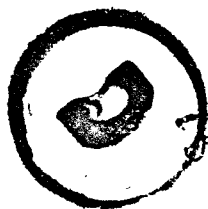


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The Re-shaping of Things

Two Men of Madras :

The Madras Provincial Co-operative Union has recently honoured the memory of two leaders of the Co-operative Movement in Madras—Sri V. Ramadas Pantulu and Sri V. Viyyanna Pantulu by having their portraits to adorn the premises of the Union. These two Co-operators now lost, lived for years in Madras, practised as lawyers, with Co-operation as a side line of activity and by and by made Co-operation their main concern and mission in life. As the President of the Provincial Co-operative Union said, Co-operation became their religion. As between themselves Sri Ramadas Pantulu was the *Guru* (teacher) and Sri V. Viyyanna his *Chela* (pupil) in Co-operation. The former, a pioneer of the Movement in our country had reached international status in the sphere of Co-operation while the latter had attained to national level, when their useful lives were cut off by the cruel hand of Death. Both were very closely associated with the Madras Provincial Co-operative Union and its organ, the Madras Journal of Co-operation and not a little responsible for their progress and development.

The Hon'ble Sri P. S. Kumaraswami Raja, Premier of Madras, and the Hon'ble Sri K. Chandramouli, Minister for Co-operation who are themselves Co-operators unveiled the portraits. While doing so they had themselves portrayed the two leaders in words

which made the occasion impressive. Sri Kumaraswami Raja described Sri Ramadas Pantulu as one of the great men of South India whose greatness could be claimed as a boast and pride not only by South India but by the whole country. For nearly a quarter-century, Sri Ramadas Pantulu's name was a *household word* in India in matters of Co-operation. Speaking of his talent, the Premier said "His high-levelled debates, wise counsels, and intelligent guidance given to Co-operators in many a Conference are ever green in our memory." We Co-operators in Madras owe a good deal to Sri Pantulu. For as the Hon'ble Premier observed "If to-day Madras can boast of leading the country in the matter of either the numerical strength or the qualitative strength, we must all unhesitatingly accept that it was due to Mr. Pantulu's ceaseless efforts at popularising the Movement and carrying its message to every nook and corner of the Province."

Sri Viyyanna filled the void created in the provincial sphere by the death of Sri Ramadas Pantulu for some years until he himself was summoned to His presence. During the period as the Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation said, he identified his life with the fundamental basic principles upon which an enduring co-operative structure should be built. He toiled unceasingly and organised several Provincial Conferences for the spread of the ideals of Co-operation. In his death our Province has lost one of the best workers.

The Provincial Co-operative Union has honoured the two departed leaders. But all honour does not consist in hanging portraits like museum pieces. As the Hon'ble Premier rightly observed, a greater honour with which the departed souls would be immensely pleased would be for us to work for the cause of Co-operation which was their life mission and for which they lived and died.

Let us Co-operators in Madras and elsewhere, therefore, set ourselves to this task, that we may do them *real* honour.

Prosperity in the Wake of Prohibition :

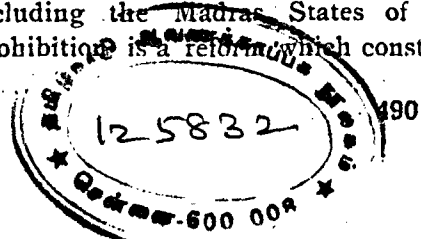
It was on Gandhiji's Birthday last year (on 2nd October 1948) that Prohibition which had been in force in sixteen districts of the Madras Province was extended to the remaining nine districts, including the Madras States of Pudukkottai and Banganapalle. Prohibition is a reform which constitutes "one of the planks in the

national programme as chalked out by Mahatmaji, the Father of the Nation ; and it was in the fitness of things that the reform should be inaugurated on his Birthday. Madras is the *first* Province in India to introduce total Prohibition. In his message to Madras, Babu Rajendra Prasad said, "It is a matter for congratulation that the Presidency which took a prominent and forward step in this direction in 1937, under the guidance of Rajaji is also the first to complete this programme which was so dear to Mahatma Gandhi."

This great measure of social reform has been very popular. It has paved the way for the regeneration of a great nation which can by its total abstinence provide the most potent and the largest manpower available in any single country. Boot legging there is here and there. It is inevitable in the early stages of mass reform touching 50 lakhs of people. The Government, however, are on the vigil and cases of boot legging are on the decline.

This measure of reform has entailed a loss of revenue to the State to the extent of Rs. 17½ crores. But the Government viewed the matter in the larger interests of the people and took the bold decision to bear the loss so that the people who are sought to be saved from starvation, misery, and debt, might have an indirect gain to the extent of some Rs. 70 to 80 crores. The people gratefully complement the Government on their benevolent attitude.

As the Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition (Amelioration) said the other day, Prohibition is not merely a question of enforcing the Prohibition law but harnessing the new spirit ushered in by Prohibition for social and rural uplift. Ameliorative work is as important as the enforcement of the Prohibition Law. Ameliorative measures have therefore been undertaken in the new Prohibition area also. This work was first entrusted to the Revenue Department. It was transferred to the Co-operative Department with effect from 15th October 1948. Ameliorative work is an activity which calls for an ethical and psychological approach and requires constant propaganda and contact with the masses. It is therefore proper that it should be assigned to the Co-operative Department. The control and the direction of the ameliorative work are at present in the hands of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies who is assisted by the Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition (Amelioration) and a large staff of Special Development Officers, Assistant Development Officers, and Rural Welfare Officers in the districts.



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A brief Report on the progress of the ameliorative work during March and April 1949 is published elsewhere in this issue. The most important and immediate part of the ameliorative work is the provision of alternative employment to the toddy tappers thrown out of work whose number has been estimated to be about 84,320 in the new Prohibition area. Schemes have been drawn up to settle the ex-tappers in employment by the formation of the jaggery societies and milk-supply societies, weavers' societies and other cottage industries societies. Several societies have already come into being. Proposals for settling ex-tappers on pieces of land are under the consideration of the Government. Various employers of labour like the Public Works Department, local bodies, firms and big Co-operative institutions are contacted to show preference to ex-tappers while employing men in their offices. The ex-addicts also have not been neglected. They have been provided with substitute drinks like tea, coffee and butter milk and with counter attractions like games, *Bhajanas*, *Kalakshepams*, street dramas, radio programmes and magic lantern shows. *Gramasanghams* have been organised for the purpose. Women's welfare also has received considerable attention. Co-operative societies like milk supply societies, labour societies, *etc.* have also been organised for their benefit. Propaganda for thrift and temperance has been carried on intensively. In all this work there has been considerable co-ordination of effort among several Government Departments.

The progress achieved so far is fairly satisfactory in quality. But in a large Province like ours, much more remains to be done to show fair quantitative progress. The Government are straining every nerve to make prohibition a *real* success. It behoves the people, particularly the Co-operators and co-operative institutions to throw in their full weight in Government's favour, since obviously what touches the entire people must needs be tackled by the entire people if it should be a thorough success. We hope that the Co-operators and their institutions will justify their democratic nature by working up Prohibition into a successful socio-economic reform.

Strengthen the P. C. U.*

SRI B. VENKATARATNAM CHOUDARY, M.L.A.

President, Madras Provincial Co-operative Union

The Hon'ble Premier, the Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation, other Hon'ble Ministers and Brother Co-operators,

I have great pleasure in according, on behalf of the Provincial Co-operative Union and on my own behalf, a hearty welcome to the Hon'ble Sri P. S. Kumaraswami Raja, Premier of Madras and to the Hon'ble Sri K. Chandramouli, Minister for Co-operation. Sri Kumaraswami Raja, as you all know, has been a devoted worker in the field of Co-operation and Local Administration for a very long time and is at present connected with the Provincial Co-operative Union in particular as its Vice-President. He has now assumed office as the Premier to the Government of Madras and we congratulate him on his elevation. At the same time let us tell him that his assumption of office as Premier shall not be a bar to his continuing his interest in the Co-operative Movement and that he should also continue his contact with the Provincial Co-operative Union as intimately as before. I am sure that he will not deny us the pleasure and benefit of his association with the Union. Sri Chandramouli is no stranger to the Co-operators assembled here. He has been taking a keen interest in the Movement as the Minister in charge and has acquainted himself with the Co-operative activities in every part of the Province. It is a matter of pleasure to us to have amidst us this evening two distinguished co-workers.

One sad thing, however, has cast its gloom on this otherwise happy function—I mean the sad demise of Sri V. Viyyanna, who had been the General Secretary of this Union for nearly seven years since 1942. During the period of his Secretaryship, he spared no pains to promote the Co-operative Movement in Madras in general and the Provincial Co-operative Union in particular. I claim an intimate knowledge of the person and his work. I do honestly believe that he filled up creditably the gap created in Madras in the Co-operative field after the death of the Hon'ble Sri V. Ramadas Pantulu. I suppose you also share with me this belief. Now he is no more and his absence has deprived this function of a part of its charm.

