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Mayville Wins Inter-district Soccer

The first round of the Senior Natal Cup competition was played at Currie's Fountain last Saturday afternoon.

Adverse weather conditions were responsible primarily for no play in two of the "A" division fixtures.

Avondale and Daffodils were unable to fulfil their engagements with Old Collegians and Stars respectively.

In the only match of the afternoon in the "A" division—Stella beat Warwickshire by the odd goal in three.

The game opened on a fast note and both sides made excursions into the other's territory. About a quarter of an hour from the kick-off Ganga put Stella ahead by scoring with his head.

With one goal down and a precious score to settle Warwickshire made every effort to score but their forward line made many mistakes.

Half-time score: Stella, 1; Warwickshire, 0.

On resumption neither side could make any headway, but Warwickshire did manage to break through the Stella defence line but failed to score. About 30 minutes from half time Linga equalised and it seemed as if the score would remain when Winden kicked feebly in front of an open goal. He, however, within a few minutes of the close of play made up for his lapse when he scored the winning goal for Stella.

Final score: Stella, 2; Warwickshire, 1.

AT MAYVILLE

In the Senior Interdistrict played at Mayville last Sunday afternoon between Mayville and Maritzburg County the latter lost 4—5.

The visitors surprised the powerful Mayville when they scored twice in the early stages of the game. Mayville after many desperate attempts reduced the deficit and the score at half time was 2 1 in favour of the visitors.

When play recommenced the visitors made several sallies but could not score. Mayville, equalised from a penalty kick by Yusuf.

The Maritzburg defence at this stage was apparently weakening and the home forwards took advantage of this and scored three quick goals.

Not to be outdone the visitors' forwards livened and scored twice, but time beat them in the end.

JUNIOR INTERDISTRICT

The attraction at Sea View was the Junior Interdistrict engagement between Maritzburg County and Durban County.

Maritzburg fielding a heavier side rattled the County defences, scoring twice before even the home boys could settle down.

When once they had settled the Maritzburg forwards tried hard but in vain to break through.

S. Naicker retrieved the position somewhat for County Juniors when he scored after a fast piece of play. The same player immediately after equalised when he put the finishing touches to a skilful manoeuvre started by the County (Durban) centre half, R. Munroop.

Play was resumed with the scores even, Maritzburg changed their tactics and indulged in short passing in order to counteract the home defence, but they did not succeed.

About ten minutes from the close of play Duffy, playing at inside left for Durban County, slammed the ball home after an ingenious and tricky bit of pattern weaving from 20 yards out.

Final score: Durban County, 3; Maritzburg County, 2.

DURBAN SUNDAY LEAGUE

The Durban Indian Sunday League began play in their Sunerush competition last Sunday.

In the Silverton-Boreo clash the former scored two quick goals and looked the winning until half time.

On the resumption, however, Boreo turned the tables and scored five times in a row, to which Silverton replied with one.

Final score: Boreo, 5; Silverton, 3.

Clare Estate scratched in favour of Depot Road Old Boys in the other fixture.

OTHER RESULTS

Results of soccer matches played at Currie's Fountain last Saturday afternoon:—

SENIOR NATAL CUP
"A" Division

Stella, 2; Warwickshire, 1.
Collegians, w.o.; Avondale, scr.
Stars, w.o.; Daffodils, scr.

"B" Division

Schools, 5; Sydenham, 1.
Shamrocks, 5; Afrikes, 3.
Pirates, w.o.; S.A.T., scr.

Stanger United's First Defeat

In the second round of the Bolasingh's League Trophy Competition played on Sunday last Young Pirates travelled to Kearsney and were easily beaten 5—0. Considering their victory over the stronger Rangers side the previous Sunday Pirates were expected to put up a better performance. Referee: Mr. Polly.

Victorians unexpectedly lost to Rangers, a team whose form and fortune seem to be constantly oscillating. A fast game ended in favour of Rangers by 2 goals to one.

United travelled to Doornkop with a depleted side and suffered the first defeat of the season. In the first half Doornkop had the better of the exchanges and led 3—0 with the powerful United completely outclassed.

United began the second half in determined fashion and had things their way. They netted twice in quick succession and though they pressed strongly could not get the equaliser. From one of the few breakaways, Bolie Rajoo, who was in fine form, scored his second goal to increase the lead and assure Doornkop of victory. Final score 4—2. Harry Rajoo defended well for Doornkop.

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"The Leader" Finds Support in India

"THERE IS NO POINT IN EXAGGERATING . . ."

The Hindu" Tells Sir Rama Rau "Where to Get Off"

The Hindu, one of the leading newspapers in India, in making an editorial comment on the work of Sir Rama Rau as High Commissioner of India in South Africa, states, what tantamounts to a rebuke, that "there is no point in exaggerating the importance of such small things as that Indian students are now admitted for clinical study into the hospitals in the Union or that wage legislation in some provinces have benefited them," and at the same time supports The Leader in urging the appointment of a non-official as Sir Rama Rau's successor.

Under the caption of the "Indian High Commissioner in South Africa," The Hindu writes:

Sir B. Rama Rau, who has come back to India after a strenuous period of service as Agent and, later, High Commissioner for India in South Africa, has, in a statement to the Press, reviewed the position of our nationals in the Union. While not being unduly optimistic as to the future, he stresses the value of such small gains as have accrued in recent months and is inclined to attribute them to the fact that "the present Government in South Africa is sympathetic towards the Indian problem." We do not overlook the fact that in Mr. Hofmeyr, a member of the present Government, Indians have a true friend, nor do we forget that the Hertzog administration was much more strongly animated by colour prejudice than General Smuts' Government. Nevertheless the fact remains that General Smuts and his Government have yet to show that they are moved by sympathy for Indians. Sir B. Rama Rau himself is not sure whether the change for the better in matters in the Government's attitude will be lasting, as "even among the Ministerialists there was a strong section of anti-Asiatics," while the party in opposition, which is very powerful, is violently anti-Indian.

A concession of some importance has been gained in the Transvaal thanks to the adoption of the Feetham recommendations whereby Indians now possess for the first time the right to own and occupy lands in the "Gold Area" around Johannesburg. The question of Indian "penetration" in European areas in the Transvaal is still the subject of investigation and a time is envisaging whether penetration has been large enough to justify compulsory legislation. The matter is being appraised by the Minister of the Interior in exploring the possibility of finding a satisfactory solution of the problem on the friendly and compulsory basis. Sir Rama Rau is inclined to think this an improvement, especially as the Committee's functions include making proposals for adequate housing accommodation for Indians and for the provision of civic amenities in Indian residential areas. But segregation, brought about with or without legislation, is still segregation.

Speaking in South Africa on the eve of his departure for India, Sir B. Rama Rau [illegible] facilities in Natal remained today as inadequate as they were in 1927 and the University still stubbornly bolts its door to Indian students, though these are now admitted to the Capetown and Witwatersrand Universities. Race and colour prejudice are even more rampant in the councils of the Provincial Governments than in those of the Union. Therefore, there is no point in exaggerating the importance of such small things as that Indian students are now admitted for clinical study into the hospitals in the Union or that wage legislation in some provinces has benefited them.

The central fact which dominates and throws into the shadow everything else, is not only that "the Indian community had been fighting a rearguard action for several years," in the words of Sir B. Rama Rau, but that it has been fighting a losing battle. As the Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri pointed out in a speech in Madras some time ago, the Dominion Government has not at all kept its promise that "the Indians already resident in the country should be treated with every consideration and given all the rights of citizenship" though it has rigorously enforced the complementary provision in the 'Gentlemen's Agreement' that no new Indian was to be admitted into the country.

We have little hopes that at the end of the war South Africa would begin to take a more enlightened view of the racial question. Only the other day Mr. Winston Churchill spoke of the two hundred millions of Europeans in the Empire as the solid bulwark against Nazi domination of Europe, thus tacitly treating the coloured races in the Empire as of no account. And The Times put the same thing even more plainly when it wrote, "People across the seas who share the European traditions — and predominantly English-speaking peoples — are awakening with startling rapidity to a new and keener perception that their destiny is involved in the destiny of Europe."

People who think and speak in these terms are not likely to indure in a country so indoctrinated with race and colour prejudice as South Africa a desire to seek a new and equal friendship with coloured peoples. General Smuts could not resist the temptation to level a gibe against India's subordinate status when he told Sir P.

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Indian Soldier's Refused Seats in Durban Buses

APPARENTLY the freedom from the rigid colour bar regulations which had been granted to the last batch of Indian Imperial Troops who came into Durban on escort duty is denied to those Indian troops who are now here.

On Sunday last a number of these Imperial soldiers were refused seats in a Durban trolley bus, opposite Cartwright's Flats, which was bound for Marriot Road. They were curtly told that "they could not sit in front of Europeans."

They were also told they come under the trolley bus regulations and could not occupy more than "the three rear seats allocated to non-Europeans."

As a result of this attitude of the conductor the trolley bus was delayed for a long time and military authorities were summoned.

The soldiers were left standing and most of them decided to return to the city.

This incident cannot be consonant with the assurance given when the Rampur Regiment was here that those Imperial soldiers would not be subject to the harsh colour regulations in Durban.

A similar incident occurred in a Mayville bound trolley bus last Sunday.

The position at the Clairwood Camp is just as bad and a form of segregation has been indulged in.

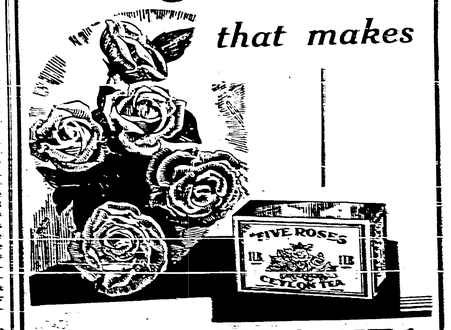
The soldiers have been moved on to the grassy area and have to make-shift for themselves as best they can.

Their kitchen is an apology for the name. It is situated on what is practically a sand heap and when the wind blows the soldiers have to eat sand. It is not sufficiently and adequately sheltered.

These are some of the disabilities under which the Imperial troops are labouring today in Durban.

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DURBAN TODAY

NATAL CUP COMPETITION
SENIOR "A":
2.15 p.m.: Stella v. Old Collegians. Referee, G. Roopnarain.
SENIOR "B":
3.30 p.m.: Queens v. Schools. Referee, P. Moore.
3.30 p.m.: Pirates v. Shamrocks. Referee, Y. S. Molla.

JUNIOR
3.30 p.m.: Stars v. Sastri College. Referee, R. Bijon.

JUVENILE "A"
2.15 p.m.: Sastri College v. Stella. Referee, B. Padayachee.

JUVENILE "B"
2.15 p.m.: Sastri College "B" v. Stella "B." Referee, E. H. Moollan.
3.30 p.m.: Grimsdale League v. Syd. Royals. Referee, D. A. Pather.

LEAGUE COMPETITION
SENIOR "A"
3.30 p.m.: Stars v. Warwickshire. Referee, M. S. Hadee.

JUNIOR
2.15 p.m.: Crown v. Stella. Referee, D. V. Naidoo.
3.30 p.m.: Central v. Jacobs. Referee, S. K. Reddy.

GLENCOE TOMORROW
NATAL CUP (INTER-DISTRICT FINAL)
3 p.m.: Glencoe F.C. (Glencoe District finalist) v. Dannhauser United (Newcastle District finalist). Referee, Mr. S. Manickum.

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3.15 p.m.: Natalians v. York.

JUNIOR NATAL CUP
3.15 p.m.: Natalians v. ...

JUVENILE NATAL CUP
2 p.m.: Plessislaer v. ...
2 p.m.: Hill View v. York.

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AT SEAVIEW TOMORROW
JUNIOR: DAVID NAIDOO ...
1.30 p.m.: Shaws v. Malvern F.C. Referee, Mr. M. K. Sahib.
SENIOR: SEMI-FINAL ... DISTRICT
3 p.m.: County U.F.A. v. ... D.U.F.A. ...

STANGER TOMORROW
3 p.m.: Kearsney v. ... Kearsney). Referee, Mr. ...
2 p.m.: Victorians v. ... Stanger). Referee, ...
3.30 p.m.: United v. ... Stanger). Referee, Mr. V. G. ...

LADYSMITH TOMORROW
NAIDOO'S CUP COMPETITION
2 p.m.: Shamrocks v. ... Referee, Mr. Pat Narrandes.
3.30 p.m.: Schools v. Stars. Referee, Mr. R. Kallie.

TEAMS
Mayville: J. Govindsamy (Pirates), E. Subban (Pirates), C. P. ... (Westerners), J. Ramen (Westerners), V. Lutchee (Cato Stars), N. C. ... (Pirates), Mohamed Khan (Westerners), Bux Singh (Westerners), I. Yusuf (Cato Stars), ... Abrahams (Cato Stars), G. ... (Westerners). Reserves: ... (Westerners), Amod Khan (... Stars), Moses John (Pirates), Joe John (Pirates).

Mainly About People

Mr. Y. C. A. Naidoo (Bates), of Puntan's Hill, secretary and ... worker, who was recently operated ... has now recovered and will be back at work within a fortnight.

The marriage took place last Saturday at Dundee of Mr Kumar ... pal, the second son of the late R. ... and Mrs. Bunsee, of Ladysmith, ... Miss Parasvathie Devi, daughter ... the late Mr. and Mrs. Pullen Singh ... Dundee. The couple will reside ... Ladysmith.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Naidoo, of Ladysmith, spent their weekend at Newcastle.

Mr. D. Sodaley, of the staff of the Payne Smith School, has returned to Hawick after spending the winter vacation in Durban.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Ramiah have returned to Greytown after spending their winter holidays in Durban.

Mrs. J. V. George and daughter, teacher of St. Theresa Government aided Indian School, Mayville, and Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Simon, of Greyville Government Indian School, and children, who spent their winter holidays at the residence of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Simon, at Dundee, Kop, Stanger, left for their respective ...

Pundit D. Seebrun, of the ... Sangatan, Durban, ... the ... Naam Kuran Sanskar of the late ... at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. ... Roophall, of Springfield, ... in the presence of a large ... Appropriate speeches pertaining to ... occasion were delivered by Messrs. ... Ramsingh, Pundit Seebrun, ... Singh, Sohadeen, D. Outchar, ... thula H. Bart, N. Nayaidu, and Sardar P. Joe.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Maseyk, of Greenside, Pretoria, who were on a visit to Maritzburg and the coast last week, have now returned home.

THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

Mr. I. Hassiem, Barrister-at-Law, ... Moulvi Ismail M. Vallimiah, of ... burg are now visiting Durban. They were admitted as members of the Orient Club on Sunday last.

Mrs. Goonam, with her mother, Mrs. ... Naidoo, returned from Indian Monday last.

Mr. V. K. Pillay, who had been ... ing his holiday in the Cape, is ... home. He arrived in Maritzburg ... Saturday.

Mr. R. Balasing, who was laid up ... influenza for a few days, has resumed duties again.

Mr. Puran Headlam, of Pomeroy, ... Durban during the week.

Mr. L. Balasing and family have returned after their short visit to Johannesburg.

Mr. Ahmed Saeed, of Richmond, was in Durban on Wednesday on business.

Mr. M. A. H. Moosa, of Enterprise Jewellers, has returned from Johannesburg this week.

Mr. Harry Thathiah, of the Victoria Costume Mart, was a visitor to Pietermaritzburg during the weekend.

Mr. Govan Mani, the well-known Indian merchant, who spent some time in India, has now returned to Durban.

Mr. J. H. Suleman and nephew, of Newcastle, who spent a short holiday in Durban left for home last Tuesday.

Mrs. Dadhabhai, of Johannesburg, who spent her winter holidays in Durban, returned home last Tuesday. She is now registered at Peter's Lounge.

Mr. A. Karrim, of Empangeni, is undergoing medical treatment in Durban, where he is staying at Peter's Lounge.

Mr. Elliot, of Oakleip, S.W.A., who had spent some time in Durban at Peter's Lounge, returned home last Wednesday.

Mr. Ebrahim Sulta and son, of Pretoria, are spending their holidays in Durban and are staying at Peter's Lounge.

Messrs. N. Nesdhie and M. Isaacs, of the Malvern Crew, and Messrs. P. Moodley, V. G. Naidoo and L. Sangoo of the Chatsworth Crew, hiked to Maritzburg recently. They started at 5 a.m. and completed the trip on the same day at 10 p.m., a journey of over 50 miles in 17 hours.

The ... baby son of Mr. V. S. Pillay, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Nadarajah Pillay, of Durban, to Miss Neela M. Andrews, daughter of Mr. Manikum Andrews, of Johannesburg. Mr. Pillay, known ... ally, is in the Indian Malay Corps.

Messrs. D. R. Mistrey, D. S. Mahabeer and S. Bhawanee, of Dundee, ... accompanied by Mr. R. ... Mistrey, of Newcastle, have returned home from a ... holiday in Durban and Maritzburg.

Mr. C. V. Abboo, of Newcastle, was on a visit to Ladysmith over the week-end.

Durban Holds its Third Baby Show

"Our babies are our most precious possession and we should take care of them accordingly," was the advice given by Dr. Farren, of the McCord Hospital, to parents at the Third Indian Baby Show opened by the Mayoress, Mrs. Ellis Brown, on Sunday last at the Avalon Theatre.

He pointed out that the majority of babies were suffering from preventible diseases and emphasised the necessity and the value of baby clinics.

Dr. Kaplan, who together with Dr. Desai adjudicated, said that the children had improved beyond words since her first contact with them three years ago.

The first Indian Baby Show organised in 1939, by Dr. Goonam, was attended with some measure of success and had created wide interest among the Indian community, said Mrs. R. D. Sundrum, in the course of her secretarial report.

"Following upon the first show various volunteer workers had offered themselves for service and, with their assistance, it has been the privilege of the committee to extend the field covered by the show.

"The committee have steadily carried on their work and I report, with very much pleasure, that although the number of entries has fallen, the standard of babies entered has improved.

"It would be incorrect, however, to state that the entire Indian community in Durban and its districts had been touched or that they are conversant with the work of the baby show. We have but touched the fringes of our community. The Committee feels that there could have been more support in funds and voluntary workers from the Indian community itself," Mrs. Sundrum concluded.

Special mention was made of the names of Mrs. Morrel, for her untiring efforts in the cause of the Indian Baby Show, Mrs. Muniyams Naidoo and Mrs. F. S. Pillay.

The following are the results:—

Section "A": 1, S. Pillay; 2, Kistama Naicker; 3, M. M. Thaker.

Section "B": 1, Pauline Sigamoney; 2, Maheniira Patel; 3, Govindsamy Alger.

Section "C": 1, Amar Singh; 2, Pushum Raghjee; 3, Pushtherani Pillay.

Section "D": 1, Reggie Mariemuthoo; 2, Noel Peters; 3, Krishna Padaychee.

Special prizes: Best Nutrine baby, Shama Singh; next in order Krishna Naicker and Theresa Lawrence. Best baby in the show, Sadhanandhan Pillay. Two prizes from the Mayoress went to Deverprasan Perumandi and Prithipal Singh.

Death of Mr. Khoosal Panday

The death occurred of Mr. Khoosal Panday at the age of 64 at Grey's Hospital, Maritzburg, on Tuesday last. He was connected with the Panday Bros. of Overport, Durban.

The funeral took place at the Mountain Rise Cemetery, where the last remains were cremated according to Hindu rites.

The late Mr. Panday leaves behind a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his loss, both in South Africa and India.

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Domestic Notice

NAIDOO.—To Mr. and Mrs. K. N. Naidoo (Angella) a son, at Greyton on Monday, July 28, 1941. Both well. Thanks to the night duty Sister and the Nurses.

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Classes reopening at Sastri College, Carlisle Street, Clairwood, Depot Road, on

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The Newspaper for the Quarter Million Indians of South Africa

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 1941

Indian Soldiers and Colour Bar

THE war is responsible for some striking illustrations of the way in which Indians are treated in various parts of the Empire. In England distinguished Indians have at all times been made welcome and Indian Imperial troops can always be sure of a good reception in peace or in war. Of South Africa the same cannot be said. It might be thought that in Durban, the two newspapers of which city are often given to emphasising how British in tradition and loyalty it is, Indian Imperial soldiers would find a sympathetic adjustment of the regulations which furnish South African Indians any sort of equality or consideration. What really distinguished Indians think of Natal and South Africa in general can be found in Lady Rama Rau's remark when she arrived in India on a visit. She said she had no wish to return to South Africa owing to the differences there that separated people from people. "That is the attitude of the vast majority of distinguished Indians. They avoid South Africa if they can possibly do so.

Usually, of course, distinguished Indians are in a position to order their own sojournings about the world. With Indian Imperial troops it is different. They are ordered to fight the Empire's battles, and it is not straining truth too much to say that the Indian forces were ordered to East Africa at the express wish of General Smuts. It was he, at any rate, who had a very large say whether the campaign against Italy would be undertaken first and before South African and Indian troops reinforced the armies of the Nile. In passing it is worth noticing that some military authorities in England believed this strategy the wrong course to take at the time. Without pursuing this aspect of the matter we may emphasise the part played by Indian troops in that campaign. It is doubtful whether that part will receive its proper acknowledgment in public, but it remains a fact. Without ill-management of the qualities of South African troops, that the Indian fought nobly and made victory more certain.

Some of them have since found their way to Durban. They expressed no particular desire to come. They were ignorant of the ways of Natal. They were unaware of its colour bar restrictions and its inherent prejudices. Some of them found that they could not enter a tram at will. One incident brought the following letter to The Natal Mercury, written, it would seem, by a European mindful of the part Indian soldiers had played.

Sir,—Recently I boarded an Umgeni tram, the upper deck of which was filled with Indian soldiers. When a few more wished to enter the tram the conductor refused to allow them in, saying "Tram is full."

"But there is plenty of room in here," I protested.

"Oh, they can't sit here," was the shocked reply.

The Indian troops among our best fighters may fight next to our men up North. There is no "colour bar" in the fighting line. On the battlefield their blood is as red as a white man's. But in a Durban tram they are not allowed to sit next to a woman or a slacker.

Unless we in South Africa change our attitude towards the non-European there is a rude awakening in store for us.

S. M. STEPIEN.

This incident is just another case of absence of democratic practice to which we find ourselves returning. In reply to the letter the editor of The Natal Mercury appended a list of Durban Municipal By-laws. By-laws have little meaning to the strangers in our midst. Indian Imperial soldiers judge European Durban by the sort of treatment that is meted out to them. They take away with them lasting impressions. They begin to feel that this fighting they are doing at the side of South African soldiers is a strange unequal affair and that the talk of freedom is so much deception and hypocrisy. Durban has a record for this sort of thing. Not so many years ago its City Hall rang to the screams of its rabble—"To hell with General Smuts!" That was in the "evolution days." Our hopes for its future must lie with South African troops who, as the correspondent of The Natal Mercury says, are fighting side by side with Indian soldiers. These young men might feel after all that the courage of the Indian troops is not to be despised and that they deserve something better in treatment than that which is commonplace in Natal.

MY LIFE

By RAE CAMESH

My Life! What can I say of it
But that it was sweet or sour,
So closely bound
In a pattern of friend and foe,
And breathing humanity
Crying aloud
To matters cruel to pay
And unveil from a shameful shroud
Of tyranny.
My Life! What can I say of it
But that it encloses misery,
And —— this script.

HELD OVER

Owing to pressure on space several letters have had to be held over. Correspondents are asked to be brief.

Our Readers Speak

THE PROVINCIAL BARRIERS AND FATE OF MISS KASIE NAIDOO

I take the opportunity of congratulating you for the [illegible] comments appearing in your issue of July 26.

I must say that it has, I am sure, touched many hearts of parents and public workers for the harsh decision meted out by the Commissioner for Asiatic Affairs in spite of the fact that the fiance of Miss Naidoo is up in the North fighting for freedom, democracy and liberty.

In the circumstances I ask in plain language that if a person who has chanced his life between life and death can be treated in this manner, what will be the future position of the quarter million of Indians living in South Africa?

Time over and again our community have proved both here and in India their allegiance to the king, but in what manner have they benefited? In South Africa we have to be contented with rigid laws, such as immigration laws, licensing laws, penetration and segregation.

Can we have such harsh treatment when we have amongst us such statesmen as General Smuts and Mr. Hofmeyr, who are shouting from the top of their voices to fight for freedom, democracy and liberty. Now I ask them in all sincerity what does all that talk of freedom, democracy and liberty mean. Are only those to be enjoyed by the fortunate ones that happen to have the white skin? I should say that they should practice what they preach.

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, again I must express my appreciation of your bold comments and thank you.

S. BHAGWANDEEN.

Glencoe.

TAMILS AND TELEGUS

It is with much interest that I read in the columns of your popular paper the allegations made by "An Andhra Youth" against the Tamilians.

This writer contends that the Tamilians were largely responsible in retarding the progress of the Andhra language amongst their own sections, and in proof of this adduces forth a very vague reason, that of intermarriage between Telegus and Tamilians.

Who is to be blamed for this? Certainly not the Tamilian. There was no reason or cause for the Andhra to marry a Tamil girl when he could have chosen a bride from his own clan. There must be obvious reasons for this; may be that the Andhra girl does not possess the qualities of her Tamil cousin, consequently the Andhra youth has no alternative but to look forward to the Tamilian to provide him with a bride. May I ask who has blundered in this respect, The Andhra or the Tamilian? The Andhra, of course. And now he comes with the line and cry story that he has forgotten his mother tongue.

It would have been appropriate if "Andhra Youth" confined himself to the Andhras, but when he says that "the Andhra section is able to speak and write the Tamil language, whereas the Tamilians cannot their own language," this is where I must draw my sword in defence of the Tamilians.

On what grounds, if any, does "Andhra Youth" make such a bold statement I would very much like to know. Evidently he has forgotten for a moment that in most schools today Tamil is being taught not only to the Tamil children but also to the Andhra children. Why, if the Andhras practise what they preach, should they send their children to the Tamil classes? The reason is plain and simple. That there is no person known anything about the Telegus language literally," and yet "Andhra Youth" professes that the Andhras know their language.

Taking a hundred Tamilians and a hundred Andhras at random and examining their literary ability in their respective languages, I can safely say with confidence say that the Tamilian will be ahead by well over 75 per cent in this respect.

Many a Tamilian can converse intelligently and fluently in Telegu, in fact much better than the Andhra whose Telegu is almost unintelligible. Telugu as spoken by the Andhras or Reddys, in so far as the slang used by the former when conversing.

I further observe from the words remarks that "the Andhras have themselves into Tamil society." How do they do this when they have their own great Mahn Sabhas which purports to represent the Andhras in this country? Surely any sane Andhra would not do this if there were no obvious reasons.

I am proud to say that Tamilians are in no way sectional as "Andhra Youth" tends to be, evidence of which is in the fact that we Tamilians who heartedly support any individual irrespective of the language he speaks as office-bearers in our Sabhas. "Andhra Youth," I am sure, of those that think and have their views like him, would not do this, they will try to their utmost to reject a Tamilian from their Great Sabha.

The Naidoos and the Reddys in doing the right thing by speaking Tamil. Could you blame them for the No, because it must be admitted that Tamil is the "National language of Southern India," and so it is amongst us here in Natal.

To my friend "Andhra Youth" I must say this, that under no circumstances criticise another language mainly because he is not the right sort of prospect person to do so, and that he is not an authority on language. Literary men of repute who we can safely say can dwell on this subject have refrained from doing so. Why because no one could say that he is mastered the language, there is always something to learn.

Could "Andhra Youth" perhaps enlighten me with his name and address through the medium of The Leader or its Editor. I shall be grateful.

R. P. NAICKER.
140 Bellair Road, Mayville, Durban.

SCHOOL MANAGERS

May I through the columns of your paper let the Indian community know how the managers of certain Indian schools treat their employes.

The employes in any ordinary factory are treated better than the teachers under those employers.

If a teacher wants sick leave he has to struggle before he gets leave. He gets his leave but does not get paid. This "new regulation" is made by the managers and not the Education Department.

If a teacher wants a transfer to a school nearer home the manager has his own ways and does not allow it.

Here is an instance of how one teacher in particular was treated when he asked for a transfer.

This particular teacher, who resides at Cavendish and is on the staff of the Malvern Indian School, arranged mutually with a teacher from another school for a mutual transfer. He went to the manager and explained the position to him. The teacher explained to him that he was not sound in health. The ill-health consisted in having to walk for the a day. He also produced a doctor's certificate. He further said the manager that if he still remained at Malvern he would be doing injustice to the children.

The manager refused to sanction the transfer and he told the teacher that if he thought that he would be doing an injustice to the children he could resign.

This is not the attitude that should be adopted by our [illegible] managers.

I do hope that the community will go into matters and either throw the managers out or see for the conversion of all schools into Government schools.

AN UNFORTUNATE VICTIM

WHEN GANDHI CYCLED IN DURBAN

Mr. B. A. Maghraj Looks Back 70 Years Ago

THE days when Mr. Gandhi cycled in Durban and made long distance runs to Isipingo, Verulam and Phoenix were recalled by Mr. B. A. Maghraj, who celebrated his seventieth birthday at his home on Tuesday last.



MR. B. A. MAGHRAJH.

Mr. Maghraj, giving some of his reminiscences to a Leader representative, spoke of the time when sport had far keener followers than it has today. In fact, he attributed his good health and longevity to his participation in sports in his youth.

Mr. Maghraj, who was the captain of the Greyville Cycling Club in 1901, said that he organised long distance cycling trips into the country, and Mr. Gandhi was one of the keenest cyclists of the club.

He recalled the incident when Mr. Gandhi was arrested at Umgeni for being without a pass. At that time, he said, Mr. Gandhi had established the Phoenix Settlement and he walked from Durban to Phoenix.

It was during one of those walks when he was stopped by a policeman and asked to show his pass. As he did not have one he was taken to the police station and had to wait in the detention cell until he appeared before the sergeant.

Asked his name, he said, "Gandhi."

"What, the lawyer?"

"Yes."

He was set free with profuse apologies.

Mr. Gandhi recounted this incident to all his friends, saying that he wanted to learn as to the conditions experienced by his humble countrymen.

POINT DEMONSTRATION

Mr. Maghraj was an eyewitness of the Point demonstration in 1896 against Mr. Gandhi, who eluded the demonstrators on the advice of the then Superintendent of Police, Capt. Alexander, by dressing in the uniform of a messenger of the Durban Town Council.

Mr. Maghraj gave a vivid picture of Durban at the close of the nineteenth century. Land was cheap and one could buy in any part of the town. Indian merchants had their business premises in West and Gardiner Streets.

Mr. Maghraj has also been connected with Indian public work since 1906. He is an original member of the Natal Indian Congress, founded by Mr. Gandhi, and is the vice-president of the N.I.C. today. He has held various official appointments and is held in high esteem in Indian public life.

Mr. Maghraj, who still enjoys robust health, was on the occasion of his birthday the recipient of the best wishes of his friends, who regard the "Old Man" as being 70 years young today.

EXTREME DISSATISFACTION

Municipal Workers Complain

The Durban Indian Municipal Employes' Society held its seventh annual meeting at the Magazine Barracks, Durban. The Drama Hall was packed to capacity. Among those present were Mr. A. Christopher, legal adviser to the society, and Mr. S. L. Singh, hon. organising secretary.

Workers in the Cleansing Section, about 300 to 900 of them, all expressed extreme dissatisfaction with existing conditions. There were many grievances regarding overtime pay, working conditions. Some men in this department have to work every Saturday afternoon in the year, including every third Sunday, without overtime pay. It was decided that all grievances be taken up by the society in true trade union manner with recourse to the Minister of Labour if satisfaction be not granted locally.

Graded workers and workers at Umbilo and Cowiemore were told that as the result of representations by the society, wage increases were about to be granted, ranging from 10 to 20 per cent.

RIGHT OF REPRESENTATION

The report of the secretaries, Messrs. S. L. and Gen. Singh, reflected dissatisfaction with the lack of representation. At present all grievances come before the Indian Sub-Committee where the workers are not represented. It was decided that the society ask to be represented as in the case of the European and Native workers.

Intimation was also given to the workers that the matter of a new barracks school as well as the shop order system for the collection of subscriptions were now being attended to by the Council.

The secretaries' annual report also reflected a growing interest by councillors in the conditions of the workers. The names of Councillors T. Kinloch, D. G. Shepstone and J. L. Farrel were mentioned as being instrumental in the erection of the new £35,000 block of buildings.

WAR BONUS

It was also agreed by a resolution unanimously passed at the meeting that the society inquire into the increased cost of living and make the necessary representations for relief. It is understood that the society has written to the Council asking for a 15 per cent. increase all round to meet this increased cost of living.

The following officials were thereafter elected: President, Mr. T. S. John; vice-presidents, Messrs. V. Chengiah, K. M. Pillay, S. M. Moodley, T. Damodar, and Kilumber; treasurer, Mr. A. Dursami; hon. organising secretary, Mr. S. L. Singh; general secretary, Gen. Singh; legal adviser, Mr. A. Christopher.

SHOP HOURS EARLY CLOSING

Congress Lodges Protest

The secretaries of the Natal Indian Congress wrote as follows to the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Council of Natal, Maritzburg:

On behalf of the Natal Indian Congress we hereby lodge a formal protest against the proposal of the Durban Town Council to close shops on Friday evenings at 6 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. as at present.

