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To
The Editor,

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Sir,

I request that the following matter may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

**Diamond Jubilee of Graduation of 1954 – 1957 Batch B.Sc. Ag.,) and Reunion Meet
in TNAU**

The Diamond Jubilee of Graduation of the 1954 – 1957 Batch B.Sc. (Ag.,) of the Agricultural College and Reunion Meet Function was celebrated at the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University Campus (TNAU) on July 23, 2016.

This batch of B.Sc (Ag) was constituted with the students from Kerala, South Karnataka and Tamilnadu At that time of admission, the Reorganisation of States was not done. This batch was unique to get the Appointment Orders to join thr Agricultural Department services even before the results are declared by virtue of being students of the then Madras Agricultural College, Coimbatore.

This is the Second meet of the graduates of this batch, the first one held in 2007 marking the Golden Jubilee of Grduatioj.In all,24 past students alone could be physically able to participate and as many as 15 could not attend. After the B.Sc (Ag) program, many participants had their higher PG education and training.All the Participants have achieved higher positions and leadership before they retired. The participants who are the Veterans in their 80 and 80 plus age attended the Meet along with their spouses and their siblings. The Meet was lively and full of interactions and sharing the past achievements and memories.

The Function was presided over by the Vice Chancellor of the Tamilnadu Agricultural University. Dr. R.K. Sivanappan, former Director, Water Technology Center of TNAU was the Special Chief Guest Teacher. Three of the past students, Mr P. Annamalai, Dr M.Aravindakshan and Dr. R. Jeyararajan shared their memories and the impact of the College on the Agriculture Progress. Dr. S. Palanisamy another past student presented advice to the senior persons on how to maintain health by doing simple exercises daily at leisure time.

Dr. R.K. Sivanappan was overwhelmed to participate in the past students get together as a past teacher and shared his devotion and dedication to the Agricultural College and narrated how he adorned the ACRI as his ALMA MATER, although he is an Engineering graduate and not an Agricultural graduate

The Vice Chancellor of TNAU, Dr K Ramasamy who was the Chief Guest recollected in his address, the many new innovations made by the past students and in particular the students of 1954-1957 batch when they become Faculty members in accelerating the advancements in Biofertilisers, Biocontrol agents, Crop Biotechnological applications and many intervention methods to prevent crop losses and in improving the farmers welfare and prosperity. He offered his felicitations to all the past students of this batch and requested the past students to interact and infuse the useful ideas in the minds of young students.

Dr. S.R. Sree Rangasamy welcomed the gathering and Mr. C. Swamikannu proposed the vote of thanks.

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