*Welcome Speech delivered on the occasion of unveiling portraits on 12-6-49.

The Co-operative Movement is now tossed about on the rough sea of economic conflict. The Movement has its own fears and its hopes. Its fears arise partly on account of the relentless efforts Capitalism and Communism to elbow the Co-operative Movement out of the economic field and partly on account of the cry for Nationalisation of all economic activity. Its hopes arise out of the fact that the War has demonstrated the utility and dependability of Co-operative organisations in national socio-economic life and that the Government of India have, in consequence, persuaded themselves to accepting the goal of Co-operative Commonwealth. This is indeed heartening.

A high place has thus been accorded to the Co-operative Movement in the future economic set up of the Country. It now behoves us Co-operators—both non-official and official—to work up the future of the Movement so that it may be the keystone of the national economic edifice. This work does not merely consist in the organisation of some co-operative institutions in a hap-hazard manner but in a systematic attempt at Co-operative education and propaganda, whereby the people from all walks of life both high and low will join the Co-operative organisations voluntarily and create conditions favourable for a Co-operative Commonwealth. Education and propaganda are the golden keys with which to open to the mind of the people a vista of the Co-operative Commonwealth which the Government and the people cherish so much. In a country like ours, it is easy to understand how much responsibility lies on the shoulders of the Government in the matter of educating the popular mind. The Government, you will all agree with me, should actively associate itself with the non-official organisations not in a spirit of patronage but of sincere and active co-operation, so that the non-official organisations may feel encouraged in their endeavours. The Government must lend a helping hand to non-official bodies in furthering their plans and schemes of work.

The main function of the Madras Provincial Co-operative Union has always been Co-operative Education and Propaganda as it is the key to the success of the Co-operative Movement; and the Union has endeavoured to put into effect schemes meant to spread the Movement all over the Province. It has laid down several schemes. One such scheme relates to visual education and propaganda. The Union wanted to produce some films on co-operative activity in Madras and approached the Government for financial aid.

I am sorry to state that the Government have not been pleased to sanction the aid required. Another scheme for Co-operative education and propaganda has also been prepared by the Union. This scheme of education which is a substitute for the Panchayatdars Training Classes is an elaborate one purporting to educate public opinion by mass propaganda with *bhajan*s, *kalakshepam*s, dramas, lectures and so on. The scheme has been prepared with the concurrence of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and has been submitted to the Government. The matter, we understand, is still under the consideration of the Government.

All Co-operative education and propaganda work requires funds for successful promotion. And everyone knows that the lack of funds is the stumbling block of the Provincial Co-operative Union. The Union has the necessary enthusiasm and the necessary manpower for carrying on the work. It only requires adequate funds. Funds, I may say, will be forthcoming in three ways. Firstly every member society of the Union should take it as its duty to enlist at least one sister institution as a member of the Union during the course of the year. This will enable the Union to double its funds. Secondly the Madras Co-operative Societies Act should be amended so that it would be compulsory for each institution to contribute a fixed percentage of its Common Good Fund to the Provincial Co-operative Union. It is a pity that at present not more than one Provincial Institution has chosen to contribute generously to the Provincial Co-operative Union; and that one institution is the Provincial Co-operative Bank. But for its full support this Union would not have been in this state. I appeal to other Provincial Co-operative Institutions that they may follow the example of the Madras Provincial Co-operative Bank and contribute generously to the Union which is after all their own non-official head organisation. Thirdly the Government must liberally sanction funds for this nation-building activity. The Government have affirmed their faith in the Co-operative Commonwealth and it would be a thousand pities if they do not try to work up towards that end by encouraging the Provincial Co-operative Union which had pledged itself to the attainment of the Commonwealth. I, for one, would think that conditions are now more favourable than before. We have at the head of the Government one who has worked with us all along and has imbibed co-operative ideas. We may safely hope that he will take up the matter in right earnest and afford the necessary financial

and other facilities to the Provincial Co-operative Union for the promotion of the Movement.

Gentlemen, I have taken this opportunity to place before brother Co-operators and the Government the problems that are to be solved if the Provincial Co-operative Union is to carry out its mission fully and successfully. The establishment of Co-operative Commonwealth is the mission of the Union and we members have to work with the zeal of missionaries. It was so that the two eminent Co-operators Sri V. Ramdas Pantulu and Sri V. Viyyanna had worked. To them Co-operation was a religion. To Co-operation had they dedicated their lives. We have gathered here to honour those two eminent Co-operators by unveiling their portraits. It is only fitting that their portraits should be unveiled by those who are toiling for the promotion of the Movement.

Gentlemen, I do not propose to tell you much about them, because those who will unveil their portraits will do it. I once again welcome the Honourable Ministers and request them to unveil the portraits.

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The Late Sri Ramadas Pantulu—His Work*

THE HON'BLE SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA,

Premier to the Government of Madras

Gentlemen,

It gives me immense pleasure to accept your generous invitation to me, to perform this pleasant function ; and I thank the organisers for giving me this opportunity to associate myself with this function. We have assembled here today to do a thing in commemoration of one of the great men of South India, the late Hon'ble Sri V. Ramadas Pantulu, whose greatness could be claimed as a boast and pride, not only by the South India but by the entire India. One cannot think of the co-operative movement of our country, without thinking of Mr. Ramadas ; and those of us who knew him intimately on account of our years of close association with him, could easily realise how inestimable his services were to the co-operative movement, and what a tremendous fillip he gave to it, so as to make it into one of the pioneer movements in our country, aiming at the well-being of the people.

For nearly a quarter of a century, Sri Pantulu's name was a household word in India, in matters of co-operation. My association with him in the field of co-operation in particular, and politics in a general way, was fairly long. I could easily recollect his fiery enthusiasm, born of a genuine desire for the development of co-operation, with which he ushered new measures of reform in co-operation. His high-levelled debates, wise counsels and intelligent guidance given to the co-operators in many a conference, are ever green in our memory. An eminent lawyer as he was, his sharp intellect and forensic skill easily won for him the success in introducing his measures of reform in the field of co-operation. A great fighter that he was in vindicating the justness of the cause that he espoused, his persuasive arguments, gave dignity to his debates and deliberations. The occasions when I witnessed the display of all those rare qualities of his are too many to be recounted.

His love of service to the people of his country, which remained as a ruling note of his actions, was evidently the cause for his throwing off the robes of his legal profession, in the later years of his professional life, and plunging deep into the movement, aiming at the betterment of the common man, i.e., the co-operative movement. His political views, yearning for the country's freedom economically also seemed to have hastened the said decision of his, to adopt

* Speech delivered while unveiling Sri Ramadas Pantulu's portrait on 12-6-'49.

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co-operation as the field for his life-work. The general level of indebtedness in our country, and more especially in the rural side, had a special appeal to his agitated mind. His interest and faith in co-operation grew with the realisation, that the Indian agriculturist borrows not because he can, but because he must, and that he is born in debt, lives in debt, and bequeaths debt. He saw co-operation as the only potential means of saving him from the clutches of ever-growing indebtedness and ever present poverty. If to-day Madras can boast of leading the rest of the country, in the matter of either the numerical strength, or the qualitative strength, we must all unhesitatingly accept that it was due to Mr. Pantulu's ceaseless efforts, at popularising the movement, and carrying its message to every nook and corner of the Province.

The institutions he started, and the institutions with which he was connected, are many. He was the President of the Madras Provincial Co-operative Union—the non-official organisation of the Province, charged with the duties of co-operative education and propaganda. The raising of funds for the execution of the scheme of the Co-operative Union, was a problem. But Mr. Pantulu who was also the President of the Madras Provincial Co-operative Bank, was able to impress on the Bank, the necessity of financing the Union for the efficient discharge of its duties. He was the promoter of the South India Co-operative Insurance Society, and as its first President, nursed it, as a babe in arms, till he resigned in 1941, for reasons of health. It is no exaggeration to say that the present prosperous condition of the Society, is largely due to the strong foundations laid, and the selfless sacrifice made by him, in its infant years. I had the pleasure and the privilege of working with him on the directorate of these three provincial co-operative institutions, for varying periods.

There are very few co-operative institutions of any importance in India and much less in the Madras Province, which Mr. Pantulu had not visited, studied their working, understood their problems and tendered advice to. There are very few co-operative committees of enquiry during his time, which were not impressed and influenced by his considered views. It is an open secret, that he was the author of a substantial portion of the Report of the All-India Banking Committee. The said contribution of his, was considered remarkable for its substance, lucidity and exposition; and in appreciation of his inestimable service, he was offered knighthood by the Government of

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India, which he declined with thanks. He always preferred to serve the country in an unobserved and unostentatious way.

