

Conditions became unsettled in the Bay of Bengal in the neighbourhood of the Andamans on the 1st. On the 3rd they extended into the East Central Bay and concentrated into a depression west of Andamans. Moving westwards the depression weakened into a trough of low pressure standing from the South to Central Bay of Bengal on 4th, 5th and 6th and became unimportant by about the 8th. In association with this seasonal trough of low pressure in the Bay of Bengal a few falls of rain occurred intermittently in Assam, South and South East Madras, North Madras coast and Malabar during the first half of the month. Local rains were also reported from South and South East Madras on 10th, 11th and 12th.

During the second half of the month with the strengthening of the North-East Monsoon in the south west Bay of Bengal and South East Arabian Sea, local rain fell in south east Madras on the 16th and 17th. Thunder storms have also caused general rain in the United Provinces, Central Provinces, Assam, Bihar, Orissa, Hyderabad, South and South East Madras, North Madras coast and at a few stations in Malabar.

The month's rainfall was in large defect in South East Madras and slight to moderate defect in other parts of the Madras Presidency and Mysore.

Weather Report for the Research Institute Observatory:—

Report No. 12/36.

Absolute Maximum in shade	...	...	88.2°F.
Absolute Minimum in shade	...	...	59.6°F.
Mean Maximum in shade	...	...	84.6°F.
Departure from normal	...	...	-0.3°F.
Mean Minimum in shade	...	...	66.8
Departure from normal	...	...	+1.0°F.
Total rainfall	...	...	0.33
Departure from normal	...	...	-2.0"
Heaviest fall in 24 hours	...	...	0.30"
Total number of rainy days	...	...	1 day.
Mean daily wind velocity	...	...	1.5 M.P.H.
Mean humidity at 8 hours	...	...	76.0 %
Departure from normal	...	...	-3.7 %

Summary. Rainfall was in large defect. Mean Maximum temperature was below normal by 0.3° and the mean minimum above normal by 1.0°.

College News & Notes.

It is pleasing to note that M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur T. S. Venkataraman Avl., Government Sugarcane Expert and one of our former Editors has been awarded the title of C. I. E. in the New Year Honours.

It is learnt that Mr. K. Ramiah, Paddy Specialist, and also a former Editor will be leaving the Agricultural Research Institute shortly to take up the post of Geneticist and Botanist at the Institute of Plant Industry, Indore.

The Annual Meeting of the Association of Economic Biologists was held on the 1st February 1937 and the following new office bearers were elected.

President:	Mr. K. Krishnamoorthi Rao.
Vice-President (Resident):	Dr. J. S. Patel.
Secretary:	Mr. M. C. Cherian.

Mr. V. Ramanatha Ayyar, the retiring President, delivered his address on 'The Herbaceous Cottons in India.'

Departmental Notifications.

Transfers and Postings. Mr. P. K. Parameswara Menon, A. D., Namakkal to be D. A. S., Coimbatore; Mr. D. S. Subramania Iyer, A. D., Rasipuram to be in additional charge of Namakkal; Mr. M. Narayana Iyer, A. D., Jammalmadugu to IV Circle; Mr. S. Venkataramanappa Officiating A. D., IV circle to Dry Farming Station Hagari; Mr. P. K. Natesa Iyer, A. D., Manamadura to Agricultural College as Assistant Lecturer in Agriculture; Mr. M. Bhavani Shanker Rao, A. R. S., Tindivanam to Coimbatore. Mr. V. V. Rajagopalan, A. R. S., Kasargode to A. R. S., Tindivanam.

Leave. Mr. A. Chidambaram Pillai, A. D., Van Duty, l. a. p. for four months from 1-2-37; Mr. I. Kumara Rao, A. R. S., Anakapalle, l. a. p. on medical certificate for two months from 4-1-37 with permission to prefix Xmas and New Year holidays; Mr. V. Suryanarayana, Assistant Lecturer in Agriculture, l. a. p. for eight days from 25-1-37 with permission to prefix the Penultimate Saturday the 23rd and Sunday the 24th January and on half average pay for 1 month and 19 days in continuation thereof with permission to suffix the Mohurram and Easter holidays; Mr. M. Subramaniam Pillai, D. A. S., Coimbatore, l. a. p., for one month from the date of relief Mr. P. Kannappa Pillai, VII circle extension of l. a. p. on m. c. for 1 month and 12 days. Mr. T. Rangabrahma Rao, A. R. S., Anakapalle, l. a. p. for two months on m. c. from 21-1-37. Mr. A. P. Balakrishna Nayar, l. a. p. on m. c. for two months from 23-1-37.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY, DECEMBER 1936

A. Books.

1. Pedology. *Joffe, J. S.* (1936). 2. Farm Machinery—Text and Handbook. *Cook, G. C. etc.* (1936). 3. Mixed Farming in East Africa. *Morrison, O. R.* (1935). 4. Tobacco Diseases and Decoys. *Wolf, F. A.* (1935). 5. The Garden Encyclopaedia. *Seymour, E. L. D.* (1936). 6. Horticulture (Vocation Agri. Ser.). *Stuckey, H. P. & Mathews, C. D.* (1935). 7. Diseases of Vegetable Crops. *Walker, J. C.* (1936). 8. A Digest of Pasture Research Literature in U. S. A. and Canada (1885-1935). *Pieters, A. J.* (1936). 9. Selecting, Fitting and Showing Dairy Cattle. *Lattig, H. L. & Nordby, J. E.* (1935). 10. Practical Dairy Tests and Fundamentals of Dairying. *Burke, A. D.* (1935). 11. Elements of Livestock Judging. *Smith, A. A.* (1930). 12. Dairy Industry and the U. S. A. (Agri. Adjustment Act). *Black, I. D.* (1935). 13. Feeds and Feeding (20th Edn. Rev.). *Morrison, F. B.* (1936). 14. Growth Hormones in Plants. *Jensen, F. B.* (1936). 15. Evolution and Heredity. Theories and Problems. *Felker, S. M.* (1936).

B. Reports.

1. Report on the operations of the Madras Agri. Dep. for 1935-1936. 2. Report of the Madras Industries Department for 1936. 3. Annual Report of the Rice Res. Stn. Berhampur (Madras) for 1934-1935. 4. Annual Report of the Rice Res. Schemes at Bankura and Chinsura (Bengal) for 1934-1935. 5. Annual Report of Rice Res. Stn., Sabour (Bihar and Orissa), 1934-35. 6. Annual Report of Rice Res. Officer, Burma for 1935. 7. Annual Report of the Rice Res. Stn., Nagina (U. P.) for 1934-1935. 8. Punjab Season and Crop Reports for 1936. 9. Report on the Operations of the Burma Agri. Dep. for 1936. 10. Report of Agri. Stations, Burma for 1936. 11. Burma Season and Crop Report for 1936. 12. Reading