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School Team Beat Seniors at Cricket

The scholars and staff of the Moslem Society School, Nottingham Road, played a friendly game of cricket with a Senior XI, of Nottingham Road, on their home ground last Sunday.

The scores were as follows:—

Senior XI, first innings, 12 (Richard 17 not out, Patrick 12); second innings, 122 (Richard 46, A. R. Hajee 18, Patrick 13, C. H. Mia 8, G. Hoosen 8).

Schools XI, first innings, 106 (James Frank 58, J. Ellapen 19); second innings, 61 for 2 (James Frank 39, Hasan Khan 1 not out).

The School's XI thus won by 61 runs on the first innings.

SOOBRYAL SCORES 94 AT LADYSMITH

On Sunday last S.A.R.I.C.C. met the Moslem I.C.C. in the League Cup competition, S.A.R., batting first, scored 214 for five wickets, M. Soobryal 94, G. K. Nulliah 65 and S. Ramdeen 45. Khan, Abedalkker, Adam and Chuply shared the wickets.

Moslem first innings 68, C. Seedat 21 and M. E. Chuply 20 not out; Soobryal 5 for 26, E. M. Mohamed 4 for 28 and S. Ramdeen 1 for 6, and in the second innings Moslem scored 65 for five wickets at close of play, D. M. Seedat being the top scorer, 20 not out.

On Sunday last Ladysmith I.C.C. travelled to Glencoe and lost to Dundee United I.C.C. by an innings and 60 runs. Ladysmith first innings, 32, C. Manjoo 12; Mohan 3 for 0; Christy 2 for 10; Doorsamy 2 for 8 and Naiker 3 for 10. Second innings, 50, C. Manjoo 13; C. Essay 5 for 21 and Doorsamy 5 for 12.

Dundee United I.C.C., 142. Doorsamy 31, S. R. Naidoo 18, Naiker 16 and Essay 15; P. Veeranah 4 for 43, G. C. Govinder 4 for 35, M. Govinder 1 for 11 and C. Manjoo 1 for 8.

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KEEN CRICKET AT MARITZBURG

On Saturday last the M.I.C.C. and Schools match was continued at Maritzburg. M.I.C.C. went in for their second innings and scored 145, of which Danabalam contributed 73, being caught by Kasambo off P. Govindsamy. The other double figures were reached by S. Shunmugam (33), who was caught, and L. Harry (15), clean bowled by P. Govindsamy.

The Schools attack was not so keen as the previous week. N. S. Reddy took four wickets for 38, P. Govindsamy three for 43 and K. Moother one for 28 respectively.

C. Doraisamy opened with P. Mulliah for Schools' second innings, the score being 29 for nine wickets at close of play.

Thus Schools won on the first innings by 55 runs.

The M.I.C.C. bowlers were on top of their form, R. Harrinarian taking three wickets for 32 runs, V. C. Dayarand 3 for 44, and K. James 1 for 13.

Fielding was exceptionally good on both sides, and O. E. Desca created a record behind the wicket by having no byes against him in both innings.

On Sunday, Orientals defeated United by an innings and 20 runs. United batted first, getting 127, of which R. Padayachee collected 24, R. Chandrapaul 22, D. Dick 21, G. Ghela 17 and H. Ghela 14 runs respectively. A. I. Rawat opened the attack for Orientals, with A. Soloman, and I. S. Cassimjee followed. Their bowling figures were: Cassimjee 5 for 25; A. Soloman 3 for 27, A. I. Rawat 2 for 27.

Orientals sent in A. H. Rawat and Y. S. Cassimjee declaring for 221 for four wickets; Y. S. Cassimjee 61 not out, A. I. Rawat 11, A. H. Rawat 12, I. S. Cassimjee 30 and A. N. Mohamed 27 not out.

United's attack was defied, although the youngsters put up a good show. G. Kader taking two wickets for 73, L. Moosilly one for 10 and Ebrahim 1 for 41.

United's second innings produced 74 all out; G. Ghela 16, R. Padayachee 11 and D. Dick 10 runs.

I. S. Cassimjee took four wickets for 24, A. N. Mohamed six for 10.

Thus Orientals won by an innings and 20 runs.

NATAL TENNIS RESULTS

The following are the results of the tennis played on Sunday last:—

"A" DIVISION

Sastri College beat Clairwood, 5—3.
Moonlighters beat Spes Bona, 5—3.

"B" DIVISION

Fairbreeze beat Umzinto, 5—4.
Durban beat Maritzburg, 5—4.

The following are the Natal tennis fixtures for tomorrow:—

"A" DIVISION

Clairwood v. Spes Bona, at Spes Bona courts.
Moonlighters v. Pinetown, at Pinetown.
Centrals v. Sastri College, at Sastri.

"B" DIVISION

Clairwood v. Spes Bona, at Clairwood.
Moonlighters v. Kismet, at Kismet.
Centrals v. Umzinto, at Centrals courts.
Cavendish v. Durban, at Cavendish.
Fairbreeze v. Maritzburg, at Maritzburg.

The continuation of the five-a-side soccer tournament of the Fairplay Indian Sports Club will be held tomorrow.

The officials and members of the Maritzburg Shaukatul Islam, Orient, wish to thank all donors for their contributions received during Ramadhan for furthering the good work of the Madressa.

Roy Haffajee's Game 55 at Currie's Fountain

A FIGHTING innings by Roy Haffajee helped Kismet register the first defeat this season against Ottomans, when the first division matches were continued on Saturday last. Kismet were in a tight corner, having lost three wickets for 11 runs when play began. Haffajee, partnered by Gowalia and then by Dr. Ismail, hit a chanceless but slow 55 at a time when Kismet required every run.

Kismet, first innings, 121 (Haffajee 55, Gowalia 16, Dr. Ismail 16 not out).

Ottomans, second innings, six for 1 (Cockrat 64, A. L. Timol 24).

Kismet won on the first innings.

SPARKS HIT UP 71

In their second venture against Muslims, Sparks hit up 71 (V. Abrahams 31, Naicker 11, Appoths 11). G. Mahomed bowled well to take four wickets for 13, M. I. Yusuf 3 for 13.

Muslims rattled up 72 for 2 in no time and declared (M. I. Yusuf 40).

Muslims won on the double innings.

SASTRI BEATEN

On No. 1 Stars beat Sastri College on the double innings.

Sastri College, second innings, 11 (Cowan 13, Ayob 50).

Stars, second innings, 11 for 7, declared.

WEEKEND CRICKET FIXTURES

MARITZBURG—TODAY
Orientals v. M.I.C.C

TOMORROW
Schools v. Royals.

LADYSMITH—TOMORROW
Dundee United I.C.C. v. Moslem I.C.C.

