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Deaths.

At 10.15 p.m. on the 29th June, at the General Hospital, Kuching, Edward George Hall, Private Secretary to His Highness the Rajah and Curator of Gardens. Aged 55 years.

Social and Personal.

JUNE.

It is with very deep regret that we record the death of Mr. E. S. Hall, Private Secretary to His Highness the Rajah and Curator of Gardens, who collapsed suddenly in the District Office on the morning of June 29th and died shortly after 4 p.m. on the same day. Mr. Hall was one of the "old guard", and probably the best-loved man in Sarawak. He will be very greatly missed. An appreciation will be published in our next issue.

We also record with deep regret the deaths of Abang Haji Fadel bin Abang Haji Mohammad Kassim and Abang Haji Anis bin Abang Haji Mohammad Kassim. Both the deceased were brothers of the Data Pathagga and both rendered notable services to Sarawak. Appreciations appear on another page.

There was a very large attendance at the "At Home" given by Mr. Ong Tiang Swee, c.s.c., at his residence, Rock Road, on June 9th, in celebration of the wedding, on May 29th, of his son, Mr. Ong Hap Ann, to Miss Lau Hong Ngh, daughter of the late Mr. Lau Gek Soon. Nearly all the Europeans in Kuching appeared to be present and there were many representatives of the Asiatic communities.

June 9th, being the occasion of the celebration of the birthday of His Majesty King George VI, was observed as a public holiday throughout the State and all Government offices were closed.

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THURSDAY, JULY 1st, 1937.

Births.

An John David Barker, on the 15th June, 1937, at Payang Mambak, wife of S.D. Along Oyang, a daughter, named Payang Mambak.

Visitors to Kuching during the month included Bishop Edwin Lee and the Rev. Dr. Archer of the Methodist Episcopal Mission, Singapore, who arrived from Sibu by the *M. J. Rajang* on the 23th. Both visitors returned to Singapore by the *s.s. Cires* on the following day.

Mr. T. S. Boyd, the Chief Justice, returned from casual leave by the *s.s. Cires* on the 12th. Mr. Boyd visited China and Japan and his itinerary was a refreshing change from the usual "round trip" by the P. & O. line which has been singularly popular amongst Sarawak Government officers, during the last year or two. Mr. Boyd went by train from Shanghai to Nanking and Peking, and then entered Japan at Kobe via Mukden and Korea.

Mr. S. Harrop and Mrs. Harrop left Kuching on furlough on the 12th. We wish them a successful leave. Mr. Harrop's work at the Reside Dockyard has been taken over by Mr. E. E. Evans, who arrived with Mrs. Evans on May 31st. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Evans to Sarawak and trust that they will enjoy the six months that they intend to spend here.

Another newcomer to Sarawak to whom we extend our welcome is Mrs. D. McNish, who arrived with her husband, Mr. McNish, the Kuching Agent of the Chartered Bank, on the *s.s. Rajang* from Singapore on the 7th.

Two flying boats visited Kuching during the month. The first one arrived on the 17th and on the 19th proceeded to Bintulu, Baram, and Labuan. It returned to Kuching on the 26th. When it attempted to start for Singapore on the 22nd, it was found to be suffering from engine trouble, and another flying boat, which was already scheduled to arrive on the following day, brought a relief engine. Both made a successful departure on the 24th.

H. M. S. Herald returned to Kuching from Sibu on the 26th and left again on the 28th. As usual her stay was all too brief, but in forty-eight hours matches of football, hockey, cricket, and bowls were played, and a most successful entertainment was presented at the Sarawak Club.

The death in England of Mr. S. W. Harris is reported. Mr. Harris joined the Sarawak Government in 1907 and retired on pension as Engineer of the Saring Collieries in 1932. He had been suffering from heart trouble for some time but his death was quite unexpected. He leaves a widow to whom we tender our sincerest sympathy.

Mr. H. D. Aplin succeeded Mr. A. A. Rees as Government Agent, London, on June 1st. Mr. Aplin joined the Sarawak Civil Service in 1908 and, after a long and distinguished career, retired on pension in March 1934.

The Secretary for Native Affairs relates, in his monthly report for May, that on May 22nd he proceeded to the Talang Talang islands to be present at the annual *semak* ceremony, which took place on the morning of May 23rd. This ceremony, which is a survival of the Sarawak Malays' former animism, has lost most of its popularity. The ceremony consists of a party of Malays, led by a *perawang*, sailing around the islands and reciting prayers to the spirits of the sea. A landing is then made on the main island, where a mock battle takes place in which the invaders are the conquerors. A similar ceremony also survives in Trengganu, Malaya. "Anak Singapore" in the *Straits Times*, in a paragraph concerning "the pagan rite of *semak Kuala*," quoted the following extract from the 1926 report of Mr. N. E. Jarrett, acting British Adviser. "For three days the fishing community gives itself up to feasting and play, during which time no boats are allowed to land or leave. On the third day a white buffalo is slaughtered and after the ritual feast the head is floated out to sea accompanied by the incantations of a *perawang* as an offering to the spirits of the sea." It would be interesting to know if this ceremonial rite was once common to all Malay races, and, if so, why it has apparently survived only in the territories of Trengganu and Sarawak.

