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## Ourselves

IT is customary when a newspaper makes its first appearance to indicate its policy and what it stands for. Following tradition we make our declaration.

The Leader will primarily be a newspaper of the quarter million Indians of South Africa. By news it hopes to interpret all those facets of community life and development that should prove of interest to all its readers.

The Leader is an independent organ, owing no allegiance to any group or body, but its columns will be open to all bodies which place the welfare of the Indian community, in its entirety, foremost. This, in fact, will be the Leader's criterion of judgment of all public affairs affecting Indians.

While it is impossible to get a complete unanimity of views on all public questions, the Leader may have its own viewpoint, but it will never deny the use of its columns to expressions of divergent views, honestly expressed and within the law, and directed towards the well-being of the community. In other words it must not be said of The Leader at any time that it does not observe the best traditions of journalism.

To end on a personal note, The editor has served daily journalism of this country and of abroad for a long time. Present conditions place a severe restriction on space for any adequate treatment of Indian news in the daily Press today, and therefore it is with a great deal of hesitation and trepidation that he is venturing on an enterprise of which the Indian community has a very great need. Given support there should be no doubt that The Leader must become a force, a champion of Indian rights and privileges, and be ever vigilant in its service and well-being.

## Mainly About People

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Thomas, of Johannesburg, who are at Grey's Hospital, Maritzburg, are making a good recovery. Mrs. Thomas is expected to leave the hospital shortly.

Mr. A. D. Lazarus, M.A., of the teaching staff of the Sastri College, who is at McCord's Hospital, where he underwent an operation recently, is making satisfactory progress.

Mr. A. I. Kajer and Mr. Aboobakar Mosa, directors of the Avalon Theatre, who visited Cape Town a fortnight ago, have now returned.

Mr. S. M. Paruk was in Johannesburg for a few days last week.

Mr. Wm. Allan Macdonald, the National Mutual superintendent of Indian business for Natal, made a business tour of the Northern Districts this week.

Mr. George Singh, B.A., wrote the final L.L.B. examination last week.

Of the 23 Indian students who wrote the B.A. examination the following are taking the final: Messrs. Ashwin Chundree, K. Pillay, M. Mooliey and B. H. Keerath.

Messrs. S. A. Gany, S. Rajpaul and W. Baboolal are leaving on an all-Union tour on December 14. They expect to be away for nearly a month.

Mrs. D. D. Lalla, mother of Mr. M. D. Lalla, headmaster of the Gandhiji Estate Boys' School, is a patient at St. Aidan's Hospital.

Among those representing the deputations of the Natal Indian Congress to the Minister of Commerce, Mr. Stittford, at Pretoria last week were Messrs. A. Christopher, N. Boleasing, Harrising Boleasing and D. Lalla.

Mr. T. C. Mehta wrote certain subjects for the barristers-at-law examination of the Inns of Court, London, held at Johannesburg recently.

Paragraphs concerning people are invited. These should reach the Editor on Tuesday of each week.

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## India's Star Actress at the Avalon Theatre

# SABITA DEVI'S TRAGIC ROLE

## She Fights with Death for the Life of her Son



Sabita Devi, one of the best-known actresses in India, plays the leading role in "Chingari," adapted for the screen from the eminent Bengali author, Dr. Sarat Chandra Chatterjee's, renowned novel. The picture will be the feature film at the Avalon next week (December 4 to 7).

Sabita Devi, as Ganga, goes through the whole gamut of human emotions. "I don't care for society. I will do what I like," she says.

Mr. What a fire-burner! Yes, everybody thought she was a fire-burner except her friend Sunita and her sister-in-law Kiran. They knew that underneath the boiling mass of temper there lay a heart of gold. They knew the cause of the fire and sympathized with her. . . and you would say, when you got to know this lovely lady.

The story develops and the characters multiply and in the end she stands despairing and desperate, dishevelled and disconsolate, at the bedside of her son, Churan. She fights for his life and the battle rages between death and the pure, sweet, selfless love of the mother.

Who wins?

Reading and Educational Circle: Mrs. Nandini's residence, 73 North Street, Durban, 21, 3 to 5 p.m. Miss Burns, of Amanzimtoti, guest and speaker.

The officials and members of the Durban Krishna Sentani Society, Durban, wish to thank all those who contributed some £6 4s. 3d. towards the society's Tamil school fund on Sunday last.

## Variety Concert at Maritzburg

The Maritzburg Indian Literary and Dramatic Society, assisted by the Natal Indian Association (Maritzburg Branch), will stage a variety concert and entertainment in the City Hall, Maritzburg, on Saturday evening, December 7, commencing at 7.30, in aid of Indian Soldiers' Comfort Fund.

The entertainment will include songs, sketches, dramatic pieces, musical drills, and ventriloquist items. Well-trained artists, both boys and girls, will take part in the concert.