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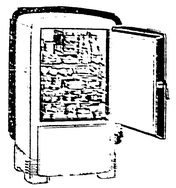
Batting against Bharat in the second division on Sunday last, M. C. Reddy, of Central, scored the first century of the season at Currie's Fountain. Fifty-eight of the total came in boundary hits—10 fours and three sixes.

CUPS PRESENTED AT ISIPINGO

Last Wednesday the Isipingo District Indian Football Association closed its season, when the presentation of the cups were made at the Isipingo school room, Isipingo, to the winning clubs. There were a good number of sportsmen present, presided over by Mr. J. Verdian.

The secretary, Mr. T. Subramani, read the log results for the season ended 1941, and were as follows:—South African Breweries league cup and Tommy Buchun's Shield were won by Derby Shirt Manufacturers Indian Football Club, Durban, who were the winners for season 1941 at Isipingo Sugar Estate Indian Football Club won the Royals' Knock Out Cup. The following congratulated the winning teams: Messrs. A. S. Rao, A. Jimmy, D. Raguvan, M. M. Govender, S. Neerputh, T. Subramani and Mr. J. Verdian.

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"Because I am the High Commissioner . . . I have not ceased to be Your Colleague"

MAINTAIN, PRESERVE, CHAMPION THE INTERESTS OF INDIANS OVERSEAS

WHILE there had been a change in office from Agent-General to the High Commissioner, the basic conception of his duty the same, declared Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, the new High Commissioner for India, in his first public appearance, under the auspices of the Natal Indian Association, in the City Hall, Durban, Wednesday night. Speaking to a large audience, including many Europeans, he said: "Because I am High Commissioner I have not ceased to be your colleague in defending the rights of Indians in South Africa.

"It will be my natural ambition and aspiration to advance your cause and depend on your co-operation that my aim can be realised.

"It is sometimes said that the office of the High Commissioner is merely a Government of India department. It is the concern of the Department of overseas to maintain, preserve and champion the interests of Indians overseas. It has been rare when there has been any difference of opinion on this matter. Technically I am official, but before this for the last 15 years I have been a non-official.

"I feel in carrying out my duty and task I have been motivated by the ideals of public service."

The Early Settlers

HE was always dear to him, said Sir Shafa'at, because in Mahatma Gandhi had devoted the best of his youthful life and had made the practice which had resulted in his (Gandhi's) success. He had another fascination for it, where he could picture the early Indian settler who later took root in the land. They were simple, virile men with a burning hope, their gaze set not backward, struggling and determined to succeed. In this struggle he said that many could stand on their own legs. They had directed their effort to a positive channel, and attained ideal. Today he was meeting some grandchildren. He earnestly advised them to keep their connection with India, which must be the fountain of their spiritual strength.

"Bear in mind," he said, "that those who had left us have done of our best part. They had made a career in a new land. Keep your virtuous ancestors. Let remain the centre of its

proper for him to record, he said, his pleasure of the services Rao, with whom he had numerous committees for when they were engaged in out the present Indian Asia. It would be his purpose them the full fairplay by a large predecessors during the last this country.

thanked the Natal Indian Asfor the support it had ren-

dered to the Government of India. It was recognised by the Government of India, and that recognition would be continued and maintained by him. He placed on record the valuable services that the Association had rendered to him and his predecessor.

The success of the High Commissioner depended upon the advice they gave, on which the guidance that he was able to give, would depend. He would be a signal failure if he could not count on their support.

INDIAN SOLIDARITY

He was pleased that the Association had made great progress. But he must say that complete unity had not been achieved. During his term of office he wished to bring about complete solidarity under one public banner. Their motto must, in this country, be unity and solidarity. Any difference would be suicidal. If they started any differences about sectional and religious lines it would be disastrous. "Keep your ranks united so that you may give an example, which will be followed by your people in India. Without unity, I think it will be impossible to raise your status."

Proceeding, Sir Shafa'at said that he came to this country inspired by the ideal of goodwill which was possible between the European and Indian. He had found that there were best elements in the two communities. He felt that the future of Natal depended upon the cordiality existing between

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Turkish Tribute to The Ataturk

Gave His Country a New Life and a New Hope

REVERENTLY the name of Kemal Pasha, subsequently known as the Ataturk, was recalled by the body of Turkish air pilots, who are proceeding to England to join the R.A.F., in a conversation with a Leader representative.

He had built the New Turkey from the ruins of the old, after the dismemberment of Turkey in the last Great War. It was, they explained, the Ataturk who gave their country a new life and a new hope. The changes he effected, from destroying old customs that had lost all value, to bringing Turkey round to the new and the progressive, all in a very short time, as compared with the life of a nation, was nothing short of marvellous.

He had made Turkey what it now

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Indians Accused of Hostility Against Housing Scheme

"THERE is no question of expropriation. The Indians are labouring under a delusion and the buyer must be protected. Their fears and doubts about the Council's housing scheme are based on unfounded allegations of segregation.

"The Indians themselves are to blame for the delay of the housing scheme. They have refused to co-operate with us and as a last resort we may have to appeal to the Minister for his permission to enable us to proceed with the scheme."

THESE statements were made in a most emphatic manner by two members of the City Council's Housing Committee, Mrs. V. Burnside and H. Capell, when they addressed the Indo-European Council on Monday night at the Dartnell Crescent Girls' School.

Speaking first, councillor Vera Burnside said that the council had a very considerable scheme for the development of housing at Merebank-Wentworth, Sydenham, Riverside and Cato Manor areas. The intention was to take over the Indian-owned houses and rebuild in their places with due regard to sanitation and other facilities.

Among the Indian community there was a considerable element of doubt regarding the bona fides of the city council in this scheme, for the Indians maintained that it smacked of segregation. The policy of the council, on the contrary, was to negotiate with the Indian owners as between buyer and seller. If this failed, then as a last resort the council would apply for the Minister's permission to oust the owner. Expropriation as envisaged by the Indians did not exist. Actually it was not expropriation at all, the council was merely seeking a "right of way signal from the Minister.

NO DEHOUSING

"On my own behalf and on behalf of my committee, I can assure you, that we will not dehouse a person unless we can rehouse him. There is a conflict between the city council and the Indians. Invitations were sent out to the Natal Indian Association and the Congress. We wanted their views. When the meeting opened the association took up an antagonistic attitude. They had made up their minds previously and that section left very early. The Congress remained and the air was cleared."

Referring to the "Partly Paid Housing Scheme" of the council, councillor Burnside said that there were various difficulties in the way of an Indian wishing to build on that scheme. No loans were passed after 1936, and before that year only a few. Now, however, through her efforts, it is possible for an applicant of a loan to have his house within six months. In the past, even after two years, nothing came of an application.

