

Gurutalawa 'dream' comes true

GIFT SWIMMING POOL OPENED

BANDARAWELA, Sunday

THE swimming pool gifted to St. Thomas' College, Gurutalawa by Dr. R. L. Hayman, Headmaster of the College, and Mrs. Hayman, was declared open by Dr. R. L. Hayman himself in the absence of Canon MacLeod Campbell, who was unavoidably prevented from being present on the occasion.

Speaking at the opening ceremony Dr. Hayman said: "It was my earnest desire to see that my boys at the Gurutalawa branch also derive the same pleasure from swimming as that of their counterparts in Mount Lavinia. However the dream of a 'bath' for the Thomians here look quite a long time and I wish to remind you that I spared no pains to give my boys the bath, which is an extra attraction to extra-mural work besides their lessons".

Touching on the history of swimming at St. Thomas' College Dr. Hayman said that over 19 years ago the swimming pool at St. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia, was opened by Bishop Carpenter-Gardner. Since that time swimming had been one of the most popular activities in the College, and many

fine swimmers had been trained within its walls.

VARIOUS DELAYS

Work on the bath at Gurutalawa was begun in 1948 but encountered various delays, which had a depressing effect on the boys, as was shown by the answer given by one of them in a general knowledge paper. Asked, 'How long the bath will be,' instead of replying 25 metres, he wrote: "About 25 years".

Describing the main features of the bath and the filter, Dr. Hayman said the bath was 25 metres long (about 82 feet), and 32 feet wide. On the shallow end its depth is 4½ feet and in the deep end 8½ of water.

FILTRATION PLANT

The filtration plant circulates the water once in every 8 hours and is kept running for 12 hours each day. The water is tested at least thrice a day. The bath is cleared generally by the boys using a suction sweeper, which acts rather like a vacuum cleaner. This removes any loose deposits from the bottom.

Concluding Dr. Hayman said that many of the Colombo friends of the College had watched the progress of the bath with keen interest, and were present on the occasion. It had been a matter of considerable encouragement to receive the support of the other Aquatic Club, the Colombo Swimming Club, the Hill School, Nuwara Eliya, St. Thomas' College, Colombo in making this formal opening a success. He thanked all who were present in spite of the inclement weather.

AQUATIC MEET

Later there were swimming and diving acts and competitions. The highlights of the day were the diving events by Glinige and Allen Smith and the water polo match. The certificates to the winners of aquatic events were presented by Mrs. Scott.

The results of the Aquatic Meet are as follows:—

Under 14 Boys Breast Stroke—50 Metres: 1. D. J. Tempelman—Kluit—48.8 secs.

Men's Free Style 50 Metres: 1. Blaize—30 secs.

Boys Under 12 Breast Stroke—25 Metres: 1. C. Van Willigenburg—21.9 secs.

Boys Under 16: Free Style—50 Metres: 1. P. L. Schokman—38.6 secs.

Boys Under 14: Breast Stroke—50 Metres: 1. C. Van Willigenburg—49.8 secs.

Senior Boys Breast Stroke: 100 Metres: 1. K. S. Anandan—1 min. 33 secs.

Men's Breast Stroke: 50 Metres: 1. J. V. Arndt 37.8 secs.

Under 16 Boys Breast Stroke—50 Metres: 1. R. J. P. Kandiah and J. A. Chellappa dead-heat—50 secs.

Boys' Free Style—50 Metres: 1. C. Cowan—42 secs.

Senior Boys Free Style—100 Metres: 1. P. Rangecroft—72.2 secs.

Men's Breast Stroke—50 Metres: 1. R. C. Parker—39.4 secs.

Boys Under 16—Breast Stroke—50 Metres: 1. P. L. Shockman—45.6 secs.

Senior Boys Breast Stroke: 100 Metres: 1. R. C. Parker—63.4 secs. (A record).

Boys Under 14: Free Style—50 Metres: 1. R. Van der Straaten—38 secs.

Men's Free Style Relay—4 x 25 Metres: Up-country team.

Boys' Diving: A. C. Glinige, A. J. Robb, D. D. Wiekramanayaka.

Senior Boys' Free Style Relay: 1. St. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia; 2. St. Thomas' College, Gurusaiawa—2.28 secs.

Men's Medley Relay: 4 x 25 Metres: 1. Up-country—1 min. 11.4 secs.

Under 16 Medley Relay—4 x 50 Metres: 1. St. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia—3 mins. 22.2 secs.

Under 14 Boys Free Style Relay—4 x 25 Metres: 1. Hill School, Nuwara Eliya—1 min. 15.6 secs.

Senior Boys Medley Relay: 4 x 50 Metres: 1. St. Thomas' College, Colombo—2 mins. 41.9 secs.

Under 16 Boys Free Style Relay: 4 x 50 Metres: 1. St. Thomas' College, Colombo—2 mins. 36 secs.

Water Polo: Best beat Colombo Swimming Club—4—2.