

Field Day at Bandirippuwa Estate

A Field Day organized by the National Milk Board in collaboration with the Coconut Research Institute was held on 4th June 1969 at Bandirippuwa Estate, Lunuwila.

The Field Day was planned with the object of imparting information to dairymen from Colombo, Kurunegala, Kegalle, Chilaw and Puttalam Districts on modern methods of pasture establishment and management, cattle breeding and clean milk production. A full-day programme was drawn up with field demonstrations during the morning session and a series of four talks in the afternoon followed by general discussion and a film show.

The Field Day was well attended with about 250 participants. Lunch and afternoon tea were provided at the C.R.I. Recreation Club by the Milk Board and the C.R.I. respectively.

The following is a résumé of the Field Day Programme :—

MORNING SESSION (Pasture Establishment and Management)

Pasture under Coconut

Introduction to *Brachiaria miliiformis*

Weed Control in pastures

Demonstrations on the use of selective weedicides and methods of application (Block A)

Pasture Utilization (Grazing)

- (a) Continuous grazing
- (b) Rotational grazing (Block A)

Pasture Conservation

- (a) Hay making
- (b) 'Wire hay'

Fodder Harvesting Machinery

Demonstration by M/s. Brown Co. (Block A)

Farmyard Manure

Demonstration on the use of farmyard manure on fodder grasses (Block B).

Visit to Pasture Species Nursery (Block C)

Legumes

Scarification of legume seeds and rhizobial inoculation (Block D).

Pasture establishment

Demonstration on the planting of *miliiformis* and guinea grass.



Pasture Species Nursery



Guinea Grass under Coconut



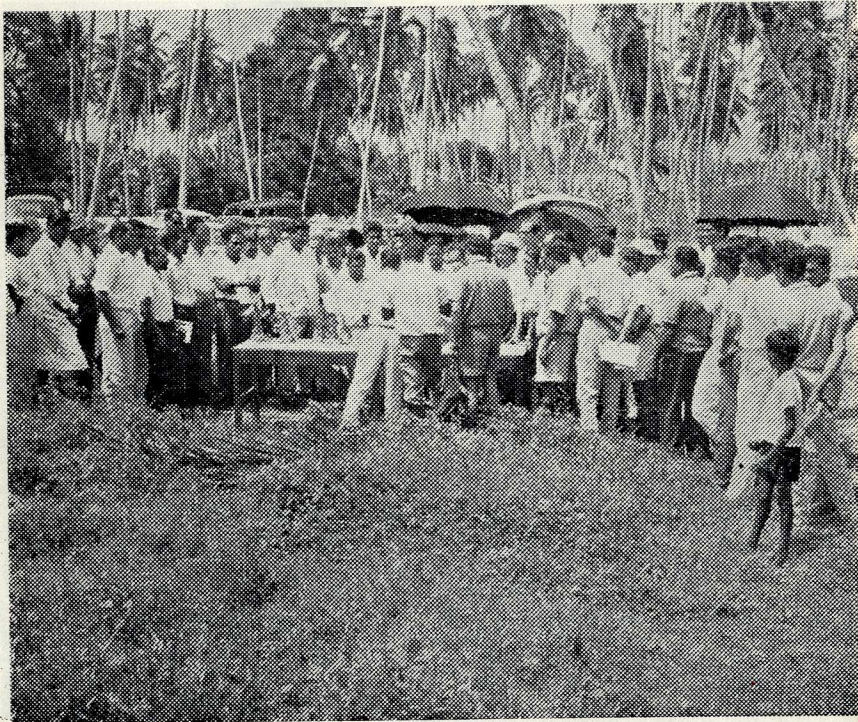
Use of Farmyard Manure on fodder grasses