"Most of the land in the Merebank-Wentworth area belongs to the corporation, and I am trying to sell you. We are faithful. When I come back I'd like to say I have so many houses ready. I hope to get the support of the slum-dweller and may he leave his slum," concluded councillor Burnside.

"Speaking next councillor Capell said there was no such thing as expropriation. It was a slum measure. The situation had been misrepresented and misunderstood.

Outlining the procedure of obtaining the Indian-owned properties, Councillor Capell supported the views of the previous speaker, where the slums are the owner would be obliged to sell ... it would be better if ... negotiated harmoniously.

"The council cannot build on our own ground. It has to have approval on 1,200 acres of land. The council cannot do anything just because the Indians have said ... segregation and on that principle ... slums must remain."

The objections were only ... terfuges.

COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL

"The proposal of the council is ... start on the Merebank-Wentworth areas. What's wrong with it?" ... cillor Capell demanded.

There was no need to drive out ... man already decently housed. ... council could meet individual ... The setback to the city council ... be that if it stated it was going ... to negotiate the same ... would be used to delay the ... scheme by the Indians.

Councillor Capell was not interested in cheap sites for wealthy Indians. "My job is to look after the ... Indians. It is the duty of the ... cil to deal exactly with poor ... who cannot get architects ... builders. I think it is a downright criminal shame that questions of choice sites for wealthy Indians should delay the scheme," concluded ... cillor Capell.

A discussion followed, first on ... cillor Burnside's address and then the two combined statements.

SORT OF COMPULSION

Mr. T. M. Naiker stated ... scheme would entail a sort of ... sion.

In reply to Rev. Satchell's ... councillor Burnside stated that ... clearing of all these slums by ... of the health by-laws, would ... very long time. Among the ... who took part in the discussion ... Dr. Mildred Clark, Messrs. B. ... A. I. Kajee, D. Seedat, W. ... A. M. Moola, Rev. J. M. Sundra ...

The following resolution ... passed:—

"This meeting of the Indo-European council expresses its appreciation ... councillors V. Burnside and H. Capell for attending the meeting ... explaining the intentions of the ... council in respect of Indian ... Having heard the explanations, ... council resolves:—

(a). That all question of expropriation of Indian-owned properties ... Riverside, Springfield and Sydenham be not proceeded with:

(b). That the city council be ... to proceed forthwith with the ... worth-Merebank Housing Scheme ... land owned by the corporation ... other unoccupied and undeveloped land owned by European or Indian ... and available for the purpose ... provide there houses, economic ... sub-economic, with transport, ... tional, recreational and other ... ties. In no circumstance should ... small plot be disturbed, except ... the provision of essential services.

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... Ismail Vawda, of Newcastle, ... a short visit to Durban last ...

... and Mrs. W. S. Seothal are ... a garden party at their resi... this afternoon to celebrate the ... birthday of their eldest daughter, ... Gloria Evangeline Seothal.

A representative gathering of students and lecturers under the auspices of the Maritzburg Indian Technical Society marked the occasion ... closing of the evening classes ... the Christmas vacation. The principal duration, which was of ... interest to the students. Other ... included Mr. S. Dhew and ... Anthony.

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Children should be taught to brush their teeth up and down as well as across. If the milk teeth are neglected they tend to decay and drop out too soon.

The jaw contracts and the second teeth come up too crowded and soon decay also. Decayed teeth poison every mouthful of food.

Care of the mouth, nose and throat is of the first importance, for these form the gateway of the body. Hard, crunchy food and thorough mastication have much to do with the formation of sound, healthy teeth.

Regular visits to a dentist should be paid by all children so that any little defects in the teeth may be remedied in good time.

Fresh Tomato Chutney

Peel very firm tomatoes and chop into dice. Add 1 small onion shredded, 1 knob of green ginger grated over mixture, and a little chopped mint. Pour over a dressing made of 1 teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon sugar, a little white pepper and red pepper, 2 tables spoons goodvinegar.

Stir chutney once or twice to mix thoroughly, cover and leave in cool place till wanted.

Household Hints

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To obtain most juice from lemons, heat them before squeezing.

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To remove pits from cherries easily, insert a new pen-point into penholder, pointed end in, and take out pits with the round end.

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To keep cut fruits from discolouring, sprinkle lemon or pineapple juice over them.

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To cut fresh bread easily, cut with a hot knife.

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To freshen rolls, place in a paper bag. Twist top of bag closed, and heat in hot oven for 15 minutes.

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Grease potato skins before baking to keep them soft and tender.

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To cut hard-cooked eggs without breaking the yolk, dip the knife into water.

WEDDING AT HARDEN HEIGHTS

The marriage took place at Harden Heights on Sunday of Narainsamy Ramreddy and Govindamah Perrisamy Devar. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Devar, of Mooiriver. New Hanover, and the bridegroom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramreddy, of Harden Heights.

There were many guests present in the beautiful pandal. A reception was held at the bridegroom's residence. Messrs. D. Ramdeen, E. Govender, N. S. Naiden and A. T. S. David (M.C.) spoke in eulogistic terms of both parties and wished the couple every happiness.

Interpreter at Grey's Hospital

Intimation has been received by the joint hon. secretaries of the Maritzburg branch of the Natal Indian Association from the Provincial Administration that an Indian clerk and interpreter is to be employed at the Out-Patients' Department, Grey's Hospital.

This, it will be recalled, is the outcome of the deputation which interviewed the Provincial Secretary and stressed the necessity of employing an Indian clerk and interpreter.

GREET YOUR FRIENDS THROUGH THE LEADER

Christmas and New Year Messages

The Leader offers its readers the opportunity of greeting their friends through its columns at a special rate of 2/6 for about 20 words. Greetings will be published under an attractive head in the issue of December 20. The following is an example:

NAIDOO, J. C.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Naidoo and family, 44 May Street, Durban, wish friends and relatives a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Mrs. V. R. Padayachee and Miss J. Vandayar, of Port Elizabeth, spent a fortnight in Durban. They were the guests of Mrs. A. M. Padayachee and Mrs. R. R. Chetty, of Durban.

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LEADER

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1941

Comrades in War

EMPIRE TROOPS — South Africans, New Zealanders, and Indians—are fighting side by side in Libya today. The courage of the Indian troops has been extolled. They were superb in Syria. During the Abyssinian campaign, tribute was paid to the non-European motor transport drivers, and Press correspondents admitted that the Springboks would not have struck such lightning blows against Mussolini's empire had it not been for the courage and bravery of the transport drivers.

In the face of a common danger, discrimination on the battlefield, at least, based on colour has been forgotten. Men of all shades and colours are fighting side by side for the preservation of democratic ideals against totalitarian aggression. A new spirit is abroad.

