glory to Buddhism and Ceylon. This Maternal Ancestor of his also bore the distinctive honour of being the First Singhalese to dine with the Royal Family in England. Few now living will remember the giant Athletic form of his late father Mudaliyar Benjamin Senanayeke the redoubted Chilaw Planter of Rajakadaluwa and Elk hunter of the Great Hortons who stood 7 foot from the ground and weighed 496 Lbs. That as Selfless Patriot Mr. Douglas Senanayeke will succeed in his heroic Attempts to save Lanka with his noble band of followers on his Doctrine of Truth and Indomitable Courage We have not the Slightest Doubt. If he Succeeds then he will be fulfilling although a Staunch Buddhist that great Biblical Saying 'That the stone which the Builders rejected-the same was made the Corner stone of the Building.'

Werallana,  
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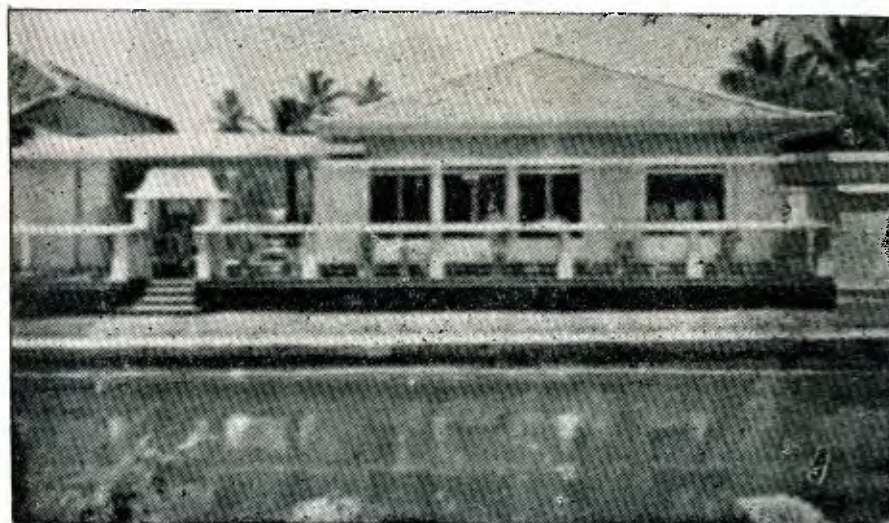
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**MRS. HARRIET JAYASEKERA & SON**

Late Dr. Don David Jayasekera was born on 4th July 1896 at Heenatigala in Galle District and he died on 31st July 1962. He married on 9th May 1938 Miss Harriet Emalyn Balasuriya and was blessed with one son Gamini Sarath Jayasekera. The late Dr. Jayasekera was educated at Heenatigala School Ranwelgoda Pirivena where he studied Pali and Sanscrit with Dr. S. Paranawithana, the Govt. Archivist. Dr. Jayasekera who was later to become the Founder of the famous Vedegedera at Negombo started his medical practice with a priest at Ibbagamuwa who was a physician in 1918 (Yatiyaaa Siddhartha Thero). At Heenatigala he practised for five years and after that in Negombo. His studies under the famous Kurunegala Ibbagamuwa Vihare Adipathi made Dr. Jayasekera a very clever and successful physician and his fame as Cataarrh and Eye-Specialist and Fracture Specialist has spread far beyond the shores of Ceylon. The President of the Samastha Ayurveda Maha Sangamaya, has issued a certificate in glowing terms certifying to the Medical Skill and abilities of the late Dr. Jayasekera. Certificates and reference to his ability and the efficiency of his medicines, adorn the walls of his medical hall. All Testimonials from the highest in the land of all creeds and classes. The last stages of his life witnessed his boundless charity towards building of the Baudha Mandalaya Schools, Temples, etc. Dr. Jayasekera

