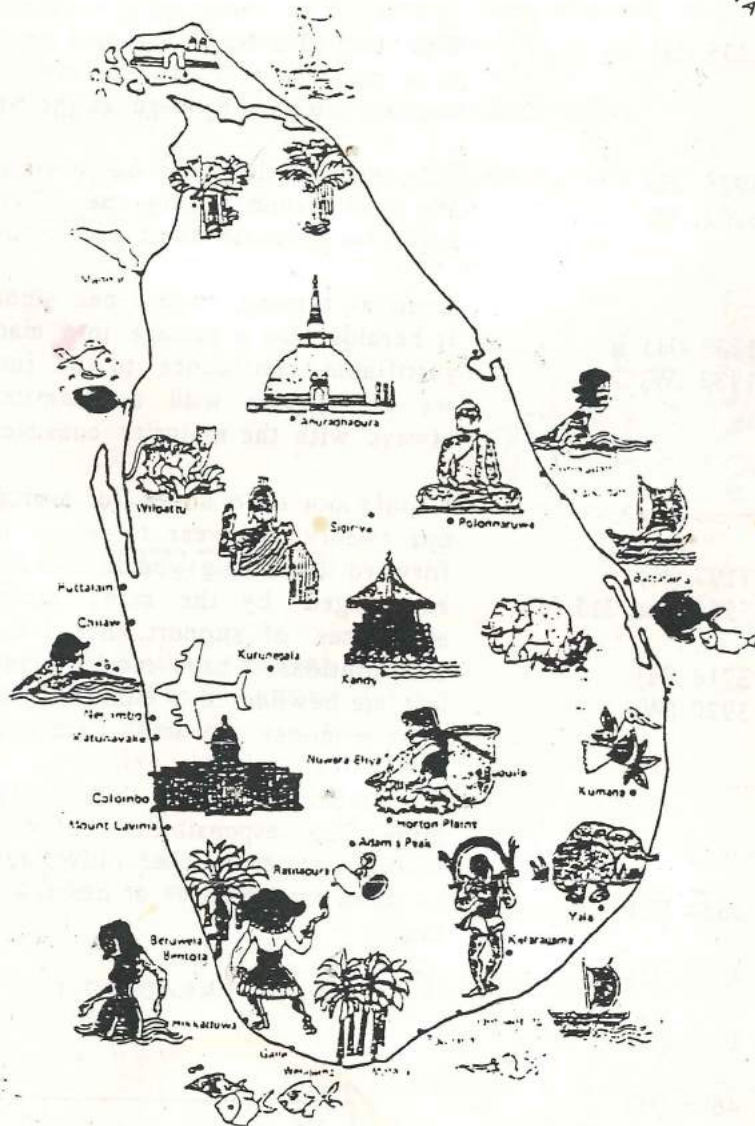


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Dear Members,

The first newsletter for the new Association year is traditionally a 'quickie' - intended chiefly to acquaint you with our new 'team' and its programme for the coming months. I tried hard to stick to tradition but failed miserably. So if I have given you too much to absorb in one 'quickie' glance, take it with you to bed - I promise you it will make good bed-time reading.

The start of a New Year is a special time. It is a time when it is customary to stop to review the achievements of the past and to look forward to the time ahead.

The start of this year has even greater significance for us; We have turned twenty-one - that magic age when tradition holds we graduate from adolescence to adulthood.

Even as turning twenty-one signals growth into adulthood, it heralds also a passage into maturity. So, as we look with justifiable confidence to the future, it is appropriate that we do so also with a commitment to conduct ourselves always with the maturity consistent with our coming of age.

I could not have hoped for a more auspicious time than this our twentyfirst year to return to the Committee, and look forward to serving you in this new role. I have been greatly encouraged by the many messages of good wishes and assurances of support that I have received. In fact, the contributions I have received and have been promised have left me bewildered - Will I be asked to cut down the pages? - to save money ofcourse. I sincerely hope not.

Remember Members, this is OUR Newsletter - yours and mine. The responsibility for ensuring its success is, I think something we can cheerfully share. So please do not hesitate to comment/criticise or literally speaking - throw it back at me.

HAPPY READING !

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1992/93

Members are kindly reminded that subscriptions for the 1992/93 Financial Year are now due. Early payment of subscriptions will be appreciated. A membership renewal form is included with this Newsletter for your convenience.