Broadcasting on Saturday night about the epic Libyan campaign, General Smuts said:

"All these South African units are playing their part by the side of their gallant British, New Zealand, Indian and other Allies, in the task of purging Africa of the double Fascists-Nazi blot, of countering the threat of a new slavery in Africa. Nor will they rest until the frontiers of freedom are established on worldwide foundations on which the free Spirit of man of all races and colours can build securely for a better future."

These are words of great moment. This is the second occasion when General Smuts has spoken of "all races and colours." The first was at Bloemfontein, when he revealed the blue prints of a contemplated social security code for all peoples in South Africa.

Today, with the enemy hammering at the gates, men are developing a great brotherhood of all peoples—a brotherhood based on tolerance and sympathy, and not on the colour of the skin of a race. South African Indian and other non-European soldiers are playing their part in the Libyan battle for "countering the threat of a new slavery in Africa."

The question of vital importance just now is: Are these people, who have shed so much blood and tears to save the world and civilisation from a Nazi-Fascist domination, going to enjoy the status of full citizenship when they come back?

Will the virtual helotry under which they have laboured, before the war began, be eradicated? Are these Springboks, who are today fighting side by side with the non-European soldiers, these comrades in war, when they return to the boundaries of the Union, going to recognise them as their equals?

Ministerial Welcome to Sir Shafa'at Khan

GENERAL SMUTS (Prime Minister):

I am very glad to hear that the Natal Indian Association is giving an official welcome to the new High Commissioner for India. He will find a sincere welcome from every section of the public of South Africa, not only for his high personal qualities and distinguished record, but also and especially as the representative of his Government, his great country and its peoples. He follows in a line of notable Indian representatives of whom Mr. Sastri was the first and Sir Rama Rau the latest. All of them have contributed to the advance of the Indian people in South Africa and to the es-



General Smuts

tablishment of good relations between them and the best of our people. We feel assured that Sir Shafa'at's services will likewise be at the disposal of South Africa for both these purposes, and while welcoming him cordially, we wish his mission the fullest measure of success. May his association with South Africa and its peoples be a fortunate one and a record of fruitful human service.

HON. C. F. STALLARD (Minister of Mines):

Sir Shafa'at's presence amongst us at this juncture is not only a sign of the solidarity of the British Empire in maintaining freedom, but is also indicative of the great part that India is playing and going to play in the conflict. The fighting qualities of the splendid troops that India has sent to Abyssinia and Egypt makes one eagerly look forward to the time when the full strength of the immense Indian Empire, both in man-power and material, will be mobilised and available. Please accept my best wishes for a happy and successful gathering.

HON. R. STUTTAFORD (Minister of Commerce and Industries):

Hope Association will give enthusiastic welcome to new High Commissioner on Wednesday next. We are fortunate at this time in having a man of such outstanding ability and experience to represent India in this country, and I trust your Association will be guided in your work by his wise counsels.

HON. J. H. HOFMEYR (Minister of Finance):

I am glad to be able to associate myself with the welcome which the Indian Association is extending to the new High Commissioner for India.

Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan has had a distinguished career, and has come to us to fill a distinguished post which he will shed fresh lustre on. The sincere hope of us all is that his presence in South Africa will do much to remove misunderstanding, to strengthen co-operation between the peoples of India and South Africa who are now fighting in a common cause and at the same time to advance the welfare and the solidarity of the Indian community in the Union.

HON. C. F. CLARKSON (Minister of Posts and Telegraphs):

I am sure that he will have a very fine reception and that he will be happy and pleasant stay in South Africa, and that he will be legitimately settling some of the difficult questions that confront us. Please apologise for my absence.

DR. COLIN STEYN (Minister of Justice):

On the occasion of the welcome reception for the High Commissioner for India at Durban I would like to add my sincere wishes of welcome to him to South Africa. I feel certain that by mutual goodwill much good can be effected in these difficult days.

Our Readers Speak

Caste Dispute at Newcastle

Mr. S. Sewgoolam, ... writes: "I, as a regular ... reader of The Leader, am sorry ... not to read any Indian news of ... castle, and yet many important ... happen than I feel should be in ... Leader.

"Last week some prominent ... of Lennoxton, Newcastle (the ... had a petition made out and went ... ting everybody to sign it protesting ... against a few of the low castes (Chamars) calling themselves as ...

"Several refused to sign the petition and protested against the ... action and demanded party ... Singhs, at two meetings held last ... at the Hindu Parcharini ...

"These meetings I didn't attend ... very few attended, as it was ... public meeting. But I have spoken ... several of those who were there ... appears they came to no decision ... it seems as if the meeting has ... up into two parties.

"The Singhs now are calling a ... meeting to be held on December ... which I understand there will be ... educated Singhs from Durban to ... regarding caste.

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We rely on these Europeans who have seen and suffered on the field of battle and not on armchair patriots. If they come back and assert themselves, we may yet hope for a better and a newer world and the horizon may appear brighter and more hopeful for the down-trodden peoples of this country.

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The Leader carries Sir Shafa'at Khan's Message to South African Indians

...grateful to The Leader for ... the opportunity to send ... his columns a message to ...

...received a very large number ... of welcome from Indians ... South Africa, and I am ... touched by the goodwill ... expressed me in their letters ... telegrams.

...have already met a number of ... public men and am looking forward to meeting many of my countrymen ... on my visits of life during my ... forthcoming visit to Natal. I have promised help and co-operation ... to them, and that has greatly encouraged me.

...come to you first and foremost as ... envoy to serve the cause ... Indians in South Africa, of ... colour or creed. I come also as the representative of the Government of India in the Union. I can assure you that neither the Government nor the people of India have forgotten you or lost interest in your hopes and aspirations.

The Government and people of India are playing a magnificent part in the Commonwealth's fight for liberty. India is heart and soul in this struggle. She is well aware that the fulfilment of her political aspirations depends on the defeat of Hitler.

You may well be proud of your motherland. I know you are loyal South Africans, but I hope you will not forget the "rock whence you were hewn" and that you will keep a warm place for India in your hearts as she does for you.

(This message was delayed in transmission and therefore did not reach us in time for insertion in our last issue.)



At the City Hall reception to the new High Commissioner for India, Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, who is seen speaking. Behind him are, Mr. Maurice Webb, Col. Morris, Mr. J. W. Godfrey, Mr. S. Rustomjee and Mr. A. M. M. Lockhat, President, N.I.A.

Top photo: The High Commissioner at Maritzburg with branch officials of the Natal Indian Congress, namely, Messrs R. A. Moodley-Ghela, Ghela Dayaram, V. K. Pillay and Paruk.