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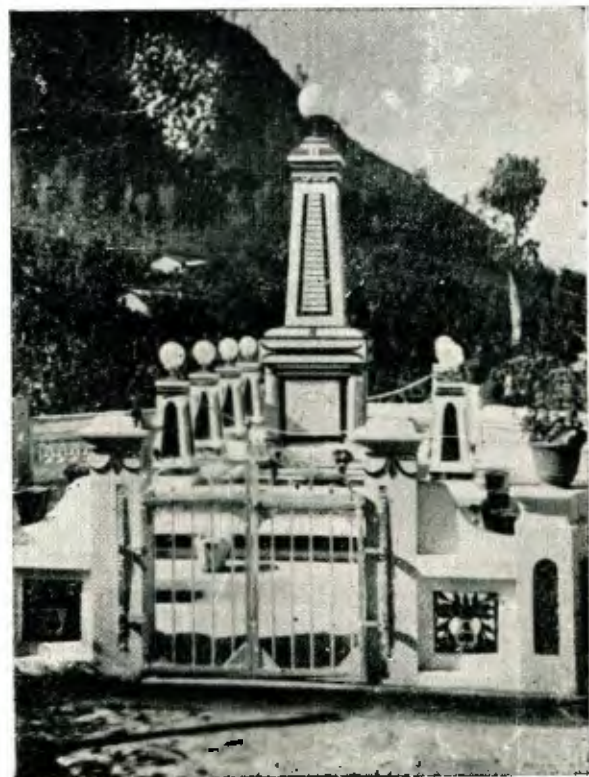
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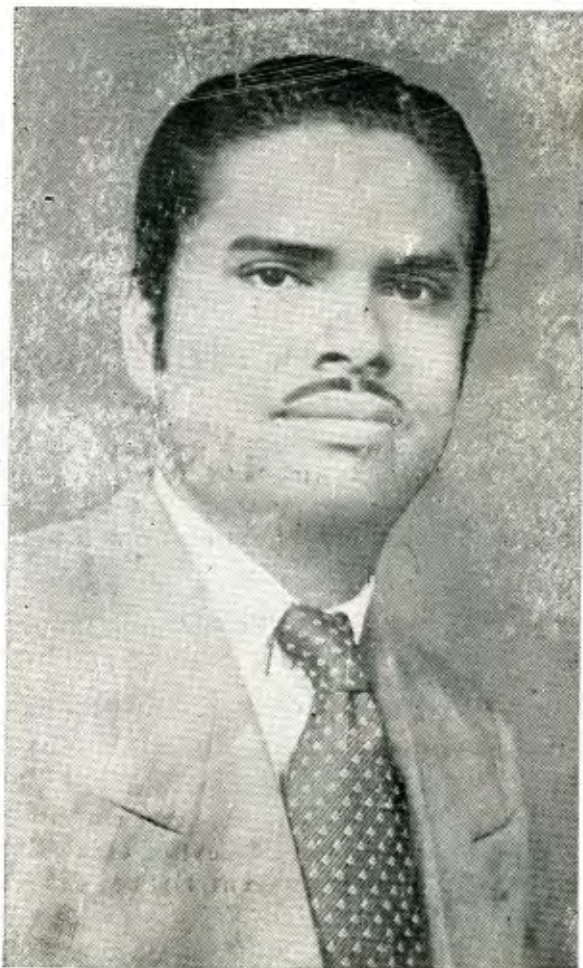
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By the death of the Late Mr. K. Kalimuttu of Kotahena on the 12th of June 1963 Ceylon has lost one of the Greatest who moved in the Business world and the Public life of this Country. His Death was both Tragic and Untimely as young in years, he Suceumbed to the most unexpected cowardly attack and fatal injuries inflicted by an Assailant. Educated at Cathedral College Kotahena, after a Brilliant Career Mr. K. Kalimuttu took to Business early in life and his Meteoric success in the realm of Commerce bore ample Testimony to his Marked-Intelligence, his Brilliant Initiative and sound Business Acumen. If outward bearing were at all a true Index of the inner man-it could be truly said of Mr. Kalimuttu, that he was a Gentleman and a Sportsman from the Fingertips to the Toenails.

As a Sportsman his Activities were remarkably great and as a Racing magnate he owned a number of Horses which eventually brought him both fame and fortune. But above and beyond all these, he was the friend of the poor the forsaken and the destitute. As a great social worker, he served Humanity in a Public spirited manner. His interests in the social uplift of the People, his Contributions towards, the welfare of Humanity won for him many friends in all parts of the Country. Humility is a rare trait seldom found in human beings who are destined to climb the steps which lead life to Sovereign power. But in Mr. Kali-

muttu that trait was inherent and his early acquisition of wealth did in no way wipe out or lessen his broad outlook and clean Principles in life. Of medium Stature calm and Collected in manner he was wellknown for his Generous Disposition his broad out look and remarkable genius as a Philanthropist. A Hindu by Religion, his favourite hobby was Horse Racing. His only Sister Miss Kaliaamma predeceased him on the 6th of August 1958 leaving four Children.

### THE KALIMUTTU EYE - CLINIC

The Late Mr. Kalimuttu's Surviving and only Brother is Mr. K. Nagalingam. This Gentleman is also a great Philanthropist, whose great hearted acts of Charity and Benevolence have been done in solemn silence without bustle or din. The Magnanimous Donation of Rr. 50,000 towards The Building of an Eye Clinic to be called The Kalimuttu Eye-Clinic in memory of his late lamented Brother has been made by Mr. K. Nagalingam who like his equally Brilliant Brother is never tired of Public Spirited Activities for the Welfare of Suffering Humanity. May the Devas grant to the late Mr. K. Kalimuttu Happiness in the heavens of Gladness for his gentle worthiness and merits won and to Mr. K. Nagalingam many years of radiant health and Happiness.

# THE UNITED CEYLONESE PARTY

## RECOGNIZED POLITICAL PARTY

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Invites all men and Women of heroic mould who are honest selfless patriots to join the United Ceylonese Party and help it to collect one million Rupees as Party funds to contest and win a hundred Seats in Parliament at the General Election of 1970 on the doctrine of truth free of extremism and on the following predominant election pledges.

