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EXCITING SOCCER AT CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN

Last Saturday afternoon the crowd at Currie's Fountain was treated to some thrilling soccer—probably the best of the season so far—when Stars met Stella in a league fixture.

It was a touch-and-go affair all the way.

From the kick-off Stars pressed into Stella territory, where they kept the ball for the first 10 minutes and looked like scoring any time, but the Stella goal remained intact.

Stella broke away and Ganas, their centre forward, scored with a grand shot which beat Timol all the way.

Stung by this score against the run of the game, Stars rallied the Stella goal. [illegible] scoring when he hit the upright. From the melee that developed the Stella left back kicked into his own goal (1—1).

Both teams were playing spirited soccer, but neither could make any headway, Stella defending stoutly, Stars doing everything but score.

Stella repeated their first breakaway and Ganas got the ball ahead when he slammed the ball into the net from a cross by Bobbie Singh (2—1).

Stars played like men possessed and their efforts were rewarded when M. I. Yusuf equalised with a header a minute from half-time (2—2).

In the resumption Stars kept the ball in the Stella half of the field, shooting at goal from all angles but failing to score. Jay had a pretty lively time between the posts. The Stella backs were called upon to clear time and again.

Stella managed to break away once again and forced Stars into conceding a corner. From the kick Ganas put his side ahead (3—2).

Vadi Abrams, however, equalised after hot exchanges between Stella defence and Star forwards.

Stella were fighting with their backs to the wall. Only exceptionally good keeping by Jay prevented Stars from scoring.

Final score, 3—3.

SHIRE BEAT COLLEGIANS

On the No. 1 ground Warwickshire played Old Collegians in the other fixture of the afternoon. Old Collegians managed to hold Shire—a superior team—until a few minutes from the interval. Half-time score, 1—0.

On the resumption Shire went on to score three more goals. Final score: Shire 4, Old Collegians 0.

Other results were:—

Senior "B": Schools 9, Queens 1; Shamrocks 2, Sydenham 0.

Juniors: Jacobs 3, Warwickshire 1; Stella 6, Sydenham 1.

Juvenile "A": Warwickshire 2, Durnville 0; Area 6, Central 1.

Juvenile "B": Mayville 9, Sastri College "B" 1; Junction 3, Stella 2.

League Soccer in Maritzburg

On Saturday last on the Indian sports ground, Maritzburg, Young Natalians had a walkover against Young Colonials in the Senior League fixture.

Schools beat Stellas by 4 clear goals.

In the junior Young Colonials drew with Britannia 1 all and in the juvenile rank Yorks defeated Young Natalians to the tune of 8 goals to 1 goal.

ON SUNDAY

Maritzburg Muslims played Rangers to a goalless draw. It was a fast and exciting match. The Rangers B lost to Maritzburg Muslim B by 2 goals to 1. A. M. Kadoo and Sayed Mohideen played a sterling game for Muslim B.

STANGER SOCCER

The following matches were played at Stanger on Sunday last in the first round of the Bodasingh's league trophy:—

Kearsney met Young Pirates and beat them 2—0. The losers gave the strong Kearsney side some anxious moments. At one stage excitement ran so high that two Pirates and one Kearsney player were ordered off the field. (Referee: Mr. V. C. Augustine.)

Stanger United were victorious against Doornkop. Within two minutes of the start K. V. Naidoo and D. E. Moods put United two goals ahead with brilliant goals. Thereafter exchanges were fairly even, with United having many opportunities in front of goal. C. V. Naidoo, the United centre-forward, was in great form and took the honours of the day for his splendid keeping. Play was again in fine form and D. E. Moods displayed a welcome return to form. Subbash Naidoo played a dashing game for Doornkop, but lacked support from his other forwards. (Referee: Mr. P. M. Pully.)

Springboks easily defeated Victorians by 2—0. Victorians lacked a better side than hitherto and the exchanges were even for the first 15 minutes. S. P. Father put in some useful work in the half line. (Referee: Mr. V. G. Augustine.)

Fixtures for tomorrow:—

LOWER TUGELA, TOMORROW

3.30: Stars v. Doornkop, at Doornkop. Mr. T. V. Puckree.

2.0: Pirates v. Springboks, at Stanger. Mr. H. C. Maraj.

3.30: United v. Victorians, at Stanger. Mr. P. M. Pully.

LADYSMITH KHAN'S CUP SOCCER TODAY

2.15: Schools v. Stars. Referee, Mr. R. Narranden.

3.30: Shamrocks v. Moslems. Referee, Mr. R. Kalloo.

NEWCASTLE LEAGUE CUP TOMORROW

3.30: N.I.F.C. v. Schools, at Newcastle. Referee, Mr. A. Harry.

3.30: Pirates v. Dannhauser, at Dannhauser. Referee, Mr. R. Loganathan.

DUFF'S ROAD UNITED GROUND TOMORROW

Stanmers and Thomas "A" and "B" v. Duff's Road United "A" and "B". Referee, Mr. Jack Cain.

Duff's Road United "A": Sanboomony, H. R. Singh, Chick, E. Blooma (captain), Moon, Sanasee (vice-captain), Billy, Sookraj, Raymond, Nadia, Chinnah.

SCHOOLS' FIVE-A-SIDE SOCCER

At the annual five-a-side of the Esther Payne Smith School Sports Club held last week on the school grounds, there was a record gathering of [illegible] spectators, and 240 players, representing the three days' [illegible] namely, Senior, Junior, Juvenile.

The competitions in the various divisions were keenly contested. Besides the players, the spectators, both young and old, enjoyed the day's festival.

The following were the divisional winners:—

Senior boys: Naidoo Trophy, I. Richmond School; 2. York Road School.

Junior boys: Joseph Memorial Trophy, I. F.P.S. School Pirates; 2. York Road School.

Juvenile boys: A. C. Pillay's Trophy, I. F.P.S. School Railway; 2. York Road School.

Ladysmith Soccer

In the replay for Pillay's Cup competition at Ladysmith on Saturday, schools met Moslem. Once again this match provided plenty of thrills and at interval schools led 1—0. On resumption both sides scored 2 goals each, leaving the schools winners by 3—2.

Schools will meet Stars for the final of Pillay's Cup competition at a later date.

Newcastle Soccer

On Sunday last schools met Pirates in the first round of the League Cup fixture of the N.D.F.A., and after a keenly-contested match the former won by 3 goals to 1.

The most interesting match for the afternoon was between N.I.F.C. and Dannhauser F.C., the latter winning by 2 goals to 1 after a fast and brilliant game.

The first round of the league has thus been completed with the log as follows:—

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pt
Dannhauser United	3	3	0	0	8	3	6
Newcastle	3	2	1	0	8	2	4
Schools	3	1	2	0	3	7	2
Pirates	3	0	3	0	2	9	0

Sons of India F.C.

Sons of India F.C. was formed at a special meeting held at Ladysmith on Sunday last and the undermentioned officebearers were elected for the opening season:—Patron, Mr. G. G. Chetty; president, Mr. M. Govinder; vice-presidents, Messrs. D. Vithal, H. R. Singh and I. R. Naidoo; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Samuel; assistant secretary, Mr. T. N. Govinder; captain, Mr. R. Manilal; vice-captain, Mr. G. Mugan.

Selection and executive committee: Messrs M Govinder, R. Manilal, G. Mugan and G. Samuel; hon. auditor, Mr. M. N. Achary.

The object of the club is to take part in friendly soccer matches at home and outside.

WEENEN F.C.

At the annual meeting of the Weenen Indian Football Club held at Weenen recently, the following officials were elected for the ensuing season:—President, Mr. S. M. Gangat; patrons, Messrs. S. Abdool, M. E. Gangat, M. Karsalia and Bantha Khan; vice-presidents, A. S. Sayed and M. M. Gangat; secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. S. Mahomed; assistant secretary, E. H. Kajee; captain, A. A. Sayed; vice-captain, Jack Bhagwandheen; committee, President, secretary, captain, grounds committee, K. M. Naicker, P. Reddy, Kamdia and S. Maharaj.

The club is open to play friendly matches on their ground. Letters should be addressed to the secretary, P.O. Box H, Weenen, Natal.

Plessislaer United

At the 12th annual meeting of the Plessislaer United F.C., held in the Sutherlands School Hall on Thursday, the following were elected officebearers for the ensuing year:—Patrons, Messrs. E. Hodden, H. Foster, C. H. Stuch, and L. N. Brooks; life vice-presidents, Messrs. G. Bowbouse, P. M. Seethal, C. H. Singe, R. Dookran and A. Pardesi; vice-presidents, Mr. G. Bowbouse; vice-presidents, Messrs. P. Harkoo, I. N. Brooks, S. Dookran, R. Chedie, R. Sobke, D. R. Singh, D. Chedie, R. Ramsay, and P. Arjoon; treasurers, Mr. P. Harkoo; joint secretaries, Messrs. R. Sobke and R. Chedie; team captain, Rakhendranath Dookran; vice-captain, Mr. T. Sirkeesoo.

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NATAL TENNIS FINALS

The finals in the Natal singles and doubles championships will be played at the Sastri College tennis courts tomorrow, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

The following are the matches to be played:—

"C" DIVISION SINGLES

S. S. Maharaj (Spes Bona) v. D. Roopnarain (Moonlighters).

"B" DIVISION SINGLES

D. Laljee (Sastri College) v. A. H. Bismillah (Sastri College).

"A" DIVISION DOUBLES

D. Roopnarain and E. Gany (Moonlighters) v. L. Narain and T. W. Moodley (Central).

"B" DIVISION DOUBLES

S. Barath and M. Osman (Moonlighters) v. D. Laljee and A. K. Omar (Sastri College).

DURBAN FIVE-A-SIDE SOCCER

There are no league soccer fixtures this afternoon—instead a five-a-side tournament will be held, commencing at 9 a.m.

A sports meeting will be held tomorrow at Currie's Fountain under the aegis of the Durban Cycling Union.

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SORDID CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH WORKERS LIVE

Investigators' Grim Report on Municipal Barracks

"OUT of a total of 1,662 children of school-going age (6—16 years) in the Durban Municipal Barracks, only 763 are attending school. With the exception of 284 children who attend vernacular classes and 75 who attend English classes at the Barracks Hall at night, the remaining 899 children do not receive any form of education whatsoever. Out of this number again 112 boys and 20 girls, all of school-going age, are in permanent employment—the former mostly as municipal employees and the latter as domestic servants. This leaves a total number of 767 children—268 boys and 499 girls—who are at present absolutely schoolless. But as all the schools in the vicinity are full to capacity these 767 schoolless children are filling their time in the slum conditions of the barracks. Most of the parents of these children complain that, in spite of repeated attempts, they are unable to find vacancies in any of the schools of the neighbourhood."

These are facts revealed as a result of an inquiry into the educational facilities and living conditions of the children at the Magazine Barracks, Durban, in a report by Mr. M. Moodley, B.A., in co-operation with other workers, including Mr. George Singh, secretary of the Durban Indian Municipal Employees' Society.

Mr. Moodley states: "An extensive research lasting five weeks was made to obtain first-hand information. Every family in the barracks was contacted and every block investigated. Special forms, all of which were carefully checked to ensure accuracy, were used to collect the facts and figures."

The report proceeds: Investigations were carried out to ascertain if there were actually any vacancies in nearby schools. It was discovered that all the schools within a radius of three miles of the Barracks were full to capacity. Mrs. Barker, headmistress of the Temple Indian School, a school near the Barracks, alone turned away 107 Barracks children at the beginning of the term for want of accommodation.

Within the Barracks itself there is no school. There is a Drama Hall in which English and vernacular classes are conducted in the evenings. The English class contains 75 children. As the hall is not partitioned the conditions under which the children study are very bad. There is a continuous hum which makes hearing difficult. Where parents can afford to send two or three children to school they obviously send their boys to school in preference to the girls. Hence the comparatively larger number of unschooled girls than boys. (See list appended.) This, of course, as mentioned before, results in no way on the parents who have naturally no choice in the matter. Where interviewed parents showed great keenness in sending all their children—boys and girls—to school, provided their economic position permitted.

The average wage of the Corporation Indian worker is approximately £2 per month, exclusive of a few skilled or foremen who get a little more. Of this amount £1 1s. 8d. is [illegible] rations and quarters, [illegible] the average worker will [illegible] approximately £2 15s. 4d. per [illegible] This sum he has to feed, [illegible] children and in some cases as many as 11 children. (The average number of [illegible] each family is 6.8.) From the [illegible] just quoted the [illegible] certain factors prevail [illegible] education [illegible] 0.

19 feet by 10 feet, have no cross ventilation. On an average there are five persons housed in each room. In one block, occupying two rooms, live a family of ten consisting of mother, father, three grown-up boys and five girls. In another block which contains 12 rooms there are no windows, except for wooden stable-shutters two feet by three feet; and when these are closed the rooms are as dark as prison cells.

In fact there are a few actual prison cells, still barred and windowless, relics of the old days (when there was a prison at the Barracks), which are being used to house families today. There is a family living in one of these cells which measures 7½ feet by 9 feet. In this family there are six persons. The parents sleep on a bed which occupies one-third of the floor space, while the children sleep on sacks laid down on the cement floor. At night some rooms with their closed stable-shutters and their foul filthy air, which forms as the result of overcrowding, remind one of miniature Black Holes of Calcutta.

The roofs are badly patched and on rainy days they leak profusely. When rain falls at night—[illegible]th the aid of flickering oil-lamps (for there are many blocks without electric light), beds have to be shifted to positions where the effects of the leakage can least be felt.

AGAINST BY-LAWS

Shame to say a wooden floor, even in the fairly new blocks, is conspicuous by its absence. In the new blocks the floors are concreted, which is in direct contravention of the Municipal's own bylaws, i.e. the old wood and iron blocks the occupants have encrusted the soft soil with a layer of cow dung. As the majority of the children sleep on the floor with sacks as mattresses, one is surprised that the death-rate at the Barracks is not higher than it is.

Even the newly-built brick blocks are unsatisfactory in many respects. Residents complain that on account of the narrow passages it is not possible to carry even coffins. This complaint, which was found to be a general one, is indicative of two things: (1) the unsatisfactory nature of the buildings, and (2) the matter-of-fact manner in which the frequency of deaths is spoken of.

The Barracks is a breeding ground for all types of vermin. Cockroaches in their million and rats in their thousands abound.

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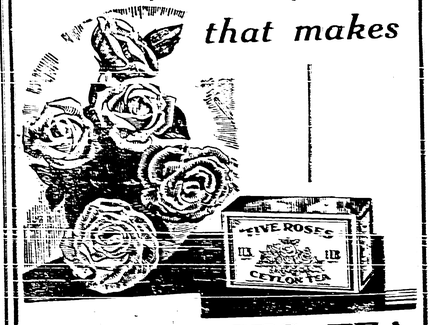

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Stanger Soccer

The following are the results in the first round for the Bodasingh's Memorial Trophy played at Stanger on Sunday last.

Young Pirates met the hitherto unbeaten Springboks and managed to lower their colours by holding them to a draw. Springboks played with eight players in the first half and with nine thereafter. The game was scrappy. Referee, Mr. P. M. Polly.

United unexpectedly found opposition against Victorians. Towards the end the superiority of the United told and in the closing stages D. E. Moola headed brilliantly to put United ahead. K. L. Reddy played an outstanding game and popped up unexpectedly to save numerous dangerous situations. Referee, Mr. F. M. Polly.

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Muslim Society Entertains Soldiers

Some of the officers and men of an Indian regiment were entertained at the weekend by the Nizamia Muslim Society at Maritzburg. They were taken to Howick and around Maritzburg and were entertained to dinner at the Madressa Taleemul Islam Hall, East Street.

Addressing the guests the Muslim Society said it was a pleasure to entertain some of the officers and men of the regiment, and hoped that they would make their short stay in the city a happy one. They were proud to have so many Muslim units in the British army.

Mr. S. A. Badrudin, the president, wished them the best of luck.

Mr. A. M. Ebrahim said that he was also pleased to have the opportunity of meeting them and wished them a happy time during their stay in the city. Other speakers were Messrs. Ayob Khan Yacoob Suliman, Shaik Dawood Ismail and others.

Seventeen men and officers were made honorary members of the Nizamia Muslim Society.

Amongst the many guests present were: Messrs. A. I. Moosa, A. B. Sta, S. Ebrahim, A. G. Bensie, I. A. Casimjee, A. Khan, D. Paruk, Ayub Khan, Sayed Amod, Y. Sulimon, E. Soni, A. H. Rawat, Shaik Dawod, G. M. Tajoodeen, E. Khan, H. Rahoman, S. Sadher, Peer Bux, D. Rahim, Shaik Ismail, S. Rasool, Shaik Yusef, E. Shootis, S. Saib, A. G., S. M. and A. Badrudin, N. Mahomed and C. Hawat.

Social Clubs at Sawoti

On Sunday last a meeting was convened by the head teacher and staff of the Chowthee Government-aided School for the formation of a society that would cater for the educational and sporting needs of the local community.

The house was full to capacity. Mr. H. B. Maharaj, who occupied the chair, stressed the necessity of such a society. He was supported by the other members of the staff as well as Mr. B. Ganesh, formerly of Inanda and now resident in Sawoti.

It was unanimously decided that the society be called the Sawoti Indian Young Men's Social Club.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Patrons, Messrs. R. D. Chowthee, B. Ganesh and Ramanan Singh; president, Mr. H. B. Maharaj; vice-presidents, Messrs. B. R. Singh, Kareem Khan and Sewraj; secretary, Mr. R. B. Parday; assistant secretary, Mr. Bakdath Chowthee; treasurer, Mr. H. C. Gobris; committee, Messrs. Munesh Lutchman Rambhroas, B. Ramothar, Jamuna, Ganes, Sonip, S. Mungal Sunchack, Chinah and Mahawarsh.

Springfield Hindu Youths

The Hindu Youth Organisation of Springfield and District will hold their second anniversary celebration tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Springfield Indian Methodist School Hall, corner of Alpine and Quarry Roads (Alpine bus route).

Mr. S. S. Singh has kindly consented to preside. Mr. H. Sahadeo, the acting protector of Indian immigrants, Captain A. C. Steed, Messrs. Marshal Gandhi, R. Ramkhan, R. S. Maharaj and Jumpanan Singh (Pietermaritzburg) and other prominent members of the Indian community will also be present.

Replying to "Spectator," regarding the soccer match recently between Red Cross Rovers and Greyville, Mr. L. Sewsunker, secretary, P.M.B. Rangers F.C., writes: "That my Rangers "B" team drew against the Universals "A" (Greyville) and not the Red Cross Rovers."

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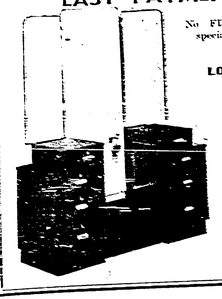
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United unexpectedly found opposition against Victorians. Towards the end the superior strength of the United told and in the closing stages D. E. Moola headed brilliantly to put United ahead. K. L. Reddy played an outstanding game and popped up unexpectedly to save numerous dangerous situations. Referee, Mr. P. M. Polly.

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Muslim Society Entertains Soldiers

Some of the officers and men of an Indian regiment were entertained at the weekend by the Nizamia Muslim Society at Maritzburg. They were taken to Howick and around Maritzburg and were entertained to dinner at the Madressa Talimul Islam Hall, East Street.

Addressing the guests the Moulana Afrija said it was a pleasure to entertain some of the officers and men of the regiment, and hoped that they would make their short stay in the city a happy one. They were proud to have so many Muslim units in the British army.

Mr. S. A. Ebrimjim, the president, wished them the best of luck.

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Social Clubs at Sawoti

On Sunday last a meeting was convened by the head teacher and staff of the Chowthee Government-aided School for the formation of a society that would cater for the educational and sporting needs of the local community.

The house was full to capacity. Mr. H. B. Maharaj, who occupied the chair, stressed the necessity of such a society. He was supported by the other members of the staff as well as Mr. B. Gareeb, formerly of Dalton and now resident in Sawoti.

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Mr. S. L. Singh has kindly consented to preside. Mr. H. Robinson, the acting protector of Indian immigrants, Captain A. C. Scott, Messrs. Manilal Gandhi, R. Ramklass, P. S. Makaraj and Jumoona Singh (Advocate) and other prominent members of the Indian community will also be present.

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Durban's Shame

A FINE piece of social investigation has just been completed by a few Indians under the leadership of Mr. M. Moodley, B.A., and with the help of Mr. George Singh, secretary of the Durban Indian Municipal Employees' Society. In commending this work we could wish that a copy of the report we publish in this issue could be read by all well-concerned European men and women. It reflects a state of affairs bordering on the incredible, and its facts and figures are at once the most powerful indictment of a social system and a challenge to the whole gamut of the Christian order. Copies of the report should be sent to every public man and woman from the Prime Minister downwards in the hope that before shame loses its great merit something might be done to root out, clean out, and remedy what looks as if it might remain an abiding disgrace to democracy.

The investigation covers the living conditions in the Durban Municipal Barracks. Its story is told without passion or embellishment. It reads like an account of sixteenth century feudalism or nineteenth century industrialism, except that it describes not the squalor of the European in a dark age of history, but the misery of non-Europeans, of Indians in fact, in the enlightened age of the twentieth century and the enlightened City of Durban. Here we have a graphic description of an economic and social concentration camp, called the Magazine Barracks, with 47 blocks of buildings set upon an area of some 25 acres, where 5,836 people live, i.e., 60 to the quarter acre. Fifty-year-old wood and iron structures cover the nakedness of poverty and misery cramped in rooms ten feet by ten feet, where families of ten inhabit two, where the walls are windowless, the floors are cement, the roof leak, the passages dark and narrow, too narrow for a coffin, where rats and cockroaches, these two dark stranges of health, live in symbiotic relation with human beings. In this disgraceful place of oppressive darkness 1,662 children of school-going age are growing up to be South Africans. Only 563 are attending school. Nearly a thousand receive no education at all. Their days are full of gloom. They learn the European notion of a democratic order in kitchens six by eight feet, chimneyless, smoke laden, water clogged, and gain their ideas of modern sanitation in disgusting communal bathroom-lavatory accommodation. Of the 763 children attending school, 72% have no shoes, and sleep in their day clothes. Their parents are employed by the Durban City Corporation, are badly paid and severely rationed. In the last ten years 727 children have died in the barracks—70 a year. These are the bald and but a few of the facts.

The overmastering one is that these Magazine Barracks are owned and administered by the Durban City Council; not, be it noted by some individual rent racketeer, who would, in any case, be brought to law to a recognition of the insanitary nature of his property. At the other end of the scale another overmastering fact is that these Indians and other Indians have no remedy for their plight, either in direct representation in Council or Assembly or in individual complaint to the municipality. In effect they are doomed, they and their children, to subsistence level, to malnutrition, to everlasting darkness of ignorance, to the pits of our economic and social system, until there shall arise (Pray God it may be soon) in the City Council men and women who will unsheath a sword and fire it with purpose and passion to lead a crusade against these intolerable injustices.

That there are such men and women we have no doubt. We do not believe that the Mayor of Durban or any single one of his fellow councillors, man or woman, would willingly permit such conditions, as now known to them to allow its continuance in the municipal barracks. Instead, we believe that each of them, given the power, would wipe out this blot upon his fair city. Dare we look to them as a body for some direct and appropriate action consonant with the individual aspirations of each? For the responsibility does lie with them as individuals. It is a matter that should engage the immediate and deliberate attention of such bodies as the Natal Indian Association and the Natal Indian Congress. Here is wide opportunity for each organised society of Indians to urge upon Europeans a grave responsibility, to bring light into this darkness and, in Mr. Churchill's words, to re-establish the stature of man.

S.R.

THE decision of Mr. S. R. Naidoo, president of the Maritzburg branch of the N.I.A., to relieve from public work—we hope it is only temporary—on grounds of health, will be greatly regretted by all Indians. As a public worker he has rendered yeoman service to the cause at considerable sacrifice of time, money and health. He is one of our ablest public workers and the community has real reasons to be grateful to him for all that he has done in its service. There have been occasions when there were points of difference and, like all public men, he, from the viewpoint of certain individuals, espoused an unpopular cause. Such a one was his association with the Indian Colonisation Commission. He never lacked the effort to prove that his case and that of his organisation was right, but beyond the question of public favours, changing popularities and armchair criticism, no Indian can have anything but the highest regard for, and deepest gratitude to, Mr. S. R. Naidoo for the services that he has so ungrudgingly given to the cause of his people, without counting the cost to himself.

Speaking at Maritzburg of his 30 years' association with public activities, Mr. Naidoo said that during this period his only reward had been abuse, but he had never relinquished the hope and ideal of the ultimate goal of the community and had continued to work. Mr. Naidoo has not been the only public worker whose record has been "abuse", this has been the common lot of them all, from Mr. Gandhi downwards, and it will still continue to be the reward of all public workers, while public feelessness remains, what it is. In the last run it matters not for the public worker; satisfaction is derived from the sense of duty and work-ing for the ideal, as admirably by Mr. Naidoo. To do this is to secure the highest crown.

We trust that Mr. Naidoo's ill health is of a passing nature, and that he will soon be fully restored so that he will continue his great work, which does not depend upon the conflagration of several views but concerns the permanent security and welfare of the community.

Our Readers Speak

INDIANS IN THE SUGAR INDUSTRY

Permit me to correct a statement in your editorial dealing with Indians in the sugar industry.

Your remarks that, through the persistency of the South African Indian Congress, the Board of Trade and Industries inquiry had been brought about is totally incorrect and misleading.

The South African Indian Congress is a body in name only and, rightly speaking, non-existent. No meetings of this organisation have been called for a number of years, and the chairman and joint secretaries are today serving on two different political institutions.

The Natal Indian Cane Growers' Association went on deputation to the Minister of Commerce and Industries in November on the question of the revision of the Sugar Agreement, and in their memorandum appealed for a departmental inquiry. It was entirely the efforts of this body that has resulted in the inquiry to investigate into the position of the non-European growers.

Your suggestion that the South African Indian Congress is responsible for the inquiry is a deliberate attempt to give credit to the congress for work done by the Natal Indian Cane Growers' Association.

In the supplementary agreement, which came out in 1938, this association interviewed the Minister of Commerce and Industries and was able to get 2,500 tons of sugar, equivalent to some 17,000 tons of cane, for the smaller and homeless growers.

In 1936 when the Sugar Agreement was being made law the Natal Indian Cane Growers' Association was then being formed, and was placed in a somewhat hopeless position owing to the absence of facts and figures.

The congress represented the growers from Gledale, and recently these growers, through the Natal Indian Cane Growers' Association, applied to the central board to enforce the Glendale Mill to pay for cane in accordance with the Sugar Agreement. Mr. A. I. Kajee represented the miller and the planters at the Pioneer Conference, represented at the arbitration that the growers were satisfied with the price received for cane. As a result of this arbitration planters who received 10/- and 11/- now are paid 14/8 for a ton of cane.

I agree with you that the time has now come for all growers to have their cases properly placed before the board and any neglect by them will spell "doom."

SMALL INDIAN CANE PLANTER.
P.O., Maidstone.

(We certainly do not desire to withhold any credit due to the Natal Indian Cane Growers' Association, nor are we unmindful of the fact that this body is alive to the interests of the Indian cane growers, but we cannot forget the work of the S.A.I.C., which was able to secure an assurance from the then Minister at the time of the quota allocations that Indian interests would not suffer under the new arrangements. In any case now is the time for concerted action in the interests of the Indian planters as a whole.—Editor, The Leader.)