EXPENSIVE MARRIAGE TRADITION BROKEN

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INDIA'S OVERSEAS DEPARTMENT

The creation of a department of Indians Overseas is announced. The department will deal with the following heads of business:—(1) regulation of emigration from India to other parts of the British Commonwealth (including questions relating to the rights and status of such emigrants) and of the entry into India of immigrants from such parts; (2) pilgrimage to Hedjaz, other than pilgrimage to Hedjaz via Iraq, and (3) repatriation of Indians from other parts of the British Commonwealth, and of Indian pilgrims stranded at Hedjaz.

Mr. G. S. Boman, I.C.S., Joint Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Education, Health and Lands and formerly secretary to the Agent-General of India in South Africa, has been appointed Secretary in the Department of Indians Overseas.

A BREAK from the expensive marriage tradition was made by Mr. M. I. Bobat in Durban last Saturday, when his eldest daughter, Miss Marriam Be, was married to Mr. Ismail Goolam Mahomed Asmal, son of the late Mr. G. M. C. Asmal.

The marriage—the religious rites were performed, after evening prayers, at the West Street mosque on Saturday night—was shorn of all those paraphernalia which make these events, especially when the parties are reputedly wealthy people, a very expensive affair.

A sum of £500, of the money, which would have had to be spent had custom been followed, was saved and this amount was donated towards the proposed educational scheme at Forest Hill, Isipingo.

Mention of this fact was made by Mr. Mohamed Ebrahim and Hajee Roskmooden, when congratulating the contracting parties at the mosque, and by Mr. A. I. Kajee at the Orient Club, where Mr. Bobat was the guest of honour on Sunday.

At Mr. Asmal's residence there was a gathering of the personal friends of the two families. Special arrangements were made for the women and children. There was a fair attendance at the mosque, where the religious ceremonies were performed by the Imams. Following this, several speakers, including Mr. A. S. Kajee and others, extended their best wishes to the married couple.

Anti-T.B. Film

Drs. K. Goonam and M. G. Naidoo, honorary secretaries of the Indian anti-T.B. Association, write:

Through the courtesy of the Natal anti-T.B. Association and the managers of the Avalon theatre, the Indian public is invited to attend a film dealing with the preventive aspect of T.B., at the Avalon theatre, tomorrow, Sunday, at 11.30 a.m.

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Welcome to Sir Shafa'at

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European and Indian. He had spent 11 years in England, and in his own country he had seen the success that was possible when the two races worked together. India was now practically a master in her own household, for one of the eleven ministers in the Central Government were Indians. After the war India would have Dominion status. This wonderful success arose out of the co-operation of the European and Indian. He hoped that South Africa would note how this success was achieved and that it might be extended to the Union.

Speaking on the war Sir Shafa'at said that it concerned and involved the fate of every Indian. It was their duty to support the British Government with men and money. If they wanted to know what Hitler thought of Indians they should read Mein Kampf, in which he ridiculed the Indian community. Indians were fighting side by side with the British and they had a million men. He would be glad to see two millions. He was sure that Indians had never lagged behind any other community in this war and were not afraid to sacrifice life and blood.

Concluding, the High Commissioner declared that South African Indians should carry on the struggle for an improved condition, but they must be constitutional and work with the closest co-operation with the Government.

"My advice to you is never despair, never sit down with arms folded. Have a firm trust in your neighbour, for confidence begets confidence. I earnestly advise you to look to the future, try to improve your lot economically and spiritually. I know that you have grievances, and I shall do all that lies in my power, I know, too, that you are denied many things, I can promise you that you have the first and supreme claim on me. I and my office will do all we can," said Sir Shafa'at in conclusion.

"We are proud that India has sent to us one of her ablest and devoted sons at a time when she needs the devotion and assistance of every one of her children," said the Association's president, Mr. A. M. Lackhat, whose speech was read by Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee.

(See messages on page 4.)

Other Speakers

Rev. L. Sarmany said that the years that the High Commissioner might spend with them would be blessed with good results both for the Indians as well as the other people of this country.

Mr. A. Christopher said that in this war and in other wars they had done their part but why, every month and every year, there was discriminating legislation against the Indians? "Why should there be the taking away of the meagre rights that we still enjoy?" He mentioned this aspect of the question to show Sir Shafa'at how difficult was his job. In fact, it was well nigh impossible. All these in authorities, Parliamentary, Provincial and the City Council were denying those principles that they were supposed to be fighting against. "We are being deprived of our land in which we have been living for the last 60 years. The municipalities were trying to expropriate them."

Mr. Maurice Webb, president of the Indo-European Joint Council, said Indo-European Joint Council, said that he was here as one of their friends and he did not like the mechanistic device we would speak to them face to face. To quote Mr. Churchill Africa could offer him nothing but love and sweat and tears.

In spite of the provocation of the human mind this world was not fundamentally a material world but a spiritual world. In the long run it was the spiritual values that would count and because of this he knew that Sir Shafa'at's task was not an impossible one.

As a European South African belonging to one of the countries of a sister Dominion he looked forward to the day when India would find them as a completely free and equal partner.

As a European South African his children in this land would look forward in eagerness and he would also look forward, the day when the Indian population of South Africa would be the equal of his people in South Africa. He believed that day was swiftly approaching. He believed that God was great and was love, that Allah was great and merciful and by their efforts they would come together. "It is for that peace we shall strive to secure that fundamental basic equality and brotherhood under God.

"I believe Sir Shafa'at is an ally in this struggle for God's peace," ended Mr. Webb.

Mr. J. W. Godfrey said that he welcomed Sir Shafa'at as a great man because of the great work he had to do in this country. He was hopeful of the future for there were a large body of representative Europeans who were favourably disposed towards them.

He placed the franchise issue as a matter of first importance to Sir Shafa'at's consideration. They did not want separate representations. He also drew attention to the removal of the provincial barrier which restricted the movements of Indians within the Union of South Africa.

He desired to assure Sir Shafa'at that all Indians would support him in his work.

Mr. A. S. Kajee hoped that Sir Shafa'at would be able to mould successfully the destiny of Indians in South Africa. As he came from a great land which had produced great men he knew that Sir Shafa'at was bound to help in the improvement in this country. Shafa'at meant leader, and he knew that he would make a successful leader.

Mr. S. R. Naidoo said that in this country their rulers had a scientific way of disposing of the subject in any way they pleased. They could make white black and black white. They had instances of this in various anti-Indian legislation which was passed from time to time.

"India's freedom was freedom of the South African Indian," he said in conclusion.

Mr. P. R. Pather moved the resolution of thanks.



Indian Boxers: Some of those who will take part in the boxing matches, promoted by Billy Padarath, in the City Hall, Durban, on next Tuesday evening.