Coronation of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

SARAWAK'S LOYAL ADDRESS.

The following is the address made by His Highness the Rajah to Their Majesties the King and Queen:—

"To Their Most Gracious Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

"The Rajah of Sarawak presents his humble duty to Your Majesties on the coronation of Your Majesty's Coronation.

"The Rajah and all his subjects and all the subjects of Your Majesties in Sarawak most humbly offer to Your Majesties their loyalty and devotion, and it is their earnest hope that a personal affection for Your Majesties and a true loyalty to the Throne may long unite the many races and peoples of your Empire in a living fellowship of faithful and willing service."

The following letter was received from the Colonial Office by the Sarawak Government Agent, London:—

"Dorchester Square,
24th June, 1937.

"Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Omsky Gurn to refer to your letter of the 12th of May, and to inform you that the Address from His Highness the Rajah of Sarawak has been laid before His Majesty the King, who has commanded that an expression of Their Majesties' appreciation and thanks for this kind message on the occasion of Their Coronation may be conveyed to His Highness.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) F. J. Howard."

Coronation Medals.

A supply of large Coronation Medals has been received from London for sale as mementos of the coronation of His Majesty King George VI. These medals, with a diameter of 2½", are in fine silver and are enclosed in a red leather case. The price is \$9.00 each.

The medals are of a very handsome design, bearing on the obverse the profile of His Majesty King George VI and on the reverse the profile of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Specimens may be inspected on application to the Secretariat, Kuching, in which office intending purchasers should send their orders.

Proclamation Day.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE PROCLAMATION
DAY OF H.H. THE RAJA OF SARAWAK
IN KAMPUNG SARAWAK, MAHO, ON
THE 24TH MAY, 1937.

8 a.m.—Two of the pupils sounded their bugles and the Sarawak flag was hoisted in the middle of the padang in front of the School.

Raja's Speech.

At 2 p.m. the sports were started and came to a close at 3.30 p.m.

At 1.45 p.m. the schoolmaster presented the winners of the sports various prizes including Japanese toys, etc. Four boys were awarded medals for wearing Malay national dress in school every day. These prizes were awarded in order to encourage boys to put on national dress both during assemblies and afterwards.

8.30 p.m.—A Malay Ronggawan was performed by school-boys for the first time in Sarawak. There was a great gathering of Ronggawan people, which included the schoolmaster of Kampung Mahe.

Lectures in Malay were given by the schoolmaster on the subjects of loyalty to the Ruler of Sarawak and the benefits of using national dress, and of the reasons for our gathering.

Lastly the whole gathering prayed to God for the long life and prosperity of our Ruler and his descendants. The schoolmaster regretted the absence of Abang Yan, Officer-in-Charge, Mahe, and Haji Yusoff, S.O., both of whom had been invited but could not be present owing to the pressure of leaving rubber garden clerks. The schoolmaster, Abang Madan, hopes fervently that this kind of Celebration will happen every year in Sarawak.

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—(Contributed.)

Death of Mr. E. S. Hall.

The sudden death of Mr. E. S. Hall in Kuching hospital shortly after 4 p.m. on June 29th will be deplored by all his many friends in Sarawak. Mr. Hall had appeared to be in his usual good health until Tuesday morning, when, while talking to the District Officer in the latter's office, he suddenly collapsed. He was hurried to hospital but never recovered consciousness, and died in the afternoon of the same day.

The funeral took place at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 30th. There was a large concourse of members of all races. Mr. E. Parnell, the Officer Administering the Government, led the procession behind the hearse to the grave, and the pall-bearers were Messrs. Calvert, Middleton, Repache, Sinclair, Baird, and Parnes. There were many wreaths, some of them anonymous. Those bearing them were from Their Highnesses the Rajah and Ratu, Mr. and Mrs. Parnell, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Jap, Katherine and Glen, William and Elsie, Messrs. River, Dwyer & Co., Ltd., Mr. G. T. Bates, Tom and Norah Parnes, Mr. R. F. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. Lam Siew Kue, All Rankin of the Sarawak Constabulary, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kelley, Mr. Tan Boon Tee, Messrs. The Straits Co., Ltd., St. Michael's Catholic Church, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Law.

Kematian Al-marhum Abang Haji Fadil.

Dengan sepuat-puut duka-duka dan pita hitam memperingati telah berlakulah Isidori Tahun 1458 hamba-nya Abang Haji Fadil bin Al-marhum Dato Bandar Abang Haji Mohammad Kassim, pada malam Khamis jam pukul 12.30 iaitu pada 3 hari sebelum June, 1937, di-rumah Al-marhum ayahanda-nya di-jalan Datas Road, dengan telah mengidap penyakit batuk di-tubuh-nya selama 10 hari.

Alah parham itu berumur 67 tahun, dan ia-nya adik yang ketiga kepada Yang Berhormat Dato Patinggi Abang Haji Abdullah. Alah parham itu ada meninggalkan 6-orang isteri dan 6 orang anak, 4 laki-laki dan 2 perempuan. Maka 3 orang daripada anak laki-laki-nya telah beristeri dan 2-orang anak perempuan-nya telah berumah. Maka daripada anak-anak tersebutlah alah parham itu ada meninggalkan 30 orang cucu.

