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GEORGE L. PEET

George L. Peet was born in England in 1902 the grandson and son of Wesleyan ministers. At age twenty journalism had seemed the only accessible profession to the young Peet:

"During the Great War, I went to a public school run by the church for its ministers' sons, all as poor as church mice. You had to pay a premium to put your son into an accountant's or lawyer's office then. My parents couldn't afford that. Besides, my father moved around the circuit and had no contacts with businessmen who could help me with a job. Since I was fairly good in English at school, the only profession I could take up was newspaper work, and I joined the Essex County Standard after the war. There was only the chief reporter and myself."

He made the decision, fresh from his Colchester bedsitter, to further his career as a journalist after seeing an advertisement in a London newspaper, by working in one of the outposts of the British Empire, Singapore.

George Peet was not quite twenty-one when he first arrived from England to join The Straits Times as a junior reporter in 1923 (coincidentally, the year future Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew was born) and, apart from his internment by the Japanese, was with the paper till 1951. Some of the best years of his life were to be lived in Singapore and in old Federated Malay States (he being the first staff representative of The Straits Times in Kuala Lumpur, then the capital of the Federation). Singapore was a parochial place then governed by a hierarchical colonial community. People still spoke of it as "the Settlement" - the old Straits Settlement term. The Causeway was only just rising above the water in the Johore Straits. Very few Europeans ever went upcountry, except on business. British interests were commerce, local sports and gossip, and local affairs as run by the Colonial Government and the Singapore Municipality. He recalled his early days in old Singapore in Rickshaw Reporter when, as a cub reporter, he covered the crime beat, the courts, the municipal council and the waterfront - the whole hectic lot. For this, he was paid the then princely salary of $312 a month, including a rickshaw allowance of $12. The rickshaw was the mode of transport for a young reporter who couldn't afford a motorcycle, much less a motor car, and who was advised not to cycle to his office in those colonial days because only Indian printers and Chinese clerks did so. Thus, he commuted to and from work by rickshaw, as did scores of other young Europeans, and his daily rounds were also on rickshaw, pulled by a young Hengwah or Hockchew coolie clad only in dungaree shorts, running barefoot along the hot macadam of Orchard Road. He sent all his copy to his Cecil Street office via a Tamil messenger on a bicycle. These first years with The Straits Times were to be the start of a distinguished, colourful career in Singapore and Malaysian Journalism spanning nearly five decades of the history of both countries.

When George Peet joined The Straits Times, there was one editor, two sub-editors and one reporter, all of British descent. There were no women. In the days of 'old journalism' The Straits Times was an afternoon paper comprising 12 to 16
pages, 5,000 copies per issue - with a front page packed with advertisements and commercial news, a news page, another of local news (on sports and the courts), a social and personal corner, and regional and local columns. It was a British-controlled colonial paper and the governor's guest list made it to the leader page (where it was followed with keen interest). Peet's account of an office wedding in *Rickshaw Reporter* when, "away from our desks and our separate departments, we all seemed to be one office family that night," was to be one of his happiest memories of those early years with *The Straits Times*. It recalled a human relationship between the European and Asian staff that ceased to exist as a new social and racial status was imposed in the workplace by the colonial community in later years. In those first years with *The Straits Times* he often felt "badly overworked and overstrained". But it was a good beginner's course and with the precision of first-hand observation and his journalist's clarity of writing style, George Peet began to capture the character, sights and flavours of the old Singapore of the 1920s just before everything changed - cars were slowly beginning to edge horses off the roads; there was no airport, though pioneer flights had landed at the old race-course; housing was Dickensian and modern sewerage was only gradually being introduced; there were a few shabby taxis running around town and no modern buses; and social lines were rigidly and relentlessly being drawn tighter by colonial convention. For many Europeans in Singapore at this time life was dull, with a lot of boredom and emptiness in it while most Asians were near beasts of burden carrying sacks of goods and pulling rickshaws. Conscious of the injustice of poverty and discrimination, it was neither a place nor time for the young journalist to idealise.

In 1929, Peet was sent to Kuala Lumpur as the first Malayan based correspondent of *The Straits Times*. From a "hot and noisy office in Java Street" he began to write a weekly feature column in elegant prose on Malayan events and personalities entitled 'A Journal in a Federal Capital'. Thirty-three of the best articles written by him for his weekend readers between April 1931 and November 1933 were recently reprinted and published as a book with the title *A Journal in the Federal Capital*, some fifty years after the last one was typewritten in Kuala Lumpur. The opportunity to move to Kuala Lumpur from Singapore had been like a breath of scented air coming on the breeze of the Malayan foreshore to George Peet. By 1931, Singapore had "already grown too big to be comfortable". On the other hand, Kuala Lumpur was the cosmopolitan urban heart of a burgeoning colony and country whose economy rested on tin and rubber production. As the Great Depression began Kuala Lumpur convulsed, and became the cockpit for bitter debates over the commercial future of the tin and rubber industries. For a dedicated, enterprising journalist like Peet concerned with the paradoxical problems posed by economic change and modernisation, there was the opportunity to report directly on the European presence in this period of transition, as well as to get out and about to various points around the peninsula to describe the landscape, culture and traditions of rural Malays and Chinese to his myriad readers and the outside world.
Having served as *The Straits Times* first representative in Kuala Lumpur (and Malaya) for some years he was recalled in 1934 to the Singapore head office as assistant editor to the great S.W. Seabridge. When war broke out in December 1941 and Seabridge evacuated (to return only briefly, after the liberation) George Peet took over the editorship and with the help of Henry Keys (who joined as assistant editor), set about revamping and revitalising the paper. When Singapore fell to the advancing Japanese forces Peet was one of the first men they hunted. He went into hiding but was soon captured. During the Japanese occupation, he was interned in the Changi and Siam Road camps. He grew a beard as a disguise and throughout the forty-four months of Japanese occupation, he tried to keep both his beard, and his identity intact. He failed with respect to the latter, as the Japanese found out - halfway through - but he was never interrogated. Within a week of the British forces return, Peet was out of Changi internment, and with Henry Miller, Eric Jennings and others, produced the first post-war edition of *The Straits Times* on September 7, 1945 (there are copies of this special edition in the collection): "In the year before the war’s end, our office had become disused, but we set up type for a tabloid sheet, and carried the heavy metal frames 100 yards down Cecil Street to a small Indian printing shop."