"RADIO" REPLIES

In the last issue of this paper one, Mr. N. Pillay, asked me a few questions. To satisfy him, I have resolved to answer him.

What good would the revealing of my name do to the public? Although Mr. N. Pillay revealed his name to us, the public, know who this person is? Surely not. It would have been better had he asked for my address also. Then he could have known who I am.

Then he asks what are my qualifications to be a public critic. I don't want to be such. Nevertheless, anyone could criticise me and I am always prepared to accept defeat.

I always felt that any one could criticise and be criticised at the same time. This needs no qualification, for Robert Burns has rightly said:—

"The rank is not the guinea stamp,
The man is the good for all that."

RADIO.

CATHOLIC BURIAL

With reference to the article appearing in your issue of May 3, entitled: "Disregarded his duty: Criticism of Catholic Priest,"

I, as one of those also present at the graveside, desire to repudiate the whole statement which is nothing but an exaggeration. Mr. Royeppen illustrated and painted his pen picture very bright from a reader's point of view, but apparently lost sight of the other side of the story, which I consider, however, an injustice to the priest concerned.

In order to clarify the misstatement I wish to point out that Mr. Royeppen is ignorant of the fact, as no lay-member of the Catholic Church has the authority or even to substitute a priest to perform at a burial service.

A lapsed, luckless and ignorant Catholic who contributes his service to God and Church is accorded a full church ceremonial burial and others at discretion, to quote the words of Christ himself: "As you live, you die."

The attitude of the priest in this regard meets with approval of the community and the society I represent.

F. H. FRANCIS,
President,
St. Francis Xavier Society.

M.C. (Ladysmith).—You must write on one side of the paper only.

MAN'S FEAR OF CURSE

Effort to Placate Powers

DOES the pronouncing of a curse bring misfortune to that person upon whom it is cast, is the question that has seriously perturbed the mind of a reader. The following is the incident which happened to him.

An old woman visited his home and requested alms. When she was handed rice it was refused. A request was made for money. Unfortunately at that time as he had no money he politely told the woman that he could only offer rice.

In a furious rage she uttered the imprecation that he would suffer misfortune from then on, and walked away.

From that day onwards he has suffered a series of misfortunes though not of any serious nature. He is now very much afraid that greater disasters may befall him, and is seeking a way to overcome the curse.

In order to placate whatever force has been invoked by the curse he has offered prayers and sacrifices. He desires to know if curses are able to affect the lives of anybody.

FIRST IMMIGRANT STILL ALIVE

One of the first Indians to arrive in Natal, under the immigration scheme, is still alive. He is Mr. S. Abboy Naidoo, of Malvern, and the father of Mr. A. B. Naidoo, well known in farming circles.

Mr. Naidoo, sen., arrived in this country in the year 1859 by the ship Truro.

He was introduced to and garlanded by the officials of the Tamil Teachers' Conference, which met in Durban on Saturday last.

Short Shift for Speechmakers

SPEECHMAKERS had short shrift at Maritzburg on Sunday last, writes a Leader reporter. The occasion was a social gathering in a public hall. The M.C., it was stated, had elected himself and then proceeded to call upon speakers whose speeches were lacking neither in length nor in breadth.

The crowd, many of whom came from long distances, in the meantime was getting hungry, angry and impatient, and when one of the speakers began referring to a subject which they felt could be well left alone at this function, they made their presence felt.

The M.C. quickly took the hint and promptly brought the speeches to a close, and the crowd equally promptly reassembled in the place where dining arrangements were made.

Tamils in Conference

THE second Natal Tamil conference was held on Union Day at the M. K. Gandhi Library, Durban. There were delegates representing fifty institutions, including temples, schools and societies from all parts of Natal. Congratulatory messages were received from prominent Indians from Johannesburg, Pretoria, Kimberley, Port Elizabeth, East London, Grahamstown, Cradock and other places in the Union.

The opening ceremony took place on Saturday and the conference was opened by Mr. R. Ramalingum Pillay, of Maritzburg, a former president of the Hindu Young Men's Association.

The presidential address was delivered by Mr. S. R. Pather, who traced the history of the Indians since their advent to this country and referred to the pioneer work of the early settlers. He referred to the high traditions and the refineness of the Tamil language, and when Tamilians were spoken of in this country it included all the communities of Southern India, speaking different dialects.

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The inaugural address on education was delivered by Mr. D. K. M. Moodley.

The president of the educational session dealt with the aims of education and the importance of character formation. He referred to the re-cession of Tamil education and the need for definite control. Teachers' training, registration of schools, institution of examinations and the inauguration of an inspectorate were some of the urgent needs. Eventually the Vernacular Board was formed and the Natal Tamil Teachers' Society was delegated with powers to give effect to this resolution.

The general session, which took place on Sunday morning, was presided over by Mr. P. Abboy Naidoo. Mr. R. B. Chetty delivered the opening address, dealing with activities of the Tamil community and their immediate needs, and urged the conference to maintain a sustained interest in and take a practical view of all matters connected with the Tamilians.

The chairman impressed upon the delegates present the urgent need of the community and the importance of organising. There were two matters which would be submitted to them. The question of inaugurating the Devasthanum Committee was of paramount importance and that it would prove of immense benefit and unite a long-severed need. The other matter was to decide the revival of the Natal Tamil Maha Sabha as the organ representing the wishes of the Tamil community.

These questions were discussed at length and eventually the Devasthanum Committee was constituted by the appointment of nine members chosen from the various temples with Mr. S. R. Pather as the convener. A further resolution reviving the

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'NAMES OF BRAVE MEN LIVE FOR EVER'

Veteran's Letter to His Sepoy Son

MANY of the Indian troops serving in Malaya come from families with military tradition going back several generations: still more are men whose fathers served in the Indian Army.

As a result, many of the sepoys receive letters from fathers, uncles and brothers who are retired soldiers. The letters often give advice to the men serving overseas "on active service."

A letter which deserves special prominence was recently received by the Commanding Officer of a Punjab Regiment in Malaya. It was from an Indian in the Punjab, and said:—

"My son is serving under your command. . . . He is far away from me and I am too old to come and see him. Please convey this message to my boy in the presence of all the troops under your command."

There followed a message of which the following is a literal translation:—

"My dear Son: I advise you if you want to please me to fight for your King with courage and boldness. Do not bother about losing your life. Names of brave men always shine. Raise the fame of your unit and your family.

"I want you to get a V.C. during the war. You should rest, only when you have destroyed your King's enemies. One does not live twice, but the names of brave men live for ever. It is my pleasure that you annihilate your enemies like a brave soldier. Give the message to the rest of your caste."

The letter was read to the battalion as the sender had requested.

Municipal Barracks

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water after the rains collects in large pools in front of the rooms. Women and children have to wade with their naked feet through this water, which remains stagnant for days, from room to kitchen and to the communal bath-room-lavatories.

Throughout the Barracks the communal bathroom-lavatory system prevails. In many cases the lavatories have been fitted with showers and serve as bathrooms as well. Some of these structures which are wood and iron were built over 50 years ago. And as the iron has corroded with time and age there is little privacy.

Facing each block is a long row of "kitchens." 300 of these "kitchens" are windowless, chimneyless, badly in need of repair and blackened with soot to the thickness of at least half an inch. These kitchens are 6 feet by 6 feet. It is within this small space, heavily laden with unescaping smoke, that the children squat on floors and eat their meals.

Yes, under these conditions live the 2,971 children of the Barracks.

NO ADEQUATE CLOTHES

Of the 763 children who attend school 728 have no shoes or boots at all. The remaining 35 have each a pair, which is worn only on special occasions, and seldom to school. The children trudge to school on chilly, wintry mornings barefooted, bare-headed and in 90 per cent. of cases cotton-and three of the schools attended are more than two miles away from the Barracks. It was discovered that on rainy days, when children were sent back home on account of their being wet the majority of such children came from the Barracks.

Pyjamas in the Barracks children are non-existent except in shop windows. Children have no change clothes. They therefore go to school and sleep in the same garments. It is common to see children wait shirtless in the evening while their only shirt is being washed and dried.

MALNUTRITION

The children at the Barracks are the very picture of malnutrition, being lanky, emaciated and always hungry. Each male employe of the Durban City Corporation receives the following rations for which is deducted the sum of 13s.: Weekly, 10 lbs. mealie meal, 10 lbs. rice; monthly, 1 bottle oil, 200 lbs. wood, 1 lb. salt, 4 lbs. chuli.

These rations, on account of the poor wages received, are not augmented by the nutritious foods such as milk, butter, cheese, eggs, fruit, etc. Consequently the children are underfed and undernourished. The cost of one pint of milk per day to a family would involve 10 per cent. of the total monthly income. And in any case it could be asked: How far would one pint of milk go with half a dozen thirsty and hungry mouths?

There are comparatively very few children who receive free lunches at the schools they attend. Most of the children attending schools do not carry lunches with them as there is none to take with them. Bodies like the Natal Indian Association and the Natal Indian Congress would do well in diverting some of their energies in the direction of helping these needy children in respect of providing tree lunches or sandwiches at the schools.

NO SUITABLE PLAYGROUND

No suitable playground is provided for the children of the Barracks. Three open spaces of about 1 acre each and another measuring 90 feet by 50 feet were noticed. Each of these four spaces has three swings and one seesaw, in all, therefore, there are 12 swings and four seesaws on approximately one acre of land within the 25 acres of the Barracks.

These are all the recreational facilities provided for the 2,971 children living at the Barracks.

There is one sports ground adjoining the Barracks, provided for adult games; but the children are not permitted to use this.

HEALTH CONDITIONS

The bad housing conditions, the poor and unnutritious food, the want of proper and adequate clothes and the lack of suitable recreational facilities leave their mark on the health of the children. Within the last 100 years 727 children have died in the Barracks. This high rate of infant mortality is disheartening to say the least.

The majority of children are lean, emaciated and undernourished. Filthy and dirty sores are commonly noticeable on the legs of children. On these flies feast and carouse. Sores and cuts are very, very seldom bandaged. With overgrown hair, thin, undernourished bodies and lanky limbs these children form ghastly figures as they play on the roads and paths.

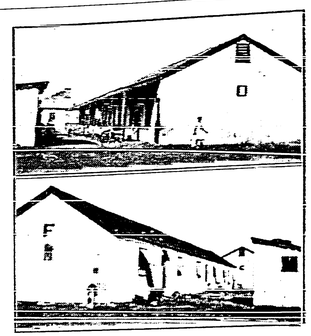
Mrs. G. Christopher, secretary of the Durban Indian Child Welfare Society, reports that in one week alone (in 1939) 179 children were treated. The total number attended to in 1939 was 6,720 children. The Durban Indian Child Welfare Society does not function at the Barracks at the present time because the society financially is not in a position to do so. Even when it did exist in 1939 the Durban Corporation gave no monetary assistance to the society.

There is immediate need for a regular child welfare clinic at the Barracks. Among the caretaker's office, however, is a well-stocked first-aid cabinet and an office-aided bathroom, electric geyser, etc. This is all there is. These premises are not in regular use at all.

The Khan's Dispensary Trust runs a kind of free dispensary for the general public near the Magazine Barracks. To this sometimes go the Barracks people. Medicines and ointments are given out. There is no treatment given to ailing cases. The present arrangements are most unsatisfactory. Medicines, etc., alone without treatment or diagnosis can be of little value.

Recently the unhealthy barracks conditions were strongly condemned by Mr. C. R. Ross and Dr. May of the Anti-T.B. Association. For the last few weeks the Durban Corporation deemed it necessary to have lectures delivered to the barracks residents on anti-T.B. measures. Residents are compelled to attend these lectures. No doubt the authorities are grabbing hold of the wrong end of the stick, for it is not lectures these are the people expected to practise what is beyond their capabilities but the eradication of the slum and unhygienic conditions at the Barracks which will diminish the prevalent T.B. scourge.

Such are the conditions in which live the 2,971 children of the Indian workers of the Durban City Corporation at the Magazine Barracks, barely a mile as the crow flies, from that immense superstructure, the Durban City Hall, the meeting place of our Durban City Fathers. What is urgently wanted is a reincarnated Pied Piper of Hamelin!



Housing at the Magazine Barracks: Typical wood and iron block of rooms with row of kitchens. Built over 50 years ago. No electric light and no gutters. Note the stable shutter windows and the absence of cross ventilation.

N.I.C. Comforts Committee Reports

There is a credit balance of £162 9s. 5d. in the funds of the Natal Indian Congress Indian Service Corps Comforts Committee, according to an audited report of a firm of chartered accountants, released for publication. The report is for the period October 15, 1940, to May 12, 1941.

The committee had dispatched to the [illegible] soldiers up to March 203 parcels each containing cigarettes, biscuits, sweets, chewing gum, cough drops, razors, razor blades, soap, shaving cream, toothpaste, writing materials, towels, handkerchiefs, etc. The cost was £138 17s. 3d.

Sporting goods, football, etc., were also sent to the camp.

The running expenses for the seven months under review amounted to £4 15s. 5d. This amount mainly covered postage.

The cash contributions received totalled £332 12s. 8d. Out of this £247 7s. 9d. was the proceeds from an entertainment given by the Ladies' Theatre. Individual donations equalled £160 2s. 9d., the largest donors were: S.A. Sugar Association £50, Natal Collieries (Special Fund) £50, Durban Turf Club £25.

Death of Mr. A. C. Kolia at Estcourt

The sudden death of Mr. Ahmed Cassimjee Kolia, of Estcourt, last Sunday cast a gloom over the entire community. Mr. Kolia collapsed and died in a carriage in which he was travelling to Estcourt from his recently-acquired business in "Southwold," near Estcourt. Of a genial disposition, Mr. Kolia was held in respect and esteem by his many friends in all parts of Natal.

He first settled in Estcourt about forty years ago, during which period he was engaged in various businesses from time to time. He was an active member of the Estcourt Mosque and Madressa Committee and has rendered signal services in the activities of the Madressa. He showed a keen interest in the affairs of the Estcourt branch of the Natal Indian Congress, of which he was a foundation member.

He leaves a widow, three sons and three daughters to mourn his loss.

ANALYSIS OF THE CHILDREN LIVING AT THE MAGAZINE BARRACKS, DURBAN

Total No. Boys	Total No. Girls	Total
1,491	1,480	2,971

UNDER SIX YEARS

Boys	Girls	Total
641	668	1,309

CHILDREN 6-16 YEARS (SCHOOL GOING AGE)

	No. at School	No. Not at School	No. Employed	Total 6-16	No. Exempt from Fees	No. Without Fees
Boys	479	368	12	859	67	311
Girls	283	499	20	802	67	311
Totals	763	767	132	1,661	134	622

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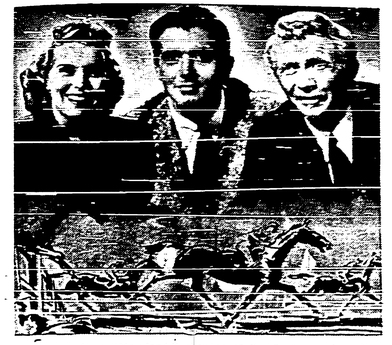

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Bumper Programme at Avalon

The Avalon Theatre leaves nothing undone to see that their patrons get a bumper programme each night. For next week double programmes will be featured. The first part of the week will include "Wife, Husband and Friend." The story centres itself with the hilarious misunderstandings which result when a lovely wife, who has loads of money, a beautiful home and a grand husband, decides that she wants one thing more. A career as a singer. There is another equally interesting big picture.

"Maryland," a film in technicolour and studded with Academy Award winners, with another sustaining picture, will form the latter part of the week's programme.

The background is beautiful and authentic because much of "Maryland" was filmed on location just outside of Baltimore where the annual world-famed Maryland Hunt Cup Race is held. The film captures all the impressive traditions and colour of a proud state and is thrillingly climaxed by America's most spectacular steeplechase.

Weekend Soccer Fixtures

SENIOR LEAGUE ("A")

3.30 p.m.: Avondale v. Old Collegians, Main. Mr. M. S. Badat.
2.15 p.m.: Durbanville v. Stella, No. 2. Mr. K. Roopnarain.

SENIOR LEAGUE ("B")

3.30 p.m.: Queens v. Shamrocks, No. 1. Mr. P. Moosa.
2.15 p.m.: Merlins v. Pirates, Main. Mr. R. L. Boodhan.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

3.30 p.m.: Crown v. Stars, No. 2. Mr. J. Raman.
2.15 p.m.: Sastri College v. Central, No. 2. Mr. D. A. Pather.

JUVENILE LEAGUE ("A")

2.15 p.m.: Central v. Sastri "A", No. 3. Mr. R. Moonsamy.

JUVENILE LEAGUE ("B")

3.30 p.m.: Junction v. Mayville, No. 3 Mr. V. S. Muthu.
2.15 p.m.: Sydenham Royals v. Stella, No. 4. Mr. P. B. A. Reddy.
3.30 p.m.: Stars v. Coloured, Riverside, No. 4. Mr. K. M. Pillay.

SUNDAY LEAGUE (TOMORROW)

3.0 p.m.: Depot Road Old Boys v. Berea, Main. Mr. K. M. Pillay.
3.0 p.m.: Silverton v. Clare Estate. Mr. P. B. A. Reddy.

Fixtures for tomorrow:—

County Ground, Sea View. Juniors: N. S. Naidoo (Natal) Cup—12.30 p.m., Cliffview Royals v. Shawes, Referee, Mr. M. K. Naidoo. 1.45 p.m., Malvern Schools v. Schools Old Boys. Referee, Mr. A. R. Naidoo.

Seniors: Sinerush Shield, semi-final. 3.15 p.m., Ravens F.C. v. Cliffview Royals F.C. Referee, Mr. A. Harry.

MARITZBURG TODAY

SENIORS (LEAGUE).

2.15 p.m.: Young Natalians v. Schools.
3.30 p.m.: Royals v. Yorks.

JUNIORS (LEAGUE)

2.15 p.m.: Young Natalians v. Yorks.
3.30 p.m.: Shamrocks v. Frail View.

JUVENILES (LEAGUE)

2.15 p.m.: Young Colonials v. Plessislaer.
3.30 p.m.: Hill View v. Schools.

TOMORROW

3.0 p.m.: Europeans XI v. M. Muslims F.C.

MAYVILLE—TOMORROW

JUNIORS

11.30 a.m., Mayville v. Manor United; referee, Mr. S. Thavar. 12.45 p.m., Stella Hill v. Cato Stars; referee, Mr. R. Reddy. 11.30 a.m., Pirates F.C. v. Lambardy; referee, Mr. C. A. Toomay. 12.45 p.m., Union Stars v. Westerners; referee, Mr. C. D. Beaton.

SENIORS

2 p.m., Moonlighters v. Sydenham United; referee, Mr. A. K. Hayath. 3.15 p.m., Cato Stars v. Pirates; referee, Mr. K. Roopnarain. 2 p.m., Westerners v. Mayville; referee, Mr. K. M. Govender. 3.15 p.m., Manor United v. Mansine Rangers; referee, Mr. C. V. Govender.

LADYSMITH (TODAY)

DEVADOSS CUP

2.15 p.m.: Schools v. Moslems.
3.30 p.m.: Shamrocks v. Stars (Khan's Cup final).

NEWCASTLE (TOMORROW)

Second round League Cup fixtures for Sunday (8th June): 3.15 p.m., Dannhauser v. Schools at Newcastle. Mr. O. J. Christopher. 2.0 p.m., N.I.F.C. v. Pirates at Newcastle. Mr. E. M. Bawa.

Maritzburg Soccer

There was no match on Saturday owing to five-a-side soccer held in Durban.

On the Indian sports ground in the first match Beavers (Coloured) beat Young Natalians 4—3.

In the second match Universal (Coloured) beat Young Natalians to a two-all draw for the First Maritzburg Ambulance Brigade Fund.

The Maritzburg Bantu Interburn XI put up a spi-ndid game against the Maritzburg Muslims to a one-all draw.

Fairbreeze Beats Malvern

On Ascension Day 30 boys and 10 teachers from Malvern School travelled to play friendly soccer matches with the pupils of Fairbreeze Government School. Two interesting games were played before a large and representative gathering of parents and friends on the latter's ground. The game ended in a victory for the home teams.

The results were as follows:—

Malvern (Junior), 0; Fairbreeze (Junior), 2 goals.

Malvern (Senior), 0; Fairbreeze (Senior), 4 goals.

At the end of the game the headmaster, Mr. C. Mossop, who was formerly connected with the Malvern School for a number of years, congratulated the home teams on their win and hoped that the visitors would do better the next time.

He made special references to those members of the public who had contributed freely to entertain the visitors.

Stanger School Sports

The Stanger school's annual sports was held on the school grounds on Saturday last (Union Day), in ideal weather. A very large gathering of parents and friends were present, including nearly 500 children. Refreshments were provided.

Miss Dharmavdevi N. Bodasingh was the carnival queen, with Miss Chandra Leela A. P. Naidoo maid of honour. The two attendants were Sumintra Kanaga Thelsie and Krishnamoney.

The fancy dress parade was an outstanding success, there being nearly 60 entries. The sports drew to a close with speeches by the carnival queen, the headmaster (Mr. S. D. Khan), Mr. R. Maharaj (who presented the prizes), Mr. E. Moola and the sportsmaster, Mr. V. G. Augustine.

The A. P. Naidoo's house trophy was again won by Pansy House—housemaster, Mr. D. Jumna.

Mr. E. M. Moola's five-a-side trophy was won by Daisy House—housemaster, Mr. P. Kistan.

Mr. S. P. Pather's Victor Ludorum trophy was won by M. Moodoo, Aster House.

Victrix Ludorum trophy: Joint holders, Gaumathie Maharaj (Pansy) and Krishnakumarie Basdeo (Violet).

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Indian Soldiers Go Down Fighting in Hockey Game

Some of the fastest hockey ever seen in Durban was played last Sunday afternoon when a Durban eleven (Europeans), composed of four inter-provincial players, met an eleven from the Rampur Regiment now in Durban. The soldiers provided the first thrill when about fifteen minutes from the beginning they manoeuvred dangerously into their opponents' territory but failed to score.

Time and again the soldiers made dangerous movements, but were thwarted by the Durban backs, who were playing magnificently.

Andrews opened the score for the Europeans a few minutes from half-time. From the centre the soldiers gathered the ball and one of them made a solo effort, but failed to score.

Half-time score, Durban 1, Soldiers 0. On the resumption the soldiers made attacks, but their efforts were checked by the Durban backs.

Rafferty scored the second goal against the soldiers with a really hot shot—a goal all the way.

Two down the soldiers made concerted attempts to even up but could not penetrate Durban's solid defence.

The pace of the game was beginning to tell upon them.

Combining well and playing fast hockey the Durban eleven closed in on the soldiers' goal, but the latter cleared from a melee which looked dangerous.

The Durban eleven came back more determined than ever and Andrews got his second goal.

Berruti scored the fourth goal.

Ghulam Hasan Khan, the soldiers' centre-forward, scored the only goal for his side when he converted a penalty bully against Chapman.

Ghulam Hasan Khan, and Abdul Wajid Khan, at back, played sterling hockey. The latter so attracted the attentions of the crowd by his brilliant defence that he was carried off the field.

Features of the game were accurate passing, advantageous flicking, exceptionally fine stick work and dashing individual attempts by the soldiers. The Durban defence was solid, their flank movements were fast and dangerous; their staying powers were superior.

Final score: Durban Eleven, 4; Soldiers, 1.

The teams were: Soldiers, Piara Khan, M. Salim, Abdul Wajid Khan, Sayed Zamir Ahmed (capt.), Abdul Hamid Khan, Kamil Meer, Y-kub Shah Khan, Qadir Khan, Ghulam Hasan Khan, Mushtaq Khan Muneer Shah Khan.

Durban Eleven: Ricketts, Sandler, Chapman, Lloyd, Alley, Fenden, Berruti, Rafferty, Andrews, Douglas, Baird.

Tennis Finals at Sastri Courts

On Sunday last the finals of the Natal tennis championships ("A" and "B" Divisions) were played at the Sastri College courts.

In the "B" Division doubles S. Bharat and M. Osman (Moonlighters) met D. Laljee and A. K. Omar (Sastri College).

In a mediocre game, interspersed with occasional hard hitting by Osman, the young Sastri pair beat the Moonlighters pair, 6—1, 7—5, 6—7, 6—1.

A feature of the game was Omar's service. He won practically all of them.

In the "A" Division singles D. Roopanrian met S. S. Maharaj, the 1940 "A" singles champion. The issue was in doubt at no time. The South African played quite a superb display of tennis. He brought in his backhand play with telling effect against his opponent, who hit the net repeatedly.

Delightful features of the game were Maharaj's powerful and accurate services and skilful placing, which found Roopanrian out of range many times. The final score was 6—2, 6—1, 6—3 in favour of Maharaj.

The "B" Division singles was a long-winded affair. The full five sets had to be played before D. Laljee retained his title.

At the beginning it looked as if Laljee would swamp the 16-year-old Moonlighter. The latter, however, ruffled and the first set terminated at 7—5 (Laljee). In the next set Laljee took early two games from his youthful opponent and was beaten 6—3. Bharath took the third set at 6—2 also. Laljee made a vigorous attempt to even up but succeeded only after 16 games had been played.

The decisive of the game began to tell upon the newcomer and he lost the final set, 6—3.

Laljee accidentally was invited to participate in the Natal trials prior to the S.A. championships. Bharath, within the comparatively short space of two years, has risen to the top flight in Natal tennis. Both are at Sastri College at present.

In the "A" Division doubles S. Garay and D. Roopanrian (Moonlighters) met J. Jeewan and T. M. Moodley (Centrals).

The Moonlighters pair beat the Centrals pair 6—1 in the first set in a game of skilful placing and hard hitting by both pairs.

Moodley and Jeewan turned the tables in the second set and won it at 7—5 after leading 5—0 at one stage.

JUNIOR FINAL

Centrals scored immediately after the centre. Stung by this Stella pressed hard and forced Centrals to a penalty flick, however, their custodian saved. The ball was thumped from one end of the field to the other as one team tried to consolidate its lead and the other to equalise. Although Stella got among the pace Centrals scored again, and immediately after Stella's vigorous play forced them to concede a corner. At the interval Stella raided Centrals' territory and their keeper had a lot time between the posts. Stella repeatedly skimmed the crossbar in the last minutes in their efforts to score.

AMONG THE JUVENILES

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On resumption Aces did everything but score. Stella eventually scored. This was the only goal of the match.

Before he presented the trophies to the winning sides Mr. S. S. Govender, president of the D. and D.F.A., congratulated the successful teams and wished those who had participated better luck next time.

The captains of the successful teams were: M. Jawahir (Shamrocks), J. Peters (Centrals), and K. G. Govender (Stella).

The tournament was played on the knock-out system.

Gate takings amounted to £15 0s. 9d.

The Tinley Manor Tennis Rangers' men and defeated Players, who had travelled from the Natal Estates, by six goals to two in the first match of the season at Tinley Manor.

Ladysmith Soccer

The following are the results of matches played on Saturday last.

Stars met Schools in the first match for the afternoon in the Khan's Cup competition. Stars played a brilliant game and took the lead at interval, 1—0. On the resumption Schools tried hard and equalised, but towards the end Stars scored again and the match ended in a 2—1 win for Stars.

In the second match of the afternoon Moslems met Shamrocks also in Khan's Cup competition. Muslems were outclassed for the second time this season, Shamrocks played the finest game of the season and led 1—0 at interval. A. Anthony and T. S. Gassimier, of Shamrocks, kept the Moslems goalkeeper busy, each scoring one. Moslems tried hard to retain their championship honours, but failed. Shamrocks won 3—1.