Our Congress is desirous of making representations against the proposed change, as in effect it will be detrimental to both shop-keepers and non-European workers, the majority of whom reside in the suburbs, and the only opportunity they get to do their shopping is on Friday afternoons.

We therefore respectfully request that a deputation from our Congress be given an opportunity to lay their views before the Provincial Executive.

Farewell Banquet to Head Teacher

A farewell banquet was given to Mr. M. Subban, the departing headmaster of the Greytown Indian School, by the Greytown Indian Tennis Club, Greytown and District Indian Football Association, its associated clubs, and all boys of the Greytown Indian School on Friday last.

Mr. C. V. Govindsh, who presided, referred to Mr. Subban's interest in the welfare of his ex-pupils and the sporting organisations. Mr. Subban's interest in sport had resulted in the establishing of the Greytown and District Indian Football Association and in introducing tennis among the Indians.

Among the speakers were Messrs. R. Bheekie (President, G.D.I.F.A.); C. M. Lakhi; R. Bhola; I. S. Hatia; S. Pay; S. F. Pillay.

Mr. Subban was the recipient of a set of golf clubs and a suitcase from the ex-pupils of the school and "Portrait of a Man," by Tiziau, from the sporting brothers.

Mr. Subban replied suitably.

Red Cross Workers Increase

The Indian Ambulance Detachment, formed some months back by the Durban Indian Life Saving Club, has been progressing favourably.

This body is under the South African Red Cross Society.

When it was formed there were only twenty members, but today it has a membership of over fifty.

The headquarters of the I.A.D. are at the Commercial Road, where in-door classes in Red Cross work every Wednesday evening.

Those members who joined at the beginning have since passed their elementary examination and will soon be writing their advanced tests. The new set is in preparation for their preliminary trials. The members are also doing hospital work at the King Edward VIII Hospital.

Those wishing to join the Ambulance Detachment should get in touch either with Mr. A. A. S. Ephraim at 66 Old Dutch Road, or with Mr. J. F. Thambrayen at the same address.



"The Leader" Finds Support

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

Thakurdas last year that the condition of Indians in the Union was much better than that of their countrymen in their own country. It is not therefore to the sympathy of the Government or the dawn among the Europeans of a new sense of fairness that our nationals in India may reasonably look for an alleviation of their lot. They must develop a strength of their own and rely upon it to secure for them their just rights.

From this point of view it is very important that a right choice should be made for the office of High Commissioner which is now vacant. The High Commissioner will hereafter represent the views of the Government of India only and not those of the Indian community in South Africa who will be represented by their own organisations. This change will, one hopes, have the salutary effect of easing the tension that has in recent years developed in the relations between India's official representative and sections of Union nationals. But, notwith-tanding this change, the High Commissioner will still have the right to express his views on matters falling within the scope of the Capetown Agreement, with the authority and support of the Government of India whose representative he is."

Now, while it is admitted that the Government of India have generally backed the rightful claims of Indian nationals in the Union, the fact that they are after all but "a subordinate branch of the administration" has often placed them at a disadvantage in negotiating with the Union Government. That being the constitutional position, the Indian community in South Africa thinks that it is essential that the High Commissioner should be recruited, not from the ranks of the I.C.S., or other department of the Indian Government, but from the ranks of Indian public men.

The Leader, a new weekly organ of the Indian community, urges that the civil servant, by reason of his training and the traditions of his service, can not be expected to stand up to his Government if he thinks it is too amenable to the wishes of the Union Government but will prefer to speak to his brief, whereas public men "who have the freedom and elasticity of outlook which the civil service seems to deny" could be depended upon to put up a stiff fight for the safeguarding of Indian rights. It cannot be denied that there is some force in this contention. In any case, it is clear that a non-official with a record of public service in India will have a far greater chance of winning the confidence of the Indians in the Union and of being accepted as a true representative of India than any Government servant however eminent. That consideration, to our mind, is conclusive, and the Government should choose for this important post a non-official Indian who will, by his personal prestige and qualities of tact and statesmanship, be able to unite the Indian community, now unfortunately split up into factions, into a compact body, and give them the bold and positive lead they are so badly in need of.

SEEDAT TALKS OF PRISON

Mr. D. A. Seedat, a leading member of the Non-European United Front and the Nationalist Bloc of the N.I.A., addressed the Liberal Study Group on "My prison experiences," at its hall on Sunday last.

The hall was packed and many people had to stand outside.

Mr. A. Maharaj was in the chair. The chairman in introducing the speaker said Mr. Seedat was the first in Natal to be charged and convicted under the National Security Regulations.

The only crime, added the speaker, he had committed was telling the public the truth—the truth about the "so-called democracy," the truth about the conditions in which the vast majority of the non-Europeans were forced to live, the truth about the Colour Bar and the truth about the so-called "Commonwealth of Nations" in which the people are treated not according to their merit of culture and character but according to the colour of their skins.

"During my stay in the Central Prison," Mr. Seedat said, "I witnessed excessively harsh treatment meted out to the non-European inmates, the thought of which now makes my blood boil with rage. Racial prejudice, which is so rampant outside the prison, is a thousandfold worse within its grim walls. The treatment of the non-Europeans is a painful tale of human suffering based on colour. Almost daily I heard from morning to night such revolting terms as 'coolies,' 'kaffirs' and 'bastards,' and other vulgar abuse."

He also referred to the life in prison and said that conditions needed reforming.

He concluded: "I went to prison and suffered, yet I am determined more than ever, to go back to prison again and again until we succeed in our struggle. There is nothing that can bar my way."

NIZAMIA SOCIETY'S DONATION

The treasurer of the Nizamia Muslim Society, Maritzburg, acknowledge with thanks the following donations: Messrs. S. A. Desai, £2 2s.; Lillah, 2s. 6d.; Shaik A. Cassim, 12s.; H.K., 12s.; D. E. Langat, 12s.; N. Ally, 1s.; A. G. Shariff, 12s.; I. Amod, 12s.; A. Moosa, 12s.; Ally Khan, 10s.; Ismail Adam, 12s.; Shaik Ramzan, 5s.; M. E. Safer, 12s.; A. B. Shariff, 12s. 6d.; Abdulla Khan, 6s. 3d.; Essop Adam, 12s.; A. A. Ballim, 12s.; Sayed Amod, 12s. 6d.; Goolam Hossen, 12s.; I. Shaik, 12s.; G. Essa, 12s.; A. Z. Basha, 12s.; Shaik Ally, 6s.; M. Rahaman, 5s.; A. S. Essa, 2s.; A. Gafoor, 12s.; A. M. Patel, 12s. 6d.; M. Ismail, 12s. 6d.; Ahmed Khan, 2s.; Essak Seedye, 5s.; E. Musta, 5s.; Lillah, 10s.; Natal Old Nizamia, £7 1s.; Abdulla Khan, 6s.

Two teams from Howick, Sarmcol "A" and "B" travelled to Hilton Rd. last Sunday to play a friendly soccer match. Both teams were victorious. The results being Sarmcol "B" beat Hilton Road 5—0; Sarmcol "A" beat Hilton Road 6—0.

Dartnell Crescent's New Principal

Miss Ruth Guy, the recently appointed headmistress of Dartnell Crescent Indian Girls' School, Durban, comes to her new post with all the academic and teaching qualifications so important a post deserves.

Miss Guy was educated at the Collegiate College, Maritzburg, and continued her studies at the Natal University.

Her earlier experiences at teaching were at Dundee and Ladysmith and for some time she has been headmistress at St. Margaret's School, Maritzburg.

Miss Guy will bring to her new appointment a sympathy and understanding of teaching problems that will stand her in good stead at Dartnell.

NEW SPORTS GROUND AT PRETORIA

Scheme to Cost City Council £1,000

The City Council of Pretoria has agreed to erect a new recreation ground for Indians. It is believed that it will cost about £1,000 to lay out one or two sewer grounds and two tennis courts.

In order to coordinate all the sporting bodies, the Pretoria District Indian Football Association convened a meeting representative of all the sporting organisations of Pretoria for the purpose of forming the Pretoria Indian Sports Association. This new association will be the only body that will negotiate with the City Council, arrive at and enter into an agreement in connection with the new grounds, and translate the accepted terms into action.

In addition, Mr. M. H. Joosub, a merchant of Prinsloo Street, will donate a pavilion, dressing rooms, etc., to cost about £600.

The following were elected as officials of the new body: Patron, Mr. R. K. Khoja; president, Mr. G. Moolloo; hon. secretary, Mr. A. Anthony; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. J. Warnasuriya; trustees, Messrs. G. Moolloo, R. R. Moolloo, E. Moosa, S. Ernest, A. Anthony, S. M. Paddy, G. Moolloo, W. J. Warnasuriya, R. K. Khoja.

Newcastle Temple

An appeal is made to the general public for donations towards the repairs and improvements of the Newcastle Hindu Temple (built 1898). At present funds are required to put the building in order. A flat recently opened has had very good response: Messrs. K. Ramasroop, £13 13s.; R. Lackrajsingh, £12 12s.; H. Sarjoosingh, £12 12s.; N. Singh, £12 12s.; J. A. Singh, £12 12s.; R. T. Ramasroop, £12 12s.; N. R. Maharaj, £12 12s.

SELECTIONS FOR GREYVILLE

By "SAN"

First race: 1, Sunboy; 2, Blue Pointer; 3, Mistress Jean.
Second race: 1, Soldaris; 2, Ex Blanc; 3, Wintermere.
Third race: 1, Beaker; 2, Marconi-phone; 3, Insurgent.
Fourth race: 1, Dedications; 2, Jugglery; 3, Clarineo.
Fifth race: 1, Noble Peer; 2, Lavin; 3, Glolite.
Sixth race: 1, Wisdom; 2, Hamilies; 3, Pertinent.
Seventh race: 1, Parisienc; 2, Breath of Promise; 3, Butterscotch.
Eighth race: 1, Cetamo; 2, Bubbles; 3, Bonsoir.
Ninth race: 1, Tipster; 2, Ironette; 3, Fairybirth.

GOLD CUP

Since the race card for the Gold Cup meeting has been published on Monday morning I select the following for the main race, the Durban Gold Cup Handicap:—

1, Sadri II; 2, What Next; 3, Kilogo.

THERE'S MONEY FOR YOU

The following list of unclaimed moneys is in the hands of the Master of the Supreme Court (N.P.D.), Maritzburg. All parties interested are invited to submit their claims:—

Chengi, No. 90141, heirs Sadrayalu, £5 8s.; Govindasamy, £5 8s. 1d.; Govindammal (deceased), £5 8s. 1d.; Dawjee Hassen, £144 2s. 4d.; Deebarkhan, heir Mabaokhan, £67 9s. 9d.; Jasudin, £130 3s. 8d.; Kallu, £167 17s. 1d.; Lingadu Naicko, £3 5s. 10d.; Kandasamy Padayachee, £6 6s.; Dawood Cassim Rawat, £293 2s. 10d.; Ramawtar, No. 61769, £28 0s. 6d.; Sewtahall, £437 8s. 1d.; Sathapi, £97 19s. 11d.; Moosa D. Vanker, £50 1s. 1d.

FOR HEIRS

Following are amounts due from sundry estates to heirs who have attained majority: Aboobaker, Shaik, £18 8s.; Amra, Ahmed Hoosen, £64 14s. 6d.; Dawad (or Dawood), £58 15s.; Essop, £294 15s.; Govende, Chlovria, £59 17s. 11d.; Innyat, £69 9s. 10d.; Katija, £59 15s. 9d.; Mosila, Ameena, £10; Mani, £10; Mani, £2 17s. 1d.; Ramamma, £3 10s. 3d.; Munilal, £324 10s. 10d.; Maniemuther, £88 7s. 1d.; Mathir, Ahmed Ebrahim, £100 17s. 6d.; Mathir, Goolam H. E., £107 6s. 7d.; Noorbhoy, £80 9s. 10d.; Pailvad Singh, £6 2s. 1d.; Rampiarc, £16 0s. 10d.; Ramanjalnamma, £3 6s. 2d.; Rajpathy, £2 12s. 5d.; Rajpathy, £2 12s. 5d.; Sewpersad, £6 3s. 8d.; Senasinandlo, £74 16s. 6d.; Seedat, Mahomed Moosa, £119 11s. 7d.; Vaid, Ayesha Ismail, £6 8s. 9d.; Veerappan, £64 19s.; Zhora, £69 9s. 10d.

OWNERS OF PROPERTY

Amounts due to owners of property sold in satisfaction of arrears of land tax and charges at the instance of the Commissioner of Taxes, Natal:—

Ramanah, 2964, £94 8s. 7d.; Ramasamy, 2220, £149 1s. 7d.; Ramasamy, £89 11s. 7d.

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Sabu in "The Thief of Bagdad" at the Avalon

The last opportunity to see "Bandhan" in this country will be at the Avalon Theatre next Monday night. The picture, which is one of the best to be seen in South Africa, will be shipped to India after the showing.

Tomorrow midnight there will be a special matinee, "Chand Hanna," in Technicolour.

From Tuesday onward there will be the spectacular film "The Thief of Bagdad," portraying a thousand and one sights from the thousand and one nights.

One of the leading actors is Sabu, the little Indian boy. He uses first a Flying Horse, then the Magic Carpet of Arabian Nights fame and finally when those lose their novelty he employs a 200-foot-tall djinni as a beast of burden to take him from place to place.

Sabu was born in 1923 in the Karapur Jungle, 45 miles from the city of Mysore in Southern India. His father, Sheik Ibrahim, a Mohammedan, was a mahout in the service of the Maharajah of Mysore.

The boy was literally born and brought up among the elephants, and on the death of his father he continued to spend most of his time around the elephant stables, living with his elder brother who drove a taxi in the streets of Mysore. At this time Sabu was but six years old, and as an orphan he received his father's pension of 2 rupees—about 3 shillings in English money—a month.

It was while the lad was riding through the streets of a village astride one of the Maharajah's big pachyderms that he was discovered by Robert Flaherty, then on location for scenes for the London Films production of "Elephant Boy," and was immediately tested and signed for the leading role in that production, his first appearance on the screen.

At that time Sabu was unable to speak a word of English and understood but little, but the services of



SABU, the Indian boy who takes a lead in "The Thief of Bagdad."

an Indian teacher were secured and the boy's quick wit and intelligence made it possible for him, in an incredibly short time, to speak with only a slight trace of accent the lines of dialogue required.

Sabu's next assignment was the role of Prince Azim Safeyd in "Drums," a thrilling adventure story enacted against the background of the famed Khyber Pass on the Northern border of India, where his natural talents displayed themselves in a remarkable fashion.

Sabu made his first trip to the United States accompanied by his brother and two Sikh guards attired in turbans, in 1938, in connection with the release of "Drums." He flew to San Francisco and visited Hollywood, where he met the motion picture stars.

Dealer's Licence to Sell Matches

The Natal Indian Congress has written as follows to the Receiver of Revenue:—

"It has been brought to our notice that shop inspectors have warned Indian fresh produce dealers to take out general dealer's licence if they are to sell matches and imported sweets.

"Our committee begs to submit that whilst this requirement may be in keeping with the law as it stands, we are sure it cannot but be a hardship upon the large number of people who are affected.

"To conceive that whilst cigarettes and local made sweets and chocolates can be sold, matches and imported sweets are banned is patently illogical. We are sure that you will also see it in this light.

"We are directed to appeal to you to make such representations as are necessary to the Provincial Executive so that the requirements of a general dealer's license are not enforced and we suggest that until the necessary amendment is made to the Consolidated Licensing Act, the custom that has prevailed, namely, that fresh produce dealers who have been selling matches and imported sweets be allowed to sell these two articles."

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Northern District Wins Intertown Soccer

In the first of the senior inter-town matches played at Newcastle between Northern District and Durban, on Saturday last the latter lost 5—3.

With both sides playing fast soccer which at times verged on the rough stuff side, the issue was in doubt all the time. No decision was reached at the close of the game, each side having scored thrice. An extra half was ordered and the home team managed to secure the winning goal.

Both the home and the visiting defences played brilliant soccer and Geo. Singh's solid work for the visitors prevented a bigger score against them.

Durban scored first, when Auggie netted quite early in the game but did not enjoy the lead at all for Newcastle equalised even before Durban could recover from their excitement.

Durban was unlucky to lose the services of their custodian in the first half, for Govindasamy was carried off the field with a fractured arm.

Later in the second half Canas was ordered off the field for rough play, and Durban was left to play with nine men. They kept the scores even but in the extra half they could not prevent the Newcastle centre-forward from scoring.

Auggie scored twice for Durban and Canas once. For Newcastle their centre-forward scored all four goals.

AT CURRIE'S FOUNTAIN

There were no "A" division fixtures at Currie's Fountain as the majority of the players were engaged in the intertown match. The "B" division teams, however, played. The juniors continued with their fixtures in the Natal Cup Competition.

COUNTY WIN JUNIOR INTER-DISTRICT

County Juniors, playing on their home ground at Sea View, beat Mayville Juniors by the odd goal in three to win Sheik Ameer's Trophy for the fourth time (not in succession). Last year Maritzburg won this trophy.

The Mayville players found difficulty in settling down on the County ground.

The game began on a fast note and remained so all the time except for a lapse in the second half when play turned scrappy.

Twenty minutes from the kick-off S. Naicker opened the score for County, when he took the ball in his stride and slammed it into the net after the Mayville custodian had deflected a header from Yusuf.

Mayville in turn tried hard to break through the County defence but sterling work by Coopa Munsoop and Chin prevented them. On the resumption County pressed into the visitors' territory but overaggressness on their part spoilt many good openings. Mayville backs were defending like Trojans all the time.

K. K. Naidoo made no mistake with a first timer from a pass by Munsoop to put County two ahead.

In the closing stages Mayville centre-forward scored the only goal for his side. The final whistle found the visitors still attacking.

Mr. K. K. Samuels, president of the N.T.F.A., presented the trophy to D. Munsoop, the County skipper.

Kearsney Win at Stanger

The following were the results in the second round of the league competitions played on Sunday last at Stanger.

United again fielded a depleted team against Pirates, but managed to beat the weaker side. Pirates put up a fair performance against their experienced opponents to lose 5—0. Referee, Mr. F. M. Polly.

Victorians scratched to Doornkop in a match that was to have been played at Doornkop.

Kearsney accounted for their rivals, Springboks, by defeating them decisively by three goals. At no time did the Springboks make any impression on the visitors who completely dominated play from the beginning. With the exception of Chota Umarjee the rest of the team put up a disappointing performance, whereas at one time it was felt that a number of these players were certain of gaining intertown honours this season. Of the Kearsney-ites, Sunkra, Peermal, Arab, Rajoo (goals), S. D. Gopalan, and S. Mather must catch the eye of the selectors on their form displayed on last Sunday. Referee, Mr. P. M. Polly.

Maritzburg Soccer

At Maritzburg in the senior division Young Natalians beat Schools in the Natal Cup competition 6—0. The match, although a Natal Cup fixture, did not provide the handful of spectators with any thrills. Schools' forwards made many efforts, but lacked finish. Natalians scored with the opportunities which came their way.

Shamrocks were very lucky to hold Young Natalians to a draw in the junior Natal Cup fixture. Both teams walked out without any score.

Yorks surprised Britannia with a win of two clear goals also in the same competition. Now they stand to face the winners of Shamrocks-Natalians' match for the district final.

Schools, in the juvenile rank, although holding Shamrocks to a draw last week, were narrowly beaten by 4—3 in the above competition.

Young Colonials lost to Young Natalians in the league encounter by 3—2, and Technicals lost to Pleasington 2—1.

MUSLIMS DEFEAT MUSLIMS

Ladysmith Muslims were the guests of Maritzburg Muslims in a friendly soccer on Sunday. They were defeated by six clear goals. S. M. Kadoo, the Maritzburg's centre-forward, scored 4 goals.

The match started off with a swing and at half-time the score was four goals to nil, three of which were scored by S. M. Kadoo. After that the game slackened off and ended with Maritzburg Muslims victorious by six clear goals.

The curtain-raiser was between Cubbels and Maritzburg Muslims "B," which ended in a goalless draw.

In the Gogo's Cup Competition Schools beat Shamrocks, 2—1; stars beat Muslims, 4—1.

Mayville Senior League Log

Mayville District Indian Football Association Senior League Log for season 1941:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
Pirates	7	6	0	1	15	5
Sydenham United	7	6	0	1	18	5
Mayville	7	5	2	0	16	11
Woodlanders	7	4	2	1	9	8
Cross Stars	7	3	3	1	12	9
Westerners	7	3	4	0	11	13
Sunshine Rangers	6	3	3	0	10	8
Manor United	7	0	6	1	4	12
Dunster	2	0	0	0	0	22

Dunster 2 points deducted for not notifying the Association in good time of their inability to participate in a set-down fixture.

The proceeds from the friendly soccer match at Maritzburg between Savages (Estcourt) and Hamits (Durban) amounted to £2 4s., which was handed to the treasurer, Sister S. A. O'Connor, of the S.A. Indian Soldiers' Gift and Comforts Fund.

DURBAN'S SPORTING GESTURE

Durban's loss against Northern District in the intertown final at Newcastle on Saturday last could have been easily reversed on a technicality, but the sense of good sportsmanship prevailed in the end.

For after the match the Durban manager lodged a protest against the inclusion of a Dundee player, who, it was alleged, was not qualified to play in an intertown match.

The protest would have had to be considered at a Natal meeting before any decision could have been reached and the presentation of the trophy would also have been delayed.

Rather than secure a decision off the field the Durban manager withdrew his protest and the trophy was presented to the Northern District skipper at the Newcastle sports ground.

V.D.S. SCHOOL'S SPORTS DAY

For the first time since the establishment of the Veda Dharma Sabha Hindi school a sports day was held for pupils at the Indian Sports Ground, Maritzburg, on Friday last.

The convening of the sports was largely due to the effort of Pundit Jugmohan Singh, Principal of the Hindi School. A large number of pupils, both girls and boys, spent a very enjoyable day participating in the many items. A varied selection of useful prizes was offered for success in the numerous events.

At noon all present were treated to cakes and minerals provided by the officials of the Veda Dharma Sabha.

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Cadery's Mosque First Call to Prayer

The call to prayer—Allah ho Akbar, Al-lah . . .—was sounded for the first time at the Queen's Bridge Mosque, built by the Cadery Islamic Society, on Sunday last.

The mosque building, with its highly ornate domes, a replica of a famous mosque in India, stands all on its own in a Western surrounding. The ceremony on Sunday was the culmination of four years of labour, which meant the collection of several thousand pounds, by the officials of the society. Beholding their efforts on Sunday the building and its precincts, which contained a congregation of three thousand worshippers, they felt—as expressed by the president, Mr. Ahmed Ballim—that their efforts were not in vain.

It was a house of God and He had provided, for it was man's privilege to give.

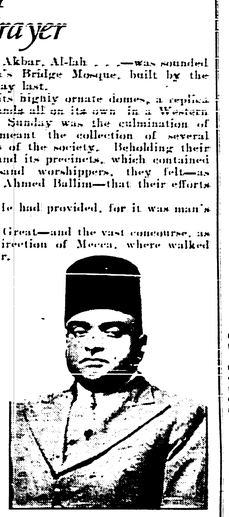
Allah ho Akbar . . . God is Great—and the vast concourse, as they knelt in devotion in the direction of Mecca, where walked the Prophet, felt that He was near.

Mr. Ahmed Ballim presided, supported by Mr. Omar Khan (hon. secretary) and Mr. J. S. Khan (treasurer). Amongst those present were Hajee E. M. Paruk, Moulvi Saeed Abedmia, Hajee E. G. Paruk, Hajee A. H. Moosa, Hajee A. M. Bhayat, Hajee H. G. Paruk, Hajee Haak Hamed, Hajee A. E. Shaik, Hajee S. M. Lockhat, Hajee I. A. Shaik, Messrs. A. S. Kajee, S. M. Paruk, A. I. Kajee, A. G. Moolla, Peshpar Rustomjee and over three thousand members of the Muslim community.

Imam Abdool Samad read a Sura from the Koran, followed by the chairman, who said that the society was grateful to the Almighty for the successful completion of the mosque. After thanking and welcoming the guests, he expressed the society's sincere thanks to Moulana Moulvi Ali Baig Saiffee Sayed Mohamed Abedmia Osmani for accepting the invitation. Giving quotation from the Koran and Hadis the chairman said that all those who assisted in building this beautiful edifice will be richly rewarded in this world and the hereafter.

Special mention was made of Messrs. E. M. Paruk and A. M. Lockhat for their princely donations.

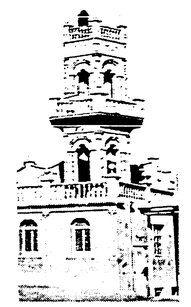
The chairman then unfolded another sheet of the society, that was the



MR. AHMED BALLIM

religious education which, owing to lack of accommodation, was denied to over 200 children in the district. He appealed for funds for the erection and maintenance of a Madressa and hoped that his appeal would not fall on deaf ears.

The society then garlanded Messrs. E. M. Paruk, E. G. Paruk, A. H. Moosa, Gajee Rahim Khan, Moulvi Abedmia, A. D. Rass (builder of the



A VIEW OF THE MOSQUE

mosque) and bouquets were presented to various members present.

The secretary, Mr. Omar Khan, read his report, detailing the work entailed in building the mosque and recording the society's thanks to the donors and well wishers for their assistance, which had made possible the completion of the mosque building.

Other speakers were Messrs. A. S. Kajee, A. E. Shaik, Moulvi Basheer and Ismail Osman.

An immediate response to the appeal for funds for the Madressa was announced by the chairman and the following amounts were offered and accepted by the society: Moulana Sayed Abedmia, £5/5/-; Hajee E. G. Paruk, £50; Hajee A. H. Moosa, £50; H.Bg. £5; Hajee H. G. Paruk, £10/10/-; Tayob Sacoor, £5/5/-; Hawa A. M. Shaik, £5/5/-; Dr. A. Ismail, £2/2/-; and E. M. Hoosen, £1/1/-.

The chairman then called upon Hajee E. M. Paruk to declare the mosque open. After the opening Moulana Abedmia delivered Waiz.

Dinner was served after Zohar prayers.

C.O. for Johannesburg Man

This week's Union Government Gazette publishes the appointment of Mr. Jagnath Govindasamy Vandegar as Commissioner of Oaths for Johannesburg.

Mr. Vandegar, a Tamilian, is a Natalborn Indian and was educated at one of the Government schools in Johannesburg.

For a number of years he was a clerk at the Scientific Technical Society of South Africa and very recently established his own business.

In public affairs Mr. Vandegar is a quiet worker and took an interest in the vernacular school for the Tamil section of the Indian community and also in the Hindu Temple affairs in Johannesburg.



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Natal Indian Congress

Annual General Meeting
NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The Annual General Meeting of the Congress will be held on Sunday, the 14th September, 1941, at 2.30 p.m., at the Avalon Theatre, Victoria Street, Durban.

AGENDA
(1) Minutes.
(2) Joint Hon. Secretaries' Annual Report.
(3) Joint Hon. Treasurers' Financial Report.
(4) Election of Officials.
(5) General.

On the same day in the forenoon the Third Natal Provincial Conference will be held. Delegates appointed by the branches will participate in the Conference.

A farewell reception to Swami Dayal Sanyasi, who is sailing for India, will be given on the same day.

Full particulars will be sent later.
HAJEE E. M. PARUK,
President.
HANS MAGHRAJH,
A. B. MOOSA,
Hon. Secretaries.

Note: Only registered members of the Congress will be allowed to attend and participate in the proceedings, so please produce this notice to prove membership.

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THIRD ANDHRA EISTEDDFOD
List of Successful Competitors

The Andhra Maha Sabha (Congress) of South Africa, celebrated its 3rd anniversary and its third Andhra Eisteddfod on Sunday last in Mahatma Gandhi's Library Hall, Durban.

The following were the successful candidates in the various competitions:

Class I. Recitation — Kannada.
Satakamu. 1, P. V. Nva (Sea View); 2. Anllo Dalisah (Puntan's Hill); 3, B. S. Javabala (Sea View).

Class II. Recitation — Vemana Satakamu. 1, V. Kistiah (Stella Hill); 2, A. Seshramamoney (Clare Estate); 3, R. V. Vishnu (Sea View).

Class III. Recitation — Vemana Satakamu. 1, Eangi Nagamma (Puntan's Hill); 2, K. Pallappa Pedliamma (Puntan's Hill); 3, A. Venkatamma (Stella Hill).

Class IV. Recitation — Sarvagna Satakamu. 1, Eangu Sangeetha (Puntan's Hill); 2, A. Dhanalutchmee (Sea View); 3, A. Dialamma (Stella Hill).

Class V. Sangeetham — Vocal juniors. 1, Magalutchmee Pakir (Durban); 2, S. M. Dhanalutchmee Naidu (Durban); 3, G. C. Archamma (Puntan's Hill).

Class VI. Sangeetham — Vocal juveniles. 1, G. A. Sambhagyathi (Puntan's Hill); 2, Eangi Saraswati (Puntan's Hill); 3, C. D. Kamalambal, T. R. Pushpavathi, A. Dallama (Stella Hill).

Class VII. Public Speaking, juniors. 1, D. V. Jankie (Sea View); 2, J. Tholisamma (Sea View); 3, A. D. Mahalutchmee (Sea View).

Class VIII. Dialogue. 1, Appal Naidoo and Narainmurthie (Stanger); 2, N. Ankiah and M. Ganas (Clare Estate); 3, Eangi Singamma, Eangi Vengetaia, and A. Dallah (Puntan's Hill).

Class IX. Sangeetham — Vocal seniors. 1, Miss A. Lutchumamma Naidoo (Stella Hill); 2, Miss R. Parasha Naidoo (Stella Hill); 3, Miss M. Jagathamba (Puntan's Hill).

Class X. Public Speaking, women. 1, Mrs. Chellamma K. Naidoo (Puntan's Hill); 2, Miss V. M. Savitri Naidoo (Malvern); 3, Miss Marada A. Lutchumamma (Stella Hill).

Class XI. Gobbie—Telegu folklore dancing. 1, Stella Hill and District Andhra Sabha; 2, Puntan's Hill Andhra Vidhya Sabha (Group "A"); 3, Puntan's Hill Andhra Vidhya Sabha (Group "B").

Class XII. Public Speaking, men. 1, Bobby Manickam Chetty (Stanger); 2, M. Kanakiah Naidoo (Sea View); 3, K. Soriamarayan Naidoo (Sea View).

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THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

Mr. has just been received by from Edinburgh of the success Mr. Nadarasen V. Appavoo, who has completed his final examinations in Dr. Nadarasen Appavoo is youngest son of the late Mr. and V. Appavoo of De Aar, and a brother of Dr. S. V. Appavoo, of Port Elizabeth. He was a former student Lovedale College and of Cape Town University.

Mr. M. John, who represented Natal at the S.A.I.F.A. meeting held in Port Elizabeth last week, returned to Durban last Saturday. While at Port Elizabeth he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Chetty.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Maharaj have returned to their home in Sawoti after spending a short holiday at Park Rynie.

Masters Osman and Noormahomed Ebrahim Karrim, and Amod Ebrahim, of Pretoria, spent the month of July in Durban. They stayed at Peter's Lounge.

Mr. Y Mall, the Transvaal tennis player, who spent a month's holiday in Durban, left for Johannesburg.

Messrs. B. Sewpaul, G. Jugwanth, Sewpaul and Miss Vidya Jugwanth made a trip to Ladysmith on Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Naicker, of Cato Manor, on Sunday, 3rd inst., at St. Aidan's Hospital, a son. Thanks to nurses and doctor.

Rev A. J. Chonnoo was in Maritzburg during the week for Synod. He was met with his brother, Rev. R. Chonnoo, and Mrs. Chonnoo.

On Tuesday evening two foundation members of the La Crescenta Social Club, Maritzburg, Dick Chetty and M. Padayachee, were given a farewell reception at the Cosy Hotel, as they were going on active service.

Mr. J. Lutchmanarian, of Sydenham, visited Maritzburg over the week-end where he was the guest of Mr. B. Reddan.

Mr. R. Regnath, the President of the Scouts' Association, gave an "at home" party at his residence on Sunday. The Scouts and the Rover Rovers were his guests. The aim of the president was to contact the men who are to foster scouting among the Indian boys. In thanking the host, Messrs. H. S. Dass, K. R. Nair, G. Mungar, Woodworth, E. V. Naidoo, and P. Publiney all spoke in glowing terms of the qualities of the president and wished him every success during his term of office.

A special general meeting of the Malvern and District Indian Association will be held at the Malvern Indian School Hall tomorrow (Sunday) at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ruthnam, of Bellevue, Durban, left recently for Barberton, Transvaal, to visit the parents of Mrs. Ruthnam. Before returning to Durban they will tour the Transvaal. They expect to be away for at least three weeks.

Bread Fritters

Ingredients: Eight rounds of stale bread, jam as required, 1 egg, 1 pint milk, 1 level dessertspoonful caster sugar, vanilla essence, 2 ozs. fat, oil or butter.

Method: Cut the bread into rounds about three inches in diameter and one-fourth of an inch thick.

