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The second article by J. Nihal Rajendra and J.D. Thomas investigates "The surface film produced by *Lemna minor* (L) in the laboratory as a source of nutrients for the pulmonate snail *Biomphalaria glabrata* (Say)".

The other two articles deal with problems in fisheries biology in the North-East province of Sri Lanka: "Biology of *Neptunus pelagicus* (Linnaeus), *Charybdis annulata* (Fabricius) and *Scylla serrata* (Forskale), the edible crabs, in the Jaffna lagoon" by K. Chitravadivelu and "Parasites on fishes in Batticaloa, a preliminary communication" by M. Vinobaba and P. Vinobaba.

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