Five-a-Side at Ladysmith

After seven years the N.E.D. Indian Football Association held their annual five-a-side tournament again on Whitsuntide last. The competition was played under the league system. The clubs took part were: Schools, Moslems, Stars and Shamrocks. The competition was keenly contested, Schools ultimately won the trophy with Moslems "B" runners-up.

The Schools team: C. K. Naidoo (captain), V. D. Sarvanden, P. Cassim, M. Govender, Ahmed Gany.

A. Anthony, of Shamrocks, was presented a prize for being the top goal scorer.

SIXTY-FOUR TEAMS COMPETE

At Five-a-Side at Currie's Fountain

On Saturday last a five-a-side tournament under the aegis of the Durban and District Football Association was held at the Currie's Fountain sports ground.

About 600 soccer fans saw 64 teams compete under ideal football conditions in the annual event of the D. and D.F.A.

Teams from Maritzburg and Pinetown F.A. and the Durban association participated. There was heartening support from the juveniles, who entered 27 teams. The juniors entered 16 and the seniors 11 teams.

Nothing marred a day's enjoyable soccer, excepting at occasions when the referees had to intervene with the crowd on the touchline whose enthusiasm ran away with them and they converged on the playing field.

In the juvenile division Aces and Stella worked themselves by a fine exhibition of soccer to the finals. In the junior division Stella "A" met Centrals, and in the senior Shamrocks played against Schools.

SENIOR FINAL

From the centre Shamrocks gathered the ball and steered towards Schools' goal. They looked like scoring, but the Schools' custodian was wide awake and brought off some spectacular saves. At change-over there was no score. Immediately after, however, Schools scored a minor. Shamrocks drew ahead by scoring a goal—a beautiful shot from the right. Shamrocks eventually won a fairly contested game by a goal and a minor against a minor.

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School Sports at Estcourt

Ideal weather conditions favoured the annual school sports at Estcourt on Saturday last. The long programme of events attracted a large crowd, and it was appropriate on this day (Empire Day) that the true spirit of co-operation between parents and teachers found [illegible] itself. The sports were organised under the auspices of the Estcourt Parents and Teachers' Union.

The programme was of real excellence, especially the sports items, showing that there is much stamina and skill among Indian children. The open hundred yards events were run without showing any exertion on the part of the children. Quite comparable was it remembered that it is a junior school and many of the parents were of tender years.

The Victor Ludorum Trophy presented by Mr. V. D. Pillay was won by Khan, while the Halfpipe Five-a-side Trophy went to a school five captained by Jeeves Marais.

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INDIAN SOLDIERS AT STANGER

N.I.A. Accords Great Welcome

On Sunday last about one hundred men and officers of the 1st Rampur Infantry, who are now in Durban, were entertained at Stanger by the Muslim community of the Lower Tugela District. They were specially conveyed by motor buses, provided by the Muslim community of the Lower Tugela District, to attend the Mouloodi Sherrif at the Stanger Madressa, which took place at 11 a.m. They had tea lunch at noon.

At half past two, in the presence of the Chief Magistrate, Mr. Snyman, and a large gathering of Europeans and Indians, the regiment marched to the War Memorial and laid a wreath at the foot of the memorial.

At three o'clock a reception was held at the Stanger Picture Palace by the Natal Indian Association. Mr. E. M. Moola (Chairman, N.I.A., Stanger branch) presided. Among the speakers were Mr. Snyman, Chief Magistrate; Mr. Charlton, Chairman, Stanger Local Board; Messrs. A. P. Naidoo, S. Bhoola, S. Rustomjee, A. S. Kajee, M. E. Parak, and Maulvi Bhayat.

After the reception a team from the regiment participated in a game of cricket against a local team, which defeated them 1—0.

During the evening they were entertained by the Stanger Islamia Society at the Madressa Hall. In welcoming the soldiers Mr. A. G. Bux, Secretary of the Islamia Society, thanked the distinguished guests for accepting their invitation and congratulated them on their success in the war.

Mr. F. A. Bux, Chairman, Lower Tugela Muslim Youth League, on behalf of the Muslim Youth League, welcomed the regiment. He said he was very pleased to have the opportunity of meeting them and wished them good luck in the future. He referred to the disabilities of the South African youth, hence the reason for their not being in the army as their honoured guests were.

Subedar Khursaib Alikhan, in charge of the regiment, thanked the Indian community for the hospitality extended to them. The reception ended with a few war songs from the regiment.

Gen. Smuts' Thanks

The following message has been received by the Nizamia Muslim Society, Maritzburg, from the private secretary of General Smuts:

"I am asked by General Smuts, who is heavily pressed with work at this moment, to thank you for your letter and to ask you to assure your Society of his deep appreciation of their kind congratulations. With the General's best wishes."

Indian Tailors on Strike

Indian tailors' employees went on a short strike for wage increase in Durban on Wednesday. Some 200 workers are affected. They stayed out for a few hours, but went back to work on the promise made by the master tailors to consider the position.

Farewell to Captain A. C. Stead

FAREWELL was said to Captain A. C. Stead, Assistant Protector of Indian Immigrants, who is now connected with the Indian and Malay Service Corps, on his transfer to Johannesburg and then somewhere up North, at the Gandhi Library on Tuesday.

The function was held under the aegis of the Natal Indian Association.

Mr. A. M. Lockhat, the President, said that Captain Stead had done his best for the Indians. "For your services I thank you," he remarked.

Mr. P. R. Pather referred to the help that the dependants of the Indian soldiers had received from Captain Stead. "We do hope," he said, "that Captain Stead is going to the Crown Mines will get a higher post."

Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee said:

"We have especially arranged this evening's function to say an revoir to Captain Stead. The Indian community will feel the loss by his going away. But he is going on a nobler mission. He has endeared himself to us as a father endears himself to his son. This is no exaggeration.

"We felt that when the Protector's office had lost his services since the war he still exercised a watchful eye. We wish that no mishap will happen to him as in the last war. In the war he owed his life to an Indian soldier. He has not forgotten that service and when he was asked as Protector of Indian Immigrants for war work he was responsible for Indians being accepted to do their bit by the Government."

Mr. Rustomjee welcomed Major (formerly Professor) Burrows to the function.

Captain Stead was then garlanded by the president.

Other speakers were Messrs. M. E. Paruk, A. S. Kajee, Sergeant N. D. Parmanand, M. B. Naik, P. C. Sykes, and the Rev. J. P. Sundrum.

"It is very nice indeed to feel that one is esteemed somewhere and that touches one's heart and one's tongue," said Captain Stead, who received an ovation when he stood up to reply.

"Before I go I wish to place on record the assistance I have received in my work from the Natal Indian Association, Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee, Mr. Jalbhay Rustomjee, Mr. A. S. Kajee, and all others who have assisted. The association has worked hard and they have done far more than any other section of the community for the comforts of the recruits."

Some prizewinners subsequently were converted into a concert when Mr. Mahomed Hussain (Spider) entertained with songs a full house, which included a large number of Indian soldiers.

Mr. Ismail Osman acted as M.C.

Indian officers at Stanger, in the photo are Mr. E. M. Moola, Mr. Charlton, Subedar Alikhan, Mr. Snyman, Mr. S. Rustomjee, Mr. G. H. A. Mayet, Jamadar Dhomi Khan.

"Now We Are Two"

The passive resistance movement, which commenced in Johannesburg on May 12 against the prolongation for a further period of two years of the Transvaal Land and Trading Act 1932 is petering out, according to a statement made by a Johannesburg visitor now in Durban.

When the movement started there were a batch of four volunteers, who hawked fruit without licences outside the Court House and the City Hall, Johannesburg.

Today there are two.

They still have their push-cart emblazoned with mottoes of the passive resisters. But hardly any public notice is taken of them and the least to notice them is the police who studiously ignore these Law-breakers.

With the police being "passive," it is a matter of time when the two will dwindle down to nought.

A drama staged to raise funds by the Maritzburg Indian Paupers' Burial Society was held at the V.D.S. Hall last Sunday. The society has been formed for the purpose of assisting those who are too poor to afford the expenses of burial, etc. In appreciation of the fine performance of the child artists, Mr. S. Ackarya donated a small sum to the society's fund, and also gave a small present to each child.

EXCELLENT ACTING AT SASTRI

Successful Dramatic Season

Mr. C. R. Warriner produced yet another of his vast repertoire of Eastern fantasies when he staged "The Tents of the Arabs" at the annual dramatic festival at Sastri College last Saturday night.

The play, whose theme was that of a king longing for the solitude and peace of the desert sands and hating the narrow confines of his regal city, Thalanna, was successfully produced.

The actors carried with them the dignified bearing of the Orient.

Mr. I. Jadwat, as the King of Thalanna, played his part with feeling, his diction was good and there was nothing enforced about his acting.

Mr. A. Limbada, first as a dreamer after a king's throne and latterly, by exchange of fortune, a king, played his role successfully. His transition from Bob Narli, a camel driver, to King of Thalanna was clever. He adapted himself and assumed command with ease.

Mr. A. N. Bhaiyey, the Commissioner, bore himself with the poise and dignity expected of such a personage. The oration of Mr. H. Ismail, the merchant of Thok, was clear, audible, and emotional, though at times he lost measure and tended to be staccato.

Other roles were played by Harold Sundrum (a desert gypsy), A. M. Yusuf (Zahra), D. Laljee (Ayoh), S. Reddy (a silk stall keeper), and A. M. Yusuf (a vendor of Mochs).

Ten scenes welded into one exquisite and fluent whole, and carrying all before it to leave one amazed that was

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Arya Bhajan Mundai

The second annual general meeting of the Arya Bhajan Mundal was held on Sunday last at the Mundal's headquarters, Greyville.

The secretary's general report showed that the past year was one of steady progress. The band had played at several public performances and had assisted charitable institutions and other deserving causes.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Patrons, Messrs. S. Mulabaer and R. Roopsarian; president, Mr. B. Newgreen; vice-president, Mr. R. Manohar; hon. secretary, Mr. M. Chotu; assistant secretary, Mr. B. Dewnarian; hon. treasurer, Mr. M. Jawahir; manager, Mr. B. J. Mahan; auditor, Mr. R. Ragunath; band conductor, Mr. M. Chotu.

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FIRST NATAL-BORN MAULVI DEAD

The death of Maulana Mufti Mohammad Ismail Seeppe took place at his residence at New Hanover on Sunday last, after an illness.

The late Maulvi Seeppe was an ardent student of Muslim theology and was well versed in the English, Urdu, Gujrati, Persian, Hindi and Arabic languages.

During his early days he was a pupil of the St. Anthony's school, Maritzburg, the city of his birth. He was under the tuition of Maulvi Abdool Karim for a short period, and afterwards studied at home in vernacular languages. In 1906 he sat for his examination before Moulana Hajee Ghazal Faiz and Maulvi Rooh Emanullah, who were then touring the country. He passed out with flying colours and was declared the first Colonial-born Indian to hold the title of Maulvi (Priest).

His profession took him to various towns and villages in Natal where he was well known and loved by his friends and acquaintances.

He was a contributor to the Press on Islamic affairs and edited a monthly paper known as the "Crescent," and was formerly with the "Indian Views."

The burial took place at the New Hanover cemetery. A large concourse of friends, sympathisers and relations accompanied the funeral to pay their last respects to the memory of a loved and respected person.

He is survived by one brother and two sisters and six daughters and two sons. The community's profoundest sympathy will go out to the bereaved family in the loss sustained.

Moulana Muhammad Hanief (Agoji) administered the last sad rites and conducted the interment.

Glencoe Soccer Team

The following players have been selected to represent the Glencoe Association Intertown XI against Newcastle Association (intertown trials to select the Northern Districts XI) at Newcastle on Sunday, June 22:—

R. Ramklssoon (captain) (Dundee); P. M. Govender (Burnside), L. T. Govender (Burnside); F. Maistry (Dundee), H. B. Narrandas (Glencoe), P. R. Pillay (Burnside); R. Moss (Dundee), S. R. Naidoo (vice-captain) (Burnside), M. N. Naicker (Glencoe), Lazarus Pillay (D.N.C.), D. Dewnarain (Glencoe). Reserves: Cassim Essay (Glencoe), J. Sewpersadh (Glencoe), Abdul Rahman, D. Mahomed (Dundee), H. Baloo (Glencoe), S. Joseph (Dundee), M. Rajgopal (D.N.C.).

Brahmin-Non-Brahmin Debate

The Young Hindu Cultural Society held a debate on Tuesday last at the Gujrathi Hindi School Hall, Isipingo, the subject being: "Should non-Brahmin be elevated to Brahmin."

Messrs. R. Kallie and L. Gopalam proposed that non-Brahmin should be elevated to Brahmindhood and was opposed by Messrs. M. S. Achary and H. R. Singh that non-Brahmin should not be elevated to Brahmin.

The debate was an excellent one both sides having quoted many authorities from books.

Mr. G. K. Nullsiah, the adjudicator gave the ruling that both sides gained equal number of points.

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The advent of the summer months heralds the mango season in Durban but this year, though the hot weather is well advanced, the supply is far below normal. Prices, consequently are prohibitive.

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Enraged because a lover would not give his daughter in marriage to him, Mohammad Rawat, a watchman employed as shunt, and families must move into even worse accommodation because no new houses are provided in the place of the old one," said the secretary. Members were asked to make representations for better houses for the poor.

Besides collecting money which is utilised to supply milk daily to 14 extremely poor Indian children, the committee had collected clothing, etc., for distribution, and had visited homes to make investigation. Several families had also been assisted from funds.

SEX PROBLEMS

The society had to deal with cases of sex problems, that of maintenance costs of illegitimate children, which they had to see was paid; marriage of minors, and care of uncontrollable children, who in some cases had to be placed under institutional care. The pile of cases, the secretary went on, was steadily growing.

One of the major problems in qualifying for a maintenance grant was that children must be attending school. Free education not being available, grants were lost in certain cases. An appeal was made that representations be made to responsible authorities to extend free educational facilities to Indian children.

Sister O'Connor, treasurer, in presenting her report said that the income was £192 13s. 9d., expenditure £24 12s., leaving a credit balance of £168 6s. 9d. To those responsible for staging concerts and dramas to augment the funds her thanks were due, she said.

Mrs. L. R. Tibbit, president of the European Child Welfare Society, in moving the adoption of the report, paid a compliment to Mrs. G. Zachariah for excellent leader-ship. "I am proud to be associated with such splendid workers," she went on. "Your society has gone to great pains to carry out such good and noble work for children. Children should be brought up so that they would become useful members of the community, and to do so good homes are needed. I would ask you to continue your fight for free education and better housing with those responsible."

MEN AS MEMBERS

Mrs. A. Christopher, president of the Natal Society, who was present, together with Mr. A. Christopher, said she was very much pleased to hear of the fine work being done. "The mothers of the members of the society had been doing all the work, and as is well known no home is complete without the father, therefore I appeal to you men to become members so that the society could work as one big family," she said.

"I bring you the very good wishes of my society, and I hope that your society will continue in its endeavour to bring light and comfort into the darkened homes of those poor and suffering children," she concluded.

A draft constitution was read and provisionally accepted.

Before election a presentation was made to Miss Whitworth.

Election of officials resulted as follows: Patron, Mrs. L. R. Tibbit; president, Mrs. G. Zachariah; vice-presidents, Mrs. Lawrence and Mr. R. Manicum; hon. secretary, Mrs. M. Daniel; treasurer, Sister O'Connor; committee, Mesdames M. Langley, G. Dicks, P. Phillips, P. Satgunal, O. Maharaj, A. Reddy, and Messrs. S. K. Naidoo, B. R. Naidoo, G. Zachariah, P. N. R. Naidoo, D. R. Singh, R. Chetty, M. Daniel, V. Sivan and Gordon Naidoo.

Mr. D. R. Singh at the meeting made a presentation of £10 to the funds of the society.

Teachers Marry

The marriage of Mr. Theodore Alphonsa Emmanuel (on the staff of the Government Indian School, Dundee), the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Soobryal, of Pinetown, to Miss Gladys Dorothea, second daughter of Mr and Mrs. M. Lawrence, of Maritzburg, on the staff of the Indian Girls' School, Clairwood, was solemnised at the Lorne Street Methodist Church, Durban.

The Rev. C. J. Lander officiated. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. E. Thomas, of Durban. Mr. Ranjas Emmanuel, brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and the bride's sister, Miss Grace Lawrence, was bridesmaid.

A reception was held at the Centenary Road Indian School Hall, which was packed to capacity. Many congratulatory messages were read. Among those who spoke were the Rev. C. J. Lander, Mr. E. Thomas, Mr. G. R. Warriner, Mr. E. E. Soobryal, Mr. M. Lawrence and Mr. M. Daniel.

THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

Preliminary marriage announcements, engagement and birth notices intended for publication in these columns will now be charged for. The rate is 2s. 6d. per insertion.

The marriage of Miss Powlamulle (Archammal), the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Muthu Moodliyar, of Sea View, to Mr. Chinasamy (C. K. Moodley), of Main Road, Cinnas Road, will take place on Sunday next, June 22, at ten o'clock in the morning at the bridegroom's residence. Miss Powlamulle is the sister of Mr. M. Moodley, the Indian social worker.

Mr. Willie Ernest, of Johannesburg, well known in sporting and public circles, is spending a holiday in Durban.

Mr. E. M. Moola, of Ladysmith, was involved in a motor accident at Ladysmith on Saturday last. He received injuries to his hand and body, but is making satisfactory progress.

Messrs. B. L. Sing and S. Bachan, both of Sing's Agency, were in Durban on Sunday.

Mr. Joseph Michael, the well known Indian cyclist, of Maritzburg, is leaving shortly for somewhere in Africa.

Mr. Ismail Sacoor, secretary of the Islamia F.C., Maritzburg, who spent last weekend at Durban, has now returned home.

Mr. Narsi Parbhoo, the well-known merchant tailor of Johannesburg, is on a visit to Durban.

Mr. C. M. Ramawthar, manager of the Early Morning Market Cafe, and Mrs. C. M. Ramawthar have returned to Durban from Hilton Road where they spent their week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Maharaj.

Mrs. D. Ramasar, of Umzinto, is spending a short holiday with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Sobrun, of 8 Sobrun Road, Overport, Durban.

A Muslim Wedding

A Muslim wedding took place between Mahomed Haniff, youngest son of Mr and Mrs. Shaik Badsha, of 50 Cathedral Road, Durban, and Hawa Bee, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sayed Omar, of 10 Lonsdale Road, Jacobs.

Immediately after the Nikah ceremony the party proceeded to the bridegroom's residence, 50 Cathedral Road, Durban, were a Moolood Un Nabbie celebration of the Holy Prophet Mahomed (P.B.U.H.) and Waiz took place. Waiz was delivered by Al Haj Moulana Molvi Abdul Quadir Afrique, of Verulam, and Mr. Sayed Sarfoodeen, of Durban, and Kessaids and Quoran by Mr. Mahomed Essack, of Madressa Arcade, Durban. About 1,000 people were entertained. Speeches of congratulation were delivered by various speakers, followed by a concert conducted by Mr. Safoor Khan.

Mr. S. S. Ahmed, of Overport, who acted as M.C., welcomed the guests.

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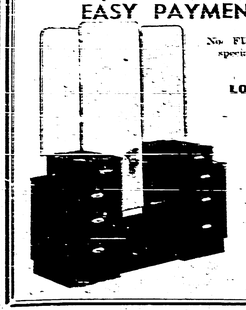
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A SERIOUS TREND

A RECENT incident, slight in itself, coming to our notice the other day, illustrates a modern trend of the most far-reaching consequence. Some European children on mounting a municipal bus noticed one or two Indian children in seats to which they were legitimately entitled, but which were, it would seem, too near to them for their liking. The European children told the Indian children to move further away and the Indian children, as is so often their habit, obeyed the order rather than remonstrate against it. It is, of course, a small matter which in other circumstances would not deserve notice. But small matters sometimes have powerful results, and we are persuaded to offer comment upon this one because it touches vitally the present and future relations between Europeans and non-Europeans.

What, we must ask ourselves and others, are to be the future relations between the peoples of South Africa? On the one hand there are many forces working towards a happier and more fruitful racial understanding. In some circles the Indian and the Native are no longer looked upon as aliens cast in some different image from the European. Among educated Europeans the contribution of educated Indians is acknowledged. In literature, art and science India has produced some world figures whose work is recognised by institutions and schools of learning in every continent. In our own country of South Africa more and more young men and women are, to their abiding credit, showing themselves able and capable of attaining high academic honours. Against innumerable handicaps the Indians are striving towards a betterment of their own lives which in obvious ways will enrich the community as a whole. Those Europeans who are active among Indians have more than once remarked upon the growing influence such striving is having on racial attitudes.

While we must all welcome these signs it is distressing to note how the future is being jeopardised by the way in which European children are unconsciously raised in the idea that non-European children are inferior to them. It is not only a sad thing but a very dangerous one. Many European Christian children having been taught that Jesus was crucified by the Jews have come to hate the Jewish people and Jewish children. So in many European home where care is not taken, children are brought up with the idea that they are superior to non-European children. At too many schools nothing is done to counteract the tendency to look upon the domestic servant as someone to be despised and to think of non-Europeans in terms of sub-servience. It is recognised by all psychologists how difficult it is to uproot in adulthood the first prejudices of early life.

How to remedy a tendency against which all intelligent European parents would rebel is not so easy to discover. We should like to think that in schools something might be done to teach both self-respect and respect for others of other races. It might be possible, for example, and we suggest it hopefully, that in European schools well disposed teachers would sometimes tell their children of the other India, the India the civilisation of which is growing in abundance and honour. Occasional lessons devoted to some of the great men of India, scientists like Professor Bose of world-wide repute, poets like Tagore of great worth, statesmen and lovers of mankind like Gandhi. Such lessons, perhaps, would create in the mind of the European child a feeling that after all the Indian child, though dark of skin and often desolate and lowly, is not to be despised. More than that they would help in creating an understanding in childhood which later on would be of tremendous value.

Whatever be the remedy it is worth discovering. No one welcomes the fact that racial antagonisms reach down to children of all races and that the future is being created on a present so unhappily devised as far as our children are concerned. The child that hates the Indian and the Bantu becomes the man who hates. The child that despises other children becomes the man that despises other men. Not in such a way are we likely to remedy what needs remedy and not in such a way will the European attract that esteem and respect of the other sections of the community. For in these rigid and uncompromising divisions of white and black, with growing hate on both sides, will be found the surest way of releasing forces which must, in course of time, endanger the well-being of this country.

Public Funds

MUCH credit is to be given to the excellent manner in which the Natal Indian Congress Committee conducts its business of providing comforts to the Indian Service Corps. The report of this body reflects seven months of hard work. What is particularly commendable is the almost negligible cost of running expenses. The committee has dispatched comforts to the value of over £138, and the audit shows that only £4 15s. 6d., and that mostly on postage, was spent in the administration of the money collected. It seems to us that here is an example that might be followed by others. First it shows what can be done in keeping expenses down to the minimum, and second it demonstrates the merit that lies in a proper audit of books. The first will rejoice every subscriber who will feel that what he gives reaches its destination in comforts for his fellows. The second creates a confidence in the committee. Both are practices which should appeal to all Indian bodies dealing with subscriptions, for only in efficient handling of affairs can success be achieved.

Our Readers Speak

NO SEATS FOR LADIES.

It is an acknowledged fact that our sports fields are literally "starved" without our fair sex to grace their presence, thus giving a bit of feminine atmosphere.

With the advent of the Rampur Battalion we were fortunate enough to be given a treat to see them matched against Europeans in somewhat a game that is new to Indians in Durban.

Out of the whole of Durban that turned out to the ground to cheer our soldiers there were many prominent Indian ladies present, whilst seating accommodation was scarce. To one's amazement the few benches that were available were glued with men and who loathed to vacate their seats while the ladies had to be contented standing.

If this is the way we are to show our chivalry to the Ex-Imperial Indian who turned out to the ground then it is no wonder that it takes a lady to come all the way from Cape Town and say "Shame on you men of Durban."

GOVENDERITE.

INDIAN EISTEDDFOD

Will you be kind enough to give publicity to the following report in your widely read paper in order to clarify certain misunderstandings which Mr. Geo. Singh's article in your last issue has caused.

I read with interest combined with dismay Sir. Geo. Singh's letter in the last issue of The Leader. From what I could gather from the remarks made there seems to be a definite split in Durban in the ranks of those who gave of their best in previous years towards the welfare of the Indian Eisteddfod.

No one who has followed the activities of the Indian Society for the Advancement of Music and Art since its inception would like to see that body go defunct. And who can deny that there are many who are working towards that end. Of all the cultural bodies that have been formed during recent years for the good of our people, none has done more for the general upliftment of the Indian community than the above society.

It is a pity that the society has been accused of being involved in politics. Being purely a cultural body every effort should be made to keep it free from politics, no matter how hard interested officials might try to get it involved in the affairs of either of the two political bodies.

The following passage in Mr. Geo. Singh's letter has caused quite a stir and not a little amount of misunderstanding:—

"In these remarks I have in mind a concert held in Northern Natal recently. I feel that concert is responsible for more apathy than anything else the Eisteddfod has done."

For the information of the numerous readers of The Leader Mr. Geo. Singh should have been more explicit. Last month a concert of all finalists in Northern Natal was held in Glencoe. Some, as a result of the working of the above passage, are under the impression that the concert referred to was the one held in Glencoe. This, however, is not the case. The last are that several months ago a concert was held in Newcastle. The Northern Natal branch of the Eisteddfod is in no way responsible for or connected with the concert in question.

This disclaimer should satisfy all representatives of our society in Northern Natal that the concert held under the auspices of the branch was not referred to in Mr. Singh's letter.

Yes, Mr. Singh, I agree with you. There should be greater activity among the non-scholastic section of our community. The Eisteddfod is in urgent need of intelligent men like you, who could give a practical lead by encouraging entries among the rest of the community other than scholars.

More vernacular entries should do much to further the interests of society. In this respect the Indian community of Natal has responded magnificently for the past few years.

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, the opportunity is taken of complimenting you on your timely editorial regarding the above. You have not a the slightest degree underestimated the importance of the Indian Eisteddfod. It would, indeed, be a great calamity to all sections of the community if, after all these years of careful planning and painstaking efforts, the Eisteddfod were to come to a close.

S. MANICKUM,
Hon. Secretary.

THAT CANCELLED FEAST

Having made inquiries among various people in connection with the cancelled celebration of which the public are, of course, well aware, I come to a final conclusion that "some fellow" cancelled this celebration without consulting the organisers, who, I come to learn, were ladies.

Sir, do you think any Tom, Dick or Harry has got the nerve to cancel the public celebration on their own accord?

Why is A. M. Ebrahim beating about the bush about the magnificent donation? Why doesn't he mention the actual amount given so that the people can judge for themselves whether it was wise of the officials to cancel the celebration just because of the donation.

Sir, the actual man responsible for the erection of the Madressa was the late Mr. M. I. Kajee, a man who was a real public worker; a man recognised by some (including myself, of course) as a public idol. When he died also was A. M. Ebrahim there? I suppose just because it was an ordinary weekday they (including A. M. Ebrahim) were not able to do anything.

Is it really necessary, A. M. Ebrahim, from our religious point of view to have a good feast after burial?

What difference would it have made if the feast on behalf of the deceased was carried on to a further date? Have not the mourners well aware of the fact that the following day was fixed for the celebration of our Prophet's birthday.

Mr. A. M. Ebrahim, you wrote that the mourners after the funeral gathered in the hall, where meals as usual were served on the same day when the celebration was supposed to be held. (Actually M. Ismail died at midnight and was buried in the afternoon, that was 12 to 15 hours before the celebration.