Heat the milk in a saucepan. Add the sugar and a few drops of vanilla.

Melt the fat in a frying-pan and heat up the egg.

Dip each round of bread into the milk. Then lift it out and coat it with egg. Fry these rounds in the hot fat until they are golden all over.

Drain the fritters on paper and serve them with some jam (which has been previously heated) heaped in the centre of each.

Serve the bread fritters on a hot dish lined with a fish paper, and dredge them with sugar.

Some more hot jam may be served.

Potato Omelette

Cut cooked potatoes in small dice and slice an onion fine. Fry potato dice and onion slices in butter. Beat eggs, mix with them the fried potatoes and onions, add salt. Melt a piece of butter in frying-pan, pour in the mixture and cook at the side of stove or over moderate heat. When one side is golden brown turn carefully and cook the other side.

Tomatoes can be substituted for potato; skin them, cut into dice and then proceed as above. Omelette must be served flat and should be well cooked.

Shepherd's Pie

Half pound cold mutton minced or cut small, 2 onions sliced and browned in a pan, add a little stock or boiling water thickened with flour, savoury herbs, salt and pepper. Simmer for quarter of an hour then turn into pie dish. Cover with hot mashed potatoes, well seasoned. Dot with little bits of butter and bake in hot oven to light brown colour.

Sea View Telegus Celebrate

The first anniversary celebration and prize distribution of the Sea View Andhra Patasala was held under the auspices of the Sea View Andhra Social Club at the Sea View Government-aided Indian School on Sunday.

There was a fair gathering, including representatives of various bodies, Mr. R. S. Naidu, the patron, conducted the celebration, which commenced with a prayer by the local women students and was followed up with songs and recitations.

The President, Mr. D. V. Naidoo, at the outset referred to the various activities of the club and expressed his sincere gratitude to the committee for their unflinching support and encouragement.

Among the speakers were Mrs. Athavellutchmee Chetty, the patroness, Messrs. S. E. Sewgutchan, B.A., B. A. Naidoo, V. M. Naidoo, A. J. Naidoo and others.

Mr. Seevarathnam made an eloquent speech in English and Telegu. He maintained that the Andhras, in particular, possessed a spirit of unfailing and indomitable courage and would not repose idly until they brought to materialisation the aims they held dear. Further, he said that the Telegu language was admired and cherished all over India because of its sweetness of expression.

Mr. R. R. Chetty presented the prizes to successful candidates.

For Successful Home Dressmaking

For successful home dressmaking use paper patterns properly. Cutting out is the most important part of the business. Provided the patterns are good and directions are followed intelligently, making her own clothes should present little difficulty to the home dressmaker.

First, make sure that the pattern is the right size; also that material and one's figure are suitable.

Study the grain of the material. If the fabric has a pile, like velvet, lay it face down and use needles for pins when cutting out. But if a plain fabric is seamed to fabric with a pile, then the pile side must be kept uppermost when working on it.

Keep an even line in cutting out and slide the scissors along the table to avoid a jagged line. Take care to follow the pattern exactly. A professional dressmaker always cuts with the middle of the blades—never with the tips or the parts near the screw.

Be careful not to drag or stretch the material.

Do not enlarge a neckline or armhole without measuring it; neither attempt to cut these on the figure. Make a series of short slashes with the point of the scissors for an easy fit, then draw a fine chalk line if the fabric permits marks, or a line of fine basting if chalking will not do.

Muslim Bodies Unite

The meeting of the newly-constituted Young Men's Muslim Association was held at 47 Madressa Arcade on Sunday, at which the merging of The African Muslim Society and The Kemal Study Group took place. The following officials were elected: President, Hajee Hafeu Gadam Hoosen Ally; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. M. Abed and M. E. Patel; joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. A. H. Deedat and A. Ebrahim; treasurer, Mr. E. E. Cassadia; committee members, Messrs. M. S. Badat, S. A. Mureehe, G. M. Jamal, D. Suliman and Ahmed Hoosen Latchka; auditor, Mr. Seemuler Ahmed Mureehe; hon. librarian, Mr. Yusuf Muhammed Patel.

The following monies and assets in possession of the three respective institutions were submitted. The Young Men's Muslim Association tendered the amount of £36 2s. 5d., The African Muslim Society £30 4s. 2d., and The Kemal Study Group were in possession of various Islamic Literature with some furniture as their assets valued at £26.

The amalgamation has consolidated the position of the Association. With the inclusion of certain enthusiastic workers it is hoped that its activities will achieve to bring about success for the furtherance of its ideals.

The Association is compiling a booklet entitled "The Souvenir of Your Visit to the Mosque," for the purpose of distributing free to non-Muslims who in large numbers are continually visiting the local mosques. It will contain the Principles of Islam, the significance of the actions performed during prayers, and other explanations relating to Islam's glory and its culture.

The Association has decided to retain the reading room at 47 Madressa Arcade, Durban, formerly occupied by the Kemal Study Group for the benefit of any Muslims or non-Muslims to further their studies.

The Maritzburg Aryan Benevolent Society begs to acknowledge with thanks a donation of 10s. 6d. from Mr. R. Deedraz, and also 10s. 6d. from the Natal Indian Association in memory of the late Mr. B. Bandhoo (Mungal).

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In a well buttered fireproof dish put a layer of rice, sprinkle with salt, pepper, a little grated nutmeg, arrange slices of hard-boiled egg on rice cover with thick tomato puree, sprinkle with breadcrumbs, dot with butter and brown in oven.

Blue serge trousers and skirts can be freed from "shine" by sponging with vinegar and ammonia, a tables spoonful of each in half a pint of hot water. Cold tea is good for the same purpose. Make it by pouring boiling water over used tea leaves, leaving an hour and straining.

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"A European Problem"

TWO weeks ago we published a letter from a European suggesting that were a number of very ordinary conditions fulfilled there would be no such thing as an Indian problem. The conditions had a central idea, that of treating Indians more as Europeans are treated, in political representation permitting Indians an active part in their own government, in social recognition allowing Indians to partake of decent education, engage in legitimate trade without restriction, and in national acceptance of the contribution Indians might make as South Africans. The Indian "problem" would then fall away.

It is always warming to the heart to find Europeans admitting that the Indian problem is really a European problem. For such, of course, it is. The majority of Indians did not plead to come to South Africa. They came, not unwillingly it is true, to labour in the sugar lands. Without their labour Natal's sugar industry would not have succeeded as it has done. This is not only our opinion. It was the opinion of the sugar magnates when the proposal was made to repatriate all the Indians. Much has happened since those early days. Where once the Indian had the municipal franchise, now he is without it; where once he had a measure of freedom, today he has lost it. In political representation his lot has got worse while he, himself, has improved in education and responsibility. The Colour Bar has destroyed his hopes.

To inquire what this Colour Bar is offers some intriguing avenues of study. At the extremes of society it does not exist. The most intellectual of Indians meet the Europeans on terms of equality. The most wretched of Europeans live cheek by jowl with the poorest Indians. Between the two extremes, in the middle classes, it exists to the disadvantage of the Indians and to manufacture a problem where none obtains. The Indians, for example, have never challenged European supremacy. They do not ask for more than a share, their reasonable share of political representation. There never was and never will be a threat to European domination from the Indians domiciled in South Africa. All they demand are the fundamental rights common to all civilised and educated men.

What those rights are call for no repetition. As they touch the Indians they deserve the attention of Europeans. In European society distinctions are made based on intelligence and education. Europeans are not judged by the worst of them, else they would not count for much. But the official and unofficial attitude towards Indians, as towards other non-Europeans in this country, is to regard them all as inferior stock and inferior intelligences. They are lumped together as one class, with no distinctions at all. This, of course, is so demonstrably wicked an attitude that it scarcely calls for a denial. There are hundreds of Indians, impeccable, industrious, intelligent and cultured, who are more able to record a vote on a political issue than hundreds of Europeans who possess the vote. There are scores of Indians who, on any other test than race, are better citizens than some of the people who serve them in post offices or public departments.

Everybody knows these things, just as we know that among Indians there are dirty, disreputable, dishonest lazy wasters who are a disgrace to their fellows. Our point is that in official circles and in unofficial society the European puts all Indians in one kraal and labels them non-Europeans, a label that has unfortunately come to denote something to be despised. There are, we are proud to say, a growing number of Europeans who are ashamed of this treatment. To them we look with increasing confidence for the change that must and will come in our status.

But not only to them would we appeal. We Indians, too, can do much to prove our worth. Our own conduct, the trader in his store, the professional man in his work, the mechanic, the waiter, the flowerseller, each and all of us can help to raise the regard in which all Indians are held. We can be honest, industrious, courteous and helpful. Not that we lack these qualities. We can encourage cleanliness and hygiene, in the streets and about our homes, even to the extent of doing for ourselves much that is the neglected duty of municipalities. These things matter more than we can possibly measure. Let us not sink into a sort of social and individual apathy because we do not enjoy the privileges that Europeans enjoy. Instead let us recognise, as the people of India have recognised, that by ceaseless perseverance of our ease in the improvement of ourselves we shall one day convince even our European sahibs and sahibas that we deserve even more than we demand.

The Sukkur Barrage project provides for an annual cultivation of 4,350,000 acres on final development, which is expected to be reached in 1962-63. Thus, the entire irrigation system of Egypt can be accommodated in one of the smaller Indian provinces.

In the United States of America, in 1919, there were 18,191,716 acres under irrigation; in India the figure then stood at 26,638,000.

Death, An Awakening to a Fresher Gladness—Tagore

"IT is Thou who drawest the veil of night upon the tired eyes of the day to renew its sight in a fresher gladness of awakening"; thus says Rabindranath Tagore of Death. Who knows that it won't be true in his own case? Eighty years of life is a long period and he had lived it in all its fullness.

His work had brought fame to his country and in the eyes of the world Tagore was India and India was Tagore. The two had become inseparable. His own nationalism had transcended its confines and emerged into an internationalism that was humanity.

Starting life to be a lawyer he went to England but quickly gave up the study of the law. He never liked school and it was said that when a boy he would soak his boots in water so that he might fall ill and thus escape school. He educated himself. This method he introduced later in his own school at Shantineketan (Abode of Peace), which has become an international university, helped by some of the world's leading educationalists.

His own school days were spent in reading the ancients and singing all the day long, sometimes from early morning till late at night, with only a break of an hour or so for meals at noon. His compositions attracted world wide attention and in 1913 he was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature. He devoted the whole amount of £8,000 to the Bolpur school.

Tagore's interpretation of Indian culture was an insight into the soul of India. His literary characters were drawn from the people and the depth of emotion that he conveyed echoed the verities of India. He, however, sought a synthetic outlook as he once urged his countrymen:

Thus placed between two contending forces we shall meet with the middle path of truth in our national life; we shall realise that only through the development of racial individuality can we truly attain to universality, and only in the light of the spirit of universality, can we perfect individuality; we shall know of a verity that it is idle mendicancy to discard our pride and beg for the foreign, and at the same time we shall feel that it is the extreme subjection of poverty to dwarf ourselves by rejecting the foreign.

The development of Tagore's art passed (as summed up by a biographer) through three phases—the first dealing with love and life, the second dealing with his country's future and her unique destiny, and the third with the highest spiritual longings and aspirations. All three conceptions he has shown in an abundant measure in his works, like Gitanjali, Gardener, The Crescent Moon, Chitra, The Post Office, The King of the Dark Chamber, Sadhana, and in his short stories, Hungry Stones, Gora, The Wreck and his other publications.

He was an ardent patriot. He felt the shot of the Jallianwalah Bagh tragedy and as his protest he returned the distinction of his knighthood to the then Viceroy, Lord Chelmsford. Pleading for self-government at a distinguished gathering in Calcutta, he said:

Self-government not only leads to efficiency and a greater sense of responsibility, but it makes for the uplifting of the national spirit, when those human instincts are now confined within the restricted limits of community villages are given the opportunity of thinking and acting for the nation alone can they realise the claims of mankind in its larger sense.

Therefore, in spite of all risks of muddles or blunders, we must have self-government—for that alone is the sovereign cure of all our national distempers.

Tagore never forgot those who man the outposts of India overseas. He kept contact with the position through his colleague, the late C. F. Andrews.



DR. RABINDRANATH TAGORE

He sent a Sanskirt poem through Mr. Andrews to cheer up the struggling Indian passive resisters in South Africa. He refused at one time to deliver lectures in Canada because of its anti-Indian policy. Time and again he sent encouraging messages to South African Indians through Mr. Andrews and to the South African Indian Congress.

No more fitting conclusion to this article can be found than a quotation from Gitanjali which epitomises the religious beliefs of the Poet:

This is my prayer to Thee, my Lord; strike, strike at the root of penury in my heart. Give me the strength lightly to bear my joys and sorrows. Give me the strength to make my love fruitful in service. Give me the strength never to bow down the poor or bend my knee before insolent might. Give me strength to raise my mind high above daily trifles. And give me the strength to surrender my strength to Thy will with love.

Our Readers Speak

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

I cannot help but congratulate Mr. Fowler on his admirable opinions expressed in The Leader. Mr. Editor, on the problems confronting race in South Africa.

How many times the European, or preferably, our white masters, have we reminded us that racial discrimination is not their practice; but that it is for economic reasons that they can ill-afford to give us the franchise. The state that franchise for us means the decrease of the economic status of the white man.

Then must the standard of living of two million whites be lowered to slightly improve the economic status of the browns and blacks? No, Mr. Fowler, it is impossible. It has never happened in the annals of the history of the white man.

Now anyone may judge whether it is economic or racial discrimination.

M. H. CAJEE

SUBHAS CHANDRA BOX

I would be very much obliged if your could kindly let me know through the medium of The Leader the whereabouts of our great leader and beloved Son of India, Subhas Chandra Bose, who has been known to be drowned committed suicide, or announced the world sometime ago. Yours

BHOWAN RAMDHANI

Pietermaritzburg.

Nothing definite is known, even in India, today.—Editor, The Leader.

FURTHER LETTERS ON PAGE 7

THE LASH OF THE COLOUR BAR

An Indian Doctor Feels the Sting

Speaking feelingly, an Indian doctor, who is on his way from England to India, made a bitter complaint against the operation of the colour bar in South Africa when speaking at the Orient Club on Sunday.

"I don't think this distinction exists in any part of the world," said Dr. Rao. "We are fighting against Nazism and for individual freedom. We, as Indians, a part of the Empire and South Africa too a part of the Empire, are together in the fight but that freedom, it seems, does not exist for us in South Africa.

"I have been deeply struck by the prejudice against colour in South Africa. I stayed in Great Britain for three years and was allowed to move freely anywhere and from place to place.

"As soon as the boat docked at Cape Town I was ashore. I wanted some cigarettes. I walked into a publichouse, as cigarettes are sold in publichouses in England. I asked for a drink.

"'Sorry, I can't serve you with drinks,' replied the barman.

"'Why?' I asked.

"I was told that it was due to the colour of my skin."

Concluding Dr. Rao hoped for the day to come when it would be his sincerest wish that both European and Indian would join hand in hand and work in the welfare of this country.

Mr. A. M. Moolla said that as a result of the experience that Dr. Rao had in South Africa he would remember to do something in India. To him trade and trade alone would solve their own colour problem. If India fostered trade and consumed more South African products the restrictions would disappear, as it had happened in the case of the Japanese. When Japan became a customer of South Africa and bought a million pounds of South African goods the restrictions against Japanese nationals were removed.

Indians More Cruel

—A. I. KAJEE

A commercial man, Mr. A. I. Kajee, the chairman of the club, demurred at the idea of trade being a solution to human relationship. "Until we have an idea of spiritual values we will find ourselves in the same position as the world finds itself today. For this trade we are selling our souls, and how shall we benefit our souls if we barter our souls to gain the world," said Mr. Kajee.

Dr. Rao, he went on, was embittered with South Africa. "We in India are more cruel. Let us learn the lesson. Let us break down the bondage of thousands of years. South Africa is only copying India. We have here caste by colour. In India you have the high born and the 'untouchable.'

"I am glad that these things are happening to men like Dr. Rao. It will mellow them. It will stimulate them into doing something for the downtrodden in India. I was once told at the Select Committee that we Indians had social barriers that no law could break. I enjoin them in India to remove them.

"In South Africa we have broken them. Here there is no communal question; no Hindu-Muslim riots. We have realised ourselves as Indians. While there is a lot of good, there is also a lot of bad in India. We are enmeshed in tradition. Let us drop some of them."



MR. A. I. KAJEE

The Chinese Feel It Too

Over the signatures of (Dr.) T. E. Doll, M.A., B. Sc., B.Ch. (Oxon), D.T.M. (Liped), L.M. (Dub.), H. B. EMF, J. H. 110, Barristers-at-law, (Middle Temple, Lond.), China Davis Cup representative, L. K. YUAN, B.Sc., Edg., the following letter appeared in The Natal Mercury:—

We are Chinese visitors to Durban. On our arrival we were surprised to find the existence of a marked prejudice against members of our race. We should, therefore, be grateful if you would be kind enough to give due publicity to our expressions of disapproval against such an unfortunate state of affairs.

Apart from the distinctions drawn against the Chinese in various phases of social life, one member of our party was actually refused refreshment at a well-known establishment. Whatever motive there may have been in the past for such prejudice, we are convinced that the time has come for such undemocratic and anti-social sentiment to be eradicated.

We resent the treatment meted out to the Chinese as, no doubt, all decent people of culture must resent the perverse theory of racial superiority as championed by the Nazis. But our personal resentment is as nothing compared with our disapproval of the discourtesy extended to our countrymen as a whole. Our disapproval is intensified by the realisation that the Japanese are given preference over the Chinese, and are accorded the full courtesies of a "gentlemen" race. The privilege given to the Japanese is even more surprising in view of the pro-Axis, pro-democratic policy of South Africa, and the present collaboration between the democracies of the British Empire, the U.S.A. and China. That such a barbarous practice as colour bar should exist may be due to long years of prohibitions which have rendered those responsible for it insensible to the rudimentary principles of justice. If that is so, it is high time that such narrow-minded and backward restrictions against the Chinese be removed forthwith. Such removal will contribute much to a better understanding between the two democratic peoples.

INDIAN BROADCASTS SOON

Speaking at the Orient Club on Sunday, Mr. Hugh Tracey, manager of the Broadcasting Corporation, Durban, said that the local broadcasts of the Indian programmes, which were curtailed at the beginning of the war, will be shortly resumed.

"We hope to replace it at the earliest opportunity," he said.

SHRI RAMKRISHNA ORDER

Stanger Decides to Form a Branch

The Lower Tugela District Hindu Veda Dharma Sabha decided at its sixteenth annual meeting, held on July 27, to form a branch of the Shri Ramkrishna Order at Stanger to spread the culture and heritage of the motherland.

From correspondence with the mission it is expected that Swami Gyananada, who is at present in Mauritius, will arrive in Stanger in November next.

It is also decided to form a library of Hindi, Tamil, Telegu, and English books on religious and philosophical topics.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Patron, Mr. S. Roopsingh; president, Mr. N. R. Padlachy; vice-president, Mr. A. P. Naidoo; hon. secretary, Mr. R. Seewpal; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. K. Misra; treasurer, Mr. V. A. Padayachee; committee, Messrs. B. Maraj, P. Hira, Kissoondath Maharaj, M. Patel, M. Moodley, and R. C. Naidoo.

HUGH TRACEY AT THE "ORIENT"

Mr. Hugh Tracey, Branch Manager of the African Broadcasting Corporation, was the guest of honour at the Orient Club luncheon on Sunday.

Speaking on the subject of music he said that better understanding between people came as a result of knowing other men's minds rather than through social contacts.

"If our presence adds to the general understanding between the relations of the people of South Africa we are very glad," he said.

Quoting Negley Farson's remark that everyman's music sounded dreadful to somebody else Mr. Tracey said that music was not a universal language as many poetically-minded people thought. Music varied not only with language but also with dialect.

Referring to Indian music he said: "When listening to Indian music I was struck with the tremendous depth of tradition with which we are enmeshed. I saw records of Indian music written [illegible] Europe-an-written music dates from 1,226 A.D. Indian music is based upon 1,000 ragas or ragams which were composed by the ancients for all times. But art is not static but fluid. Are we not getting enmeshed in our own traditions and within the mechanics and confines set by ourselves?

"It leads me to put this question, both to Europeans and Indians, are we not allowing ourselves to be ridden by tradition; are we not preserving the artists of the past and neglecting our present?"

Mr. Tracey appealed for the study of the present-day art. The tendency was to overemphasise the past and undervalue the present. That was a shame. While he felt sorry for those whose houses were bombed in London one good would come out of the bombing which would give scope to contemporary architecture. On the matter of music they must also desist from before they built again.

Mr. Tracey concluded by paying a fine tribute to the artistic work of some of the world's modern artists, Rabindranath Tagore.



Government Votes £5,452 for Cato Manor Housing

INCREASED PAY FOR WORKERS

New Scales do Away With Anomaly

All Indian graded workers of the Durban Municipality leave just been granted increases as the result of representations made on their behalf by their society to the Durban City Council.

In October last year the unskilled workers benefited as the result of the introduction of the new Determination 77 affecting all unskilled labourers. It was subsequently found that quite a number of the graded men were worse off than the unskilled worker. The new scales have done away with this anomaly; so that all graded workers will now be in a better position than they were formerly.

Last week the Government voted a sum of £5,452 for the completion of the housing scheme for Indian Municipal employes at Cato Manor. This sum has to be spent by March, 1942.

The new Government emergency measures of granting all low-paid workers an increased cost of living allowance will also benefit the Indian Municipal workers. The minimum that will be received by each worker, unskilled workers included, is 6/6 per month. Others earning higher wages will receive more. Only those earning up to 70/- per week will benefit by these measures. As a very few Indians earn more than 70/- per week the large majority of Indian workers for the Durban Corporation will therefore benefit.

Mr. George Singh, Secretary of the Indian Municipal Employees Society, has just received the new scales for graded men, which are as follows:

Special A, minimum (per month, nil; maximum, £25 0s. 7d.; annual increment per month, £1. Special B, £12 1s. 8d.; £17 Rs. 8d.; 18s. Class 1a, £10 15s. 3d.; £15 5s. 8d.; 10s. Class 1b, £8 10s. 2d.; £10 19s. 3d.; 10s. Class 1c, £6 15s. 6d.; £8 15s. 6d.; 10s. Class 2a, £6 2s. 10d.; £8 0s. 10d.; 7s. 6d. Class 2b, £5 5s. 5d.; £6 18s.; 7s. 6d. Class 2c, £4 19s. 5d.; £6 5s. 10d.; 7s. 6d. Class 3, £4 7s. 6d.; £5 15s. 1d.; 5s. Class 4, £4 6s. 8d.; £5 10d.; 5s. Class 5, £4 6s. 8d.; £5 11s. 3d.; 5s.

A NOBLE GESTURE

The secretary of the Durban Indian Municipal Employes Society, Mr. George Singh, received a pleasant surprise this week. Among his letters was one containing five one-guinea postal orders. Attached to the postal orders was this note, unsigned: "From a little fellow of about 11 months for the well-being of other little fellows."

As the donation is anonymous Mr. Singh cannot thank the donor, but he desires, through The Leader, to express his gratitude to those responsible for the money and he would like to assure them that the money would be used for the purpose for which it had been sent.

Mr. Singh regards this deal as a noble gesture.

INDIANS WITH A VISION

To Rebuild Their Native Land

India was becoming a highly industrialised country, said Mr. K. S. M. Paniker, a ceramic expert from Travancore, who is on his way to India, to a Leader representative.

Mr. Paniker's particular study was the manufacturing of porcelain and enamel goods. He took a qualifying course at the Hindu University of Benares, and after a practical training in India spent three years in England, where he secured distinction and several medals in his studies.

There were many factories, said Mr. Paniker, which manufactured all sorts of household and general articles. The Indian was giving up the use of brassware and aluminium for crockery and enamel dinner plates. This meant a huge consumption of these kind of goods in the country itself.

"In one department we hope to revolutionise sanitary conditions in India," he said, "and that was, the manufacture of cheap sanitary basins and pipes. We want to make it popular so that in the course of time there will be water-borne sewerage instead of the present antiquated system. We, therefore, have great work cut out for us in our country."

The party of fifteen students included an expert on town planning.

These young men are filled with one single purpose, and that is to help in the rebuilding of India along modern lines. Most of them are highly qualified and are taking away from the West the best that they can offer their country, for in the examination lists they have stood high, beating the Western students at their own game.

SEEDAT DOES NOT SIGN

"Rather Go to the Internment Camp"

ASKED TO ACCEPT CONDITIONS

Mr. D. A. Seedat was served with the undermentioned certificate on Wednesday last. He refused to sign it then, and up till the time of writing he hasn't done so. He says he would rather go to the internment camp.

The Magistrate has intimated to Seedat he is waiting for further instructions from Pretoria.

Dawood Ahmed Seedat has been exempted from the provisions of Regulation No. 15 published under Proclamation No. 201 of 1939, as amended, for so long as there is, in the opinion of the competent authorities, no cause to intern him and subject to the following conditions:

1. He shall not change his place of residence nor travel beyond the Magisterial District of Durban, without first obtaining the permission of the Control Officer, Magistrate, Durban.

2. He shall report in person to the Aliens Registration Office, Masonic Grove, Durban, on Saturday in the forenoon of each week.

3. He shall not engage in any activities and shall abstain from any conduct calculated to be subversive to the peace and good order of the Union of South Africa, or to be in any way harmful to the Government or to its allies.

4. He shall not attend or address any meetings convened by or held under the auspices of the Non-European United Front, the Nationalist Bloc of the N.A., the Liberal Study Group, the May Day Unity Committee, the Left Book Club, the Communist Party of South Africa, or any other political meeting of a similar nature.

5. He shall not attend any meetings whatsoever without first having obtained the permission of the Control Officer, Magistrate, Durban.

6. He shall not visit the following places: Harbour area, including docks, any military area or aerodrome.

Death of Young Sportsman

Pancham Authar, a young sportsman, aged 26, of Richmond, died on Wednesday afternoon at the Grey's Hospital, Maritzburg, after a short illness. He was the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Authar, and a brother of Naipaul, Ramkilawan, Ramlaw, Sudhoo, and Sookhaal, and son-in-law of Mr. G. Bishoon, of Plessislaer.

Pundith O. Sewrathan, of Mt. Partridge, officiated at the burial ceremony at Richmond.

SELECTIONS FOR GREYVILLE

BY "SAN"

First Race: 1, Inanda; 2, Embery; 3, Gropmead.

Second Race: 1, Nanda Devi; 2, Sinemora; 3, Strut.

Third Race: 1, Little Sandi; 2, Pink Draft; 3, Marion Cran.

Fourth Race: 1, Rumbo; 2, Real Desire; 3, Dedication.

Fifth Race: 1, Oracle II; 2, Halough; 3, Embolo.

Sixth Race: 1, Kipling; 2, Fiesole; 3, Fairy Birth.

Seventh Race: 1, Bright Boy; 2, Antielas; 3, Crown Glass.

Eighth Race: 1, Final Hope, 2, King Winter; 3, Connoisseur.

Ninth Race: 1, Blimy; 2, Eglom II; 3, Shah.

TOWN CLERK CONSIDERS

Grounds for Sport

A council meeting of the Sydenham District Indian Sports Association was held last week at the residence of Mr. M. C. Moodley, 187 Sparks Road, Overport. Mr. R. Mahabeer presided and those present were Messrs. V. R. Chetty, K. Thumbadoo, E. M. Chin (patron), A. K. Hayath, K. R. Nair, R. D. Naidoo, Charles M. Pillay, M. C. Moodley (treasurer) and J. Nadasen Naidoo (hon. secretary).

Important correspondence from the Town Clerk in regard to recreation grounds was read, in which the Town Clerk stated that the provision of recreation grounds in the Sydenham area was discussed by the Finance Committee and that the Corporation is giving every consideration to the question of sports grounds in the district.

It was resolved that the City Council be requested to meet a deputation of the Association and the following were appointed to interview the City Council: Messrs. R. Mahabeer, E. M. Chin, K. R. Nair, M. C. Moodley, A. K. Hayath, K. Thumbadoo and J. Nadasen Naidoo.

The chairman introduced the subject of reviving Deepawali sports in Sydenham. He drew the attention of those present that the last Deepawali sports in the district was held some years ago and was conducted by the late Mr. V. N. Thumbadoo and others.

A lengthy discussion ensued upon the subject and it was unanimously resolved that Deepawali sports be held this year and a sub-committee be appointed at the next meeting to make all necessary arrangements. In the meantime Mr. K. Thumbadoo has been entrusted with the drawing of a tentative programme which is to be submitted at the next meeting.

The Sacred Thread Ceremony (Yajnopavit Sanskar) of the members of the Arya Samaj, Westville, Natal, will be performed by Shri Swami Biswani Dayal Sanyasi on Sunday, August 17, at 2 pm. Mr. R. Bachoo will

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Our Readers Speak

NON-EUROPEANS IN TROLLEY BUSES

I am profoundly shocked to observe in a civilised British town such as Durban demonstrations of racialism such as is shown in the municipal trolley buses by arrogant bus conductors, who show their superiority complexes when coming in contact with non-European passengers.

On Wednesday afternoon my companion and I boarded a bus and found the non-European seats all occupied by Europeans and the front seats unoccupied. The conductor without showing either consideration or courtesy asked us to leave the bus as there were no seats available. I insisted that he, as conductor, should have attended to his duties by seeing that the Europeans occupied their seats allocated to them by the Municipal by-laws and regulations. His reply was, "Go and have a wash." He is in complete charge of the bus and there was no justification or provocation for such a sarcastic remark—as though we were contaminated with dirt.

In this vicinity where 800 to 900 non-European employees are engaged in the catering trade and where there are no other available facilities but these trolley buses, being subject to such insults and humiliation from time to time is most intolerable. This is not an isolated case or any mere fabrication, but a thing which any impartial observer who rides in these buses between 2.30 and 3.30 p.m. from the Marine Parade to the city can confirm as ugly and unfortunate incidents which happen all too frequently.

I appeal to those in authority that they should reprimand the conductors in charge of the buses and urge them to be more civil and polite to the passengers, irrespective of caste, creed, or colour.

BILLY PETERS.

Through the medium of your popular paper I notice Mr. Stephen's reference to the fact that Indian soldiers were not allowed to board an Umgeni bus which was not full. When the non-Europeans are fighting up North there is no colour bar and even the whites and the blacks fight side by side. So why cannot the non-Europeans sit in front of a European? An American writer wrote in one of his popular books, "If you cannot call the next person as your brother then do not call God as your father."

B. S. M.

TAMIL AND TELEGUS

The line of thought taken by "An Andhra Youth," writing in your widely read journal, is so sectional and narrow minded that it calls for some comment.

"Andhra Youth" has never for one moment realised we are not referred to as Telegus, Tamils or likewise, but are grouped together under the common term Indian and more usually non-European.

I doubt that if "Andhra Youth" if he decides to, will be able to the up public notices and correspondence wherein we are catered for as separate sections of the Indian community.

It's always the Indian who suffers from penetration and segregation and other ills which the European desires to inflict upon us. If we cannot realise unity a common manner as Indians, but continue with communal and disbectal bickering, believe me, "Andhra Youth," there is no progress for us.

If your correspondent has a grievance, it is merely subsistence without fact. There was no necessity for him to run to the Press with something which cannot justly be called even an apology for a grievance.

There are numerous study groups and societies which call themselves "liberal." This in itself shows a general awakening among the Indian youth, who is beginning to realise that the future of his people depends to a large extent upon him. They realise that before much can be attained they must sink sectional differences.

I would even go so far as to suggest the mingling which "Andhra Youth" deplores between Tamil and Telegu, between the Hindus generally and the Muslims on the other hand.

If the Andhra people were to remain as conservative as the theme of "Andhra Youth's" letter suggests there will be no advance and the Andhra people will stagnate.

"Andhra Youth" accuses the Telegu men of marrying into Tamil houses and adopting the Tamil language. I wonder what explanation "Andhra Youth" can furnish for Tamil girls marrying into Telegu homes which then adopt the Tamil language.

I cannot grasp his motive for picking on the Tamils in particular, but I am certain that mingling with any other section of the Indian people as well able to widening our outlook on life.

"Andhra Youth" may rest assured that a marriage between a Tamil and an Andhra, even though one dialect may be lost (do not forget the possibility of the wife educating the husband in Tamil and vice versa), is not as catastrophic and calamitous as marriage between an Indian and a non-Indian where the very identity of the Indian people is lost.

I, as one who mingles widely and hears no thought of sectional differences, am afraid "Andhra Youth" has only too well appended the nom de plum "Andhra Youth" to his letter for in Hindustani the word "Andhra" means "blind." To cure yourself of the "blindness," "Andhra Youth" come out of your shell, read widely, mingle with people and THINK AS AN INDIAN—you will learn.

ANDHRA YOUTH — TURNED COSMO

Centrals Get Ready for Cricket

The Central Cricket Club held its thirteenth annual meeting on Thursday at Peter's Lounge, Grey Street, Durban.