RUBBER REGULATION.

Months.	Basic Quota (Tons).	Percentage Excess/Shortfall Amount.		Net Exports under the scheme (Tons).	Known - or Deduction - (Tons).	Progressive Known + or Deduction - Including entry over from 1935 (Tons).
		% of Basic Quota.	Tons.			
Quota over 1936/37			- 1552			+ 1552
January	1925	74	1400	4044	+ 1946	+ 3008
February	1925	74	1400	2044	+ 47	+ 2144
March	1925	74	1400	1444	- 844	+ 2004
April	1925	86	1650	1000	+ 650	+ 2654
May	1925	86	1650	744	- 1250	+ 2150
June	1925	86	1650			
July	1925	86	1650			
August	1925	86	1650			
September	1925	86	1650			
October	1925	86	1650			
November	1925	86	1650			
December	1925	86	1650			
	21600	80	" 16500			
Aug./May	1925	77	" 16500	11487	+ 1004	+ 2100

*Paralleling the entry over.

"Out of the Brown."

VARIETY CONCERT AT KUCHING.

These merry Kuching Europeans, who, with their guests, managed to recover sufficiently from their Saturday afternoon tapers to reach the Sarawak Club at 8.45 p.m. on June 26th are greatly indebted to the personnel of H.M.S. *Reval* for a really excellent entertainment.

The one outstanding performance, in an otherwise uniformly good programme, was that of "Georges and Fiane," the "World Famous Dialectists," which was well up to professional standard in its critically witty humour. It might be pointed out for Messrs. Hugh Hamp and Kenneth Collier to know that if, and when, they lose their jobs in His Majesty's navy, they are certain to find employment in Shaftesbury Avenue. We must conclude that we were loved by "The Herald's Harp and Rhythms." Jazz songs of American birth or inspiration can be borne with as the Valley Stage when they are intended to be a diversion, but, unfortunately, this very talented quartet gave far too good an imitation of the real thing. However it is probably childish to say so, judging from the enthusiastic applause of the audience, this item seemed to be one of the most popular on the programme.

Those of us who had perused recent newspaper reports concerning a naval court-martial were somewhat surprised when we read that one of the attractions of the entertainment was to be "Beautiful Girls." Not beautiful they indeed were, although given at times to a rather unsympathetic habit of looking up the skirt at the knees when sitting down, and to a phenomenal display of biceps. One wonders how Commander Hardy escapes the attentions of the authorities. Joseph Loyal, as the dancing girl who failed to entertain the Persian potentate in "Cupid Bells," and Charles Eddy, in several characters in "A Few Scenes From Every Day Life," were particularly good. Unfortunately, however, none of these damsels had values to match their figures and their faces, and so, when it was

required to include a real, serious, sentimental song, suitable assistance was required. But no one will regret that it proved necessary to enlist the services of Mrs. Corbin. It is no disparagement of the remainder of the company to say that her appearance on the stage was all too brief.

"Atmospherics" was a brilliant rendering of an old gambit—the "crossing" of voices through a wireless loudspeaker. Apparently when a train conductor, a traveller, and a doctor, get mixed up "on the air," extraordinary things are liable to happen. This item included more pleasantly than far on the wrong side of the conventional border line than any other, which was no mean achievement. The other items were too many and varied for individual mention, but whether we were admiring Charles Eddy's agility with a couple of swords, listening to a famous quartet intoning the virtues of "sardines," or being entertained by Frederick Trench's impersonation, in "The Pig and Whistle," that his dog was so thin because he never gave it anything to eat, we were enjoying ourselves immensely. The whole entertainment had obviously been thoroughly and painstakingly prepared and rehearsed, and our sincerest thanks are due to Commander Hardy and his officers and men for providing us with such an extremely pleasant evening.

PROGRAMME.

1. Selection by the Band.
2. Hello! How are you?
The Company.
3. The Lady of the Lake.
Sydney Housomey and George Hunt.
4. Alphabetical Fruit and a Spot of Harmony.
Harry Dixon, Fred Tregidgo, Morris Giffels, Albert Wade.
5. Sword Display.
Charles Eddy.

We do not suppose that Mr. Harvey Allen suffered materially by the adoption of his novel to the film, for the deliberate training by the powers of celluloid of an excellent story, on account of a perverted presumption with "romance," should be legally actionable in the interests of the public if not of the author himself. Incidentally it would be interesting to know whether all the Italians and Scotchmen resident in Northern Italy in the eighteenth century spoke English with an American accent. It is probably inevitable that the financial side of the film industry should be monopolised by American capital; it will be tragic if the histrionic side is to be monopolised by American actors as well.