His fund of knowledge in co-operation, rural economics, banking etc., his initiative in framing new policies and programmes, and his exploration of new avenues in those fields for implementation of such policies, were not slow to get the distinction for him, as an all-India authority on those subjects. This is only amply borne out by the fact that he had the unique honour, rarely attained by any individual, of becoming the President of the two All-India organisations, namely, All-India Co-operative Institutes' Association, the Indian Provincial Co-operative Bank's Association, in which capacity he served for a long time. His sphere of activities widened even beyond India. As an acknowledged leader of the Indian co-operative movement, he served on the International Co-operative Alliance. He represented India at the 14th International Congress held in London in 1934.

His services to the growth of co-operative journalism were not few. He felt the imperative need for an organ of co-operation, as an effective medium for inculcating the principles of co-operation, in the general public for economic uplift. He was the Founder-Editor of the Indian Co-operative Review, which he nourished till his end. The Madras Provincial Co-operative Union, run under the auspices of the Madras Journal of Co-operation, owed its growth, to the strenuous efforts and able guidance of Sri Ramadas. Rarely would any one issue of the said journal come out, before passing through his critical eye. Just before his illness in 1941, he took upon himself the responsibility of publishing an Year-Book and Directory of Indian Co-operation.

I may, however, tell you that the co-operation was only one aspect of his many-sided public life. His connection with the Madras Provincial Union of Panchayat Boards, with the National Planning Committee, with the Harijan Sevak Sangh as President of the Andhra Provincial Board, the Madras Economic Association, are but few of his other activities. The last but not the least in his connection with the National Congress and his contribution in the fight for the country's freedom. He was leader of the Congress Party in the Council of State for a long time.

His demise has created a void, which it would be difficult to fill. Though his physical form we could see no more, the results of his great services to the people, and to the co-operative movement in particular, have enshrined him in the hearts of many of us. The unveiling of his portrait, is no doubt a form of honour done to him. But the greater honour with which his departed soul would be immensely pleased, would be for us to work for the cause of co-operation, which formed his life mission, and for which he lived and died. I am sure that his soul will be ever with us, enlightening us and guiding us on proper lines, towards our goal in the field of co-operation.

Now, gentlemen, with immense pleasure, I proceed to perform the pleasant function assigned to me.

The late Sri Viyyanna Pantulu—His Work*

THE HON'BLE SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI,

Minister for Local Administration and Co-operation

The Hon'ble Premier, the Hon'ble Minister, Mr. President and my Friends,

I thank the organisers for inviting me to this function and for giving me the opportunity of unveiling the portrait of Mr. Viyyanna.

The premature passing away of Sri Viyyanna has been indeed a great shocking news to us all. Most of you assembled here used to have an intimate connection with him and as a result knew him much better. But still I would like to place before you, one or two aspects which impress me very deeply when I think of Sri Viyyanna.

He was a practising lawyer. He never pursued his legal profession for amassing wealth but he followed it just eke out a living wage. He identified his life with the fundamental basic principles upon which an enduring structure of the Co-operative Movement of the Indian Union, should be built. He was very enthusiastic in his work, both in Co-operation and Local Administration. He never courted fame or name, nor publication of his solid work in news papers. What little he did, he did humbly and in a simple manner. I can say without fear of contradiction that Co-operation in our Province has lost one of the best and the noblest selfless workers in Mr. Viyyanna. It is a great misfortune and indeed we all deeply mourn his loss.

The late Sri Viyyanna had always identified himself with the local Panchayat Boards, their Members and Presidents, and also local Co-operators.

In his village work, late Sri Viyyanna has done yeoman service to the country. The help he rendered to the villagers was immense and he had not only made them realise their responsibilities but the immediate task before them if at all our motherland should be raised to her pristine glorious position. And in that way he toiled unceasingly and organised several Provincial Conferences for the spread of the ideals of co-operation. He advised several Panchayat Boards how to carry on their work efficiently and also showed how he desired

* Speech delivered while unveiling the portrait of Sri V. Viyyanna Pantulu on 12-6-49.

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the Panchayat Boards should be constituted so that they might not only function smoothly but work with speed, so that most of our urgent and essential needs to be met at once, could be attended to by the Village Panchayats.

I have been deeply impressed by his good and variegated work and that work used to be very silent and at the same time most effective and fruitful.

The passing of such a selfless and ardent champion of co-operation has indeed come as a great grief to all of us. But let us copy his example of selfless and untiring work and follow his foot-steps, so that our Province and also our motherland may prosper by our laying true and solid foundations which can never be shaken by foreign exploitation or by those who try to disrupt the internal safety of the country.

I again thank the organisers for extending me their invitation on this occasion and with these few words I now gladly and happily unveil the portrait of late Sri Viyyanna.

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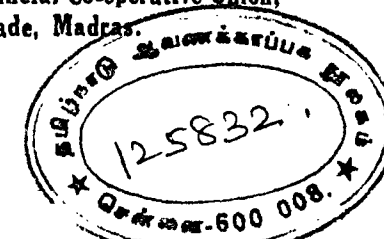
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The Madras Provincial Co-operative Union

The General Body Meeting of the Madras Provincial Co-operative Union was held on Sunday the 12th June 1949 at the premises of the Provincial Co-op. Bank. Meetings of various committees of the P. C. U. were held during the forenoon and the afternoon. The Board and the General Body met in the afternoon. Several subjects were discussed and resolutions were passed at the meetings. The proceedings of the meetings are published elsewhere in this issue.

Delegates from numerous affiliated institutions were present for the General Body meeting. The occasion was also used by the Union to honour the Hon'ble Sri P. S. Kumaraswami Raja, Premier of Madras, and the Hon'ble Sri K. Chandramouli, Minister for Co-operation and to have the portraits of Sri V. Ramadas Pantulu and Sri V. Viyyanna Pantulu unveiled by the Hon'ble Ministers. The Premises of the Madras Provincial Co-op. Bank presented a festive appearance on the occasion. The elite of the City, Hon'ble Sri Bhakthavathsalam, Minister for Public Works the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the President and Members of the Board of the Madras Co-operative Union and Co-operators from all over the Province, were present.

The Hon'ble Sri P. S. Kumaraswami Raja and the Hon'ble Mr. K. Chandramouli, were received with great eclat by the President of the Union and the Members of the Executive Committee, and entertained to Tea.

Welcoming the guests, the President of the Union, requested the Premier to unveil the portrait of the late Mr. Ramadas Pantulu.

His Welcome Speech is published elsewhere in this issue.

The Premier, spoke about the work of Sri V. Ramadas Pantulu. His speech is published elsewhere in this issue.

The Hon'ble Premier then unveiled the portrait of late Sri Ramadas Pantulu.

The President of the Union then requested the Hon'ble Mr. K. Chandramouli to unveil the portrait of the late Sri V. Viyyanna.

Responding this request, Sri Chandramouli spoke about the work of Sri Viyyanna and then unveiled his portrait. His speech is published in this issue.

Dr. Natesan, the Secretary of the Madras Co-operative Union, in proposing the vote of thanks expressed gratification of the members of the Union at their Vice-President having been elevated to the Premiership of this Province. He referred to his work in the co-operative field extending over a quarter of a century and his contribution to the country's change over from bondage to freedom. He also thanked Hon'ble Sri K. Chandramouli for having kindly responded to their invitation.

Prohibition in Madras*

Ameliorative Activities—Progress in March and April 1949

1. *Provision of Employment to Ex-Tappers* : (a) By organisation of special types of Coops :

(i) *Jaggery Societies* :—Jaggery Societies were organised in all the districts in which tapping of sweet juice from palm trees was permitted. 132 societies were organised and 188 registered in April as against 182 and 196 societies in March. Upto the end of April 1,458 societies were organised, 1,413 registered and 1,311 actually started on their work. During April 11,786 members were enrolled and 10,061 licences issued as against 13,846 members and 12,167 licences in March. At the end of April the total membership was 88,449 and licences issued were 72,554. 3,54,556 maunds of jaggery valued at Rs. 10.08 lakhs was produced in April as against 2,96,786 maunds valued at Rs. 13.65 lakhs during March. At the end of April 9,28,414 maunds valued Rs. 48.25 lakhs was produced by the societies. Government have permitted the tapping of sweet juice from cocoanut palms for jaggery making.

(ii) *Milk Supply Societies* :—During April two milk supply societies were formed and 178 ex-tappers were provided with work in dairying. At the end of April there were 126 societies in the province and 927 ex-tappers found work in them.

Interest-free Government loans were disbursed to eight societies in March and nine societies in April chiefly for the purchase of milch cattle.

(iii) *Land Colonisation Societies* :—There are four such societies in Salem district for ex-tappers. 31 ex-tappers were admitted into the Kanavaipudur Society during April. A sum of Rs. 8,537 was disbursed to 22 applicants of the Mettupatti society as part payment and to 6 applicants in full during April.