NEWSLETTER

This Newsletter is being sent to all those who were financial members at 31 March 1992 and to those those who have joined since that date. Future issues will be sent ONLY to financial members of publication.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members

Here we are facing the **TWENTY FIRST ANNIVERSARY** of our Association.

Most of you will recall the memorable events, the positive developments, the change of format in the activities, the increase in the membership etc., that are associated with the passage of time.

Last year your Committee performed excellently, and as the Financial Statement indicated has maintained the financial soundness and accountability of your Association.

The 1992/93 Committee comprising both experienced and new representatives are bracing themselves to do everything to make this year a memorable one for each one of you.

Our long term ambition to be in our own place could come to fruition, though a lot more work has to be done. We seek your support for this venture.

I urge all Sri Lankans to join, and be part of this great Association.

So members bring in your friends and families and make this a truly representative Association.

Regards,

Ranjit

PRESIDENT

From your Committee

The first Executive Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday 5th May. The Programme for the year was drawn up - although some events and dates are only tentative. See Centre page for details.

The following Convenors were appointed and they in turn, will co-opt members to their Sub-Committees.

Senior's Affairs - Joint Convenors: Russell Raymond & Olga Ramasamy
Bingo/Quiz Night - Mel Fialho
Anniversary Ball - Joel White
Youth Activities - Joint Convenors: Michael Ratnayake & Shan Ramasamy

At the Annual General Meeting held in April, Rohan Bandarage was appointed Convenor for the Club House project with power to co-opt members with required skills to plan and present the proposal; this Committee to include the members of the first Committee appointed by the General Body.

At the Annual General Meeting it was also decided to refer the constitutional amendments which were not taken up at the meeting, to a special Constitution Committee consisting of all the Past Presidents. The current President will naturally act as Convenor. You will soon be hearing from them

Committee meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of each month. If you wish to place any matter before the Committee for their consideration, please submit it in time for these scheduled meetings. If not, you may have to wait another month before you hear from the Committee.



"Once more, no—those opposed?"



Coming of Age Coming of Age Coming of Age



When celebrating a 21st Birthday it is customary for the parents to prepare a collage of the significant milestones spanning the 21 years of the birthday boy/girl.

That's exactly what I plan to do for you - bring to you in the next few issues the significant happenings of the W.A. Sri Lanka (Ceylon) Association since its inauguration on 3rd October 1971.

Incidentally it was formed as Western-Australia Ceylon Association.

Unfortunately the archives of the Association do not contain records of its beginnings - which is a great pity. So I owe a deep debt of gratitude to Charles Oorloff for providing the document I am reproducing below - the very first Newsletter. Charles was the first President, is currently a Life Member and is still involved and personally interested in the well-being of the Association.

On behalf of the current membership - Congratulations and thanks to Charlie and all those who had the foresight to form the Association.

* NEWSLETTER 1 30th October 1971

The General Committee have pleasure and pride in sending out this our first newsletter.

INAUGURATION

A band of enthusiasts who felt the need for an Association met on several occasions, and decided to

go ahead with its formation. They felt such an Association would not only weld together the several Ceylonese families now resident in W.A., but would also assist in accelerating their integration into the Australian community and way of life.

A draft constitution was sent out to as many Ceylonese as possible, with the request that they inform others, who may inadvertently have been left out, and others interested in joining the Association.

It was most gratifying that such a representative gathering was present at the inaugural meeting on 3rd October. Those present were:-

Eustace & Merle Conderlag, Druzylla Toussaint, Ilona Moldrich, Damian Moldrich, Ivan & Verna Andree, Dick Ferdinands, Jeffrey & Angeline Von Bergheim, Trevor Chapman, Felix Perera, Eardley & Rose Wallis, Fr. Anton Hesse, Edward Williams, Therese Perera, Mary Perera, Coreen & Larry Andresen, Claude Lourensz, Dalton Jennifer Anderson, Merrill Pavey, Patricia Weinman, Lorenz Ebert, George & Kathleen Ernst, Arlene Arnst, Cievo Adriansz, Trev & Dawn Caspersz, Leander & Pam Baldsing, Fred Nell, Wilton & Joyce White, Rex White, Anton White, George Pavey, Alfred & Christine Le Mercier, Chris & Isobel Hesse, Adrian & Nori Dender, Duncan & Joan Reith, Amy Pelozar, Carl Scharenguivel, Maurice & Kathleen Scharenguivel, Luna Adriansz, Willy Weinman, Mackie & Mavis Von Bergheim, Elton & Aileen Anderson, Evelyn Meir, Fr. Gaston Alwines, Bill & Gillian Elkins, Dagnar & Aubrey Raymond, Grantham & Mary moldrich, Humphrey Wright, Fr. Chris Flamer, Churchill Van Cuylenberg, Kevin Melder, Clifford & Naomi Perera, Shelton & Mavis Bulner, Douglas Gauder, Douglas & Carmen Wilkins, Peter Burns, Laraine Von Bergheim, Cecil Bartholomeusz, Harvey, Travis, Nigel & Garv Von Bergheim, Charlie & Primrose Oorloff, Oenone Weinman, Olga Hesse & Peter Jones.