The secretary's report revealed that the club had enjoyed a fairly successful season during the last season, Messrs. M. C. Reddy and C. R. Naidoo came off with the best bowling average and Messrs. Tommy Naidoo and J. Cheagiah with the best batting average for the season. Mr. M. C. Reddy was selected for the Durban interstate team and also to represent Natal in the S.A. Indian Cricket Tournament. He finished with the second best average for batting in the S.A. tournament.

The club's financial position for the ensuing season seems to be a bright one. A subscription list opened at the meeting brought in a sum of £10 from those present.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing years: Patrons, Messrs. V. M. Maistry, M. N. Naimar, and S. A. Maistry; vice-patrons, Messrs. K. N. Nair, R. K. Chetty, and Alfred Chetty; president, Mr. R. A. Chetty; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. R. Chetty, N. M. Naicker, P. N. Pillay, K. Samuels, R. V. Naicker, R. M. Naidoo, R. A. Pather, V. K. Moodley, H. P. Naidoo, M. R. Reddy, R. R. Naidoo, P. C. Moodley, R. D. Naidoo; hon. secretary, Mr. V. R. Nair; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. A. Nair; treasurer, Mr. J. Naidoo; captain, Mr. C. R. Naidoo; vice-captain, Mr. M. C. Reddy; delegates to D.D.I.C. Union, Messrs. C. R. Naidoo, V. R. Nair and J. N. Naidoo.

Committee: Messrs. C. R. Naidoo, M. C. Reddy, S. K. Reddy, T. G. Pillay and Reggie Thumbadoo; selection committee, Messrs. C. R. Naidoo, M. C. Reddy and R. A. Chetty; managers, Messrs. M. N. Naicker and R. V. Naicker.

The Shri Veeran Temple, Maritzburg, is celebrating the birthday of Lord Krishna at the Temple Hall on August 16, commencing at 8 p.m. The Dhole celebrations will be conducted on August 17, being preceded by the annual general meeting.

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The Merriest Romantic Hit at the Avalon

Tyrone Power, so ardent, and Loretta Young, so lovely, kiss impulsively under the Miami moon and their love is news again! The exciting sweethearts of "Love Is News" and "Cafe Metropole" care so much that they fall for each other twice in their latest Twentieth Century-Fox picture, "Second Honeymoon," which will open at the Avalon Theatre on Monday next.

In a smart and modern manner, but with a new and deeper feeling, Tyrone and Loretta make merry in the "marry-est" romance of the year, proving that while love at first sight may be romantic, love at second sight is . . . well, they part in Reno, kiss in Miami and put their whole hearts into doing the damage all over again.

No one in the world loves a lover like another lover, so Stuart Erwin, as Tyrone's gentleman's gentleman, tries his darndest to introduce his master to a state of happiness similar to that he has won with pretty Marjorie Weaver. Paradoxically, the valet's romance is the very thing that keeps Tyrone and Loretta apart, for many misunderstandings spring from this spectacle of innocent bliss. Loretta is sure that Tyrone is interested in Marjorie because she is always near him, not knowing, of course, that it is Stuart Marjorie is after.

There is another couple involved in this annexed romance: Claire Trevor and J. Edward Bromberg make a sophisticated pair who find casual amusement in pointing out to Loretta little uncertainties in the "security" of her second marriage to a steadfast, dependable and unimaginative husband played by Lyle Talbot.

The Bonacheres kiss that rekindled the fires of a "Reno-vated" love might have been forgotten if Husband Number One had not decided to make friends with Husband Number Two. Tyrone arranges a "proxying" expedition for the entire party, "proxying" being a thrilling adaptation of fishing after dark that is one of the newest of America's pastimes. Husband Number Two unpays himself in a not-too-favourable light and that first kiss that might have been forgotten is repeated, starting a series of gay events leading to a perfect modern solution.

Diamond Jim Gave Lavish Presents

Diamond Jim Brady, one of the most colourful figures of America's most fabulous era, is portrayed again for screen audiences in "Lillian Russell," Avalon's midweek change picture.

Brady was one of the country's first supersalesmen, accumulating a fortune in railroads and steel, but is remembered chiefly for his lavish gifts to and his love for Lillian Russell and for his spectacular displays of diamonds.

Diamond Jim neither drank nor smoked. His favourite relaxation was eating and he was renowned as a gourmet. Dinner with Brady was an experience, for not only did he select the best food, but he ate it in almost unbelievable quantities.

An ardent admirer of the glamorous Lillian Russell, Diamond Jim showered her with gifts. On one occasion he is said to have brought her a suitcase containing 2,000,000 dollars in cash, which he offered her as an engagement present, but she turned him down. Over a period of years he gave her a fortune in precious jewels.

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Warwickshire Beats Stars at Currie's Fountain

In the last match of the "A" division of the Durban Saturday League Warwickshire conclusively defeated Stars last Saturday afternoon at Currie's Fountain.

By this victory Warwickshire have finished a point ahead of Stars and Stella is about a point behind Stars.

Warwickshire now meet Shamrocks, winners of the "B" division in the League final this afternoon.

Play started off on a steady note and each side was content to "feel" the other. There was no score in the first half.

On the resumption R. John opened the score with a terrific kick from far out, which beat Timol all the way.

In quick succession Anggie, despite Stars' efforts to equalise or hold the score, netted twice to put Stars in an unenviable position.

Things looked "all over" for Stars, but a penalty saw them reduce the deficit, and a quick goal by Mustapha brought the scores to 3-2.

With hope renewed, Stars made concerted efforts to even matters and came very near doing so but goal keeping by Jack thwarted them.

The best goal of the day came from Linga's foot when he scored from a difficult position.

Final score: Warwickshire, 4; Stars, 2.

NATAL CUP

Stella drew with Collegians in a Natal Cup fixture. They very nearly lost to the weak Collegian side. In fact they were one down at half-time and with a possible defeat and elimination from the Natal Cup Competition they rallied in the second half to score thrice. Collegians scored twice to even matters. The match will be replayed this afternoon.

SUBURBAN ATTRACTION

The suburban attraction was at Sea View, where on the home ground County held the powerful Mayville side to a draw, in the interdistrict semi-final.

The game was the best seen on the home ground this season.

As this is an interdistrict semi-final the match will have to be replayed and the winners will stand finalists with South Coast.

74 Teams Compete at Five-a-Side

There were 74 entries in the three divisions of the five-aside tournament which was held in Maritzburg on Monday. It attracted a large crowd of spectators.

The semi-final approached with Young Natalians "B" playing Yorks "A." In the final Yorks "A" beat Young Natalians "A."

The junior trophy was won by Shamrocks "B," who defeated Centrals "A" (Durban) by 3-0.

Warwickshire (Durban) won in the juvenile section by beating Hill Views (Maritzburg).

On Saturday there were four Natal Cup matches, in the senior division Young Natalians beat Stellas 5-0. Junior Shamrocks, who hold Young Natalians to a draw last week, won 2-1.

In the juvenile section Hill Views beat Yorks 3-0, and Shamrocks defeated Pirates-Aer by 3-1.

Port Elizabeth Soccer

Despite the unfavourable weather conditions that prevailed on Sunday last, there was a huge crowd present to witness a soccer match between a representative Indian XI and a representative Coloured XI. Mr. I. D. Bhayat was in charge of the game.

From the commencement the Indian forwards combined splendidly and their numerous moves kept Colmerds' goal-keeper busy.

The Coloureds, however, scored first when Barends headed into the net.

Immediately after the Indian forwards pressed into their opponents' area and after a smart tackle Phillips transferred to S. Lingham who equalised.

The crowd went wild with excitement when Hutton made a brilliant opening for Morgan to score all on his own but he kicked the ball over the bar.

Cottell slammed the ball into the net to put the Coloureds ahead (2-1).

There was no further score.

Swaminathan (the Indian 'keeper), Naidoo, Hutton and Francis played brilliantly for the Indians.

NEWCASTLE SOCCER

Newcastle Indians 3, Europeans 2.
Pirates 2, Allies 0.
Newcastle 4, Durban Berea Park Rangers 0.

Weekend Soccer Fixtures

DURBAN TODAY

SENIOR "A" NATAL CUP COMPETITION

3.15 p.m.: Stella v. Old Collegians. Referee, Mr. P. Moosa.

SENIOR LEAGUE COMPETITION FINAL

3.15 p.m.: Shamrocks v. Warwickshire. Referee, Mr. K. Roopnarain.

SENIOR "B" TANDREE'S CUP COMPETITION

2.15 p.m.: Sydenham v. Queens. Referee, Mr. A. K. Bayath.
3.30 p.m.: Schools vs. Pirates. Referee, Mr. S. K. Reddy.

JUVENILE "B" NATAL CUP COMPETITION

2.0 p.m.: Crimson League v. Sydenham Royals. Referee, Mr. D. A. Pather.
2.0 p.m.: S.C. Junction v. Stella "B." Referee, Mr. Y. S. Mulla.

DURBAN TOMORROW

SUNCRUSH SHIELD SECTIONAL FINAL

3 p.m.: Depot Road Old Boys v. Berea. Referee, Mr. D. A. Pather.

CLAIRWOOD TOMORROW

SECTIONAL CUP

1.45 p.m.: C. Textile v. Rossburgh.

DRUMMOND'S CUP FINAL

2.30 p.m.: Star of India v. Bluff Rangers.

MARITZBURG TODAY

JUNIOR INTERTOWN

3 p.m.: Maritzburg v. Durban.

JUVENILE INTERTOWN

1.45 p.m.: Maritzburg v. Durban.

TOMORROW

AT NOTTINGHAM ROAD

3 p.m.: Ismail Bayat's XI v. Nottingham Road.

The final of the Bertrams' Cup billiards championship will be played at the New India Billiards room this evening at seven o'clock.

The match is one of 300 up and is being played under the auspices of the Durban Clubs Indian Employees' Sports Association.

The finalists are: Nadia Jeena (Mercantile Club) and T. P. Subramoney (Victoria Country Club). A keen game is expected.

In the semi-fine earlier Nadia John will meet M. W. Daniels. The date has not been fixed yet.

S.A. TOURNAMENT FIXTURES

The South African Indian football tournament will be held at Port Elizabeth on September 20. The following are the fixtures:—

Sept. 20—Eastern Province v. Griqualand West. Transvaal v. Frontier.

Sept. 22 Western Province v. Griqualand West. Natal v. Frontier.

Sept. 23 Natal v. Griqualand West. Eastern Province v. Frontier.

Sept. 24 Frontier v. Western Province. Natal v. Eastern Province. Transvaal v. Griqualand West.

Sept. 25—Griqualand West v. Frontier. Western Province v. Transvaal.

Sept. 26 Eastern Province v. Transvaal. Natal v. Western Province.

Sept. 27 Western Province v. Eastern Province. Natal v. Transvaal.

These fixtures were confirmed by the meeting of the S.A.I.F.A. at Port Elizabeth.

The following officials were elected: Patron, Mr. L. J. A. Alexander; president, Mr. I. D. Bhayat; hon. secretary, Mr. N. Cmley; hon. treasurer, Mr. P. S. Vandayar; hon. auditor, Mr. G. Doraiswami.

The meeting also decided to claim a refund of the money given to the manager and players of the last All-India team.

Mr. M. John, with a proxy, Mr. G. Doraiswami, represented Natal.

Today (Saturday) a council meeting of the Indian Boy Scouts' Association will be held at the Girls' school commencing at 10 a.m. The most important item of the agenda will be the discussion on the forthcoming rally which is to be held on the first Monday in October. On that day Guides, Scouts, and Rovers are to be examined for the First Aid Shields.

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TAGORE "A POSSESSION FOR ALL TIME"

A Genius That Transcended All Differences Says Hofmeyr

"I gladly associate myself with Natal Indian community in its expression of regret at death of Rabindranath Tagore. He was one of those great men whom fame has given to all the world as a possession for all time. Genius is one of those bonds of unity which transcends all differences and makes us proudly conscious of our common humanity," said Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr, the Minister of Finance, in a message addressed to Mr. E. M. Paruk, president of the Natal Indian Congress, for the memorial service, held at the Avalon Theatre on Thursday (week).

The audience, standing in a reverent mood, accepted the resolution recording that

This mass meeting of the Indian community of Durban and District held, under the auspices of the Natal Indian Congress, deeply mourn the sad and irreparable loss, India in particular, and the world in general, has sustained through the death of the great humanitarian philosopher, Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, at Shantiniketan, Bolepur, Bengal.

This meeting places on record its abiding sense of humble reverence and deep gratitude for the manifold great services Dr. Tagore has rendered to the cause of human freedom and spiritual liberty and international brotherhood and offers its humble and sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the Indian nation and the Tagore family.

Swami Bhawani Dayal presided and other speakers were Senator S. J. Smith, Mr. Maurice Webb, Mr. V. Lawrence, Mr. I. C. Meer, Mr. B. M. Patel, and A. I. Kajee.

Swami Dayal said:

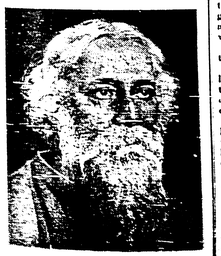
To us in South Africa we know him as the Gurudev (preceptor) of our late friend, Rev. C. F. Andrews. We recall his country's drastic racial discrimination and injustices.

In 1923 on his way to America via Australia he was approached by the Commonwealth Government of Australia whilst his ship was in harbour, with a view to lecturing in that country. His refusal to do this till Australia had learned to respect India as an equal and self-respecting member of the British Empire will ever remain green in the memories of all Indians as one of his acts of true patriotic services.

We have assembled to pay tribute to the memory of this great man.

If we are true in our reverence of him and wish to pay true and genuine tribute to him, let us sink differences of all kinds and promote the spirit of concord and co-operation.

Let us in this country endeavour to keep that purity of mind, that spirit of tolerance which comes from true enlightenment, and which illumines the darkness of hatred and pierces the armour of petty jealousies and enmities.



DR. RABINDRANATH TAGORE

with pride the Sanskrit poem "Truth will survive," which he sent through the Rev. C. F. Andrews to the struggling heroes of the Passive Resistance Movement of 1914. It cheered us considerably and our victory of 3 times owed a great deal to the great support he extended to Mahatma Gandhi.

REFUSED TO PUT FOOT ON AFRICA

We knew of him as one who refused to put his foot on the soil of Africa, Canada, and Australia because of

Maritzburg Mourns

A condolence meeting in memory of the late Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, of India, was held under the auspices of the Natal Indian Association (Maritzburg Branch) at the H.T.M.A. Hall on Sunday last.

Messrs. R. K. Naidoo and P. Kaloo referred to the deep loss which all Indians had sustained through the death of Dr. Tagore.

Mr. D. Bramdaw, editor of The Leader, who was one of the speakers, in his opening remarks, said that it was regrettable that they as Indians could not unite to hold a joint meeting on such an occasion as that. The late Dr. Tagore, he said, had made India a feature name in the literary world. He was a self-educated man. Besides being a world renowned writer he was also an artist of no mean reputation. He was the author of several well-known and widely-read books which had been translated into several languages. An ardent nationalist at one time, he had turned from extreme nationalism to become a propounder of the cause of internationalism.

He was keenly interested in the conditions of Indians in South Africa, and always sought and obtained first-hand information from his disciple and friend, Sadhu C. F. Andrews, whenever the latter returned from visits to this country.

"We not only lose an international figure," Mr. Bramdaw said, "but we also lose an individual and personal friend."

The following is the text of the resolution passed at the meeting which has been cabled to India: "This public meeting of Indians of Pietermaritzburg and district held under the auspices of the Natal Indian Association (Maritzburg Branch) deeply mourns the sad death of Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, and places on record its high appreciation of world wide popularity gained by the late Dr. Tagore in the field of literature and Art."

CONGRESS MEETING

A similar meeting was held by the Natal Indian Congress (Maritzburg Branch) at the Veda Dharma Sabha Hall, at which Swami Bhawani Dayal gave a resume of the life and work of the late Dr. Rabindranath Tagore. A resolution expressing the sympathy of the meeting was passed. Mr. E. G. David presided. Mr. R. S. Maharaj moved a resolution of condolence.

Through the courtesy of the Maritzburg Municipal Transportation Department the City Indian Taxi Association has arranged for a lecture on the rules of the road and so forth to be delivered at the H.T.M.A. Library on Tuesday next at 8 p.m.


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Natal Indian Congress

Annual General Meeting

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The Annual General Meeting of the Congress will be held on Sunday, the 14th September, 1941, at 2.30 p.m. at the Avalon Theatre, Victoria Street, Durban.

AGENDA

(1) Minutes.
(2) Joint Hon. Secretaries' Annual Report.
(3) Joint Hon. Treasurers' Financial Report.
(4) Election of Officials.
(5) General.

On the same day in the forenoon the Third Natal Provincial Conference will be held. Delegates appointed by the branches will participate in the Conference.

A farewell reception to Swami Bhawani Dayal Sannyasi, who is sailing for India, will be given on the same day.

Full particulars will be sent later.

HAJEE E. M. PARUK,
President.

HANS MAGHRAJH,
A. B. MOOSA,
Jt. Hon. Secretaries

Note: Only registered members of the Congress will be allowed to attend and participate in the proceedings, so please produce this notice to prove membership.

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Death of Mr. A. H. Peters

The death took place at Durban this week of Mr. A. H. Peters, formerly interpreter at Maritzburg. He was [illegible] old.

Mr. Peters, in his younger days, was prominently associated with sport. He was a playing member of the Crimea League and subsequently he occupied several important positions in the N.I.F.A., the M.D.F.A. and the D.D.I.F.A.

As a civil servant he could not take part in politics so he confined his activities to educational matters. He was a staunch believer in higher education and gave a practical shape to his own beliefs in educating his own children.

He was the father of Dr. M. B. Peters, Dr. Beryl Peters, Mr. J. C. Peters, Mrs. M. K. Naidoo, Mrs. E. Thomas and Mrs. M. E. Naidoo to whom the sympathy of all friends is extended on their great loss.

Snooker Champs in Action

Peter Mans, the South African European professional billiard and snooker champion, met D. Appiah, the South African non-European champion in an exhibition game of snooker and billiards in the Billiard Saloon, Peter's Lounge on Wednesday last.

In the snooker match Mans won the first and second games, but Appiah collared the third and fourth to even matters. In the final, however, the non-European lost to the professional.

In the billiards game, however, Appiah beat Mans 250—123.

About five hundred packed the saloon. A silver collection was held and the proceeds, after the necessary expenses had been deducted, were handed over to the Natal Indian Blind Society. They benefited to the extent of £3 6s. 9d.

The death occurred at the Arya Benevolent Home, Maritzburg, on Wednesday, of Mr. Beharrie Bandhu, father of Mr. S. B. Mungal, of Maritzburg. The deceased, who was 75 years of age, passed away after a period of illness. His remains were cremated at the Indian crematorium the following day. He was an old resident of Durban and also resided for some time in the Northern District, where he carried on the business of a jeweller. He leaves behind four sons and two daughters.

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Mainly About People

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Messrs. Aboo Suliman, Ebrahim Noor Mahomed Ayob, Abdul Carrim Abdul Gani, Abdool Karrim Osman (of A. B. C. Osman (Pty.), Ltd.), all of Pretoria, were in Durban last week.

Guests were the guests of Mr. Aboobaker Moosa, managing director of the Avalon Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bodasing and Mrs. D. Brandaw (senior) spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. D. Brandaw in Maritzburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Maganlal will be "at home" to their friends on Sunday, August 24.

Mr. E. M. Moolla, of Messrs. M. M. Suleman & Co., Umzinto, was in Durban during the week.

Mrs. J. R. Ghooran, who was at St. Aidan's Hospital for the last fortnight, is spending the convalescence period at her mother's, Mrs. Brameshan's residence at Ritson road, Durban. She had her second daughter.

Mr. M. R. Naidoo, of Cape Town, who spent a few days in Durban, returned home last week.

Mr. S. J. Randeria, secretary of the Gandhi Library, Durban, who went to Ladysmith some months back on account of bad health, has now returned. He was accompanied by Mrs. Randeria. They stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Marker.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Patel, of Pretoria, who spent a few days at Peter's Lounge in Durban, returned home last Wednesday.

Mr. D. A. Chetty, of Durban, who was on a short holiday to Maritzburg, returned home this week.

Messrs. S. K. and C. K. Patel, of Johannesburg, who returned from India on Saturday last, spent a few days at Peter's Lounge, in Durban, en route home.

Messrs. Omar and Hassan Soonka, of Pretoria, are visiting Durban. They are staying at Peter's Lounge.

Messrs. F. M. Doobhlaw, J. F. Mohamed, S. Naidoo and G. H. Bhabha, of Pondoland, visited Warmbaths during the week-end.

Mr. E. Trouk, of Maritzburg, who spent his winter vacation at Howick, has now returned home.

Mr. [illegible] Adam (Chandler), the well-known Natal sportsman, who has been ill for nearly a week, is making satisfactory progress.

Mrs. A. Harry, wife of Mr. A. Harry, president of the Northern District Indian Football Association, and children have returned to Newcastle after spending the July holidays in Durban.

Messrs. E. P. Jiwa, S. A. Bhabha and H. M. Saeed, of Carolina, are at Durban to bid farewell to Mr. E. E. Jiwa, who is leaving for India.

LARGE GATHERING AT MARRIAGE

Jugmohan Singh—Satyapal Wedding

The residence of Mr. F. Satyapal, Maritzburg, was the scene of a large gathering on Sunday last. The occasion was the marriage of Pundit Jugmohan Singh, only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sewpaul Singh, of Durban, to Kumarie Krishnavathie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Satyapal.

The guests were housed in a marquee gaily decorated with buntings and streamers of red, white and green — the national colours of India. Pictures of eminent political leaders were hung on the supports of the marquee.

Swami Bhawani Daya Sannyasi performed the ceremony according to Vedic rites.

After the ceremony congratulatory speeches were made by Mr. Bhoolchester at the Indian Intermediate School, and Mr. E. Goodheep. Manglalamas (Songs of Blessing) were sung by the Arya Hitheeseo Bhajan Mandal of Cato Manor, the Arya Sangeeth Mandal (Durban), and by Miss Maragathum Moodley (Maritzburg). The bands of both the Mandals provided music.

The bride is the very popular secretary of the Indian Women's Association of Maritzburg, whilst the bridegroom is Principal of the Veda Dharma Sabha Hibiti School.

A large number of guests from all parts of the Province were present.

Mr. Abdool Hassan, who joined the S.A. Police on December 10, 1918, thus serving for 22 years, thus now retired on pension owing to medical unfitness. He is also a fluent Zulu linguist passing the test as Zulu interpreter.

Messrs. M. S. Achary, G. R. Moodley, N. S. Mudaliar, and A. H. Karrim, of Ladysmith, spent their week-end with Mr. and Mrs. T. Martin at Vryheid.

COLLEGE COLOURS AT RECEPTION

Marriage of J. M. Francis and Miss R. N. John

The marriage took place at the St. Paul's Indian Church, Maritzburg, on Saturday last of Mr. J. M. Francis (Gony), second son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Francis, of Sydenham, Durban, to Miss Rhoda Natalie John, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. John, of Boom Street, Maritzburg.

Father W. T. V. Langley performed the marriage ceremony.

Mr. Sylvester Nobin was best man, with the Misses B. I. Anthony and Ethel Abrahams as bridesmaid and flower girl respectively.

The reception which was held at the H.Y.M.A. Hall, was attended by a large number of guests. The hall was decorated with streamers of red, white and black which are the colours of the Old Collegians, Durban, the club to which the bridegroom belongs.

Amongst those who spoke at the reception were Messrs. S. R. Naidoo, D. Brandaw, J. Nadasen Naidoo, H. Jithoo and the Rev. W. T. V. Langley.

Mr. M. R. Reddy, of Isipingo, spent his week-end at Ladysmith with Mr. M. Govinder.

Mrs. M. Govinder, of Ladysmith, has returned home after spending her holidays at Durban.

Mr. C. M. Nair, of Ladysmith, who has been laid up in bed with flu is improving.

Mr. N. T. Moodley, of Durban, was on a visit to Ladysmith and stayed with Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Mudaliar.

Mr. I. D. Mohamed, of Ladysmith, has returned home after spending his holiday in Johannesburg.

Miss D. S. Pillay, who spent her holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Nathan, at Ladysmith, has returned to Durban.

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Tagore

THE news of the death of Sir Rabindranath Tagore, though not unexpected, for we were apprised of his illness, was received with profound sorrow, tinged with pride and gratitude for the immensity of his contribution to India and the world. First of all we think of him for his personal gifts, his idealism and his humility, which, expressed in fine writings, stand example for all men but particularly, perhaps, for his fellow countrymen. Second, we think of him somewhat in the way we think of Gandhi. He has done in the world of literature what the latter has done in the sphere of politics. Each of them has shown the Western world a measure of India's true greatness, a greatness that lies, not in the material things of the world, but in the things of the mind and spirit. The Western world has been brought to a closer understanding of the Indian people through the richness of his prose and verse, and recognising the universality of man and the brotherhood of all peoples, the world acknowledged his greatness by conferring upon him the highest marks of its gratitude, the Nobel Prize. Third, we think of him as one of the people. He was the poet of the people, drawing for his heroes and heroines from the street and the market place, and weaving their aspirations, hopes and sorrows into the fabric of a national consciousness.

The world is the better for his sojourn in it, and we in South Africa, whom he remembered at all times and sustained on many an occasion, will be encouraged by his example to strive in the way that he set. Few of us can hope to reach the heights attained, but in the valleys where most of us find our work and our thoughts we may look up to the hills of endeavour and take from them the strength we need. Ours is a mundane course but no less important on that account. The world is not made up of Tagores and Gandhis, though it needs more of them to leaven the whole and uplift the soul. They are among the greater spirits who give direction to humble men like ourselves, and only in so far as the mass of men capture something of their greatness can humanity progress on true lines.

So we may take heart in their lives and enrich our own by constant striving after the things that are lovely and of good report, seeking now and at all times to discover truth and goodness in our fellows, whether they be men of our own race or of another race. For that, after all, was the transcending virtue of Tagore and his greatest contribution to the world of politics. He showed that in genius and moral worth there is no distinction between races. He demonstrated the common brotherhood of man. Let us all live for it.

A PRAYER FOR TODAY

BY A. R. SOLOMON

For all the soldiers who watch tonight,
By land, or sea, or air,
O Father may they know that Thou Art with them, even there.

For all who weep tonight,
The hearts that cannot rest,
Reveal Thy Love — that wondrous Love,
Which gave for us Thy best.

For all who fear tonight,
Whate'er the dread may be,
We ask for them the Perfect Peace,
Of hearts that rest in Thee.

Our own beloved tonight
O Father keep, and where
Our love and succour cannot reach,
Now bless them through our prayer.

And all who pray tonight
Thy wrestling hosts, O Lord,
Make weakness strong, let them prevail
According to Thy Word.

TAMIL CIVILISATION

I will esteem it a favour if you could kindly give publicity to the brief letter of mine.

There is no doubt that modern Oriental scholars and archaeologists in unearthing the world's past are finding that India has been the home of many civilisations.

According to the recent discoveries of Dr. Penn Nath, India might claim to be the home of one Tamil civilisation. Therefore one can wonder that Tamil civilisation and literature could be traced as far back as 37,000 years and existed long, long before the invasion of Aryans from North India. Medicine came from South India, the source of all other Indian medical systems and many other sciences.

C. K. MOODLEY

Durban's Roads

A farewell reception was given by the Carlton Indian Sporting Club to Mr. E. E. Jiwa, who is leaving for India on a short vacation.

Messrs. C. R. Naidoo, V. P. Ramsamy, S. Herrick, V. Raymond, A. J. Reddy, P. Naicker and Peter Jackson, of Prattas's Hill, Durban, recently visited non-stop from Durban to Sevela. They covered the journey in 43 hours.

South African Indians Play Their Part

"OF all the troops operating 'Up North,' probably less has been heard of the South African Indian and Malay Corps than any single group in the services. Yet these men played a very important part in the great advance on Addis Ababa, and in the whole campaign generally," writes a neutral observer with the East African forces.

When their brigadier started the spectacular Northern march of a famous East African Brigade, he was short of transport. It happened that a company of the Indian and Malay Corps was coming up the road with 150 trucks and supplies for Mogadishu. The brigade commandeered the entire convoy and then and there No. 10 Company I.M.C. became first line troop carrying transport.

The Indian and Malay Corps started in the advance from Moyo on March 20, and ended at Addis Ababa on April 6—only 16 days, but days in which there was "history in the making"—marched side by side with the forces of the King; Dagabur, Gabredarre, Giggiga, Marda Pass, Harrar, Dire-dawa, and finally the Awash River, pronounced "Eyewash"; and, at the end of the triumphal parade, the formal entry into Addis Ababa.

In appreciation of the sterling work performed by these hitherto untrained men who had received their baptism of fire almost before they realised they were in the enemy's country, the brigadier arranged for the twelfth car of the official entry procession to be a vehicle of the 10th I.M.C.

Thus it can be said that this was the first motor transport unity of any colour or nationality to enter the capital of Abyssinia after its capitulation.

Leaving Addis, the brigade ended the lakes area, and here again the I.M.C. played an important part.

Much has been written of the famous "Somali Joe" Henfrey, about the scattered forces of Haile Selassie. On the other hand little has been said of the South African Indian motor transport drivers who have followed him over Southern Abyssinia, and provided the only means of mobility for "Somali Joe's" large and somewhat unwieldy army.

Such was the task of 10th Company I.M.C. for more than two months during the hottest part of the campaign.

Only one who has taken part in the bush warfare of these tropical troops can imagine what such an assignment means; traversing, often by compass, unknown, unmarked mountain paths, under constant fire of sniping bands, and always on the verge of acute water and petrol shortage.

Although the Abyssinian campaign can be said to be nearing its close, the war is not over, and with a knowledge of the past activities of the Indian and Malay Corps in mind, the small but important unit of the South African forces will yet again write its part in large letters on each succeeding scroll of honour, as it has throughout Ethiopia's hills, deserts and mountains, making a record of which not only the corps themselves, but their people from whom they came, "back home," can greatly be proud.

Our Readers Speak

THE LEADER "A VERY CLOSE FRIEND"

While I was away for my winter holidays at the North Coast, The Leader was a very close friend to me.

Though I received it late on Mondays, I always looked forward to it.

I wish and pray that it will ever continue to give the news of the Indian world in South Africa.

A. R. SOLOMON.

TAMILS AND TELEGUS

Since The Leader appeared there was never a week that I have missed reading such an inspiring paper. I know and think it has given food for thought to a good many of our Indians. As we did not have a paper solely Indian there remained many a discussion locked up in a cellar; how thankful we are to your paper can be vouched for by the many articles of interest appearing in its pages, so good. Recently I have read a great deal about the Telegus and the Tamilians each trying to prove the superiority of their clans and manners. Never before have I been so ashamed in my life than now to see friction between two different races. Those domestic and religious life in all points does not differ one iota yet there is friction as it were between Hindus and Muslims in India.

The writers of articles, both the Telegus and Tamilians, must bear in mind that these two have been living in harmony for many years and intermarried and each adopted the other's customs and carried on the duties, whatever they may be, amicably, and now some sectarians have started a controversy. If one asks which may be the superior course nobody can say as the saying goes that each man's child, never mind how ugly, is the sweetest in the world. So likewise every tongue. Its better to fit in the majority than the minority. So likewise I feel Tamilians were in the majority the Telegus fitted themselves in there and as a Tamilian I am proud to say that the Telegus can speak Tamil better than we Tamilians and very few Tamilians can speak Telegu. I see no benefit in these arguments, it may give cause to grave feelings and, Mr. Editor, I pray that justice be meted out to us by not accepting more articles on this subject. We have enough before us in this country to conquer, and let us conquer that first.

M. S. MUDELIAR.

On the question of Telegus and Tamils it would be observed from the trend of arguments advanced by Mr. K. Naicker, inter alia, is to his own clan and does not concern the Tamilian in any manner whatsoever, therefore there should be no cause for alarm as regards intermarriage, which is only a domestic and natural matter and deserves no comment.

Secondly, "Cosmo," I presume, is still blind because the Hindustani had him as a blind man and because of his ignorance of Andhra culture remains silent. What is food for one is poison for another. Can anyone rank multi-inspiring souls such as Sir Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Dr. Sir Parrabhi Sitaramayya and others as blind because they are Andhras and have systematic allround Andhra culture? Certainly they are Andhras, which means "enlightened" in the Andhra language.

As the milk of the mother is a nourishment to the child, similarly is the Andhra language to the Telegu. This in short is a natural law and let each learn to love and cherish his mother tongue as well as the other secondary languages. Great Acharyas, like the eminent Tamil scholar, Satyanbarya 3,000 years ago, said in the Court of Raja Pallava, "Know thyself first." Do not quarrel among petty things. We all have much to learn even in many births.

"MERCURIAN."

DESTITUTION FOR 4,000 NON-EUROPEANS

Harsh Operation of New Motor Carriers' Act

PROSPECTIVE destitution for four thousand non-Europeans, the majority of whom are Indians, is what Mr. B. E. Naidoo, the president of the non-European Taxi Owners' Association, envisages if the 1941 Amendment to the Motor Carriers' Act is adopted.

He was speaking at a mass meeting of the non-European Taxi Owners in the Y.M. Asian's Hall called last Thursday to consider the report of the Taxi Deputation which went to interview the members of the Central Transportation Board recently.