I would like to remind Mr. A. M. Ebrahim that I am not concerned whether the people went hungry or not, and I am not grumbling whether I was invited or not; but I am grumbling at the cancelling of the celebration of our Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) for the death of an ordinary individual.

If a man gives a few hundred pounds for a deserving cause do you, Mr. A. M. Ebrahim, call him a public nuisance? I, from my point of view, don't.

C.M.P.

RECALL MESSAGE UNHEARD

So They Stood at the Post

Two Indian soldiers were involved in a remarkable exploit during the latest British offensive in the Keren sector of Italian Eritrea.

To facilitate the attack certain of our forward elements were temporarily withdrawn so that enemy forward positions could be shelled. The message of recall was not received by two Indian soldiers, who were manning a machine gun post.

These two remained in their position for 48 hours, and during that time, quite unaided, repulsed a fierce enemy counter-attack. After two days they were found by a patrol of their own comrades. Asked why they had not retired they replied simply, "We did not have orders to retire, so we stayed."

"If you look around this place," they added, "you will find our ammunition has not been wasted." When found they had completely exhausted their food and water and had only one belt of ammunition left.

THE CHURCH SIDES WITH INDIANS

Against Council's Expropriation Scheme

The Anglican Church Council, it is learnt, is opposed to the Durban Municipality's expropriation scheme to debousing Indians for the purpose of European housing schemes. The areas affected are Riverside, Sydenham and Merebank, where Indians have been living for the last sixty years or more.

The Church Council, which met in Durban during the week and was very fully attended, unanimously decided to send a deputation of six to the City Council.

The Leader learns that the matter was fully discussed and feeling was expressed that the Council's move was unjust and contrary to Christian principles.

The Church, led by the Archbishop, His Grace the Reverend Derbyshire, and the coadjutor Bishop of Cape Town, the Right Rev. A. Lavis, have expressed the Church point of view against segregation at Cape Town recently. They joined with the members of the Coloured community in its protest against segregation.

The Church of the Province, it is learnt, will have the support of the other Christian churches of Durban.

An inquiry is being made into the question at the moment and a united protest of all the clergy of the Christian churches of Durban is shortly expected to be made against this compulsory dislodgment of Indians from areas which have been their homes from about the time they settled in this country.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL ASKED TO WITHHOLD CONSENT

Indian Protest Against Health Commission Ordinance

THE Natal Indian Congress has made an appeal to the Minister of the Interior, Mr. G. H. Lawrence, to advise His Excellency the Governor-General in Council to withhold his assent and disallow the Local Health Commission (Public Health Control) Ordinance which was adopted at the last session of the Natal Provincial Council.

While the Congress supports the objects of the ordinance, namely, to provide a better control of the areas outside the boundaries of local authorities, it strenuously objects to the denial to the people concerned of the elementary democratic right of having a voice in things affecting them most vitally and in the expenditure of the taxation to which they will largely contribute.

The Congress has also asked the Minister for an interview to ansdifs be oral submission its objections to the ordinance.

The Congress has also reaffirmed that it was not given an opportunity of giving evidence before a Select Committee for the Draft Ordinance was not referred to a committee, nor was the Congress allowed to be heard against it at the Bar of the Provincial Council.

In the course of a protest at the decision of the Executive of the Provincial Council in regard to making representations against the Draft Ordinance, Mr. A. I. Kajee, the Congress spokesman, said that the areas over which control was to be exercised contained 90 per cent. Indians.

Mr. Kajee said: "The Advisory Committee was envisaged by the Cape Town Agreement and to this end the Draft Ordinance should have been referred to a Select Committee or the Congress should have been given an opportunity to be heard at the Bar of the Provincial Council.

"Both these constitutional rights have been refused. It is a negation of the rights of all free institutions, particularly to a community which has no voice whatsoever in the legislative body.

"It would appear that the Cape Town Agreement is a dead letter as far as the Natal province is concerned."

A Maritzburg Brigade

The annual meeting of the First Pietermaritzburg (Indian) Ambulance Brigade and Home Nursing Division was held at the Methodist Indian School hall on Tuesday last. The following were elected officials for the ensuing year: Superintendent and surgeon, Dr. M. R. Peters; hon. secretary and treasurer (ambulance division), S. K. Moodley; hon. secretary (home nursing division), Miss M. Kanakambal Naidoo; hon. treasurer (home nursing division), Mrs. N. G. Nadin.

A Tongaat Concert

Shaik's Cafe, Tongaat, was filled to capacity on Friday last when a concert was arranged by Mr. Mohammed Jan Albie in honour of the visiting Ranger troops. They were also entertained to supper at his residence.

The singers were: Mr. A. R. Mohamed, Mr. S. D. Pupa, Mr. N. Mohamed Asvadale, and Mr. Shaik Hassan, all of Durban, and Mr. Mohammed Jan Albie (John Qwaal, of Tongaat).

Lance-Corporal Albie Rees, of the Ranger Infantry, held the audience to their seats with his latest Indian war songs.

MUSLIMS MAY PRAY

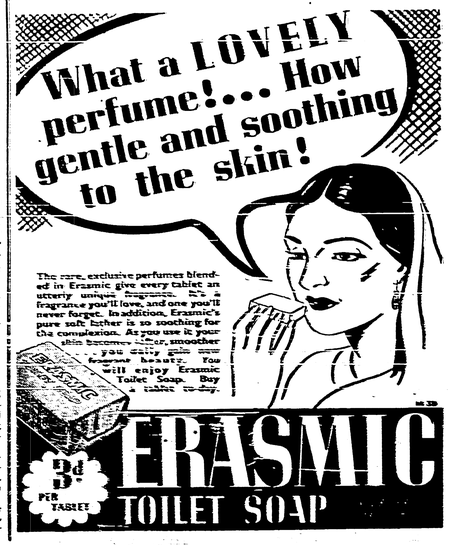
For Non-Muslim Governments

Mr. O. H. Sullaiman, Secretary to the Imam of the London Mosque, stated in London in mail week: The Imam of London Mosque has had inquiries as to whether Muslims were allowed to pray for the success of non-Muslim Governments. Imam Maulvi J. D. Shams assured his congregation, before they offered prayers for the victory of Britain and her Allies, that they could, as, when the King of Abyssinia, who had given refuge to some of the companions of the Holy Prophet of Islam, was attacked by another Power, they prayed for the success of the Government which had given them not only peace and justice but also religious freedom."

A Students' Magazine

The first issue of the "Miti," a quarterly magazine issued by the Maritzburg Indian Technical Students' Society, is now out. The magazine, which is mimeographed, is nicely got up and well illustrated. It contains messages from such well-known personalities as the Hon. J. H. Hofmeyr, Dr. S. Rama Rau, Dr. A. W. Rowe, principal of the Maritzburg Technical College, and others. Articles on Indian and technical education are contributed by Mr. G. N. Lubbe, ex-principal, and Mr. A. C. Lissegang, principal of the institute.

A special general meeting of the Liberal Study Group will be held at the Group Hall tomorrow at 7.30 p.m. Agenda important.



MR. B. KAKOOBHAI

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"Hamlet," or, rather, "scenes from Hamlet," the second play of the evening, designed and directed by Henry S. Miller. It was a Shakespearean treat par excellence—a production a professional company might well envy.

The blue lights, shorn of all their glare, and used in depicting the night scenes lent an atmosphere of ghastliness and the uncanny—a perfect setting for the perturbed spirit of a murdered king to appear.

Superb acting by the cast held the attention of the audience and left the people clapping at the end of each scene.

Mr. N. A. Naidoo, as Hamlet, portrayed magnificently the grief-stricken prince of Denmark. There was a sincerity of purpose and pathos expressed by this tragic figure. Naidoo's soliloquies left nothing to be desired. They were exceptional pieces of oratory rising with feeling to emotional heights. He had the touch and finesse of a finished artist.

Mr. K. Ramduth, as Polonius the Lord Chamberlain, imparted just enough of the comic element to his role to delight the audience. He never overdid his humour. He might well have made Hamlet's thunder as gracious and naive as his acting. His aged voice accompanied by the just visible nod of his hoary head elicited much laughter from his audience.

Mr. M. A. Mosda played the part of the crafty Claudius with a tone and demeanour suggestive of the craftiness and cunning of a usurping and unscrupulous king.

Mr. D. Rai, as Horatio, rendered his role effectively.

Other roles were played by B. Parag (Bernardo, a soldier), D. Awathlee haric (Marcellus, an officer), M. S. Naicker (Gertrude, Queen of Denmark, mother of Hamlet), J. Patel (Laertes, son to Polonius), M. Pather (daughter to Polonius), C. Raghubar (ghost of Hamlet's father), J. Sallikram (first player), H. Essack (a lady-in-waiting), S. Virana and N. T. Pillay (pages).

Admirers of Gen. Smuts

General Smuts' interest in the welfare of the Indian community and his friendship for the great Indian leader, Mahatma Gandhi, received tangible recognition by an Indian visitor to Durban this week, Mr. B. Kakoobhai, from Laurenco Marques.

He gave a cheque of £50 towards General Smuts' Birthday Fund and £5 to the S.A. Comforts Committee.

Mr. Kakoobhai has been a great admirer of General Smuts, he told a Leader representative.

"When I came here," he said, "I heard of the birthday fund and I strongly felt that I should add my own little quota as a mark of my appreciation and respect to this great African leader."

Mr. Kakoobhai has always been a generous giver. Recently to mark his stay of twenty-five years in Portuguese East Africa he gave a sum of £250 to various charities.

MR. PRABHUDAS

With Mr. Kakoobhai another visitor from Portuguese East Africa, Mr. Prabhudas, of Messrs. Popatlal Harribhai & Co., who is also a great admirer of General Smuts, has given £25 towards his birthday fund. In appreciation of Mrs. Smuts' service on behalf of the South African soldiers, including Indians, he sent £5 towards the Gifts and Comforts Fund.

Both Mr. Kakoobhai and Mr. Prabhudas, who arrived by plane in Durban on Monday, were garlanded on arrival by Mr. T. P. Devshi and Mr. P. H. Dhupelia.

They are the guests of Mr. Devshi during their stay in Durban.

They expect to make their return trip today.

Distribution of Condensed Milk

As a result of representations made the following circular has been issued by Messrs. Nestlé (S.A.), Ltd., to merchants and storekeepers throughout the Union:

"The Canning Board, in writing us on the subject of restrictions of civilian supplies of condensed milk necessary at present to furnish urgent military needs, make the following remarks:

"We shall be pleased to be informed whether it would be possible for you to devise some way of reducing the impact of these restrictive measures on poorer communities such as the Indian community, Coloured communities, urbanised natives, and the poorer white population, by requesting merchants to restrict sales to such people who would not use it as a luxury, but to whom it constitutes a vital necessity. It is realised it would be impracticable to carry through such a scheme by rationing, but co-operation on the part of the traders might result in more condensed milk being available for these poorer sections of the community.

"We realise the practical difficulties of effectively applying such discrimination, but may we appeal to you to the utmost of your ability to carry out the spirit of this request by the Canning Board.

"Furthermore, may we mention that similar discriminatory treatment is requested in the instances of mothers of any section of the community who are issuing babies on condensed milk; such cases, in fact, we think you will agree, should have preferential supply over any other cases if it is possible for you to co-operate in arranging that.

"We wish to express our thanks in advance for your co-operation, which we feel sure will be readily given to the extent of your ability."

Selections for Greyville

BY "SAN"

First Race: 1, Empuzzie; 2, Straight Flush; 3, Easy Money.

Second Race: 1, Insolence; 2, Blue Pointer; 3, China Blue.

Third Race: 1, Country Ball; 2, Heliolatry; 3, Soldaris.

Fourth Race: 1, Glenhyre; 2, Pigling Bland; 3, Follow the Fleet.

Fifth Race: 1, Sudeten; 2, Aldergrave; 3, Tipster.

Sixth Race: 1, Piccadilly Jim; 2, His Highness; 3, Best Luck.

Seventh Race: 1, Madstone; 2, Mishap; 3, Little Swank.

Eighth Race: 1, Pepper; 2, Crown Glass; 3, Militza.

Ninth Race: 1, Blimy; 2, Siwash; 3, Sunsight.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S DONATION

Support to Springfield Youths

The Hindu Youth Organisation of Springfield celebrated their second anniversary at the Indian School Hall on Sunday last.

Mr. S. L. Singh, who presided, said that it was the duty of the youth of the day to come forward and learn to bear the responsibility of their community. The greater part of the youth of Springfield, he pointed out, were very apathetic in their interest towards the community. This was evinced by the fact that there was only an increase of seven over last year's membership of the organisation.

Mr. R. R. Maharaj of Maritzburg, called upon the young people of today to forget their sectarian differences, but not their mother tongue or their heritage. He was afraid that with the efflux of time the Indian youth tended to be more and more Western in his outlook and that to the detriment of his culture.

Other speakers were Mrs. Manilal Gandhi, Pundit Jugmohan Vidyarathan and Mr. Badasay Ram, the president of the organisation. Messrs. H. Ramklass, R. Gangapersadh and E. Goddeep, of Maritzburg; Mr. Satya Deva, Mr. B. Woodeeth, and Sister Mary Hayes, of Tuffy, spoke on various aspects of Mahatma Gandhi.

In presenting the secretarial report, Mr. R. Mahabeer said that three destitute families were being provided for by the organisation, which also provided vernacular education and supplied the thirty children attending with shoes and other requisites also required. The entire cost of these activities was borne by the twenty members of the organisation. They were unable to attend to other deserving cases because of their lack of finance.

A cheque for five pounds was received from His Excellency the Governor General of South Africa as a donation towards their funds.

Messages were received from Sir Benegal Rama Rau, the former High Commissioner of India; the Mayor, Mr. R. Ellis Brown; Mr. G. F. Anton, as Fort Hare; Pundit Jawaralal Nehru, of India, and other societies and bodies in Natal.

Music was rendered by the Arya Bhajan Munadal of Durban. Miss R. Deeki and troupe and the children attending the vernacular class of the organisation entertained the gathering with songs.

Art Exhibition

Indians are invited to inspect the work of the late Leo Francois at the Art Gallery, City Hall, Durban.

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Classic Picture at Avalon

There will be a double programme for next week at the Avalon. "Sharpshooters" and "You Can't Have Everything" will be the pictures for the early part of next week. The Emily Bronte classic, "Wuthering Heights," will be the weekend picture.

In "Sharpshooters," as the title implies, the heroes are all newsreel cameramen, and that the life of a newsreel cameraman is just one exciting situation after another is discovered as the film unfolds. The adventures woven into the story embody all the essential elements of fast action, suspense, comedy and romance.

Rhythm, sweet, trembly and lowdown; heavenly songs hits by Gordon and Revel; scrumptious girls; a parade of personalities headed by Alice Faye, the Ritz Brothers, Don Ameche; flying fiddles, hot trumpets and honey crooners; dancing feet like rain on the roof; and the insanest antics ever from the Ritzananies — Twentieth Century-Fox includes everything for a smash hit in "You Can't Have Everything."

In "Wuthering Heights," the story, broadly, concerns the lives of five strangely associated people. Its mood is one of great love and great disaster, played out in an atmosphere of strange emotions, strange hates, strange moods. Merle Oberon is magnificently cast as Cathy, a high-spirited beauty whose life is mysteriously influenced by the moors on which she has lived all her life. Laurence Olivier plays the role of Heathcliff, a brooding, melancholy figure in love with Cathy, with remarkable strength and poignant fervour. David Niven, as Edgar Linton, turns in a portrait of unusual fidelity and conviction, and Flora Robson, known as England's greatest character actress, is perfectly cast as Cathy's nurse.

Too much praise cannot be given to the beautiful production and brilliant photography which heighten the effect of "Wuthering Heights" and make it one of the screen's greatest contributions since picture-making came of age.

Wedding bells ring for David Niven and Merle Oberon in Samuel Goldwyn's "Wuthering Heights," the romantic film

The cameramen at work in "Sharpshooters."

The death occurred at Ladysmith on Thursday last of Rugbeer, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramasthar Matheabeen. He suffered from a compound fracture of the leg after a bicycle accident.

Mr. H. S. Maimane will lecture to the Young Hindu Cultural Service Society, of Ladysmith, on Tuesday next on "African Culture in Relation to Social Conditions."

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SPORTS GROUNDS FOR SYDENHAM

The Sydenham District Indian Sports Association, in a letter to the Town Clerk, points out the urgent need for sports grounds in that area.

"The Sydenham ward," the letter says, "has a large Indian population, the majority of whom are employed in the centre of the City. That means five days in the week they have to leave their homes early in the mornings and return to their homes late in the evenings. You will appreciate that it would be highly detrimental to the health and well-being of the younger men of our community in Sydenham if they do not receive any relaxation during the week-ends.

"We suggest that the following grounds as being suitable for our purposes and have appeal that these sites be set aside for our requirements:

(1) The Corporation property on Hamilton Road on which the Native Beer Hall stands for a soccer ground, tennis court and children's play ground.

(2) Corporation property at the corner of Stanley Copley Drive and Dointree Avenue soccer ground and children's play ground.

(3) Property at corner of Matinson and Clayton Ranch, belonging, we understand, to Mr. Peters. Suggest purchase of same. Soccer field, tennis court, track ground and children's playing field.

(4) Springfield Flat Corporation property soccer field, tennis court, track ground and children's playing field.

(5) Kenilworth field, corner of Brickfield Road and Kenilworth Road—play ground, soccer field and children's play ground."

Durban Golf

In the semi-final round of the Bamboatas Memorial Floating Trophy, played last Sunday, K. S. Frank beat M. N. Pillay 3 up, and M. G. John beat H. P. Moodley 4 and 3. The final will be played over 36 holes on Sunday next between K. S. Frank and M. G. John.

The Stableford Competition, played last Sunday, resulted in a tie with S. R. Singh and G. H. D. Skaikh both 36 points each, and was followed by T. S. Perry with 35 points.

The tie will be played off on Sunday next.

Prospect Sporting Club

The following are the new officials of the Prospect Sporting Club: Patrons, Messrs. D. Kalideen, R. Jugilal, G. Kunjalli, M. D. Freebly and S. M. Naicker; president, Mr. S. Bhoola (Bux); vice-presidents, Messrs. M. A. Ballam, R. Billat, Jack Sidhoo, M. K. Reddi, M. V. Reddi, M. Dunnar, Hazmi Khan, G. Hassan, G. Gopaul, E. Ramsamie, S. R. Jimmy, Madan Jitjoo, G. Prejith, Bob Bahadur, Harry Jithoo, M. A. Naicker, G. A. Daniel, R. Ramdahani, Ajam Rassol and K. Kisten; hon. secretary, Freddie Badal; hon. assistant secretary, R. Rajwar; hon. treasurer, R. Sewnunker; hon. record clerk, Attal Aelim; trainers,

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Durban Soccer Lacks Sting

In a soccer match minus anything thrilling or spectacular, but full of squandered chances, Stella beat Daffodils 2—0 on the No. 1 ground at Currie's Fountain last Saturday afternoon.

From the kick off Daffodils drove into Stella territory and kept the ball there but could not score. For twenty-five minutes Stella defences were kept lively. Then they cleared for the forwards to gather the ball which Visi slammed into the nets to put his side ahead (Stella 1, Daffodils 0) at half-time.

On the resumption Daffodils looked hard for the equaliser. Their forward line played well but could not find the nets. Rajoo particularly was outstanding.

About ten minutes before the end Visi scored again for Stella after Bobbie Singh had failed when he had only the goalkeeper to beat at short range.

Final score: Stella 2, Daffodils 0.

In the second "A" Division match Avondale were unable to field a team.

Other results were:—

Senior "B," Shamrocks 4, Queens 0; Aztecs 3, Pirates 1.

Junior, Sastri College 2, Central 1; Stars 5, Crown 0.

Juvenile "A," Central 3, Sastri College "A" 1.

Juvenile "B," Mayville 4, Junctions 1; Sydenham Royals 4, Stella 1; Stars 1, Clairwood Riverside 1.

ISIPINGO RESULTS

Kynoch 1, Royals "A" 1.
Derby 2, Royals "B" 1.
Reunion A 3, Estate 3

Weekend Soccer at Various Centres

DURBAN TODAY
League Competition
SENIOR "A"

3.30 p.m.: Daffodils v. Warwickshire. Referee, Mr. M. S. Redat.

SENIOR "B"

2.15 p.m.: Queens v. S.A. Police. Referee, Mr. P. Moosa.
3.30 p.m.: Schools v. Pirates. Referee, Mr. K. Roopnarian.
2.15 p.m.: Sydenham v. Aztecs Rangers. Referee, Mr. R. Moonsamy.

JUNIOR

3.30 p.m.: Stars v. Sastri College. Referee, Mr. R. Bijon.
2.15 p.m.: Dunnhaven v. Central. Referee, Mr. D. T. Naidoo.

JUVENILE "A"

2.15 p.m.: Warwickshire v. Stella. Referee, Mr. D. A. Pather.
3.30 p.m.: Daffodils v. Aces. Referee, Mr. P. R. A. Reddy.

JUVENILE "B"

2.15 p.m.: Sydenham Royals v. Clairwood, Riverside. Referee, Mr. R. L. Bosdhan.
3.30 p.m.: Stars v. Mayville. Referee, Mr. J. Raman.

MARITZBURG TODAY
SENIOR LEAGUE

3.30 p.m.: Young Natalians v. Stella.

JUNIORS

2.15 p.m.: Britannia v. Young Natalians.
3.30 p.m.: Yorks v. Young Columbia.

JUVENILES

2.15 p.m.: Yorks v. Young Columbia.
3.30 p.m.: Young Natalians v. Pietermaritzburg.
2.15 p.m.: Technicals v. Shamrocks.

LADYSMITH TODAY
NATAL CUP

2.15 p.m.: Schools v. Shamrocks. Referee, Mr. R. Narraindas.
3.30 p.m.: Stars v. Moslems. Referee, Mr. R. Kallie.

NEWCASTLE TOMORROW
SECOND ROUND LEAGUE CUP

3.30 p.m.: Dannhauser v. N.I.F.C., at Dannhauser. Referee, Mr. P. Vengen.
3.30 p.m.: Pirates v. Schools, at Newcastle. Referee, Mr. A. K. Naidoo.

STANGER TOMORROW

3 p.m.: Victorians v. Kearsney, at Kearsney. Referee, Mr. Polly.
2 p.m.: Springboks v. Durnbarp, at Stanger. Referee, Mr. V. G. Augustine.
3.30 p.m.: Stars v. Pirates, at Stanger. Referee, Mr. H. C. Maraj.

GLENCOE TOMORROW
GANDHI'S MEMORIAL NATAL CUP

3 p.m.: Burnside "A" v. Glencoe I.F.C. (replay) at Glencoe. Referee, Mr. Fred Kallie.

Sports Items in Brief

TENNIS FINALS

E. Gany and D. Roopnarian beat J. Jeewan and T. M. Moodley in the doubles finals of the Natal "A" Division Championships at Sastri College courts by three sets to one.

Gany and Roopnarian won the first set; Jeewan and Moodley won the second and only set of the match.

HOCKEY

The Rampur Regiment hockey players are keen on a return match with the Europeans. It is probable that a match may be arranged for this Sunday. Five Indian soldiers played for the Clairwood Camp hockey eleven last week.

D.N.C. WINS

D.N.C. beat Dunlee 3—1 in the competition for Gandhi's Memorial Natal Cup last Sunday.

BOODHAN WINS

The Durban Indian Tennis Club staged their "A" and "B" division club championship and the entries were good. In the "B" division A. Thumbie met S. S. Padayachee in the final and the match was very evenly contested. Thumbie won the first, third, and fifth sets, Padayachee the second and fourth, thus Thumbie won by three sets to two.

In the "A" division Essop Ally met R. Boodhan and this ended with Boodhan winning three straight sets. Ally was off colour.

SUNDAY FOOTBALL

The following teams will represent the Durban Indian Sunday League against the Durban Municipal Indian Football Association at Currie's Fountain tomorrow in a trial match so as to select a team to play the North Coast Indian Football Association on the 22nd instant, when a team proper will be selected to represent the Durban Indian Sunday League to play in the Natal interdistrict competition:

Durban League, "A" team: G. Narian (Silverton), R. M. Naidoo, captain (Silverton), H. M. Dhayee (Berea), N. Govender (Silverton), S. Pillay (Silverton), J. Simon (Berea), R. John (Silverton), A. Joseph (Old Boys), M. Bridgemohn (Depot Old Boys), and M. Jaralur.

"B" team: F. Thomas (Berea), — Thomas (Berea), P. Muthusamy (Silverton), R. Shana (Clare Estate), E. Manjoo (Clare Estate), C. Naicker (Depot Old Boys), C. E. Moonsamy, captain (Berea), A. Moonsamy (Berea), I. Krishnan (Depot Old Boys), Anthony Joseph (Berea), D. Fared Saikh (Clare Estate). Reserve: G. H. D.

A soccer match between Carolina and Pirates (Pine Street), played at Carolina, ended in a draw, 1—1. Two fine goal scorers for their respective sides were Jiwa and Mahmood Ally.

Europeans Beaten by Muslims

On Saturday at the Indian sports ground, Maritzburg, there was only one Senior League match played, being between Natalians and Schools. Natalians won by three goals to one.

The other between Royals and Yorks was a walkover for the latter as Royals could not field a team.

In the Junior division Natalians were very lucky to play Yorks to a draw, one goal each; and in the second match Shamrocks had no difficulty in accounting for Hill Views by five clear goals.

A large crowd was present on Sunday to witness a European XI play against Muslims. The curtain-raiser was between Wanderers and Muslims "B" and resulted in a draw, 2—2.

The match between Muslims and Europeans was fast and clean. Muslims were invariably on the offensive and the Europeans had to take up a defensive position. Essop Ally, the midget of the two teams, delighted the spectators with some clever dribbling. Bollie Meyer, the Natal right winger, was well looked after by Essop Adam, the Muslims left half, who gave him no chances of crossing as was expected of him.

The Europeans lost by three goals to two.

Dundee Wins Singh's Tennis Bowl

The Dundee Indian Tennis Club are now the Northern Natal League Champions by winning for the first time the Singh's Bowl, which is competed for annually by the different tennis clubs in Northern Natal. (Headquarters for 1941, Ladysmith.)

Dundee victory is an event, considering the short space of time in which they had to come up to the standard of being league champions. Throughout the fixtures the standard of play and superiority over other clubs were obvious.

Estcourt "A" met Dundee in the finals at Ladysmith on Sunday last. After what seemed at first an easy victory for Estcourt, Dundee put up a gallant fight which soon proved their high standard of play and emerged victors by seven matches to two.

The following played for Dundee: A. I. Ayob and D. Bhagwany; "B", A. Emmanuel and N. R. Nainey; "C", I. C. Gangat and S. Naidoo.

Stars Win Khan's Cup at Ladysmith

The only match played at Ladysmith on Saturday last was between Stars and Shamrocks for the Khan's Cup final.

Stars won after an extra half by 4—3 in an exciting match. Both the teams played a good game and the match was evenly contested.

Goalkeepers were kept busy, and they made many surprise saves. The match ended in a goalless draw.

An extra half was ordered. Once forwards the latter part of the extra half R. Narraindas, the Star player, forced the pace and gave the lead to his side. Before the end of the match he scored another goal defeating Shamrocks, who held the Khan's Cup last season.

The match was refereed by Mr. W. D. Narraindas, Mr. H. R. Strode, the hon. secretary of the K.R.D. Indian Football Association, presented the cup to the winning captain, S. A. R. Karrim.

