

> 50 YEARS AGO TODAY



A Merdeka day gift for 30 — acre of land

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TELUK ANSON, Sunday — Thirty needy Malay and Indian labourers in Province Wellesley will each get a Merdeka Day gift of an acre of land, worth in all \$20,000, at Pematang Tinggi.

The department of Tamil studies at the University of Malaya will receive \$1,111. Both gifts are from an Indian philanthropist here, Mr N. Rengasamy Pillay.

They are among contributions totalling more than \$100,000 which Mr Rengasamy will make to charity this year.

Of the total, \$60,000 will be in land and the rest in cash. Co-operative societies and educational institutions of all communities and creeds will benefit.

The distribution of land will be: Five acres to the Lower Perak Tamil Co-operative Housing Society; two and three-quarter acres to the Lower Perak Malay Co-operative Housing Society; four acres to the Roman Catholic Mission for a vocational school; 30 acres to needy labourers. Each family will get an acre.

Cash gifts

Malay labourers should apply to Umno headquarters, Butterworth, and Indians to the Malayan Indian Congress, Kuala Lumpur.

Cash gifts will be: \$4,000 to the Lower Perak Tamil Co-operative Housing Society for a Tamil school and community hall; \$2,000 to the Lower Perak



Malay Co-operative Housing Society for a Malay school and playground.

For the renovation of the Hindu temple on Teluk Anson estate, Mr Rengasamy will give \$4,000 and for the re-siting of the primary Tamil school on the estate and its expansion to admit children outside the estate \$10,000.

New classroom

The Teluk Anson Chinese Club building fund will receive \$1,000 and there will be \$2,000 for a new classroom for the Bharathi Tamil school, Simpang Ampat.

The proposed Appar Tamil High School in Teluk Anson will get \$501. The Hindu Sabha here will get a gift for renovations.

Mr Rengasamy will give 5,000 rupees to the Sentahmil Pdhunilai Palli (a school building fund) at Thenmappattu, in the Ramnad district of South India.

The philanthropist started work in Bukit Mertajam as a bank apprentice 23 years ago. He became a wholesale merchant and later dealt in real estate.