

## College News & Notes.

**Students' Corner.** The College reopened after the christmas vacation on 6th January. The second year students assembled at Anakapalle for an agricultural tour in the Circars, under the charge of Messrs. K. Raghavachari, Lecturer in Agriculture, V. Suryanaraya, Assistant Lecturer in Agriculture, and B. Suryanarayana Rao, Assistant Lecturer in Entomology. They returned to head quarters on the 20th.

With one class away, there was not much of athletics, only cricket being played. The first and third year students played 2 matches on the 13th and the 18th the third years winning on both occasions, although with both the teams putting forth their best, the issue was kept in suspense till almost the very last over bowled. Another exciting match was the holiday match on Pongal day between students and officers, which the former with 126 runs, won by a narrow margin of 3 runs.

**Weather.** Rather unhealthy weather with marked fluctuations—hot during the day and very chill at nights—prevails during the month, and chicken-pox, measles etc. are prevalent on the estate.

**A Royal visit.** H. H. The Maharajah of Cochin, accompanied by the Dewan and the Collector of Coimbatore, visited the Research Institute on the afternoon of the 17th. Mr. R. C. Broadfoot and Mr. M. C. Cherian, took the Royal visitor round the various sections, where His Highness was much impressed with all that he was shown.

**Other visitors.** Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddy, M. L. C., who had been to Coimbatore in connection with the Golden Jubilee Celebrations at the Students' Literary Association, visited the College on the afternoon of the 7th and was taken round the various sections by the Principal.

**Pongal celebrations.** As usual, *Mattu Pongal* was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Central Farm and the several Breeding Stations. The Animal Nutrition section, where the number of animals under experiment has been growing was another of the units that celebrated the festival this year.

**Obituary.** We regret to record with great sorrow the death due to heart failure of Mr. K. D. Dharmarajan student of the second year at Anakapalle. The fact that the death occurred during the tour of the students and suddenly, adds much to the poignancy and we offer our heart-felt condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

**The King's death.** The melancholy news of the King's death was received, by the Estate residents, with great sorrow. The Officers' Club and the Government Servants' Co-operative Society remained closed for 2 days. A resolution of condolence was passed at a meeting held under the joint auspices of the Madras Agricultural Students' Union, the Association of Upper Subordinates, the Indian Officers' Association, the Officers' club, the Ladies' club, the Association of Economic Biologists and the Fieldmans' Association, on the 24th inst., Principal, Mr. R. C. Broadfoot presiding. The Union sent a message of condolence to the members of the Royal family through His Excellency the Viceroy.



# Weather Review (DECEMBER 1935).

## RAINFALL DATA

Division	Station	Actual for month	Departure from normal	Total since January 1st	Division	Station	Actual for month	Departure from normal	Total since January 1st
Circars	Gopalpore	0	-0.8	42.7	South	Negapatam	18.7	+7.3	73.5
	Berhampore *	0	0	34.1		Aduthurai *	16.8	+8.3	49.9
	Calingapatam	0	-0.6	29.3		Madura	1.2	-0.6	26.2
	Vizagapatam	0	-0.7	18.6		Pamban	4.4	-3.1	37.8
	Anakapalli *	0	-0.2	22.2		Koilpatti *	1.8	-0.9	20.4
	Samalkota *	0	-0.3	36.3		Palamkottah	2.9	-1.2	30.1
	Maruteru *	0	-0.6	33.6	West Coast	Trivandrum	3.0	+0.3	59.6
	Cocanada	0	-0.9	24.9		Cochin	0.6	-1.1	83.3
	Masulipatam	0	-0.9	32.7		Calicut	0.3	-0.8	102.8
	Guntur *	0	-0.1	29.8		Pattambi *	0	-1.2	78.8
Ceded Dists.	Kurnool	0	-0.3	26.1		Taliparamba *	0.2	-0.8	129.0
	Nandyal *	0.1	-0.3	31.5		Kasargode *	0	-1.2	145.6
	Hagari *	0	-0.2	22.0		Nileshwar *	0.1	-0.8	127.5
	Bellary	0	-0.1	20.0		Mangalore	0.6	+0.1	122.8
	Anantapur	0	—	21.0	Mysore and Coorg	Chitaldrug	0	-0.3	25.8
	Cuddapah	0.2	-0.7	33.0		Mysore	0.2	-0.2	39.6
Carnatic	Nellore	0.5	-2.7	24.9		Mercara	0.2	-0.5	121.2
	Madras	2.3	-3.4	40.3	Hills.	Kodaikanal	6.1	+2.5	79.1
	Palur *	8.7	+0.2	46.2		Coonoor	4.4	—	53.6
	Palakuppam *	4.8	-0.4	34.4		Ootacamund *	2.4	-2.4	38.1
	Cuddalore	12.9	+5.7	46.5		Nanjanad *	1.8	-0.2	45.2
Central	Vellore	2.1	-0.6	40.3					
	Hosur cattle farm *								
	Salem	0.4	-0.6	31.0					
	Coimbatore	0.6	-0.5	15.2					
	Coimbatore Res. Inst. *	0.8	-1.5	—					
	Trichinopoly	4.5	+2.0	38.0					