Stanger Soccer

Victorians met Stars on Sunday last at Stanger and defeated them 5—0 in what was practically an even match for the Rodsingh's League Trophy (first round). Victorians registered their first win. Dawood Kallan played well for Stars. Referee, Mr. H. C. Maraj.

The long-awaited match between United and Springboks commenced at 3.45 p.m. The largest crowd seen at Stanger for a number of years turned up to witness it. The match, however, fell far below expectations. After 15 minutes' play, United netted when V. Thammiah took a shot from far out. From then on United had much their own way. The United's defence proved too much for the Springboks' forwards. Before the interval D. E. Moola put United further ahead.

Springboks played slightly better in the second half, but could not penetrate the United's defence. A penalty was awarded to United, but no attempt was made to score. From a corner kick, taken by C. Mather, Pillay headed into the goal to put United three goals ahead. K. V. Naidoo, D. E. Moola, P. Palayachee, and G. R. Box (captain) all played outstandingly for United.

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NON-OFFICIAL AS INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER

The Leader View Finds Support in India

In regard to the appointment of the new High Commissioner for India in South Africa, The Hindu, one of the leading newspapers of India, supports The Leader in that the appointment of Sir Rama Rau's successor should be made from the ranks of public men and not from among the officials.

Writing under the caption of "High Commissioner for South Africa," The Hindu, in mail week, states:—

"We fail to see any reason why the Government should not revert to the earlier practice of choosing a person from the ranks of public men for the post of India's representative in South Africa. We publish elsewhere a cable from our Pietermaritzburg correspondent on the subject. Mr. Ram Chandra, I.C.S., who was nominated as the High Commissioner, has expressed his inability to leave India owing to domestic reasons. The Secretary to the High Commissioner in charge of the office during the temporary absence of the Government have to make representation on the matter. A section of the Indian community has been of the view that there is no need for an Agent at all. Accordingly to this school, the better course would be for the Government of India to deal direct with the Union authorities. Mr. Sastri, it may be recalled, some time back expressed himself in no uncertain terms against the idea. "My own opinion is," he said, "that our community stands to gain by the existence of the Agency."

The Government of India would be strengthening the hands of those Indian residents who are for the retention of the Agency if they appoint as their representative a person from the public life of this country, one who can command the confidence of the community in a measure which an official, however able and eminent, can never hope to.

The non-officials who have been Agents-General have discharged the duties of the office with distinction. It is no departure in policy that the Government of India are called upon to make. They are being only urged to adopt the procedure followed in the beginning. The Indians in the Union are passing through a grave period in their history. Three-quarters of them have been reduced to a state of poverty by the economic depression. And colour prejudice is as strong as ever, making life impossible for the Indians.

At a juncture such as this it is essential that, in the selection of the High Commissioner, the Government should pay due regard to the wishes of our countrymen abroad.

DISTINCTION FOR NATAL INDIAN

MR. P. MUTHUKRISHNA, B.A.

Mr. P. Muthukrishna, B.A., who is doing the LL.B. course at the Witwatersrand University, has won the regular distinction of being chosen to represent his university at a "Best Speakers' Debate," to be held during the National Union of South African Students' conference early in July. One speaker representing each university in South Africa will compete.

Mr. P. Muthukrishna, who is the son of Mr. R. Muthukrishna, of Port Shepstone, completed the J.C. and matriculation at the Sastri College, Durban, and secured first class passes in both examinations, with honours in Latin in the latter.

Social Gathering at Clairwood

The Krishna Reddi School Hall, the headquarters of the Clairwood Literary and Debating Society, was the scene of a brilliant social gathering last Saturday night. Mr. K. M. Govender, a member of the society, was welcomed on his return from a tour of India. Beautiful sarries and gay music by the "Klak's Krazy Kracks" lent colour to the proceedings.

Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Naicker, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Desai, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Naidoo, Mr. A. R. Ramith, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Govender, Mr. and Mrs. Mathoo Pillay, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Govender, Mrs. E. R. Nair, Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Naidoo, Misses Naicker, Mrs. V. M. Pillay, Miss Dennie Simmer, and Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Pillay.

GENERAL SMUTS' GESTURE TO INDIA

Appointment of Union Liaison Officer

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THE UNION GOVERNMENT have appointed Mr. Duncan M. Buchanan, M.C., of Cape Town, as a liaison officer whose duty will be to receive Indian passengers who are on their way to India, via the Union, owing to the diversion of sea traffic from the United Kingdom to India via the Cape, necessitating the landing of Indian passengers in Cape Town and other South African ports on their voyage to India.

Mr. Buchanan's duty will be to receive Indian passengers and make sure that they receive courtesy and attention during the time they are obliged to land in South Africa owing to exigencies of war.

This step was taken, it appears, by General Smuts, who has greatly admired the part played by the Indian soldiers in the North African campaign, so as not to cause any irritation to Indians who may temporarily land in any of the Union's ports, for a strict application of the South African laws was likely to cause disabilities to Indians.

The Acting High Commissioner of India, Mr. Muir told The Leader this week that the appointment of Mr. Buchanan was in an honorary capacity.

The liaison officer was well known for his interest in and friendship for the Indian community. He is also known to Mr. Gandhi as a friend of the Indians.

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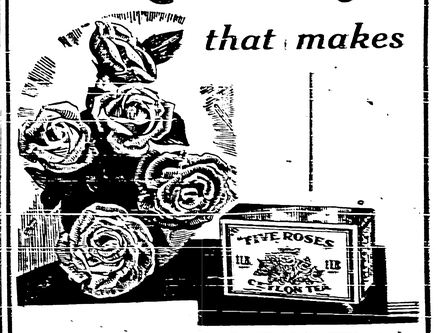

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The clinic should also provide cod liver oil, iron and other medicaments when necessary in some cases.

Now a few words about infectious diseases in children and mothers. People should be taught the importance of isolation in order to stop the spread of the disease to others both in the home and outside. Any person noticed to be suffering from any symptoms should be pressed to seek, and if poor to get, free medical attention. Unfortunately the Government as yet made very little provision for the proper treatment of Indian tuberculosis cases.

It is high time that suitable and large sanatoria should be built so that no case will be turned away. The T.B. problem is not a problem confined to any particular community but of the population taken as a whole.

A mother may turn in search of friendly interest and advice

Facilities for this also should be given to the expectant mother whether she should enter a hospital in case of any serious abnormality and transport facilities should be given. Insisting from the importance of the work of the health visitor it is of course necessary that she should be a specially trained and must have the love to do humanitarian work. It is sad to note here that there is none to my knowledge in the whole of the Union of South Africa an Indian qualified midwife. Some Indian girls should be encouraged to train for this respected profession.

The health visitor together with midwives women volunteers should conduct the clinic, and here a doctor attends in order to examine any case that is beyond the scope of the health visitor. For necessitous cases or the advice of a qualified person such should be provided free for child and mother. Another important aim of the child welfare clinic should be to give parents simple educational talks on personal and domestic hygiene, and on infant feeding and child upbringing.

THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

Jamal Tharani, of Messrs. [illegible]ni Gullamhussain & Co., of [illegible]nco Marques, and Mr. Ismail [illegible] during their recent stay in Durban were the guests of Mr. Aboobaker [illegible].

[illegible]. Kakoobhai and Mr. Parbhubhai of Messrs. Harribhai Potatlal & Co. of Lourenco Marques, who were [illegible] of Messrs. T. P. Desahi & [illegible], left by plane for Lourenco [illegible] on Saturday last.

[illegible]veral prominent businessmen from [illegible] Transvaal, including Mr. Ismail [illegible]n Adam, the eldest son of Khan [illegible] Cassim Adam, Mr. A. D. [illegible]r Mr. O. H. Cassim, Mr. H. W. [illegible]nayee, Mr. N. M. Ebrahim, Mr. [illegible] Ally Jadajee Khoja, and Omar [illegible]h Esau, were in Durban this week.

[illegible]r Dharamraji Gourdeen, the 21-[illegible] son of Mr. Gourdeen Aheer, [illegible]ssioner, has joined the Royal [illegible]n Air Force as a cadet officer and [illegible]e the first Natalborn Indian to [illegible]re a commission in the King's [illegible]. He left for India to take up [illegible]ical studies. After taking his first [illegible] course for the M.B., B.S., and final courses in the B.Sc., Mr. Gourdeen joined the Royal Indian Air Force [illegible]cadet officer and completed his pre-[illegible] training. It is expected that [illegible] will obtain his "wings" and a commission this month.

[illegible]r. F. A. Lazarus, the Shamrocks [illegible]erite, is recovering from an injury [illegible]is ankle sustained in a soccer [illegible]tch recently.

[illegible]Private L. Bobby, of Pastrie's Hill, [illegible]known in sporting and public [illegible]es, arrived in Durban last week-[illegible]from Johannesburg. He is spending a well-earned leave with his parents [illegible]friends and will be leaving shortly [illegible]somewhere in Africa.

[illegible]r. A. Kader Sabrate, who was involved in a motor accident at Town [illegible] Maritzburg, recently, has now [illegible]recovered. He had four officers [illegible]the Rangale Infantry at the time. [illegible]all escaped with minor injuries.

Honour to Transvaal Visitor

[illegible]r. O. H. Cassim, the well-known [illegible]sident of Pretoria, was the [illegible] of honour at a dinner given [illegible]Mr. Aboobaker Moosa at the [illegible]sbury Club on Wednesday evening. [illegible]owers were laid for over fifty [illegible]s, and specially printed menus [illegible]appeared on the table. Nothing was lacking to make the function [illegible]most successful one. Speeches were [illegible]so not lacking, which did not add [illegible]the gaiety of the occasion.

[illegible]Other Transvaalers entertained included Messrs. Ismail Cassim Adam, [illegible]M. Ebrahim, A. D. Mottiar, Omar [illegible], Esa, H. N. Keshavjee and [illegible]Ally J. Khoja.

[illegible]the officers of the Rangpur Infantry [illegible]also present. The rest of the [illegible]s included most of the leading [illegible]mbers of the community.

Maternal Mortality High Among Indian Women

By V. T. Williams, B.A., M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O. (Dublin)

The chief aim of child welfare should be the prevention of infantile mortality, the promotion of infant and child health and the maintenance of such good health, as ultimately to produce a first-class adult population. Mental development goes hand in hand with health of body, and until everything that produces a strong healthy body is cared for in a child, we cannot hope to produce a healthy and energetic mind. Many of the crimes committed in this world are due to an unhealthy mind incorporated in a diseased body.

This child welfare work must be regarded as a branch of preventive medicine and essential in every aspect as any part of public health. The child welfare work starts with the antenatal period. Antenatal care is the systematic medical supervision of women during pregnancy, its aim being to preserve the normal processes of pregnancy and labour, and to prevent or detect as early as possible all that is abnormal.

The ideal result of childbirth is to leave a healthy mother in possession of a healthy child. Most of the complications of pregnancy and labour, and therefore most of the fatalities, injuries and illnesses, both in the mother and child which result from childbirth, can be prevented by early diagnosis and treatment during pregnancy. The earlier in pregnancy a woman comes under medical supervision the better. Clinics should be provided where expectant mothers are examined in a routine manner by a medical practitioner or a qualified midwife.

Prejudices, ignorance and superstition prevalent amongst the Indian women should be broken and those people should be taught the absolute advisability of being examined during the ante-natal period. Maternal mortality and morbidity are very high amongst Indian women and hardly anything is done to prevent and reduce this deplorable state. In the British Isles the antenatal system of supervision has considerably reduced the maternal mortality.

NO MEDICAL EXAMINATION

There are rich and educated Indian men who allow their wives in pregnancy to go without medical examination. The effort to keep parturition or childbirth secret, at least from the men, is evident everywhere in the country. As soon as the woman feels pains the men are got out of the house on any pretext. The husband is evidently not to meddle at all in this female matter. What a pity! Husbands should be the first ones to see that everything is done to assure safety of their wives. Eclampsia or fits in late pregnancy, inflammation of the kidneys, contracted pelvis and abnormal presentations are very common conditions amongst the expectant mothers in the Indian community. Puerperal sepsis, which is mostly due to bad [illegible] or confinement by dirty and ignorant midwives, takes a big toll of our Indian mothers. The result of the infamous treatment of woman in childbirth by Dhais (Indian midwives) is shown in the fact that many children come into the world seemingly dead and many women find death only too soon.

Since antisepsis in the conduct of labour is of paramount importance in the prevention of puerperal sepsis or fever, I am of the opinion that it should be made criminal for any woman, who is not a qualified midwife, to attend on a Indian mother in labour.

The Child Welfare Societies should institute propaganda and educate the people to the necessity of qualified assistance and expose the dangers in having an Indian midwife who is untrained and carries about her the germs of childbirth fever.

The importance of antenatal work lies, of course, in ensuring so far as is possible that pregnant mothers are maintained in the optimum condition of health and that eventually their deliveries are normal with least possible amount of manipulation and the best possible chance of obtaining normal, healthy infants.

Now as regards postnatal care, this is just as important as antenatal care. Maternal mortality in this period is considerable. It is common practice to [illegible] any abnormality in this period by the vague term "Jaundice." Child welfare workers should see that women are carefully nursed during this period so that any signs of fever or other abnormality are recognised early and properly treated in time by a medical man.

Antenatal and postnatal care are distinctly lacking or almost amongst the Indian population. In the district where I practise there are about 22,000 Indians and child welfare work on antenatal and postnatal lines is badly wanted.

There is no doubt where dreadful cases can be treated. It is absolutely necessary if child welfare work is to be carried out conscientiously and [illegible] properly for the interest of the poor people, a clinic should be established without unnecessary delay. Finally in this connection the provision of "Home helps" must be referred to as a measure which will prove of great assistance to families in poor circumstances.

The "home help" is a woman who is paid by the child welfare authorities in poor cases to go in and look after the home and children while the mother herself is confined to bed, either during the lying-in period or at other times when she may be ill if she has children under the age of five years.

Further, there should be a system of health visitors who discuss with the mother any questions arising from the health and well being of herself and the infant; give any advice or recommend any treatment that may seem to be required; advise the mother to bring the infant even if no difficulties should arise to the clinic of the local welfare society and generally tries to establish her position as one to whom the [illegible]

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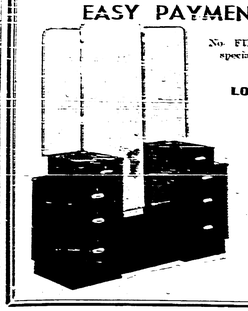
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General Smuts's Gesture to India

THE war has occasioned many migrations of peoples. Whole societies are on the move, some forced by their conquerors to transport themselves to other areas, others driven under the threat of war to leave their places of abode and join in the evacuation of dangerous territories, and others again, the fighting men, are shipped to the far distant theatres of war. In some of our ports we now find members of Indian Regiments in the Imperial Service, many of them famous already in the history of military exploit. In addition there are numbers of Indians moving for the most part towards India around the Cape now that the Mediterranean water is less free for shipping than it was a few months ago.

It is with great satisfaction that we learn of the appointment of a liaison officer in South Africa for the convenience of these Indian travellers. The choice of Mr. Duncan Buchanan, B.C., whose interest and concern for Indian affairs are well known, is as happy a one as could be imagined. His duties, we understand, while purely undertaken in an honorary capacity, will include the proper reception of Indian passengers at Union ports and their interests while they make possibly an enforced stay in the Union. Without this entirely desirable provision it is possible that many of them would find the regulations and restrictions in Indian movement in South Africa both irksome and irritating. With it their difficulties will largely disappear and their way made plain and smooth.

An encouraging feature of this appointment is the manner which report gives of its decision. We Indians may well be proud and hold in honour the fact that men of our race cover themselves in glory, it is right and seemly that we shall hold them in high esteem. It is abundantly evident that General Smuts, himself, the Prime Minister of South Africa, recognises the contribution made by Indian troops to the success of our cause in East Africa. On more than one occasion he has voiced this appreciation in glowing terms. He is the more anxious that Indians passing into and out of our ports in their lawful activities shall be made to feel that South Africa is not an alien land.

Such, too, would be every South African Indian's laudable desire, and we are indeed glad to think that the Prime Minister has made this gesture to India.

WEATHER WIZARDS AT WORK

The Poona Meteorological Office, housed since 1928 in a large stone building with a clock tower, is the [illegible] of meteorology in India and administers seven main observatories and three hundred surface observatories, some of these being as far away as Jashgar, Bahrein, and Cape Nicobar.

Time is an all important factor in the science and the Poona headquarters has its own wireless station and telegraph office so that the reports from its several hundred major and minor observatories may come to hand as quickly as possible. Speed is essential if reports and forecasts are to be of practical use to the general public and above all to the seamen, airmen, farmers, and engineers to whom they are often a matter of such vital concern.

This speed has certainly been achieved; less than four hours elapse between the taking of the observations by the 300 often remote observatories and the issue of the general forecast and the particular warnings to those especially concerned.

In this short span of time observations are made and messages coded and transmitted from the main and surface observatories. When received and decoded by the Poona office the results are immediately plotted on charts. When the daily charts of the sea level and various sections of the upper air have been prepared they are correlated with those of the previous day and with the observations received by wireless from abroad; finally the forecasts are made and again coded and sent out.

Meteorology makes use of a large number of highly ingenious instruments at the Poona Office includes a laboratory and a workshop where these instruments of precision are tested and repaired.

Among the most important sections is that of agriculture. Electrical methods of measuring air and plant temperature and air movement have been developed. A simple device rings an alarm to wake up the farmer to start heating operations before frost sets in. Another ingenious device rings a bell as soon as the field gets dry.

Along with the storm warnings to ports and ships, the meteorological office now issues warnings to farmers of heavy or untimely rain. The farmers' demand for this service is increasing rapidly as it has been found of real value.

The long-range forecasting of the monsoon and winter rains has an important place in the activities of the meteorological office. In meteorology, as in economics, conditions in any one country may be drastically influenced by happenings in remote lands and in arriving at the monsoon forecast the meteorologist must take into consideration factors in places as far afield as Southern Rhodesia and Alaska. Meteorologically, as economically, the world is one.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

R.S. (P.M.B.): In connection with the report "Short Shrift for Speechmakers," we are glad to know that "the chairman of the function was not self-appointed."

T.S. (Bipingo): Preliminary marriage announcements are to be paid for and no exception can be made, even if you are "connected with thirteen public societies in one section of the district."

St. Anthony's Indian school, Maricthave, are having a concert in the school hall on the evening of June 28. They are staging a "panto" operetta "Princess Pumpkin" and "The Magic Wand." The pupils have penned themselves clever actors, and there should be a large audience to see them perform.

Mr. D. Freddie, a patron of the Prospect sporting Club, has presented a set of football jerseys to the club.

Our Readers Speak

Catholic Burial

In your issue of June 7, Mr. Frank H. Francis repudiating my statement on the "criticism of a Catholic Minister at a Christian burial," adds to his credit, the words of our Lord "As you live you die." Let me assure Mr. Francis, of the St. Francis Xavier Society, no man is perfect, and if the deceased person was a gambler, a rascal, or an outcast, Mr. Francis will be within his rights to defend his Society from a Christian's standpoint. The Lord will also say, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." Perhaps Mr. Francis will be convinced, if he reads the enclosed letter signed by members of the Roman Catholic and non-Catholic who were present at the graveside of the late Mr. —— and witnessed this unfortunate incident.

S. D. ROYEPPEN.

(II)

In your issue of June 7, 1941, a letter appeared on the "Catholic Burial," and signed by Mr. F. H. Francis as President of St. Francis Xavier Society.

The undersigned, representing the Roman Catholic, and non-Catholic sections of the Indian community having read Mr. S. D. Royeppen's letter in The Leader, and Mr. F. H. Francis's reply thereto, are fully aware of the position.

We were present at the graveside of the late Mr. —— when the partly-finished ceremony was continued by a private individual member of the Catholic Church. We were amazed at the attitude of the European Minister who is stated to have been invited to perform the religious burial ceremony. We have attended many Christian burials, and in our opinion the Minister called to the late Mr. —— was quite contrary to the usual Christian ritual ceremony, but vindictive.

We repudiate the statement made by Mr F. H. Francis to the effect that Mr S. D Royeppen's article appearing in your issue of May 3 on the "Criticism of a Catholic Priest" was in any way offensive. We extend our sincere regret to the affected family, we confirm Mr. Royeppen's statement as a true reflection of the actually did happen at the cemetery.

Mr. Francis, who was at the graveside, is fully aware of this unfortunate incident, but apparently proved weak to challenge the authority of the priest concerned, hence his version.

S. D. Nair, Alfred Peters, Anthony Simon, Sam Louis Joseph, S. Royeppen, B. Francis, C. A. Moodley, A. W. Naidoo, Cecilia Bulekstin (Pretoria), T. Moodley, G. Annamalay, G. Mucky, Sulasamy Ritchen, Francis James, Arthur Kistan Morgan, Tommy Dora, Charlie Allaw, S. T. Corenter, S. Padayachee, S. [illegible], C. Lazarus, M. Joseph, David Francis, C. A. Peters, R. Charles, S. Kanuleven, Abdulla Allie, Max Gordon, Benny Baxter, Sydney Lawrence, Raymond Mannicum (Pretoria), Maxie Ridley (Pretoria), Edward Gordon, Joe Simons, Joseph Lazarus, Anthony Lazarus, Maxine Lazarus, Frederick Rose, Edward Peters, Harold Pinto, Phillip Lewis, Norman Ray, Penna Pillay, W. Naicker, K. Naidoo, G. Naidoo, Patrick Reddy, G. Davids.

(III)

With reference to the letters appearing in the papers of May 3 and June — in respect of my late husband's burial, I was grieved to learn from friends and my own children about the unfortunate incident which occurred at the graveside. In my opinion there was no need for the Minister to take up such an attitude, as reported in your issue of May 3 by Mr. S. D. Royeppen.

I regret that I had no other alternative but to refer the matter to the R.C. Apostolic Delegation, Rondebosch and have since received an acknowledgment.

The letter of Mr. F. H. Francis, President of St. Francis Xavier Society appearing in your issue of June 7 repudiating Mr. Royeppen's statement cannot be ignored, as the line of action taken by the Minister is fully approved. THE WRITER.

[We have deleted the name of the deceased. This subject is now closed.—Editor, The Leader.]

PUBLIC OFFICIALS

I crave your indulgence to make a few remarks I wish to make respecting the complaint made in "Radio" in your valuable paper against the Indian clerks in the office of the Protector. "Radio," whether you are sir or madam, how are we to be criticised if I do not know your name and address—write to me and make an appointment; I will convince you. My whole grievance in the matter is that those clerks who are criticise are debarred from replying to you or entering into a correspondence.

That you did not consider it necessary to write to the head of the department with your complaint regarding Indian clerks prove how futile they were. Criticism pasted in haste and by persons of varying degrees of qualification requires to be very carefully weighed.

The best intentions of mine and others have often gone astray. I counsel you this salutary advice that often you prove your case or subdues [illegible] the scene you created.

S. PILLAY.

[In closing this controversy we would like to say ourselves as the men referred to are a [illegible] working and conscientious [illegible] public officials.—Editor, The Leader.]

"S.H."

Kindly allow me some space in your columns to pay a tribute to Mr. [illegible] Naidoo, whose retirement from public life through ill-health, as announced in The Leader, will, I am sure, be greeted by the Indian community all over South Africa, whatever their political views may be.

Mr. Naidoo (or "A.R." as he is familarly known to thousands) has for a generation always filled a prominent place in the political life of our people in the Union, and it is difficult to realise that he is now retiring from the arena.

Though the acrimony of party politics may temporarily obscure the merits of Mr. Naidoo's public services, it is universally be realised as time goes on that the services he has rendered to his community are of permanent value. He has devoted a lifetime to the public cause and he is now retiring with his health impaired. Had he applied his talents and business ability entirely to his own advancement he would have amassed riches, but it should be borne in mind, to his everlasting credit, that he sacrificed his own interests to those of his welfare.

His services in the cause of Indian education are also great and as [illegible] Tamil scholar the present level of Tamil cultural progress is in no small measure due to his keen encouragement and untiring efforts.

It is to be sincerely hoped that Mr. Naidoo's retirement is but temporary and that his mature experience and unrivalled knowledge of Indian affairs will not altogether be lost to the community. Retirement, perchance may afford Mr. Naidoo the opportunity of viewing Indian political [illegible] affords calmly and dispassionately, and if he would devote his energies to the renewal of dormant contacts in our public ranks and bring about a reconciliation with those who were lifelong friends and fellow-workers until recently it will [illegible] crown the great services rendered by him.

May I congratulate you Mr. Editor on the circulated tribute to Mr. Naidoo in last week's issue. It shows that though political differences may [illegible] amongst us yet it will not prevent the expression of such praise for a man who has rendered conspicuous public services.

R. METHERANGEN.

DEATH OF DICTATORS FORETOLD

Prophesies of an Indian Astrologer

A Muslim teacher of Durban has a unique pamphlet in his possession. It contains the prophecies of one Haji Mian Mahomed Sadiq, of Bhagban Pura, Lahore, India. His prophecies that have come true include the Quetta earthquake disaster, the death of His Majesty King George V, the accession and abdication of Edward of Windsor.

In the last two instances Haji Sadiq has, he says, avoided the use of names for obvious reasons.

The Turkish earthquake was one of his more recent forecasts.

The following are a few of his prophecies for the near future:—

Hitler and Mussolini will be the victims of political assassinations.

The dictatorship of the world will perish.

A fierce battle will take place in 1943. Hitler will be compelled to leave Germany, the Kaiserol Royal Family will return to Germany.

The Abyssinian Royal Family will reign again in 1945.

The pamphlet is written in Urdu and was published in 1932.

HAJI MIAN MO SADIQ

It contains prophecies right up to the year 1980. They are set out under the headings of the countries they affect.

WAGE ACT IMPROVES WORKERS' LOT

One Law for All Says Mr. Edmond T. Weston

Mr. Edmond T. Weston, the chairman of the Industrial Clothing Industry (Natal), spoke, under the auspices of the Afro-African League, in a representative gathering of Asiatics, Coloureds, and Africans on "Industrial Legislation" at the M. K. Gandhi Library on Wednesday last.

Mr. Weston said that prior to 1924 the conditions existing in the industries of the country were appalling, but with the advent of the Wage Act of 1924 and the Industrial Conciliation Act of 1925 the conditions in the industries changed for the better. Since then there has been a phenomenal change, the latter having expanded by about 250 per cent.

The two legislations aimed at mutual cooperation between employer and employe, Coloured and non-Coloured. They made available to the employe, above all, medical attention and also subsistence allowance by the institution of the Unemployment Benefit Fund.

The speaker laid great emphasis on the need for equal pay for equal work. That was possible, he said, when the employer and employe, the Coloured and the non-Coloured were brought under one legislative enactment with equitable provisions.

He deprecated highly the tendency amongst some of the employers in rapping employes to accept less than that which was laid down by the wage determination.

Speaking on the professions, Mr. Weston said that the right and ethical thing was to do away with the not uncommon practice in the professions of taking high premiums from the employes when they were being apprenticed.

The speaker appreciated the fact that the Afro-African League aimed at better race relationship in the country by means of contact and co-operation, sympathy, and understanding. There was a great need for the appreciation of the other man's point of view which was sadly lacking today, he said.

Others who spoke were Messrs. Fredrick D. Gill, Atmanand Maharaj, George Humphries, and S. Patchay.