SHARING A COMMON PERIL

Racial Feeling Improves, Says Mayor

"As first citizen for the time being, it is my duty and privilege tonight to extend a welcome to Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, the newly appointed High Commissioner for India in the Union of South Africa," said the mayor of Durban, Mr. R. Ellis Brown, in the city hall on Wednesday night.

"I extend that welcome with great heartiness, and I am sure I speak for all the citizens of Durban, as well as for myself, when I say that I hope that during his term in South Africa he will have a very happy period of service.

"The High Commissioner comes to South Africa at a very critical hour in the nation's history. At the present moment India and South Africa are both engaged in a deadly struggle against the greatest menace to civilisation that South Africa or India has ever known—perhaps the greatest the world has ever known—and it is satisfying to know that in this crisis South Africa and India are standing together. We are in the North at this moment the sons of both countries are fighting side by side, and I should like to take this opportunity of congratulating the High Commissioner on the magnificent part which Indians are playing in the terrific struggle which is now raging in those northern climes.

"During the last fortnight our hearts have thrilled again and again as we have read the accounts of what they are doing, and of the high words of praise that have been lavished upon them by those in charge of the operations. The part they have played has been an heroic part, and when the battle of Libya is over and the German and Italian spawn have been finally swept out of North Africa—as swept out we have no doubt they will be—among those on whose brows it will be our duty to bind the laurels of victory the Indian contingent certainly will not be the least noteworthy.

"One of the results of this conflict and of the part which Indian and South African troops are both taking in it will be a better understanding between those who have participated in it. It must be so. It is unbelievable that it will not be so.

"Peril is a great leveller. When strong men stand side by side in the hour of danger—when they look together into what everybody knows is likely to be their last moment—when they fight and plan and suffer and put forth every effort they can to protect each other, they have an influence which they well know threatens them—when they do this, I say, the inevitable consequence is mutual respect, and from that time forth they are bound to be friends.

"When the Indians and Europeans who are fighting together today in North Africa emerge from the conflict there will be a feeling between them which nothing else could possibly have brought about. They will know each other for the first time, and that knows before will work wonders.

"Under the king in Shakespeare's play, the night before Agincourt, 'He today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother; be he ne'er so vile, this day shall gentle his condition'—shall lift him up, shall wipe out all distinctions between him and me and place us both on the same level. And just as danger breaks down all class barriers and makes king and peasant one, so it breaks down all race barriers and makes those who share it comrades for ever.

"I will go further than that. I will say that here in Durban, far from the front line, there not only will be, but is already, a better feeling between race and race because of the peril which both are sharing, and I am hopeful, sir, that your coming will help to deepen and cement that feeling, and that long before the hour strikes for your return to India we shall have come to replace that some of the barriers that have existed for so long between your countrymen and mine have been swept away, and that we have all come to understand and appreciate and enjoy together the great heritage into which we have entered.

"There is no reason why it should not be so. East may be East and West West, as Kipling said, but East or West, we all come from the same source, and we are all moving towards the same goal.

"Of one day God made we all are sprung men and gods and paupers in it (as children play at fashioning dirt pies) and call their fancies by the name of facts, assuming different backship, privilege to which all are entitled—they come back to it at last. The first grave-digger proves it with spade, and puts all even.

Tribute to the Ataturk

(Continued from page 1)

is not the tottering sick man of Europe but a young nation, vitally alive, commanding the respect of her neighbours and the world at large.

How he, the Ataturk, went about his task is a matter for history, but this band of young Turks threw, but had all joined together to give a connected account of their country's achievements. In faltering words they did not know much English—they chose a word, soon discarded it for a more expressive one and if this they found was not expressive enough, their faces lit up, their shoulders were lifted and by expression they gave life to those thoughts which they lacked words to express adequately.

THE FEMINIST MOVEMENT

The feminist movement, they said, was one of the strongest uplift forces the Ataturk recognised in his progressive movement. The veil, pen in Turkish, was abolished 20 years ago. Today there were women judges, pilots, parachutists, novelists, journalists and there was hardly any vocation which women did not fill. Of the front rank of women novelists, they said, were Karime Nadiy, Nazmee Tchaia, Hellide Edyz, Sukufe Nihel, pilots, Sehilla Onbeen, Natofe Toros, Muzoffer Es; parachutists, Sehaet, Edibe, Nezihe Miranjole, Yeldiz actresses, Feridun Temdiz, Halide Piskin, Neuim Alphyn, Bedia, Mezie, Seium.

Women were fully emancipated and moved about freely. They married whom they chose, preceded by courtship. There were two ceremonies, first civil, the other religious. The ring, denoting the married state, was worn both by the man and the woman.

Education today was compulsory from seven to sixteen. There were three classes of schools, primary, middle and higher. The Roman character was in use since 1928, superseding the old Arabic character. Religious education was entirely separate from the secular. Parents were expected to teach their children religion and not the State. This did not suggest that the people today were irreligious. They still attended the mosques and observed all the Islamic laws—they still kept the Fast of Ramadan; the time of beginning and ending were announced by the firing of a cannon.

As officers in the army they were reluctant to discuss the war but, if we could judge, they certainly were pro-British.

"Germany got big like big balloon. But it (what you say?) burst. I think in 18 months it go broke," was one Turk's summing-up of the war situation.

The party was under the leadership of Mr. Ismail Kunt. Others were: Messrs. Mehmet Sinne, Mehmet Dyguna, Ismail Ok, Halil Demire, Tahir Kocak, Mustafa Chusey, Ibrahan Arvibliz, Halit Anse, Kamil Beker, Riza Kalayeioght and Munir Ozbek.

They were entertained by the Vicks Club on Sunday last.

They were welcomed by its president, Mr. A. E. Kajee. In a common kinship of the peoples and the various occasions the suffering of the Turkish people when "their hearts were with the Turks."

The club had entertained students of many nationalities one time or another but tais was the first time a Turkish visitors were present at the club, said Hajee Rookswoolen in welcoming the visitors.



Excitement reaches fever pitch in this scene from Edward Small's "The Son of Monte Cristo," the romantic adventure drama and the principals involved include Louis Hayward, Joan Bennett and Florence Bates.

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By "THE FAQIR"

Post Office Revenue Soars

THE High Commissioner's arrival in Durban kept a number of Durban's public bodies working full speed over the week. Thousands of invitations were sent out and postmen were kept working overtime delivering these invitations.

The revenue at the Post Office must have gone up a nice neat sum. The paper shortage does not seem to have affected these public bodies for their invitations were none of the cheap ones, but the notepaper was expensive and the lettering was done in gold. Even the rise in the price of paper does not seem to have deterred these heroes. Yes, much money has been running well over the past week, and plenty of people have been kept working overtime. I haven't heard from the flower sellers yet. When I do, I shall pass on the information.

Ashamed He is an Indian?