With the war’s end nothing was to be the same again. The old Singapore of Raffles was thrust into a new era, an age of strident anti-colonial nationalism, and for George Peet, as Editor-in-Chief of *The Straits Times*, from 1947-1952, into a turmoil of conflicting interests. Walking the political highwire in the face of growing anti-colonial sentiment during his post-war years as Editor-in-Chief became an almost impossible balancing act. He was a man with a sensitive social conscience and realized that *The Straits Times* could no longer be an unabashedly British-controlled colonial mouthpiece. Rather than fall off the wire, he prematurely resigned in 1951, and migrated to Perth, where he worked as a sub-editor on *The West Australian* for sixteen years "to keep the wolf from the door". However, there was also another major reason for his resignation which was far more personal. He left in 1951 to settle in Western Australia when his wife and he decided that the time had come to make a break and stay with their children in Perth. His children were in boarding school there. It was time to make a home for them and see something of them before they grew up. In 1957, George Peet returned to Malaya to write a daily column for *The Straits Times* which had been so much part of his life for 28 years. His name was still one of the best known in Southeast Asian journalism. He had the "great good fortune" to be back at the invitation of his former newspaper to have a look at the changes that had taken place in Singapore and the Federation since he left. Just to come back as a tourist would have been exciting enough, but to work with his old colleagues in Cecil Street again, watching them handle news and politics and problems of a rapidly changing country on the eve of Independence - that was a rare inside view that was given to few expatriates who were lucky enough to see Malaya again. It was in the twin identities of 'Anak Singapura' and 'Cecil Street' that he returned to Malayan journalism. The first of his columns appeared in *The Straits Times* on 7 March 1957 - the first words were: "I am seeing Singapore anew, and it is a wonderfully moving and stimulating experience ...."
He was to go back several more times over the next three decades always marvelling at the hustle and bustle of present day Singapore with its multi-storeyed hotels, soaring harbour freeway and sprawling shopping arcades. People on the whole seemed happier in spite of the strain of rushing around and the noise. As "the most antique tourist in Singapore" strolled down Orchard Road comparisons with what he saw in the 1920s rambled around his mind - very little of what was called coolie labour was left; there were hardly any sampans in view from the Asia Building or at the wharves. Earth-moving equipment had taken the place of the Samsui women - the Chinese labourers with red headdress. Finally, his typewriter, chit and rickshaw had been done away with, replaced by electronic key cards and a plethora of wires, terminals and microchips sending millions of words and ideas into print every day for The Straits Times.

Of all of his trips back George Peet never before experienced such a heavenly sense of relaxation and peace as he felt when he found himself once again in Penang on the seafront of the Eastern and Oriental Hotel after staying in the Singapore and Kuala Lumpur of 1977. It was the scented air, a blend of the sea and the lush tropical foliage and the humid atmosphere, flowing through the Eastern and Oriental, that put the old-timer at ease. There in a quiet moment gazing out at the sea, a 'Malayan exile', coming from the dry heat of the Western Australia summer, found tranquility in the heart of nature and continuity with the past.

George Peet was coming on 84 when he died in 1985 but his mind was as vigorous as ever. Since his retirement, he had written two books, A Journal in the Federal Capital and Rickshaw Reporter and he planned to write another. Between 1934, when he became assistant editor of The Straits Times, and 1951, when he migrated to Western Australia, George Peet wrote many memorable articles on Malayan affairs. He also made his mark as a columnist, the most widely read in the country. For many years, before and after the war, his 'Notes of the Day' which he wrote using the nom-de-plume 'Anak Singapura' and his later column, 'On the Margin' conducted under another pen-name 'Cecil Street' commanded a tremendous following. His editorials for The Straits Times were equally widely read. George Peet wrote with a deep knowledge of Malaya and her peoples, and with a keen interest in all things Malayan from the racket-tailed drongo to the matriarchal customs of Negri Sembilan. His first hand observations and his journalist's memories of the period between the wars - the last years of the old colony of the Straits Settlement - combined an immediacy of observation with insight wrung from a reflective mind in the years after his migration to Perth in 1952.
THE PEET COLLECTION

George Peet requested that his children or grandchildren preserve his library and personal papers carefully. This important collection has been donated to Murdoch University by Professor Peter Boyce, George Peet's son-in-law, and the Vice-Chancellor of Murdoch. The collection is divided in two parts. Firstly some two hundred books treating the society and history of Singapore and the Malay peninsula. George Peet gradually built his library on local history in Singapore, Malaya and Borneo during the years he worked his way up the ranks, from being the paper’s first representative in Kuala Lumpur, to assistant editor, then editor in Singapore after the war in the East. During the Japanese occupation his books were confiscated, many bearing a red-ink chop on the title page as testimony to this act. The translation of the red seal used by the Japanese on most of the older books is 'Shonan Toshokan', or 'Singapore Library'. Ironically, it was this relic of the occupation that enabled him first to locate and then identify and reclaim his books, which were in the Raffles Library, within weeks of the end of the war.

The oldest book in the collection is William Marsden's, *The History of Sumatra*, bound in cloth and boards in 1784. One of the most interesting volumes from a collector's standpoint, and undoubtedly the reason George Peet purchased it, is Sir Henry Keppel's, *A Visit to the Indian Archipelago in H.M. Ship Meander*, which was autographed by the author in 1897 when he was First Lord of the Admiralty, at the age 88, just seven years before his death. Equally rare is a copy of T.J. Newbold's *Political and Statistical Account of the British Settlements in the Straits of Malacca*, published in 1839. Many of the other books in the collection, especially those dealing with Borneo's natural history, also have the added value of being first editions, published in the period between the 1840s and the 1930s. The penned memoirs and travelogues of Bock, Forbes, Shelford, Hose and Hickson depict Borneo as a region of marvels, myths and mysteries with a bird that symbolised terrestrial paradise and a mysterious poisonous tree that signified the possible existence of an earthly hell. As tropical Borneo assumed an identity of its own in the West, the struggle for popular memory among these authors was high. By the end of the nineteenth century, for ease of contemporary reappropriation, the concept of the 'tropics' reconfirmed earlier popular impressions of Borneo as the climactic antipodes of temperate regions, with a 'romantic' imagery as well as dangerous environments and incidents, replete with sacral-historical landscapes that had witnessed some of the greatest natural splendour and moral catastrophe in history. Significantly, there are also quite a number of recent publications covering the post-war period up to the first decade of independence for Singapore in 1975; there are biographies of Lee Kuan Yew, Tungku Abdul Rahman, and David Marshall, personal accounts addressing the dilemmas of a plural society from a Chinese and a Malay point of view by Tan Cheng Lock and Mahathir bin Mohammed, while problems of the Emergency and trade unionism are covered in
nearly a dozen volumes, including an appraisal of Malaya's political and economic future by George Peet.