The Chairman "pro tem" Humphrey Wright welcomed those present and after a brief speech outlining the aims and objects of the proposed Association, moved that the Western Australia-Ceylon Association be formed. This was unanimously carried. The meeting then proceeded with the election of office bearers.

FROM: ROHAN BANDARAGE

(Convenor: Club House Project)

PREMISES REPORT

It has increasingly become evident that our best chances of securing a premises is through a joint venture. The lack of strength in numbers, insufficiency of our own resources and the low utility factor of such a premises have virtually ruled us out from securing land or supporting grants.

The Town of Bassendean is currently discussing with us the possibility of a joint venture project between ourselves and the French Mauritian Society under their auspices. The Shire plans to build a Community facility in a 2.5 acre block of land in Broadway Street adjacent to Collier Road. It is proposed that we guild and own the Community Hall in this Compound jointly with the French Mauritians. It is heartening our Association and the Mauritians alone have been earmarked by the Shire amidst many other strong aspirants.

The Sub-Committee is currently working on the draft proposals to be brought before you for endorsement. Ranjith Weddikara, who has been co-opted to the Sub-Committee is providing the architectural services whilst Charlie Oorloff is arranging the legal back-up for the project. Preliminary plans and a joint submission is expected to go before the Shire Council, shortly.

The Sub-Committee is also looking at other contingency options and would welcome suggestions and viewpoints from members.

(Ring Rohan - 310 6197 A/H)

From: Rosemary Seneviratne.

WHAT IS A SENIOR CITIZEN?

A Senior Citizen is one who was here before the pill, before television, frozen food, credit cards and ball point pens. For us, time sharing meant togetherness, not computers, and a chip meant a piece of wood. Hardware meant *hard wear*, and software wasn't even a word. Teenagers never wore slacks. We were before pantyhose, drip-dry clothes, dishwashers, clothes dryers and electric blankets.

We got married *first* and *then* lived together. (How quaint can one be?) Girls wore Peter Pan collars, and thought "cleavage" was something butchers did. We were before Batman, vitamin pills, disposable diapers, QEII, jeeps, pizza, instant coffee and Kentucky Fried wasn't even thought of.

In our day, cigarette smoking was *fashionable*, grass was for mowing, pot was something you cooked in. A *gay* person was the *life of the party* and nothing more, while *aids* meant beauty lotions, or help for someone in trouble.

We are today's Senior Citizens. A *hardy bunch* when you think of how the world has changed and of the adjustments we have had to make.

(Courtesy of Hardy/Carm/& Neill S.A.)

The Editor does not take
responsibility for views
expressed by persons
contributing to this publication.

GETTING OUT THIS PUBLICATION IS NO PICNIC

If we print jokes, people say we are silly, If we don't they say we are too serious.

If we clip things from other sources, we are too lazy to write them ourselves,
If we don't, we are too fond of our own stuff!!!

If we don't print contributions, we are also too fond of our own stuff.

If we make a change in the other person's writing we are too critical, if we don't we are asleep

Now, likely as not, someone will say we swiped this from some other publication

WE DID

Acknowledgement: We swiped this from Uninews 5, who swiped it from Intuition 6 March 1992, who swiped it from inCite 17th February 1992, who swiped it from The Cape Librarian 35 7 August 1991, who swiped it from US Public Relations Quarterly, who swiped)



Contributions (Contd)

LETTER FROM AUSTRALIA

Written by a newly arrived migrant
(Ed. Names are fictitious)

My dearest Ammi,

Very sorry I haven't written for so long. Why I came to Australia is a mystery. There is so much to do !!! I never thought the day would come when I would be Cook, Gardener, Barber, Dhoby, Tutor and Vadu-baas - all rolled into one. Any way, to cut a long story short, we are settling down at a hectic pace. The children are enjoying their new school, but I find it very hard to understand what they say. Here, they don't speak English, but Australian - and believe you me, there is a big difference. Sometimes, I have to take Romeish to the city for his dental appointment, and my neighbour told me that the hospital was on High Street, till someone actually walked me to the sign-post and pointed it out to me - Hay Street!!!. All the "A" sounds are pronounced like "I" We even heard that a Sri Lankan nurse had been dismissed because she had been asked to "give an injection today" and she had been found preparing a lethal dose, because she thought she had to "give an injection to die" !! and though puzzled, she was only following instructions.