A demonstration of the Landmaster 150



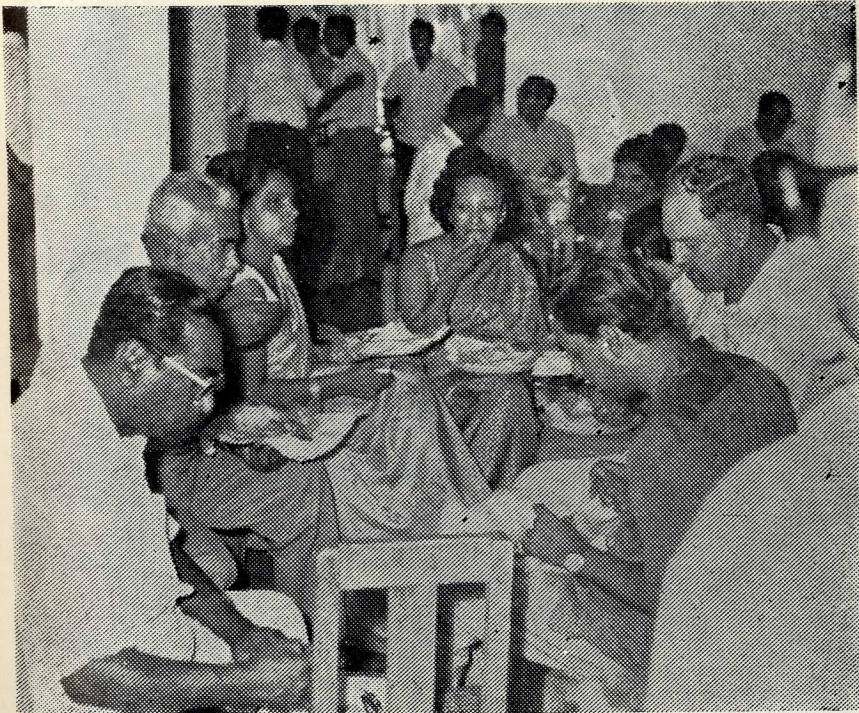
Demonstration of rhizobial inoculation



Demonstration on the planting of miliiformis



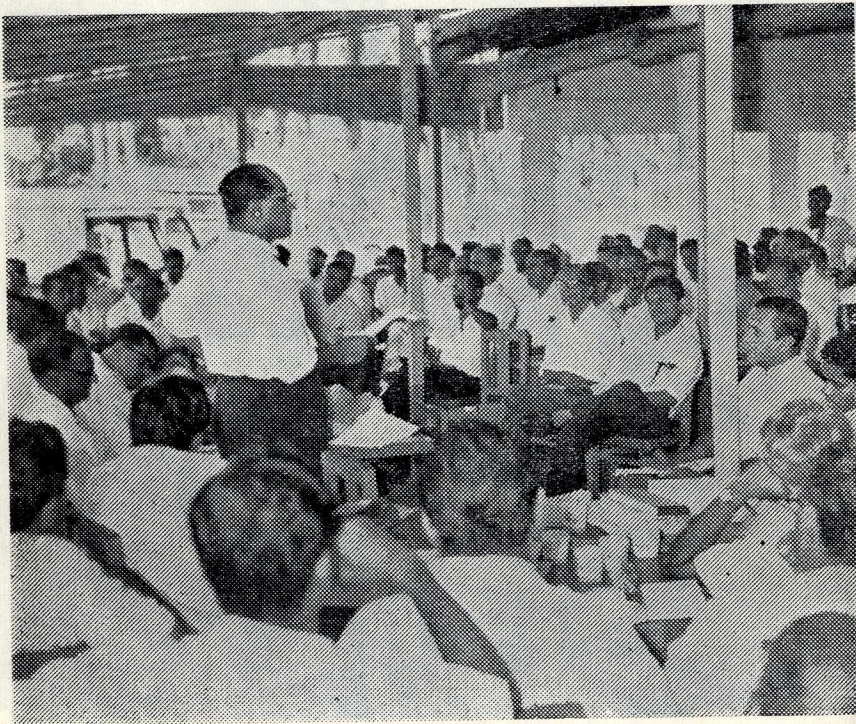
Recess at the end of the Morning Session



Some of the participants at lunch



Dr. Bandaranaike (Chairman) speaking at the Afternoon Session



Mr. S. J. E. Perera addressing the audience

AFTERNOON SESSION (Talks & Film Show)

- (1) "Breeding and Management of Cattle suitable for the Coconut Triangle"—by Mr. S J. E. Perera, Livestock Officer, Dept. of Agriculture.
- (2) "Care and Management of Calves"—by Dr. M. E. Perera, Asst. Director (Animal Production), Dept. of Agriculture.
- (3) "Clean Milk Production"—by Dr. Charles St. George, Research Officer, Milk Board.
- (4) "Artificial Insemination of Cattle"—by Mr. K. Silva, Livestock Officer, Dept. of Agriculture.
- (5) General discussion on the talks and the problem of increasing milk production in the Coconut Triangle.
- (6) Film Show.

ASIAN COCONUT COMMUNITY

"I think the establishment of the ACC will be a landmark in the excellent work that ECAFE has done.

Fortunately we are still not forced with any crisis in the coconut industry and there is still time for the producing countries to think, plan and execute programmes which will help us to avoid the depressions and crises that have overtaken some of our other commodities.

We are still selling the raw material of the coconut industry like copra and coconut oil to the buyers who process it for themselves. This we must correct. Here research can do a great deal. The by products of the coconut can be and has been put to various uses. Their commercial development for modern needs require a great deal of research.

How and when this kind of research is to be organised is one of the principal functions of the ACC.

May our deliberations in the field of coconut extend to other fields of economic endeavour and lead to greater economic co-operation between our countries and hasten the day of the establishment of an Asian Common Market."

Mr. HUGH FERNANDO
Hon. Minister of Trade & Commerce, Ceylon.