

## College News and Notes.

**Students' Corner.** *Hockey Tour to Ceylon.* Thanks to the untiring efforts of Mr. H. Shiva Rao, the Vice-President of our club, the long contemplated and eagerly longed for tour to Ceylon at last materialised and we left Coimbatore on Friday the 18th September. The team was represented by Messrs. S. V. Joseph Das (Captain) K. K. R. Menon, P. M. Somanna, M. Mukundan, V. Brahmanandam, Ayappa, Herbert, T. P. S. Nainar, B. K. Mohanrao, D. V. Rajagopal, Kesava Reddi, K. Santhanam and S. Sundararaman. We arrived at the Colombo port station on the 20th morning, where the University College authorities mustered strong to accord us a warm and cordial welcome. The tour being only of a week's duration, we had to keep an engagement on the very day of our reaching the destination.

The first match of the tour was played against the Tamil Union Hockey Club. Being tired after the tedious journey and also being quite unaccustomed to play on lawns we could not put forth our best that day. The game was eventless throughout, but towards the end of the second half the Tamil Union forced a corner and converted it into the only goal of the evening.

Not dispirited by the initial reverse we played against the Varsity XI and Varsity past and present combined XI on the 21st and 22nd September, respectively. We were able to give a better account of ourselves on both the occasions by winning these encounters without much effort, the scores being 3: nil and 5:1 respectively.

A visit to Kandy and Perdeniya gardens was included in the tour to provide a short respite and also to combine a little sight seeing and horticultural instruction. The trip undertaken on the 23rd morning was very beneficial from the point of view of horticultural knowledge and the authorities of the world famous gardens spared no pains to take us round and explain the aims and activities in progress. On the evening of our arrival there we had the honour of being the guests of Mr. A. Vittal Pai, I.C.S. the agent to the Government of India. We had a sumptuous tea with him and Mrs. Pai, followed later by a very appetising South Indian dinner which we very much enjoyed.

We returned to Colombo on the same night and resumed the rest of our engagements by taking on the Ceylon Hockey Association on the 25th evening. In spite of inclement weather and sodden ground we were able to exhibit a high standard of game and claim a victory over the best combination in Ceylon by 3:1.

The last match was played on the 26th evening against the Colombo Y.M.C.A. Our attack was completely off colour that day so much so, our defence had to do double work of initiating attacks as well as keeping at bay the opposing forwards. Nevertheless we were able to lower the colours of our opponents by claiming a win by 2 goals to nil.

After this very enjoyable stay and a sequence of success after the initial defeat, we left Colombo on the 26th evening amid cheers and arrived at Coimbatore on the 28th evening, after a day's halt at Rameswaram.

We the members of the Agricultural College hockey team take this opportunity to express our indebtedness and sincere gratitude to the Principal and Hockey Captain of the University College, Colombo, for having entertained us and made our stay at Colombo enviably enjoyable, also to Mr. and Mrs. A. Vittal Pai for the keen interest they evinced in our tour. Our thanks are also due to Mr. E. J. Verghese, the officer in-charge, for having made the tour a grand success.

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*Football.* The first match of The Abraham Memorial Foot-ball Tournament which ended in a draw was played against the Sarvajana High School, in the Stadium grounds on Friday the 9th October. The same match replayed on the 12th instant, resulted in a victory for us by one goal to nil. The full backs of the opponents kept an effective check on our forwards. On the whole our players played a good game on both the days and our 'goalie' was responsible for warding off many balls.

The next match of the tournament has to be played against the Municipal High School.

A combined eleven of both the students of the Agricultural College and officers played a match against the Mysore Medical College in our grounds on the 13th inst. The visitors were defeated by three goals to one.

*Tennis.* Our College represented by Messrs. K. K. R. Menon and Narayana Rao was defeated by the Medical College, Mysore, by 6 : 1.

*Volley Ball.* A match was played against the Mysore Medical College on the 14th instant. Here again the visitors scored over us. But our full team was not represented owing to the 3rd year students being away on tour. The third year students were on an agricultural tour to Ongole, Hagari, Bangalore, Hebbal Farm and other places. They returned only on the 16th morning.

*Visitors.* Dr. Ekambaram, Professor of Botany, Presidency College, Madras who accompanied the students of the final year Honours Course on a tour, stayed here on the 29th and 30th visiting the various breeding sections.

## Weather Review (SEPTEMBER 1936).

While the monsoon in the Peninsula was generally weak on most of the days the bay monsoon was strong and active during the first two weeks of the month. The monsoon weakened during the third week and withdrew from the country by the 18th.

The activity of the monsoon was associated with the movement of two depressions. The first of these appeared over the Central Provinces on the 31st of August and moving northwards, weakened and filled up two days later. The second depression formed in the North Bay of Bengal on the 6th of September, passed inland across the Orissa coast and by over the East Central Provinces on 7th and 8th. It then moved slightly North west and got merged into the seasonal low over North west India near Neemuch on the 10th. Wide spread and locally heavy rain fell along and near the tracks of these depressions.

During the latter half of the month, associated with thunderstorms there was general rain in the Peninsula and other parts of the country.

Conditions became markedly unsettled from the North Andaman sea to the East Central Bay of Bengal and a deep depression of small extent formed off Irrawaddy on the 29th. This depression filled up on the 30th, but a trough of low pressure continued to extend from the Arakan to the Orissa Ganjam coast and conditions were markedly unsettled in the Central and North Bay of Bengal.

Rainfall was in defect in North Madras coast and Ceded districts, almost normal in South Madras and in excess in parts of West Coast, Mysore, Coorg, and the Hills.

Mean maximum temperatures were generally above normal in the Peninsula during the first three weeks. Nellore recording the highest maximum temperature of 103°F. The skies were moderately to heavily clouded.