There is also a discontinuous run of *The Straits Times Annual* from 1937 to 1983. This popular periodical, which would gradually change its format over the years, contains useful learned information for the general reader and the researcher on a wide variety of subjects pertaining to the interpretation of culture and history in Malaya and Singapore, as well as some superb sepia-toned photographs that provide invaluable social commentary as 'word pictures' on the pre-war years. The following sample of articles from each year is not a comprehensive index to the series, and readers are encouraged to make further reference to various issues to locate points of particular interest to them.

The second part of the collection comprises twenty-nine files, some correspondence, ten octavo size volumes of news cuttings and a scrapbook covering Peet's journalistic career from the 1930s through to his last trip to Singapore in 1985 for the book launching of *Rickshaw Reporter* at the Raffles Hotel. For anyone interested in the local history of Malaya and Singapore and the shaping of their respective societies today, these huge volumes will be a mine of information. The information contained within them is also invaluable for charting George Peet's career as a young British journalist first arriving to work for *The Straits Times* in 1923. Cuttings of all Peet's writings are included together with his leaders as editor after the war from 1947-1952, and his columns - 'Notes of the Day', 'A Journal in a Federal Capital', and 'Singapore Diary' which was written by him up to November 1951.

A particularly important part of the volume series are two personal memoirs collected by Peet. One is entitled 'Memories of a Malayan Civil Servant' by R. J. Farrer, C.M.G., which was serialised in *The Straits Budget* in thirty-eight instalments. The other is a chronicle of Malayan rural life entitled *The Countryman's Journal* which was written by James Alfonse Le Doux, a retired planter and close personal friend of George Peet, who first went to Kota Tinggi in 1906. He carved a name for himself in Malayan journalism with his writings from his famous Dusun plantation, at the third mile, Mawai Road. Writing as 'Tuan Djek' - a name he adopted to distinguish himself from his brother - the white-haired bespectacled Englishman made a host of unknown friends through his *Countryman's Journal* which first appeared in *The Straits Times* in 1947 and continued up to 1961. For his journal, which attempted to bridge the serene countryside and the hectic townlife, he drew on his rich experience in the earlier days when he was pushing back the jungle frontier, observing traditional Asian customs, and studying wildlife.
The importance of these volumes for the history of the Singapore of the future was stressed by George Peet in a School of Journalism class at the National University of Singapore in 1985: "All that is happening around you is social history. Keep a personal journal and press cuttings and one day you, too, will write a book like mine!"

The following index to the library of books, files and correspondence is meant to provide a useful introduction. The content analysis is not comprehensive, and further reference on particular points of detail not appearing in this Guide should be searched for in the volumes.
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PART II: FILES

FILE I - Xerox articles by G.L. Peet

1. A bride in Penang in the sixties
2. The funeral of a Malay Sultan
3. Anglo-Malayan reflections and premonitions
4. Singapore in crisis
5. Malaya in the Second Great War

FILE II - Carbon typescripts of articles about Malayan rural life by Jaques Alfonse Le Doux, 'Tuan Djek'

1. Daun payong
2. Life in South Africa after leaving the Cape Mounted Police: 1905-1906
3. The first dukus
4. The wild pig's nest
5. Burong kambing
6. Antlers on an estate
7. The duku crop
8. Giant albizzias
9. The white sendudok
10. A celebrated Dusun
11. An owl baby
12. A Tiong family
13. Bears on estates
14. An old buck kra
15. The chichak
16. A shy songster
17. Semput api
18. Quincunx
19. A good rat cat
20. The Malay naturalist
21. Otters in the stream
22. The courteous bamboo
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23. Blue flash in the sun
24. Tuba in the stream
25. The forest pheasant
26. Sago in the kampong
27. Tales of creepy things
28. Murder on the Sungai Tembiyo
29. The Kabu-Kabu
30. Squirrel pests
31. Suburban sunbird
32. Old river steamers
33. The last Gambier
34. Dusun durians
35. After wild figs
36. Monument of murder
37. Mothercraft
38. Wild pork
39. Bird visitors
40. The Estate Jaga
41. By the wayside
42. Home-grown bananas
43. Guns in the old days
44. Nature study in the Dusun
45. Golden papayas
46. Happy events
47. Tiup tiup
48. The pensioner's home
49. Flowers in the rubber
50. Tiger yarns
51. Eleven acres idle
52. A neighbour's bananas
53. A curious visitor
54. Planters on horseback
FILE III-A - Xerox newspaper articles from the 1930's from *The Straits Times* and George Peet's column 'A Journal in a Federal Capital'

Topics covered include:

European planters; Malayan Civil Service; bootlegging; tin dredges; palm oil; extracts from 'A Journal in a Federal Capital'; Sakai; engine drivers; tiger stories; rubber production; indentured labour; coffee and rice production.

FILE III-B - Xerox newspaper articles from the 1930's and *The Straits Times* and 'A Journal in a Federal Capital'

Topics covered include:

Kampong life; back to the land movement; squatters; wages on rubber estates; women tin workers; Sultan Idris Training College; Tamils on the land; Kuala Lumpur in 1875.

FILE IV - Originals of *The Straits Times* pre-surrender/post-liberation issues (September 1945)

Japanese in Malaysia surrender; events leading to the War; importance to Singapore of Russian situation; surrender signed (Daily Telegraph).

FILE V - Kuala Lumpur Kaleidescope

Newscopy for the K.L. Kaleidescope and xerox of miscellaneous articles on Malaya and Singapore in the 1930s.

FILE VI - News-cuttings, *The Straits Times*, 1950s

Topics covered include:

Singaporeana; typescript on wildlife in K.T. Dusun; social change in the P.W.D.; Use of Esq.; no tipping in Australia; Chinese don't say "Boy"; trishaws in Penang; the name "Kling"; Penang Eurasian quarters; nutrition in the Kampong; Seremban nostalgic visit; fragmentation of estates; highway impressions; letter to Mr Peet on the Malayan Road Code (1957); photo of racket-tailed drongo, Bukit Timah, and letter (1957); letter from Jerome Willis to Peet, April 15, 1957; letter from Ken Fernandez to Peet, April 26, 1957.
FILE VII - Post-war Singapore correspondence