Soon after we came, one of our Australian neighbours invited us over to tea. So straight after school I got the children ready, and Karu and I and the children sent to Tracy and Bill's at about 4 o'clock. They welcomed us smilingly, but looked a little harassed. We were ushered into the sitting-room, (they call this the "lounge" and no one sits here; it is always perfectly near and tidy, and people usually sit in what is called the Family Room - a largish place which is in reality the sitting-room, because anyone who sits, sits here) So we sat patiently, while Tracy excused herself, saying "the house is in a mess, and she had to prepare tea."

Karu and I looked at each other, unsure what was happening for we thought that

we were in time for tea. "Is today the day we had to come?" I hazarded, tentatively.

"Yes, it sure bloody is," replied Bill, but you've come bloody early." (Many Australians use "bloody" about twice in every sentence).

You said to come to tea - is 4.30 too early?

"We have tea at five thirty, mite (mate). And he proceeded to explain that the Australian tea-time was not afternoon-tea, but what amounted to our dinner !

Of course, this resulted in my giving Tracey a helping hand with the dinner (or tea, if you prefer) and our two families have become very friendly, although we do find some hilarious moments in trying to understand each other, both in idiom and in accent.

Another time, the school had a social for the parents and we were asked to "bring a plate". I was immediately touched, and felt an instant rapport with the school personnel who, like at home, were probably short of plates. You remember how we had to ask people to bring spare plates in case we ran short? So Karu and I took two plates with us, remembering to mark the underside with coloured nail-varnish so that they wouldn't get mixed up with the others.

Guess what! When we got there, must to our embarrassment, we realised that "bring a plate" meant to bring Food! I find, that now, when invitations go out to community- functions, they state "bring a plate - with food on it"

Have to go to pick up the children from School.

Love,

Kamala

(Experiences of Kamala & Karu will be continued in Episode 2 in the next issue.)



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ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER BEFORE 23/6/92

Look
What's
Coming (Proposed) Programme 1992/1993

<p>JUNE 1992</p> <p>2nd - Executive Meeting</p> <p>7th - Bringing Generations Together - Luncheon</p> <p>27th - Quiz & Bingo Night</p>	<p>JULY 1992</p> <p>7th - Executive Meeting</p>	<p>AUGUST 1992</p> <p>4th - Executive Meeting</p> <p>29th - Anniversary Ball</p>
<p>SEPTEMBER 1992</p> <p>7th - Executive Meeting</p> <p>Youth Event - Swing & Rock 'n Roll Supper Night</p>	<p>OCTOBER 1992</p> <p>6th - Executive Meeting</p> <p>Foundation Day Anniversary Celebrations</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 1992</p> <p>3rd - Executive Meeting</p> <p>Children's Event Concert or Fancy Dress Competition (suggestion) (TENTATIVE)</p>
<p>DECEMBER 1992</p> <p>1st - Executive Meeting</p> <p>Children's X'Mas Party</p> <p>31st - New Year's Eve Dance.</p>	<p>JANUARY 1993</p> <p>5th - Executive Meeting</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 1993</p> <p>2nd - Executive Meeting</p> <p>4th - S.L. National Day Celebrations</p>
<p>MARCH 1993</p> <p>2nd - Executive Meeting</p> <p>S/L Talent in Concert No. 2 (TENTATIVE)</p> <p>31st - End of Financial Year.</p>	<p>APRIL 1993</p> <p>6th - Executive Meeting</p> <p>13/14 - New Year Celebrations</p>	<p>MAY 1993</p> <p>New Executive Committee</p>

I am very important - Don't Lose Me - Keep me Handy

If not on the Fridge Door - the Toilet Door at Least !!

SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST 1992



15TH ANNIVERSARY BALL

WATCH OUT FOR DETAILS

OR IF YOU ARE VERY KEEN

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The office bearers:

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Hon. Editor Oenone Weinman.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.