(1) All trade and imports to be placed in the hands of the Private Sector and consumer goods imported by traders to be duty free to bring down the high cost of living and feed the starving nation.

(2) Revolutionary changes to be made in the present Agricultural policy to stop Blackmarketing

(3) Education to be placed in the hands of the Educationists without state intervention. English to be a compulsory second language and while Sinhala remains as state language Sinhala Tamil and English to continue as languages of administration in the Country as immediate fanatic switchover's for purpose of gaining Political power or Votes will never help to unite a divided Ceylon or Build a United Progressive Prosperous Ceylonese nation Every parent will have his inherent right to educate his child in the School or language of his choice.

(4) Buddhist Priests to be debarred from Politics and Political Meetings, as priests with divided loyalties to different Political Parties will attack each other and destroy the sacred Religion of lord Buddha.

#### SHADOW CABINET NOW IN FORMATION

Target One Million Rupees as Party Funds to be collected before 1970 General Election. Selfless patriots of Lanka join the United Ceylonese Party and send in your Membership fee of Re. 1/- (Minimum) or Donations.

All Communications to the Honorary Secretary, United Ceylonese Party, Weeratunge Waluwe, Madiha, Matara.

## THE UNITED CEYLONESE PARTY

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## PROPRIETORY PLANTERS

### Mr. HENRY VANDERPOORTEN

The Vanderpoortens in Ceylon are Proprietary Planters and descendants of Pioneers in the planting arena, Galagedera being their strong hold from very inception of their entry into Ceylon. The original ancestor of Mr. Henry Vanderpoorten within living memory was the great Alexis Vanderpoorten who hailed from Brussels. Alexis may aptly be described as a glass magnate whose son left his factories and glass work abroad to the more congenial task of planting in Ceylon. Alexis Vanderpoorten came out to Ceylon in the year 1867 and being young at the time he fell in love with a Kandyan Lady from Harispattu and married her. He and his descendants cleared most of the jungle land towards Galagedera and Harispattu and planted up same with tea, rubber and cocoanut, The famous Greenwood Estate being one amongst many of the estates they planted. From Galagedera the original strong hold of the Vanderpoortens — some of the members migrated to other parts of the country. Mr. Henry Vanderpoorten whose biography we now indite was born on the 10th February 1892. Educated at Trinity College, Kandy he started life as a planter on his father's estates and later migrated to "Temple Trees" Kanattewewa where he lived like "The Rajah of Sarawak" with planting as his favourite hobby.

Mr. Henry Vanderpoorten who was a most genial and cultured Ceylonese, married in August 1935 Miss Amarawathie Boyagoda Kumarihamy and by his marriage he was blessed by the Gods with fifteen children. By religion a staunch rationalist, Mr. Vanderpoorten was a son of Mr. Antony Joseph Vanderpoorten who was a wellknown planting personality of Galagedera fame. In View of Mr. Henry Vanderpoorten's intelligence brilliance and charms of manner we had no doubt that he would have in the course of years become a credit to this country and an asset to our legislature. But his untimely, Death at the Hands of An assassin closed His Eventful Career.

### Mr. NELSON C. IMPETT

Mr. Nelson C. Impett Superintendent Segestra Estate Puttalam is a son of the late Mr. J. J. Impett of the P. W. D. Batticaloa who died at Batticaloa. His grandfather the original Mr. Impett came from the East India Company and was in charge of Hyderabad Estate Batticaloa. The Impetts originally hailed from Kent England Born at Batticaloa on 7th. November 1899 Mr. Impett was educated at the Batticaloa Baptist School He held clerical appointments at Messrs. Hailey and Kenny's Delmege Reid Walkers and held acting appointments on Tea Estates as Head Clerk and joined the planting arena going in charge of Easter Seaton Estate Batticaloa under Mr. John Cotton for a period of two years. He worked under Mr. A. H. Berry on the same estate for eight years. He was superintendent of Easter Seaton for eight years His full service on that estate aggregating to eighteen years in all. On 27th August 1942 Mr. Impett assumed duties as Superintendent on Segestra Estate Mundel which post he creditably maintains to this day. By religion a member of the church of Ceylon. His favourite hobbies are sports and shooting. His father Mr. John Joseph Impett was born on 30th. January 1859 and died at Batticaloa on 26th. February 1892. He lies buried in the chapel burial ground Batticaloa. His mother Miss. Sophia Catherine Maynert de Silva was the eldest daughter of Rev Henry de Silva Methodist Minister and was born on the 22nd. February 1866. His grandmother Mrs. John Maartensz was born on 27th. March 1827 died 16th. October 1898. She was the mother of Sophia Emily Stevens and a cousin of the late Doctor Alexander Maartensz who was the father of the late Hon'ble Justice L. M. Maartensz. Mr. Impett's children are as follows :- Miss. Rachel Miss. Hazel Master Malcolm, Nep Miss. Bella Hazel is married and Master Malcolm and. Master Ned are still at home. We wish Mr. Impett and his family many years of health and happiness.