A correspondent writes from Stanger. "In our town there is a shopowner who stocks some excellent English, Afrikaans, and Hindi records, but whenever a European walks in while a Hindi or Tamil record is being played, one of the assistants rushes over to the gramgram and switches it off; otherwise it is left playing." My correspondent wants to know if the shopowner is ashamed of the fact that he is an Indian?

The Old Company

The Burnside-Capell combination have now adopted new tactics on the question of Indian housing. They are putting into practice the military strategy that echoes is the best form of defence, for, on Monday night they told the Natal Indo-European Council that there is no expropriation of Indian land, and expressed their concern for the poor Indian—as if this matter(ed very much to them. They carried the war into the enemy territory—they told their audience that most of the Indians who had opposed the expropriation—sorry, there is no expropriation, Mr. Capell—scheme only 22 2/3 in their own interests. We didn't know whose interests were served when our City Fathers turned out the Indians from the land at Springfield for the accommodation of racehorses—the beast being favoured to the man. Actions should speak louder than words and they have yet to convince the bazaar of their concern in the poor Indian.

A Unity Shield

The presidents of the two Indian political bodies in Maritzburg have at last agreed on something. Those two men who were never able to see eye to eye on any subject, travelled to Ladysmith in the same car, discussed the futures of a cricket shield, presented to the Natal Cricket Union at the beginning of the year by one of them, and returned in the same car. Now that they have at last come together on the question of the shield, the Indian community may yet benefit by their joint endeavours in the realm of politics.

At the Reception

Indian women in gay evening Saris, scintillating with silver borders under the lights of the city hall, listening with bated breath, created impressive scene on Wednesday night, at the welcome accorded to the new High Commissioner by the Natal Indian Association.

The tense atmosphere of the evening was relieved by Advocate J. W. Godfrey, who, when he came to the mike, said he was going to be short, without realising of course, that he stands 4ft. 11in. in his socks!

Mr. A. S. Kajee, about the ninth speaker of the evening, was the first one to talk of the poor Indians. Sir Shafa'at has plenty of work to do in Northern Natal and on the North Coast, where some of the poorest Indians in the country are leading a forgotten life.

Probably Sir Shafa'at will not have such a difficult task in bringing together the two Indian political bodies in this country that find it difficult to meet on a platform. Why, one of the speakers from the Association's platform was the joint secretary of the South African Indian Congress! A good sign; we hope unity is round the bend.

The garlands, of course, were there.

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PETERS' SHIELD INCIDENT CLOSED

New Trophy to Substitute Previous One

A council meeting of the Natal Indian Cricket Union was held at Ladysmith on Sunday last. Delegates were present from Durban, Maritzburg and Ladysmith.

One of the important items of this meeting was the review of the decision of the council meeting held at Maritzburg on February 23, 1941. Its decision was to return Dr. M. R. Peter's shield, which was presented by him to replace Pandav Brothers' shield for Natal competition.

A full report of this incident had appeared in The Leader during the month of February last.

Dr. Peters, speaking as a delegate of the Maritzburg Districts Indian Cricket Union, moved that the question of the shield be reviewed and appealed for a more sympathetic and accommodating attitude in the whole matter.

The Natal officials offered to review this case but pointed out that the decision of the council meeting of February 23 last could not be interfered with, as there was no motion to that effect, but if the council felt that the decision should be altered a proper notice of motion should be sent in in time for the next meeting.

Dr. Peters, when asked to speak, stated that he had presented the shield to replace the Pandav Brothers' shield. A Natal deputation of four members came to intervene him regarding the effigy on his shield. He told the deputation that he was not prepared to do this, but he was prepared to remove it if the objection was on religious grounds. The deputation thereupon told him that the effigy was inappropriate to cricket. He admitted having lost his temper and having told the deputation that if Natal did not want the shield they could return it to him, but he cannot that he since had apologised to Natal and that no back of this was taken to reconsider his decision.

Numerous speakers spoke at length. Amongst these were Mr. M. S. Badat, who said that the objection raised to the shield in his personal opinion was not the effigy, but he felt that the Durban sportsmen objected to the value of the shield, which was far less than the existing one, which in his opinion was worth anything over £25. He felt that something of a similar value should be given.

Mr. R. Kallie pointed out that when the ex-Natal president, Mr. — N. Pillay, was about to present a shield to replace Pandav Brothers' shield, he was asked to give one worth over £25, but as circumstances then did not allow Mr Pillay to present one of that value he let his honour go by, giving Dr. Peters the next chance.

It was unfortunate that Natal did not stipulate an amount for the shield when Dr. Peters offered to present one. Mr. Pillay, he felt, was prepared to present one now too, the stipulated value, as his position had improved. He also appealed to Dr. Peters to remove the effigy and have something appropriate to cricket and to overcome all difficulties and to please all sportsmen, although the present effigy was not in any way offensive to anyone's religious feelings.

Dr. Peters at this stage got up and informed the house that to avoid matters dragging on indefinite he was prepared, as an act of grace, to withdraw his value stipulated and agreed to let a committee of the union choose the shield. He also tendered an apology for some more he had used.

His offer to present a new shield was accepted.

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George Naidoo Trophy

The following are the results of matches played for the George Naidoo Trophy [illegible]

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Orients, first innings, 58 (P. S. Tongani 27 not out; G. Vasudevan 11; N. P. Unley 5 for 11). Second innings, 6 for 4 wickets (G. Vasudevan 42; B. Govindjee 2 for 31).

Aryans, first innings, 74 (T. N. Baneda 24; N. P. Unley 21; F. B. Kara 5 for 26).

Aryans won by 26 runs on the first innings.

Regents, first innings, 67 (H. Verrie 27 not out; N. P. Unley 7 for 22). Second innings, 51 (M. G. Cader 21, C. Moodley 11 not out; T. N. Baneda 4 for 30, Unley 5 for 15).

Aryans, first innings, 42 (T. N. Baneda 24; M. M. Bulbeen 16; H. Verrie 6 for 14). Second innings, 34 for 5 wickets (T. N. Baneda 16).

Aryans won by five wickets.

Orients, first innings, 34. Second innings, 76 for 4 wickets (declared). (Unfinished).

Aryans, first innings, 2. Second innings, 31.

Orients won by 47 runs.

Regents, first innings, 49. Second innings, 46 for 7 wickets (declared).

Aryans, first innings, 26. Second innings, 49 for 9.

Regents won by 23 runs on the first innings.

Regents, first innings, 56 (C. E. Jesse 15, T. Morgan 5 for 13). Second innings, 93 (H. Verrie 16, T. Verrie 16, M. G. Kader 12, T. Morgan 5 for 24).

Orients, first innings, 67 (T. Makan 22, A. M. Naik 5 for 14). Second innings, 32 for 3 wickets (M. B. Kara 27 not out).