(iv) *Labour Contract Societies* :—The Bukkapatnam Society in Anantapur district has taken up fresh road contract works of the value of Rs. 18,500 for 1949-50, and work of the value of Rs. 238-8-0 was done during April. The Society has also sub-let contract works to the value of Rs. 2,200 at a profit of 8 per cent.

(v) *Cottage Industries Co-operative Societies* :—Tiruvanniyur Society (Chingleput District) started its work during April. The Ayodhiapatnam Wool and Carpet Weavers' Society produced woollen carpets and druggets and cotton carpets and sold goods worth Rs. 1,706 during April. The

*Summary of the Report of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies to Government for the months of March and April 1949.

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Government have approved the scheme for forming two coir coops. at Yengadiyour and Vandanapalli with a subsidy of Rs. 6,600 to each.

(vi) *Weavers' Co-operative Societies*:—A weavers' society for ex-tappers was organised in Kunnathur in April.

(vii) *Tenants' Co-operative Societies*:—Eight such societies were organised in April and 227 ex-tappers have been provided with work.

(b) *Other Modes of Employment*:—During April, 1,808 ex-tappers were provided work in various avocations as agricultural labourers, office peons, gang coolies etc. as against 3,598 in March. Upto April 24,406 ex tappers in all were provided thus with employment, chiefly in the new Prohibition districts.

2. Formation of Co-operatives for the benefit of the General Public including Ex-addicts:

During April 50 rural credit societies were organised in various districts. In April two milk supply societies were organised, three registered and five started on their work. Two egg marketing coops. and one weavers' coop. were organised. One house site society in Tiruchi district and one production-cum-training co-operative for making palmyrah products in Anantapur district were organised, the latter being for the benefit of the *Harijans*. Two societies for field labourers, one for leather workers, one for blanket weavers, one for better living were organised in Krishna district. A labour welfare society and a fishermen's coop. were also organised in Madras.

3. Development of Co-operative Activity in the Selected Pirkas:

During March two housing societies for *Harijans* were organised in Guntur district. The Lingamgunta Co-op. was revived. A spinners' society at Perala was organised. One multipurpose society was organised and six rural credit societies were converted into multipurpose ones in West Godavari.

During April, 69 rural credit societies were organised in various districts. 3 multi-purpose societies, 7 house site societies, 3 health coops. were organised in the districts. A women cottage industries society and a button making society also were organised during the month.

4. Co-ordination of Beneficent Activities of Government Departments and Promotion of Rural Uplift:

(a) By the *Gramasangams*: During April, 44 *Gramasangams* were organised as against 52 in March. The total number was 12,649 at the end of April; of them 5,151 were active during the month. 1,048 *Sanghams* provided counter-attraction to drink. 350 *Sanghams* were engaged in activities relating to public health, 389 to sanitation, 245 to village

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communications, 584 to education, 237 to agricultural improvements and 14 to women's uplift.

(b) *By Rural Credit Societies*:—Many credit societies have amended their by-laws in several districts for undertaking social and recreational activities such as starting reading rooms and libraries, staging street dramas, running ration shops, etc.

5. Re-organisation and Intensive Supervision of Rural Credit Societies—working of the Scheme:

29 Central Banks worked the scheme during April as against 28 in March. The following is the progress made:

(i) *Number of Rural Credit Societies*:—There were 10,965 societies at the end of April as against 10,767 at the end of March. The number of good and active societies was 8,727 as against 8,597 in March. The number of dormant societies decreased from 1,216 in March to 1,176 in April.

(ii) *Number of Villages served by Credit Societies*: The number of villages and population served by the societies were 16,414 and 44,97,764 respectively in April as against 16,384 and 42,76,916 in March.

(iii) *Membership and Paid up Share Capital*:—The membership and paid up share capital were Rs. 7.66 lakhs and Rs. 89.6 lakhs respectively in April as against Rs. 6.82 lakhs and Rs. 79.59 lakhs in March.

(iv) *Borrowings from Central Banks*:—The Borrowings amounted to Rs. 496.91 lakhs in April as against Rs. 468.49 lakhs in March. Rs. 37.52 lakhs was borrowed and Rs. 40.88 lakhs repaid during April. The overdues were Rs. 71.12 lakhs.

(v) *Members' Loans due to Societies*:—The loans outstanding against members of rural credit societies amount to Rs. 425.95 in April as against Rs. 352.15. in March. The overdues under principal stood at Rs. 61.67 lakhs in April.

(vi) *Multi-purpose activities undertaken by societies*:—152 societies undertook non-credit activities also in April. 1,515 societies have so far undertaken multipurpose activities, the amount involved being Rs. 15.09 lakhs. 1,56,805 members benefited by them. These activities included supply of domestic and agricultural requirements like controlled food-stuffs, manure and implements, grant of loans, sale of milk, introduction of thrift, construction of godowns and social and recreational activities.

(vii) *Staff*:—617 Supervisors worked in April and visited 6,096 societies during April. The Central Banks appointed 141 additional supervisors against the subsidy sanctioned.

6. *Counter Attractions to drink*:—Fresh tea and coffee stalls were opened at many places in the districts.

(b) *Recreational Activities* :—Rural games, tournaments, *Bhajanas*, *Kalakshepams*, *Kolattams*, folk dances, etc. were conducted in the districts. The games and tournaments were presided over by the District Collectors and prizes were awarded. Reading of *Puranas* and *Burrakatha* performances were organised. Public radios were installed in a few places. Street drama and cinemas were shown. In Madras the U.S.A. Information Service also took an active part in conducting a cinema show. All these activities attracted huge crowds.

7. *Thrift* :—During April, 2,517 *Hundi* boxes were distributed and Rs. 11,555 was saved through them as against 2,333 boxes and Rs. 65,168 in March. In March, the National Savings Week was celebrated at many centres by the Ameliorative Staff and Rs. 3,87,200 was collected under the National Savings Scheme. Wide thrift propaganda was made during April in several districts.

8. *Propaganda* :—Propaganda work was done by the Ameliorative Staff with the help of propaganda vans. Mike equipment and gramophone records, radios, magic lanterns, films of moral and educative value were used for the purpose.

9. *Harijan Welfare* :—The volunteers of the *Gramasangham* at Periavalavadi in Coimbatore district distributed soaps and oil to *Harijans* for bathing. Radios, night schools were started at a few places. Many house-site societies were organised. A labour contract society and a leather workers' society also were organised. "*Harijan Days*" were celebrated at many places.

10. *Miscellaneous Activities* :—The Hon'ble Minister for Prohibition visited a milk supply society and a cottage industries society in Chingleput district. The Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation visited North Arcot district and also opened a child welfare centre in South Arcot. The Hon'ble Minister for Finance presided over a Ryots' Conference in Nellore district where the Special Development Officer explained the work of the Ameliorative Staff. The Deputy Commissioner of prohibition (Amelioration) inaugurated the Silver Jubilee of Tirukoilur Urban Bank in South Arcot.

11. *General* :—It is reported that Prohibition has generally resulted in a district improvement in the economic and social condition of the villagers.

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Proceedings of the Marketing Committee Meeting
held on 12th June 1949 at 9 a.m.

Members Present : Sri K. A. Nachiappa Gounder—*Chairman*.
Sri B. Venkataratnam Choudary
Dr. P. Natesan
Sri C. Sankara Reddy
Sri B. Satyanarayana
Sri P. K. Kuppuswami Naidu

Sri K. Muthukrishna Naidu, Additional Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies was present on invitation.

The following resolutions have been passed :

- 1 "Resolved to request the Government through the Registrar that the grant for construction of godowns may be extended to Central Banks also in case the institutions agree to construct godowns in the marketing centres approved by the Registrar."
- 2 "Resolved to request the Registrar to prepare the blue prints and estimates for at least three kinds of godowns costing Rs. 10,000, Rs. 15,000 and Rs. 25,000 and send them to the societies concerned as early as possible."
- 3 "Resolved to request the Government through the Registrar to grant export permit to the marketing societies for exporting various items of agricultural produce like groundnut and onions, etc."

(Sd.) K. A. NACHIAPPA GOUNDER.
Chairman.

Proceedings of the Producers Committee Meeting
held on 12th June 1949 at 9-30 a.m.

Members Present : Sri M. P. Nachimuthu Mudaliar—*Chairman*.
Sri B. Venkataratnam Choudary
Dr. P. Natesan
Sri A. J. Arunachala Mudaliar
Sri S. Thirunavukkarasu Mudaliar

Sri K. Muthukrishna Naidu, Additional Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies was present on invitation.

The following resolutions have been passed.