\* Meteorological Stations of the Madras Agricultural Department.

### Summary of Weather Conditions, December 1935.

Dry weather prevailed over the Peninsula in the first week. A depression formed in the Andaman Sea on the 5th instant but weakened the next day to a trough of low pressure, which persisted till the 9th. This did not affect the weather in the Peninsula, but caused widespread rain in Tenasserim. The north-east monsoon strengthened in south Madras on the 18th and there was widespread rain there from the 18th onwards. A low pressure wave passed westwards across Ceylon on the 20th causing general rain in the south-east Madras. Associated with a strengthening of the north-east monsoon in the South-West Bay of Bengal there was generally heavy rainfall in south Madras on the 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th instants.

Rainfall was locally in excess at a few stations in the south and in defect elsewhere.

Chief falls reported were :—

Negapatam	6.0" on the 18th.
Cuddalore	4.3" " "



Negapatam	5.7'' on the 20th.
Cuddalore	2.9'' " 27th.
and Aduturai	5.6''

**Weather Report for the Research Institute Observatory.**

Report No. 12/35.

Absolute Maximum in shade	88.8°F
Absolute Minimum in shade	58.3°F
Mean maximum in shade	84.9°F
Departure from normal	0
Mean Minimum in shade	65.8°F
Departure from normal	0
Total Rainfall	0.84"
Departure from normal	1.49"
Heaviest fall in 24 hours	0.32 (Recorded on 25-12-35.)
Total number of rainy days	4
Mean daily wind velocity	2.6 M. P. H.
Mean humidity at 8 hours	7.51 %
Departure from normal	- 4.6 %
Total hour of Bright Sunshine.	213.5 hours.
Mean daily Hours of Bright sunshine	6.9 hours.

**Summary.** Rainfall was in large defect. Most of the rainfall was received between the 24th and 28th instants in small showers. Temperatures were normal. Lowest minimum recorded was 58.3°F on the 1st December 1935.

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## Departmental Notifications.

**Leave.** Mr. S. Ramachandran, A. D. VIII Circle. extension of l. a. p. for 2 months. Mr. M. Eggiaswami Ayyar, A. D. IV Circle extension of l. a. p. on M. C. for 10 days in continuation of 8 months' l. a. p. already granted.

**Transfer.** Mr. V. Chidambaram Pillai, A. D. Nanguneri as F. M. A. R. S. Koilpatti, Mr. J. S. C. Antony, F. M. A. R. S. Koilpatti, as A. D., Nanguneri. Mr. E. T. Verghese, Asst. to G. A. C. transferred to officiate as Asst. Lecturer in Chemistry Vice Dr. C. Narasimhacharya deputed for foreign service. Mr. K. H. Subrahmania Ayyar, A. D. Annur to be on van duty in Salem Dist. till 16-2-36, after which to be A. D., Erode. Mr. P. K. Nambiar, A. D., Erode to be A. D. Pollachi.

### Manager's Notice.

Subscribers and Members whose subscription expires by December 1935, are kindly requested to remit their subscription before the first week of February at the latest.

### WANTED MARKET GARDENER.

Tamil Speaking Christian. Must be capable of opening up a garden and teaching young men. State salary required to George F. Champion, VALAVANTHINADU, Namakal Taluk.