On this the occasion of our first newsletter, I wish to avail myself of the opportunity to thank all on behalf of the General Committee and myself for your confidence and support in approving the formation of this Association.

In soliciting your continued support may I recall to your minds the words of the late President Kennedy:

"Ask not what your country can do for you,
but what you can do for your country."

The future success or failure of our Association depends as much on you as it does on us - the office bearers and members of the General Committee. If you can help, if you like to help, if you need or know of someone who needs help, please get in touch with any of the Committee members.

The Committees have been working tirelessly towards getting some projects underway and will appreciate your support.

To those still dubious of the aims of this Association, may I direct them to those Aims as listed in the constitution, and reproduced in this newsletter.

In conclusion I would ask you to invite all your Australian friends no matter the country of their origin, to join the Association so that we may be actively involved in promoting better understanding and cementing the bonds of new friendships.

The Committee and I assure you of our every effort to make this a successful venture."

The first Committee and every Committee thereafter have certainly worked very hard to bring us to 21 years of successful existence. Although each Committee prides themselves that they have "worked very hard" they must remember that the Committee before them would have worked hard as well to give them a "going" Association and not a shell. Success is not measured with money - Goodwill of members is worth more than dollars and committees through the 21 years must have strived

for that - that's why we are here today.

Reading through the list of names you are bound to recognise some of them. A few have passed away - **May they rest in peace** - A few have moved to other states or overseas. But a large number of them are still here in W.A. and continue to be members.

We have two founder members on our current Committee - **Aubrey Raymond and Oenone Weinman.**

I have had the pleasure of working with both of them on several committees and I am proud to be associated with them again on this committee.

In fact Oenone was the first Editor and I have asked her to help me with her experiences - ofcourse there were no computers then!!!!. No chance you put the first newsletter on disk?

Thank you Charlie for your help.

Next chapter in the next newsletter.

Here's a Guessing Game for you

Talking of things in the past, I was absolutely fascinated with reading through the editorial archives of unpublished material. I mean material sent in but the Editor for reasons best known to him/her never put it to print.

The Editor is offering a Bottle of Brandy for the 1st correct answer opened. (Former editors and their families cannot participate)

"..... is the immediate Past President. He will no doubt be of great assistance in preventing from toppling bins !!! He did such a great job as past president that it is likely that he will be constantly recalled."

Who is he? & Who penned these lines?

Post entries to The Editor, P.O. Box 7212
Cloisters Square, Perth W.A. 6000

Solution & winner will be published in next issue.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions are most welcome. Please indicate whether you want your name published.
Editor

From: Wilton White

The writer was one of the "terrible four" who roamed the streets of Kandy to the annoyance of the girls. May be he has the same "sorrows" I carry having left Sri Lanka! so says Wilton in his letter to the Editor.

LONELY

I'm longing for those faces, those faces dear to me,
I'm yearning for those hand-clasps, clasps of sincerity:
I'm pining for those friends of mine, who love me oh so well
And I'm lonely, ever lonely, more than ever I can tell.
I'm haunted by those mem'ries, that linger in my mind,
I'm heart sick for those loved ones, whom I've left behind,
I'm craving, ever craving, for love for happiness,
But round me are the air and sky, and abject loneliness -
Whilst dreaming dreams I found out that, LIFE was solely beauty-
On waking up I soon learnt that, LIFE was only duty.
I'm thinking, always thinking, of my early childhood hours,
And I'm missing, how I'm missing, those days once fraught with flowers
I'm homesick for those comforts, that to me did belong,
I'm heartsick for those pleasures, where once I plunged head long,
I'm love sick, oh! so love sick, it makes my heart to swell,
For I'm lonely, ever lonely, more than ever I can tell !

*By Vernon Elias 2211 McKelvey Road
Maryland Heights, MO 63043 USA*

Vernon Elias won the Golden Poet Awarded for 1991 and was presented with the Golden Poet Trophy at the Marriott Marquis in New York City on September 2 1991 The Poetry Editor says "You should be proud of yourself as fewer than 10% of our worldwide constituency have poems eligible for a presentation at our conference. He was interviewed on "Entertainment Tonight"

From: Genone Weinman

LOVE'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

Speak to people. There is nothing so nice as a cheerful word of greeting.

Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.

Call people by name. The sweetest music to their ears is the sound of their own name.