- 1 "This Committee requests the Government of India to allot atleast one-third of the handloom cloth in the textile quota to

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be exported to Pakistan and negotiate with the Pakistan Dominion to expedite the issue of import permit to the Madras Handloom Weavers' Provincial Co-operative Society and trade channels in order to liquidate the heavily accumulated handloom cloth in this Province at the ensuing inter-Dominion Conference."

- 2 "This Committee requests the Government of India to instruct all the spinning mills to produce only such counts that are required for the consumption for weavers, viz., 2^s, 4^s, 6^s, 10^s, 20^s, 30^s, 40^s, 60^s, and 80^s, and discontinue production of unwanted counts such as 86^s, 50^s, 56^s, 70^s, and 2/60^s."
- 3 "This Committee requests the Government through the Registrar to waive Sales Tax leviable on Milk Supply Societies and Unions as these institutions are still in their infant stage and require support from Government for their development and improvement."

(Sd.) M. P. NACHIMUTHU MUDALIAR
Chairman.

Proceedings of the Education Committee Meeting
held on 12th June 1949 at 10 a.m.

Members Present : Sri N. Satyanarayana—*Chairman.*
Sri B. Venkataratnam Choudary
Dr. P. Natesan
Sri T. Narayana Pillai
Sri V. V. Ramaswami Nadar
Sri M. S. Palaniappa Mudaliar

Sri K. Muthukrishna Naidu, Additional Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies was present on invitation.

- 1 (a) Ratification of March 1949 Examination Results announced in the May 1949 issue of the Madras Journal of Co-operation.

"Resolved to ratify".

- (b) Consideration of hard cases noted below at the March 1949 Examination—

- (i) Coimbatore Centre ... Rgd. Nos. 2971, 2997, 3020, 3028, 3028, 3334 and 3343.
- (ii) Tanjore Centre ... Rgd. Nos. 3063, 3111, 3115, 3140, 3150, 3168, and 3357.
- (iii) Rajahmundry Centre... Rgd. Nos. 3177, 3206, 3243, 3244, and 3361.
- (iv) Calicut Centre ... Rgd. Nos. 3289, and 3299.

"Resolved to recommend to the Executive Committee for promoting the above mentioned candidates."

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- 2 Report of the Examiners on the performance of the candidates at the March 1949 Examination.

"Resolved to communicate the views of the examiners to the Institutes and the members to rectify and improve and to take further action"

"Resolved to award distinction in the respective subjects to the student who gets more than 60 per cent in any subject or subjects and also a First Class."

- 3 Consideration of the Printing of the revised Prospectus and Syllabus of the Co-operative Training Course.

"Resolved to approve as amended"

- 4 Proposal of the Coimbatore Co-operative Institute to transfer any two districts of the following three districts, i.e., Madras, Chingleput and Madras, to its jurisdiction from the jurisdiction of the Hood Co-operative Institute, Tanjore, in case a separate Training Institute for Malabar is started—consideration of.

"Resolved to await the Government Order. Lie over."

- 5 Reporting of the number of non-official candidates trained, employed as Supervisors and clerks, number of them appointed as Secretaries, Managers and Accountants and number of them still awaiting employment—consideration of the need to insist on the Co-operative institutions entertaining the trainees of the institutes for employment.

"Resolved to request all Co-operative institutions to employ only duly qualified candidates. The Provincial Co-operative Union shall maintain a list of duly qualified candidates."

- 6 Supervisors and Non-credit Employees Training courses—need for defining the scope for employment of non-credit employees training (six months course) and the Supervisors course (nine months) Trainers in co-operative institutions.

"Resolved that the Non-credit training students are not eligible for appointment as regular Supervisors. They can be employed in non-credit societies only."

- 7 Reporting the cancellation of Panchayat Training Class course by the Government.

"Resolved to record."

(Sd.) N. SATYANARAYANA,
Chairman.

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"Resolved to approve."

4 Letter dated 31-8-1949 from the Rayalaseema Co-operative Institute, Anantapur, requesting the Union to bear the T. A. of our representative on the Board of the Rayalaseema Institute, whenever our representative attends the meeting in view of their meagre funds—consideration of.

"Resolved to regret inability as we have to treat all Institutes alike."

5 Ratification of expenditure of Rs. 245 incurred for the preparation of the following propaganda materials :—

(i) Two graphs showing the progress of Consumers' Co-operation upto 1947-48—both Wholesales and Primary Stores.

(ii) Madras Provincial Co-operative Map showing the distribution of various types of Co-operative Societies in different Districts as on 30-6-1948 in various colours.

"Resolved to ratify."

6 Revising the rates of Advertisement charges in the Madras Journal of Co-operation in view of the high cost of printing and paper.

"Resolved to authorise the General Secretary to negotiate with the advertising Institutions and fix the charges."

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12 Disaffiliation of Societies.

- 1 Berhampore Co-op. Central Bank, Ltd.,
- 2 Anakapalli Co-op. Stores.
- 3 Madras Co-op. Motor Vehicles Insurance Society.
- 4 Chennur Co-op. Stores

"Resolved to dis-affiliate."

13 Bills paid during the months of April and May 1949—ratification of.

"Resolved to ratify bills amounting to Rs. 5,209-11-0 for the months of April and May 1949."

14 Affiliation of Societies.

- (i) The Thapaswaram Co-op. Stores, Ltd.,
Thapaswaram. (East Godavari District.)

"Resolved to affiliate."

15 Election of Representatives to:

- (i) Co-op. Fire and General Insurance Society, Ltd., Madras.
"Resolved to elect Dr. P. Natesan as representative"

(ii) Four Moffusil Co-op. Training Institutes.

"Resolved to elect Dr. Sri P. Natesan as representative to the Training Institutes of Coimbatore, Rajahmundry and Anantapur and Sri S. Thirunavukkarasu Mudaliar to the Tanjore Institute."

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(iii) C.C.P. Works, Ltd., Madras.

"Resolved to elect Sri C. Tadulinga Mudaliar as representative to the C.C.P. Works, Ltd.,"

(iv) Women Cottage Industries Society.

"Resolved that either the President or the General Secretary of the P.C.U. represent at the Women Cottage Industries Society."

16 (i) 27th Madras Provincial Co-op. Conference tentatively fixed for September 1949—fixing up of dates and election of President.

"Resolved that the President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Sri K. A. Nachiappa Gounder and Sri V. Jaggaraju form a Committee to make arrangements for the Conference. Date to be fixed in consultation with the Executive Committee.

(ii) Second Co-operative Milk Supply Unions and Societies Conference tentatively fixed for September 1949—fixing up of dates and election of President.

"Resolved to hold only with the 27th Provincial Co-operative Conference."

(Sd.) B. VENKATARATNAM,
President.

Proceedings of the Board of Management Meeting held on 12th June 1949 at 2 p.m.

Members Present: Sri B. Venkataratnam Choudary—*President.*

" V. Kothandarama Reddy
Dr. P. Natesan
Sri P. S. Guruva Reddy
" T. Narayana Pillai
" C. Tadulinga Mudaliar
" T. A. Ramalingam Chettiar
" D. Mahalingam Pillai
" M. P. Nachimuthu Mudaliar
" K. A. Nachiappa Gounder
" N. Satyanarayana
" V. Jaggaraju
Janab P. Allapichai
Sri R. V. Ramarao Naidu
" K. Lakshmayya Naidu
" T. Krishnamoorthy Gounder
" M. M. Kunhirama Menon
" V. R. Satyanarayana
" D. Rajaram Reddy
" K. Srinivasulu Naidu
" A. Ramachandram Pillai
" N. S. Ramalingam
" H. M. Jagannatham

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Ali Janab E.P.M. Mohamad Magudam Sahib Bahadur
 Janab D. K. Yusuf Mohideen Ansari Sahib
 Sri B. K. Vembu Iyer
 „ B. Ranganathan
 „ D. V. Subbarao Choudary
 „ A. J. Arunachala Mudaliar
 „ S. Thirunavukkarasu Mudaliar
 „ C. Sankara Reddi
 „ B. Satyanarayana
 „ P. K. Kuppuswami Naidu
 „ K. Srinivasulu
 „ V. V. Ramaswami Nadar
 „ M. S. Palaniappa Mudaliar
 „ V. Venkatachalam
 Dr. K. Subbaramiah
 Sri Bikkina Ramanayya

Sri K. Muthukrishna Naidu, Additional Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies was present on invitation.

1. Condolence resolution on the death of Sri V. Viyyanna, B.A., B.L., General Secretary of the M.P.C. Union.

“This meeting of the Board of Management of the Madras Provincial Co-operative Union expresses its profound sorrow at the sad and sudden demise of its General Secretary Sri V. Viyyanna, B.A., B.L., and places on record its great appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him during his tenure of office to Co-operation in general and to the Union in particular.”