### CEYLON'S GREAT DEAD

## The Late Mr. Tudor Ranasinghe J. P. U. M. O. B. E. Crown Proctor, Katana.

Mr Kulatilleke Athanayaka Tudor Ranasinghe was a scion of a very old and respectable Singhalese family. The son of the late Mr. Herat Ranasingha Coroner of Yogyana Chilaw District. He was born on the 1st of January 1889 and educated at St. Thomas College and the Ceylon Law College. Passing out as a Proctor he commanded a wide and lucrative practice in Negombo and after his appointment as Crown Proctor he was called upon by Government to act as Magistrate and District Judge. He was one of the greatest politicians and a social worker who did much silent work for the welfare of the masses. Indeed Tudor Ranasinghe was a great agitator and within the walls of the Negombo Urban Council he fought many a battle to the bitter end against whatever opposition as was evident from the valuable work he has done. Straight forwardness, clean and honourable principles were the characteristics which dominated him and both as a statesman and a lawyer he never abstained from doing his duty which he did fearlessly and well. He was a man who was admired for his high ideals and men endowed with lofty conceptions are rare and Ceylon is all the poorer for his loss. His literary contributions to the press as far back as 1928 re-elections and qualifications of voters was a great eye opener to many. He was publicly honoured on the 9th of August 1926 on the eve of his being created a Justice of the Peace and an unofficial Police Magistrate. His public donations are far too numerous to mention within these pages. In 1927 he retired from active practice and in 1935 he took to politics. By religion a staunch Buddhist, his favourite hobby was social service. He married Miss. Somawathie de Silva daughter of the late Mr. S. Carolis de Silva of Katana on 16th July 1917 and by his marriage, he has been blessed with four children as follows (1) Mr. Bandula Ranasingha who is reading for his law exams at the Inner Temple London (2) Mr. Seneka Ranasingha Proprietary Planter (3) Dammika Ranasingha Student at Law (4) a daughter Mrs. S. H. de Silva of Katana. He was a member of the Negombo Lawn Tennis Club, a member of the Public Service club. His practice was confined to the civil side of our courts and his early amalgamation with Mr. D. L. E. Amarasinghe Proctor formed the wellknown firm of Ranasingha and Amarasingha, Proctors, Negombo. With the death of Mr. Amarasinghe Mr. S. M. A. Rahiman Proctor joined him and the firm was known as Messrs Ranasingha & Rahiman, Proctors, Negombo. As a statesman he contested seats in the old state council and he was one of the founder members of the Urban Council. He was one of the greatest sons of Lanka that Negombo produced and it is doubtful that we would be able to see the like of him again. May he attain Nibbana and reap the fruits of a just and holy past.

## ESTATE STAFFS ON CEYLON TEA ESTATES



**Mr. S. P. NAVARATNE**  
Field Officer, Etana Estate,  
Warakapola.



**Mrs. NELLIE NAVARATNE**



**MASTER KUWERE NAVARATNE**

## RAJAKARUNA'S BAKERY & TEA ROOM KEGALLE.

Messers Rajakarunas Kegalle, is a tea room & Bakery neatly equipped. They have delicious sweets, Bread the best Chocalate and Cakes for sale. They are stockists of oilmanstores, butter, jam etc and vendors of school books accounts books magazines stationeries etc. When it is tea time in Kegalle, at anytime—Visit Rajakarunas. The firm was established by its proprietor Mr. P. Rajakaruna.

## MESSERS J. RUMY & CO,

12, Bristol Buildings Fort Colombo.

Prop: Mr. M. ZUBBIR OMAR.

*Branches:*

103, Dam Street Colombo and  
922, Lower Street, Badulla,

*Tel:* 3578

*Telegr:* "Rumico" Colombo.

Messers J. Romy & Co, are managers of the Anglo Ceylon Produce Co, & Indo Ceylon Trading Co. They are also importers of and Exporters of Ceylon Produce. They have Overseas connection with America England Germany and they have branch office in Bombay and Madras. This firm was established by the present proprietor who was branch Manager of Messers Cargills Ltd. Badulla previously. The are Estate Agents of Muwandeniya Estate Rambodagalla suppliers of Ceylon dessicated cocoanuts (one of the largest) and befoore the war Ceylon distributors of fibre and oil. India Metal Industries Ltd, Specialists in delta plywood for tea chests and cycle Trade distributors of John Bull Lucas and Philip's Accessories.

## SERASINGHE STORES

49, 51, Main Street, Galle.

Messers Serasinghe Stores situate at 49 & 51 main street Galle was established by Mr. Paulis Serasinghe in 1925. Their principal lines of business are tailoring millinery and Drapery. They have a fine stock of Ladies Silk & Benares Sarees, Tweeds, Childrens hats, Ladies' handbags, Fancy Goods, Gents Requisites etc. They have Gents tailoring Dept where they execute all Orders promptly and effeciently. They have their name and Fame as a Tailoring establishment after thirty years experience They are Experts in Gents and Childrens tailoring. Mr. Serasinghe in an expert cutter, and there is nothing to complain about the cut fit and style of a suit if it came out of Serasinghe Stores the Proprietor of the Stores is also the proprietor of the building on which Sydney Hotel stands, and he is also a proprietary Planter of Tea and Rubber Estates.