WELL-KNOWN FAMILIES UNITE

Bramdaw—Singh Wedding

The Bramdaw residence at Bilton Road, Durban, last Sunday was the scene of a popular social event when Saraswati, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Bramdaw, was married to Mr. Lutchman Singh, the youngest son of the late Mr. Bhoola Singh.

The bride is the youngest sister of Mr. Dhanee Bramdaw, the well-known South African journalist, and the bridegroom, the youngest of the Sookdeo Singh brothers.

The wedding ceremony was performed by Mr. B. J. Maharaj.

A large gathering, fully representative of all sections of the community, paid signal tribute to the popularity of the contracting parties.

For the ceremony the bride was dressed in a pale yellow sari and a white veil covered her head.

Mr. A. I. Kajee, the well-known public figure, wished the newly-married couple a long and happy wedded life and at the same time spoke in glowing terms of the work of Mr. Dhanee Bramdaw for the community from behind the scenes.

Mr. K. W. Godfrey prayed that the bridal couple could go hand in hand and share whatever may confront them. He further wished them joy and prosperity.

Mr. S. R. Naidoo, of Maritzburg, said it was a happy occasion for him for several reasons and not the least of which was that the Bramdaws were originally Maritzburg people.

The other speakers were Mr. A. E. Shaikh, Mr. Pedhum Singh, Mr. K. Rajpath, and Mr. Satya Deva. The last three spoke in Hindi.

Mr. D. Bramdaw replied suitably.

The bride left by car for her new home. She was dressed in a blue Banaras sari with silver embroidery.

A public lecture on "The Great Plan" will be delivered by Mrs. J. I. Havik, member of the South African Theosophical Society, at the headquarters of the Depot Road Indian School Boys' Club, Depot Road Indian School, tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock. All are welcome.

TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF MR. C. F. ANDREWS

Mr. Sastri Recalls South African Experiences

Speaking at the first anniversary of the death of Mr. C. F. Andrews, under the auspices of the Truth Seekers' Fraternity, Madras, in mid-week, Mr. Srinivasa Sastri said that he had reason to believe that Charlie Andrews made more friends among all sections of men and women than any other person. His nature was sweetness itself. After a few minutes' conversation with him one felt that he was in some very special respects an intimate friend for whom Mr. Andrews cared most. Mr. Andrews would become angry if his friends would "Mr." him after a few minutes of talk. He always liked to be called "Charlie."

Proceeding, Mr. Sastri said that Charlie was unceasing in his championship of the oppressed and suffering everywhere. As one of the speakers had correctly stated, it was not only the suffering of a community or a nation that drew his sympathy, the circumstances of individuals of all castes in life attracted his sympathy. It was his lot to be pleading for the poor all his life. Even when he played a big part in a big cause, as he did during the Round Table Conferences in South Africa, his heart was full of the points of the poor man. He felt that the Indian delegation should be in the most intimate touch with the Indian population there as otherwise they might not be able to represent their case to the full.

"No doubt," Mr. Sastri said, "we have had the study of all the available papers and being Indians we felt that we could exercise our imagination and put the case of Indians well. Nevertheless, Charlie felt that there would be a gap between the poor suffering Indians and the Government of India representatives, who were accommodated in fashionable hotels, which it was hard for the common people to approach. He felt that it was the best thing for him to come to us and tell us exactly what our countrymen want us to do.

"All day long he would bring us messages, sometimes superfluous and uninformed. Some of our friends got tired of his visits. So far did this go that one day, while we were sitting at a tea table, Sir Pheroze Sethna, a member of the Delegation, announced in terms of alarm that Charlie was coming. It was funny to see how the members scuttled to their rooms. I went out to meet Charlie and to my surprise he was not there. Sir Pheroze was laughing in a corner and said that he started the scare to see what effect it would produce. (Laughter.)

"I am mentioning this anecdote, not for the purpose of making you think that Charlie made himself disagreeable but to show you how, when his heart was deeply engaged in a cause, he expected everybody else to devote the same kind of care and incessant attention to it. He was not a member of the Delegation himself.

"It never occurred to him for a moment that there are some persons in the world who when they are engaged in a task would like to take their minds away from it for at least some moments. It felt that if a thing was taken in hand, it must permeate his whole being. That was the way in which he helped Indians, wherever they are."

Proceeding, Mr. Sastri said that he would be wrong if he gave the impression that the heart of Charlie grew room only for the Indians. It was wide enough to embrace all humanity. He pleaded in the same way for the Bantus and other suppressed races. In England he worked for labour.

Marriage of Mr. Billy Naidoo

The marriage of Mr. Billy Naidoo, eldest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Rahamsamy to Miss Gungama, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Naidoo, took place at Puntan's Hill on Sunday last.

The large canopy erected for the occasion was filled with a large number of friends and relatives from many parts of Natal and the Transvaal.

On the same day a reception was held at the bridegroom's residence.

Reception to Pt. O. Shivrathan

A reception was accorded to Pt. O. Shivrathan at the Samaj Hall, Mc. Farrenger, in honour of his achievement of being admitted as a Vedic Purohit recently. Mr. S. Gourie, the president, in welcoming the audience said that Pt. O. Shivrathan was a foundation member of this Samaj, which was established on December 4, 1934, and since then he has been its hon. secretary, (since May, 1936, he was the head teacher of the Samaj's Vernacular School, which had a roll of about 30 children and within the period great progress had been made.

"I can proudly say that Pt. Shivrathan has not the selfish aims of self-interest as the Samaj only pays a very trifling sum for the valuable services he has done. He also trained the students to recite the Veda Mantras and to perform yaga. Prior to his initiation he had been compelled to perform ceremonies in the district, including cremation, which he perfectly conducted.

"Inspired by the good services of Pt. O. Shivrathan and the good results of the samaj as well as its good qualities and the fine character he possesses this Samaj desired him to attain the honour of Vedic Purohits, which he was in the beginning unwilling to accept. On pressure being again and again brought by the Samaj at meetings he then took opinion of various learned persons, even interviewed Shri Swami Bhawani Dayal Sanyasi and was wholeheartedly supported everywhere, and when finally satisfied he willingly agreed and was initiated by Pandit R. R. Maharaj on February 23, 1941, and now I have the pleasure of garlanding and congratulating Pt. Shivrathan for his achievements."

An address was also presented to him and a bouquet was given to Shrimati Shivrathan.

Various letters of congratulation were received from institutions and prominent persons of Natal.

Inspiring lectures were given by the various speakers, who included Messrs. G. Bishnon, G. R. Singh, F. Satyapal, R. R. Maharaj, P. Ramlugan, Sudnan, Ishwar Singh, Sookraj, B. Reehoo, D. Outar (Durban); D. S. Vather, S. Deokaran, R. Bunwaric, T. Gudar, Dasrath Bondoo, and R. Ramgarib.

Pt. O. Shivrathan suitably replied.

The Universal (Coloured)—Natalian (Indian) soccer match played at Maritzburg recently was productive of £10 6s. 9d., which went to the First Maritzburg Ambulance Brigade.

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"YOUR NAMES ARE KNOWN"

Visitor Urges Leaders to Bring Unity

"Your names are well known beyond the borders of the Union and whatever you do for the community will have an effect outside," said Mr. B. Kaikobhai, a visitor from Lourenco Marques, in whose honour a party was given by Mr. T. P. and Samjee Deoshi in the city hall, Durban, last Friday afternoon.

Mr. Kaikobhai, who was referring to the necessity of unity in the Indian community, named Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee and Mr. A. I. Kajee who, he said, should seek means of bringing all Indians together within one public organisation.

The other chief guests were Mr. Framjee, of Papatel Haseldine and Co., and Mr. and Mrs. Prabhulas Popatlal, who is the daughter of Mr. P. H. Dhupelia, of Durban, was garlanded by Mrs. V. J. Thacker.

There were 250 guests, who included 25 ladies, fully representative of all sections of the community.

Mr. S. Rustomjee presided. Among the speakers were Swami Bhawani Dayal, Messrs. A. I. Kajee, M. B. Naik, S. S. Bhaker, P. G. Desai, Hajee Rookmoodeen, and — Blunt, acting consul for Portugal.

Vedic Wedding at Sydenham

On Sunday last, in the presence of a large gathering, Indian guests and of Mr. and Mrs. G. Bishnon, Plessislaer, and Sumuthra, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ajodhya, of Mallinson Road, Sydenham, were married according to Vedic rites.

Swami Bhawani Dayal officiated at the ceremony. The pandal was suitably decorated. The Rachiat Band was in attendance, under the management of A. Pardasie and P. Arjoon. Mr. Harry Ahmed, of Vryheid, and Mr. Ramlugan, Sydenham, sang Mungulam (Mubarak).

Many telegrams and letters of good wishes were read by Mr. R. Dookran who spoke on behalf of Mr. G. Bishnon.

Amongst others who were present were Messrs. J. W. Godfrey, R. B. Maharaj, Pundit Jugmohan Singh, G. Ramlally Singh, B. Maharaj, David E. Govindsej, J. B. Singh, G. Jogwanth, R. Seegpaul, F. Satypal, R. Lutchman, S. Gounee, M. Singh, R. R. Maharaj, S. B. Maharaj, M. B. Singh, S. Maharaj, Rutterman Singh, Kuhar Singh, S. B. Singh, R. Sinanin (Swaslberg), B. Bhola (Ladysmith), Kelly and R. Bhoola (Greytown), Rampersad (Hilton Road), Ourmee (Willowfountain), S. H. Khan, F. Ramlugan, Tommy Rughoo, D. B. Ram, D. S. Maraj, C. R. Harry, P. Sarabjeet (Joe), C. R. Naidoo, P. Govender, Shaik Abdool, Pundit Sewruthan, Several Estcourt men, R. Mahabeer, N. Jugnath, Deokie Parmanand, S. Marrie, of K. Marrie & Son (Port Shepstone), P. Outthar Bros. (Richmond), Rughoo Bros., Jitoo Bros., Sookraj Autar, Bharth Bros., Dukhee, of Dilbhar Cafe.

Mr. Fahey Jitoo acted as M.C.

Greytown Taxi Owners

The second annual meeting of the Greytown and District Non-European Taxi Owners' Association was held in Mashiny Cafe, Greytown, on Tuesday, Mr. R. Chain presided.

After the reports of the secretary and treasurer, which were submitted and adopted, the following officials were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. P. Chain; vice-president, Mr. J. Murugan; hon. secretary, Mr. K. Lawgan; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. Bhola; committee, Messrs. S. Jugnanum, S. Rampersad, P. Sewnangal, J. Ramall, S. Begrathi, David Maharaj and D. Maharaj.

Mr. B. R. Naidoo, president of Natal and adviser to the Greytown District Taxi Owners, was also present at the meeting.

Study Group at Sea View

A special meeting of the newly-formed Liberal Study Group was held in the school hall at Sea View on Sunday last. The election of an assistant secretary and the adoption of a constitution which had been held over from the inaugural meeting were concluded.

Mr. M. Naidoo was unanimously elected assistant secretary.

The group has been organised to cater for the welfare and the interests of its members, but excludes from its activities religious and political questions of a contrversial nature.

The opening social will be held on Saturday, July 5, at 7 p.m., in the Sea View Indian school hall.

Soccer at Stanger

Springboks met Doornkop for the Rolaingh's League Trophy (first round) at Stanger on Sunday last and in a slow game emerged winners by 2-0. In the first half Doornkop missed easy opportunities in front of the goal, though they had the better of the game. In the second half there was a complete change in the game. With a good move Vincent put Springboks ahead. Bodie and Subbiah tried hard to equalise, but the defence was too solid. Rajoo played well for Springboks and Rajarathnum for Doornkop. In the closing stages Vincent scored with a shot which left the goalkeeper standing. Referee, Mr. V. G. Augustine.

Rangers (until recently known as Stars) were held to a draw by the young Pirates team. Better soccer than was anticipated was seen, but both teams failed in front of goal. The game ended in a draw. Referee, Mr. H. C. Maraj.

Victorians travelled to Kearsney and lost 2-0. From the recent showing of the Victorians better performance had been expected. The Kearsneyites displayed better form but were unlucky not to have scored more goals, the ball repeatedly hitting the bars. K. E. Reddy was again in form for Victorians, while the Gopalan brothers played steadily for the winners. Referee, Mr. Polly.

Sydenham Tamil School

The first anniversary celebration of the Sydenham Vernacular Educational Society was held at the St. Aidan's Indian Boys' School Hall last Sunday. The pupils rendered a variety programme of Tamil songs, dialogues, sketches, etc., which was witnessed by 200 people.

At its annual general meeting held later in the afternoon the following were elected as office-bearers for the ensuing year: President, Mr. K. R. Nair; vice-presidents, Messrs. M. C. Moodley, V. R. Chetty and A. Asian; hon secretary, Mr. B. Reuben; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. N. M. Chetty; treasurer, Mr. M. L. Padayachee; hon auditor, Mr. A. L. Narayadu; school manager, Mr. S. M. Pillay, and committee of fifteen, Messrs. P. Frank, V. Vaaburee, V. R. Naidoo, Mahabeer, B. P. Naidoo, Jack Nailsaen, S. P. Pillay, S. S. Pillay, T. Jack, R. Perumal, S. Gurpen, R. Pather, R. Kisten, M. V. Pather, and M. P. Pillay.

Cricketers to Play Footballers

An interesting soccer match has been arranged for this afternoon at Stanger, commencing at 3 o'clock, between a Stanger Cricketers XI and a Stanger Footballers XI. It is probable that the footballers will have to go "all out" to make any impression on the cricketers. The following are the teams:

Cricketers XI: E. A. Kolia, G. B. Bux (captain), Chota Omarjee, E. P. Paisayachee, P. S. Pillay, E. Omarjee, C. A. Mather, V. G. Augustine, Thammiah, J. Chengiah, D. E. Moola.

Footballers XI: S. V. Naidoo, Tommy Rajoo, Govindoo, H. Khan, Bridgemohan, I. Lavangee, C. A. Mather (captain), D. Kallan, Manickam, Hanaraj, K. V. Naidoo.

Selections for Clairwood

First Race: 1, Antidea; 2, Beegamo; 3, Foundation.

Second Race: 1, Woodcut; 2, Courtcraft; 3, Nightcraft.

Third Race: 1, Junette; 2, Simmora; 3, B.E.F.

Fourth Race: 1, Butterscotch; 2, Seven Veils; 3, Medina.

Fifth Race: 1, Ironette; 2, Tipster; 3, Follow the Fleet.

Sixth Race: 1, China Blue; 2, Giggle; 3, Groomed.

Seventh Race: 1, Pepper; 2, Crown Glass; 3, Pertinent.

Eighth Race: 1, Way; 2, Bolt; 3, Tetraxzini.

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"Swanee River" at the Avalon

Avalon again has an excellent variety fare for its patrons next week. The opening picture, "Manhattan Heartbeat," deals with a subject that appeals to fans everywhere every week.

Determined to obtain the most skilled obstetrician in the city for his wife, Robert risks his life testing a plane in a power dive, then learns his pay for the feat is only a small part of the money he needs for his wife's medical care.

The film boasts a thrilling climax in which the two find happiness. Jean Davis and Edmund MacDonald provide the comedy relief.

"Thank You, Mr. Moto" is the supporting picture.

The mystery man of the mystic Orient, Mr. Moto, matches strength with cunning — intrigue with lightning action—and outwits those who would plunder the hidden tomb of Genghis Khan.

Where "Moto" appears something exciting is bound to happen. For behind his bland, mild manner is the lightning-swift cunning of the Orient's ace detective, portrayed with amazing finesse by Peter Lorre, famous for his psychological characterisations.

Seven scrolls when assembled provide the key to a fabulous treasure. This is the motivating force of the screen play by Willis Cooper and Norman Foster. The story opens with the mysterious "Mr. Moto" disguised as a camel driver, smuggling one of the scrolls into Peiping. Then he disappears into the Gobi's shifting sands.

Tense action ensues, marked by a series of strange events and violence that baffles the master-mind of the Far East in his greatest case. A Russian Colonel is discovered in his room in agony with a cocket pistol in his hand and a knife in his heart. A Chinese prince commits suicide, an antique dealer is murdered when machine-gun bullets riddle his shop, and a Japanese attache is found dead aboard an abandoned junk. Only "Mr. Moto" could link these sudden deaths to the seven scrolls of Genghis Khan.

A Musical Scene from "Swanee River"

"SWANEE RIVER"

Those colourful romantic days of minstrels and river boats are recalled in "Swanee River," in technicolour, which is the [illegible] of the Avalon, after part of next week. Hall Johnson Choir, consisting of the famed Negro group of singers, renders such famous songs as "The Old Folks at Home" (Swanee River), "Oh! Susanna!", "De Camptown Races," "Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair" and "Road Rine de Banjo," while also heard are "Beautiful Dreamer" and "Soiree Polka."

Stephen C. Foster, the great American troubadour, was the first composer to recognise the value and validity of the Negro mood in music and to give it expression in such well-loved songs as "The Old Folks at Home," "Old Black Joe," "My Old Kentucky Home" and countless others.

Production Chief Darryl F. Zanuck signed the Hall Johnson Choir to sing some of Foster's best-loved songs in the film. Don Ameche, as the composer, and Al Jolson, as E. P. Christy, the minstrel king of that colourful day, sing others. In addition, Johnson directed the authenticity of the Southern sequences of the story and saw to it that the proper Negro types were used.

Determined to give the music of his people to the world, Johnson organised an orchestra. But there was something lacking. So he found eight Negroes who could read music and gave them the vital elements of the orchestrations. The result was remarkable. Today the group numbers 60 men and women and has been acclaimed the world over.

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Some of the leading actors in "Manhattan Heartbeat."

Soldiers Form Soccer Club

An inaugural soccer meeting took place at the Indian Military Barracks in Johannesburg. The Adjutant's Orderly Room Football Club was formed and the following officials were elected: President, Sergeant T. V. Soobiah Naidoo; Secretary, Corporal Matthew D. Nair; Captain, Sergeant G. Kavoo Naidoo; Vice-Captains, Corporal M. D. Naidoo; Manager, Corporal A. Frances Peters.

Ozone Club's Snooker Champions

The Ozone Club open snooker and billiard championships knock-out competition was won by Mr. A. H. Motala. Great keenness was shown in the competitions both by the seniors and the juniors. Most of the juniors played against experienced seniors and were knocked out in the first round. S. A. Kathrada was the only junior to reach the semi-finals.

The tournament, which was the first organised by the club, was successful. The captain, Mr. H. M. Vahed, and the vice-captain, Mr. S. A. Kathrada, hope to stage another tournament next year.

Malvern T.C.

At a meeting held at Malvern on Sunday the following were elected office-bearers of the Malvern Tennis Club: Patron, Mr. G. Samuel; president, Mr. A. K. Motala; vice-presidents, Messrs. D. Naidoo, S. Mohamed and S. S. Moodley; joint secretaries, Messrs. G. S. Moodley and S. Naidoo; treasurer, Mr. N. B. Naidoo; captain, Mr. Albert Samuel; vice-captain, Mr. F. M. Rasurack.

RAMPUR MEN IN ACTION

To Wrestle at the Avalon

The Rampur soldiers, now in Durban, will be seen in action on the evening of Tuesday next. They will appear as wrestlers at a tourney to be staged at the Avalon, on behalf of the Natal Indian Congress Comforts Committee.

The organisers are Mr. T. N. Brown, who has shown great interest in all Indian activities, Mr. Benny Singh, of boxing fame, and Mr. Mahomed Emmamally. They will also be assisted by the managers of the several physical culture schools in Durban, including Mr. Sunny Moodley and his pupils, and Mr. Ismail Bobat.

There is a search for local talent to meet the overseas wrestlers.

Mr. Brown, in an interview with a Leader representative, said that the wrestling would be according to the catch-as-catch-can rule, where there was exhibited more science than brute force, such as one does not see in the allsin style. There would be clean bouts throughout.

An excellent programme, including a few boxing items, has been arranged, and Durban people will not fail in showing their interest be its overseas visitors and at the same time in supporting a very deserving cause.

Ladysmith Soccer

The following are the results of soccer matches played at Ladysmith on Saturday last. Schools met Shamrocks in the Natal Cup competition. Both sides played a fine game and just before interval Schools scored two goals in quick succession.

On resumption the scoring was two goals each side. Schools won by 4—2.

In the second match Moslems met Stars in a fast and exciting game. Moslems took the lead soon after commencement, but Stars equalised. At intervals Moslems led 3—1.

On resumption Stars' custodian was kept busy and after some fine movements both sides scored two goals each. Moslems won 5—3, and will meet Schools in the final at a later date.

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Soccer Fixtures

DURBAN TODAY
League Competitions
SENIOR "A"

3.30 p.m.: Stella v. Wanderers (Main). Referee, K. Roopnarian.

SENIOR "B"

3.30 p.m.: S.A.P. v. Schools (No. 2). Referee, Y. S. Mulla.

2.15 p.m.: African Rangers v. Shamrocks (No. 1). Referee, P. Manuel.

3.30 p.m.: Sydenham v. Pirates (No. 1). Referee, A. K. Hayath.

JUNIOR

2.15 p.m.: Crown v. Warwickshire (No. 2). Referee, P. B. S. Reddy.

2.15 p.m.: Stella v. Sastri College (Main). Referee, M. S. Badat.

JUVENILE "A"

3.30 p.m.: Sastri College "A" v. Stella "A" (No. 3). Referee, J. Raman.

JUVENILE "B"

2.15 p.m.: Sydenham Royals v. South Coast Junction (No. 3). Referee, E. H. Moollen.

2.15 p.m.: Sastri College "B" v. Stars (No. 4). Referee, E. Bijoy.

3.30 p.m.: Stella "B" v. Clairwood Riverside (No. 4). D. V. Naidoo.

DURBAN TOMORROW

2 p.m.: Durban Sunday League "B" v. North Coast Association "B" (Main). Referee, K. Coopasamy.

3.15 p.m.: Durban Sunday League "A" v. North Coast Association "A" (Main). Referee, Y. S. Mulla.

MARITZBURG TODAY

SENIOR CHARITY CUP

2.15 p.m.: Royals v. Stella.

LEAGUE

3.30 p.m.: Natalians v. Yorks.

JUNIOR

2.15 p.m.: Shamrocks v. Colonials.

3.30 p.m.: Hill View v. Natalians.

JUVENILES

2.15 p.m.: Schools v. Technicals.

3.30 p.m.: Physicians v. Hill View.

STANGER TOMORROW

1 p.m.: United v. Pirates. Referee, Mr. V. G. Augustine.

3.30 p.m.: Stars v. Kearsney. Referee, Mr. H. C. Marai.

2.15 p.m.: Doornkop v. Victorians. Referee, Mr. Polly.

NEWCASTLE TOMORROW

2.15 p.m.: Newcastle D.F.F.A. v. Glencoe D.F.F.A.

JUNIORS

2 p.m.: Dannhauser v. Newcastle.

COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Fixtures for Tomorrow
SENIOR LEAGUE CUP

2.30 p.m.: Ravens v. Riverside Rangers. Referee, Mr. P. S. Reddy.

3.45 p.m.: Cliffview Royals v. Bellair. Referee, Mr. A. R. Naidoo.

JUNIORS N. S. NAIDOO'S CUP (REPLAY).

12 noon: Glendale Royals v. Parkview Schools. Referee, Mr. A. N. Francis.

LADYSMITH TODAY

PIELAW'S CUP FINAL

3 p.m.: Schools v. Stars. Referee, Mr. R. Kallie.

TEAMS

Newcastle D.F.F.A.: Mia A. Rangasee (Vereeniging), Kista Mistry (Dannhauser), S. P. Pillay (Schools), Subhah Maistry (N.E.F.C.), Dayaval v. Essam (Dannhauser), Junior Madan (N.E.F.C.), Ramdin Babu (Schools), N. M. Govender (Fountain), R. Madan, S. M. Naidoo (N.E.F.C.), M. Sahib (Dannhauser). Reserves: G. G. Kisten (Dannhauser), S. Naidoo (N.E.F.C.), and G. H. Laura (Schools).

The following teams have been selected to represent Durban Indian Sunday League against North Coast Indian Football Association at Currie's Fountain tomorrow:

"A" team: M. Narain (D.), R. M. Naidoo (D.), captain, P. Arulkan (M.), N. Govender (D.), T. Kisten (M.), J. Simon (D.), K. Kanapathy (M.), R. Subhan (M.), R. Chinniah (M.), A. Joseph (D.), K. Kisten (M.).

"B" team: P. Ramsamy (M.), M. Dharsanee (St.), T. Nurinsamy (D.), H. M. Dhayer (D.), K. Ellen, captain (M.), M. Cuppasamy (M.), F. Gengan (D.), H. Vinden (D.), Anthony Joseph (D.), V. Coopsamy (M.), P. Samalingam (D.). Reserves: S. Frank (M.), P. Nariansamy (M.), Chetty (D.).

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The following players will represent the North Coast Indian Football Association:

"A" team: C. P. Govender (Coronation), Sookdeo (Temple), G. Purkree (Riverside), D. Chetty (Rivers), L. Chetty (Temple), S. N. Padayachee (Fountain) (Riverside), C. Albert Naidoo (Model), C. Moonsamy (Verulam), M. Billy (Verulam), G. Papiah (Temple), Kistan (Coronation).

"B" team: Andy Pillay (Temple), N. R. Pillay (captain) (Coronation), R. Boogarchand (Temple), C. Bilchan (Temple). Reserves: Chinniah (Riverside), Bobby Singh (Temple), Jack Kistan (Rivers), R. R. Singh (Verulam), K. V. Moodley (Temple), Sunker (Prospect), V. Narain (Temple).

Reserves: P. Takurdin (Prospect), M. Naicker (Riverside), R. Ramana (Old Boys), M. E. Naicker (Rivers), P. Woodlen (Prospect), Gopaldass (Temple), S. Marie (Riverside), M. Athen (Prospect), S. Bala Chetty (Old Boys), N. Marie (Riverside), M. Kistan (Model).

Durban Indian Golf

The tie in the Stableford Competition, played off on Sunday last, resulted in a win for G. H. D. Smith with 37 points, while S. B. Nash scored 34 points.

The Parkdene Trophy will be played for over 18 holes medal play tomorrow commencing at 9 a.m.

The final of the Bambata Floating Trophy was postponed last Sunday and will be played at a later date.

Soccer Standard Level Falls at Currie's Fountain

SOCCER level at Currie's Fountain has fallen considerably during the past two weeks. The juniors, however, continue to maintain a standard of football which is seldom seen on the main ground.

The eagerly-awaited Stars-Warwickshire clash has not yet come off. Apparently the suspension of some of their players has caused Stars to send in a note of withdrawal from the association as a protest against the inquiry board's decision. The note has been sent back to them with a request to reconsider their action.

WARWICKSHIRE SWAMP DAFFODILS

Warwickshire beat Daffodils 7-0 in the only first division league fixture on Saturday last at Currie's Fountain.

From the kick-off it was evident that Warwickshire was going to have things its own way, although the Daffodils' forwards made a few excursions into Warwickshire's territory.

Within five minutes Auggie scored for Warwickshire against the wind when he pushed the ball past the Daffodils' custodian.

Two more goals were scored in quick succession. One of them hit the crossbar before it curved in.

On the resumption Daffodils could hardly do a thing. They were playing against the wind now and Warwickshire, with the wind, scored four more goals.

Final score: Warwickshire 7, Daffodils 0.

WITH THE JUNIORS

Stars met Sastri College in a junior match at the afternoon. Both teams gave a polished display of soccer. They played a clean, fast, and entertaining game.

The college forwards tested Yusaf saris in the game and Munroop, playing at centre-half, opened the score when he drove the ball home from the 18-yard range. Yusaf just managed to get his fingers to the ball, but it was too fast.