2. Congratulations to the Hon'ble Sri P. S. Kumaraswami Raja on his election as the Premier, Government of Madras.

“The Madras Provincial Co-operative Union offers its hearty congratulations to the Hon'ble Sri P. S. Kumaraswami Raja, Vice-President of this Union, on his elevation as the Premier of the Province of Madras and hopes that his close association with several Co-operative Institutions both Provincial and local will enable him to place the Co-operative Movement on a truly democratic basis and expand it so as to be a source of benefit to the whole country.”

3. Revision of T. A. Rules to Board Members of the Union—(E. C. Resolution No 2 of the E. C. Meeting dated 24-1-1949 resolving to pay Class II fare to Board Members)—Notice given by Sri B. K. Vembu Iyer of Karur to allow Class I fare to Board Members also—consideration of.

“Resolved to Pay Class II fare for both Executive Committee and Board Members plus sleeping accommodation and seat reservation. Resolved not to pay T. A. to the members of the Executive Committee and the Board if the General Body meets or the Conference of the Union is held on the same day of the meeting of the Executive Committee or Board and they are requested to draw their T. A. from the institutions which they represent in the General Body or Conference of the P.O.U.”

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4. Consideration of the Administration Report and Audit Review for the year 1947-48.

“Resolved to recommend to the General Body.”

5. Consideration of Budget for 1949-50

“Resolved to approve.”

6. Any other subject.

(i) Co-option of member on the Board (Stores Committee) in the place of Sri K. V. Rama Rao, member of the Stores Committee and delegate of the Hanuman Co-operative Stores, Kurnool.

“Resolved to co-opt Mr. U. Giddiah Chetty as a member of the Board (Representative of the Hanuman Co-operative Stores, Kurnool).

(Sd.) B. VENKATARATNAM,
 President.

Proceedings of the General Body Meeting
 held on 12th June 1949 at 2-30 p.m.

Present: Sri B. Venkataratnam Choudary, M.L.A.—President.

Total number of Members present. 139.

Sri K. Muthukrishna Naidu, Additional Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies was present on invitation.

1. Condolence resolution on the death of Sri V. Viyyanna, B.A., B.L., General Secretary of the Madras Provincial Co-operative Union.

“This meeting of the General Body of the Madras Provincial Co-operative Union expresses its profound sorrow at the sad and sudden demise of its General Secretary, Sri V. Viyyanna, B.A., B.L., and places on record its great appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him during his tenure of office to Co-operation in general and to the Union in particular.”

2. Reporting to the General Body the co-option by the Executive Committee Dr. P. Natesan, as General Secretary of the Union and Honorary Editor and Publisher of the Madras Journal of Co-operation in the vacancy caused by the death of Sri V. Viyyanna as per Bye-law No. XXII (4) of the Madras Provincial Co-operative Union.

“Resolved to record.”

3. Consideration of the Administration Report and Audit Review of the Provincial Co-operative Union for the year 1947-48.

“Resolved to adopt the Administration Report and to record the Audit Review.”

4. Resolutions and motions, if any, of which due notice is given.

(i) Resolution of Sholavandan Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank.

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"Resolved to request the Government that in the matter of giving special priority for the supply of electricity to individual houses, officers (including non-officials) of Co-operative Institutions also may be reckoned along with Government servants, as they too are all essential public workers and as important as the Government servants."

"Resolution carried unanimously. Resolved to communicate the same to the Government."

(ii) Resolution of Dindigul Local Co-operative Union.

"This General Body of the Madras Provincial Co-operative Union recommends to the Banks the sanction of loans to societies without any differentiation like short, medium and long term loans and the recovery of the same in equal instalments within a period not exceeding five years in any case."

"Resolved not to accept the resolution for the General Body and to request the mover to move it at the next Provincial Co-operative Conference."

B. VENKATARATNAM,
President.

The following are the Resolutions passed by the Stores Committee of the P. C. U. at its meeting held 12-9-48 and the action taken by the Registrar thereon. They are published for the information of the Co-operative Stores in the Province.

**Proceedings of the Stores Committee Meeting held on
12th September 1948 at 9 a.m.**

Members Present: Sri H. Linga Reddy—Chairman.
Sri V. Viyyanna
Sri S. K. Yegnanarayana Iyer
Sri S. Ranganatham
Sri K. V. Rama Rao
Sri K. G. Sivaswamy

The following Resolutions have been passed :

1 This Committee requests Government to allot 3,000 bales of the cloth now available with Messrs. Binny & Co., to the Central Wholesale Stores and the T.U.C.S. for distribution in view of the Navaratri and Deepavali and in view of the Bombay cloth not being as yet available.

2 This Committee requests the Registrar to take prompt steps to take over all stocks of manure and arrange to distribute these through Co-operative Societies in all districts as this is the season for distributing manures for ryots.

3 This Committee requests the Registrar to move Government to handover to Co-operative Societies distribution of Iron and Steel, Cement and Chemical manures.

4 This Committee requests the Registrar to get a separate Manual prepared for Stores, based on the various G. Os. and Circulars and instructions issued from time to time.

5 This Committee requests Mr. K. G. Sivaswamy Mr. S. K. Yegnanarayana Iyer and the General Secretary to prepare a short brochure pointing out the problems facing the Consumers' Movement and how to solve.

6 This Committee requests Government to make a rule disqualifying any member of a Consumer Society who carries on trade in any articles, which the society trades in from being an Office-bearer, or director in the society.

7 This Committee requests the Registrar to modify latest order requiring approval of the Deputy Registrar in cloth distribution.

8 In view of the policy of the Revenue Board on insisting on the Central Stores maintaining 3 months stock, this Committee requests the Registrar and the Provincial and Central Banks to afford finances for maintaining 3 months stock.

9 This Committee is strongly of opinion that no Central Stores should be allowed to have retail sales and in places where there are no Primary Stores, the Central Stores may open Branches and sell.

(Sd.) H. LINGA REDDY,
Chairman, Stores Committee.

Action taken by the Registrar thereon.

No. Rc. 81845/48. S. I.

Dated, 23-2-49.

Sub: The Madras Provincial Co-operative Union—Meeting of the Stores Committee held on 12-9-48—Resolutions passed.

Resolutions : 1 & 2: No action is called for on these at this stage.

Resolutions : 3, 7 & 8: Action is being taken separately in respect of these and orders will issue in due course.

Resolution : 4: The Co-operative Manual is being revised and chapters relating to consumers' societies will also undergo revision. It is therefore considered that there is no need for a separate manual for stores societies.

Resolution : 6: It is stated in this resolution that a member of a stores society who carries on trade in any articles which the stores deals in should be disqualified. The general body ensures the proper selection of personnel for the directorate and such persons who are merchants and whose business is found to come into clash with that of the stores can be eliminated from the directorate. This is usually the practice and therefore it is considered that no rule need be made for this under the Act.

Resolution : 9: This resolution states that no Co-operative Wholesale Stores should deal in retail trade except where there are no primary stores in a particular place. This is the present policy and Co-operative Wholesale Stores are not allowed to encroach on the jurisdiction of primaries.

G. VISWANATHAM,
for Registrar.

Co-operative Notes.

Foreign

The Co-operative Union of Canada compiled the first comprehensive statistics for 1946-47 based on the reports of 538 Co-operative Marketing and Purchasing Associations, 15 Fishermen's and 12 Service Co-operatives. The Marketing and Purchasing Associations operated in 3,189 places of business, their membership was 5,45,004 and the total number of patrons served 6,12,859. Their total turnover was \$410,875,465 including retail and wholesale and marketing and purchasing turnover. The marketing turnover was \$ 348,073,146 and supply turnover \$ 59,588,652. The goods handled were agricultural requirements such as seed, fertilizers, petroleum products, auto-accessories, machinery and equipment. Food products were handled only by 227 Associations, their retail value being about \$ 8 million. The supply Associations are thus only to a limited extent Consumers' Societies; they are first and foremost Agricultural Supply Associations.

Saskatchewan is co-operatively the most advanced Province with a third of the total membership (197,735) and of the total co-operative turnover. Manitoba and Alberta Bank second and third.

The Fishermen's Coops had a membership of 5,505 and sales of \$ 7,282,156. The Service Coops included housing, general services, transportation, garage services, machine shops, room and board, medical services and cold storage societies. Their membership was 7,986, and total revenue \$ 214,699.

Following reorganisation in 1937 the Co-operative Movement in Cyprus progressed as follows.

	1937	1940	1944	1947
Number of Societies	262	343	382	550
Number of Members	19,737	31,280	51,868	81,593
	£	£	£	£
Savings Deposits	22,000	52,458	182,000	295,380
Total Deposits	50,000	122,480	852,480	1,325,812
Reserve Funds	34,000	55,477	130,000	226,509 (1946)

Credit Societies number 375 (unlimited liability) having 53,338 members; and Savings Banks number 39 (limited liability) having 8,856 members.