# Messrs. A. R. MOHAMED LEBBE & SONS

IMPORTERS & EXPORTERS, GENERAL MERCHANTS,  
PAHATHGAMA, HANWELLA.



Mr. A. R. MOHAMED LEBBE

Among well known businessmen institutions of Ceylon, Messrs A. R. Mohamed Lebbe & Sons, which was originally founded by its proprietor Mr. A. R. Mohamed Lebbe in 1895, holds a traditional reputation as dealers in Copra and Cocoanuts and Licensed dealers in Rubber to such an extent, that today they could be counted upon as the largest Copra dealers in the area. As Copra Merchants they have the advantage of possessing Kilns and their own Lorries for transport. They are household suppliers of goods of every description, textile merchants and distributors of Capstans Navy Cut Cigarettes. They are stockists, and Vendors, of groceries, Oilman stores & Patent Medicines. They are also Wholesale Dealers, Hardware Merchants, Estate Suppliers, Stockists of Rice and Foodstuffs, Fancy Goods, Etc. They are also stockists, of gramophone Records and Explosives.

## BAKERS AND CONFECTIONERS

As Bakers and Confectioners, Messrs Lebbe & Sons are well known for their excellent Bread, delicious Cakes, Sweets, etc.

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As Biscuit Manufacturers they are second to none and the best biscuits of all varieties including Nice, etc. are manufactured by them.

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Messrs. Lebbe & Sons are also Suppliers of the best English and local Vegetables and the purity and freshness of the supplies are always a guarantee of the satisfaction they give to a vast clientele of customers. Messrs Lebbe & Sons hold the coveted Agency for Capstans Navy Cut Cigarettes, at Pahathgama, Hanwella, and their Colombo Office is at 378, Grandpass Road, Colombo. Their Branches are at 80 and 82, Main Street, Hanwella and Ambulgama Junction, Hanwella. As Household Suppliers they are stockists, and Vendors, of Leather Goods, Attache Cases, Torchlights, Batteries, Stationeries, toilet requisites and perfumeries. They are also dealers and stockists, of aluminium Crockery and Glassware. As hardware merchants they are stockists, of all enamel and Iron goods, Basins, Buckets, etc. Their establishment is fully equipped with all transport facilities and they have a travelling Van. As wholesale dealers they count a large clientele of customers in all parts of the country. Their Telephone Numbers are Colombo 2594 — Hanwella 5 — with extension to bungalow "Fathima Nivasa" Malvana. Messrs Lebbe & Sons are also Agents for the Colombo Distributors Ltd. We wish this firm the success it deserves and desires in the New Dominion of Sri Lanka, as it is a firm that was built on the honest industry, and perseverance of its Founder & Proprietor, Mr. A. R. Mohamed Lebbe.

## MESSRS M. A. ALLAPITCHEY & SONS, FORWARDING AGENTS & ESTATE SUPPLIERS DICKOYA.

The firm of Messrs. M. A. Allapitchey & Sons was established at Dickoya some 67 years ago by its founder Late Mr. M. A. Allapitchey under his own name, but since 1943 its designation was changed to Messrs. Mr. M. A. Allapitchey & Sons, the management of the business under the same designation is now carried on by his son (Mr. Sayed Sarajudeen). The History of this firm as Forwarding Agents & Estate Suppliers is the personal history of the founder who was one of the earliest pioneers to establish his business amid the sleepy valleys of Dickoya in the Golden Age of Lanka. When Mr. Allapitchey started in that far off age it is surprising to note that he who achieved so much was most illiterate being unable to read or write any language. As a matter of fact he could only put down his signature anywhere. In spite of such a great handicap Mr. Allapitchey was one of the most successful business magnates in the sphere of Commerce in days long gone. The secret of his success was entirely due to hard industry and perseverance two of the greatest achievements which move the world! Though he was so illiterate he was a gentleman in the highest sense of the word - a Gentleman whose word was far more honoured than the bonds of most men living in this democratic world. With the help and patronage of the great planters Mr. Allapitchey started his business and rose to great heights both as a citizen and a man of commerce. He was elected as a Member of the Hatton-Dickoya Urban District Council for the year 1937-39. He was 97 years of age at the time of his death, which took place on the 5th. of September 1946 and in the same Dickoya where he had laboured and triumphed he lay buried. May the turf lie lightly over him for he was a genial soul with pleasant and winning ways about him. His business still runs under the kind patronage of the planters as in the Halcyon days of his life. Mr. Allapitchey took an active and abiding interest in social welfare and upliftment of the masses and he counted a large circle of friends amidst the Sinhalese. By religion a Muslim, he made himself one with all classes and communities and in his day won the confidential esteem, respect and affections of many. On his death many European Planters attended his funeral and paid glowing tributes to his sterling qualities. Sir Thomas Villiers paid the following tribute which was addressed to the Firm and it speaks to the goodness that was Mr. Allapitchey.