Be friendly and helpful. If you have friends, be a friend.

Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.

Be genuinely interested in people. You can like almost everybody if you try.

Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.

Be considerate with the feelings of others. There are usually three sides to a controversy; yours, the other person's and the right side.

Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.

Add to this a good sense of humour, a big dose of patience and a dash of humility and you will be rewarded manifold.

Community News & Information

DUAL CITIZENSHIP

WARNING

The Australian Citizenship Act provides that an adult Australian citizen will lose his/her Australian citizenship by applying for and acquiring (or re-acquiring) the citizenship of a foreign country. Loss in these circumstances is automatic and unequivocal says the Department in a press release issued by the Department.

The Department says that it needed to clarify the position following reports they received that some foreign governments are offering people the opportunity to reacquire citizenship in those countries. This does not apply to those Australian citizens who have their citizenship restored automatically by the government of that country.

Where Australian citizenship is lost when a person is in Australia - in some circumstances - they can become non-citizens in Australia without a valid entry permit and their status will need to be regularised.

The Department has put a leaflet "Australian Citizenship: Loss and Resumption of Citizenship" which is available from any State office of DILGEA.

A THOUGHT (till the next issue)

"If you must slander someone
don't speak it - write it ..

Write it in the sand .. by the
water's edge" (Napoleon Hill)

IMMIGRATION ADVISORY SERVICES.

As members of the Australian Asian Association we have been informed that they have set up an Immigration Advisory Service to assist with immigration and visa problems.

Our members can see the Administrative Secretary, by appointment if they have problems with sponsorship, visitor's visas, review of refusals, and any other immigration problems.

They have also made contact with the large employer groups to assist with employment. They act as a channel/agency to put people in touch with employers who are seeking special skills.

If you are interest in any of the above services please ring 328 6202 and make an appointment.

Tit-bits....

Reading through the "The Sri Lankan - a newspaper published in Sydney - there was news of Sri Lankan activities throughout all States barring Western Australia. We are certainly isolated - but surely we are active enough in Perth to be featured in the paper. We must attempt to hit the headlines soon.

Sydney had "An Evening with a Difference .. organised by the old girls of Ladies College.

How about a combined effort of ex-pupils of all the schools? We had a "College Night" sometime back and it was a great success - down to the Amme selling Veralu Acharu. Any old boy or old girl willing to take the challenge?

A Maestro Performs

Presidential Award winner and Sri Lanka's best-known classical singer, W. D. Amaradeva performed in Perth on 3rd May 1992 at the Theatre of the East Perth Government Officer's Building. Music lovers of the Sri Lankan Community attended in large numbers.

It was a moving recital, ably backed by the famous folk singer wife, Wimala, son Ranjana on Tabla, and the graduate violinist from Bathkande music University - Lucknow - D.D. Gunasena.

Dr. Amaradeva. Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Instrumental music of Bhatkande University in Lucknow, has travelled extensively abroad performing on the Indian Sub-Continent, Europe, U.K., U.S.A. and Canada. His visit to Australia gave Sri Lankan classical music lovers a rare opportunity, which they thoroughly enjoyed. In his own pleasant way, he evoked the interest of the audience by seeking their participation in his old favourite "Shantha me Rajame"

The Joint organising committee readily acknowledges and recognises the unstinted cooperation given by the Sri Lanka community. The event was a resounding success thanks to their support.

It is hoped that similar events could be organised in the future with continued interest and support.

The W.A. Sri Lanka (Ceylon) Association extend to Dr. Amaradeva and his talented family their good wishes for the future.

AIR LANKA ACQUIRES NEW AIRCRAFT

Air Lanka has leased a Boeing 737-300 from a Belgium Company to replace a Boeing 737 - 200 which suffered damages when landing in Madras last January. The 149-1 seater - medium - range aircraft will be highly sophisticated aircraft and will be equipped with glass cockpit and very advanced hi-tech equipment.

The new Boeing 737 will operate on the Indian sector and male presently serviced by helitours Avro HS 748 aircraft. (Courtesy of The Times of Sri Lanka, Canada).

FOOD EXTRAVAGANZA HITS COLOMBO

For you holiday makers in Sri Lanka here's newsA Singapore style Food Hall has been opened in Majestic City Bambalapitiya catering for Sri Lanka, Indian, Arabic, Malaysian, Indonesian, Chinese and Thai cuisine.

Conveniently located in close proximity to the capital - Colombo - it is proving very attractive to the tourists.