A welcome contrast was afforded by "The Last of the Mohicans." This picture based, like "Anthony Adverse," on an "adventure" novel, gained everything that the other lacked simply because the adapters had the wit to base the film on the author's story, instead of selecting those portions of it which they considered would appeal to the servants' hall mind. Randolph Scott as Hawkeye and Henry Wilton as Major Duncan Heyward were outstandingly good, the latter giving an excellent interpretation of the stupidity and assurance of a certain, and by no means extinct, type of "officer and gentleman." In the scenes of the battle for Fort William Henry we saw what a magnificent game war in the eighteenth century can be made to appear. Whether it really was so magnificent may be doubted, but at the same time we cannot help feeling that the corresponding scenes thoroughly enjoyed any demonstration of racial rivalry, such as the public discussion between the two leaders on the crucial question whether the conquering French would see it kinder the conquered English "the honours of war." And when Moore died, with his enemy, Montcalm, turning his respects to the bride, and the latter's eyes shining respectfully in the background, it was evident that all present were reeling in the glances that surrounded the stoic conqueror's funeral.

"The Last of the Mohicans" was preceded by a first-class Walt Disneyilly Broadway musical "Flower the Elephant." The subject that only is belittled on an unimaginationist cinema by the inconvenient length of his trunk, together with the peculiar ability to overcome an emergency that the same trunk confers on its proprietor, was convincingly demonstrated. It is a great pity that we cannot have a few more of these.

Sylvia Cinema.

Provisional Schedule of Programmes.

June, 1937.

Date 1937.	Day.	Film Title.
1st	Thursday	Arrived
2nd & 3rd	Friday & Saturday	Blue Ocean Cruise
4th & 5th	Sunday & Monday	Amie Odette
6th & 7th	Tuesday & Wednesday	Dr. Xanth
8th	Thursday	Daughter of Boston
9th & 10th	Friday & Saturday	Ransom and Relief
11th & 12th	Sunday & Monday	Tales from
13th	Tuesday	The Last Man
14th & 15th	Wednesday & Thursday	Fortissimo Sophie Lang
16th	Friday	Fourwheels Range
17th & 18th	Saturday & Sunday	Paul Bell
19th & 20th	Monday & Tuesday	Stage Struck
21st	Wednesday	Ladies in Love
22nd & 23rd	Thursday & Friday	Escorted for Chinese
24th & 25th	Saturday & Sunday	Send To Glory
26th & 27th	Monday & Tuesday	Private Number
28th	Wednesday	It's In The Bag
29th & 30th	Thursday & Friday	In Person
31st & 1st Aug.	Saturday & Sunday	Garden Of Allah

Sarawak Library.

June, 1937.

The following books have been added to the Library:—

Northward Ho!	.. Harold Gatty	T-n 383
My Pilgrimage	.. R. L. Halliday	H-n 4
My Pilgrimage	.. Sir Peter Chalmers	
	.. Mitchell	D-n 226
Great Cases Of Sir Henry		
.. Curtis Bennett	.. E. C. Edward	
	.. Giffin	M-g 421a
Man Overboard	.. Freeman Wills	
	.. Giffin	T-n 455 (3)
Lords And Masters	.. A. G. MacDonell	F-n 10 (3)
Salute To Laughter	.. Dorothy	
	.. McIlwain	F-n 55a
Women Also Dream	.. Eileen Martin	F-n 14 (8)
Three Foolish Things	.. Michael Sadler	F-n 4 (3)
Grand Forays	.. Louis Ballfield	
	.. Peattie	F-p 102a
Death Of A Jockey King	.. C. M. Walker	F-n 11a
Japan Must Fight		
.. Hsieh	.. Li-Guoda Tsai	M-4 309
	.. Ishikawa	

First Division News.

Met.

The Resident, First Division, reports that he called Serian by P.W.D. lorry on the 30th, leaving Kuching at 9.20 a.m. and arriving at Serian at 11.20 a.m. The road was very rough but in fair condition and several very heavily loaded buses were passed on the way. It appears that every bus which travels along the road is overloaded, some of them being too heavy for the road in its present state. The condition of the road on the return journey on the following day was deplorable, owing to heavy rain the previous night and the passage of heavily loaded buses on the sudden ground.

Serian houses appears to be very prosperous. There are also fourteen new shops there and applications have been made for four more shops, but these must wait until the back of the present shops have been filled in and the road repaved.

In Kuching near Tanjoh were charged with being members of an unlawful assembly, and were fined 10, each, and costs, and all were required to sign a bond to be of good behaviour.

The majority of rubber gardens in Kuching have now been replanted although a few more remain in every day. On the road a large number of persons including Chinese were found to have gardens without titles. All were ordered to apply for titles at once.

On the night of May 23th a constable on duty in Kuching was attacked by two Chinese, but was not seriously hurt. He claimed that he knew the men but there was not sufficient evidence to proceed against them.

For the first time for many years two female prisoners were empty for nearly three weeks during May. It is possible that this indicates a fall in female crime but it is more likely that the present prosperity enables them to pay their fines and avoid prison.

The death of Orang Kaye Norangi of Kampong Kuching, Gunung, is one of the very few recorded deaths from snake-bite in this country.

19. TENG' WANG—6 KACHING. (Kaching Control vs. Depot).

1. Report.

20. RICHMOND RACE—440 YARDS OPEN.

1. Mah Teck Loo, No. 41. 2. Hay Hin Tong, No. 206. Lee Ah Choo, No. 43.

21. FONG JUAN—Height 5' 3".

1. L.Y.C. Hede. 1. Insp. M. Jean.
2. S.M. Mohamud.

22. RACE RACE—120 YARDS H'GAR.

1. Man. 2. Mohamud. 3. Dohib.

23. RELAY RACE—220—220—440—880.

Kaching vs. Depot—4 minutes 38 seconds.