"In the early part of 1940, the various municipalities of Natal sought power to control and regulate taxis, and although we objected the proposed by-laws were passed by the Natal Executive and referred to the Governor-General.

"In the meantime we approached Sir Hima Rau, the then Agent-General, and he was able to influence the Governor-General not to sanction the by-laws, and the attempt to localise the control of taxis in Natal failed."

A similar movement is afoot in Natal today.

The European Transport Employes have submitted "nine-ten points" to the Transportation Board which was in Durban last week. Five of these vitally affect the non-European Taxi Owners.

They are: The allocation of stands; the limitations of taxi licences; the withdrawal of licences from people engaged in other business; the withdrawal of very recently-issued licences; and the limitation of area covered by taxis.

Once these receive sanction at least half the non-European taxis will be ousted from the roads.

The limitations on the area covered by taxis will impose untold hardships and a slight infringement will mean one taxi less on the road.

Each owner will have to apply for an exemption to cover a specific area. The driver will have to carry a log book and record the name of the passenger, the destination and the fare for each long trip. The log book will have to be submitted for sanction. Every traffic inspector will have the power to stop a taxi on a long run.

The allocation of stands reduces to this: a Maritzburg taxi will have to return immediately after discharging passengers. There will be no stand for it in Durban.

In addition, Mr. Naidoo revealed that a provincial ordinance aimed at taxi drivers would soon come into operation. There is every likelihood of half the number of drivers being refused licence renewals.

The ordinance grants the registrar at a licensing department almost unlimited powers and thereby creates room for arbitrariness.

STANGER FORMS SOCIETY

For Literary and Debating

An inaugural meeting was convened to form a Literary and Debating Society on Thursday to embrace Stanger and districts. The meeting was attended by about forty people from the various districts. Mr. H. B. Bodasing presided.

The conveners of the meeting were Dr. V. T. Williams, Messrs. D. D. Lalla, H. B. Bodasing, L. E. Joseph, A. G. Buz, A. P. Naidoo, and D. Moolla.

Mr. H. B. Bodasing, in declaring the meeting open, recalled the past attempts made to organise a debating society. It was lack of enthusiasm on the part of the public, he stated, that caused the downfall of the society. He hoped that the response received would be continued and that the public would give it the support it so rightly deserved.

Dr. V. T. Williams appealed to the youth of Stanger to come forward and support the society. He felt that there was an awakening in the youth who were beginning to realise the need for greater knowledge and better understanding of matters.

Mr. D. D. Lalla dwelt on the advantages of a literary and debating society. He said that some of the greatest orators of the world needed training, including even Disraeli, who collapsed when making his maiden speech at his first election meeting. It was through determination and perseverance that Disraeli became one of the leading Prime Ministers of England.

Mr. L. E. Joseph stressed the importance of a society where the young people could come in contact and discuss problems that affect the oppressed classes.

Other speakers included Messrs. A. P. Naidoo, Gabriel Peters, V. Naidoo, V. G. Augustine, Geo. Legatie, Dawood Moolla, and S. Mohideen.

Mr. D. D. Lalla moved the formation of the Literary and Debating Society, seconded by Dr. V. T. Williams.

The following were elected: President, Mr. H. B. Bodasing; vice-presidents, Dr. V. T. Williams, A. G. Buz, G. Peters, A. P. Naidoo, and L. E. Joseph; secretary and treasurer, Mr. D. D. Lalla; assistant secretary, B. K. Naidoo; committee, Messrs. C. V. Naidoo, D. Moolla, V. G. Augustine, Geo. Legatie, Miss M. Naidoo, and Miss N. Naidoo.

Rev. Sigamoney Speaks at Durban

On Sunday last a lecture was delivered by the Rev. B. E. Sigamoney, of Johannesburg, at the Durban Life Savers' Club Hall, under the auspices of the Hindu Youth Club, on "Universal Religion and Social Service."

A large number of people were present. The Rev. Sigamoney referred to the assemblies of Christians, Hindus, and Moslems at their respective places of worship.

In doing so, he said, that people were satisfied that they had attended the church services, answered the call of the mosque or offered prayers to their "gods." He went on to say that these people should go further and make sincere efforts to better the conditions of the unfortunate ones who were either suffering with tuberculosis or living in the slums which, incidentally, were the breeding place of diseases and other evils.

He made an appeal to those present to raise funds in order to equip the T.B. Hospital for non-Europeans with the necessary instruments.

Mr. P. S. Nair moved a vote of thanks to the speaker.

Before the termination of the evening Mr. J. R. Chetty, the president of the Hindu Youth Club, made an appeal to those present to enrol as members of the club so as to enable it to carry on with social service on a larger scale.

DEATH OF YOUNG SPORTSMAN

Roopnarain Brajan, a keen soccerite, of Howick, died last Thursday afternoon at the Grey's Hospital, Maritzburg, after a short illness. He played for the Sarmeels in many matches.

English Introduced in Hindu Marriage Service

English was introduced for the first time as an additional language at the Vedic marriage ceremony in Maritzburg on Sunday last. The officiating priest was Swami Bhawani Dayal Swami. He performed the services in Sanskrit, Hindi and English.

He exhorted the contracting parties in English to love, honour and obey and he got the responses in the same language.

So far Hindus, including Vedic, Sanathan and Tamils, had their marriage ceremonies conducted in Sanskrit and Hindi or Tamil, but no words of English had ever been introduced as forming part of the ceremony.

This innovation of English as a part of the Hindu marriage service might, it is felt, eventually supersede the vernacular on these most solemn occasions. The Indian Christian services, however, are conducted in English.

Death of Mrs. Ganpat Singh

Mrs. Ganpath Singh, beloved wife of Mr. Ganpath Singh, passed peacefully away at her residence in Tongaat after a long illness patiently borne. She died on August 2, 1941, and the funeral took place the same day amidst a large gathering at 4 p.m. She was cremated.

Port Shepstone Tennis Court

The following donations have been received towards the construction of a tennis court for Indians in Port Shepstone:

Messrs. P. Pillay, £10 10s.; Headmaster and Staff, Government Indian School, £10 10s.; Builders and Hardware Supplies, Ltd., £5 5s.; I. E. Gangat, £5 5s.; G. Seeralsaloo, £5 5s.; Glendale Trading Co., £1 11s. 6d.; M. M. Omar, £1 5s.; M. A. Rahim, £1 1s.; Estate A. Kader, £1 1s.; C. M. Moodley, £1 1s.; G. H. A. Kawda, £1 1s.; Goolam & Mohamed, £1 1s.; A. E. Rawat, £1 1s.; I. H. K. Hadjee, £1 1s.; G. M. Doolhat and S. K. Desai, £1 1s.; The Silver Store, £1 1s.; H. Baijnath, £1 1s.; S. N. Naidoo, £1 1s.; South Coast Bazaar, £1 1s.; M. D. Padia & Co., £1 1s.; R. Muthukistna, £1 1s.; D. E. Aggee, £1 1s.; R. Seebalsh, £1 1s.; Peter Govender, £1 1s.; M. Seethanah, £1 1s.; Peter Lazarus, 10s. 6d.; G. Moodley, 10s. 6d.; M. Dawjee, 10s. 6d.; M. V. Abed, 10s. 6d.; M. S. Engar, 10s. 6d.; M. Adam, 10s. 6d.; R. Audan and B. Keerath, 10s.; total, £62 2s. 6d.

Maritzburg's New Mosque

The new mosque of the Pietermaritzburg Musjid and Islamia School Trust, which is being erected and equipped by Mr. Tayob Abdool Latif Osman, of Ladysmith, Transvaal, is now nearing completion, and it is hoped that it will be officially opened during the month of September just before the approaching holy month of Ramadan.



Seedat Will Not Sign Exemption

"Not Betray the Cause for which He has Suffered"

Mr. D. A. Seedat will not sign the certificate of exemption from internment and must be prepared to accept the consequences.

This was the decision made by the committee of the Non-European United Front at a meeting early this week.

Announcing this decision the Front, in the course of a statement, among other things, declared:—

"The birth of the Non-European United Front was a challenge to the system that made animals out of fellowmen. The leaders were prepared to undergo even the possibility of imprisonment, internment or even death did not deter them. The cause for which they stood and fought was just.

"When Mr. D. A. Seedat submitted himself to the decision of the committee of the Non-European United Front, he did so in the full knowledge that sentiment could not outweigh the considerations that had created the Front movement in Natal. He has won his case. He shall not betray the cause for which he has already suffered, and for which he and many others are prepared to continue to suffer till there is established in this country a democracy that makes no distinction of the grounds of race or colour; till human values are given their just consideration.

"Mr. D. A. Seedat will not give any undertaking that is false to these principles."

The statement proceeds:—

"Throughout South Africa non-Europeans (particularly Indians) suffer under every possible form of restriction in their legitimate trading activities. In certain cases licences are only granted on the explicit understanding that non-European businessmen, merchants and manufacturers restrict their trade and manufacture to non-European consumption.

"The granting of licences is so operated that together with the low earning capacity of the non-European (a product of the "Civilised White Labour Policy" of the Government with which the Labour Party is in full agreement) the expansion of non-European trade and commerce is severely handicapped.

"These difficulties, however, have not prevented a fair amount of progress. Indian traders, by sheer hard work, doggedness, perseverence, and untold hardship and privation, have become successful.

"They spread out into the country districts, into the African reserves, miles from the nearest township, braving the dangers of an unprotected and native territory, with urban conveniences a thing unknown, to eke for themselves a livelihood.

"It is indeed a tribute to their resourcefulness and ability if the Government of this country now finds it necessary to take further restrictive measures. Indian traders in the African rural areas in the Transvaal have been given notice to discontinue their businesses. Utilising the Native Land and Trust Act, the Department of Native Affairs is acting in full conformity with the policy of the Government in relation to the non-Europeans when it refuses to renew the leases under which Indian residence is possible."

Other points made in the statement are:—

"The police pursued by the Government in relation to the non-European population is such that no self-respecting human being, who values human dignity and honour can refrain from crying out against the injustice and inhumanity so manifest around him.

"The Colour Bar laws that exist throughout the country make them (the non-Europeans) ever conscious of the fact that they are people who possess an inferior status in South African life. . . . Considerations of humanity and justice, of conscience and brotherhood, are relegated to be the chaff-trap of fools and imbeciles.

"It is such conditions that gave birth to a group of determined men and women whose minds had suffered the greatest agony in witnessing the sufferings of their people, who strove, sometimes in small groups, sometimes individually, so that they might in some measure make the lives of their fellows easier. These people knew the strength of the foe they were daring."

Surat Association's Condolence

A meeting of condolence at the death of Dr. Rabindranath Tagore was held under the auspices of the Bombay Presidency Hindoo Association, and the Surat Hindu Association, on Saturday at the Surat Hindu Association Hall under the chairmanship of Mr. M. B. Naik.

Glowing tributes were paid to the selfless sacrifice of the noble soul who was international in his outlook and whose work will for ever be cherished in the world of literature.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted and the officials were authorised to send same to its proper quarters:

"A meeting of the Indian community held under the auspices of the B.P.H. Association and the S.H. Association, deeply mourn the sad loss our motherland and the world has sustained through the death of the great philosopher, Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, and offers its humble and sincere sympathy to the Tagore family."

Wednesday Early Closing of Shops Instead of Friday

The attempt to still further restrict shopping hours on Friday evening to 6 o'clock, instead of 7 o'clock, as at present, is the subject of a vigorous protest to the Provincial Executive Council by the Natal Indian Congress.

"We respectfully maintain," the Congress submits, "that it is definitely contrary to the interest of the shopping public and to the interest of those catering for the needs of the working class of Indians, non-Europeans, and others, to curtail Friday night shopping hours as presently existing in this city.

"From experience gained in the past sixteen months we submit that the passing of the Shop Hours Ordinance of 1939 has shown that the curtailment of hours from 9 p.m. to 7 p.m. has created hardships of such a nature as to definitely prejudice the convenience and well-being of the Indian and non-European working men.

"The distance at which large sections of the Indian and other non-European people are settled, necessitates that more time should be allowed for the workers, great numbers of whom are paid at 5 p.m. on Fridays, to come into the city to do their shopping.

"Employes in factories leave their places of employment on every day in the week, excepting Saturdays, at 5.30 or at 5.45 p.m. If shops are to be closed at 6 p.m. these people will be unable to do any shopping, even at present when shops close at 7 p.m. they have hardly time to get from one store to another to compare prices as in the universal custom amongst all peoples of the world.

"The industrial factories in Durban are mostly situate at Maydon Wharf, Rossburgh and Jacobs, these places are at long distance from the shopping centre and the employes in the factories, if they are to take full advantage of the Friday night shopping, then the hour of closing should be extended. The factories in these areas close at 12 or 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

"The suburban shopping facilities of Durban have lagged behind its rapid commercial development. Not only are there no shopping centres, such as these exist in Capetown and in Johannesburg, but the majority of shops are small petty traders who do not carry all the lines required by the normal householder.

"We would respectfully add that the workers of the Indian community are prejudiced more severely than the European, in that because of economic necessity, not only the adult children but also the Indian housewife is a worker, and is thus unable to do her shopping on ordinary weekdays when the shops are open.

"We submit that the present position, leaving out considerations of further curtailing the hours has given rise to a grave state of affairs. The average wage-earner has come of ages the whole village has been invited to the feast. And none is happier than Kumar's sister, Jayanti.

"We are appealing to you on behalf of 85,000 residents in Durban, to whom it is an absolute and dire necessity that shopping facilities for at least four hours on one night in the week (preferably Fridays) or on Saturday afternoons be made available to them."

Nizamia Society

The treasurers of the Nizamia Muslim Society, Maritzburg, acknowledge with thanks the following donations: Messrs. A. S. H. Bhabha, £5; Shaik Mahumad, 12s.; Shaik Ally, 6s.; A. Esaa, 2s.; Ismail Bangie, 6s.; A. Amin, 2s.; M. Rahaman, 3s.; Abdul Sather, 3s.; Carrim Dada, 12s.; Deen Mahomed, 2s.; H. Mooliven, 2s.; Y. I. Deedat, 12s.

The society conveys its gratitude to the following for their assistance during the month: Messrs. S. M. Kader, A. G. Bennie, Amod Ismail Cassimjee, Amod Cassimjee, Shaik Yusuf, Salima Mia Aa, Peer Shaik Amod, Abdul Kadar, A. D. Badat, D. E. Bhayat, Y. Sulliman, Mohamed Khan, E. Khan.

UMZINTO TENNIS OFFICIALS

The annual meeting of the Freinds Indian Lawn Tennis Club was held at the Shree Vedam Temple Hall on Saturday last when the following officials were elected for the ensuing year:—Patrons, Messrs. H. Kissoon, M. A. Gavender, and S. R. Khan; president, Mr. S. M. Govender; vice-presidents, Messrs. D. Ramasar, R. G. Singh, and M. Ally Belim; captain, Mr. M. G. Govender; vice-captain, Mr. A. M. Govender; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. S. Ramsingh; assistant secretary, Mr. M. M. Kadwa; committee, Messrs. I. E. Rawat, M. S. Kadwa, R. A. Govender, and K. A. Kadwa; hon. auditor, Mr. D. Ramasar.

Scout Activities

At a recent meeting of the Scout Association a full discussion took place about the rally which is to be held at Albert Park on October 8. A sub-committee was elected to make arrangements. Messrs. E. V. Naidoo and R. G. Pillay were in charge of the First Aid and Messrs. A. P. Pullinay, P. G. Govender and L. R. Naidoo were responsible for the sports items.

Negotiations are being made to have a shield presented for the Rovers this year. Up till now the Rovers competed but the winners were not given a shield.

It is also hoped to arrange soon for a Scouters' Refresher Course.

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"Punarmilan" at the Avalon

BETTER THAN "BHANDAN"?

"PUNARMILAN," a picture said to be the equal of or (in the opinion of some) even better than "Bhandan," will be featured at the Avalon next week. It is one of the latest of the Bombay talkies and has been attracting considerable crowds wherever it had been shown in India. It has a strong cast, starring some well-known favourites brought together by Devika Rani.

"Punarmilan" is colourful, with a background of beautiful settings and punctuated with enchanting songs. The story, which is somewhat as follows, is gripping:

The celebration is in full swing. Kumar, the only son of Babu Gopinath, the Zamindar, has come of ages the whole village has been invited to the feast. And none is happier than Kumar's sister, Jayanti.

At night a terrible thing happens. The guests have departed and the household has retired. In the stillness of the night, there is a crash: Kumar wakes up and rushes to his father's private room to find Gangaram, a close friend of his father, lying there murdered. To save his father, he hastily frittered away in these places by the lack of constructive opportunities of spending their money elsewhere.

"In this latter connection we do not hesitate to say that this is an evil to be met with amongst wage-earners equally of Indian as of European households. It is our humble submission that late shopping hours would do much to alleviate this condition.

"We respectfully suggest that shops close at 1 p.m. on Saturdays and Wednesdays, and that they remain open until 9 p.m. on Friday evenings as formerly. We would like to point out that we are not advocates of longer hours for shop assistants, and this our suggestion lessens their hours.

"We are appealing to you on behalf of 85,000 residents in Durban, to whom it is an absolute and dire necessity that shopping facilities for at least four hours on one night in the week (preferably Fridays) or on Saturday afternoons be made available to them."

Meanwhile, Kumar is walking the streets of a big town like a waif. One day weary and worn out he collapses at the door of a hut where a poor street dancer, Kooli, lives with her father. They revive him and give him food. Hearing that he is homeless, Kooli persuades her father to give this young man shelter in their home. And so Kumar comes to live with them, hiding from the police and nursing a sorrow that he cannot share with anyone.

Gopinath's paralysis is found to be incurable in the village, so Jayanti brings her father for treatment to town the same town where Kumar is hiding.

Here Manohar, a wealthy young man of notorious character, meets Jayanti and attracted by her innocence and beauty, tries to befriend her. Not suspecting his real motive Jayanti allows their friendship to grow.

The police, meanwhile, are not idle, though they have very little to go upon. But when the C.I.D. officer hears of the coming of Gopinath to town, he sees in it a chance of arresting the alleged offender. He quietly sets a watch on the house of Gopinath.

Unable to go out anywhere for fear of the police, Kumar stays on with Kooli and her father. Kooli's initial sympathy for Kumar develops into a warm mutual love. One day Kooli's father, who has been ill for a long time, dies leaving his daughter in Kumar's charge. This misfortune draws Kumar and Kooli still nearer and strengthens the bond of understanding between them.

While dancing and singing from street to her livelihood, Kooli is one day seen by Jayanti, who takes a deep liking for her and becomes very friendly, little knowing that her dear brother whom she so much wants to meet is to be found in Kooli's humble hut.

To please Jayanti, Manohar arranges for a dance performance of Kooli in the local theatre. There, under most exciting circumstances, Kumar and Jayanti suddenly discover each other, but the very next moment Kumar has to flee back to his hiding place.

Manohar, too, sees Kumar. Though Jayanti keeps silent over the whole affair, he finds out from other sources the very next day that Kumar is Jayanti's brother and is absconding with a charge of murder against him.

Glad at this discovery he decides to Blackmail Jayanti and succeeds in taking her one night to a notorious Dak Bungalow under the threat of exposing Kumar to the police.

In the meantime Kumar, finding separation from his father and sister unbearable, persuades Kooli to take him to Jayanti. Apprehensive of the great risk Kumar may be running, Kooli agrees with great reluctance and takes Kumar to Jayanti's house under cover of darkness.

Rapid developments now take place. Kumar rescues his sister from the clutches of Manohar. But the police, too, are hot on his trail. They grab him just as he is about to leave the Dak Bungalow with Jayanti. Everything is up. The absconding murderer has been caught.

On one side is the dumb paralytic father who cannot speak the truth; on the other, the son, determined to save his old father even at the cost of his own life. How is this tense drama of love and sacrifice going to end?

Muslims Beat Glencoe at Ladysmith

On Saturday last Ladysmith Muslims met Glencoe U.F.C. at Ladysmith in a Natal Cup semi-final fixture.

Muslims kicked off with the sun behind them. Immediately after the start the ball was played in both areas and both the custodians were tested.

The game was fast and provided plenty of thrills. After fifteen minutes' play the visitors' outer right opened the score, but the visitors did not enjoy the lead as the Muslims centres forward, I. Cassim, equalised soon after.

A brilliant move made by Cassim Dhoda gave the lead for the home team and at half-time Muslims led 2—1.

On the resumption play became very fast and Naidas equalised for the visitors. The visitors tried hard and made every effort to beat the Muslims. Several openings were missed by Muslims and ten minutes before the end I. Cassim put the Muslims a head by securing a very difficult goal. Referee, Mr. R. Kallie.

On Sunday last the Springboks F.C., of Ladysmith, played the Vryheid F.C. in a friendly soccer game at Vryheid.

The visitors put up a gallant fight against home team, and both the custodians played a brilliant game. At interval there was no decision.

On the resumption both sides improved their play and did their best to score. After ding dong battle S. Ramdeen scored from a solo run to put the visitors ahead.

The home team made several attempts to square but their efforts were all in vain. S. Ramdeen scored again leaving the visitors winners by 2—0.

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MARITZBURG, TODAY
SENIOR NATAL CUP DISTRICT-FINAL
3 p.m.: Yorks vs. Young Natalians.
JUNIORS
3 p.m.: Sjamrocks vs. Yorks.
JUVENILES
2 p.m.: Hill Views vs. Shamrocks.
NOTTINGHAM ROAD, TOMORROW
3.30 p.m.: Amod Bayat's XI vs. Nottingham Road.
2 p.m.: P.M.B. Muslim Young Stars vs. Nottingham Road.
LADYSMITH, TODAY
GOGAS CUP FINAL
3 p.m.: Schools vs. Stars, Referee, Mr. R. Narrandes.
Dundee United beat D.N.C. No. 3, 5—3.
GLENCOE, SUNDAY
ANAND BOB'S MEMORIAL TROPHY
3 p.m.: Glencoe v. Burnside "A" at Burnside. Referee: Mr. S. Manickum.
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Shamrocks Spring a Surprise Against Warwickshire

"A" division league leaders were defeated in the final of the League Competition played between the winners of the "A" and the "F" divisions at Currie's Fountain last Saturday; Shamrocks beat Warwickshire in the last minute.

Play never savoured of a final at any time of the ninety minutes. Mediocre soccer was the keynote.

Shamrocks provided the first thrill of the game when, midway through the first half they hit the crossbar twice in succession in an attempt to score.

Thereafter each side was content to play a slow game, although Warwickshire made a few attempts to score. Timol, however, was wide awake.

On the resumption, Pachelbel, the Shamrocks' centre-forward, jolted Warwickshire, when he scored within 15 minutes from a difficult angle.

Warwickshire livened up and Shamrocks could only enjoy the lead for ten minutes before Lightie squared matters.

When a Shamrocks' defender handled the ball in the penalty area it seemed "all up" with them, but the kick went wide and this cost Warwickshire the match, the League Cup and a defeat from a "F" division team to boot, for Poobathie scored his second goal in the last minute.

COUNTY SUFFER DEFEAT

Mayville conclusively defeated County in the replay of the inter-district semi-final at the County ground (Sea View) on Sunday last.

Play was fast from the beginning and both the goalkeepers had plenty of work to do in the first five minutes, as the ball was swung from one end of the field to the other in quick succession.

The visitors with their snappy passing had the home goal at disadvantage on many occasions, but they failed to score.

Rallying and taking advantages of these lapses the home forwards forced the Mayville defence to concede a corner. From the resultant kick Naicker attempted to score, but was frustrated by Jack.

Close to half-time no score was registered, N. K. Naidoo handled the ball in the penalty area and Timol made no mistake with the kick to put Mayville ahead. Shortly, was raised with the score standing.

On the resumption County made converted attempts, even matters, but a deft pass to Timol saw Mahomed Khan make a solo run and score from short range.

Two quick goals by County put new life into the game. County could not hold on and Mahomed Khan scored again after good work by Bobby Singh. In the last few minutes of the game Yusuf scored the fourth goal from a corner kick by Mustapha.

Final score: Mayville, 4 (Yusuf 2, Khan 2); County, 2 (Naicker 1).

JUNIOR INTERTOWN AT MARITZBURG

The junior intertown match between Maritzburg and Durban was played at Maritzburg on Saturday last on the Maritzburg ground. No decision was reached after two extra halves had been played—a goalless draw.

The match will be replayed at Durban in the near future.

The juveniles, who also travelled to Maritzburg, trounced the Maritzburg team. They won 6—1.

Sarmcols Win

Two teams, Sarmcols senior and juveniles, of Howick, travelled to Nottingham Road last Sunday to play a friendly soccer match with the Bell F.C. Sarmcols won.

United Defeat Kearsney at Stanger

On Sunday last Pirates met Doornkop at Stanger and held them to a 1—1 draw. The game was keenly contested, though it never reached great heights at any stage. Referee, Mr. H. C. Maraj.

Rangers and Springboks met in the league. The game was fast and Rangers won by a penalty goal. Referee, Mr. Polly.

A record crowd is expected to witness the eagerly-awaited Kearsney-United clash as these two teams were in the reckoning for the coveted league trophy. They were treated to brilliant soccer and the play reached great heights with United proving to be solid in their defence. P. S. Pillay, Padayachee, G. Bux (Gibraltar) and the United custodian were in good form, while the forward line put in some good work.

Manoo scored for United four minutes after the start from a good move by K. V. Naidoo and D. E. Moola scored again from nearly 35 yards out—the bounce beating the usually reliable Kearsney keeper. In the closing stages Sankra scored for Kearsney. Referee, Mr. V. G. Augustine.

ANNUAL MATCH

The L.T.D.I.F.A. 1st and 2nd XI's meet the 1st and 2nd teams of the Natal Estates Indian Sports Club at Mount Edgecombe tomorrow in the annual inter-district match.

The following players will represent the Lower Tugela Association:

1st XI: S. V. Naidoo, G. R. Bux (captain) (United), M. Perumal (Kearsney), K. P. Padayachee (United), S. D. Gopalan (Kearsney), P. S. Pillay (United), S. A. Mather (Kearsney), K. V. Naidoo (United), Bodie (Doornkop), S. Thammiah (Kearsney), R. Sankra (vice-captain) (Kearsney).

2nd XI: Rajoo (vice-captain) (Kearsney), Tommy Rajoo (captain) (United), Chota Omarjee (Springboks), A. Aziz (Springboks), H. Khan (Rangers), Masin (Victorians), A. Francis (Kearsney), D. Moola (United), D. Kallan (Rangers), K. Polly (United), A. Gopalan (Kearsney).

Reserves: Maduray (Victorians), Rajoo (Springboks), Bridgemohan, Vincent, Manikam, Chellan (Springboks), E. A. Kolia (Rangers), V. Chetty (Kearsney), Perumal (Springboks).

LEAGUE RESULTS

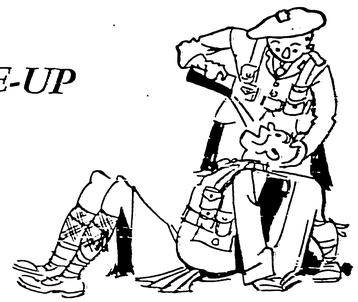
Results of matches played last Sunday (2nd round), league competition: Kearsney, 2; Rangers, 1 (at Kearsney). Referee, Mr. D. Naidoo.

United, 2; Springboks, 0 (at Stanger). Referee, Mr. M. Kallan.

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WHO TOLD MR. G. H. LAWRENCE?

CONGRESS WANTS TO SPEAK TO MINISTER

Removal of Certain "False Impression"

Who has been telling things about the Congress . . . ? The Natal Indian Congress wants to meet the Minister of the Interior, Mr. G. H. Lawrence, who recently was in Durban, so as to correct certain "false impression."

The Congress denies the fact that it has frustrated "the successful working of the Lawrence Committee," nor is the statement true that it "is not wholeheartedly co-operating in the war effort of the country."

Writing to the private secretary of the Minister, the joint secretaries of the Congress state:

"We are directed by the Executive of our Congress to write and respectfully ask that the Hon. the Minister be kind as to grant an interview to a small deputation of our Congress, whilst he is in Durban if possible, or in Pretoria.

"The Executive of our Congress has been informed that the Hon. the Minister is under the impression that our Congress has been responsible for frustrating the successful working of the Lawrence Committee.

"In this regard we wish to place before the Minister our submissions so that this false impression may be removed.

"It is true that on principle our Congress has been and is opposed to the establishment of this Committee, the grounds amongst others that its establishment is tantamount to volunteer segregation, further the question of subsidies because he had appointed a judicial commission to inquire into the facts of the alleged penetration by Indians of predominantly European areas.

"In any case, we respectfully contend that nothing ever was done by any members of the Congress that could be construed as to go to frustrate the working of the Lawrence Committee.

"It has also been conveyed to us that the Hon. the Minister has been informed that the Congress as an organisation is not wholeheartedly co-operating in the war efforts of the country.

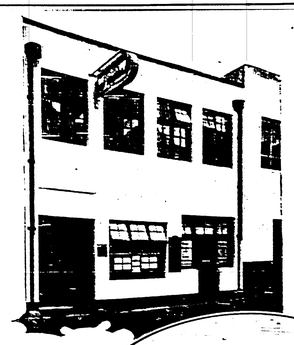
"Our Executive is constrained to most emphatically and categorically repudiate this unwarranted allegation against our organisation which has, both from headquarters and its branches cooperated in every war effort where its assistance has been sought.

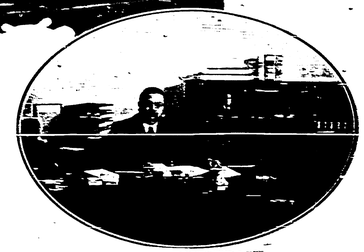
"To cite one instance the Congress has in the past made a monthly collection of over £125-150 and forwarded it to the Governor-General's Fund.

"It also has a Giffa and Comforts Committee of which the Hon. Senator S. J. Smith is Chairman, this committee is affiliated to the South African Giffa and Comforts Fund. The committee has forwarded a large number of parcels to Durban and Natal Indians serving with the Indian Malay Corps.

"For the Hon. the Minister's information, we send herewith copy of the financial statement submitted by our Comforts Committee for the period ending October 15, 1940, to May 12, 1941, which speaks for itself.

"We shall be grateful to have the opportunity of waiting upon the Hon. the Minister so that we may be able to submit our representations to the Hon. the Minister on these two points."



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Natal Indian Congress

Annual General Meeting

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The Annual General Meeting of the Congress will be held on Sunday, the 14th September, 1941, at 2.30 p.m., at the Avalon Theatre, Victoria Street, Durban.

AGENDA

(1) Minutes.
(2) Joint Hon. Secretaries' Annual Report.
(3) Joint Hon. Treasurers' Financial Report.
(4) Election of Officials.
(5) General.

On the same day in the forenoon the Third Natal Provincial Conference will be held. Delegates appointed by the branches will participate in the Conference.

A farewell reception to Swami Bhawani Dayal Sannyasi, who is sailing for India, will be given on the same day.

Full particulars will be sent later.

HAJEE E. M. PARUK,
President.

HANS MAGHRAJH,
[illegible]
Jt. Hon. Secretaries

Note: Only registered members of the Congress will be allowed to attend and participate in the proceedings, so please produce this notice to prove membership.

In terms of Rule No. 20 of the Congress a sum of 1/- (one shilling) shall be paid by each member to Headquarters for participation in the Annual General Meeting.

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Men Make Use of Fr... Aid Knowledge

Members of the S.A. Red Cr... Society (Grimsby Indian branch) ... at the O.K. Tearoom to bid farewell ... their Drill Instructor, Mr. A & S... wood, who was due to leave on ... service.

Mr. Kirkwood was the recipient o... pipe and pouch as a token of ... brance.

Among the speakers were Co... Lourens, M. N. Naicker, D. V. S... H. B. Narrandes, and Miss R. ... Maharaj.

Mr. Kirkwood replied suitably.

It is good to know that the men ... making use of the knowledge ... the First Aid. On Saturday last ... Narrandes, Baloo, and D. V. ... rendered First Aid to a native who ... injured during a fight, and later ... him to hospital.

Members of the Women's Detach... ment recently paraded for duty at ... football match. It is hoped they ... be on duty at all future sporting ... events in the district.

Indian Girls' League

The Durban Indian Girls' Leag... was founded on August 1, 1940, ... Miss Zuleka Jhaveri.

This body will endeavour from ti... to time to assist in the feeding of poo... children, to encourage sports and pr... mote interest in literature and han... craft.

Any Indian girl having complet... the age of 10 is entitled to apply f... membership. Further particulars ma... be had from the secretary.

As this is the first organisation ... its kind, it is hoped that every adva... tage will be taken of the facilities pr... vided by this league for the educational uplift ment of Indian girls and fo... fostering of the common bonds of unity between the younger members of all sections of the Indian community of South Africa.

The following officials have been elected: President, Miss S. Pillay; vice-presidents, Miss S. Jhaveri and Miss M. Naidoo; hon. secretary, Miss Fatima Osman; hon. treasurer, Miss A. Jhaveri.

The annual general meeting of the South Coast Junction Cricket Club will be held at the Clairwood Tamil School Hall, Kurma Reddi Road, tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. All members and officials are requested to attend without fail.