"It was with extreme regret that I heard while I was in Colombo of the death of your revered senior. It was good of you to send me a telegram conveying the news and I wish I could have attended his funeral, as a mark of respect for him. Allapitchey was, I fancy, the oldest tenant of mine in Dickoya. He was certainly doing business as a transport Agent in 1900 when I bought Dickoya. During all the time that he has been a tenant I cannot remember ever having a difference of opinion with him as he was straight in business and a faithful contractor. To his widow I would send my special sympathy in her loss, as also, to his small daughter, and to the rest of the family, and I would wish to convey my condolence in their loss and to express the hope that they will carry on the business in the same honest manner as the senior always did. Assuring you of my sympathy in your loss. Yours truly, Sgd. Sir Thomas Villiers."

When Mr. Allapitchey started his business in 1881 as a transport agent he utilized forty bullock-carts for which he employed Sinhalese Cart Drivers. As lorries came in only after 1928. It is interesting to note that when Mr. Allapitchey came out to Dickoya to establish his business he had no other aid - except that of the planters and he proved himself a success and a credit to the trust which was reposed on him by the planters.

Men of Mr. Allapitchey's mettle and genius are rare, but in the course of years we trust that his children and generations who survive to reap the fruits of his labours will succeed in perpetuating the memory of their senior who was so truly good and truly great.

## ROCKLAND DISTILLERIES.

Messrs Rockland Distilleries Ltd. was founded as a business in 1924, under the designation of the Ceylon Distilleries Co, by the late Mr. J. B. M. Pereira Proctor, and Mr. W. D. Martin Proctor. The business started with the present contract system for the supply of Arrack and its success was chiefly due to the initiative and untiring efforts of the late Mr. J. B. M. Pereira who had always the idea in view of combining the two contracts. The Business continued under the designation Ceylon Distillers Co. until Mr. Martin sold over his share which was bought up by Mr. Pereira, who thus became the Sole Proprietor. In 1936 a partnership was formed still retaining the same name, and the partners were the late Mr. J. B. M. Pereira, Mrs. J. B. M. Pereira, the late Mr. J. G. de S. Wijeyaratne & Mr. Carl de S. Wijeyaratne. The late Mr. J. B. M. Pereira passed away in 1936 and by his death the Company lost its Pioneer, and Ceylon one of the ablest and cultured sons of Mother Lanka, whose fertile brain was a vast repository, of the greatest Schemes for the development of National Industries. He Mr. Pereira it will be recalled had a keen imagination and a flare, for manufacture and development of Ceylon Industries. He started the manufacture of rectified Spirits, Gins Liqueurs, Cocoanut "Whisky, Brandy Eau de Cologne Hair and other Lotions-and bottled Toddy. These were Exhibited at the All Ceylon Cocoanut Industries Exhibition, - and evoked much praise. These products further developed in 1930 when Mr. Pereira and Mr. Carl de S. Wijeyaratne, took them abroad, and had expert Opinion of Leading Chemists expressed on their respective merits. As these products could not be marketed owing to certain excise restrictions the partners of the firm decided to form among themselves, a private Limited Company, under the designation Rockland Distilleries Ltd. which was formed on 31st August 1945. The present Directors of Rockland Distilleries Ltd are Mr. Carl de S. Wijeyarasne, (managing Director) Mr. Cecil de S. Wijeyaratne, & Mr. E. A. G. de Silva (Advocate) being Directors. It is indeed encouraging to note that the directors of this firm have further pursued the development of Gin, as a great National Industry, and that Rockland Gin is today the most popular Gin available having an Island Wide Patronage. We learn that very soon the Directors of this Company hope to market their own Rockland Arrack, and that if the Government permits—they hope to manufacture pure cocoanut Whiskies, Brandies and Liqueurs, of a very high standard. Rockland Gin, as the product of Rockland Distilleries, Ltd, is wellknown for its fine flavour, and its purity is guaranteed. We have no doubt that in the course of years, with the Dawn of a New Era, Rockland Gin as a National Enterprise—will hold the market in Chains and that its present popularity with the ever growing demand for large Supplies throughout the borders of Lanka.

### Messers D. J. Samarasinghe & Co., RAMBUKKANA.

Messers D. J. Samarasinghe & Co., Rambukkana and also at Kegalle Road Randeniya are dealers and suppliers of Cocoanut, Ceiling Boards and Timber. They are General Merchants Contractors and Vendors of Tin foods Oilmanstores Provisions. Messers Samarasinghe & Co., have an excellent Tea Room and Bakery at Randeniya. They are Lorry Transport and forwarding Agents as well.