1. Kaching.

24. 4 LARGED RACE—100 YARDS.

1. Puteh, Amir & Pajang.
2. Milha, Abidinman & Ading.
3. Victor Saary, Saari & Saary.

25. 100 YARDS HURDLES—FEMALE. Time 18 2/3 seconds.

1. Insp. M. Jean. 2. S.C. Pagan. 3. S.C. Harahan.

26. CYCLE RACE—Time 1 minute 19 seconds.

1. L.Y.C. J. Martin. 2. Det. Choo Chong. 3. S.C. Eshid.

27. OVERTAKE RACE—HURDLES ON PANG.

1. S.C. Sedik. 2. S.C. Mustapa. 3. S.C. Gani & Anggong.

—Contributed.

H.M.S. "Herald" v. Kaching.

Played at Puchong—5th July, 1937.

Both teams took the field at 3 p.m., and right from the kick-off the game was hot and full of excitement. For approximately the first quarter of an hour the Kaching team pressed hard, and forced the ball into the net three times, but both did they realise that their opponents were not to be so easily defeated, and that the "old Red-Flag" was just about to get a grip on something. After the first goal had been netted there was a noticeable slackening off in the Kaching attack, something which seemed to suggest that victory was assured, and anyway was easy. For a time there was a half-hearted battle from goal to goal and then, shortly before half time, the Herald scored.

Half time score 3-1 in favour of Kaching.

Right from the commencement of the second half it was clear that our visitors meant business. Apart from one or two loose break aways they never left the Kaching half. Their passing was accurate and clever and their following up something from which I sincerely hope local players in all classes of the game will have learnt a lesson. There was no element of luck about any of the goals scored. The ball was netted five times in the half, and well and truly netted. To conclude—Well done Herald! We hope to have many more enjoyable games in the future.

Result.—Herald 5, Kaching 3.

Kaching: Reid; Jacques, Saary; Cargill, Taba, Takya; Teosa, Sang-Chang, Oh Lee, Crocker, Eli.

—Contributed.

Cricket Match.

H.M.S. HERALD XI vs. NONDESCRIPTS XI.

At Puchong Recreation Ground on 29th June, 1937.

They started 9 a.m. Finished 11.30 a.m.

H.M.S. Herald XI.

Norman	—	a. A. L. P. Sub Pa	—	0
Choochin	—	b. de Silva	—	0
Taba	—	b. de Silva	—	4
Jackie	—	b. Singh	—	4
Wander	—	a. Louis b. P. Sub Pa	—	1
Timothy	—	b. Singh	—	4
Grandy	—	b. Bayliss	—	0
Choochin	—	b. Chin Shui Sen	—	0
Choochin	—	b. Chin Shui Sen	—	0
Ward	—	not out	—	0
Harwood	—	b. Chin Shui Sen	—	0
		Extras	—	0

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Fielding	Overs	Miles	Runs	Wickets
P. Sub Pa	—	4	1	0
de Silva	—	0	1	11
Singh	—	0	—	10
Bayliss	—	0	2	1
Wong Sheng	—	0	—	10
Chin Shui Sen	—	0	1	4

Nondescripts XI.

Chin Shui Sen	—	b. Jackie	—	10
Charles Hwang	—	b. Choochin	—	0
P. Sub Pa	—	not out	—	10
de Silva	—	b. Choochin	—	0
Bayliss	—	c. Ward b. Jackie	—	1
W. Crocker	—	b. Jackie	—	0
Wong Sheng	—	b. Choochin	—	0
Singh	—	b. Choochin	—	0
Louis	—	a. Ward b. Crocker	—	0
Ward	—	b. Crocker	—	7
not out	—	not out	—	1
		Extras	—	0

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Kaching	Overs	Miles	Runs	Wickets
Wong Sheng	—	7	0	0
Wander	—	0	1	10
Timothy	—	0	—	7
Jackie	—	7	—	10
Choochin	—	0	—	10
Grandy	—	3.0	—	7

K.P.A. League Table.

As at 30th June, 1937.

1st DIVISION.

Club	P.	W.	L.	D.	For.	Agst.	Points.
Mohd A.	0	4	—	1	32	0	0
Municipal B.	1	3	1	1	20	25	7
Constitutionary	4	3	1	—	30	22	6
Kaching Control	3	2	0	—	14	24	4
Puchongman	1	—	1	—	0	25	—

2nd DIVISION.

Club	P.	W.	L.	D.	For.	Agst.	Points.
Municipal B.	4	0	—	—	18	7	0
St. Thomas	4	0	0	—	10	11	4
Mohd A.	4	1	0	1	10	15	0
Land and Survey	4	—	0	1	0	17	1

It appears that badminton was only seriously taken up in Kuching some two years ago and it is a healthy sign that in such a small place there are now twenty-one parties affiliated to the Kuching Badminton Association. Most of the players there are very young and in the opinion of the local players should develop into formidable players with some experience.