Rajh scored the second goal not long after.

Nalasen scored an opportunist goal when the ball sailed into the net after he had kicked from the corner without anybody touching it, the wind having a say in the matter.

On the resumption Stars gave the college defence some anxious moments. The College forwards could not do much in the second half, although they made occasional onslaughts which looked dangerous.

Towards the closing stages Stars scored twice in succession and it seemed only a matter of time before they would find the equaliser, but their attempt was too long delayed and they were still one down when the referee called time.

Final score: Sastri College 3, Stars 2.

Other results:

SENIOR "B"

Queens 9, S.A. Police 2; Schools 6, Pirates 1; Alpines 3, Sydenham 1.

JUNIORS

Central 5, Daffodils 1.

JUVENILE "A"

Warwickshire 3, Stella 1.

JUVENILE "B"

Clairwood 4, Sydenham Royals 2; Riverside 4, Stars 2.

Soccer Win for Europeans

A large crowd was present on Sunday last to witness a friendly soccer match which was played at the Maritzburg Indian sports ground in aid of S.A. Indian Soldiers' Gifts and Comforts Fund.

The match was between Savages (Europeans) and Islamia (Indians). The curtain-raiser, Stars (Coloureds) and Islamia "B" (Indians) resulted in a win for Stars by 4—0.

The match between Savages and Islamia was clean and interesting throughout and exciting from start to finish. The Savages' defence proved too strong for the Islamia forwards and before the interval a penalty was awarded to Islamia, but there was no score. Half-time ended 0—0.

After resumption Islamia played slightly better, but could not penetrate the Savages' defence.

Ismail Sawar, the Islamia captain, and G. Maharaj were prominent on the Islamia side, with Billie Meyer, the captain of Savages and the Natal right winger, and George, the Edith's centre-forward, played an outstanding game for Savages.

The match ended in a win for Savages by 2—0.

League Soccer in Maritzburg

There was only one senior match in Maritzburg and that was between Young Natalians and Stella. The latter were defeated by 4—3.

The junior matches were between Yorks and Young Colonials, the latter won by 4—1. In the second match Young Natalians lost to Britannia by 4—1. In the juvenile match Shamrocks beat Technical by 2—1 and Yorks beat Young Colonials 3—1.

Jacobs Soccer League

The Indian employes of the different industries in and around Jacobs met recently to consider the formation of a football association and formed the Jacobs and District Indian Football League with Mr. R. E. Moodaly as president, Mr. M. Ramkoon as secretary, and Mr. V. N. Naidoo as treasurer.

Employes from the different industries were present and signified their intention of joining. The movement has the support of the employers and other industries are expected to affiliate.

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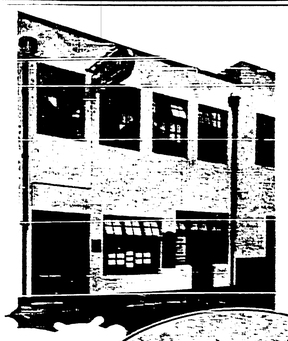

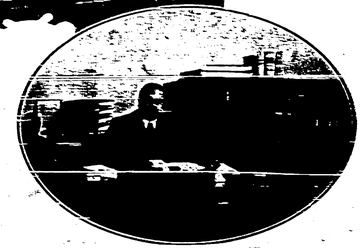

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Dances to Raise Funds

Numerous assurances were given by members of the non-European community in Johannesburg when the Indian and Malay Corps was organised at Crown Mines camp that our soldiers will be well provided for in the way of comforts, etc. Many good gifts are forwarded by private organisations and friends to individual members of the Indian and Malay Corps in the field, and others who were less fortunate are depending upon the hospitality of the public.

There are several thousand soldiers stationed at the various camps and in the North towards whom interest the public is apathetic. Recently some public entertainments were given by the Cape Corps, Indian and Malay Corps' Gifts and Comforts Committee to raise funds, but they were not well patronised by the non-European public.

This lack of interest by the public is arousing a feeling among the members of the corps that the non-European section of the community is not doing its bit.

The Coloured community in the Transvaal have responded wonderfully in their endeavour to provide an ambulance for the Cape Corps.

Mr. Jack Phillips, who rendered excellent services during the last war, is responsible for the magnificent donation from the Coloured section for the Red Cross, and has been complimented for his efforts.

In addition to the good work of the Canteen Committee a very up-to-date rest room has been opened in the Pavilion Hall, Johannesburg, with the kind co-operation of the South African Women's Auxiliary. Through lack of funds the Canteen Committee has to look for financial support from the public to upkeep the canteen and the room for our soldiers who find time to be most convenient to pass their evenings.

The committee has decided to give regular dances and bioscope entertainments to raise funds, and on Monday next a dance will be given in the ballroom Ritz Palais de Danse Hall, Pritchard Street, Johannesburg, under the patronage of Lieut.-Colonel C. A. Hare, Officer Commanding the Indian and Malay Corps. The famous Sweet Revellers and the Military Jazz Band have been secured for the occasion.

Contributions may be addressed to Mr. S. D. Royeppen, Secretary, Comforts Corps, Indian and Malay Corps Gifts and Comforts Committee, or Fraser and Advisory Committee (Canteen Section), No. 18 Barkly Arcade, off Market and Diagonal Streets, Johannesburg, who will forward official acknowledgment.

The Commander-in-Chief of India stated that up to March 1, 1941, there were in India 30,000 Italian prisoners, who included 21 generals and one admiral.

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THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

Dr. E. M. Paruk, Natal's G.O.M., is suddenly ill last Sunday. He is making satisfactory progress.

Mr. N. Bolasing, of New Guelderland, is a patient at St. Aidan's Hospital, Durban. He gave his relation's cause for serious anxiety during the week but he is now progressing.

Mr. M. A. Kajee, of Messrs. [illegible], who was on a brief visit to Cape Town, has now returned to Durban.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. Jaldhay Rustomjee on his becoming a grandfather, for there was a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Pirozo this week.

Messrs. I. Mogamat and Son in the new designation of the old firm, after a son joined them (including Mr. Mogamat) this week.

Mrs. D. Pachai and Mrs. V. Pillay, of Newcastle, are spending some time with relatives in Durban, where the former is undergoing medical treatment.

Messrs. Leslie Vindin, A. S. Moodley, I. Harbans, Donnie Choonoo, A. David and Cyril Nursoo, all of Port Shepstone, returned home last week after their winter vacation.

Mr. Joseph A. Charlie, of Howick, will be shortly leaving for Johannesburg on a month's holiday.

The marriage of the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pitcheran, of Ladysmith, to Mr. Ramsamy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boodhram, took place at Ladysmith last week.

Miss Gurrimathie Rennie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie, of Pinetown, was married to Mr. Sookraran, of Candella Road, Mayville, on Sunday last.

Mr. J. S. Somasundram, retired interpreter, is a patient at St. Aidan's.

The residence of Mrs. Pitaljeth and sons (Bhekithan Rose,) was the scene of a double wedding last Sunday, when the first and second daughters of Mrs. and the late Mr. Pitaljeth Bassa were married to Mr. Sarwan (Mahadeo) and Mr. Harriharan (Billy), sons of Mrs. and the late Mr. Jugnanan, of Candella Road, Mayville, Durban. The ceremony took place in the presence of a large number of guests from Durban, Maritzburg and elsewhere.

Mr. Willie Ernest, of the Johannesburg G.P.O. staff, who has been spending his holiday in Durban, made the homeward trip on Wednesday last.

Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee spent two days in Maritzburg this week. He stayed with Mr. S. R. Naidoo.

The Gurmitamah Nathah Memorial Library Committee wish to acknowledge with thanks receipt of further donations from the following: Mrs. S. Maistry, 2/6; Mrs. B. Harry, 2/6; Mrs. F. Daniel, 5/-; Mrs. R. Lawrence, 2/6; Messrs. K. C. James, 2/6; R. Lawrence, 2/6; A. Ebrahim, 2/6; A. Nathah, 1/-.

INDIAN WOMEN'S WAR WORK

Larger Part Than in Last War

The striking manner in which the women of India had risen to the war's occasions in support of their fighting men was the subject of a talk given at the London headquarters of the Overseas League by Mrs. Lall, wife of the Deputy Commissioner for India. A number of Empire and Allied countries were represented, and the audience, mostly in uniform, testified to the interest taken in Indian welfare work.

Under the inspiring lead of Lady Linlithgow, said Mrs. Lall, the war work of Indian women was on a wide scale and covered all provinces. In almost every large Indian city women had come forward with offers of service through established organisations and others set up after the outbreak of the war. Women of all communities were collecting funds for the Red Cross, knitting for Indian soldiers, and receiving training for A.R.P. work.

The few Indian women left in London, Mrs. Lall added, were assisting the Indian Comforts Fund providing much needed comforts for soldiers and seamen in colder climates. They were aided in this work by 600 women from all parts of Britain.

Mrs. Lall paid tribute to the work of the Indian Comforts Fund, under the untiring guidance of the Dowager Lady Chelmsford and Mrs. Amery, who were rewarded by the gratitude of Indian soldiers and seamen wholeheartedly expressed. The women of India, she observed, were playing a much larger part than during the last war.

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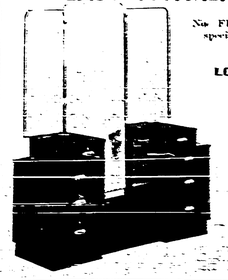
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Indian Teachers

TEACHERS in Government-aided Indian schools will meet in conference next week to discuss the furtherance of their interests and those of education in general. There is much benefit to be found in such assemblies. Advantages accrue both to individuals and to the services rendered from the sharing of knowledge, experience, and opinions. First and foremost we realise that only when a man is contented at this work, whatever it may be, is he capable of giving his best to it. There is scarcely need for us to emphasise how essential it is for teachers in particular to feel economically secure and to be satisfactorily adjusted to their conditions of work. The charge laid upon them is great and their obligations are heavy. They are daily and hourly concerned with the welfare of children who come to them for instruction and guidance, and it would be no exaggeration to say that the whole future of South African Indians rests upon the care and devotion of teachers. Any way, therefore, in which that care and devotion can be encouraged is to be desired and pursued. The whole purpose of teachers' associations is to that end—whether the associations are discussing teachers' salaries or school subjects.

Feeling thus we are disturbed by one feature of Indian teachers' associations. Indian education is such that there exist two types of schools that give it something of a dual character only to be countenanced as part of an official policy. There is the Government Indian school, organised, staffed, and supported entirely by the Province. Aside it there is the Government-aided Indian school, the nature of which is indicated by its name. But why because of the dual nature of the schools there should be two Indian teacher associations, as there is a move in this direction we are at some loss to understand. The qualifications required for teachers at each of the schools are the same. There are, no doubt, differences in salary and in conditions for pensions. It may often happen that the Government school teacher is better placed than his fellow in the aided school, and perhaps it is from a sense of grievance at such disparity that the aided school teachers prefer a separate organisation. If it is so, we regret and deplore it, even as we deplore the circumstances which have made the dual school system inevitable.

It is, we believe, full of dangers. Indian teachers all told are not so numerous that they can afford to be represented by two bodies. By every test there is a great need for co-operation either by union or by federation. In a very real manner we are members one of another, and this applies more significantly to Indians than, perhaps, to Europeans, and more obviously in the sphere of education than in commercial activities. After all, the aims of the two bodies are, or should be, the same, to advance Indian education along progressive and imaginative lines, seeking at all times to enrich the lives and opportunities of our Indian children. But even in the more obvious things, in the relations between them and the authorities, the conditions of their service and the like, a united representative approach is at once a valuable asset.

We need not, we think, dwell on the practical aspects of this matter. No intelligent Indian is likely to deny the desirability of unity among teachers. Without it Indian education suffers. We should like to think that Indian teachers in Government-aided schools will, at its annual meeting next week, give more than perfunctory attention to this matter. We should like to feel that their fellows in Government schools will go a long way to remedy what needs remedy, and that, as a result of wise foresight and fearless action, an end will be put to a tendency that hinders the advance of teachers themselves and seriously endangers education as a whole.

INDIAN LOVE

BY BAL GANESH

Forgive, forget, we love in vain, O maid,
The bonds that coil around thy form are built
Of words, which forgiel once, refuse to fade
From sight. Why shudder now? Thy king awaits
Thy song; no wander hence; no more my dear
Art thou: Where dwelt thy animated self
Now dwells a corpse, sans tongue, sans orb, sans ear.
Do, go, thy master calls; thy king, obey.
But stay—no, go—no longer art thou mine.
No longer!—Oh, the words are full of gall.
No more! no more to love, adore and dine
Thy cherry lips! O God! he shouts—allow
One last embrace, a kiss, a word, a sigh—
No, no, stay back: a maid thou art no more.
A plucked bloom!—but lost—he comes—goslilye.
The gulf widens; return I will—Oh, Fie!

Plans to Increase Quinine Supply

Owing to increasing demands for quinine in the Province and the insufficiency of existing supplies, the Government of Bengal has decided to increase their production of cinchona.

It is proposed to expand the area under cultivation by opening new plantations in suitable localities of the Darjeeling District hitherto under forests. Steps will be taken, at the same time, to effect a further increase in the percentage by improving the quality of the bark through research in methods of cultivation.

Head of India's War Supply Department

MODERN war cannot be waged without supplies. The Supply Department has, therefore, become one of the key war departments of government.

At its head is Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan, K.C.S.I., Bar-at-Law, Supply Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council. The idea of the vast work which he controls at the age of 53 can be had when it is recalled that up to January 15, 1941, the value of the orders placed by the Indian Stores Department and Contracts Directorate all over India reached the grand total of Rs. 350,000,000.

It is through Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan that Government sanctions the purchase of a variety of items such as steel buildings, boots and shoes, lubricating oils, tobacco, electric plant, textiles, tobacco and chemicals.

Sir Muhammad's organising ability is apparent from a glance at his career.

Born on February 6, 1893, he is at 48 the youngest member of the Viceroy's Executive Council. An experienced exponent of the cut and thrust method in Assembly debates, it is difficult to pick out his most outstanding achievements.

He is at this moment the Leader of the Legislative Assembly, and was delegate to the Round Table Conferences leader of the Indian delegation which negotiated the revised trade agreement between His Majesty's Government, United Kingdom and Colonies on the one side and India on the other. Between 1932-1935 Sir Muhammad was in charge of various departments, Education, Health and Lands, Commerce and Railways, and is still in charge of the Legislative Department as well as Supply. His legal acumen showed itself when he appeared as Crown Counsel in the Delhi Conspiracy Case in 1931-32.

He was educated at Government College, Lahore, and King's College, London, and was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in June, 1914. He practised as an advocate at Sialkot from 1914 to 1916 and in the Lahore High Court from 1916 to 1935. He was Law Lecturer, Forman Christian College, Lahore, 1915-22. Among his academic distinctions is that of Honorary Fellow of King's College, Cambridge.

Member of the Punjab Legislative Council 1926-35; member of the Provincial Reforms Committee; delegate to the Indian Round Table Conference 1930, 1931 and 1932; member of the Consultative Committee, 1933; delegate to the Joint Select Committee of Parliament on Indian Reforms, 1933, he was president of the All-India Muslim League, 1931; Crown Counsel, Delhi Conspiracy Case, March, 1931, to June, 1932. In 1933 Sir Muhammad went to Canada to attend at Toronto the British Commonwealth Relations Conference a member of the Indian delegation.

Sir Muhammad was appointed member of the Governor-General's Executive Council in 1932 (Department of Education, Health and Lands), Commerce and Railways Member, 1933; Law Member in 1939 and also member for Department of Supply in the same year. As representative of India he attended discussions with the Dominion Ministers which took place at the end of 1939 and represented India at the League of Nations Assembly in December, 1939. He was reappointed as Member of the Governor-General's Executive Council for further term from April 13, 1940.

While in London in May, 1937, he represented India at the Coronation and at the Imperial Conference. Sir Muhammad went to London again in January, 1938, to continue the trade negotiations and returned to India in March. Final touches to the negotiations were given during his third visit to London in the middle of 1938. The trade agreement was signed by the High Commissioner for India on behalf of India and by the president of the Board of Trade on behalf of His Majesty's Government in March, 1939.

Sir Muhammad was appointed chairman of the Eastern Group Conference, which met in 1940 to devise ways and means to coordinate war supplies.

Our Readers Speak

ELECTRIC LIGHT IN BOOTH ROAD

Allow me to voice in your popular paper an appreciation of thanks to Messrs. M. B. V. Pillay, George Naicker, and R. Mooruth, whose untiring efforts for the purpose of extending electric light facilities to Booth Road with the Durban Corporation despite the various difficulties encountered, were fruitful.

To these gentlemen E. inclusive many prominent residents of this area, owe a debt of gratitude for this achievement, as the Durban Corporation were reluctant at the beginning to grant us this extension.

I gather from rumours current that some particular residents are blowing their own trumpets and say that it was those individual efforts which brought about the extension, knowing very well who were the responsible persons.

To these individuals who are seeking cheap and undeserving honour I challenge them to produce documentary evidence, if any, which I doubt they have, to justify their claims.

These are the type of people, who do not appreciate what one does, who are richly termed as undesirable elements in a community.

R. P. NAICKER.

Cato Manor.

BARRACKS HOUSING

In your issue of last week you reported the appalling conditions of the Indians that are housed at the Magazine barracks, and their children who are denied any form of education. The story submitted in the form of a report compiled very ably by the prominent Indian social workers gives vent for the alleged failure of providing scholastic institutions for these vast numbers of idle Indian children.

Commenting on the situation in an editorial you are noted to have left the task to that august body of politicians, the Natal Indian Association and the Natal Indian Congress and its satellites to take a lead. As practical writers and news men, you refer the question to people who morally are bound to uphold the Indians' claims, economically who are forced to compromise with the authorities, and politically it passes their wit which sets to devour.

That those compilers are in the best sense of the word the liberators of the Indian children. If they seek to tackle the question conscientiously they are aware of the unsuitability of the task that is before them. They are moved by an eager hope for the nation's future and it is one sad thing that we handicap with a grudge to the task of achieving their objective. Where are the Hobs and the hundred and one people who spring up like mushrooms whenever a visiting celebrity is in their midst?

I do not wish to add to what has already been said, but is there any difficulty in accepting the principle of the Wards system of India fostered by Mahatma Gandhi in selected areas.

GEO. MANSEY.

Indian Taxi Representations

CENTRAL BOARD INTERVIEWED

A deputation from the Natal Non-European Taxi Owners' Association, comprising Messrs. B. K. Naidoo, C. K. Lazarus and V. M. Pillay, interviewed Dr. Hjalmar Reitz (chairman of the Central Road Transportation Board), Mr. Boonstra (chairman Durban Local Board), Mr. Turner (secretary Durban Local Board), Capt. Slater and Mr. le Roux (Inspectors, Durban Local Board) at Durban on Saturday in connection with the proposed Regulations under the Transportation Amendment Act, 1941.

The discussion lasted over an hour and it was decided that the Association, on behalf of the taxi owners, submit proposals to the chairman and members of the Central Road Motor Transportation Board at Pretoria.

A deputation from the Natal Taxi Owners' Association will leave for Pretoria during next week in regard to the above.

FISSIPAROUS TREND AMONG TEACHERS

Move to Form Two Bodies

A MOVE to divide the Natal Indian Teachers' Society into two separate bodies — teachers in Government schools and teachers in aided schools—will reach a decision at its sixteenth annual meeting, which will be held at the Sastri College, Durban, next Wednesday, at 10 a.m.

Recently the teachers in aided schools had formed themselves into a trade union, and there is a feeling among the teachers employed in Government schools to form a society of their own.

While there is a difference in regard to salaries, pensions and leave conditions between the two groups of teachers there is unity in a common purpose of advancing Indian education as a whole.

General Indian comment on this trend deplores this fissiparous tendency as being inimical to the best interests of Indian education.

Support for Children's Fund

The Indian Women's Reading and Educational Circle are appealing to the Indian women and girls in Durban and district for help in connection with its needy stall for Red Cross and for the feeding of poor children funds to be held on June 28 at the Girl Friendly Society Hall, Russell Street.

Gifts may be handed in to Miss S. Pillay, secretary, 17 May Street, Durban; Miss S. Lawrence, 63 Gale Street, Durban; Miss E. F. Eaglesh, president, 114 Salisbury House, Durban.

This function is the sixth annual meeting of the Indian Women's Reading and Educational Circle. All Indian women and girls are welcomed as members.

The treasurer of the Nizamia Muslim society, Mayfield, acknowledges with thanks the following donations: Messrs. Shaik Kader, £2 2s.; E. Jacee, £2; Moolana M. Haneff, £2; Gadoo Rahmdeen, £2; Shaik Ismail, £1; A. C. Kathrada, £1 1s.; D. Patak, £15; M. M. Bhoolhanna, £2 2s.; A. Habib, £1 1s.

INDIAN SCOUT MOVEMENT PROGRESSES

Entire Services Offered to Mayor of Durban

The Indian Scout movement in Natal was now eight years old, and had witnessed during that time an advance in its numbers from a few hundreds to some thousands, said Mr. H. S. Done, Divisional Commissioner, in the course of his report, to the annual meeting of the Indian Boy Scouts' Association, held in Durban this week.

"The year under review," said Mr. Done, "has been a progressive one in more senses than the mere increase in numbers, for our responsibilities have been enhanced owing to the war and much new work has had to be undertaken. This has been cheerfully carried out by all ranks and as a result, we are fairly well prepared to meet emergencies as they may arise. We considered that the best preparation we could make was to equip ourselves to render efficient service to the authorities, and to the general public wherever such service might be called for, and we have concentrated on such branches as ambulance and first aid, blackout precautions, signalling and general utility. Our numbers have been increased over last year's census and many new recruits are in process of formation which affords us sufficient optimism to hope that we shall reach a record this year. Our Scouts have offered their entire services to the Mayor of Durban.

"I am glad to report the effect of great increase in activity in many branches of Scouting, particularly in the district rallies and the like, and mention has already been made in the secretarial report of the Malvern Rovers.

"It has been said that 'The destiny of a nation at any given time depends upon the opinion of its young men under five and twenty'; in other words, the age of youth is the age when impressions are received, and if they are deep ones they are implanted in the mind so firmly that they can never be removed.

"While there is this period in the lifetime of a man when he is especially liable to take and retain impressions, there are similar periods in the lifetime of nations when impressions can be created that can never be removed.

"What has Scouting to offer to our rising young nation? We may say at once it offers no easy path in which you have nothing to do but march with the mob and have your thinking done for you.

"Our Chief Scout, when he founded the movement as long ago as 1907, defined its object as 'Preparation for good citizenship,' and later wrote thus, 'Unselfishness, self-discipline, wider fellow feeling, sense of honour and duty should be instilled'; and such attributes as enable man, no matter what his standing, to look beyond his own ledger or bank of his work for the community, putting into his routine some service for others as well as for himself, developing also some perception of what is beautiful in nature, in art and in literature, so that his higher interest may be aroused, and he may get enjoyment from his surroundings, whatever they may be.

"To quote the Chief Scout again: 'The basis of almost any religion is founded on reverence and one's duty to one's God and one's neighbour, and that at least is what we can teach—the practical line of what is best in every religion—by teaching reverence for God, reverence for others and reverence for themselves among the boys.' And again: 'No man can be called educated who has not a willingness and a desire as well as trained ability to do his part in the world's work.'

"It behoves us at such a time not only to close our ranks to intensify our training, but to take every opportunity we can of preparing ourselves to take part in the struggle for good against evil, but also to do everything that lies in our power to prevent the growth in our adopted country of our birth of any such spirit as has reduced Europe to despair."

NEW OFFICIALS

The joint secretaries, Messrs. R. G. Pillay and R. Reginath, reviewed, in detail, the year's work. "This year," they state, "the war has caused a change in the nature of scouting activities, for some of our regular peacetime activities has to be curtailed to allow more time for activities brought about by war conditions."

The following were the officials elected for the ensuing year:—

Life patrons: Messrs. Geo. H. Hindson and O. K. Winterton.

Patrons: The Hon. J. H. Hofmeyr (Minister of Finance, Education, etc.) and Mr. R. A. Banks, M.A. (Director of Education in Natal).

Vice-patrons: Messrs. G. M. Bowsen, P. K. Cliff, A. Gray, T. M. Naicker, S. R. Pather, H. Kisson, Rev. W. H. Satchell.

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Joint hon. secretaries: Messrs. V. R. Nair and R. S. Woodcth.

Assistant secretary: Mr. P. Raidoo.

Divisional commissioner: Mr. H. S. Done.

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Improvement in Indian Trade

While India's trade with the Union of South Africa recorded a marked improvement in 1939-40, her trade with East Africa declined. East Africa includes Kenya Colony, Zanzibar, and Pemba, the Protectorates of Uganda and Nyasaland, Tanganyika and British Somaliland.

The value of the total trade between India and South Africa was Rs. 56,900,000 as against Rs. 18,800,000 in the previous year. The Union of South Africa is the sole supplier to India of tanning barks, imports of which advanced from 342,000 cwt. to 698,000 cwt.

The principal items exported from India to the Union were jute manufactures and rice not in the husk. Shipments of jute bags rose from 28,000,000 to 38,000,000 and those of gunny cloth from 10,000,000 yards to 19,000,000 yards. Exports of rice not in the husk recorded an improvement from 25,000 tons to 31,000 tons.

The total value of the trade with East Africa declined from Rs. 63,700,000 to Rs. 50,806,000. Imports from these countries were larger than exports thereto. Raw cotton and spices continued to be the principal items of import. Compared with the preceding year arrivals of raw cotton fell from 59,600 tons to 36,000 tons, while the imports of spices, chiefly cloves, advanced from Rs. 2,100,000 to Rs. 4,000,000.

The chief items of India's exports to East Africa are gunny bags, cotton piecegoods and food grains, which taken together accounted for more than 50 per cent. of the exports. Shipments of gunny bags rose from 7,200,000 to 8,200,000 and those of cotton piecegoods from 6,500,000 yards to 6,800,000 yards. Exports of food grains, chiefly rice and wheat flour, declined from 8,700 tons to 7,700 tons.

India as Colonising Country

The hope that the claim of India for colonies will not be by default this time, is expressed by Mr. T. K. Swaminathan, Organising Secretary of the Indian Colonial Society in Calcutta, in a statement to the Press on the post-war problem of Indian migration.

Mr. Swaminathan says that the real cause of the present war hangs on the colonial issue. Therefore, in any readjustment of territorial distributions of the world between the warring parties, India, as a unit and partner in the British Commonwealth, must have a voice in this international arrangement.

He recalls that it was suggested after the close of the last war that Tanganyika should be offered to India as war prize, to be treated as her mandatory. Public opinion in India at that time was slumbering and consequently India had lost that splendid opportunity of pressing this demand and of finding an outlet for her surplus population.

Muslim Debating Society

The Maritzburg Muslim Youth Debating Society have been active during the past and present months. The meetings were held at the Sir Mahomed Iqbal Library, and M. A. Jinnah Hall. At one of its sessions Mr. A. H. Nawat moved that: "it was time for the Transvaal Indians to protest against the Government in a form of passive resistance."

The motion was defeated by a strong opposition lead by Mr. A. H. Mia.

At the last meeting held on Tuesday Mr. G. H. I. Cassimjee moved "that all Madressa children should be given holidays according to the terms that apply to English schoolgoing children."

He stated that on account of the great strain on the students, sustained from continually going to Madressas and schools, the Madressa children suffered the most from mental development, and they had no relaxation. He also pointed out the advantages children derived from holiday resorts.