Letters from R.H. Oakeley, 7 March 1957 (trade unions); Wilfred Blythe, 8 March 1957 (trade unions); G. Hawkins, 16 April 1957 (Asians in the S.S. Civil Service); Hoppy, 20 April 1957 (Proudlock Case); Dr Wu Lien-Teh, 10 July 1957 (Asian in the S.S. Civil Service); Bryson, 14/2/68 (MCS); E.L.S. Jennings, 17 February 1968 (Sir Hugh Low's rubber trees; the last ADO in Kuala Kangsar); Dr Wu Lien Teh, 31 May 1957 (a personal note); J. Brazier, 1 May 1957 (trade unions); Tan Cheng-Lock, 25 March 1957 (a personal note); Richard Sidney, 6 April 1957 (a personal note); Bill Webb Jones, 12 March 1957 (tracing the Ager family); K.E. Hilborne, 20 March 1957 (tracing a letter linked to the Old Europe Hotel); Kho Cheang Kee, 19 March 1957(?) (a personal note); Ismail bin Mohd Sharif, 18 March 1957 (Malay custom, wife in front); A. Sachithananihan, 14 March 1957 (the term 'dresser' in hospitals); Yan Kee Leong, 15 March 1957 (worked for Maynards in the 1920s); F. Ziegele, 23 March 1957 (trip to Kota Tinggi; newly completed causeway); Siew Kit, 22 March 1957 (bird-watching, suburbia); Haji A. Mubin Sheppard, 6 March 1961 (extract of a recruiting tour from the Official Diary of the Assistant Adviser of Kemaman in 1937); typescript of a talk delivered in Singapore to the Rotary Club, 1957; news cutting from the Sydney Sun, 12 February 1942 (last story out of burning Singapore); new lease of life for a 'hero ship' (the 'double tenth' raid of 10/11/1943).

FILE VIII - News cuttings - Post-war Singapore/Malaysia, 1957-1961 (primarily from The Straits Times)

Topics covered include:

Borneo; PAP and the communists; Lee Kwan Yew and communist ideology; Tunku Abdul Rahman; Singapore's Chinese Schools; the MacMillan Pledge and Singapore; economic uplift of Malays, rural poverty; landlordism in rice industry; Singapore citizenship; Merdeka for Malaysia; the emergency and new villages; Malaya, the making of a nation; arrests: PAP 'Big Five' detained; series of typed notes on comparisons between Perth and Singapore in the 1950s; the anti-communist war in Malaya; Lim Yew Hock, new Chief Minister; Dato Onn; Chinese high schools; the Malay Privileges and the Reid Report; Great Wall of Singapore; Marsden Papers; political graft in Singapore; Federation Housing Trust, Kuala Lumpur.

FILE IX - News cuttings and news letters 1958-1974

Removal of mace; torture in Singapore, amnesty; Malayanisation sequel; Dr Benham's prophecy about Singapore's population growth, a threat; Poh Soo Kai, detention; torture in Malaya; Malaya hard pressed on social front; Chua Kee Seng, detention.
FILE X - News cuttings, 1961-1973

Topics covered include:

Tan Siew Sin, son of Tan Cheng Lock, Chinese in Southeast Asia; Tan Cheng Lock on Malaya; Jurong's Chinese Garden; Devan Nair and the new elite; Review of Stenson's *Industrial Conflict in Malaya*; fire destroys Singapore landmark, Robinson's Department Store; Lee Kwan Yew on links between PAP Government and trade unions; Lee Kwan Yew on bi-lingualism; Lee Eu Seng, detention; Maria Hertog riots.

FILE XI - News cuttings and bi-lingual pamphlets on social welfare and family planning: A Dream That Can Come True (2 copies)

Booklet about family planning clinics, written in Chinese and English; family planning in Singapore, a pamphlet; Tengku Abdul Rahman, ban Muslim women from politics; insurgents surrender and marry; Councillor speaks on women's rights.

FILE XII - Books and transcripts on torture world-wide

Amnesty International Year of Torture; *Torture and Persecution: the scripts of seven 'World in Action' programmes* (Northern Ireland, Turkey, South Vietnam, Brazil, Russia, Spain, Czechoslovakia); Transcript of *Symposium on Torture in Today's World* presented by Amnesty International with the University of Western Australia Extension Service, September 1973 (Speakers: Downie, Harding, Raser and German).

FILE XIII - Notes on Singapore between the Wars, and Singapore in 1985

Personal card from Martin Gray; exercise book - miscellaneous jottings; typescript of Ghosts of Cecil Street from *The Straits Times Annual; Straits Times Century of Progress Supplement* (1953); notes towards a book on Singapore 'Between the Wars'; reviews of George Peet's *Rickshaw Reporter*; greetings postcards of the Raffles Hotel.
FILES XIV - Correspondence and news cuttings on Singapore and Malaysia, 1985

Letters from Robin Yiu, 13/3/74; Dr Durai Raja Singam, 14/3/85; Francis Tan, 9/4/85; notes on oldtimers in Orchard Road; Goh Eck Kheng, 12/3/85; Goh Eck Kheng, 31/11/85; Liana Tan, 23/3/85; Anton, 25/3/85; David Kho, 10/7/85; news cuttings on Singapore 1985 (fast food scene; City Hall; pre-war houses; guided tour of Tiong Bahru); Portuguese Johor; Malaya's mushrooms and the Japanese Occupation; Singapore, traveller's paradise or tourist's nightmare; Raffle's city reaches the top; notes on Singapore in the 1920s - torture; notes towards a book on Singapore between the wars.

FILES XV - Miscellaneous magazines and periodicals with articles on Singapore


FILE XVI - Xerox articles on women in colonial Malaya and an unpublished manuscript on pre-war Singapore by G.L. Peet

'A woman looks at Singapore' (on life before the war) Straits Times Annual 1937; articles on women in colonial society - 'Then and Now' (The Nonya) Straits Times Annual, 1957; 'A woman looks at Singapore', Straits Times Annual, 1937; 'A bride in Penang in the sixties', Straits Times Annual, 1938; boy meets girl (Straits Chinese youth and its elders), Straits Times Annual, 1938.

Typed manuscript This was my Singapore, old and new between the wars.

FILE XVII - Articles about George Peet's visits to Singapore and Penang (1980, 1982), his articles for The Straits Times Annual, and his 'Singaporeana' column

Singapore:

'When only bosses travelled our streets in cars'; 'An old timer on the five-foot-way'; 'The Raffles - in the days of 'tea dances'; 'A touch down at Farrer Park'; 'Travelling through time along the road to Woodlands'; 'A stroll down Orchard Road'.

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Penang:

'An old-timer returns to the scented air'; 'Ang Pow for blossoms on a cool, green hill'; 'The soul of Penang'; also, The Straits Times Liberation Day Issue, 13 September 1945; 'A ramble with Tuan Djek' (1947); 'The Place of Skulls' (1977).

Xerox articles from The Straits Times Annual 1951-1970 by George Peet: 'An old Penang Album' (1951); 'Tuan Djek and his Dusun' (1954); 'On the Bridge at Kota Tinggi' (1955); 'Return to Malaya' (1958); 'When We Were Young' (1960); 'The Federal Capital' (1961); 'On the Malayan Highway' (1962); 'Trengganu Travel' (1963); 'Conrad's Singapore' (1970).