The European population in Kuching appears to take a keen interest in the game and the championship tournaments held there usually find Europeans among the competitors.

While in Kuching the local boys were the guests of Mr. Kato, the vice-president of the Kuching Badminton Association, and they were entertained to dinner by the president of the Association, Dr. Wang Chueing Way, at his residence before their departure for Singapore.

The results of games played in Kuching were as follows:—

Lowee Kim Fatt beat Yoo Chong Chin 15-4, 15-4. Yap Chin Tee beat Chan Khock Hian 15-8, 15-4. Kim Fatt and Chin Tee beat Chong Chin and Khock Hian 21-7.

Kim Fatt and Chin Tee beat Chong Chin and Seng Suen 21-4 and 21-6. Kim Fatt and Chin Tee beat Ah Chew and Han Chong 21-9 and 22-11.

Lowee Kim Fatt beat Johari 15-0, 15-0. Chin Tee beat Abg. Sulhassan 15-1, 15-0. Lowee Kim Fatt beat Chan Khock Hian 15-0, 15-4.

Chan Khock Hian beat Yoo Chong Chin 15-7, 15-13 (2-0-0) and 15-9. Lowee Kim Fatt beat Yap Chin Tee 15-1, 20-13 (2-0-0) (after the retired). Miss Tan Sui Han and Yap Chin Tee beat Miss An Gek Pui and Lowee Kim Fatt 21-16, 18-21 and 21-7. Lowee Kim Fatt and Yap Chin Tee beat Mathew Han and Mergin Chai 21-1, 22-7.

Lowee Kim Fatt beat Tan Seng Suen 15-2, 15-7. Yap Chin Tee beat Nui John 15-4, 16-5. H. M. Calvert and Kim Fatt beat W. J. Chater and Chin Tee 15-21, 21-10 and 15-19 (5-0-0). Chan Khock Hian beat Ang Ah Chai 15-2, 15-6.

The following comments made by the local players are passed on for the benefit of the Kuching players:—

Service. This requires considerable improvement, especially in singles play, although the doubles service is quite good.

Net Play. Very little net play has been noted by the players. This is very important especially when an opponent is exceptionally good in overhead work.

Feints. Feints shots were never adopted by any of the players. This is a useful stroke to deceive an opponent as to the direction of play.

Backhand. The tendency of the players is to use the forehand side of the racket to return a backhand stroke. As badminton is a very fast game, this is indeed a defect which must be remedied at once.

Plan of Attack. The players do not seem to plan their line of attack. This is especially important when meeting a player of about the same standard.

More Singles Play. It appears that the players play more doubles games than singles. They should practise more singles to improve their game rapidly.

The above comments are given more with the idea of improving the standard of the game in Kuching than as effort to criticise unduly the various weak points shown by the Kuching players against the local boys.

Kuching Badminton Association.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Kuching Badminton Association held on 14th June, 1937, the following were elected office bearers for the year 1937/1938:—

Patron: His Highness the Rajah.

President: Dato Amar.

Vice-Presidents: Mr. H. M. Calvert, Mr. P. B. K. Kato, Mr. Chai Ah Jap and Mr. Ching Ah Yee.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Chai Peh Gue; **Hon. Asst. Secretary:** Mr. Lim Boon Ching; **Hon. Treasurer:** Mr. Sim Sang Teck; **Hon. Superintendent:** Mr. Lee Suen Chok; **Hon. Asst. Superintendent:** Mr. Morgan Chai; **Hon. Auditor:** Mr. L. Gwan Ah Sien.

Committee:—Messrs. Wan Hock Siew, Andrew Han, Lim Teck Guan, Dredman bin Kassar, Abang Sulhassan and Abang Kuchin.

Board of Referees:—Messrs. F. B. K. Kato, W. J. Chater, T. Y. Tan, Yoh Sui Yee, Andrew Han, Khek Chin Hoo, Chan Mah Khock, Ang Ah Chai, Mathew Han, Ong Seng Ching, Yoo Ah Chai, Abang Wahid, Johari and Chin Ngi Joon.

Entries for the Association's open tournaments for 1937 close on 15th July. Events will include singles and doubles (men), singles and doubles (women), and mixed doubles.

All matches will be played at the Modernish School Hall.

Players have been regarded for the forthcoming tournaments; a third grade, "C", having been added to the "A" and "B" grades of last year.

All particulars may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.

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The results to date are as follows:—

Men's HANDED SINGLES.

First Round.—Cargill scr. beat Baughan +15 old games and +30 even games 6-4, 6-4. Kato scr. beat Digby +30 7-9, 6-2, 6-2 (unfinished), 6-7, 4-6, 6-2. Bothers +15 old games, and +30 even games beat Benson +15 6-3, 6-4.

Second Round.—Kato scr. beat Cargill scr. 6-8, 4-6, 6-4. Philip +15 old games and +30 even games beat Bothers +15 old games and +30 even games 7-9, 7-5, 7-3.

Second Division News.

Mat.

The Resident, Second Division, visited Labuk Anta from the 15th to the 22nd to settle some outstanding cases. Two women and one man were sentenced to two years' imprisonment each for killing a newly-born child. This used to be considered only a feasible offence amongst Dayaks but now it appears to be prevalent. It is seldom that a case can be proved as the usual excuse is that the child died at birth, and an example was therefore made in the present instance.