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THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

D. Bramdaw, editor of The ... left for Johannesburg last ... He returns on Tuesday.

... Sorabjee Rustomjee, S. R. ... and A. E. Shaik were in the ... Districts last Saturday.

... Beharidaal Chetty, of Lady... has returned after a month's ... with her parents at Plantations.

... Arjoon Sarjoo visited her ... over the weekend at Estcourt.

... Somerlaal Jodha, of Lady... spent a week with his father, Mr. P. H. Goodhar, of Rich...

... Suran Kharga, committee mem... of the Sanathan Dharam Sabha, ... smith, has joined the staff of ... Davies and Harrows (Durban).

... rs. A. Khan, A. G. Khakio, A. ... ns, and A. Munna, of Dundee, ... spent a day's outing on the ... River. They also engaged in ...

... ants L. Saunders, L. Chetty, ... Peters, C. S. Chetty, and I. W. ... of the Indian and Malay ... Ladysmith, were entertained by ... directors of Messrs. M. M. Amod ... Co. (Pty.), Ltd., at the Mercantile Club on Sunday last.

... to ill-health Mr. K. R. ... president of the T.Y.M.A., ... has been forced to resign his ... principal of the T.H.S.B.A.A. ... lar School, Tongaat.

... S. Nowbath, of Newcastle, but ... rarily on the staff of the Verulam ... , was on a short visit to ... last week. He stayed with ... Moolan Brothers.

... A. H. Moosa, of Maritzburg, ... his weekend at Richmond with ... T. C. Dada.

... T. A. Emmanuel, wife of Mr. ... Emmanuel on the staff of the ... Government Indian School, has ... her husband after a long holiday ... Pietown.

... Fred Kallie, well-known sports... of Dundee, has announced his ... ment from the sporting world. ... is interested in football, tennis ... cricket and golf, and was also a ... president of the Glencoe F.A.

... farewell dinner and dance was ... by the president and members of ... Grange Wizards Social Club, Mar... at the Orient Cafe, Port Shep... to Miss Rai Boswell, of Johan... Miss Boswell had been spending ... winter vacation as the guest of ... Mr. Sonny [illegible], who is ... staff of the Grange-on-Sea, Mar...

... Mr. Cecil Omar, of Johannesburg, is ... here a few days in Durban and is ... at Peter's Lounge.

... rs. A. V. Essaney and L. Nowbath, of Pretoria, arrived in ... on Sunday last. They are staying at Peter's Lounge.

... A. H. Suleman arrived in ... from Pretoria on Tuesday last ... has booked at Peter's Lounge.

Some Popular Cape Dishes

BOBOTEE

2 lbs. mutton, 2 onions chopped, 1 large slice white bread, 1 cup milk, 2 eggs, 1 tablespoon curry powder, 1 tablespoon sugar, juice of a lemon, or 2 tablespoons vinegar, 6 to 8 almonds, 2 tablespoons butter or fat, a few lemon or bay leaves.

Mince the meat, soak the bread in the milk and squeeze out the milk again until the bread is dry, then crumble. Fry the onion in the butter or fat. Mix all the ingredients except one of the eggs, beat this egg with a little milk. Put the mixture into a buttered baking dish, and pour the milk and egg over it. Stick a few fresh lemon or bay leaves into the meat and bake. Serve with rice.

TOMATO BREDEE

3 lbs. ribs of mutton, 3 onions, 2 dozen tomatoes, 2 tablespoons dripping or fat, salt and pepper to taste.

Cut mutton into small pieces. Flour each piece thoroughly, and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Remove skins from onions, and chop finely. Fry onions in hot dripping, to a light golden brown colour. Add meat to onions. Add skinned tomatoes. Stew gently for at least 3 or 4 hours. (N.B.: If tomatoes are very acid, add one or two tablespoons of sugar.)

SMOORED SNOEK

Snoek (dried), potatoes, onions, chillies, fat for frying.

Soak snoek in cold water overnight. Drain off the water, and boil up in fresh water. When soft enough flake with forks. Slice some onions, and cut up some chillies and potatoes. Mix all together and fry in hot fat, stirring frequently until nicely browned. Serve with boiled rice.

PICKLED FISH

6 lbs. kingklip, Cape salmon or kabeljou (filleted), 6 large onions, 2 tablespoons curry powder, 2 tablespoons sugar, 1 teaspoon turmeric, 2 large red chillies, 8 cups vinegar, salt and pepper, fat or oil for frying.

Season the fish with salt and pepper. Fry in fat or oil until brown. Drain and cool. Slice four onions, and fry until golden brown in fat or oil. Add curry powder, 2 chillies cut fine and seeds removed, 1 tablespoon salt, the turmeric and sugar. Stir to a paste, and add a little vinegar to moisten well. Lay the fish in a jar and spread over each layer some of the mixture. Remove the seeds from the rest of the chillies, and arrange the chillies with the fish. Cut the rest of onions into rings and boil gently in the vinegar, to which 2 tablespoon curry powder and 1 tablespoon salt are added. Boil until the onion is tender. Pour the hot liquid and onions over the fish, and stand until cold. (N.B.: This will be ready for use in 2 to 3 days, and will keep for months if corked well.)

PROUDEST WOMAN IN INDIA

Mother of First Indian V.C.

The proudest woman in the United Province of India today is Mrs. S. Bhagat, the mother of Lieut. Prominder Singh Bhagat, the first Indian V.C. in the present war. She is hoping her other sons will equally distinguish themselves.

Interviewed, she said that all her four sons had chosen careers in the Army. Lieut. Bhagat and his eldest brother, Capt. N. S. Bhagat, belong to the same corps—Indian Engineers, Sappers and Miners. Capt. N. S. Bhagat is in Malaya. Capt. B. S. Bhagat is serving with the Corps of Signals in the Sudan, and the youngest brother, Mr. H. S. Bhagat, is studying for entry into the army. The three elder brothers have been through the Indian Military Academy at Dehra Dun.

Lieut. P. S. Bhagat will be 23 in November.

Through the kindness of the Citrus Control Board 50 boxes of oranges were made available for distribution to Indian school children of Maritzburg. The Maritzburg branch of the Natal Indian Congress forwarded these cases to the various Indian schools. Free distribution to children was made on Tuesday.

Mr. Ismail Cassim, of Lyndenburg, who arrived in Durban on Wednesday last, will be spending a week in Durban. He is staying at Peter's Lounge.

Everything is Well with S.A. Indians

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and one Irish incidentally) he went to a well-known Durban cinema only to be refused admission. Insulted and humiliated he returned to the ship, where he remained during the rest of our stay in port, none of us being able to persuade him to come and join us in our otherwise enjoyable excursions.

"It would be ungracious of me to presume to criticise the domestic policy of the country whose hospitality I am once more enjoying, and I also realise that there are two sides to this Colour Bar question. But is it not time that a specalled Christian nation should start trying to exercise some of the spirit of toleration, forbearance and courtesy which has been the corner stone of British democracy in nearly all parts of our Commonwealth of Nations except here? You tell us that "V" stands for Veyheid or freedom. Apparently it is preserved for those fortunate enough to be able to call themselves Europeans."

A SOURCE OF SHAME

"British Subject," Maritzburg, states:

"The humiliation of certain visitors in Durban will be a source of shame to many readers of your paper. Let Messrs. Oie, Lim, Ho and Yuan rest assured that such a state of affairs disgusts many Englishmen who are in this country for the first time. One cannot help comparing it with the treatment of Jews in Germany.

"It is surprising particularly to anyone who has come here from Egypt. In Cairo all public restaurants and places of entertainment may be purchased by people of any nationality who can afford to pay for the fare. The same applies to public service vehicles — it is what you pay that counts.

"This comparison is the more remarkable when one realises how accustomed one becomes to rubbing shoulders with the wretchedly-clad, meagre-bodied, poor Arab or his ultra-westernised upper class brother.

"An Indian friend (commissioned in the Imperial Forces) who had been sent home for a period of convalescence, so resented the slight implied to his race that he applied for early passage to England, where he would be free from intolerable discrimination.

"A time will assuredly come when the Colour Bar has disappeared and the terms "coloured" and "native" are no longer common usage. Meanwhile, it is most fervently to be hoped that cultured people of friendly countries—even citizens of our own Empire—will not continue to be so deeply humiliated by the most tolerant and fair-minded of all people."

The Maritzburg County Indian Football Association's Annual Five-a-Side Soccer Tournament takes place at the County Grounds, Edendale Road, on Sunday, August 31, commencing at 9 a.m.

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INDIAN FRUIT GROWERS

THE memorandum drawn up by the Natal Indian Congress and placed before the Committee appointed to investigate the distribution of fresh fruit in the Union covers several aspects of Indian economy in this province. The natural aptitude of Indians for tilling the soil and the nature of their opportunities in the past account for the fact that so many of them in the coastal districts surrounding Durban are employed in vegetable and fruit cultivation. The economic position of these people is, as the memorandum says, pathetic. They have none of the advantages of the European agriculturists in the facilities provided by the Government in the Land Bank, assistance for irrigation and in agricultural education, and they are often at the mercy of factors over which they have little control.

In some cases these difficulties are common to all agriculturists of the country. Speculative interests press hard upon the whole agricultural community and it is seldom that the grower receives the due reward of his labour. In other cases, however, the Indians suffer from special disabilities. In the banana trade, for example, where they form by far the largest section of growers, they have to compete with the importation of increasingly large quantities of this fruit from Portuguese East Africa under the terms of trade arrangements with that country. There is another threat from the Belgian Congo, from which territory bananas are arriving to depress still further the prices in South Africa.

It would seem, however, as if the two main difficulties of the Indian grower lie in his difficulty of reaching high-grade standard for his fruit and in the distributing machinery. Though South Africa is a fruit growing country and the Natal coast a vegetable producing area the demand for these essential food-stuffs is extremely small in proportion to the population. The prosperity of Indian growers no less than that of the European, depend upon these things. The first is that the internal demand must be increased by propaganda campaigns and, where possible, by raising the purchasing power of that large section of the community which today is suffering seriously from malnutrition. In this aspect of the subject the welfare of the growers goes hand in hand with the welfare of the community. The interests of both are identical, and while it is right that the Government should consider free fruit schemes for the poor, it would be far more right and beneficial to the whole nation were the purchasing power of the mass of natives and non-Europeans raised to a proper level. Such remedy, however, is not likely to be applied and the Indian grower must seek some other way out of his difficulty.

His search is hard. He has no adequate representation such as is accorded his European fellows, and he must rely upon the wisdom of the authorities to see the force of arguments such as he has put forward in the memorandum. Such arguments revolve about major issues like the drift to the towns and the leaving of land lying idle, the speculative nature of the investment in land for agricultural purposes and the distribution of the product. We could hope that the committee will recognise the merit of the Indian growers' case and do justice to it.

FIGHT UNCOMPROMISINGLY

Shrimati Vijiaylaxmi Sends a Message

Shrimati Pundit Vijiaylaxmi, sister of Pundit Jawarahlal Nehru, and a great fighter for the cause of Indian freedom, has sent a message for the non-European peoples of this country. Dr. K. Goonam, the South African Indian lady doctor, who was in India for the last seven months has brought the message.

It reads: "I wish the progressive elements, especially the youths, all success in their struggle against oppression in South Africa. We in India are also engaged in a similar struggle and we are confident that the day is not very far away when India will be able to speak, on behalf of her people, as a free country. If you are determined to fight unceasingly you must, in the end, succeed. We wish you all success."

Dr. Goonam says that the people of India are united against British imperialism, and that the imprisonment of the extreme leaders has only served to add impetus to the struggle. It is symbolic of the struggles of all the working peoples of the world. Women are also actively engaged in the national fight. Hindu and Moslem women are working side by side.

Schools in the Open Air: An Indian Experiment

Living in the open has always had its fascination for man. Yet this idea has not been utilised in education. Probably Vidya Bhawan at Udaipur (where the last Educational Conference met) is the only school in India which has a fortnightly open air session every year, writes M. V. Amrith in The Hindu. The whole school (excepting the nursery and primary classes) moves to some historic spot in the neighbourhood and lives in tents for one fortnight. This time Undri, near Dungarpur, situated at a distance of about 30 miles from Udaipur, was selected as the camping site. The land all around is famous because of its connection with the illustrious Rana Pratap.

For the purpose of this alfresco education, the school is divided into different Shrenis (Groups), like Horticulture Shreni, History Shreni, Geography Shreni, etc. The boys enrol themselves in the Shreni in which they are interested. Each Shreni is in charge of two or more teachers, called Shreni masters. The purpose of these Shrenis is to learn things in the raw.

For instance the Literature group visits the villages nearby, collects the folk songs, studies different dialects in the vicinity, and gets a first-hand idea of the life of villagers. The History group visits various historical places, studies inscriptions and records and reconstructs history at its birthplace.

The Geography group visits streams, mines, etc., nearby, examines the stones and soil of different places and tries to get an insight into the geographical factors that make for the location, size and diversity of villages of a particular region.

The Art Shreni visits temples and studies the images and sculpture therein, calls on prominent artists and makes drawings of villagers, their homes and utensils. A special syllabus is prepared, correlating the work of the different Shrenis with reference to the place selected.

THE DAILY ROUTINE

Late in the camp is regulated by rules which everyone has to observe. Washing is done at one place [illegible] at another. The boys have to do everything themselves, from cooking the food, cleaning the vessels to washing their clothes.

A typical day would be something like this: At 5.45 a.m. the first bell goes for rising, washing, etc. At 7 the whole school meets for prayer, when there is music and an inspirational talk by one of the teachers. After that, the morning classes commence. At 11.30 meals are served, after which there is an interval for rest. Again in the afternoon [illegible] are classes.

In the evening there are games and at sunset the whole school assembles at some hill or picturesque spot for "Silence Hour." The whole school is silent for half an hour, [illegible] the beauty of Nature while [illegible] is played to stimulate "sweet and pure thoughts." Then after supper there is the Camp Fire when for one hour the boys entertain themselves with items of their own composition.

Before the breaking up of the session, a visitors' day is held, when visitors can examine the work turned out by the different Shrenis.

The benefits derived from this alfresco education are many and varied. The advantages of [illegible] of living in communion with Nature and Nature's humble workers, [illegible] and farmers [illegible] in this one scheme.

The boys get stronger (some of the Shrenis had to walk more than 50 miles of hilly country before reaching the camp) self-reliant, resourceful, [illegible] in their habits, learn to face difficulties, learn the laws of give and take and discipline, and develop a spirit of companionship, loyalty and camaraderie.

These are only some of the benefits accruing from an open air school. It may this idea be copied in other schools in India—and then we may not have the complaint that the schools in India do not care for character-building but only for examinations and book knowledge!

Our Readers Speak

THANKS

May I through the columns of your widely read paper ("The Leader") thank the "Andhra Youth" for bringing up a most interesting subject. He appealed to every true Andhra youth's heart. It should be his ardent desire to take his rightful place in our community. An Andhra youth who does not take an interest in the Telugu language, who does not know how to speak Telugu, such an ignorant is the best subject to the Tamil masses.

To win over such masses we try to cajole him by flattering him into accepting the Tamil language as the mother tongue, the most sturdy, read and write to do that. I know not of an educational institution within the city to meet the requirement of those who are eager to study Andhra and propagate the ideals of our vernacular. At a true Andhra youth he should be proud of the culture and heritage of our father and preserve their heritage and hand it over to our descendants.

K.G.N.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS

F.R.S. (Johannesburg): The correspondence has now been closed.

CHOLERA STRIKES PILGRIMS

Hundreds Perish in India

About 1,000 persons are reported to have died of cholera out of some 10,000 villagers who attended the annual "jatra" at Kollapur, a place of Hindu pilgrimage in Gulbarga district, in mid week.

According to reports, the [illegible] water from the temple well at the [illegible] Kollapur caused a virulent outbreak of cholera among the pilgrims who [illegible] only drank the water [illegible] bathed in it and cooked with it. The well water is considered sacred by pilgrims.

Thousands were infected, and according to the most conservative estimate 10 per cent. of these infected died. It appears that hundreds of infected people returned to their respective villages and spread the infection in these villages. The exact number of attacks and deaths is still unknown but the cost is said to be heavy.

Medical aid was rushed from Bijapur to Kollapur, and other neighbouring towns.

Anti-cholera inoculations were given to Officials in Yandur Jatra and prompt action, and voluntary medical assistance was rendered by practitioners of various systems of medicine including Ayurvedic and Unani, and in the areas were thoroughly disinfected.

Mr. V. M. Mashruy will open the Spes Bona Tennis Court at the Pavilion at 3 p.m. tomorrow.

Everything is Well with S.A. Indians

LULLING INDIA IN A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY

"The New Spirit" Supposed to Animate South Africa

THOSE who follow the Press of India are wanting to know the name or names of the persons who are responsible for the reports in India that everything is well with their compatriots in South Africa. Those who are doing this may be doing it with a purpose of serving their own ends, but they are certainly doing a disservice to the cause of Indians in South Africa. For any relaxing of vigilance, due to the reports of supposed security, will spell disaster to those concerned.

The "new spirit" referred to by The Times of India, in an editorial captioned "Indians in South Africa," which we reproduce under, dealing with the treatment of Indians in the Union, seems to be only known to a few in India but there is very little of it in evidence here.

Week in and week out The Leader, in its news columns, reports cases against Indians, [illegible] Indians passing through South Africa, [illegible] domiciled here, anything but that which by any stretch of the imagination can be termed as coming within the definition of "the new spirit." Rather it is the perpetuation of the nineteenth century methods dealing with a twentieth century people.

The Leader, in its leading columns last month, referring to the optimism of Sir Rama Rau, the outgoing High Commissioner, when reviewing current trends in the Union on his arrival at Bombay, said: "It is just possible that the Government of India may be persuaded that a real change of heart has taken place in the Union Government in regard to Indians. Sir Rama Rau, let us hasten to say, described the attitude of the political opposition and remarked on the strength of anti-Asiatic opinion among Nationalists. There is a danger, we think, that his remarks on the other side were a little too optimistic, and it would be an entirely false appraisal of the situation to accept at its face value what Sir Rama had to say. . . . When the official attitude changes in any measurable way we on The Leader will be among the first to record and to acknowledge it."

"No Fresh Statutory Measures"

The Times of India writes: Since Field-Marshal Smuts replaced General Hertzog soon after the outbreak of war, there has been a marked change in South African attitude to Indians in that country. For this improvement in outlook the gallant part played by India's soldiers on the battlefields of the Middle East, notably in Abyssinia where South African and Indian troops fought side by side, is largely responsible. The magnificent performances of India's fighting men have stirred admiration throughout the Commonwealth; in South Africa they have kindled a new respect which may yet prove the basis for happier relations between the two countries. Recent developments point to a more cordial atmosphere in the Union. Marshal Smuts has paid more than one warm tribute to the prowess of India's soldiers, and not long ago the Union Government took steps to see that Indian visitors passing through South Africa are not embarrassed by the anti-Asiatic provisions of the law.

Sir R. Rama Rau, who recently returned to this country after a most successful term as High Commissioner in South Africa, referred to some of the difficulties which still confront Indians in the Union. For the most part the Indian community settled there comprises small farmers, market gardeners, labourers and petty shopkeepers; the absence of a fairly large and prosperous middle class has undoubtedly constituted a drag on effort to improve the status of Indians generally, though there are signs that this omission may partly be remedied in the near future. The last few years have seen considerable progress in the economic sphere. When Sir R. Rama Rau arrived in South Africa three years ago anti-Asiatic feeling was particularly strong throughout the country and a widespread demand was made for the introduction of legislation to segregate Indians. The improved position today owes much to the late High Commissioner's tact and perseverance. Strongly supported by the Government of India, Sir R. Rama Rau was successful in persuading the Union Government to defer legislation.

When war broke out Field-Marshal Smuts' Government declared that no fresh statutory measures involving segregation would be introduced during the period of hostilities. By this assurance they have so far faithfully abided, and it may well be that the end of the war will see a solution of this contentious matter on a friendly and non-statutory basis. Meanwhile the passing of the Feetham resolutions implementing the policy initiated by Dr. Malan nine years ago holds promise of a more generous outlook. For the first time in the history of the Transvaal Indians have acquired the right of ownership of land, though in limited areas. Here is welcome evidence of that new spirit which after the war must receive even greater stimulus.

WOMAN'S ACT OF KINDNESS

Describing a scene at the Point when a convoy left Durban with reinforcements, The Daily News states: When the last troopship sailed late in the afternoon, an Indian woman hawker opened her remaining bags of fruit and called on native dock workers to throw the oranges to the men.

For close on five minutes they pelted the ship as it drew away from the quay. Hundreds of oranges reached the soldiers, but as many bounced off the side of the vessel into the water.

This act of kindness must have cost the woman a few days' income; but she was happy and did as much pelting as anyone else.

Soldiers' Children's Education

The secretaries of the Natal Indian Association, Messrs. Serajlee Ratcliffe and P. R. Pather, write: Under the Ordinance No. 6 of 1941 (Natal) children of Indian soldiers are allowed free tuition and are given free books during the time their fathers, guardians and benefactors are on active service. The necessary forms to secure these privileges are obtainable at the offices of the Natal Indian Association, 14 Saville Street, Durban, where also every assistance will be given in the filling of these forms.

"Insulted and Humiliated He Returned to His Ship"

Position of Indian Officer as Described by Colleague

In recent issues The Leader reported the views of oversea Indians in connection with the operation of the colour bar in this country. "I don't think this distinction exists in any part of the world. We are fighting against Nazism and for individual freedom. We, as Indians, a part of the Empire, and South Africa too a part of the Empire, are together in the fight, but that freedom, it seems, does not exist for us in South Africa," said Dr. Rao, at the Orient Club recently.

Chinese visitors also felt the lash of the colour bar leading them to express their disapproval of the state of affairs in the correspondence columns of The Natal Mercury. One member of their party (all graduates of British Universities) was refused refreshment at a well-known establishment in Durban.

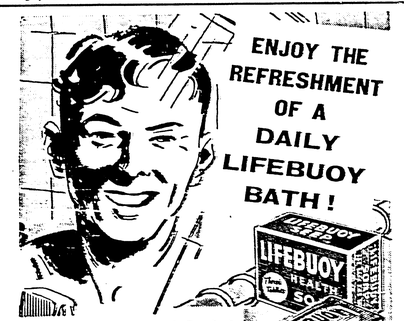
"We resent," they said, "the treatment meted out to the Chinese as, no doubt, all decent people of culture must the pernicious theory of racial superiority as championed by the Nazis. But our personal resentment is as nothing compared with our disapproval of the discourtesy extended to our countrymen as a whole . . . That such a barbarous practice as colour bar should exist may be due to long years of purblindness which have rendered those responsible for it insensible to the rudimentary principle of justice . . ."

The Chinese protest has evoked the following letters to the correspondence columns of The Natal Mercury. "Lieut. R.A.M.C." writes:

"Many Englishmen, like myself, must have read with disgust of the reception given to those Chinese travellers visiting Durban, whose letter you recently printed.

"It reminds me of an incident which occurred to an Indian colleague of mine who, having been commissioned as a medical officer in the Royal Army Medical Corps in England, was passing through Durban on his way to the Middle East some six months ago. With two brother officers (one Scots

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COMMUNAL CONCORD IN MADRAS

Reference by Sir Kurma Reddi

Reference to communal concord in the Madras Province was made by Sir Kurma Reddi, a former Agent-General of the Government of India in South Africa, when presiding over a meeting of the Government Muslim Servants' Association.

Sir Kurma said that he took the invitation to him to preside on the occasion as a symbol of that friendship which existed between the two communities in the Province. There was no Hindu-Muslim problem here and they had lived together as brothers. Riots, as was known in Northern India, were unknown here. He hoped that they would continue to live as brothers for generations to come.

Speaking about Islam, the chairman said that what struck him most in that religion was its principle of the unity of God. Arabia, like India, contained many who worshipped many gods and it was the Holy Propiuet who destroyed that paganism and enunciated the principle of the unity of God. Unfortunately, the Hindus, though speaking of one God, had not made it an absolute principle for all the followers of the faith.

Proceeding, the speaker said that there were many reforms which the Hindus had undertaken in their religious life, following the lessons of Islam, such as widow remarriages and the right of inheritance to women. It was not that the Hindu religion had not taught those ideals, but they had been neglected, and the reforms were quickened by the study of Islam.

There were many things, Sir Kurma said, which were common to both the religions. Unfortunately people did not try to understand the fundamentals but fought over superficial differences. There was a misconception about the doctrine of Karma. It had been confused with fatalism. The doctrine gave an incentive to do good acts. The Holy Prophet had preached the same doctrine, when he stated that people who suffered from afflictions brought them on themselves by their own acts.

Europe had gone mad, the chairman continuing said, and it was the duty of every true Muslim to help Britain in this war. The Holy Prophet had said, "Fight in the way of God with those who fight against you" and "Drive them out from whence they drove you out." The war was being fought in their frontiers, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Egypt and Arabia were being threatened and if these were captured, the position of Muslims would be dangerous. The people must get themselves trained to meet all emergencies and make sacrifices for the sake of safety of their country.

MUSLIM YOUTH DEBATING SOCIETY

In the recent debates held at the Sir Mahommed Iqbal Library and Mahommed Ali Jinnah Hall, Maritzburg, the following subjects were very interestingly discussed:—

"Which is better, indoor exercises or outdoor exercises?"

"Is it beneficial to invest money in insurance schemes or saving banks or other investments?"

"Should the black people of the world help the U.S.S.R. in the present struggle or not?"

A mock trial was also staged by the society.

At all meetings a full quota of members were present and several visitors also participated in the debates.

INDIANS IN THE FRUIT INDUSTRY

Congress Recommends Stoppage of P.E.A. Bananas

A review of the position of Indians in the fruit industry is made in the course of a comprehensive statement to the committee, which recently investigated the distribution of fresh fruit in the Union by the Natal Indian Congress.

One of the suggestions made by the Congress is that scientific agricultural education should be given to Indian children in Natal, so that the potential grower of fruit may understand and know better ways than his father.

The importation of bananas from Portuguese East Africa in terms of the Mozambique Convention has placed the banana growers of Natal at a disadvantage. The P.E.A. grower has the advantage of cheaper and more abundant labour, cheaper land and closer proximity to the main market, namely, the Witwatersrand, is another of the observations made in the statement.

"We earnestly urge," says the Congress, "your committee to consider the desirability of recommending the total stoppage of the importation of P.E.A.-grown bananas and those from the Belgian Congo, too."

"Fruit growing is largely carried on along the North Coast and the river valleys of Umhlatuzana, Umsimkulu, Umbilo, Umgeni, Umhloti, Umkomaas and their tributaries. Fruit is the third most important agricultural product of the Union, coming next to wool and maize, but to the Indian it is next in importance to sugar-cane growing.

"Fruits that Indians grow are tropical fruits such as bananas, pineapples, avocado pears, papaws, granadillas, mangoes, litchee and naartjes.

"The present source of distribution through which the Indian fruit grower sells his produce are:—

(a) Through municipal markets in the various centres of the Union.

(b) Fruit distributing agents in Durban and other towns and cities of the Union.

(c) Selling their produce themselves on the Indian Morning Market in Durban.

(d) The small grower in the immediate vicinity of Durban.

"It is also known that fruit crops, before they are ready for reaping, are sold to fruit agents or speculators who buy the crop, do their own reaping, and carrying of the crop, against advances or payments towards the purchase price.

"The economic condition of the Indian agriculturists, including the fruit grower generally, is pathetic. It can be best visualised when it is recorded that the Indian agriculturist cannot avail himself of the benefits of the Land Bank, nor of the assistance for irrigation or the other hundred and one benefits that is extended to the European farmer throughout the Union by a benign Government, who is rightly concerned to help and encourage the European population settled on the land.

"Generally the Indian fruit grower has interest in other crops such as maize, sugar cane and or vegetables. The majority of farms are small holdings and are mortgaged, the lenders being Europeans through rural town solicitors, the rates of interest paid range from six to ten per cent., the average is usually eight per cent.

"Until some form of banking or loan assistance facilities are arranged for the benefit of the Indian fruit grower we cannot recommend the curtailing of the markets agents' or speculators' activities. And until agricultural scientific education, such as is completely denied to Indians today, is extended to them, so that the Indian fruit grower may get an understanding to grow a better grade of fruit, we cannot recommend the grading of tropical fruits mentioned by us in this statement.

HIGH PRICES

"The present times of emergency and the resultant high prices obtained for vegetables and fruit have undoubtedly brought some benefits to the Indian fruit and vegetable growers, but we are definitely of the opinion that some control should be introduced whereby the grower would receive the largest portion of the benefit of the prevailing high prices.

"The buying up of crops of fruit agents and speculators and the ultimate resale by these middlemen at abnormal high prices deserves the immediate attention of the Government. A definite percentage of commission or profit should be laid down (as is the case with the municipal markets of the Union) which can be charged by agents, ship chandlers, speculators and any other middleman of whatsoever nature. By these methods of limiting the commission or profit the grower will receive the maximum benefit to which he is entitled."

Touching on the importation of bananas from P.E.A. the statement says that it has steadily increased. In 1935, 64,760 crates were imported of a value of £21,033; in 1936, 121,021 crates had been imported and the value placed upon them was £60,903. In 1936 the total consumption of bananas were 362,466 crates in the Union, of which Natal supplied 241,445. Natal banana producers were in a position to supply the total requirements of the Union.

"To bring a more equitable distribution of profits we repeat that the profit which the market agent or any other middleman can make should be limited on a definite commission basis. Copies of all invoices of agents' sales should be available to the grower supplier. This will, in our opinion, reduce the costs of distribution.

ADVANCE LIMITED

"Advances are made against crops and secured by collateral pledge of crops, the interest on these loans should be limited in terms of the Usuary Act, and the selling of crops standing in the field should be controlled by the limitation of the profit the buyer could make.

"The Congress desires to draw the attention of the committee to the marketing of fruits for export, particularly of citrus fruit to India where there is a large potential market, this should receive every consideration from the Union Government."

The Congress was unable to recommend the advisability of direct sales to the consumer by the Control Board. Such a system would harmfully affect the livelihood of Indians and would not bring comparable benefit to the grower.

"We are unable to express any opinion as to the regulation of supplies of fruits to the market and urban centres of the Union. This can only find favour provided facilities are arranged whereby the grower and his family are not injured in their livelihood by control, which may result in crops decaying on the land, and the families unable to obtain the where withal to buy food and clothing to sustain life.

EXTENSION OF BENEFITS

"The first precedent to any regulation of supply should be the provision of economic assistance and loans. To that end the first step should be the extension to Indian agriculturalists of all Union Government benefits such as are enjoyed by European farmers."

Referring to the consumption of fruits among Indians the statement proceeds:—

"It is our opinion that fruit eating, with the possible exception of bananas and oranges and these only when they are cheap, is limited to 25 per cent. of the non-European population of the urban areas.

"A recent cost of living survey conducted by certain voluntary workers of the Department of Economics of the Natal University College revealed the deplorable fact that expenditure for fruit consumption in the family budget was limited to about 50 per cent. of the answers received, and that the amount spent was negligible. From 150 per cent. of the dietary list of those people fruit was entirely absent.

"This inquiry was conducted in a locality where 30,000 Indian industrial and other workers reside. The conditions of the Bantu people on this question can be no better than the Indians.

"Here is a potential market of over a million non-European people residing in the urban centres of the Union who can be converted to consumers and buyers of fruits provided they have the means to do so.

"The remedy is simple. It is at our door-steps. Let the purchasing power of these people be increased by higher wages and the greater consumption of all types of fruit and agricultural products will follow. The tragedy of malnutrition may yet be stopped."

The Congress instances the case of the popularity of cheap sugar. Government grade No. 2, which has increased in 1940-41 to 85,000 tons, without affecting the consumption or sale of refined and mill white sugar.

Resolution Sent to Prime Minister

The following resolution passed at a meeting of the Natal Indian Association (Maritzburg Branch) was forwarded to the Prime Minister of the Union:

"That in view of the vacancy created by the death of Senator Lucas this association feels that his successor shall be a person fully qualified in matters relative to the difficulties, aspirations and desires of the various communities of this country.

"In the opinion of the association such a person is Advocate D. M. Buchanan, K.C., of Cape Town, and his appointment to the post is respectfully urged. It is felt that in consideration of Advocate Buchanan's enjoying the complete confidence of the Indian people, his appointment beside being within the terms of the Act of Union—would be viewed with satisfaction by all sections of the people."

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Charlie Chan in Honolulu, "Wuthering Heights" at Avalon

CHARLIE CHAN in Honolulu" will be the attraction at Avalon next week. It is billed to appear on Monday and Tuesday. Sidney Toler, who carries on the Chan tradition, is an actor of exceptional merit. He was chosen after an extensive search. He, resembling the popular conception of the detective to a remarkable degree, nevertheless imbues the role with his own personality.

"Charlie Chan in Honolulu" presents a challenge to Chan in his own home town—an audacious killer daring to strike almost on the sleuth's very doorstep.

While Chan is visiting a daughter at the hospital, where she is shortly to present the sleuth with his first grandson, a call comes to Charlie's home; a man has been murdered on a boat in the harbour.