### LUMBINI STORES

Tel: 24, Kegalle

KEGALLE

Estab: 1943

Lumbini Stores Kegalle, is a firm established by Mr. D. J. Samarasinghe of Randeniya Kegalle with three other partners Messers R. K. Karunaratne D. D. N. Perera, and R. K. Dharmadasa in the year 1943. Business—The Firm deals in textiles oilmanstores hardware patent medicines tin foods, motor spare parts, tyres tubes, Car Batteries, Chinaware, building requirements, cement tiles etc. Mr. D. J. Samarasinghe is a proprietary planter as well. He is one of those rare public spirited men who take a lively interest in the welfare of the masses. He is much respected and held in esteem by rich and poor alike for his gentlemanly qualities. We wish this firm every success on the reputation it has already earned.

# THREE GENERATIONS OF LEGAL LUMINARIES

WHO ADORNED THE KURUNEGALA BAR



The late Mr.  
**CHARLES PETER LAYARD MARCUS**  
(J.P.M.)  
Crown Proctor.



**FRANCIS HAROLD BERTRAM MARCUS Esqr.**,  
Proctor, S. C. former Mayor of Kurunegala, one  
of the most brilliant lawyers who adorned the  
Kurunegala Bar, who left Ceylon for Australia  
few years back. Our loss is Australia's gain.

## PLANTERS! ATTENTION PLEASE!

### RE-ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF CEYLON

(SUPPLEMENTARY VOLUME)



The late Mr.  
**FRANKIE MARCUS**  
Proctor S. C.

The production of this publication as a Tea Centenary Year Souvenir was a mammoth task, as within the short space of time allotted for the Work it was not possible to meet all the planters on the Hills of Ceylon. The Editor and Publisher was like the Huntsman going out to the Woods in Search of Game and he cannot be blamed if he hath not caught all. In Order to include all the Pioneers and Successors of the Great Planting Industries of Ceylon A Supplementary Volume now in preparation would be published in December 1968. All Planting Personalities who are SUCCESSORS of the PIONEERS on Ceylon Tea Estates could furnish their particulars with their Photographs to the Editor and Publisher Henegewatte Estate Madiha Matara. Their Planting Careers dates of Birth, Marriages, Hobbies, Estates worked on, Crept on, Religion Hobbies, Names of Partners, Names of Children, Etc. should be forwarded with Cheque for Rs. 200/- in favour of Douglas Senanayake Esq. Henegewatte Estate, Madiha, Matara, on or before 31st. October 1968. A Free copy of Volume Priced at Rs. 100/- would be Reserved for Every planter who Becomes a Patron of the Volume.

## Messrs W. M. Hassim

232, Main Street Colombo

The late Mr. W. M. Hassim J. P. Proprietor and Founder of the Firm of Messers W. M. Hassim established it in 1906. Born on the 26th of January 1880, he passed away on the 7th of July 1967 at Colombo. The late Mr. W. M. Hassim was a Philanthropist who contributed largely and lavishly to Schools Etc, and the Maligawatte School was built Financed by him. Educated at Wesley College Colombo during the time of Rev Henry Highfield M. A. (Lon) M. A. (Camb.) he was of a very quiet and unassuming disposition By Religion a member of the Islamic Faith the late Mr. Hassim left behind 9 Children Viz; Mr. M. H. A. Jameel Managing Director of the firm Mr. M. H. M. Kamil Director Messers Lanka Salu Sala Ltd. and 4 other sons. Messers M. T. M. Hassim H. M. Mohideen M. H. M. Ameen, and M. S. Hassim as Directors. Business of the firm was conducted By Mr. W. M. Hassim up to 1931 and thereafter by his sons. The late Mr. W. M. Hassim was married to Ummu



Nafeesa, daughter of Mr. O. L. M. A. L. M. Alim of the wellknown firm of hardware merchants. Mr. Hassim's three daughters are married to Messers S. T. A. Wahid A. J. M., Jameel, and A. J. M. Sadiq. The last named A. J. M. Jameel and A. J. M. Sadiq are Directors of the well known Firm of Messers Abdul Jabbar & Sons. The firm deals in umbrellas Textiles and General Merchandise and are Wellknown as specialists in Umbrellas. The late Mr. W. M. Hassim whose 7th death anniversary was commemorated on 7th July 1967, was one of those Muslim Businessmen who built up his establishment through honesty Integrity and a religious dedication to hard work. He started Life as a smalltime business man handling the Imports of Umbrellas and ended up as the Founder of one of the Big business Houses in the Pettah. A man who was reputed for his Philanthropy and honesty in business, Mr. W. M. Hassim was one of those few Businessman who survived the Trade Depression after the first World war withstood Business onslaughts and successfully faced up to Competition from Indian and British Business Houses in the city. Today the Firm of Mr. Hassim stands as a business Colossus overlooking the Business World of Pettah. After a brilliant Academic Career at Wesley the late Mr. W. M. Hassim was preparing for his Notary's Exam when he was persuaded by his Elders to take to the Business Profession. In 1906 purely on the Initiative of his Brother Mr. W. M. Abdul Jabbar, he founded the firm of W. M. Hassim which was later to branch out into three big Business Organisations in just one Street in Pettah. In 1911 three of his Sons joined him as Partners and subsequently was joined by all six of his Sons. The late Mr. W. M. Hassim had three brothers Viz. Mr. W. M. Abdul Jabbar who successfully went into the Hardware Business and Messers W. M. Thaha and W. M. Saleem who helped him to setting up his Business Establishment. The Impact of Efficient Management and loyal Service by his Son-in-Law Mr. S. T. A. Wahid towards the Success of the Enterprise must also be recorded. The late Mr. W. M. Hassim was made a Justice of the Peace for his Philanthropic and Educational Activities on the 25th Anniversary of the accession of King George the Fifth. He was conferred the Title J. P. at a time when the Title J. P. was valued much more for the Dignity of that Office than it is Now. He was the Largest Contributor to the Maligawatte Denham School which incidentally was Conducted by him. He was also a Founder Vice President of the All Ceylon Moors Ass'n. May he Reap the fruits of a Holy Past in the Heavens of Gladness.