His Honour the Administrator, Mr. H. Gordon Watson, and His Worship the Mayor, Mr. A. T. Allen, have consented to extend their kind patronage.

Proceeds of the entertainment will go towards the Indian Service Corps Comfort Fund.

## "Ali Baba," The Arabian Nights Fantasy, at Mayville

Mayville Theatre features "Ali Baba," one of the most fantastic of the Arabian Nights. The picture is rich in colour, action, and music, and is a lovely dance.

The story of "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves" is known to every schoolboy and imagination is translated into reality on the screen when "Seena" tells the tale again.

Ali Baba is a poor fellow and his wife is not used to any riches. He lives practically on the generosity of his merchant brother Cassim and by cutting wood in the jungle.

In the jungle Ali Baba discovers by accident the stronghold of the robbers where they have hidden all their treasures. He hears the robbers' magic words "Open sesame" and tells the tale again.

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A SCENE FROM "ALI BABA"

## Midnight "Visitor" Disturbs Household

From Our Own Correspondent, MARITZBURG, Friday.

Strange happenings that have been ascribed to supernatural agency have been occurring at an Indian's house in Maritzburg. As the owner is not anxious of having his privacy disturbed by curious sight-seekers and so-called amateur investigators, he does not desire to have his name or address revealed.

For some time past the occupants have been disturbed in the late hours of the night by strange noises and footsteps which can be heard passing from room to room.

Although a careful watch has been kept for this midnight visitor nothing has been seen, though when footsteps go past the watchers can hear loud thumping as he falls.

Thorough investigation has been made of the ceilings and floors, but no such sound has been heard, and which are loud and heavy, cannot be put down to rats.

The occupants have decided to call in a professional medium to lay low whatever is disturbing their sleep. It is presumed that the last occupant, who had passed away suddenly, has decided to return to the scene of his earthly experiences.

## "Kangan" Tonight at Krishna Theatre

One of the finest Indian pictures seen in this country, "Kangan," will be shown for the last time at Krishna Theatre, Clairwood, tonight. Those who have not seen it should not miss it, and those who have seen it might want to see it again.

Next week, December 2 and 3, there will be a B.G.M. production, "Three Comrades," on December 4 to 7.

There will be the Tamil social picture, "Seva Sadhanam."

The large Tamil-speaking community will not allow the opportunity to pass without wanting to know something of the social problems that Madras, in fact all India, have to face.

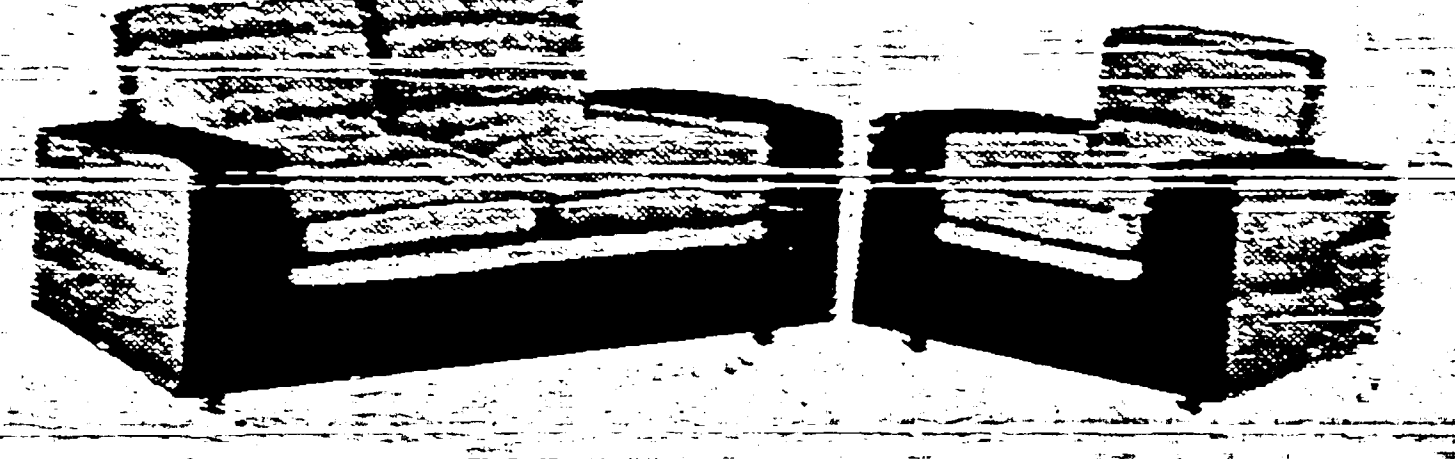
There is a fine collection of well-known Tamil actors, the lead being played by Kalligana, the film has a run of 50 weeks in Madras only!



KALLIGANA, THE FEMALE LEAD, IN "SEVA SADHANAM" SHOWING AT KRISHNA NEXT WEEK.

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