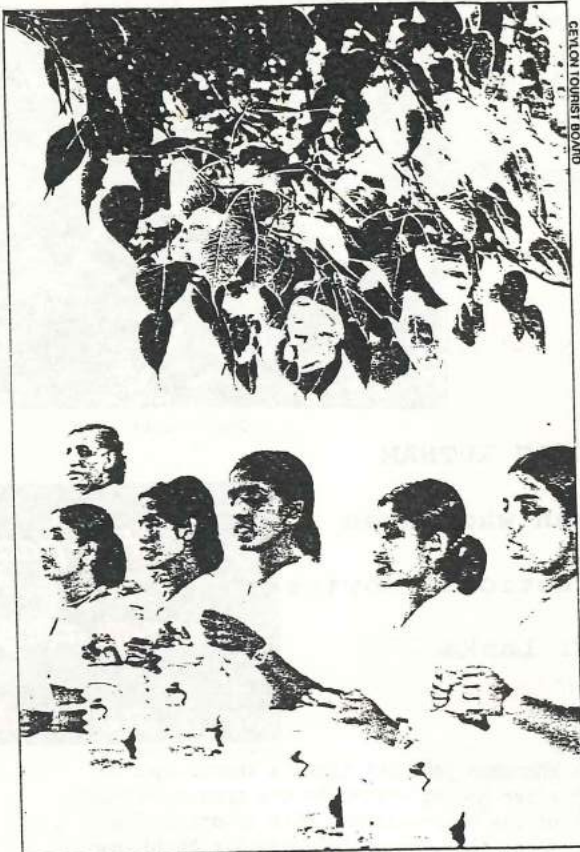
It is open from 11 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. and from 6.30 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.

The Editor would like to hear from anyone who visits the Food Hall - tell us what you think.

KANDY PERAHERA

Also for those holidaying in Sri Lanka in August here are some dates for the Kandy Perahera.

29th July - 2nd August KAP Ceremony
3rd Aug - 7 Aug. Kumbal Perahera
8th Aug - 12th Aug. Randoli Perahera
13th August Day Perahera.



Performance of Buddhist songs while holding paper lanterns during Vesak.

VESAK

Buddhists throughout the world celebrate Vesak as a festival of great piety and sanctity during which the noble virtues of kindness and compassion to all living creatures is emphasised.

To Sri Lankan Buddhists both here and back home, the devout commemoration of the birth, enlightenment and passing of Lord Buddha - celebrated in the month of May - is of special significance.

Therefore to all our Buddhist readers:

SERENITY & PEACE

BE WITH YOU.

LETTER FROM THE SRI LANKAN HIGH COMMISSIONER.

CALLING ALL SRI LANKANS

The High Commission for Sri Lanka in Australia is interested in maintaining a register of all persons of Sri Lankan origin presently living in Australia.

The purpose is to maintain a continuing link with Sri Lankans by disseminating important information on Sri Lanka and to streamline the High Commission's consular activities.

Particulars including names of family members and addresses may be sent direct to the **INFORMATION OFFICER, SRI LANKA HIGH COMMISSION, NO. 35, EMPIRE CIRCUIT, FORREST, ACT. 2603**

or to the

HON. CONSUL IN THE STATE, OR TO THE SRI LANKA ASSOCIATION THAT THEY BELONG.

Congratulations!

TO

JIMMY & NORA MAC KENZIE

ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATED ON 2ND MAY 1992

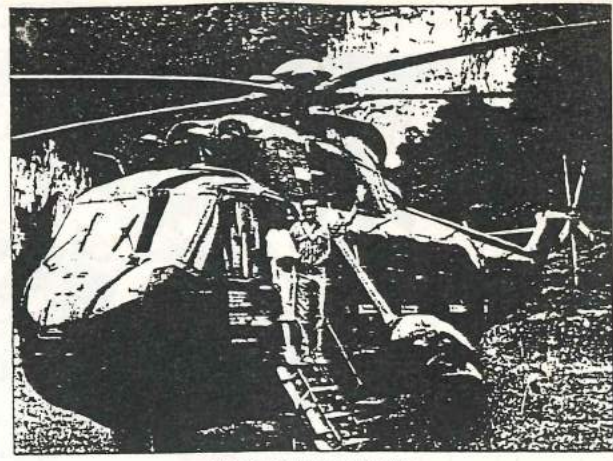
WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS.