**Messrs. U. K. D. SILVA BROS.**  
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Colombo, Kandy  
& National Bank  
of India Ltd.,  
Nuwara Eliya.

The Firm of Messrs. U. K. D. Silva Bros., was established 45 years ago at Talawakelle by the late Mr. U. K. D. Silva, the Founder who died on 3rd June, 1946. The present managing partners are Messrs. U. K. J. de Silva and U. K. P. de Silva, all of Peediagama, Ahangama. Among their varied commercial interests the principal lines are general Import work, and wholesale and retail merchandise. They are the proprietors of the City Pharmacy and are dispensing Chemists and Druggists. They are proprietors of the Lion Press and leading estate and school Printers and Stationers. They have a well-equipped Photographic Studio. They are agents for the Ceylon Brewery Ltd. at Kandy and Talawakelle. Their Printing Press is fully equipped with modern machinery and they undertake estate and general printing of every description. Their studio undertake amateur developing, printing, enlarging and colouring as a speciality. As Dispensing Chemists and Druggists, their Pharmacy has a stock of all kinds of patent medicines and for all festival occasions Messrs. U. K. D. Silva Bros. have a grand display of fireworks available.

As general merchants they are stockists of Groceries, Tin foods, Provisions, Fresh Fruit, Medicated Wines and Spirits, Tobacco, and Smokers Requisites, Silver and Electroplated goods, Stationery and Fancy goods, Chinaware, Glassware, Lamps, Household and Stable brushware; Ironmongery, Cutlery, Gentlemen's Outfitting, Boots and Shoes. Patent Medicines, Perfumery Toilet Requisites, Gramophones, Radio and Musical Instruments, Toys and Games Accessories.

Messrs U. K. D. Silva Bros. have a reputation for the best of goods and material and their name is a Household Word in Upcountry. We wish them all success, as a business house on the Hill.

Messrs J. D. S. Wickramasooriya & Co.  
TALAWAKELLE, CEYLON.



**Late Mudaliyar J. D. S. Wickramasooriya.**

The firm of Messers J. D. S. Wickramasooriya & Co. was founded by the father of the present Proprietors, the late Mudaliyar J. D. S. Wickramasooriya in the year 1898. The present managing partners of the firm are Messrs Francis and Lionel Wickramasooriya, both of whom are Justices of the Peace of the District. Messrs Wickramasooriya's firm which is one of the oldest on the Hills, incidentally completes fifty years of its existence and service to the public in the year 1948, which may aptly be termed the year of the Golden Jubilee of its inauguration. The founder of the firm Mudaliyar J. D. S. Wickramasooriya hailed from *Mudalagoda*, and it was unquestionably due to his honest industry and indefatigable efforts, that the firm was established on a sound working basis in the days long gone. Mudaliyar Wickramasooriya was a pioneer in business, who lived in the Golden Age of Lanka and he possessed a keen piercing intellect and some Business Acumen. He was also a Philanthropist, who did much in his day to ameliorate the condition of the masses in his area. He passed away on the 7th of July 1948. Delving into the Record of the firm's Business, we find that their principal lines have been and are, Transport Work and Building Construction. As Building Contractors, they hold a unique and unrivalled position in the District and as Transport Agents at Talawakelle, *Hatton* and *Kragala*, their name is a household word, even in remote parts of the Island.

Messrs Wickramasooriya's are also agents for the Standard Vacuum Oil Co., Jawalapitiya, Hatton, Kotagala and Watawala. Mr. Francis Wickremasooriya J. P. is a Director of and Mr. Lionel Wickremasooriya J. P. is the Managing Director of the Madhyama Lanka Bus Co. Ltd. In recognition of the valuable services of Mr. Lionel Wickremasooriya, Managing Director of the firm of Messrs Wickramasooriya & Co. Talawakelle, who rendered signal service during the floods, by offering his entire fleet of Buses and Lorries, to do all Transport work during the critical period, without gain or profit, he was unanimously Elected an honorary member of the Dimbula Planters' Association. As forwarding and Transport Agents even during the war their services were invaluable. They are indeed Transport Agents with an Island wide reputation.