Another Dayak was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and to pay \$500 post expenses for causing death by breach of the Order relating to the setting of pig-traps. Another case, in which a prosecution was instituted for the same offence, but in which the victim was wounded only, resulted in the offender being fined \$40 and ordered to pay hospital expenses of \$20 and compensation amounting to \$415.

In Lohak Arin, Bakoang, of Taram Daud, reported a "mouse" in his house. It was asserted that some person or persons had pushed sticks up through the floor. This kind of story, although it has only just started in this district, is so common now that little notice need be taken of it.

In Biringgung Lina bin Taba was sentenced to one year's imprisonment for theft of Dutch money and various other articles from a building. This is his third conviction for theft.

Rubber Restriction Inspector Abang Sedik, an ex-Native Officer, was dismissed and sentenced to one month's imprisonment at Belaga for illegally fixing Dayaks for alleged breaches of the Rubber Restriction Orders, and emboldening the proceeds of these fines.

In English Tani Ramah Mancha, 44½, Alin, and Malang, were returned their pledges, which were placed in the fort about four years ago owing to the report that they were leading rebels.

In Saratok an inquiry into the cause of being Nyong's death was held on the 15th and 16th inst. There is little doubt that Nanga Malang Dayak knew far more about the Chinese boy's death than they pretend to, but, as there was nothing on which to frame a charge, the four Dayaks held on remand have been released. In this connection pledges have been taken from the Dayaks at Nanga Malang.

Several cases of influenza were reported in Kapitah, and amongst the victims were Edward Jarak, the chief clerk, who was sent down to Kuching for hospital treatment. The Native Officer, Robson, and the Quat-Walla, Bakoang, were also patients at the end of the month.

A big increase in the number of boys attending the Government Malay School in Saratok has eventuated after the parents have been started up. It is hoped that Bakoang will respond in a similar way.

There is a report from Bakoang that jungle felling catches have not been good.

A Chinese at Spah was found tapping, at 4 p.m., a garden belonging to a Taka Dayak. He was summoned and fined \$15.

About one thousand deeds, involving about two thousand titles, were made out in Bakoang district during the month. Over \$1,780 was collected by the sale of revenue stamps.

Third Division News.

Mat.

On Coronation Day members of the Island Club entertained all British subjects in Sibu to a merry meal at which the Resident proposed the health of His Majesty King George VI.

Three Coronet's inquiries were held at Sibu during the month. Two were cases of Poonchow women drowned in the main river through slipping off landing-stages while washing clothes, which is a common occurrence in this district. The third inquiry was on the body of a Poonchow tapper who was found hanging from a rubber tree at Lohak Arin by a length of galvanised iron wire. A verdict of "suicide while of unsound mind" was returned.

The few trips made by the s.s. *Sagor*, which made her final visit to Sibu on the 17th, seem to have doubled the immigration work. Applications for immigrant landing permits ran into some hundreds a month.

In Biringgung a verdict of "suicide" was returned at an inquiry held on a female Poonchow, aged nineteen, who was found hanging from a rubber tree. A verdict of "death by manslaughter" was returned at an inquiry on a male Poonchow, who died as a result of the injuries sustained when a pile of planks fell upon him at the Bee King sawmill.

A case was just now notified by the District Officer, Lower Bakoang, during his tour of the Juba and Ulu Biringgung. A number of young Dayak men were charged to have their lips heavily ringed with the bark-juice of *Epilobium* (Orchid). Upon inquiry it was revealed that this somewhat elaborate practice was adopted in so that the youths might be considered to be in the habit of chewing betel-nut, a practice to which, in fact, they were not addicted. It would be interesting to know if this deception is practised in other parts of the State.

Two Kathia Dayaks were fined one pind and had a pind respectively for taking fishing. The sentences were lenient in view of the old age of the accused and the circumstances of the case.

One case of leprosy, or trial by ordeal of hot water, instituted in order to discover a thief in Kapit, resulted in all the participants being fined and also suffering from scalded hands.

Two deaths have occurred of T.R. Biham and T.R. Moh. The former was a noted rebel of earlier days and was forbidden to return to the Coast from his exile in the Balaoh. The latter was married to Pengah's Man and possessed great power in the East. His loyalty to Government as regards the rebels, however, was not above strong suspicion.

Most of the houses deserted as result in the Kapit district, on account of deaths during the epidemic, have been occupied under Government permission, aided by a little start-ants in the shape of Candy's field.

Mr. N. R. Hughes arrived at Kapit on the 25th en route for Long Numpang, Dutch East Indies, via Belaga. An Native Officer Abang Sherat was proceeding to Belaga in connection with Rubber Restriction. Mr. Hughes accompanied him in the motor. Apart from three Dayaks taken on in Kapit, the District Officer understands that Mr. Hughes will endeavour to enlist Kayan labour from Ramah Pengah's Tamas Uluu Hang to take him over the border. The present high water makes it probable that he may have some difficulty in the Ulu Balaoh.

