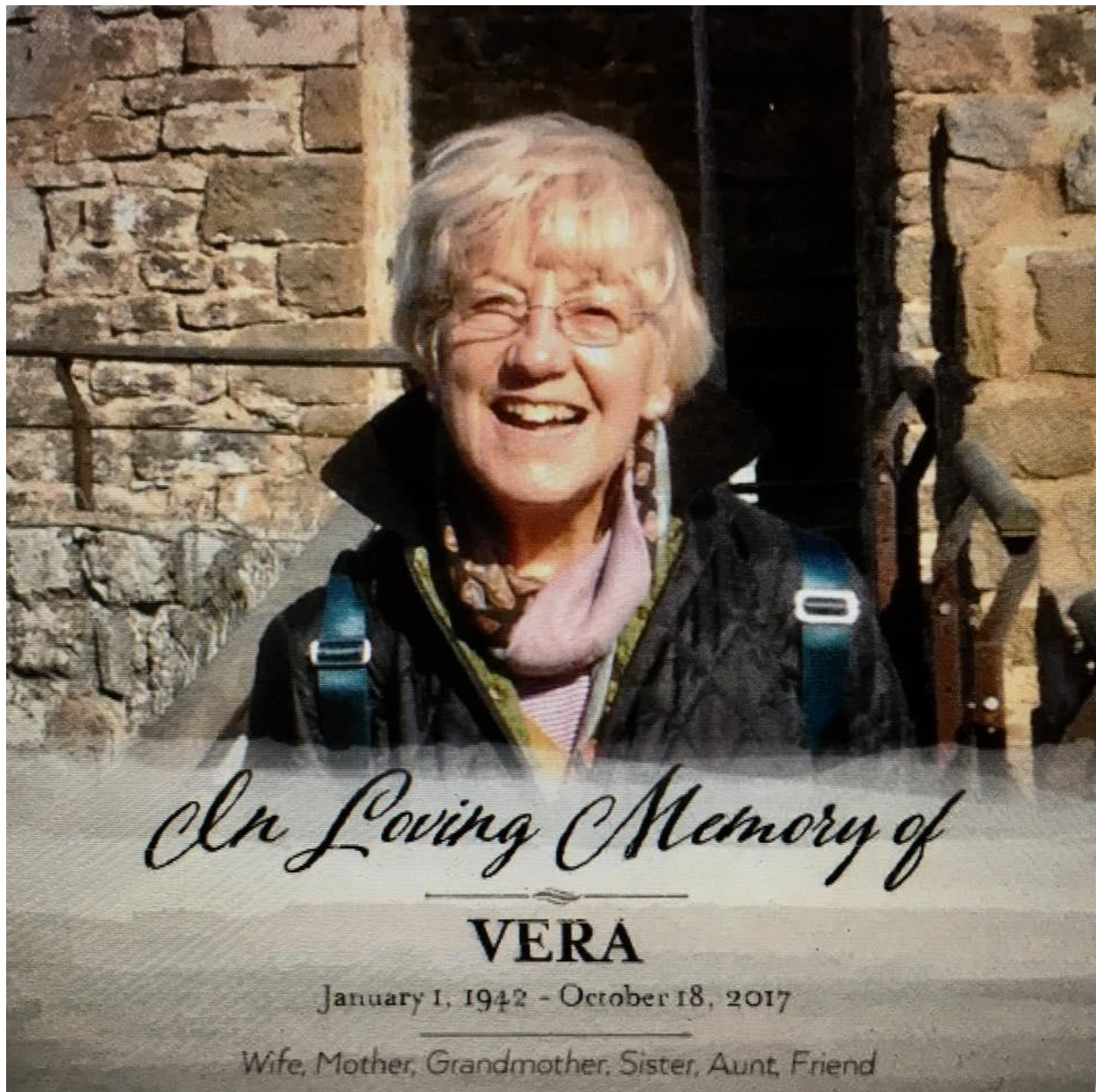


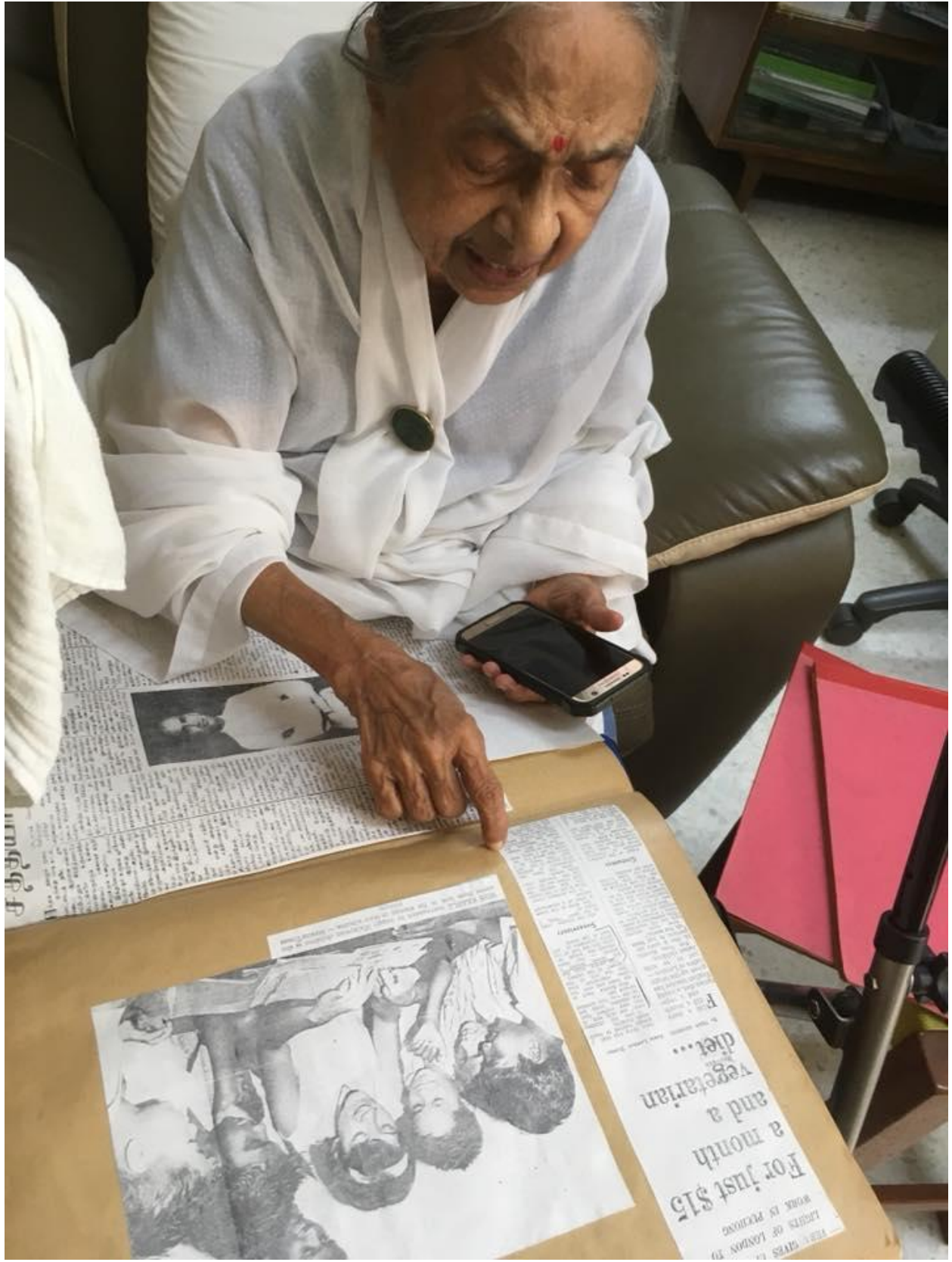
SCI first volunteer Mrs Vera.. 1942-2017

By Courtesy of Ingrid, Goska you may recall... she was in our ICM @ KL sharing her experience with us. And we are very glad she did, and she was able to get from her files (manual) all these wonderful records.

