



A Saraswathi Pooja organised by the students and teachers of St. Don Bosco's College, Hatton was held at the main hall of the college recently. Here the priest of the Thirukkal Amman Kovil at Hatton conducting the Pooja. Picture by G.A. Gunaseena Gingathena Special Corr.



A religious ceremony to mark the completion of 54 years of the First Reconnaissance Regiment of the Sri Lanka Armoured Corps and also to invoke blessings on War Heroes, disabled soldiers and for the speedy recovery of the wounded soldiers was held at Jumrah Mosque in Mutwal recently with the participation of Lt. Colonel M. A. Izzadeen as chief guest. Mutwal Jumrah Mosque President Al Haj Faik Maken, Secretary Al Haj M. Minhaj Moheen, Treasurer Al Haj A. M. S. Faris, Chief Imam Moulavi A. K. Rikas and Moulavi Sahran Hassen were also present.



D.S. Senanayake College, Colombo held a Tamil Medium Arts and Cultural program at the school's R.I.T. Alles Hall recently. Here D.S. Senanayake Acting Principal Miss. Nilani Samaranyake and Teacher in Charge M. Prameshwaran lighting the oil lamp to inaugurate the proceedings. Colombo University lecturer M. Karunanidhi and Tamil Medium Sectional Head Mrs. N.M. Ameen are also in the picture. Picture by Ashraf. A. Samad Dehnelwa - Mt. Lavinia Spl. Corr.



A nameboard was donated to the Walawa Basin Journalists Association by the Nelna Farm. Here Thunckerama Branch Manager D.M.D. Jayaruk handing over the nameboard to the patron of the Association Rural Industries Minister Premalal Jayasekera. Picture A.M. Gunasekera Banda, Balangoda Central Group Correspondent



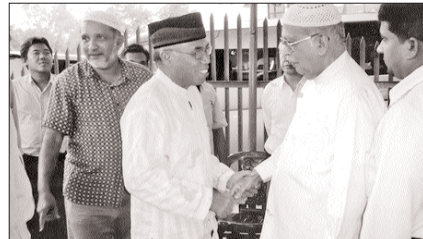
A distribution of monetary assistance among needy families for fulfilling their health and sanitation needs organised by the R. Duminda Silva Foundation was held at the foundation office at Kolonnawa recently. Here, a resident of Madiwela receiving a cash donation from Duminda Silva during the ceremony.



The drug eradication program has been intensified in the Kelaniya area with the patronage of Kelani Cables Ltd. Kelaniya. Here, its employees Deepal Samarawera, Kousalya Jayathilleke, Ranjan Wickremaratchchi, Upul Bandara, Suranga Pathirana and Percy Nirma participating in a street drama in connection with a drug eradication awareness program held at Kelani Cables Ltd, Wewelduwa, Kelaniya. Picture by Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Group correspondent



The Organisation of Osaka Japan Sri Lankan branch which assists poor Sri Lankan students in difficult areas in the Agalawatta electorate to promote education donated push cycles to students where there are no facilities to travel to schools. Here, a student from Mihindu Maha Vidyalaya, Agalawatta receiving a pushcycle from the Minister of Industrial Development Kumara Welgama. Picture by K. A. Perera, Wadduwa Spl correspondent



Ambassador of Indonesia to Sri Lanka Djafar Husein paid a visit on the invitation of Sri Lanka Islamic Centre Chairman and Parliamentary Affairs Minister M. H. Mohamed to the Mosque at the Indonesian Hajj Memorial Building at Seewuwa, Katunayake recently. SLIC Secretary Shaull Hameed, All Ceylon Union of Muslim League Youth Fronts National President Attorney-at-Law Al Haj Rasheed M. Imthiyaz, Indonesian Embassy Second Secretary Abdullah Zulkifli and Al Haj A. M. Raziq, IP were also present. He participated in the special ceremony and prayers in memory of the Indonesian Hajj pilgrims who died on their way to Mecca in the air crash which occurred close to the Katunayake International Airport in 1979 to perform Hajj in whose memory this land was donated.



The Moratuwa Social Service Society in partnership with Lions Club International 306 A 1 celebrated the International Year of Older Persons at the premises of the Home for Elders, Moratuwa under the patronage and immediate presence of District Governor Lion Siri Ariya Perera and Lion Lady Rani Perera. Director of Social Services K. Krishnamoorthi was the guest of honour. The event was organised by the members of the Lions Club and District Chairperson of Elders and President of Moratuwa Social Service Society Lion Gladwin Fernando.



The Uva Governor's Fund donated Rs. 20,000 for a heart operation to be performed on a child, K. M. Ahsa of Hall Ela. Here, Governor Randa Mathew hands over the cheque to the child's father A. H. A. Nithar Mohideen. Secretary to the Governor H. M. Somathilaka was also present. Picture by A. Hapugoda, Bandarawela Group corr.



The handicraft fair organized by the Central Province Samurdhi Authority to commemorate 'World Poverty Alleviation Day' was opened by Public Administration and Home Affairs Minister and Deputy Finance Minister Dr. Sarath Amunugama at the Bogambara grounds recently. Picture shows a recipient receiving a merit certificate from the Minister. Kandy GA Gotabhaya Jayarathna and Kandy Samurdhi Assistant Commissioner Ramya Wijesundara were also present.



A TLC Care Givers Institute was opened at the R.A. De Mel Mawatha, Colombo 3 recently. Here Chief Guest Tourism Minister Faizer Musthapa addressing the gathering. Directors of the Institute S.L.M. Hallith, A.H. Aroos Mohamed, Rusly Samsudeen and Darul Quran Institute Moulavi Mahir Hafiz were also present. Picture by Ruzik Farook



The Vavuniya Divisional Secretariat organized a medical clinic for elders at the Vyravupuliyam Kulam Rural Development Society hall. A large number of elders participated in the clinic. Doctors from the Vavuniya General hospital were in attendance. Picture by T. Vievekara, Vavuniya Spl Corr.



An exhibition of stamps organized by the Kandana Post Office to mark World Postal Day was opened by Post Master General M. K. B. Dissanayake at the Post Office premises recently. Here, Mr. Dissanayake viewing some of the stamps on display after the opening ceremony. Picture by W. Wiffred Silva, Ja Ela group corr.



A representatives from the OPEC Fund for International Development, Ms. Shaimaa Al-Shelby, who is in the island with regard to the granting of OPEC aid for the Moragahakanda Kaluganga Reservoir Project, visited the project site to ascertain the present progress of the project. Director General of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, Eng. Dharmasiri de Alwis, Executive Director Eng. H.C.M. Navarathne, Moragahakanda Kaluganga Reservoir Project Director R.B. Tennekoon and Advisor Eng. M.M. Gunatilleke also participated in the site visit.



The Aseniya Arts Festival organised by the students of Malabe Boys School was held at Maharagama Youth Theatre with veteran author and lyricist Ratna Sri Wijesinghe as the chief guest. Here a student receives an award and a certificate from the chief guest. Principal of the school, N. J. Pathirana also present. Picture by Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Special Correspondent