There are 6 primary Marketing Societies (927 members); 5 Marketing Unions, having mainly credit societies as members; 6 small producers' societies for marble and mosaic workers, weavers silkwork, egg producers, wood cutters, and milk producers; and 9 processing societies for wine making, olive pressing and milling.

War conditions helped consumers Movement. The number of stores increased from 18 in 1945 to 79 in 1947.

The C. C. Bank (1937) finances the Movement acting not only as a credit institution but also as the supplier of agricultural requirements (fertilizers, seeds etc.)

Of the total of 81,589 members 73,078 are in the rural areas. The Movement has touched 80 per cent of the rural population.

Monthly News Page

A Conference of the representatives of the District Co-operative Wholesale Stores and select District Co-operative Central Banks to consider problems of food procurement and distribution in the Province was held on 16th and 17th June 1949 in Madras. The Hon'ble Mr. J. L. P. Roche Victoria, Minister for food opened the Conference and the Hon'ble Sri K. Chandramouli, Minister for Local Administration presided. Representatives of Wholesale Co-op. Stores and Central Banks, Sri T. A. Ramalingam Chettiar, and officers of the Food Department, attended the Conference. Several questions relating to the procurement and distribution of food and cloth were discussed at length and several important resolutions were passed at the Conference.

(The Proceedings of the Conference will be published in the next issue of the M. J. C.)

The Madras Village Panchayats Bill, 1949, has been introduced in the Madras Legislative Assembly by the Hon'ble Minister for Local Administration. After referring to the salient features of the Bill, the Minister expressed the hope that the establishment of Panchayat Raj would usher in Ram Raj. He added that it was baseless to fear that the Bill would do harm to villages by intensifying factions. On the other hand the bill only sought to provide the initiative that was necessary for continuous evolution to make the villages self-developing units.

Books and Reports for Sale.

	PRICE. Rs. A.	
1. MADRAS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES ACT VI OF 1932 (brought upto 1-3-48)(for members).	3 0	a copy.
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2 CO-OPERATION AND INDUSTRIAL LABOUR WELFARE (With special reference to Industrial Employees' Co-operative Stores.) English Edition	1 8	"
Do Tamil Edition.	1 4	"
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1. CO-OPERATION—By W. R. S. Sathianadhan and J. C. Ryan	0 6	"
Copies can be had of :		
The Madras Provincial Co-operative Union, 379, Esplanade, Madras.		
		Postage extra.

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P. C. U. EXAMINATION RESULTS—MARCH 1949
SUPPLEMENTAL LIST

The following is the supplemental list of candidates with their Registered Numbers who have come out successful at the Co-operative Training Institutes' Examination held in the month of March 1949 at Coimbatore, Tanjore, Rajahmundry, Anantapur, Calicut and Madras Centres.

(*Denotes Supplementary Candidates)

Second Class

Coimbatore Centre

S. No.	Name of the Candidate	Regd. No.	S. No.	Name of the Candidate	Regd. No.
1	Janardhanan, P.	2971	4	Thangamuthu, V.S.	3023
2	Nilakantan, S.	2997	5	Veerappan, T. P.	3028
3	Subbarayalu, N.	3020	6	Venkatasamy, R.	*3334

Tanjore Centre

7	Kuppuswamy, G.	3063	10	Subramanyan, M.	3140
8	Raman, R.	3111	11	Thiyagarajan, G.	3150
9	Ramaraj, N.	3115	12	Viswanathan, T.M.	3168

Rajahmundry Centre

13	Bulleyya, V.	3177	16	Veerabhadra Rao, S.	3244
14	Ramachandra Rao, S.	3206	17	Basaveswara Rao, J.	*3361
15	Umamaheswara Rao, D.	3243			

Calicut Centre

18	Bhaskaran, E.	3289	19	Karunakaran Nair, P.	3299
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Passed in Part III only

Coimbatore Centre

1	Narasingam Pillai, A.	*3343
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Tanjore Centre

2	Karunaswamy, A.	*3357
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N.B.—Correction: Page 485 of May issue of the M. J. C., P. C. U. Examination, Tanjore Centre, S. No. 118, Tirumala Rao, S. For Regd. No. 3142, Read 3148.

The following candidates have obtained distinction at the Provincial Co-operative Union Examination, March 1949 in the Subjects noted against their names : (Distinction is awarded to those who have obtained at least 60 per cent in any subject and also First Class.)

Coimbatore Centre

S. No.	Name of the Candidate.	Regd. No.	Subject or Subjects.
1	Jinadeva Shetty, S.	2972	Co-operative Law
2	Kandasubramanian, R.	2973	Auditing
3	Koteswaran, N. R.	2978	Co-operative Law
4	Madhava Menon, V.	2987	Co-operative Law ; Banking
5	Madhusoodanan, P.	2988	Book-keeping ; Banking
6	Nallaswamy, S. A.	2994	Co-operative Law
7	Purushothama Rao, P. S.	3001	Co-operative Law ; Auditing ; Book-keeping.

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Coimbatore Centre—Contd.

S. No.	Name of the Candidate.	Regd. No.	Subject or Subjects.
8	Raghothaman, G.	3002	Co-operative Law
9	Seethapathi, R.	3014	Co-operative Law ; Rural Economics
10	Viswanathan, K.	3032	Co-operative Law

Tanjore Centre

11	Marimuthu G.	3078	Co-operative Law
12	Sethuraman, N.S.	3129	Co-operative Law
13	Sitaraman, K.J.	3132	Co-operative Law ; Book-keeping
14	Venkataraman, O.S.	3163	Co-operative Law ; Book-keeping

Rajahmundry Centre

15	Krishna Muralidhar, J.N.	3187	Co-operation His. & General ; Co-operative Law ; Auditing ; Book-keeping ; Banking
16	Radha Krishna Murty, Y.	3204	Auditing ; Banking
17	Ramakrishna Rao, I.B.	3210	Co-operative Law ; Auditing ; Banking
18	Rama Rao, N.	3213	Co-operative Law ; Banking
19	Somanadham, N.	3225	Co-operative Law

Anantapur Centre

20	Balappa, B.	3253	Auditing ; Book-keeping
21	Sathya Narayana Sastry, S.	3270	Co-operative Law ; Auditing
22	Sriramulu, K.	3277	Auditing
23	Thirumala Kondaiah, M.	3280	Co-operative His. & General ; Co-operative Law ; Auditing

Calicut Centre

24	Edwin, S.H.	3292	Co-operation His. & General ; Co-operative Law
25	Gopalan Nair, P.	3295	Co-operation His. & General ; Co-operative Law
26	Kanaran, K.	3298	Co-operation His. & General ; Banking
27	Poduval, P.N.	3309	Co-operation His. & General ; Co-operative Law
28	Sankunni Nair, K.V.	3318	Co-operative Law
29	Sreedharan, P.	3321	Co-operation His. & General ; Co-operative Law ; Book-keeping
30	Variath, V.P.	3327	Co-operation His. & General ; Co-operative Law
31	Venkitachalam, N.K.	3330	Co-operation His. & General ; Co-operative Law ; Book-keeping

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SUPPLEMENT TO THIS ISSUE

REPORT ON THE WORKING

OF

The Madras Provincial Co-operative Union.

(From 1st July 1947 to 30th June 1948.)

1. Period of Report.

The following is a report on the working of the Madras Provincial Co-operative Union, for the period from 1st July 1947 to 30th June 1948.

2. Membership.

The number of member societies as on 30-6-47 was 700 and the number of member societies as on 30-6-48 was 706. The numbers of members belonging to different classes are given below. As usual, the Union made appeals to many societies inducing them to enrol themselves as members. But many of them have not responded to our call. It is hoped that by persistent appeal, more societies will be induced to enrol themselves as members. Members of the Board are also requested to take effective steps to enrol as many institutions as possible as members of this Union.

Name of Institution.	As on 30-6-47.	As on 30-6-48
1 Provincial Institutions	8	8
2 Central Banks	31	31
3 Language Federations	2	2
4 Urban Banks	124	124
5 Audit Union	1	1
6 Land Mortgage Banks	55	55
7 Local Supervising Unions	174	174
8 Training Institutes	4	4
9 Honorary Members	15	15

Non-Credit Societies:—

10 Stores Societies	191	188
11 Marketing Societies	13	16
12 Loan and Sale Societies	21	22
13 Weavers' Societies	32	36
14 Milk Supply Unions & Societies...	13	13
15 Building Societies and Banks	6	6
16 Agricultural Societies	9	9
17 Other Societies	1	2

Total.	700	706
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3. Meetings.

(A) General Body:

A meeting of the General Body was held on 10-1-1948 when the Annual Report and Audit Review for 1946-47 were considered and adopted. The general body also elected Office-bearers for the three years 1947-48 to 1949-50.

(B) Board of Management :

The Board met during the year twice, i.e., on 10-8-47 and 10-1-1948.

(C) Executive Committee :

The Executive Committee met 3 times in the year and the meetings were generally well attended.