On the night of the 25th a terrible storm occurred at Sibu, and both the Sibu and the Kathia rose with amazing suddenness. Many households took place and several gardens on the banks of these rivers lost rubber trees. In two or three cases the newly-erected identification plates were lost also.

During the month numerous "batak's" Dayaks, in Nanga Meluan district, returned up river, and it is expected that the remainder of these people will arrive during June. They have all been ordered to settle on the banks of the main river, and to build houses of not less than ten doors at strategic points selected by Government. It is probable that these Dayaks will be required to deposit pledges which will be returned when the permanent houses have been completed. This matter, however, is still under consideration.

On the night of the 25th a Dayak youth was drowned just below Meluan. It appears that deceased, who had fever and a high temperature, spent the night with several other Dayaks on the gravel bed, and it is believed that he walked in his sleep and fell into the river. At a coroner's inquest a verdict of "death by misadventure" was returned.

An extraordinary case occurred at Telinggan. A Dayak, named Juang, was summoned for non-payment of tax, and said that he was willing to pay, but that he dared not, as his father-in-law, Ampok, had told him that he, Ampok, would murder him if he did. The Petty Court sentenced Juang to two weeks' imprisonment, but the sentence was not executed, both Juang and Ampok being left at large. The sentence was quashed by winningan revision, and Ampok was arrested as a suspected trouble-maker and sent to Kuching.

The Malak Show was held on May 22nd and 23rd, and there were more and better exhibits in the produce sections than last year. Mr. Ong Koy Hoi, of the Agricultural Department, came from Kuching and exhibited a large number of vegetables, all extracted from locally grown produce, and instructional articles, including a model wet padi area, which was explained to a large number of people by an agricultural assistant who had recently returned from training in wet padi cultivation at Kelas, Perlis State, near Penang. There were also a large variety of pest control exhibits, including traps, poisons, and various examples of commercial and pest contrivances.

Fourth Division News.

Mar.

The Senior District Officer, Miri, since then Wednesday, May 12th, being Carnival day was marked by various sports fixtures including a cricket match, an American tennis tournament, and a dance at the Gymkhana Club. Toasts and speeches were delivered at the Gymkhana Club and Mini Recreation Club, and free cinema shows were given to members of the constituency, children of British subjects, and others.

Owing to a quarrel between the local Iman and Khath, reported last month, it was decided that in future the Iman himself should backe who and appoint the Khath and Beld as principal witnesses. The usual fee of \$5 paid by the contracting parties should be divided as usual, \$1 reverting to the Iman and \$4 cents each to the Khath and Beld if they attended. If they do not attend the second dollar is to be divided between any other two main witnesses called by the marrying couple.

A film, entitled *The Room*, was banned in Miri, as being purely morbid and gruesome.

Reports of deaths and epidemics continue to arrive on March from all parts of the Barun district. The dresser will be travelling next month in the Barun, Akah, and Pata rivers and will be away for five or six weeks.

On the 11th news was received of the death of Debidok Pang, Keppah Lang Wan, of Long Latch on the Apoh river. He was believed to be over sixty years of age and from early in the century worked as a Government chief for over twenty years until he became too old.

On the 4th one Larua-Corporal and three men arrived in Barua on an escort to cash brought up from Miri by Messrs. G. G. Danbury and Messrs. Anney. During certain periods a patrol was on duty in the Panchore concession to prevent possible pernicious measures being taken by owners wishing to sell their holdings against those unwilling to sell. If the deal goes through and all the holdings are purchased it will be very necessary to patrol the area for some considerable time to prevent robbery, as a very large sum of money will be distributed amongst the inhabitants.

The engineer of m.t. Mermaid, Akip bin Haji Fajr, lost both legs badly on the 22nd and was sent to Miri hospital. Part of his clothing caught in the fly-wheel, causing him to lose his balance and fall on the engine.

The District Officer, Limbung, reports that Pongchah Beldah has complained that his servants are refusing to join him in rebuilding his long-house. He has been informed that, if this does occur, his services as Pongchah will no longer be required.

There has been a fair amount of influenza prevalent amongst the local natives in Larua. This has sometimes turned out to be malaria.

M. J. Bullock-Smith crashed into a submerged log between Awat-Awat and Sander, and, though the engine stop in Larua was accomplished, slight repairs to the boat were necessary. There are now being employed by a British Malay who appears to be doing the work very neatly.

Mr. Dunlop, Curator Sarawak Museum, returned on the 15th from his trip in the old Treason, where he had been hunting for rhinoceroses, and left for Limbung on the 16th. He was unfortunate not to find the traces of any rhinoceros at all, since it had been reported to the Officer-in-Charge only a month before that one had recently been seen on the Treason side of the British North Borneo boundary. The Marut Pongchah, Tai Langob, has since reported that this rhinoceros is believed to have been taken by marauding Dayaks from British North Borneo, but no details can be ascertained. It is, of course, an impossible border to control and natives on both sides cross over at will.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford eventually left Larua district on the 11th on transfer to Barua where Mr. Clifford is expecting to open up a new branch of the estate. Mr. Clifford has been manager of the Larua Estate for over thirteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford were very well known in the Fourth Division and their name is a word to conjure with in four territories. They have been replaced at Larua by Mr. and Mrs. Thomson from Tondarong.