A large card of an Old English Cottage (Benjamin Williams Leader, 1831-1923).

File of George Peet's 'Singaporeana' column for The Straits Times, 1948-1951: some of the myriad subjects covered include Tanjong Pagar; the tukang ayer; The Briggs Plan; Sultan Ibrahim; Gan Eng Seng; Telok Ayer; Dr D'Almeida; the old firms; Church Street; Tan Seng Poh; on Boat Quay; Chulia Company; Somerset Maughan; Temple House; Borneo Bilian; Katong Battery; the Jeddah; Lim Boon Keng; the Chettiar; the Boyanese; and martial law.

Occasional pieces - 'A Crocodile Shoot' (1931); 'A Malay Country Market' (1933?); 'The Clerk's Holidays' (1933); 'A Conversation with Goh Ah Gnee' (1933); 'Sabak is a Dull Town' (1951).

FILE XVIII


FILE XIX - Envelope of news cuttings and handwritten notes of impressions of Singapore and Penang in 1981, and correspondence


Two small notebooks - notes in shorthand on return visits to Singapore and Malaysia from 1957 onwards.
Letters from Donald Moore, 9/9/53 (Tuan Djek stories); E. Jennings, 19/12/53 (Tuan Djek); Mhd. Nor Fin Haskim, 30/5/57 (Malay mining engineer).

H. Paul, 6/11/79 (Javanese dishes at the Dusun); a well-wisher to George Peet, 26/3/77.

Malayan tour 1976 - Recollections (Sentosa tour, Botanic Gardens, Ulu Tiram, Historical Stroll in Penang, Collyer Quay, Malacca Street, Market Street, Chulia Street).


Notebook of news cuttings - Conrad in East Borneo, and Singapore in the 1970s (Jurong; Hitachi; Community Centres in Singapore; Flats for Ang Mo Kio, New dimensions in urban renewal).

Singapore and upcountry tour 1977 (photo of Khor Chiang Kee and George Peet; Chinese New Year trip; Harbour and Sentosa; Jurong and Bird Park; Penang, Nature in street names; Upcountry, 1977).

FILE XX - Looseleaf notebook

Typescript 'On the Bridge at Kota Tinggi'; autographed offprint of 'The Indonesian Trading Boats reaching Singapore' by C.A. Gibson Hill; outline of a planned book 'Reporting Memories'.

FILE XXI - Tuan Djek, *The Countryman's Journal*

Tuan Djek, 'The Countryman's Journal', 1948 (cuttings); topics include the first bullock cart; The Malay Apple Tree; From Dusun to Estate; Javanese Tappers in Johore; rural femininity again; The Jeep; Evening in the Curfew; and Sunday in the country.

FILE XXII - Tuan Djek, *The Countryman's Journal*

Tuan Djek, 'A Malayan Countryman's Diary', 1947-May 1948 (cuttings); topics include Off the beaten track in Johore; Bear visitors on estates; The Malay as naturalist; Snakes, scorpions and centipedes; Durian starts to fall; The wayside Kedai; When rubber was new in Kota Tinggi; Ulu obat; The old river steamers, and others. (Typescripts of most of these cuttings are also found in File II.)
FILE XXIII - Newspaper Cuttings of George Peet's Leaders 1950-1951

Topics covered include:

Traffic problems; The Barnes Report; Typhoid and Towgay; Mr Lee and Dato Onn; Allowances for T.B.; Pioneering in Trengganu; Chinatown Flats; A walk down Shenton Way; Blachan and Choy Sum; Barnes and Clementi; Roadhog week; Swettenham's future; Rural babies; and other articles on social, political and economic issues of importance both locally and at the international level.

Miscellaneous correspondence: Anonymous letter to Mr Cecil Street, 12/6/50; P.R. Stanislaus, 25/11/1951; Goh Tong Liang, 26/11/51; V.R. Balaksiskna, 26/11/51; S. Jones, 13/3/53; Tuan Djek, 13/12/55; Letters to Mrs Peet: Chen Pak Ling, 1/7/66; Betty Ann Dukstra, 18/5/73.

Miscellaneous photographs: The old racecourse (now Farrer Park); Mr and Mrs Dare with early automobiles; Tuan Djek, 1959; vegetation through which the Dusun stream flows on Tuan Djek's estate; four unlabelled photographs of a loris or sloth, mousedeer, spider, and a young girl, probably taken at the Dusun; interior of pre-war planter's house, sitting hall; Ketjak 'monkey' dance of Java; a Bajau of Kota Belud, North Borneo.

FILE XXIV


FILE XXV - Notebooks

Notebooks: Ten exercise books with jottings about a proposed book on Singapore in the inter-war years.

(1) For Memoirs; (2) 1923-1929, The Straits Times and the European Community; (3) Singapore, 1923-1929, and the Colonials; (4) Kuala Lumpur, 1930-1934, and recently (1970s); (5) Singapore, 1934-1939; (6) Malayan Campaign-Singapore, 1939-1942; (7) 1939-1942 (war period), internment and post-war years, 1946-1951; (8) Singapore - Notes - Pre-war and Post-war notes (particularly press controls); (9) Pre-war and post-war notes (miscellaneous); (10) Summing up and perspective (images and colonialism)
FILE XXVI - Notebooks - Three exercise books with personal jottings

(1) Personal memories of England and South Perth; (2) Personal memories of West Australia and Singapore; (3) Notes taken from John Butcher's book on Europeans in the Federated Malay States.

FILE XXVII - Miscellaneous notes on Singapore revisited

Joanna Smith and Penang; Taxis; The European community; on the five-footway; sex in colonial society; reporting memories; suicide; the war years 1941-1942 and a copy of The Percival Report on events leading to the war, *The Straits Times*, 17/2/48; British women in Japanese prison camps; press cuttings of Lee Kwan Yew's Regime; notes for *Rickshaw Reporter*; 1957 onwards (return to *The Straits Times*; George Peet's editorship 1946-1952; return in 1975; motor cars and trams come to Singapore; Kallang Swamp reclamation).

FILE XXVIII - Correspondence and typescripts

Letters from Mrs. Ellice Handy, 28/4/85 (Rickshaws in the 1920s); R. Paranjoty, 12/12/81 (liberation story); J. Lewis, 12/2/74 (progress of *The Straits Times*, a printer's memories); Rowland Lyne, 6/2/79 (Guide notes on talks given to services, wives and families, 1959-1970 - Singapore in 1924 - on Europeans in Singapore and the transportation system); E.L.S. Jennings, 22/3/79 (the meaning of godown); A. Bryson, 12/8/72 (Tan Cheng Lock and the Chinese Secretariat); Lim Cheng Ean, 17/5/77 (personal).