Chan's No. 2 son, deciding not to [illegible] makes to the scene himself. Chan, after finally learning of the call, follows.

The elements of the mystery are these: A murdered man; a young girl who has been carrying 500,000 dollars (now missing) across the Pacific; a bewildered and bewildering scientist, and a motley collection of [illegible], ranging from the captain on down.

Later on another victim is murdered, an attempt is made to assassinate Chan himself, and a number of other complications enter the mystery. Chan, carrying on in his usual manner, effectively solves the crimes and brings the case to a close with a thrilling ruse—just in time to hear that he is the grandfather of a boy!

Phyllis Brooks, Sen Yung, Eddie Collins, John King, Claire Dodd, George Zucco, Robert Barrat, and Marc Lawrence are featured in the cast surrounding Toler. Collins in particular merits mention for several comedy [illegible].



Merle Oberon tries to warn Geraldine Fitzgerald against a tragic marriage in a tense scene from Samuel Goldwyn's "Wuthering Heights," the great film drama

United Artists' release.

A CLASSIC PICTURE

Avalon's change of programme, from Wednesday next to Saturday, will be the classic picture "Wuthering Heights."

Lovely, titian-haired Merle Oberon has her most important and dramatic role to date in the Samuel Goldwyn production of "Wuthering Heights," the great love story which stars her opposite two dapper leading men — Laurence Olivier and David Niven.

"Wuthering Heights" casts slim and sylphlike Merle as Cathy, hoydenish, devil-may-care Nineteenth Century lass who runs wild over the moors and crags of Yorkshire. Cathy's beauty and vivacity attract the loves of two men—brooding and darksome Heathcliff, and wealthy and socially prominent Edgar Linton. In her youth Cathy turns to Heathcliff in spite of his boorish manners and strange ways—because their love is mingled with the mystery of the moors. But Cathy's love is not strong enough to stand the blows of disappointment. Heathcliff does not fulfil her childish dreams and conquer the world to lay at her feet. Instead, he deteriorates into a lowly stable boy, content to be near her and worship her.

A strange and unhappy climax separates the lovers. Heathcliff disappears and Cathy marries Edgar Linton. But after two years Heathcliff returns, determined on revenge to teach the woman he still loves the ways of pain.

Among the many brilliant sets constructed for "Wuthering Heights" is one called "Thrushcross Grange," a 19th Century manor house, and one of the largest ever constructed indoors by Goldwyn, being eclipsed only by the 100,000 dollar palace of the Kubla Khan built for "Marco Polo" and erected on the same stage. The elaborately brilliant ball given within this house was photographed in three rooms at the same time, a directorial coup planned by William Wyler with the assistance of his cameraman, Gregg Toland.

Miss Oberon had seven changes of hoopskirt costume during the filming of "Wuthering Heights," and thirty supporting players averaged two changes each.

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New Market for Indian Goods

The fact that merchants in East Africa have shown increasing interest in the establishment of relations with manufacturers in India in order to obtain their requirements of certain commodities, is disclosed by the Indian Government Trade Commissioner in East Africa, Mombasa, in his monthly report.

Dealing with openings for Indian goods in East Africa, the report states that India can hope to capture fair portions of trade in glassware (chimneys, globes and shades, glass bottles and jars, domestic and fancy glassware), hosiery, ready-made clothing and toys, the principal sources of supply of which had been Britain, Germany, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Holland and Japan.

The report adds that a few consignments of glass tumblers of Indian manufacture have already arrived in East African markets, but their quality is reported to be slightly inferior. Indian hosiery is now selling in the East African markets at fairly competitive prices, and there appears to be good scope in this line, provided that more attractive designs are exported. Consignments of ready-made suits, shirts and knickers, manufactured in India, are also finding fair sale.

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Lower Tugela Trounced

Annual Match at Mt. Edgecombe

The annual interdistrict match between the 1st and 2nd XI's of the L.T.D.I.F.A. and the Natal Estates Indian Sports Club were played at Mount Edgecombe on Sunday last under adverse weather conditions.

There was a continual drizzle from the commencement of the first match, which later in the day developed when the important match was in progress, into an unpleasant and heavy downpour that lasted practically throughout the second half, drenching the players and spectators.

The home team eleven started off in convincing fashion and found the net three times within the first 15 minutes. Though they dominated play they were not able to increase their lead. Up to this stage the visitors played poorly. In the second half things went much the same way until about twenty minutes before the close when the visitors played inspired football to make matters equal with three quick goals. D. E. Meola was brilliant on the left wing for just these few minutes and secured two goals. A. Francis secured the other goal. Final score, 3—3. Referee, Mr. V. C. Augustine.

The main match of the afternoon proved very disappointing as far as the form of the L.T.D.I.F.A. team was concerned. They showed very little fight. The Natal Estates team had matters their own way from beginning to end and had complete control of the game. S. V. Naidoo, the visitor's custodian, was easily the busiest man on the field and it was only his superb keeping that saved the L.T.D.I.F.A. from a bigger score against them. The honours of the day certainly go out to him. As for the Natal Estates team, every man played convincing soccer. It seems they were all out to prove that last year's drawn game was not their true showing. Final score, 5—1, in favour of the home team. Referee, Mr. N. M. Pillay.

Mayville D.I.F.A. result (Junior Natal Cup): Manor United, 3; Lombardy, 2.

Last Sunday the Nottingham Road Soccer Club acted as host to Amod Bayat's XI, of Maritzburg. The city team having travelled to play in the annual friendly soccer match. The match resulted in a defeat for Bayat's XI. The score being 5—1 in favour of Nottingham Road.

The Young Stars' team, which played the Nottingham Road team, also lost by four goals to one.

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Weekend Soccer Fixtures

DURBAN TODAY

ALL-INDIA CUP

("A") 2.15 p.m.: Northern Natal v. Durban Coastal.

("B") 3.30 p.m.: Midlands v. Durban Central.

SENIOR NATAL CUP

"B" SECTIONAL FINAL

3.30 p.m.: Shamrocks v. Schools (No. 1). Referee, Mr. K. Roopnarian.

JUNIOR NATAL CUP

SEMI-FINAL

2.15 p.m.: Stars v. Warwickshire (No. 1). Referee, Mr. K. M. Pillay.

JUVENILE NATAL CUP

"A" SECTIONAL FINAL

3.30 p.m.: Stella "A" v. Warwickshire (No. 4). Referee, Mr. A. K. Hayath.

JUVENILE NATAL CUP

"B" SECTIONAL FINAL

2.15 p.m.: Stella "B" v. Sydenham Royals (No. 4). Referee, Mr. S. K. Reddy.

JUNIOR LEAGUE COMPETITION

2.15 p.m.: Daffodils v. Stella (No. 2). Referee, Mr. P. Moosa.

3.30 p.m.: Jacobs v. Sydenham (No. 3). Referee, Mr. R. Bipin.

2.15 p.m.: Crown v. Sastri College (No. 3). Referee, Mr. R. L. Boodhan.

MAYVILLE TOMORROW

3 p.m.: Winners "A" v. Winners "B."

CURTAIN-RAISER

1.45 p.m.: Lombardy v. Manor United.

MARITZBURG, TODAY

JUVENILES

Pillay's Cup

2.15 p.m.: Plessislaer v. Hillview.

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

2.15 p.m.: Technicals v. Shamrocks.

3.30 p.m.: Yorks v. Schools.

JUNIORS

2.15 p.m.: Young Natalians v. Shamrocks.

3.30 p.m.: Young Colonials v. Yorks.

MARITZBURG TOMORROW

3.30 p.m.: Islamia XI (Maritzburg) v. Olympic XI (Durban).

CURTAIN-RAISER

2 p.m.: Islamia "B" v. Muslims "B."

STANGER TOMORROW

LEAGUE

2 p.m.: Pirates v. Victorians, at Stanger. Referee, Mr. H. C. Maraj.

3.30 p.m.: United v. Stars, at Stanger. Referee, Mr. P. M. Pillay.

KNOCKOUT

3 p.m.: Springboks v. Doornkop, at Doornkop. Referee, Mr. T. V. Parkeree.

The following will represent Durban Central in the All-India Cup matches this afternoon:

A. E. Timol, captain (D.E.S. League), George Singh (D.E.F.A.), C. P. Francis (Mayville D.E.F.A.), P. Kisten (Chappie) (D.E.S. League), S. N. Pudavadee (D.E.F.A.), N. C. Naidoo (Mayville), M. Khan (Mayville), D. Rajoo Pillay (D.E.F.A.), M. I. Yusuf (Mayville), A. Joseph (D.E.F.A.), G. Mustapha (D.E.F.A.).

Reserves: C. Govindsamy (Mayville), Ahmed Khan (D.E.F.A.), Bobby Singh (Mayville). Manager, S. N. Moodley.

On Sunday the Goals' "A" and "B" Division will compete for the Allison's and Freddy's trophies respectively.

The St. Paul's Tennis Club are holding their Championship Tournament for ladies at the club courts, Booth Street, on Saturday, commencing at 2 p.m. Play will be for a trophy presented by Mr. S. K. P. Naidoo.

Maritzburg Soccer

NATAL CUP FINALS

A match that was full of thrills from start to finish was witnessed by Maritzburg sportsmen at the Indian Sports Ground on Saturday last. This being the Senior Natal Cup Final between the Yorks and Young Natalians. The two teams were evenly matched. After a very exciting extra half in which both sides tried to get one past the sticks the match ended in a draw. The score being 2—2.

SHAMROCKS DEFEAT YORKS

In the Junior Final Shamrocks beat Yorks by two goals. The Shamrocks, it may be mentioned, have done very well this season.

Last week's favourite champions, Yorkview, were defeated by the Shamrocks after a keenly-contested match in the Juvenile Division. The score being 2—0 in favour of the Shamrocks.

Ladysmith Club Officials

The following were elected as office-bearers at the annual general meeting of the Mercantile Country Club held at the Club House, Ladysmith, on Sunday last:

President, A. E. Meola; vice-presidents, M. I. Seedat, S. M. Seedat, I. A. Meola; hon. secretary, A. Chapty; hon. treasurer, E. M. Meola; hon. auditor, S. M. Seedat; committee, A. E. Meola, I. A. Meola, S. M. Seedat, A. A. Karrim, and E. M. Karodia.

A council meeting of the N.I.F.A. will be held tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at the Pavilion, Currie's Fountain, to discuss, inter alia, the Sam China Tournament.

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"A BUILDER OF HOSPITALS"

HON. J. H. HOFMEYR

ADDITIONAL accommodation for Indian women and children at the Victoria General Hospital has been provided by the generosity of Khan Bahadur Hajee Cassim Adam, the Ward of which was opened by the Administrator, General Pienaar, last week.

The whole scheme, the Cassim Adam Ward, and the chairman of the Hospital Board, the Hon. Mr. Kerr, cost altogether £5,579, of which the Khan Bahadur had donated £2,485, the Provincial Administration £2,450 and the Pretoria Indian community £644.

The Administrator commended the donor's example for others to follow. In the course of a brief speech the Hon. J. H. Hofmeyr, Minister of Finance, said that he was glad that he had launched Mr. Cassim Adam as a builder of hospitals.

"I am glad," he said, "that the encouragement I gave him had the desired effect. I don't know if he has any other worlds to conquer, but I echo the words of the Administrator that his example may be followed by others. He has given a splendid example of citizenship. There can be no higher reward than to help suffering men. I am not here to make a speech but to extend my good wishes to the benefactor."



MR. J. H. HOFMEYR, speaking at the opening of the Hajee Cassim Ward at Pretoria. Next to him (sitting) is the donor, Khan Bahadur Hajee Cassim Adam.

Position of Indian School Managers

The fourth official bulletin of the Natal Teachers' Union is an improved and an enlarged number.

Neatly cyclostyled, with an attractive cover, it reflects within its nine pages the activities of the Union during the short period in which it has been in existence. It breathes more than a special number.

The question of war allowance and the relation of the aided-school teacher to the teacher in the Government school occupy places of prominence.

The page devoted to war allowance reproduces extracts of letters from the various managers in reply to circular letters sent them requesting a war allowance.

It will not be out of place to quote one extract which is interesting because it sheds a new light on the position of some managers, at least, of aided schools.

"Your letter of the 10th inst. asking me to pay £1 a month personally to teachers of . . . . Government-aided Indian school because of increased cost of living comes to me with real surprise! The position is this: I manage this little school for the Education Department entirely as a love of labour, without any remuneration whatever, not even the postage or the cost of the cheque book refunded; and I have so managed it for five years. The school is not mine, it does not belong to my church. The Education Department is the employer. I have nothing whatever to do with it beyond managing it as a love of labour. I would like someone to pay me even 10/- a month or even 10/- a year for all the love and responsibility involved by such management. I would gladly hand over the management to another, but where can you find people willing to do such work entirely for love nowadays! I hope the position is clear."

The Director of Education, Mr. R. A. Banks, the bulletin reveals, has already communicated with the Administration regarding war allowance for teachers in aided schools.

The bulletin is edited by Mr. Ismail C. Meer, the secretary of the Natal Teachers' Union.

COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS

Appointment of Mr. Saleh Mahomed

The appointment of Mr. Saleh Mahomed Hajee Abdoola, of Johannesburg, as a Commissioner for Oaths, was signally recognised by the Memon Educational Welfare Society of South Africa in the Memon Society Hall on Sunday last.

Before a large audience the chairman, on behalf of the society, congratulated Mr. Saleh Mahomed on



MR. SALEH MAHOMED.

his success, and remarked that he had attained a position which was well earned owing to his loyalty, conscientiousness and fine character. This did not only apply to him in the business world, but also to the good work he was doing for the Memon Society. This was evident as during the year the position of many of the officials were changed, but he retained his position as honorary secretary of the society.

Tributes were also paid to Mr. Mahomed's public services by Messrs. Aboo Hajee Ayob, Adam Osman, Cassim Osman, Osman Suliman, Mahomed Maki and Alli Mahomed Ebrahim.

Mr. Mahomed, when responding, drew attention to the importance of education to and the need of assistance for poor and for charitable help to the widows and orphans. He commended this programme of work to the officials and members of his society.

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Natal Indian Congress

Annual General Meeting

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The Annual General Meeting of the Congress will be held on Sunday, the 14th September, 1941, at 2.30 p.m., at the Avalon Theatre, Victoria Street, Durban.

AGENDA

(1) Minutes.
(2) Joint Hon. Secretaries' Annual Report.
(3) Joint Hon. Treasurers' Financial Report.
(4) Election of Officials.
(5) General.

On the same day in the forenoon the Third Natal Provincial Conference will be held. Delegates appointed by the branches will participate in the Conference.

A farewell reception to Swami Bhawani Dayal Sanyyasi, who is sailing for India, will be given on the same day.

Full particulars will be sent later.
HAJEE E. M. PARUK,
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At a general meeting of the Natal Indian Karnatic Music Association, held on Saturday last at the "Andra House," 43 Leopold Street, Durban, under the chairmanship of Sangeeta N. Manickum Pillay, the following have been elected to serve as officials for the ensuing season: Patrons, Professor Sambamoorthy, B.A., B.L., Head of Music Department, University of Madras, and Mr. Sangeeta Manickum Pillay. Vice-presidents, Messrs. S. N. Naidu, M. C. Moodley, M. R. Pillay, P. R. R. Singh, S. R. Devar, K. A. Gaadlet, S. Jamieson, Sultan Khan, V. K. Pillay. Hon. secretary, Mr. A. M. Iyavoo Murthi Pillai. Assistant secretary, Mr. Jagthesan Chinsamy. Treasurer, Mr. C. R. George. Committee, Messrs. C. Satya Murthi Naidu, S. N. Naidu, P. D. Govender, M. C. Moodley, K. A. Gandhi, R. Mariemuthoo Pillay, Maganathan S. Chetty, Samuel Verdian, Soobramoney Frank Naidoo, C. N. Anabai, M. V. G. Naidoo, A. Annamalay, P. R. Singh. Executive committee, Mr. S. N. Naidu, chairman, secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Arumugam Pillay. Entertainment committee, Messrs. M. C. Moodley, S. N. Naidu, chairman, secretary, treasurer, and A. Arumugam Pillay.

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THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

Mr. Jack Kristnasamy (cashier, Royal Bar), second son of Mrs. S. Gauther Naidoo, of 104 Spaces Road, Durban Northdes, Durban, was married on Sunday last to Miss Parvathie (Tullie), eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Iyalou, of Brickfield Road, Overport. The marriage took place at the St. Aidan's Hall, Durban.

Messrs. Mahomed Peerbhai, N. M. Mahomed and I. M. Feerimia, of Bathe Buthe, Swaziland, arrived in Durban on Monday.

Mr. Abdul Razack, of Allahabad, Punjab, is spending a short holiday in Durban and is staying at Puter's Lounge.

Mr. J. Carrim, of Pretoria, arrived in Durban on Tuesday last, where he will spend a fortnight in Durban.

Mr. Williams, of Pretoria, arrived in Durban on Friday last and will spend two weeks in Durban.

The wedding of Mr. A. E. Saiah, of Carolina, to Miss H. Bhabha, of Johannesburg, took place at the bride's residence last Sunday.

Some of those from Carolina present at the marriage were Messrs. S. A. Bhabha and brothers, A. E. Jina, R. E. Maharaj, E. S. Lakhi, J. J. Maharaj, D. D. Tavella, C. Adam and E. Pochee.

Mr. C. B. Pillay and his son, Mr. B. T. Pillay, of Pretoria, have returned home after visiting Kimberley, Port Elizabeth, Port Shepstone, Durban and Maritzburg.

Hamsanthi, a daughter of Mr. R. J. Maharaj, of the Malvern Indian School, was badly burned by boiling water on Saturday. Her condition is satisfactory.

Mr. Vithal Lala, of Ladysmith, has returned home after spending his holidays in Durban with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Chetty, of Ladysmith, are spending their holidays in Durban.

Messrs. R. S. Khan, M. J. Desai and I. Karee, all of Glencoe, have sailed for India.

Mrs. W. Godfrey, wife of Dr. W. Godfrey, of Johannesburg is on a visit to Durban.

Mr. A. K. Trook, of Maritzburg, who cycled to the Drakensberg National Park, has now returned home.

Mr. Ismail Sarvor, who was ill for a week at his home, "Medina Villa," Maritzburg, is now progressing favourably.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS

J.A.N. (Finley Manor): Birth notices are charged for at the rate of 2s. 6d. per paragraph in the Mainly About People column. Same with preliminary marriage and engagement notices.

"A Strong Supporter of The Leader": the matter you refer to was a report of the ceremony and no consent was made. Therefore there is no point in publishing your letter for your suggestion is all based on a wrong assumption.

Women's Flower Show

A flower show organised by Mrs. Kalideen on behalf of the Indian Women's Reading and Educational Circle will be held at the Dartnell Crescent School on September 20, commencing at 2 p.m.

There are sections for both children and adults. Entries are also invited to the paper flower section, felt flower-making and pot plants.

Details may be had from the organiser, Mrs. Kalideen, 110 Lower Bridge road, Durban.

Mr. & Mrs. Maganlal "At Home"

On Sunday last there was a large and representative gathering of friends and relatives at a garden party given by Swami Bhawani Dayal and Mr. A. I. Kajee in honour of the naming ceremony (Namkaran Sanskary) of the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Maganlal, of Durban, whose name is given as Dovandrakumar.

Several telegrams of good wishes and presents from all parts of South Africa were received.

Among those who spoke highly of Mr. and Mrs. Maganlal were: Swami Dayal, Dr. K. M. Seedat, Mr. B. M. Patel, Dr. N. P. Desai, Mr. V. Lawrence, Mr. T. N. Brown and Mr. A. I. Kajee.

The Westville Arya Samaj Seva Dubl and the Ranjith's Band were in attendance.

Today at 10 p.m. the Scout Association is holding an executive meeting. The reduction of subscription (a desire of all troops) and the presentation of a Thanks Badge to Mr. H. W. Bristow will be fully discussed. Arrangements are being made for Scouts to distribute oranges freely to all the poor homes in their district.

1,000 GUESTS GATHER AT BETHAL

All roads converged at Bethal last Sunday when about a thousand persons assembled at the marriage of Mr. Suleman Ahmed Cowadia, of Johannesburg, to Miss Fatima Bee Bee, the eldest daughter of Mr. Ismail Dawjee Cowadia, a well-known merchant of Bethal.

After the ceremony addresses of felicitations were presented to Mr. I. D. Cowadia.

The resident magistrate, Mr. Turnbridge, in the course of a humorous speech, referred to the absence of the bride at the ceremony. To the European it was the bride's day and the groom was merely an appendage.

Mr. S. M. Nana, in the same spirit, advised the European male to revolt against the system that made him an appendage and in self-defence to follow Islamic custom. The bride, however, he said, though not present, had the freedom of choice in the selection of her husband.

Other speakers were Dr. Albertyn, Messrs. W. Dobbins, Church, M. Jadhhay, I. M. Vallallah, Y. A. Cowadia, C. M. Patel, E. D. Cowadia and Dr. D. A. Patel.

Mr. I. D. Cowadia suitably replied. Mr. M. A. H. Moosa, of Durban, acted as the M.C.

Avoca Anniversary

The Avoca Hindi Patshala celebrated its first anniversary on Sunday last at the Indian School, Avoca.

The chairman, Mr. K. Baynath, spoke on the necessity for Hindi education and appealed to the residents of the district to give full support. He also praised the committee for the splendid way in which the patshala was being carried on.

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Nazi Methods

WE are reluctant to add anything more to the correspondence which has appeared in European newspapers about the arrangements for the non-Europeans attending the Air Commando display at Pietermaritzburg last Monday. But we should be neglectful of our duty if we made no reference to it. There is enough bitterness in this country without our adding more. It is highly regrettable that some arrangements were not made in the interests of non-Europeans, but we note that even many Europeans felt that the organisation was bad. What we must protest against, however, is the manner in which a large number of non-Europeans were treated during the display. Hundreds of children had looked forward for many a long day to seeing something of the wonder and skill of airmen, and to witness an exhibition - which seldom comes their way. There is nothing perhaps so moving as the disappointment of the young, and it is a very sad fact that hundreds of our young children left the grounds bereft of that eager anticipation which had helped them to cover long distances on foot. They found themselves herded, as one correspondent in The Natal Witness put it, from pillar to post by military policemen.

Not only they, but many Indian, Coloured and Native adults, who, as loyal citizens of this country were anxious to show their appreciation of our Air Force, suffered even worse treatment, being bullied and badgered as if they were cattle by certain military police. This is a very serious thing. On more than one occasion we have emphasised how easy it is to turn a peace-loving patriotic non-European into an embittered enemy of the European, and we know that the feeling amongst Indians and other non-Europeans is very high indeed as a result of such despicable treatment as their fellows received at the aerodrome. It is necessary to speak very strongly about this matter, for it is clear that the habit is becoming manifested than ever of treating non-Europeans as if they were the biological inferiors of the white man. It is a clear case for a thorough investigation, and we would urge that the officer commanding the Air Commando should institute a military inquiry into this affair. At the same time, we would emphasize our appreciation of the attitude of certain European citizens towards this display of Nazi intolerance. It is with deep satisfaction that we note the reaction of Europeans. It leads us to believe that they, too, are not slow to observe injustices and to call for remedy, and we hope that any of them who read these words will join in the protest.

It has been well said that the recruitment of the Indians and non-Europeans for the transport and other services of the army is a matter of great importance. Obviously the happenings at the aerodrome will not encourage any Indian or non-European to enlist himself in the various army services available to him. The authorities have themselves to blame for any reluctance on the part of non-Europeans to show their patriotism. That patriotism cannot be denied, it is being shown and has been remarked upon by General Smuts in North Africa and even overseas. We have Indians even of our South African community playing their part in various honourable ways in the struggle for democracy. But one thing as man of spirit can endure is to see his fellows roughly handled without cause, and to know that this is not an isolated instance where injustice and oppression obtain in this land. We never will believe that it is not the desire of the highest in the land that these things should take place, but it is their duty and obligation to stamp them out when they do appear. For this reason we would urge upon the Department of Defence some scrutiny of this affair so that disciplinary action might be taken upon the offenders.

A. I. Kajee Reviews

NEHRU'S 'UNITY OF INDIA'

NEXT in importance to Gandhi is Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, who is the living embodiment of freedom to the millions of India; in fact, to the youth of India he comes first. Speaking of him, Gandhi said: "He is more English than Indian in his thoughts and make-up." His glimpses of world history and his autobiography are perhaps the best read books on India. "The Unity of India" is a selection of his writings, topical statements and notes written from 1937 to 1940. The compiler is Nehru's brilliant friend, V. K. Krishna Menon. Menon's foreword is worthy of this great book.

Nehru's essay on the Unity of India, written for Foreign Affairs, U.S.A., 1937, takes up 15 pages of the 452, and there he lets Vincent Smith speak for him: "India beyond all doubt possesses a deep underlying fundamental unity far more profound than that produced either by geographical isolation or by political supremacy. That unity transcends the innumerable diversities of blood, colour, language, dress, manners and sect."

Nehru's deep humanity and stern condemnation of the misgovernment of the States rulers find expression in these pathetic words: "Are the States to remain vast prisons where the human spirit is sought to be extinguished and the resources of the people are to be used for the pageantry and luxury of courts, while the masses starve and remain illiterate and backward? Are the Middle Ages to continue in India under the protection of British Imperialism?"

He describes his attempts to broach the subject of the States' people at Congress and the new Socialist Group for the clash on passive resistance (non-violence): "So far as I was concerned, I had no difficulty in accepting it (non-violence), although it was no article of faith for me, nor could I say that it would be applicable under all the circumstances." This has tremendous meaning; it lays bare his fundamental differences with Gandhi, the apostle of passive resistance. In another place the intensity of his democratic soul and his Socialist creed make him say: "Liberty and democracy have no meaning without equality, and equality cannot be established so long as the principal instruments of production are privately owned."

He says in his statement before the Court where he was tried and sentenced to prison for the eighth time: "I am a lover of words and phrases and tried to use them appropriately. His "Unity of India" is truly a book of beautiful words and harmonious phrases, but yet full of that great urge that Nehru has striven to play. His warnings, his fears, his championship of causes and his opposition to evil have been tragically borne out by the events of recent years.

His prophetic vision of world affairs written on the day before the Munich betrayal is set out in a letter richly packed. "London in suspense" he tells Smith speak for him: "To-day and tomorrow Chamberlain meets Hitler and Mussolini. One was too much for him; what will be his fate with these two strong men? Perhaps Mr. Chamberlain and M. Daladier will, under cover of intricate words, agree to everything that Hitler says, and then, as another of his great favours, Hitler will consent to postpone war by a few days or weeks. That will indeed be a great triumph, and Hitler will then be hailed as the prophet of peace. The Nobel Peace Prize might still be awarded to him, though Mr. Chamberlain will be a hot competitor."

Everywhere in the book reluctance to part with his beloved England finds expression in anguish and pain: "I am sorry; for in spite of my hostility to British imperialisms, I have loved much that was England, and I should have liked to keep the silked bonds of the spirit between India and England. Those bonds can only exist in freedom. I wanted India's freedom for India's sake, of course; but I also wanted it for England's sake."

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Our Readers Speak

SCHOOL MANAGERS

Your correspondent, "An Unfortunate Victim," gives an account of how the school managers treat their employes. Still worse is the manner in which some of them misappropriate funds. There are many who have done very fine work.

Some managers charge a sum of one pound for every visit to a school. Probably it's taxi fare. Others work on a commission basis with booksellers who charge exorbitant prices for school requisites. A teacher brought a legal action against the manager of a Natal School. Before the matter could be settled in court the manager paid the sum of seventeen pounds to the plaintiff from the school fund. The community had to pay for an action which was due to the manager's personal negligence. On what authority did the manager pay out of the school fund? The particular manager is illiterate and one is surprised at the [illegible] Department in appointing illiterate persons as managers. I say Education Department as the community's manager was turned down by the department.

In this particular place a large proportion of the children come from poor homes. Fees are very high, some families paying as much as fifteen shillings. Orphans pay fees just as others. Applications for exemption have been made to the head teacher who sees the manager, the manager in turn consults the school board. The applicant is informed of the decision once again in the same manner. One application for exemption was turned down on the grounds that the applicant built a new house. The new house was built of mud walls.

In conclusion may I state that the Broome Commission recommended that a statement of accounts be posted at every school annually by every manager. Surely it would cost the department nothing to put this recommendation into force at once.

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T.B. AND THE INDIAN

Speaking to the Sick Friends' Association in the Gandhi Library Hall on two weeks ago Dr. Hooper more than three times stressed the fact that the poor economic conditions of the Indians were the main factor and the root cause of tuberculosis among Indians.

We hear again that the Council is launching on a gigantic scheme, not particularly novel, to fight tuberculosis. The health authorities seem to be determined to eradicate once and for all this deadly scourge, but how far they will succeed I can least hazard to guess. Prevention is better than cure. We all know this. Don't you think it would be wiser if the authorities apply this little bit of philosophy? If economic conditions are the main cause of T.B. then why not treat the root of the trouble? Better the economic conditions and there will be no need to spend thousands of pounds on building hospitals and to sympathise with the opposed sufferers.

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S.A.'s "Storm Troopers" in Action

INDIANS FISTED & BOOTED AT AIR DISPLAY

Maritzburg Wants Government Inquiry

THE Union's "Storm Troopers" had their first rehearsal in Maritzburg this week. They beat up Indians, Coloureds and Natives who had joined the gathering to view the Air Commando at the aerodrome on Monday last. Absolutely without provocation they pitted their forces, true to the Nazi form—it did not matter if women, too, were the victims. The blacks had to be kraaled: they dare not go where the Europeans were.

Accounts of the incidents have been given by independent European observers to The Natal Witness.

"Demos" states: "The way in which motor cyclist M.P.'s hounded unfortunate coloureds and natives from pillar to post was simply disgusting, and, so far as I could see, was done because they were non-Europeans."

"A Surgeon" writes: "An action that aroused great indignation in our vicinity was that of a military policeman who appeared to deem it part of his duty to kick any native who approached him. We saw one cleanly-dressed, respectable native kicked on the ankle for no other reason than that he happened to be passing, and he was only one of many."

An Indian wrote: "The non-Europeans of Maritzburg went to the Orlibi Flats to witness the Air Commando with a sense of loyalty and appreciation of the gallant services rendered by the South African force up North, and to make manifest their sympathy and devotion to the Allied cause.

"They went, and what did they see? They saw some of the most conspicuous traits of the Nazis being emulated in no mistakable way by the military police in their handling of non-Europeans, who stood apart from the Europeans and caused no inconvenience to anyone, and yet these poor people were chased about from one end to the other. The military police so derided the presence of non-Europeans that they went to the extent of beating some Indian women who carried their little ones in their arms, and I ask you, Mr. Editor, is not this akin to the methods employed by the Nazis over the conquered peoples of Europe?"

NON-EUROPEANS WANT JUSTICE

A few days later in Maritzburg Field-Marshal Smuts, among other things, declared in its City Hall: "We are being trained to tolerance, forbearance and Christian feeling. That alone makes life worth living. . . . in our coalition we combine all the economic elements of society and we can move forward in fair play to every section, and we mean to do so. We ought to see that every section—and, let me go further, every colour—has justice."

Today the non-Europeans of Maritzburg are wanting "justice." They want to bring the offenders to justice. They want a Government inquiry into the methods of the Union's "Storm Troopers." They have felt the sting of the lash and are sore. In their resentment they are feeling very bitter about this fighting for Democracy.

"If this is the type of treatment one can expect from a democratic state then we all hope for its end," declared some of those who had been slapped and pushed at the aerodrome by the Military Police. "We are told that we must go to the back to view the display, yet in the trenches non-European troops are commanded to go to the front. Well, if this is the type we suspect as the outcome of the Roosevelt Eight Points Memorandum then to h— with democracy," was one of the pointed and caustic comments.

"Kicked Like Football"

Writing to The Leader Mr. T. M. Moodley says: "I was surprised at the attitude of the white soldiers when dealing with non-Europeans at the aerodrome. Their whole nature seemed to be antagonistic and they considered people so unfortunately blessed with dark skin as unfortunates. Instances can be repeated and my statements can be endorsed. Helpless Indian women, with babes in arms, were kicked about like a football. The soldiers were at times very abusive and threatened to use force if their request was not complied with."

Mr. Ramlall Ramesar says: "Some of the Military Police used fists, sticks and boots on the Indians. 'Coolies' and 'kaffirs' were the common words used by the Military Police. Europeans who were about 10 yards in front of us were not interrupted by the M.P. One of the men, an Indian, asked a Military Policeman why did he not chase the Europeans who were in front of us. The result was that the Military Policeman fisted him and when he fell the M.P. booted him. By this time this person's wife and children were screaming. On seeing this the Indians left the aerodrome while the Air Commando display was still going on."

Many others have made similar complaints to The Leader. There should be no recrudescence of incidents of this nature, state our correspondents, and the first step should be an inquiry into these allegations and the guilty should be brought to book.

Sacred Thread Ceremony

A combined "Yagopavit Sanskar" and farewell to Swami Bhawani Dayal were held at the Arya Samaj premises, Westville, on Sunday last.

A large number of friends were present to witness the yagopavit sanskar. Twenty-seven members were outlined, including four women.