"I am responding to a call from God: When I was 16 I met Michael Cassidy, founder of African Enterprise. He asked me "Have you considered being a missionary in Africa?" His words planted a seed. Five years ago my life changed. The LORD spoke to me and said "Gor to Africa. I am finally going and I will be working with African Enterprise" so says Ann-Marie Blaze daughter of Rev. John and Annette Blaze who is giving up her family and friends to work as a missionary.

May be there are dedicated young ones among you who may wish to follow her shining example.
(Information from ACF News)

Yesterday
 Sri Lanka
 Scene

& Today



Chandran Rutnam - on location.

CHANDRAN RUTNAM

EDGES OF HISTORY - A LEGEND RETOLD
 By Iris Marapey

The Portugeuse arrived on the shores of Lanka during the reign of King Dharma Parakrama Bahu of the Kingdom of Jayawardanapura. News of their strange appearance and manners so frightened the King that he and his Council decided that to fight them would be useless; it would be better to give them audience. So they met and exchanged gifts of goodwill thus allowing the Portugeuse to gain a foothold in Colombo - They dominated Lanka for the next 150 years. And in verse - here it goes.....

In fifteen zero five AD
 They anchored in our harbour
 These Portugeuse from Goa State
 Attired in suits of armout
 And those who saw them step ashore
 Opened wide their eyes and mouths in awe,
 (For such creatures they had never seen
 They seemed like Gods not human beings)
 They hastened to their Lord and King
 With tidings, stating everything
 They'd seen upon Colombo's shore,
 With each one adding more and more!

Kneeling before the King they said
 "On our sea shore now there tread
 Strangers, God-like, tall and fair
 With deep blue eyes and spun gold hair
 They rest not, but they walk about
 Up and down, and in and out."
 The men who brought the news went on
 Of the strangers "wondrous goings-on
 "Iron jackets they do wear
 And iron headgear hide their hair,

They eat hard stones, yes great big chunks
 Which they cut off from greater chunks,
 From those who've seen we've heard it said,
 They drink of bottles, blood, bright red!"
 (To the Sinhalese that "blood and stone"
 Was wine and bread, it was not known!)
 "And when they buy e'en limes and fishes
 They toss us gold and silver pieces

They've got great iron balls which fly
 About and up, high in the sky,
 Their canno report, it is like thunder
 It could even burst the rock Yugandara!"
 The King gave ear in wonder
 And with his Council met,
 "They seem to be our enemies
 Come to take our land, but yet
 Discretion is the better
 Part of valour, let's endure
 Their presence, it's a problem
 For which we have no cure."
 (Through courtesie of:
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The man who makes
 International movies
 in Sri Lanka

*He plans
 to create a Hollywood
 in Sri Lanka*

Chandran left Sri Lanka's shores aged 16 after having worked in the prop department of the Oscar-winning film Bridge On The River Kwai. He worked with Sir David Lean during every shot of the film. In London he worked with another Master - Sir Carol Reed in a film entitled The Key - Both these films starred William Holden who befriended young Chandran and invited him to Hollywood - Thus began a career for this Globe Trotting Sri Lankan Producer-Director:

When John & Bo Derek travelled to Kenya and India in search of locations to film Tarzan & the Ape Man, Chandran convinced them that Sri Lanka was the perfect place - The film was produced at a cost of US 7 million of which US 3.5 million was spent in Sri Lanka. Chandran travels the world encouraging producers and directors to make their films on location in Sri Lanka - He is a mate of George Lucas who created the three Star Wars films and later came to Sri Lanka to make the second Indiana Jones movie.

Chandran's father was a Tamil and his mother a Sinhalese. He wrote, produced and directed a film based on the romance between his father and mother, borrowing the ending from William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet. The film titled ADARA KATHAWA (Love Story) was selected as the official Sri Lankan entry to the International Film Festival of India where it was greeted with a standing ovation.

Chandran set up a company - Film Location Services (Pvt). Ltd. and has brought over US 30 million to Sri Lanka in the production of films like Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom, Kiss of the Cobra, Mountbatten - the Last Viceroy, Tennessee Buck, Tarzan the Ape Man, Iron Triangle, A Dangerous Life, Shadow of the Cobra and Ghosts Can't Do It.

Chandran uses Sri Lanka craftsmen to build the sets under the supervision of production manager Errol Kelley.

(Ed. Note - space does not permit to record his many achievements but we can only wish him all success from Sri Lankans who have pursued green pastures themselves !)