Typescript 'Hoppie in Bangkok'. E.A. Brown 'Business Life in 1901'; *University of Malaya, Foundation Pictorial Souvenir*, 8, 10/49.

One file box, 'Notes of the Day', 1934-1937 (xerox).
THE STRAITS TIMES ANNUAL
(A discontinuous run 1937-1983, with a sampling of major articles in each issue)

1937-1939, 1941

1937: (Ancient times in Malaya; Singapore as it used to be; A woman looks at Singapore: Malay bird lore; Waterfront characters; Flying fish).
1938: (Langkawi; The funeral of a Malay Sultan; Village articles and craftsmen of Kelantan; The greatest pilgrim port in Asia; The flying boat over the Indies; The Malay pantun; The rickshaw puller.
1939: (Ancient Indian Kings of Kedah; the Malay soldier; Waterwheels of Kuala Pilah; Trengganu’s Trading Fleet; Monkeys in the rubber; Heng Wha boats of Malacca).
1941: (Empire forces in Malaya; between the two Great Wars; Chinese drama; the last siege of Portuguese Malacca; a digger looks at Malaya).

1951-1959

1951: (Malaya faces new problems; collecting porcelain; The Malay Kris; Melanau basket craft; Singapore Malay wedding; the Sateh sellers).
1952: (The British in Malaya; Kinta 60 years ago; Brunei crowns a Sultan; resettling 500,000 squatters; boat traders of Southeast Asia; jungle squad)
1953: (Templer takes over; The Malay magician; An Iban welcome; Ronggeng Rhythm; Speedy of Larut)
1954: (Building a Malayan nation; Home in Borneo; A Malay kramat; A Bali cockfight; Tuan Djek and his Dusun; Penang’s ancestral halls)
1955: (Cocos Islanders greet their Queen; ricefields of Malaya; Wayang kulit; Malay cannon; Admiral Cheng Ho; Dancers of Bali)
1956: (Changing face of the waterfront; Malayan student in Australia; bird caves of Niah; handicrafts of Bali; Clifford of Pahang; Marco Polo in the Straits)
1957: (On the road to nationhood; The Malay warrior; Night in Chinatown; Batik art of Teng; The Malay hantu; Kelantan market)
1958: (Early Singapore; Main silat; Dancers of Siam; Bygone Trengganu; The Birds of Pulau Perak; Bali ballerina)
1959: (The passing of the protectorate; The Cape Malays; Bangkok Klongs; Malaya’s vanishing boats; Ghosts of Cecil Street; Life in East Indiamen)

1960-1969

1960: (The fighting Senoi; Big game hunting in Malaya; New tradition at the University; The Bajau cowboys; Kuala Lumpur centenary)
1961: (Valley of tin; evolution of Malay music; Angkor Vat; Life in Kampong Jawa; Wreck of the Nisero; Yap Ah Loy's Temple)
1962: (Malay kites; The Haj; They dance at the Istana; Carvers of ivory; puppets of Chinatown)
1963: (The year of merger; Modern junk navigators; Ipoh grows up; Aboriginal sculpture; Koran reading; Collecting pottery; Dragon Boat Festival)
1964: (Highlands hydro electric; Sabah’s living goldmine; Malay dictionaries; self-help in the Kampong; Malacca baba food)
1965: (Peace Corps; Perak installs a ruler; Chinese lanterns; Sailing Koleh; History on the hill of Kuala Selangor)
1966: (Early Singapore; Batik art; The Swettenham Journals; Kelong; Jingli Nona)
1967: (The Tun on tour; Racing on the Baram; The changing face of Petaling Jaya; Otto Ziegele’s diary; Shadows on a Malayan screen; Winstedt in history; Cave of 1,000 coffins)
1968: (Merdeka: The first decade; Yellow is for an emperor; Penan - the jungle wanderer; Tang and Sung in the Delta; Kampong to capitol; Mosquito fleet)
1969: (Raffles of the Eastern Isles; Samsui sisters; Baba wedding; Bird caves of Idahan; Blakang mati; Faces of Buddha)


1970: (Early maps of Southeast Asia; Computer for the ricefields; Faces of Bali; The Raffles-Minto Manuscripts; Negri Memóries)
1971: (Southeast Asia in the seventies; Boats of Penarek; Silat Gayong; Dunman’s diary; The Gurkha; Seafarer’s Singapore)
1972: (Enthronement in Malaysia; Leaping lords of Nias; Horsfield in the Indies; Camera art of Tan Lip-Seng; Trans-Sabah Road)
1973: (Kuala Lumpur’s coffeeshops; Two sides of Singapore; Sabah loggers; Kinabalu; Sailor’s art brings old Borneo back to life)
1974: (Kedah, 1,000 years ago; Rudy Hartono; Johore folk guard: the lore of old Java; When Majapahit ruled the region; Old Penang’s treasures)
1975: (How Singapore beat the British Army’s departure; Wayang adjusts to changing times; the operation to save Borobodur; Topee and Rickshaw, both were doomed)
1976: (The fall of Malacca; Shenton Way; Beyond Bali; A rare glimpse of old Malacca; Water, rice and irrigation)
1978: (A new style fisherman; Tales of a Singapore entrepreneur; Acupuncture; In the Malay Archipelago with evolution’s other theorist; Manila’s designers do it in style)
1979: (Last puppet theatres of all; Racers of yore; Feel of our fisherfolk; Barter traders from across the Strait; In true temple tradition)
1981 and 1983

1981: (Tales from the Sejarah Melayu; The Tan family saga; The Malay film industry; A march to death; Unravelling a beaded past; Crab catchers of Pulau Ketam)

1983: (Of sages and symbolism; The changing face of Singapore; Vanishing villages; Changi takes off for the 21st century; Green mansions: the other side of Singapore)
NEWS CUTTINGS OF G.L. PEET
(Ten octavo size volumes & One Scrapbook)

No.1
News Cuttings: 'Notes of the Day' March 1938-March 1939 by Anak Singapura (G.L. Peet)

Topics include:

Impressions of Java and Bali in 1938; Kaum Muda; Rupert Emerson's 'Malaysia';
Snails per acre; Malayan monsoons; Wayang kutil; East Coast coasters; Captain Ross's home; The ronggeng; Selangor's Kris; Malaysia's waves; Pahang Rhinos; Malaysian oil; Malaya's lepers; House hylams; Borneo Bilian; Maugham's Malaysia; Conrad's Bangkok; Jungle tuxedo; Goodbye to topees; Flying fish; The Achin War; Almayer's home; Marco Polo; Dutch colonial houses; East Coast cars; Cape Malaya; East Coast dyes; Bras Basah; Teak ships; Katong buses; August rains; Tent movies; Stengah land; Exit the Jaga?; Ayer Minum; Swift soup; First wireless; Beyond Purdah; The Niah Caves; Scorpion antidote; Airport afternoon (Qantas); Cabaret critics; Coaching days; P. and O. funnels; The Deli pony; Open-air eating; Singapore coral; Lockhart's romance; Chinese Jews; Sea eagles; Royal wedding; Captain Lancaster; Gamboeh; Sin Chew Jit Poh; Straits Armenians; Malacca archives; 'Kunyit' colour; Last Punkah?; Mandai birds; cubicle dens; Perak sultans; Singapore fever; Kuching oysters; Malay schooners; Pandan and Api; Who was Bonham?; Borneo tapir; Haj money; Johore grapefruit; Malay medicine; East Coast dunes; Mixed marriages; Kampong roofs; Malay chutney; Boyanese carriers; Clunies-Ross Islands; Colony islanders; Singapore 'Redi'; The Alkoffs; Chinese volunteers; Tiger photography; Back to the land.

No.2
News Cuttings: The Straits Times, October 1938 to August 1939.
Leaders and editorials by G.L. Peet

Topics include:

Rates and rents; The King's Chinese; Rayat vs. Miner; A colonial career; Singapore beaches; Dutch Indies oil; Malay crafts; Clementi's work; A British adviser; Chinese gangs; Singapore music; The hooting ban; Selangor today; Estate 'slaves'; The Eurasian; The Central Indian Association of Malaya case; Children's Charter (Mui-Tsai); Modern Perak; Malayan recruits; Singapore's 'Borstal'; Straits patriotism; A Johore inquiry; 'Mosquito buses'; Rice in Johore; Singapore buses; Singapore Radio; Sarawak today; Johore's fears; 'Malayanisation'; The cabarets; Slums again; Chinese padi.
No.3
News cuttings: 1934-1937

Topics include:

A bride in Penang in the sixties; The waterfront in the past; The old gambling farm; Early hotels in Singapore; Tanning reptile skins in Malaya; Over 2,000 kinds of trees in Malaya; Sylvia, Ranee of Sarawak; Life in Cocos Islands; Reminiscences on Kuala Lumpur; When Singapore's Aquarium is opened; Malay lepers; Forty-five years of planting history; Firearms in the old Malay world; Kelantan shadow-play in Raffles; First Christian Church in the Malay States; Singapore's Ellis Island; The Port of Singapore; Railways of Malaya; Excursion through Kelantan; Disease and Malaya; The Pawangs of Malaya; The European in Malaya; The Chinese Samseng is dying; Chinese funeral rites; Mui Tsai Commission arrives; The hated 'Buaya'; Singapore's plan for a new Civic Centre; Singapore refuge for the Tamil in trouble or need; Women in topees; Auction of slaves in Batavia; What Singapore owes to convicts; Bandits who terrorized the Kinta Valley; Training College for Malay women; Chinese funerals; Japanese ventures in Malaya; King of the Sedango; Society in Batavia a century ago; The Sakai gourmet; Mosquito peril in Singapore; The Emden at Penang; Fifty years of Malayan Methodism; The diving boys; A peculiar Malay disease (latah); The Naval Base; memories of early days in Fraser's Hill; Music for Malays; A colony hidden in the jungle; Padi harvest, buffalo fights; Ricksha! Ricksha!; Colonial governors: good and bad; Women in black; A planter's life; Gone are the days of the shy nonya; Pahang's history; the tentacles of Kuala Lumpur; The co-operative movement in Malaya; 'Portuguese Eurasians' in Malaya; Early motorists in Selangor; Singapore's model airport; Snakes of Malaya; Spirits once ruled mining; Java makes its own piece goods; Problems of life in the tropics, alcohol; Malacca Chinese and Customs Union; Malaya's National Park; 'A serious riot' in Singapore: some notes on early planting in Pahang; Under Chinatown's roofs; Kelantan boys build their own school; Birth control in the Colony; Infant welfare and women doctors; The East Coast shivers (hill station climate); Back to the Sawahs; A Malay Sultan appeals to Caesar; Malay fishing fleets in the China Sea; A British Haji from Sarawak; Street names in Singapore; Klang in the nineties; Pawang and Hantu; Ten minutes warning before air raids; 'A garden calendar'.

No.4
News Cuttings: 'Notes of the Day', November 1934 to 1937 by Anak Singapura (G.L. Peet)

Topics include:

K.L. Hawkers; Kampong music; Kampong deaths; A Malayan B.B.C.; True Balinese; Rabies history; Cheaper rents; Malaria mystery; Ricksha feats; Birdcage poles; Bullock power; Divers kolehs; City swamps; Malay fishponds; Samseng bait; Soda suicides; Changi wrecks; Kampong looms; The Fire of 1830; Speedy's Fort; Climate of Singapore; Wide streets?; Trengganu folk; Malay lunatics; Dutch curry; Siam Island; Slum nocturne; Chinese fans; Trengganu Malay; Rhino horns;
Hunchback puller; Qantas story; Malay names; Canton junks; Towkay Ng Boo Bee; Wildlife in Johore; Slum holocaust?; Pahang Frenchmen; Istana kampong glam; Java sarongs; East Coast weavers; Malay Etonians; The Ryat's shop; Modern batik; Trengganu sarongs; Dhoby ghaut; Bali barisan; Malayan locusts; Too many lepers; Tan Tock Seng; Jap go-getters; 'Tropic Fever'; Samsur recipe; Street strike; Chinatown lights; Street cries; Kelantan looms; The Bugis Fleet; Deli planters; White Hajis; MCS colour bar; Bidal Melayu; Tagore in K.L.; On Chinese gowns.

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Topics include:

Singapore's Charter; The red tops ('Samsui women'); A Kelantan story; Teochew pioneers; Suburban jungle; The peon; A Kelantan yarn; Kampong Glam; Collyer Quay; Prawn ponds; Before the M.C.S.; Bahasa Melayu; Dynamite fishing; The Melanaus; Kampong hair dye; Gan Eng Seng; The long-house; The Indians' F.I.O.; The lorongs of Geylang; Borneo elephants; flogging coolies; Adat Rembau; Captain Berkeley; Jungle honey; In the Dusun; Cocos Aussies; The Nyonya; Ikan Belanak; Nona in Malacca; Internment memories; The saucer dance; Time in Malay; Memories of a Malayan civil servant; On the way to Jeddah; The Boyanese; The conical hat; Meet Mr Too Sam.