Among those who spoke were Mr. and Mrs. Sevakjee, of Lourenco Marques. The former is the president of the Bharat Samaj, Lourenco Marques. Others were Messrs. Satya Deva, F. Satyapal (Germiston), Pandit Sewrathan, Pandit Orie, of Arcon, Pandit Avaitheharie, Pandit Jugmohan Singh, Pandit R. B. Maharaj, and the Swamijee.

The Swamijee, who conducted the Sacred Thread Ceremony, also spoke. He talked at length on the good work of the Arya Samaj in Natal. He appealed to all Hindus to join the Samaj and further its end. He intimated that he could carry on the same work for the Hindu people in India.

MINE WORKERS AND WAGES

Mr. S. Bhagwandeen, president of the Natal Indian Congress, Glencoe branch, in an interview with the Leader representative said that he was taking the matter of pressing for increased wages for Indian workers on the Northern Natal coal mines and other industrial factories, sent by the headquarters of the Natal Indian Congress.

Eisteddfod Closes

The curtains were rung down on the fifth Indian Eisteddfod at the City Hall on Tuesday last, when the prize-winners in the various musical and elocution divisions participated in a final concert.

The very large audience appreciated the fine singing, the graceful dancing



GRACE NARAYADU, 13 years' old pianist, who was awarded 90 per cent. marks in the open pianoforte class at the recent Indian Eisteddfod. She is a pupil of Mr. Patrick J. Chambers.

and Western folk dancing of the youthful competitors. Among some of the best on the evening's programme was Grace Narsydu's rendering of Beethoven's "Pathetique" Sonata and her song "Roses Softly Blooming," and a vinay solo by Jayahutchmee Naidoo.

The Maritzburg Aryan Benevolent Society begs to acknowledge with thanks a donation of £2 2s. from Mr. B. Mungal in memory of his late father, Mr. B. Bundhoo.

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA

Sir H. Suhrawardy Suggested

THE Leader understands that Sir Hasan Suhrawardy, whose name has been frequently mentioned as successor to Sir Rama Rau, will be appointed as High Commissioner for India in the Union.

Alhaj Lieut.-Colonel Sir Hasan Suhrawardy is at present a member of the Secretary of State's Council. He was born in Dacca, November 17, 1884. He is the son of Bahr-ut-Uloom Moulana Obaidullah of Obaidy Suhrawardy, pioneer of Anglo-Islamic studies and female education in Bengal. He was married to the late Shahar Banu Begum. He has one daughter.

He was educated at Dacca Madrasah, Dacca College, Calcutta Medical College (L.M.S. 1905), with post-graduate course of the Universities of Dublin, Edinburgh and London. He was a vice-chancellor of the Calcutta University, 1930-34.

He has held various medical appointments, including that of honorary surgeon to the Viceroy. He has travelled extensively in Europe, America, Muslim countries of Asia and Africa, performed pilgrimage to Mecca. He has written several books on medical subjects.

Mr. E. Schragenheim will speak on "The Zionist Movement in its International Aspects" at the Liberal Study Group hall tomorrow evening at 7.30. Mr. Schragenheim is one of the leading local Zionist Socialists.



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RAPID CHANGES IN INDIA OF TO-DAY

Dr. Goonam Describes the Life of the Teeming Millions

DR. K. GOONAM addressed the Liberal Study Group on "My impressions of India." Dr. Goonam was in India for seven months during the most critical period in the history of Indian national struggle for freedom. She was in contact with many important figures in the Indian national movement, including Shrimati Vijaylaxmi Pundit, sister of Jawaharlal Nehru, and a former minister of the United Provinces of India. The following is a brief summary of Dr. Goonam's lecture.

India is not enveloped in mystery as most of the Western writers would make us believe because there is no mystery about the sufferings of the hundreds of millions of the people of India. India today is not the India of the books or of yesterday, but it is a living India making history. She is passing through crises and changing very rapidly, adapting herself to the elemental urge of the peoples for freedom and food and security. History is being moulded in India. We in this country cannot escape the reactions of this struggle.

According to the latest census the population of India has increased from 350 to 420 millions, but still the poverty of the people is evident everywhere. The majority of the people are nothing but walking skeletons. They have to struggle very hard in order to get a meal a day. In big cities like Bombay, Calcutta and Madras it is hard to walk on footpaths at night because countless people have to sleep there. The teeming millions of India are not only undernourished but they are also undernourished as well.

These all exist in India where still we can find wealthy Rajahs and Maharajahs, Zamindars and capitalists. In this twentieth century still the feudal lords of the Middle Ages exist.

In India, unlike in any other country, professional men with university degrees can be found begging in the streets. Because the training they receive is such that they cannot be absorbed into the national life of the country, and also because that in order to be eligible for the Indian Civil Service Indians are compelled to go to Britain for proper qualifications. They have to go to a foreign country in order to be efficient to serve their own country. And the majority of those who can afford to take higher education cannot afford to go to Britain. Therefore the majority of the Indian Civil Servants are imported from Britain and they are the pillars of the Empire, who refuse to mix with the people, even will not meet them socially. Also people are not only discouraged but are not given proper facilities to be literate with the result that after two centuries of British rule still 95 per cent. of Indians are illiterate. In some of the Indian states primary education is compulsory for boys and girls, whereas in British India it is to a great extent left to the people themselves to educate their children as best they can.

To wipe out all these miseries the people of India are today struggling very hard against great odds. Daily hundreds of people are jailed for no crime other than that of demanding their freedom. Freedom of speech and assembly are unknown there. Even freedom of thought is not allowed. Books like "The Problem of India" and "The Red Star Over China" are banned.

The whole country is passing through a critical period. The British Government is encouraging the communists in order to divide the people. Muslim League, under the leadership of Jinnah, is demanding the partition of India, whereas the Hindu Mahasabha, under Dr. Moonjee, wants India for the Hindus only. But neither of these so-called leaders have the support or the confidence of the mass masses of the people or the intellectuals. They are united in their struggle for the independence of India. And the Indian students, boys and girls, are also taking part in this struggle.

It is important to note that always the Hindu-Muslim riots take place at such centres where there are British troops to curb them and show to the world that without them there will be an everlasting civil war in India between Hindus and Muslims. Also it is important to note that in the majority of the Indian States, such as Baroda, Mysore and Hyderabad, these riots never take place, although in these states either the Hindu minority rules over the Muslim majority or the Muslims over the Hindus.

Tamil Society at Sanger

Students of the Tamil night classes formed a Tamil Young Men's Society at Sanger. Mr. S. Sadasivam, who presided, appealed to the young men of Sanger and district to come forward and join up as members.

Mr. S. P. Pather stressed the importance of forming a society of this nature, where young men could improve their knowledge, both religiously and educationally. Various other speakers also referred to the importance of organising this society.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year: Patrons, Messrs. Ramsamy Padiachy, M. M. Moodley, and M. Maniekn Moodley; president, Mr. S. Sadasivam; vice-president, Mr. S. E. Billy; joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. P. S. Pillay and E. V. Padayachee; treasurer, Mr. S. P. Pather; manager, Mr. C. D. Padayachee; committee, Messrs. R. Govindsamy Padiachy, P. C. Gurender, K. P. Padayachee, S. M. Gurender, R. J. Padiachy, S. John, Gonasen Padiachy, Sundaram, and Kandan.

Girls Club's "Hat Day"

A hat day was held at the Intermediate School Girls' Social Club, Maritzburg, when some of the subjects spoken included: "Education should be compulsory." "Does education or experience play a greater part in man's life?"

The members seemed to show a greater keenness than usual in the discussions and advanced many interesting points.

Mr. R. ... all before closure, summed up the various points raised by the speakers.

V.D.S. REPORTS £7,000 ASSETS

Annual Meeting Held in Maritzburg

The annual meeting of the Veda Dharma Sabha was held at the Sabha hall on Sunday last.

The secretaries' report reflected a membership of 105. Reference was made to the amalgamation of the Communities Committee and the Arya Samaj with the Sabha. This amalgamation had resulted in assets amounting to £7,150 being added to the Sabha.

Dealing with the Hindi school, the secretaries said that 180 children were being given free education. The principal of the school was Pundit Jugmohan Singh, who had under him a staff consisting of six very capable and efficient assistants.

The hall, apart from being used for cinema purposes, was let to the public for meetings, weddings and other functions.

The Sabha has been certain cinema shows, the proceeds of which, after the amateur actors and actresses which dramatics at Sastri College and the Indian Eisteddfod have disclosed.

The committee consists of Mr. C. R. Wariakoo, acting chairman, Mr. Iraj Ramderia, secretary, and Messrs. J. N. Singh, I. Ameen and P. B. Singh.

The seventh annual general meeting of the Verulam Temple Cricket Club will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the Roadway Cafe, Wick Street, Verulam.

Magistrate's Work Appreciated

A reception was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Fannin, former chief magistrate of Pinetown, by the officials and members of the Cavendish and District Indian Investigation Committee at the Chatsworth Indian school hall.

There was a large gathering. Mr. E. Sheikh, the chairman of the Cavendish and District Indian Investigation Committee, said that the reception was in appreciation of their invaluable services rendered towards child welfare work in the Cavendish and district area. Mr. and Mrs. Fannin were the founders of this committee which had come into existence about one and a half years ago. Through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Fannin this area received from the Social Welfare Department a maintenance grant of about £50 per month in respect of 27 families representing 105 children.

Mr. Fannin's interest in the health of Indian children was so great that he periodically sent the District Surgeon and a nurse to visit schools in this area.

Mrs. Fannin had taken a keen interest in the children and last year she was instrumental in providing Christmas cheer.

Miss Dera Isaacs, the joint hon. secretary, after a short speech on behalf of the committee, presented a cigarette case to Mr. Fannin and a handbag to Mrs. Fannin as a mark of appreciation.

Mr. and Mrs. Fannin suitably replied and thanked the committee for their generous gifts.

Mr. Fannin stated that the Europeans, Coloureds and Natives were receiving free education and suggested that the Indians should agitate for free education on moderate and reasonable lines. He also suggested that the community should erect a dispensary in order to improve the health conditions of the children.

Mrs. Christopher, president of the Natal Indian Child Welfare Council and the secretary of the Durban Indian Child Welfare Society, presided at the function.

Other speakers were Messrs. R. P. Das, P. Pulchun, S. M. Saib and S. Needhoo.

N.I.T.S. Officials

At the adjourned session of the sixteenth annual general meeting of the Natal Indian Teachers' Society held at Sastri College, Durban, on Saturday last, the following were elected office-bearers for the year 1941-42:

President, Mr. V. S. Naidoo; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. G. Naidoo, A. D. Lazarus, D. Khan, G. Manger, B. Charles, and M. Thomas; hon. general secretary, Mr. N. K. Sham; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. A. V. Lazarus; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. J. Mathry; members of the general council, Messrs. A. Rowlay, K. M. Joseph, M. Naicker, M. Subban, S. Kalicharan, S. David, S. Chotai, O. M. Khan, M. Pechou, E. Samuel, O. M. Khan, M. K. Reddy, H. S. Pusillan, K. P. Naidoo, S. D. Reddiar, R. Joseph, A. Aidan, E. Sigamoney, R. P. Singh, I. K. Samaseharan, and Misses S. M. Lawrence, K. N. Singh, J. Nerroo, G. Lazarus, P. Muthukistna.

A resolution empowering the Executive to co-operate with the newly formed Natal Teachers' Union on such ... interest was adopted unanimously.

Arrangements are being made for a Teachers' Conference during the Michaelmas vacation.

Rep for Indians?

What may be the nucleus of a repertory theatre for Indians in Durban was formed at an informal meeting at Sastri College on Sunday last.

A provisional working committee has been appointed to devise ways and means and in general explore the possibilities of such a project, which should be very welcome to the large number of amateur actors and actresses which

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Spes Bona's New Tennis Court

"The opening of our tennis court here this afternoon marks an important chapter in the annals of our club," said Mr. Manikum Pillay, the president of the Spes Bona Tennis Club, speaking at the opening of the new Spes Bona tennis court at Currie's Fountain on Sunday last.

He traced briefly the history of the tennis club and showed what a great part Spes Bona had played in the history of Natal tennis and also the mark it had made in South African Indian tennis.

The club was formed 12 years ago with a membership of 15, and was stationed at the end of Gale Street. Three years later Mr. V. M. Maistry, who has been interested in all sporting activities, built a new court for Spes Bona.

The club has an unrivalled record. It has had the distinction of repeatedly winning all the trophies in the "A" division. The peak of the achievements of Spes Bona in the tennis world was reached when Mr. S. S. Maharaj captured the South African Indian Singles Championship.

Among the other players who have done much for the club are Mr. Wesley Thomas, now resident in Johannesburg, the late Mr. Isaacs, the veteran Mr. P. B. Singh, and Mr. Inder Bramdaw.

Mr. V. M. Maistry officially opened the new court.

The other speakers were Messrs. A. E. Shaikh, T. N. Bhoola, R. Jithoo, Omarjee, P. B. Singh, R. Rognath, R. Bodasing, E. D. Ismail, V. M. Maistry, and Dr. Naicker.

A clubhouse has been promised by Mr. R. Bodasing, a singles trophy by Mr. Ismail, and a doubles trophy by Mr. Bhoola. In addition Mr. Bodasing was made a life vice-president.

The "Far Eastern Problem"

LECTURE AT SOCIAL CLUB

At a weekly meeting of the Port Shepstone Indian Goodwill Club held on Saturday last Mr. D. Lang, headmaster of the Government Intermediate European School, delivered an interesting talk on "The Far Eastern Problem."

The speaker traced Japan's meteoric rise to a modern world power, when 50 years ago she was a hopelessly disunited country ravaged by feudalism. He dealt fully with the ambitions of the Japanese war lords and emphasized the grave danger that India was exposed to, not only as a result of her geographical position, but also due to internal dissension which only served to weaken the country.

After the talk there was a brief discussion, following which Mr. G. Muthukistan, on behalf of the club, thanked the speaker.

Mr. R. W. Charles was in the chair.

Last week's result at Clonroe for the Anand Rob's Memorial Trophy was the defeat of D.N.C. No. 3 by Dundee United, 5—3.



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Criticism of the Natal Soccer Team

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to criticise the Natal selectors, through the medium of your valuable columns, for the omission of A. I. Timol (goals) and G. Mustapha (outside left).

Mustapha is the best left wing Natal has today. His omission in the Natal side came as a shock to the Indian sporting world. In the last Sam Chinn Cup tournament played at Western Province in 1939 what happened? Mustapha was also omitted, but when the selected outside left was injured Mustapha, who went on his own to see the match, had to be included in the side, but when he saw that his Province was in difficulty he went to its rescue and thus he was selected to represent South Africa in the coloureds match. Today they omit him. Why? Shame on the Natal selectors.

As far as A. I. Timol is concerned, he is the best goalie today and he also showed his best form when he captained Durban Central in the All-India Cup tournament. Will the Natal selectors, through the medium of your columns, be kind enough to tell us what form did they select C. Govindsamy and George Singh?

C. Govindsamy was no way in the trial matches, and G. Singh played a very poor game in the trial matches. I ask the selectors why select three centre halves in one match.

A. KHAN.

Imperial Indian F.C.

The Imperial Indian F.C. was formed by the Indian staff of the Imperial Hotel, Maritzburg, and the following were elected as office-bearers:—

Patrons, Messrs. T. G. Carter, I. K. Ackham; vice-patron, M. Andrews; chairman, Mr. V. Billie; vice-chairman, Mr. R. Maharaj; secretary, Mr. R. G. Naidoo; treasurer, Mr. S. Sailor; committee, Messrs. E. A. Rheman, S. A. Maharaj, J. M. Dick, R. M. George, Bob Naidoo, M. S. Naidoo, V. C. Jimmy; captain, Mr. E. A. Rheman; vice-captain, Mr. A. N. Pillay.

Cricketers Get Busy

There was a good attendance at the eleventh annual general meeting of the Aryan Cricket Club, Port Elizabeth, held at the Gujerati Hall on Sunday last. After the most successful season had been reviewed the following office bearers were elected for the ensuing season:—

Patrons, Messrs. N. V. Bansda, R. G. Varma, R. G. Tickamdas and P. R. Cuney; president, Mr. G. Daya; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Ranchod; hon. treasurer, Mr. N. P. Cuney; vice-captain, Mr. N. P. Cuney; vice-captain, Mr. N. P. Bansda; executive committee, Messrs. C. Daya, G. Ranchod, N. P. Cuney and T. N. Bansda; delegates to the E.P.C.C., Messrs. T. N. Bansda and N. P. Cuney.

COUNTY UNION

The County Indian Cricket Union held their fourth annual general meeting on Saturday last at Mr. Harry's Hall, Sea View.

The secretary, Mr. M. K. Naidoo, in his report reviewed the past season's activities.

The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing season:—

Patron, Mr. P. D. Naicker; president, Mr. P. S. Reddy; vice-president, Messrs. N. Harry Maharajh, R. K. Naidoo, M. J. S. Naidoo, S. Naidoo and S. Isardoo; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. M. K. Naidoo; hon. record clerk, Mr. J. D. Naicker; hon. auditor, Mr. M. J. S. Naidoo.

Stanger Jolly Boys met and defeated at Stanger a team comprising players from the United, Springbok and Victorian F.C. There was no score at half-time. Ismail Omarjee scored the winning goal.

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Sastri College Annual Sports

Six records went by the board when Sastri College held its annual inter-house athletic sports at Currie's Fountain on Friday last.

Three of those records fell to N. A. Naidoo, who finally won the Senior Victor Ludorum Trophy. Naidoo cleared 10ft. 6in. in a terrific leap to break the previous record set up only last year. In the high jump he cleared 5ft. 2½in. and succeeded in bringing the time for the 100 yards dash below 11 seconds.

Among the juniors the coveted trophy for the victor ludorum was hotly contested for by V. Balakrishnan, R. Budree and S. M. Naidoo, Naidoo finally won.

The following are the house positions: 1, Tagore; 2, Reddi; 3, Sastri; 4, Hussain.

Newcastle Women Do War Work

The members of the Newcastle branch of the Indian Women's Gifts and Comforts Committee, under the secretaryship of Mrs. A. Ephraim, are working hard in its war efforts.

Knitting continues to be active and weekly work parties are supported by Miss Phyllis Ephraim, Deady Purchasm, Pushpan Pillay, Mungalitchmee Govender and Loganaga Govender.

Those ladies also did their share in collecting funds at the Air Commando which visited Newcastle recently.

Overport Social Club

The Overport Social Club held nor-third annual general meeting at S.R.S. School Hall on Sunday last and elected the following officials for the ensuing year:—

Patrons, Messrs. S. Govindsamy, R. Ramkissoon, Govind Naidu, M. K. Singh and R. Ramoothar; president, Mr. R. D. Naidoo; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. S. Singh, R. R. Singh, C. M. Singh, M. Bramjeel, C. G. Jimmy, N. Govindhu and S. S. Moodley; hon. secretary, Mr. Hiramoney Garvet Shah; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. R. P. Ramvandhu; hon. auditor, Mr. B. S. Kalideen; committee, Messrs. G. Ramcoomar, R. Govindhu, R. Mohan.

A NEWCASTLE WEDDING

Abboo—Pillay

Miss Visalatchimee, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pudreee Pillay, of Maritzburg, was married on Sunday last to Mr. Kistenamy Abboo, the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Abboo, of Newcastle.

The pandal was attractively decorated with artificial flowers and greeneries by Messrs. Pudreee Muthoo and P. V. Naicker. Mr. Nayanah Raj, of Durban, officiated at the ceremony.

The bride, who was given away by her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Pillay, of Roosfontein, wore a salmon-coloured sario with a pretty blouse to match.

Miss Visalatchee Abboo, sister of the bridegroom, was the bridesmaid; she wore a long flowing dress with frills of ribbons from the waist. The best man was Master Morgan R. Pillay, of Roosfontein.

During the nuptial ceremony the H.V.M.A. Orchestra rendered Tamil wedding music. The pupils of Mr. N. C. Naidoo sang Mungalams. Each of the pupils and also the bride was the recipient of a beautiful handkerchief from the bridegroom's mother.

The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many presents.

The couple left the same evening by train for Durban, where they will spend their honeymoon.

VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT

A variety entertainment was presented by M. Ranjith and party in the St. Aidan's hall on Saturday last. A large number of people was present. The performances was an excellent one. Some of the chief items were Aarthie (Saraswathie), Krishna Puja, Gujarathi Choeus, Vanita Matharam.

One item in which nine little boys and girls took part had to be performed three times at the request of the audience and each time it was accorded loud applause.

Mr. Ramachaver, the popular Durban musician, delighted the audience with sweet melodies from various musical instruments. Mr. P. R. Singh, in his performances of eastern dancing, provided the humour of the evening. Vocal items were supplied by P. R. Narsee, M. Ranjith and Daya Nana.

Miss Marjorie Manso possesses some talent of which South African Indian stage may one day be proud.

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NATAL SOCCER TEAM

Players for Port Elizabeth Tourney

The following have been chosen to represent Natal in the Sam China soccer tourney to be held at Port Elizabeth in the last week of September.

Jack Govindsamy (Durban), Barney Padayachee (Durban County), George Singh (Durban), R. Harrinarain (Maritzburg), C. P. Francis (Durban), S. N. Padayachee, captain (Durban), Dawood Enam (Newcastle), Ponsford Govindsamy (Maritzburg), N. C. Naidoo (Durban), Mahomed Khan (Durban), M. N. Naicker, vice-captain (Newcastle), A. Joseph (Durban), R. Misra (Newcastle), Ganas (Fishy) (Durban), and Billie Maistry (Maritzburg).

There are six players from outside the Durban area, three from Maritzburg and three from Newcastle. The grouse of Northern Natal soccer fans has been that a Natal team in past years would have been better designated a Durban eleven. They should have no grouse with the team as it stands.

There are five at least in the team who have previously played for Natal.

The baby of the team is Billie Maistry, the Young Natalian player from Maritzburg, and the two other very young people in the team are Misra and N. C. Naidoo. Misra has apparently got into the team at the expense of Mustapha, and N. C. Naidoo has been consistently knocking at the interstown gates this season, but has been refused entry.

The forward line should acquit itself particularly well. It has youth and dash and plenty of "go." Mahomed Khan, who will play on the right wing, has still to have a successor with his speed and dash and accurate crossing. Auggie (A. Joseph) has been the most prolific goal-getter this season and should return with a big crop of goals to his credit. Ganas (Fishy), Misra and M. N. Naicker are all players of worth.

In the half-line Dawood Enam, of Newcastle, showed himself to be a centre-half of possibilities in the All-India tourney and in the interstown match. He should go far.

Soldiers Beaten at Ladysmith

On Sunday last the Indian and Malay XI was defeated by the Ladysmith Indian XI in a friendly soccer game. The match was keenly contested and both sides played fast and thrilling soccer. The soldiers, who had the wind in their favour, opened the score, but soon after the local side equalised. The score was 1—1 at the interval.

On the resumption the soldiers took the lead, but subsequently the local side ran riot by scoring five goals, and the match ended in a win for Ladysmith, 6—2.

The following players were outstanding for the local side: D. P. Thomas, S. Ramdeen, Cassim Dhoda, C. M. C. Asmal, Ebrahim Deen and Mudelier. Mr. R. Narrandes refereed. A silver reflection case was taken in aid of gifts and comforts for Indian soldiers.

Muslims "B," Maritzburg, lost by 5—1 to Pakania on Sunday last. In the second match between Pakania, Maritzburg, and Olympics, Durban, the former won 2—1.

On Sunday last the Gladiow I.F.C. beat the Tinley Manor Tennis Rangers in a soccer match at Tinley Manor.

Soccer Game Lasts 3 Hours Before Decision Reached

The sting in the tail in the Coastal-Northern Natal match and the inability of the Midland forwards to score from numerous openings were the main features of the All-India Cup Tournament played at Currie's Fountain on Saturday last. The final played at the Mayville ground on the next day after a good start developed into a one-sided game.

The Coastal-Northern Natal match was one of the longest elimination matches played at Currie's Fountain for a long time. A decision was only arrived at after a game lasting almost on three hours. The previous marathon match at Currie's was an inter-town match between a Southern Natal eleven and a Durban eleven on a wet ground some two years ago.

The team to represent Natal in the South African soccer tournament at Port Elizabeth was selected after the final at Mayville between Northern Natal and Durban Central.

COASTAL v. NORTHERN NATAL

Northern Natal kicked off against a bitterly cold wind blowing from the racecourse end, and provided the first thrill of the afternoon when Nulliah, the outside right, kicked dangerously but over the crossbar.

Each side was playing determined soccer and Coastal's chances of scoring were foiled by a solid pair of backs. The wind, too, made ball control difficult and repeatedly put the ball out of the ground.

Twenty minutes from the beginning of the play Coastal drew ahead by a goal from their centre-forward, who had caught the Northern Natal defence out of position. They were only able to hold on to their lead for ten minutes before Misra created an opening and Nulliah scored to equalise. Entertaining soccer followed. There was no further score before half-time.

Ten minutes from the resumption Raghval put Coastal ahead from a goal at close range. Northern Natal equalised not long after, and went ahead when their innerleft slammed in a ball which had Barney beaten all the way. In a desperate bid in the last minute Raghval was successful in scoring his second goal and also the equaliser for Coastal.

A replay was necessary and it stretched to almost another full time game before Misra scored from a penalty. Final score: Northern Natal, 4; Durban County, 3.

MIDLANDS v. DURBAN CENTRAL

The ineffectiveness of the Maritzburg forwards in front of goal probably lost them the match. They had territorial advantage through the major portion of the game but could not score.

Central kicked off against the wind but Midlands gathered the ball and steered for the Central goal. Angelos, however, managed to break the Midlands charge and collected the ball for himself. A few minutes later Yusuf kicked over the bar. Midlands, playing with the wind, created a melee in front of the Central goal but failed to drive home the advantage.

Central's first chance to score was missed by Asmin when he tapped weakly a good cross by Mahomed Khan. Immediately after he made up for his lapse when he scored. Midlands came forming but time was awake. Francis scored again from a development by Mayaphu, the ball going into the top left-hand corner of the net.

About half a minute from the interval Sambram reduced the deficit. Midland played with greater determination on the resumption and were successful in evening-up early goal. The score 2—2 remained until the last fifteen minutes, and when it looked as if there would be another replay, a penalty kick by Yusuf put Durban on top. Two quick goals followed and the final whistle found Midlands soundly beaten 5—2.

In the final at Mayville on the next day Northern Natal went down by seven goals to two.

Weekend Soccer Fixtures

DURBAN TODAY

SENIOR "A" AND "B" SECTION FINALS.

3 p.m., Stars v. Stella. Referee, Mr. M. V. Badat.

2.45 p.m., Schools v. Shamrocks. Referee, Mr. S. K. Reddy.

JUNIOR INTERTOWN FINAL.

3 p.m., Maritzburg v. Durban. Referee, Mr. K. Roopnarain.

JUVENILE NATAL CUP DISTRICT FINAL.

2.30 p.m., Stella "B" v. Warwickshire. Referee, Mr. B. Padayachee.

DURBAN TOMORROW

SUNCRUSH SHIELD COMPETITION

3 p.m., Berea (Sunday League) v. Cleansing Section (Municipal). Referee, Mr. K. M. Pillay.

LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION

3 p.m., Depot Road Old Boys v. Silverton. Referee, Mr. Y. S. Mulla.

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3 p.m.—Schools v. Muslims. Referee, Mr. R. Narrandes.

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Players for Port Elizabeth Tourney

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Jack Govindsamy (Durban), Barney Padayachee (Durban County), George Singh (Durban), R. Harrinarian (Maritzburg), C. P. Francis (Durban), S. N. Padayachee, captain (Durban), Dawood Emam (Newcastle), Ponsford Govindsamy (Maritzburg), N. C. Naidoo (Durban), Mahomed Khan (Durban), M. N. Naicker, vice-captain (Newcastle), A. Joseph (Durban), R. Misra (Newcastle), Ganas (Fishy) (Durban), and Bullie Maistry (Maritzburg).

There are six players from outside the Durban area, three from Maritzburg and three from Newcastle. The grouse of Northern Natal soccer fans has been that a Natal team in past years would have been better designated a Durban eleven. They should have no grouse with the team as it stands.

There are five at least in the team who have previously played for Natal.

The baby of the team is Bullie Maistry, the Young Natalian player from Maritzburg, and the two other very young people in the team are Misra and N. C. Naidoo. Misra has apparently got into the team at the expense of Mustapha, and N. C. Naidoo has been consistently knocking at the intertown gates this season, but has been refused entry.

The forward line should acquit itself particularly well. It has youth and dash and plenty of "go." Mahomed Khan, who will play on the right wing, has skill to have a successor with his speed and dash and accurate crossing. Auggie (A. Joseph) has been the most prolific goal-getter this season and should return with a big crop of goals to his credit. Ganas (Fishy), Misra and M. N. Naicker are all players of worth.

In the half-line Dawood Emam, of Newcastle, showed himself to be a centre-half of possibilities in the All-India tourney and in the intertown match. He should go far.

Soldiers Beaten at Ladysmith

On Sunday last the Indian and Malay XI was defeated by the Ladysmith Indian XI in a friendly soccer game. The match was keenly contested and both sides played fast and thrilling soccer. The soldiers, who had the wind in their favour, opened the score, but soon after the local side equalised. The score was 1—1 at the interval.

On the resumption the soldiers took the lead, but subsequently the local side ran riot by scoring five goals, and the match ended in a win for Ladysmith, 6—2.

The following players were outstanding for the local side: D. P. Thomas, S. Ramfeen, Cassim Dhada, C. M. C. Assad, Ebrahim Dawn and Mudelbar. Mr. R. Narrandes refereed. A silver collection was taken in aid of gifts and comforts for Indian soldiers.

Muslims "B" Maritzburg lost by 3—1 to Pakania on Sunday last, in the second match between Pakania, Maritzburg, and Olympic, Durban, the former won 2—1.

On Sunday last the Gledhow I.F.C. beat the Tinley Manor Young Rangers in a soccer match at Tinley Manor.

Soccer Game Lasts 3 Hours Before Decision Reached

The ebbing in the mill in the Coastal-Northern Natal match and the inability of the Midland forwards to score from numerous openings were the main features of the All-India Cup Tournament played at Currie's Fountain on Saturday last. The final played at the Mayville ground on the next day after a good start developed into a one-sided game.

The Coastal-Northern Natal match was one of the longest elimination matches played at Currie's Fountain for a long time. A decision was only arrived at after a game lasting almost on three hours. The previous marathon match at Currie's was an intertown match between a Northern Natal eleven and a Durban eleven on a wet ground some two years ago.

The team to represent Natal in the South African soccer tournament at Port Elizabeth was selected after the final at Mayville between Northern Natal and Durban Central.

COASTAL v. NORTHERN NATAL

Northern Natal kicked off against a bitterly cold wind blowing from the racecourse end, and provided the first thrill of the afternoon when Nulliah, the outside right, kicked dangerously low over the crossbar.

Each side was playing determined soccer and Coastal's chances of scoring were foiled by a solid pair of backs. The wind, too, made ball control difficult and repeatedly put the ball out of the ground.

Twenty minutes from the beginning of the play Coastal drew ahead by a goal from their centre-forward, who had caught the Northern Natal defence out of position. They were only able to hold on to their lead for ten minutes before Misra created an opening and Nulliah scored to equalise. Entertaining soccer followed. There was no further score before half-time.

Ten minutes from the resumption Ragland put Coastal ahead from a goal at close range. Northern Natal equalised not long after, and went ahead when their inner-left slammed in a ball which had Barney beaten all the way. In a desperate bid in the last minute Ragland was successful in scoring his second goal and also the equaliser for Coastal.

A replay was necessary and it stretched to almost another full time game before Misra scored from a penalty. Final score: Northern Natal, 4; Durban County, 3.

MIDLANDS v. DURBAN CENTRAL

The ineffectiveness of the Maritzburg forwards in front of goal probably lost them the match. They had territorial advantage through the major portion of the game but could not score.

Central kicked off against the wind but Midlands gathered the ball and steered for the Central goal. Auggie, however, managed to break the Maritzburg charge and collected the ball for himself. A few minutes later Yusuf kicked over the bar. Midlands, playing with the wind, created a melee in front of the Central goal but failed to drive home the advantage.

Central's first chance to score was wasted by Auggie when he tapped weakly a good cross by Mahomed Khan. Immediately after he made up for his lapse when he scored. Midland came thrusting but Yusuf was awake. Auggie scored again from a development by Mustapha, the ball swing into the top left-hand corner of the net.

About half a minute from the interval Sundrum rebuked his defence. Midland played with greater determination on the resumption and were successful in getting an early goal. The score 2—2 remained until the last fifteen minutes, and when it looked as if there would be another replay, a penalty kick by Yusuf put Durban on top. Two quick goals followed and the final whistle found Midlands soundly beaten 5—2.

In the final at Mayville on the next day Northern Natal went down by seven goals to two.

Weekend Soccer Fixtures

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SENIOR "A" AND "B" SECTION FINALS.

3 p.m., Stars v. Stella. Referee, Mr. M. S. Badat.

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3 p.m., Berea (Sunday League) v. Cleansing Section (Municipal). Referee, Mr. K. M. Pillay.

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