All members joined in the debate, and it was unanimously carried that the Madressa children should be given a month's holiday in every six months.

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Facilities for Secondary Education at Stanger

THE Provincial Executive Committee has agreed to provide facilities for secondary education at the Stanger Government Indian school as from the first term of 1942.

In the course of a letter to the secretaries of the Natal Indian Association, Stanger Branch, the Director of Education, Mr. R. A. Banks, writes:

"A standard VII will be established in 1942 and a standard VIII in 1943 provided the numbers warrant such a class. Education beyond standard VIII will not be provided at Stanger.

"The education so provided will be of an academic type more or less identical with the courses provided at Sastri College.

"In view of the lack of accommodation at Stanger school it has been agreed to hire the Veda Dharma Sabha Hall at a nominal rental as you suggest, but it must be understood that not more than two infant classes are to be housed in this hall.

"I wish to point out that Stanger has been very fortunate in the matter of educational facilities. It has one of the largest and best built schools in the province and now the Administration has agreed to this request for secondary facilities; and this has all been provided without any cost to the inhabitants. You will realise that in most places the people have had to provide their own school and I feel that the time has now arrived when the people at Stanger should show their appreciation of what has been done for them by taking steps to provide a building which will accommodate from 200 to 250 pupils.

"If such a building were erected it would immediately be recognised as a Government-aided school. Such a school would not only relieve the pressure in the Government school, but would enable the girls to have a school of their own.

As you say, Stanger is the centre of a large Indian population and to my knowledge it cannot be called a poor district. I would therefore urge your association to take steps to collect funds for a new school. Such action would convince the Administration that your concern about the education of the children in your district is real. It will give me great pleasure to know that you have resolved to do this."

Death Gratuities to Soldiers' Heirs

It is announced that in addition to family pensions, death gratuities are now to be paid to heirs of Indian other ranks, enrolled non-combatants and servants killed in action. The object is to tide heirs over any immediate expenses which may arise before pension begins to come in.

The rates of gratuity are Rs. 100 for non-commissioned officers and men and Rs. 75 for non-combatants and servants. The money will be paid directly news of casualty is announced, without waiting for other formalities.

Mr. S. R. Naidoo's Office on Fire

Fire broke out in the offices of Mr. S. R. Naidoo in Fraser Lane, Maritzburg, on Tuesday night. The cause of it is unknown.

Smoke was observed at about 11.45 and on the arrival of the fire brigade it was soon put out.

The office furniture and routine records were destroyed. But the most important papers were in the safe and, fortunately, are intact.

A move is afoot for the preparation and publication in Calcutta of a National Atlas of India, the first of its kind in the country. The atlas will represent natural conditions, natural resources and economic developments of the country, its history and pre-history as also the distribution, occupation and social conditions of the population.

AN INDIAN VENDOR'S GESTURE

"A Looker-On" writes: "I think we should take our hats off to the Indian vendor who, on seeing Imperial troops in a recent march past in Durban, ran into a fruit shop near by, bought boxes of oranges and handed them out to the soldiers.

I raise my top hat to this gesture with the utmost goodwill . . . says "Idler" in The Natal Mercury this week.

Eastern Dancing at Isipingo

A variety concert was held at the Isipingo School Hall on Saturday last under the auspices of the Isipingo Football Association. Some of Durban's best artists entertained the audience.

Messrs. Lotrek, P. R. Singh, and Monsinge gave a polished display of Eastern dancing and songs.

The most successful items were Radha Krishna Leela and Deva-Vijay Leela. The former was a sketch which depicted the patient waiting of Radha for her lover Krishna. It was both happy and sorrowful. The latter depicted worshipping at the shrine of a goddess in a most novel manner.

Mr. R. Ramshunker, the well-known musician, delighted the people with some songs. He played more than twelve different musical instruments.

Eddie Manoo, a little girl, entertained the people with music and songs.

The Tamil sketches by Jimmy Armugam and T. Rajoo provided the humour of the evening.

Selections for Scottsville

1.20 p.m., Maiden Juvenile Handicap. Five furlongs.
BERGAMO ... 1
Virelay 2
Stonewall 3

1.50 p.m., Galloway and Pony Hack. Cup. Seven furlongs.
BURGUNDY 1
Artful Charles 2
Lonehorse 3

2.25 p.m., Maiden Galloway and Pony Handicap. Five furlongs.
ACRID 1
Vermouth 2
Ultimate 3

3 p.m., Maiden Horse Handicap. Six furlongs.
JUNE LOVER ... 1
Regents Park ... 2
Forgetful 3

3.25 p.m., Stewards' Handicap. One-and-a-half miles.
COUNTY BALL ... 1
Harvest King ... 2
Only Just 3

4 p.m., Flying Handicap, Second Division. Five furlongs.
BUEASSA 1
Little Swank ... 2
Palaver 3

4.35 p.m., Flying Handicap, Third Division. Five furlongs.
IN FASHION ... 1
Phutsel 2
Woodcut 3

5.5 p.m., Flying Handicap, First Division. Five furlongs.
NEBKA 1
Cancelled 2
Epworth 3

Well-known Soccerite Weds

Mr. Govindsamy Pillay, Ponsonby, a well-known Maritzburg sportsman, was married to Miss Parvathammail (Selvan), at Maritzburg on Sunday last.

A large crowd assembled in the gaily decorated pandal, where the nuptial ceremony was performed.

There were telegrams of congratulation from many parts of the Union and also numerous presents from relatives and friends.

The bride and bridegroom soon after the marriage drove up to Dassenhoek where they spent their honeymoon.

The bridegroom is a well-known sportsman. He represented his city in intertown matches in soccer and cricket on numerous occasions.

In 1939 he was a member of the victorious Natal team at the Sam China tournament held at Capetown and represented the S.A. Indian team against the S.A. Coloured team at Capetown.

A special general meeting of the Liberal Study Group, which was postponed on account of the blackout, will be held at the Group Hall tomorrow at 7.30 p.m.

Agenda: (1) Minutes; (2) secretary's Report; (3) Financial Report; (4) General.

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Forecasts must reach our offices on or before noon (either by post or delivered) July 5, and envelopes, marked "July Handicap Forecast," must be addressed to "The Editor, The Leader, Pembroke Chambers, 472 West Street, Durban."

The Editor's decision will be final and no further correspondence can be entered into regarding the award.

Leader

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Importance of Sport for Women

Speaking to women in India, under the auspices of the Nilgiris Ladies' Club, Lady Hope referred to the importance of sport for women.

"I am so glad, she said, "to hear that more games are being played here, as I know that one of the objects of this club is to provide healthy recreation to the members. Belonging myself to the older generation, when games were not considered of much importance, perhaps you will forgive me if I tell you why I am so glad of this revival here.

"To start with, I do think that from games, people learn to be self-reliant, to take quick decisions, not to depend too much on others, but to be content to stand or fall on their own feet.

"Again a very prevalent feeling in many parts of the globe amongst older people is the inability to keep up a sustained effort without which no little can really be achieved; and if we do not learn the value and sincerity of this sustained effort, it is only too easy to give up in despair early, instead of plodding on and arriving in the end.

"Lastly, the younger generation are so very philosophic about most things; they like having a good time, but if they cannot have it, they do not grumble but just turn their attentions to something else, and carry on. All these things, I do feel, they must have learnt from playing games, even though they may not be very good at the games themselves."

Sports Items in Brief

LADYSMITH WINS

Senior Division: Ladysmith School's F.C. travelled to Ballengeich and defeated the home team by 3—1 on Saturday last.

Junior Division "A": Ladysmith School's F.C. travelled to Dundee and had a narrow win over the home team by 2—1 on Saturday last.

INTERTOWN TEAM

The following players have been selected to represent Northern Districts Intertown XI against Klip River at Newcastle on July 12.

R. Ramkissoon (Glencoe); P. M. Govender (Glencoe), L. V. Govender (Glencoe); H. B. Narrandes (Glencoe), Dawood Emam (Newcastle), Frank Maistry (Newcastle), R. Moti (Glencoe), S. R. Naidoo, vice-captain (Glencoe), M. N. Naicker (Glencoe), N.M. Govender, captain (Newcastle), D. Dorasamy (Glencoe).

Reserves: Mia A. Rangrage (Newcastle), Kista Maistry (Newcastle), Sashah Maistry (Newcastle), M. Soorajbalie (Newcastle), S. M. Naicker (Newcastle).

INTERTOWN TRIALS

Glencoe beat Newcastle in the intertown trials at Newcastle last Sunday by 4—0.

RICHMOND WIN AT SOCCER

Last Sunday the Richmond Indian sports ground was the scene of interesting soccer matches.

Two teams from Richmond, the Samrod "A" and "B" travelled out to Richmond for a friendly game.

After exciting and interesting matches both the visiting teams were defeated. The scores were:

Richmond Pirates 3, Samrod "A" 0.

Richmond Pirates 6, Samrod "B" 1.

Several brilliant attempts were made by the forwards of the visitors, but the home defence proved strong.

MALVERN SCHOOL SPORTS

The fourth annual school sports, prize distribution and variety entertainment, under the auspices of the Malvern Government-aided Indian School Committee, will be held at the school grounds, Middleton Road, Malvern, tomorrow, commencing from 8.30 a.m. All are cordially invited to attend.

Maritzburg Soccer

In the first match last Saturday in the senior rank for the Charity Cup Ravala beat Stella 5—0.

The second match was the league final between Yorks and Young Natalians. The latter won by an odd goal secured five minutes before time.

Shamrocks were held to a draw by Young Colonials (2—2) in a league decider in the junior division.

The juvenile match was also a draw between Schools and Technicals, 1—1.

Schools Retain Pillay's Cup

Stars met Schools in the final for Pillay's Cup competition at Ladysmith on Saturday last. The latter easily defeated the former by 5—0. The losers, however, gave the strong Schools' side some anxious moments. P. Veeranah opened the scoring for Schools after 20 minutes play, and a little later D. P. Thomas gave a further lead to the Schools.

On the resumption both sides played a fast game. The Stars' forwards tried hard, but failed to score. D. P. Thomas scored his second goal to put Schools further ahead. Schools beat Stars 5—0 to retain Pillay's Cup. Referee, Mr. R. Narrandes.

Mr. H. R. Singh, president of the K.R.D.F.A., presented the cup to the winners.

The treasurer, Mr. Dr. E. Bayat, of the Maritzburg Muslim Youth Debating Society, begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations: Messrs. F. A. Desai, 10/6; Mesdmus M. H. Africa, 10/-; D. E. Desai, 5/-; A. M. Bullim, 10/-; Hajee A. M. Lockhat, £2 2s.; Hajee I. M. Lockhat, £1 1s.; Essop Jeeiat, £1; Mahomed Suleman Vawda, £1 1s.; A. I. Kajee (Pty.) Ltd., £2 2s.

Sports Committee, will be held at the school grounds, Middleton Road, Malvern, tomorrow, commencing from 8.30 a.m. All are cordially invited to attend.

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Apart from Robeson's singing the picture is packed with action and the imprimatur of United Artists gives it a guarantee of excellence. This film should not be missed.

On Wednesday next "Bandhan" returns after its Union showing. It has been the most popular picture for a long time and has attracted full houses wherever it has been shown. Those who have seen it will like to see it again and those who have not seen it should not fail to see it.

The management is to be congratulated on securing a real winner for the July season.

There is also a special matinee for women only on Thursday afternoon, as well as a morning matinee on Saturday in addition to the usual showings.

Maritzburg Schools F.C.

At the thirtieth annual meeting of the Higher Grade Schools' Football Club, the following officials were elected: Patrons, Messrs. A. H. Peters, G. Nulliah, G. Nulliah, G. S. Padayachee, V. Arumugam, G. F. Naidoo and C. K. Naidoo; life vice-presidents, Dr. M. R. Peters, Messrs. V. Arumugam, M. Augustine and G. S. Padayachee; president, Mr. V. G. Devanand; vice-presidents, Messrs. M. Chinsamy, V. Vandeu, G. M. Naidoo, G. F. Naidoo, P. Nulliah, N. D. Paramasand, R. M. Mourgan, S. R. Naidoo, W. I. Marimor, S. Sekar, Rev. A. J. Chetty, R. B. Maharaj, A. V. Moodley, D. P. Padayachee, D. S. Vather, S. M. Ally, R. Moothall, I. Anthony, I. A. Haffajee, S. David, S. Tayob, G. Doorasamy, V. Pillay, M. Coopersamy, W. Wentham, G. Dayaram, K. G. Naidoo, M. J. Francis, C. Govindsamy, M. R. Reddy, and S. K. Naidoo; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. W. Jonah; assistant secretary, Mr. M. R. Reddy; auditor, Mr. V. Arumugam.

The Indian Army, it is announced, is to have a shorter bayonet. The present length is to be reduced by about a third. It has been found that the short bayonet is more effective in patrol work. A result of the reduction in length will be a considerable saving in steel, which will greatly assist India in fulfilling the heaviest requirements of the army.

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Fast Soccer at Currie's Fountain

The Stella-Warwickshire clash last Saturday afternoon retrieved the falling standard of soccer at Currie's Fountain. In fact it provided some of the cleanest and fastest soccer seen for a long time at the Fountain.

Stella played their characteristic game—all their goals came from breakaways immediately after their own goals had been pounded.

In the junior rank Stella engaged Sastri College in one of the key matches of the league.

The Stella v. Warwickshire game was one of fast exchanges and the ball was swung from one end of the field to the other; each side tried to make an impression on the other.

Warwickshire tested Jay early in the game on many occasions but he always gathered the ball well. Stella raided the Warwickshire defence, and one of their backs kicked into his own goal to put Stella ahead.

After this Warwickshire had the better of the game and on one occasion Jay stopped a hot one from the left wing.

A few seconds from the interval Ganas, the Stella centre-forward, kicked hard at goal and the ball went in after striking an upright.

On the resumption Leslie Vinden scored again for Stella, decidedly against the run of the game.

Warwickshire pressed hard and Stella were forced to concede a handball in the penalty area. The kick, however, went wide.

In the closing stages Warwickshire's concerted efforts were rewarded when their right-inner scored. Final score: Stella, 2; Warwickshire, 1.

In the Stella v. Sastri College (juniors) game from the kick off Stella forwards steered into College territory, but they were relieved to be slow in front of the goal.

Within ten minutes the Stella right-inner put his side ahead when the ball struck the upright and beat Selvam.

College forwards gathered the ball and worked into Stella half of the field, but G. R. Naidoo kicked over the bar.

Stella came back to give Selvam a lively time between the posts. Play swung to the other end of the field and a fast scene from the left beat the Stella defence in a row. Nadasen on the right wing cut in to score and equalise.

College squandered a chance when Rai and Bramdaw missed in succession a beautiful cross from the right.

On the resumption College played a better game, but could do nothing with the Stella defence. Final score: Stella, 3; Sastri College, 1.

Other results:

Senior "B": Schools w.o., S.A.P. ser.; Sydenham 4, Pirates 1; Shamrocks 3, Alrie Rangers 1.

Juniors: Warwickshire 3, Crown 1.

Juvenile "A": Sastri College 2, Stella 1.

Juvenile "B": Sastri Juniors 2, Sastri Indian Rovers 1; Clairwood Riverside 3, Stella "B" 0; Stars 2, Sastri College "B" 1.

Soldiers' Desperate Attempts Lack Finish

A return hockey match was played between an Indian eleven chosen from the ranks of the Rampur Regiment and a representative European eleven of Durban on Sunday last at the R.D.L.I. hockey grounds.

Within a few minutes of the opening the Durban eleven scored after a brilliant piece of work on the left.

Stung by this setback so early in the game the Soldiers appeared to be rattled. Their forwards lacked accuracy and were guilty of numerous misshits.

On the contrary the Durban forwards were playing fast and accurate hockey. The two wingers especially gave the Soldiers defenders many anxious moments. Anything in the hands of the left-wing looked dangerous.

Ten minutes from the interval and with the Europeans still one ahead the soldiers had their first chance at goal, but the ball went wide.

Although at this stage the Soldiers' left-winger made several solo runs along the touchline he lacked finish. He perpetrated the mistake, which, without exception, all the Soldier forwards made of holding on to the ball until too late.

Just before half-time the Soldiers' custodian in trying to clear the ball with his foot misskicked. The Durban left-wing pounced in for the kill, but Abdul Wajid Khan cut in a fraction of a second before him and cancelled the racner. Nothing scored.

Half-time score, 1—0 (in favour of Durban).

On the resumption the Europeans secured a quick goal and appeared to have consolidated victory.

For a few minutes play was scrappy and then it took on a new turn. The Soldiers made desperate attempts to score but they invariably finished off weakly. They soon overcame this and in their bid to reduce the lead played dashing hockey.

Their speed began to tell and so great was their pressure at one time that there were only two men on their half of the field: the right back and the goalkeeper.

Twenty minutes after resumption Mushtaq Khan reduced the deficit when a hard shot found the net.

Inspired by this they came to apply high power pressure. The Durban eleven appeared tired and could just stave off the equaliser.

The game became faster and more exciting as the Soldiers executed successive raids in order to even up.

The Durban defence line played magnificently to check the Soldiers' repeated onslaughts. They conceded corner after corner and each one looked as if it would materialise into a goal.

The crowd went mad with cheering when Ghulam Hasan Khan drove the ball into the goal from a corner a few minutes before time.

Final score: Durban Eleven, 2; Soldiers, 2.

The teams were: Soldiers—Ahmed Raza Khan, Abdul Wajid Khan, Ghulam Hasan Khan, Zahar Khan, Mahmood Salim, Abdul Hamid Khan, Hasan Shah Khan, Mushtaq Khan, Qaadir Khan, Ahmed Shah Khan, Yakub Shah Khan.

Durban eleven: Nanan, Christian, Sandler, Morris, Mabelli, Lloyd, Bertuttà, Durbin, Andrews, Rafferty, Bird.

Durban Indian Golf

The following were the leading scores in the 18 holes medal competition for the Parbhoo's Trophy played at Currie's Fountain last Sunday: M. C. John, 67-3-64; R. Rabs, 68-13 65; J. M. Pillay, 67 (ser.) 67; S. R. Singh, 76-8 68; H. M. Allalla, 68 (ser.) 68; and L. M. Cooper, 74-6 68.

A four-ball best-ball competition will be played tomorrow commencing at 8.30 a.m. immediately after the draw for partners.

Weekend Soccer Fixtures

MARITZBURG TODAY

JUVENILE LEAGUE

2.15 p.m.: Young Colonials v. Technicals.
3.30 p.m.: Young Natalians v. Shamrocks.
2.15 p.m.: Plessislaer v. Hill View.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

3.30 p.m.: Hill View v. Young Natalians.

SENIOR CHARITY CUP

2.15 p.m.: Schools v. Yorks.
3.15 p.m.: Young Natalians v. Royals.

COUNTY ASSOCIATION

TOMORROW

JUNIORS: N. S. NAIDOO'S NATAL CUP (SEMI-FINAL).

1.45 p.m.: Parkview Schools v. Shaves. Referee, Mr. T. Jack.

SENIORS: LEAGUE CUP FINAL.

3.30 p.m.: Cliffview Royals v. Riverside Rangers. Referee, Mr. F. S. Reddy.

NORTH COAST TOMORROW

The league fixtures are temporarily suspended, so as to complete the fixtures for the Sunerush Shield (Natal Cup Competition) in time to meet the finalists of the Durban Indian Sunday League on August 3.

The following are the fixtures in the Sunerush Shield for tomorrow:

12 p.m.: Rivers v. Umgeni School Old Boys. Referee: Mr. A. D. Pillay.

1.45 p.m.: Riverside v. Model. Referee: Mr. S. K. Reddy.

3.30 p.m., Temple A v. National Paper Factory. Referee: Mr. S. Ajam Rassool.

All matches will be played on the Umgeni Indian Sports Grounds.

LADYSMITH TODAY

NATAL CUP DISTRICT FINAL

2 p.m.: Schools v. Muslems. Referee, Mr. R. Kallie.

TEAMS

The following players will represent Schools: V. G. Naidoo, M. Govender, Willie Pillay, T. G. Moodley, E. N. Mohamed, A. Narrandes, G. K. Sulliah, P. Veeranah, D. P. Thomas, Kisten Moodley (captain), S. Ramdeen. Reserves: S. C. Mudliar and S. M. Ismail.

GLENCOE TOMORROW

Glencoe F.F.C. v. Burnside "A" at Glencoe (Natal Cup).

Dundee United v. Burnside "B" at Dundee (M. R. Naidu's Cup).

STANGER TOMORROW

SECOND ROUND LEAGUE TROPHY

3.15 p.m.: Stanger United v. Rangers. Referee, Mr. V. G. Augustine.

2 p.m.: Kearsney United v. Victorians. Referee, Mr. P. M. Polly.

3.30 p.m.: Springbooks v. Doornkop. Referee, Mr. H. C. Maraj.

Stanger Soccer

On Sunday last United met Pirates and beat them 6—0. The match was one sided. Referee, Mr. V. G. Augustine.

Victorians met Doornkop and won an exciting game by two goals to one. Mr. D. Pillay (Chaka) scored two brilliant goals for Victorians, while Bolle scored for Doornkop. Referee, Mr. P. M. Polly.

The Rangers-Kearsney clash turned out to be one of the best matches of the season. Rangers, though at the bottom of the league, gave Kearsney the tricks of their lives by their inspired play throughout the match. Excitement rose to great heights when Narsingh scored to put Rangers ahead against a stronger team. Thereafter both teams played determined football but Kearsney finally won the match 2—1. Referee, Mr. H. C. Maraj.

The first round for the Bodasingh's League Trophy was completed last week and the league log is as follows:

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Stanger United	6	5	0	1	17	4	11
Springbooks	6	4	1	1	14	7	9
Kearsney United	6	4	1	1	9	5	9
Victorians	6	2	2	2	5	5	6
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State-Aided Teachers Ejected

N.I.T.S. MEMBERSHIP RESTRICTIONS

Resolution Carried Confining Entry to Government School Teachers

A split has occurred in the ranks of the Indian teaching profession in Natal. The Natal Indian Teachers' Society decided by thirty votes against seven to adopt the amendment to the clause, confining membership to teachers in Government schools, in the constitution of the Natal Indian Teachers' Society, at the sixteenth annual general meeting held at Sastri College on Wednesday last.

The amended clause now restricts membership exclusively to teachers in the Government service.

This step has been occasioned because of the move made by the teachers in the State-aided schools some months ago to form an independent body as a trade union to champion their cause.

The aided-school teachers, led by Mr. S. Panday, their president, opposed this motion strongly. They were not prepared to sever completely relations with the Natal Indian Teachers' Society. They wanted to collaborate with them.

He indicated that no good would come from such a venture.

"We are here to fight for the betterment of Indian education," he added.

A scheme to solve the imminent conflict was advanced by Mr. N. K. Sham, one-time president of the Teachers' Society. He suggested the formation of an association of Government-aided teachers on lines parallel with the Natal Teachers' Union, and to leave the Teachers' Society to deal with matters of common interest and to decide on major issues.

It was also to be a common platform on which all teachers could meet, but this was not favourably received.

In the course of his report the Secretary, Mr. J. L. Somsunmirum, stated that the Department had invited the Teachers' Society on a number of occasions to discuss educational matters. These interviews were instrumental in clearing many misunderstandings.

The departmental officials were sympathetic and at all times keen to do all in their power to improve Indian education.

When certain teachers in the Government schools, the secretary further reported, received a war allowance the Society wrote to the Education Department to extend the war allowance to teachers in State-aided schools but as yet no reply has been received.

The balance sheet revealed a credit balance of £88 10s. 9d. in cash at bank and in the Natal Building Society.

Mr. S. Reddiar, who moved the amendment, stated that he did so in order to clarify the position of the teachers in the Government service.

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"The Government teacher does not know where he stands today, and I move this amendment to clarify the position," said Mr. Reddiar. "Today a trade union has been formed and the aided-teacher will have two bodies serving him, one at the expense of the Government teacher."

Mr. Reddy, of the Port Shepstone Indian School, opposed the motion. He said it was a dangerous move. It would in effect close the doors to collaboration on things in common between all teachers.

"The aided teachers felt that the Teachers' Society was not improving their position, and they decided to form a trade union and permission was granted to them by the Teachers' Society.

"Now that the aided teachers have formed their union all teachers affected must stand solidly behind that body.

"The aided teachers have done this for their own benefit and they must be loyal to their own organisation. Do you desire the Teachers' Society to have half the aided teachers in it? You must stand hundred per cent. behind the union.

"We never forced the aided teachers to leave the Teachers' Society. For the past sixteen years all teachers have worked shoulder to shoulder for the same cause," said Mr. Thomas, the headmaster of the Greyville Indian School.

"I was informed that registration for the Natal Teachers' Union was immediately available, when the spade was decided to launch out and I did everything possible to help them; at the same time I pointed out the difficulties that would confront the proposed union. I have heard nothing further from the union either officially or unofficially.

"I have done everything possible to prevent them falling into an unfavourable position, but for the present I do not know officially what the union itself has done," said Mr. V. S. Naidoo, the president of the Natal Indian Teachers' Society.

Among the other speakers were Mr. A. D. Lazarus, M.A., Mr. Simon David (Maritzburg) and Mr. T. M. Naicker.

The motion, as stated was carried.

Mr. M. K. Naidoo moved that the meeting be adjourned. He was supported by Mr. Sham.

The election of officials and the remaining items on the agenda will be dealt with at a later date.

Natal Teachers' Union Meets

The newly formed Natal Teachers' Union met in the St. Aidan's Hall on Monday last to discuss questions of vital importance to all teachers in the State-aided schools.

All the records of the Union were in the hands of the local divisional inspector of the Department of Labour and hence the secretary, Mr. Ismail C. Meer, could only give a brief resume of the Union's activities since its inception.

"Since the inception," said the secretary, "we have had a period of three months, a period which has been in the main an organisational one. I am proud to say that we have done very well indeed. We have now teachers from over sixty different schools in our Union and the membership now stands at three hundred and eighty-six; that fact in itself shows that the aided school teachers have been very eagerly looking forward to such an organisation to give them the lead."

Outside Durban the Union had one meeting at Maritzburg, under the auspices of the Teachers' Society. The teachers in the aided schools there were just as keen as those in Durban and elsewhere to see that the Union met with success.

The Union had received great encouragement from the local trade unions and special mention was made of the Sugar Workers' Union, the Tobacco workers, the Wood and Coopering and the Rope Workers' Unions. The officials have offered their wholehearted assistance and the local trades and Labour Council was very sympathetic. The Union's thanks were due to Mr. Errol Shanley, secretary of the Trades and Labour Council, who had done everything in his power to help the body.

Referring to a leading article in The Leader, Mr. Meer pointed out that there was a desire on the part of the Teachers' Union to create a rift among the teachers in the province.

"The aim of the Union is to work in harmony with all teachers' organisations and other educational institutions for the benefit of Indian Education. Your Executive has asked me to write to the Natal Teachers' Society asking them to fix a date for a joint executive meeting to discuss matters affecting the two organisations. We have so far received no official reply."

"In the very near future we hope to act as a registered trade union

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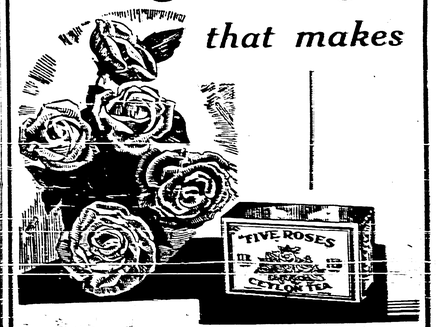

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