So here we are ... our official discovery ... the 1st SCI International Volunteer was a sweet young 22 yr old lady teacher from London. She left a very positive impression with Mother Mangalam. They had an extended very personal friendship and relationship.

She made another 2 trips to Malaysia to visit PLS and Mother, 1st with her fiance, and after they married a 2nd time. And since then till her demise - they kept very close touch with each other.







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## U.K. teacher to join Pure Life Society

KUALA LUMPUR, Friday.

THE British Service Civil International's first volunteer has arrived here to join the Pure Life Society in Puchong.

She is Miss Vera Keable, 21, a teacher, who told The Malay Mail on arrival at the airport that it was her love for Asian children which had brought her to the Far East.

"I have always been attracted by Asian children. They fascinate me," she said.

A few months ago the SCI office in London called for volunteers for service in South East Asia.

"I applied and here I am," she said.

Miss Keable, who graduated from Goldsmith's Teachers' College in South East London, last year, said she would teach the children domestic science and recreational activities.

The SCI was founded by a Swiss engineer, Pierre Ceresole, after World War I. Its international secretariat is in Zurich.

Its volunteers are not paid salaries but receive "pocket money."



MISS KEABLE

## 'Love all as brot for national uni call by Kidwa

THE Indian High Commissioner Mr. Mustafa Kamil Kidwai, said that love was the essential ingredient for racial tolerance and national multiracial society.

He said it was immaterial what religion the people professed. What was important was love for one another based on the theory that all men were brothers.

Mr. Kidwai was speaking at the opening of the 1,437th birthday celebrations of Prophet Muhammed organised by the Pure Life Society at Puchong.

In his first public speech since he took up his new appointment here, Mr. Kidwai who is a Muslim, said: "Islam, like all other great religions, teaches us to love and respect one another and live peacefully among people of all races."

"It also fully equips a man to live harmoniously and peacefully in a multiracial society."

### Tolerance

Mr Kidwai said that in a country like Malaysia which had a multiracial population, love, tolerance and understanding among the various races was the only answer to racial strife and dis-

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# For just \$15 a month and a vegetarian diet...

By TONY HERMON: Kuala Lumpur, Sunday

**F**OR a mere \$15 a month and a vegetarian diet, a young English teacher has given up the bright lights of London — just to be with Asian children.

For Vera Keable, 22, this is more important to her than "all the world."

After three months here she still maintains: "This experience is something I wouldn't want to change for anything."

Miss Keable is a volunteer of the Service Civil International, an organisation whose sole aim is to work for peace by assisting other people.

She is now working at the Pure Life Society, where she helps to look after 150 children.

## Costumes

Today at the society's premises at Puchong, about seven miles from here, I found her in a classroom making costumes for a play.

Dressed in a white blouse and a coloured skirt, she shyly spoke of why she had taken this job.

main thing was that I always wanted to teach Asian children.

"I love the children here," she said, and it was very evident that the children loved her by the way they crowded around her.

Miss Keable stays at the home and eats the same vegetarian food like the rest of the "sisters" of the society.

The society pays her \$15 pocket money a month — the same amount she would receive like the rest of the SCI's volunteers in any part of the world.

## Supervisory

Has she become used to the food? "Well, I think so."

Her work at the home is more of a supervisory nature.

At the moment everything is left to her initiative. She teaches the girls (there are 30) sewing; the younger children, games.

Does she have the opportunity of mixing with people of her own age? "Not really, as I don't like going out because I feel I have been sent here to work."

The first SCI volunteer to Malaysia, she hopes the organisation will soon have a perma-