(D) Sub-Committees :

The Sub-Committees for Credit, Consumers, Education and Propaganda, Producers and Marketing Societies met only once during the year.

This year the Executive Committee constituted a Sub-Committee to consider the service conditions of the non-official Co-operative employees which submitted a report to the Executive Committee.

(i) Credit Committee :

The Committee carefully considered the scheme of rural banks and the Registrar's circular regarding village societies amalgamating with rural banks and placed the same before the Executive Committee and the Board for consideration. The resolution passed on the subject is given below :

1. "This Board agrees with the recommendation of the 15th Registrars' Conference, made in its resolution No. 24."
2. "This Board is further of opinion that Federations of village societies may be started for purposes which a village society cannot individually undertake such as Marketing, Processing of agricultural produce etc."
3. "Where Co-operation has not made any headway societies may be tried in a few places on the lines of Rural Banks."
4. "This Board is of opinion that the policy of the Government should be to organise societies in villages so as to cover 50 per cent of the villages in a period of 5 years with such helping hands as may be needed."

The scheme was dropped by the Government.

(ii) Consumers' Committee :

Among the various subjects that were considered the Committee made appeals to the Urban and Semi-Urban Stores to strengthen their business on non-food lines as it is of opinion that there would be a great scope for development in that direction. It also further made appeals to all primaries to strengthen their membership and share-capital. Besides they should not be satisfied with the target fixed by the Department but should aim at strengthening themselves sufficiently so as to face the post-war situation.

Further the Committee resolved that all wholesales should appoint special agents to make a critical and extensive study of the requirements of their constituent primaries and try their best to supply them. We are glad to state that many of the Stores have followed the suggestions.

(iii) Education and Propaganda :

The Committee made recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding qualification for admission to the Co-operative Institutes as follows :

"A candidate who has appeared for S.S.L.C. but has not passed as per the qualifications required, but who is in service in a Co-operative Society for 2 years may be exempted from the minimum qualifications as a special case."

The Committee further resolved to take steps to bring out vernacular editions of important books on Co-operation in all subjects of study.

(iv) Producers' Committee :

The Committee carefully considered the note submitted by the Registrar regarding Cottage Industries and it made certain recommendations to the Executive Committee and the Board which passed the following resolution :—

"This Board is of opinion that for an intensive organisation of Cottage Industries with a systematic and sustained effort there should be a Provincial Council and an Additional Registrar assisted by two Deputy Registrars (one for the North and one for the South) and six Sub-Registrars to study localities, organise societies and arrange for their working. A Provincial Council to lay down the policy and guide the work is necessary. All the expert staff working in the Industries and Co-operative Departments should be brought under this scheme. Women Officers should be appointed to organise Cottage Industries Societies for women. Local Advisory Committees may be formed in the districts to assist the Officers."

It is understood that the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has also submitted a plan to the Government for the development of Cottage Industries Co-operatives for immediate execution.

The Committee also decided to hold the Second Milk Supply Conference during Christmas 1947, but it could not be fixed as the President-elect was not able to attend.

(v) Marketing Committee :

This Committee passed various resolutions regarding distribution of manure through Co-operative Loan and Sale Societies so as to ensure proper and fair distribution and prevent black-marketing and corruption on the part of the Agricultural Officers; the Committee also suggested the starting of a Co-operative expeller society

consisting of ground-nut producers and requested the Registrar to take steps immediately.

The Sub-Committee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Union to examine the service conditions of the non-official Co-operative employees and submit recommendations to be made to the various co-operative institutions in the province met under the Presidency of Sri B. Venkataratnam Choudary. The President and Secretary of the Non-official Co-operative Employees Association were also present and took part in the discussions. A note was prepared by the General Secretary of the Union and the same was considered by the Sub-Committee. The Executive Committee after going through the recommendations of the Sub-Committee resolved that each institution will have to decide the strength of the staff it requires and the pay fixed according to their resources and requirements.

4. Activities.

The main activities of the Union have been, the conduct of the MADRAS JOURNAL OF CO-OPERATION, subsidising Co-operative Journals in the various languages of the province, running of Co-operative Library, publishing of propaganda literature, holding of examinations for the students of Co-operative Institutes and the celebration of the International Co-operative Day.

(a) The Madras Journal of Co-operation.

The Journal continued to be published regularly every month. It continued to publish interesting literature and instructive articles on Co-operation and Agriculture, Rural Reconstruction, Postwar Reconstruction and allied subjects. The cost of publishing the Journal amounted to Rs. 6,581 against which the subscription and appropriations of membership fees amounted to Rs. 7,485. The publication resulted in a net profit of Rs. 904. The Journal continued to be very popular. Besides affiliated societies which are entitled to a free copy the number of subscribers rose to 660.

(b) Subsidy to Language Journals:

Subsidy of Rs. 1,000 each was given to the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Federation, Coimbatore, which conducts a Journal KOOTTURAVU and to the Andhra Desa Co-operative Union, which conducts the monthly Journal SAHAKARAMU and a sum of Rs. 250 for each was also given to KANNADA SAHAKARI and PARASPARASAHAYI, published by the South Kanara Co-operative Central Bank and the Malabar Co-operative Central Bank, respectively. These Journals were conducted satisfactorily and appeared regularly, contributing a great deal to the spread of Co-operative ideas and ideals in their linguistic areas.

(c) Library and Reading Room:

Books to the value of Rs. 547-12-0 were added to the Library besides subscription of Rs. 39 for newspapers. The Government gave a grant of Rs. 150.

(d) Propaganda:

Sri P. S. Guruva Reddy, Joint Secretary of this Union toured various parts of Andhra Desa and did Co-operative Propaganda.

The Executive Committee resolved to shoot one film on Cottage Industries and also resolved to request the Handloom Weavers' Society to bear the cost of the films on Stores and Handloom weaving.

Sri V. Viyyanna, General Secretary of this Union presided over the 9th Malabar District Co-operative Conference and the 15th Andhra Provincial Co-operative Conference held in May and June 1948 respectively.

Donation:

A sum of Rs. 150 each as donation was paid towards the 15th Andhra Provincial Co-operative Conference and the 5th Tamil Nadu Co-operative Conference and representatives were sent on behalf of the Union.

(e) Co-operative Education and Training:

(i) The Union as usual conducted the Co-operative Training Institutes' Examination in March 1948. Particulars regarding the number of candidates who appeared and who passed are given below.

March 1948—Examination Results.

Centre.	Appeared.	Passed in Class I.	Passed in Class II.
Coimbatore Co-operative Institute, Coimbatore ...	78	5	31
Hood Co-operative Institute, Tanjore ...	140	12	86
Ramdas Co-operative Institute, Rajahmundry ...	49	5	22
Rayalaseema Co-operative Insti- tute, Anantapur ...	47	4	25
Supplemental candidates in all the above Institutes ...	46	...	11

Panchayatdars' Training Classes:

(ii) Since the Provincial Co-operative Bank was not willing to pay any contribution for this purpose, the scheme of Panchayatdars Training Classes could not be worked out. Hence the Union resolved to request the Government to give the allotment of Rs. 15,800 for purposes of Propaganda and Education.

(f) International Co-operative Day :

As usual the International Co-operative Day was celebrated on the 1st Saturday of November 1947. The Hon'ble Sri Kala Venkata Rao, Minister for Revenue presided over the function and many prominent Co-operators took part.

Funds.

The working of the Union for the year under review shows an income of Rs. 35,001 and an expenditure of Rs. 33,521 showing a surplus of Rs. 1,480

Thanks.

The Union tenders its grateful thanks to the Madras Provincial Co-operative Bank for the generous grant of Rs. 9,500.

The Union also tenders its grateful thanks to the Registrar and the other Officers of the Co-operative Department for the keen interest they have taken in the working of the Union and the advice they have readily given to the Union.

(Sd.) V. VIYYANNA,
General Secretary.

(Sd.) T. NARAYANA PILLAI,
„ P. S. GURUVA REDDI,
Jt. Secretaries.

AUDIT REVIEW

BY

SRI D. A. SUSAINATHAN, B. A.,

Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Madras

ON THE ACCOUNTS OF

The Madras Provincial Co-operative Union, No. 1130*for the year ended 30-6-1948.*

The accounts of the Madras Provincial Co-operative Union for the year ended 30-6-48 as audited by Mr. M. S. Mehakari, Senior Inspector of Co-operative Societies, Madras, are passed. The statements of receipts and charges, funds available and obligations to be fulfilled, and income and expenditure accounts as furnished by him are appended.

2. Membership :—The number of members as on 30-6-48 was—

Name of the institution.		As on 30-6-47	As on 30-6-48
1. Provincial Institutions	...	8	8
2. Central Banks	...	31	31
3. Language Federations	...	2	2
4. Urban Banks	...	124	124
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