Memories of a Malayan Civil Servant by R.J. Farrer, C.M.G.

(serialised in The Straits Budget)

Topics include:

A Straits cadet in the nineties; Indentured estate coolies; Assault case: Tamil estate coolies; Commissioner of Cocos Island; the Civil Court in Nibong Tebal; Arrival at Bukit Mertajam; Muturam Chetty's Trail in the kampongs; Second magistrate of Singapore; Return to Bukit Mertajam; Witchcraft and the magistrate; More stories of witchcraft; Land sharks among province peasants; A law of Dutch Malacca for draining padi swamps; Link with Old Larut: The Mantri's gunner; Crocs, snakes and buffaloes; Reflections on the Malays; A Malay girl and her lover; The Singapore Land Office: A state of chaos; Old town leases; Colony Malays in the past; The municipal assessor; The Singapore Mutiny: Tales of the volunteers; British troops in Kelantan: To Janggut Rising; British reform in Old Kelantan; Sultan Mulut Merah: Days that are dead; Pijak Tanah at the Palace; Kelantan without the P.W.D.; The terror of the border; and other yarns; Pioneers in a new country; A hawker at the Residency: and Haji Nek Mat; Lembing Patong, old and new; Duff Development Company; The beloved doctor; The lady of the Residency and a debt slave; The Singapore Municipality after World War I; The Municipal Commissioners and Empress Place; Stories of the Municipality; Those mosquito buses! Traffic headaches; The man who beat malaria and saved babies.
No.6
News Cuttings: *The Malay Mail* and *The Straits Times*, 1932-1933

Topics include:

Handicrafts among Malay women and girls; Report on the Posts and Telegraphs; Opium Reserve Board; Henry Wickham; Devolution policy; Daylight saving in Malaya; Strange Shadow people of Malay legends; The holy pilgrimage to Mecca; 'Muro Ami'; H.D. Noone's talk on the 'Sakai'; The future of Malaya; The first National Park in Asia; The Sungei Ujong Wars; Singapore's Rural Board; The Malayan 'Bomo'; The Clunies-Ross Centenary; Housing problem; Fifty years of Malaya's railways; Communists in Malaya; Java's Army; Singapore Dock; The journalist in the East; Early history Perak (five parts); History of Negri Sembilan (2 parts); Some incidents in the early history of Pahang (2 parts); A history of the Pahang Rebellion (3 parts); Eastern merchant firms (Edward Boustead and Company); Duff Development Company; Colonial medical history; Women doctors in Malaya; Report on rubber stealing on estates; Singapore's trade and industry; 'Dying houses' in Kuala Lumpur; The administration of justice in Malaya; Matriarchal law of Negri Sembilan; The education of the Malay; When pirates roamed Malaya's coast; The Hindu civilisation of Malaya; The opening of the East Coast Railway (3 parts); Tracking bandits in Kinta; The Sarawak Rangers; Rare Malayan rhinoceros; Mothercraft in Malaya; Cadetships in Malaya; Unemployed planters; Mui Tsai in the Straits; Expedition to the fort at Kota Tinggi; Leyden - the man who saved Singapore for Britain; History of the Botanic Gardens; Problems of a Malayan peasantry; Stories of a Malayan jungle; Early days of Dutch East Indies Company; Story of Singapore Mutiny; Living on $60 a month: a European and his family; Dyak raids on wooden forts; Eastern merchant firms (Harrisons and Crossfield Limited); The administration of law in Trengganu; Origin of Straits-born Chinese; Malay Experimental Company; Bravest tin miners in Malaya; The Seladang; Training Malays for skilled labour; Malaya's unemployment problem; The Singapore Mutiny.

No.7
News Cuttings: [Various]


No.8
News Cuttings: *Singapore Free Press*, Centenary number, October 8, 1935

Topics include:

The *Singapore Free Press* and the men who have made it; Memories of the Free Press; The evolution of Singapore; The Straits Settlement Police; Singapore and the
modern motor car; Singapore's Harbour Board; One hundred years of the P. and O.; How K.P.M. links an Empire; Fortress carved out of the jungle; Cavalcade of rubber; A century of education in Singapore; 100 Years of women's ways in Singapore; Growth of the cold storage; Chinese enterprise in Singapore; The Indian community in Malaya; History and growth of the Post Office; The trade of Singapore; The Singapore Municipality; A century of sport in Singapore.

No.9
News Cuttings: 'Colony Cavalcade', The Sunday Times, 1935-1937

Topics include:

Prison blocks; Singapore's traffic; 'V.J.' in the limelight; Old seaview; Bungalow hunters; Slum houses; The Malaria wave; Asia's workless; Cheaper pahits; 'Taxi' girls in the cabarets; Lantern artists; Malayan pineapples; Landlords in clover; Home-grown food; Decaying suburbs; The Griffin's car; Lepers on ships; Motor Tongkangs; Sino-European architecture; Shophouses first; Muslim shops; Chinatown lanes; The dreaded 'dole'; A Muslim leader; Old 'Pik-Ki-Lin'; Sir Ong Siang; A Russian Crusoe; Chinese junks; Golfing virus; Seah Eu Chin's fortune; Mount Sophia; The man in the slum - a personal problem in Singapore today; Another Chinatown tour; The Great Ormsby-Gore myth; Miss Lulof's 'coolie'; Neo-colonial style; 'Puppet Sultans'; Club life by the sea; Singaporeans in the hills; Fish, coconuts and betel; Coolie fathers; Tan Tock Seng; The Straits as a playground; City cemeteries; Houses and sewers; Night life novelty; Free spenders (Chinese estate coolies); The quest for the perfect pineapple; Political strike; The wealthy few; In Singapore creeks; Sign of the times in the suburbs; A soliloquy on views and vistas; Suburbia and the Garrison in Singapore; Pity the poor pointman; Causes of destitution; Eurasian soldiers; The government officer's salary; The government servant replies; Parking jams; Chinatown rents; Death in the rice bowl; What's wrong with our city fathers?

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Topics include

'A Malayan Exile'; Java memories; *Sunday Times Post* - internment leader 23/9/45;
A stroll down Orchard Road; Travelling through time along the road to Woodlands;
When only bosses travelled our streets in cars; Tuan Djek, 80, dies after long illness;
The press, the government and you.
A stroll down Orchard Road...

BY GEORGE PEET

Mr. Peet, a former editor of the Straits Times in the immediate pre-war years, is in Singapore to look up old friends and see the changes that have taken place in the architecture. He takes a stroller down Orchard Road and happens at the elbow point outside the Island.

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