Orients won by seven wickets.

Aryans first innings 32 (A. Vasudevan 9 for 7). Second innings, 39 (T. N. Baneda 13, B. J. Govindjee 7, C. Appasee 4 for 4).

Regents, first innings, 32 (C. Appasee 10, B. J. Govindjee 5 for 15). Second innings, 47 for 7 wickets (E. Naran 24 not out).

Regents won by three wickets.

Sports Items in Brief

Natal Golf Championship

Frank Nagan, [illegible] the Natal open golf championship played at Curry's Fountain on Sunday last. Rain, at intervals during the whole day affected the game and with the exception of A. M. Cooper and J. [illegible] said no one returned a convincing card. M. N. Pillay, last year's winner, did not defend his title. The following are the complete results: Frank Nagan, 139; A. M. Cooper, 142; J. [illegible] 143; J. M. Pillay, 144; J. Nathoo, 144; K. James, 147; T. S. Perry, 148; H. Alladin, 148; A. Wahab, 149; [illegible] Sam, 150; A. Moonsamy, 159; M. [illegible] James, 150; M. A. Sam, 151; A. [illegible] Khan, 151; C. M. Matcho, 153; G. [illegible] Govender, 155; M. Nagan, 156; [illegible] sethal, 162.

The next competition of the Durban Indian Golf Club will be for the Lazarus memorial trophy, over 36 holes medal play, played on [illegible] next. Play commences at 8.30 a.m.

Stick and Shield Club

The seventh annual soccer tournament of the Springfield Stick and Shield Club, which should have been played on Sunday last has been postponed to December 21 on account of the weather. An athletics meeting will be held tomorrow at the Springfield Estates sports ground. There will also be an exhibition of boxing by the Cosmopolitan gymnastic club.

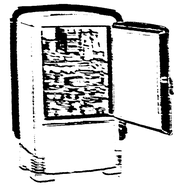
Mayville Cricket Union

The name of Mr. R. Mahaber was omitted from the list of officials published last week. Mr. Mahaber is an honorary vice-president of the Mayville cricket union.

S.A. Cricket Meeting

A meeting of the South African cricket union is scheduled to take place at Johannesburg during the New Year holidays.

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N AMBASSADOR FROM MOTHER INDIA

Shafa'at Welcomed at the Orient Club

High Commissioner, Sir [illegible] Ahmed Khan, was entertained by the Orient Club last Saturday afternoon. A gathering of people, [illegible]ring over a thousand and fully [illegible]ntative of both Europeans and [illegible]s was present.

[illegible]king at the garden party, Mr. Kajee said that they were welcoming the High Commissioner as an [illegible]mber of a great country—India—in South Africa. The gathering, of both Europeans and Indians, was a token of the great [illegible]ndians and interest they had for India. [illegible]ome was not only for the High [illegible]ssioner, but it showed the [illegible]n which India, only second to none in her aid to Britain and the [illegible] of the East, was held.

[illegible]r, Mr. Kajee said, was being [illegible]ht for the sacred cause of human [illegible]y. The presence of the High [illegible]ssioner reminded the people in [illegible]ountry that India was also in [illegible]. The Indians in South Africa, [illegible]e contributed so much towards [illegible]uth of the country, would also [illegible] become South Africans in the [illegible]ense of the word.

[illegible] Africa was a free country, [illegible]. A. I. Kajee admitted that [illegible] was freedom of speech and [illegible]. Those liberties, he hoped, [illegible] be added to by the High Commissioner. He sincerely believed that [illegible]ould come when the Indians [illegible]ddress the High Commissioner [illegible]th Africans. One of the war [illegible]ome, he said, all true things [illegible]lled democracy.

[illegible]ndians recognised and knew the [illegible] the High Commissioner [illegible]de in coming out to South [illegible].

[illegible]ing of the Orient Club, Mr. [illegible]nformed Sir Shafa'at Khan [illegible]e club was first formed 18 years [illegible] the north bank of the Umgeni [illegible] known as an "Assembly of [illegible] People of many races and [illegible]had been entertained by the [illegible] Club, and it was here they [illegible]e promote goodwill and unity [illegible] between man and race. He [illegible]ored the High Commissioner [illegible]orary membership of the club [illegible]ed that he, when tired and [illegible] by his work, would seek [illegible]d solace there.

[illegible]ing again to South Africa, Mr. [illegible]d that it had produced many [illegible]en, of whom General Smuts, [illegible]nt Prime Minister, was one. Gandhi, too, had found his soul in this country, and the Indians were demanding something they were worthy of.

Concluding, Mr. Kajee said that he trusted Sir Shafa'at Khan would help the Indians find the goodwill and cordiality that were being talked of.

Speaking subsequently, Mr. Kajee referred to the contribution made by the club members to the cause of education. Sixty per cent. of the money was contributed for the building of the Sastri College. One of their members, Mr. Aboobaker Moosa, and his brothers were responsible for the erection of school buildings for the poorer sections of the Indian community. Another, Mr. M. A. Matola, had donated the building ground for the delinquent Indian lads. They had already embarked on a scheme to provide higher education at Isipingo; a sum of £22,000 had been already collected towards the building scheme.

The next speaker, Mr. Rupert Ellis Brown, the Mayor of Durban, said that he was not going to subject the party to a lengthy talk. He had already had an opportunity of welcoming the High Commissioner. On that occasion he had referred to the magnificent stand which the sons of Mother India and the sons of South Africa were putting up side by side in North Africa for freedom. The result of all this would be a better understanding between the two sections of his citizens here.

Referring to the attainments of Sir Shafa'at Khan, the mayor said he had done much during the course of his still very young life—he had founded a newspaper and was gold medallist of his university amongst his achievements. He had done things. His work, he hoped, would be a pleasurable task. In order to do this he must ask for the cooperation of both Europeans and Indians. If he got that he was bound to bring results.

THE MAYOR'S COUSIN

"I feel friendly disposed towards him inasmuch as we are cousins. I have an uncle in England quite distinguished for his work. I asked Sir Shafa'at if he knew him. He said, 'Why, he is my adopted father in England.' Therefore I feel quite cousinly towards him. If he calls upon me I shall do what I can to help," Mr. Ellis Brown concluded.

Councillor Mrs. Edith Benson, a former mayoress of Durban and a firm friend of the Indians, said that she greatly appreciated the contribution of Mother India, in men and money, towards the war. She had visited India.

She deplored the fact that there was such a terrible shortage of schools for Indian children in Natal. It was one thing to speak and quite another to act. Although she was no gold medallist or university educated, yet she hoped that Sir Shafa'at's presence in South Africa would bring about better relations between the Indians and Europeans, concluded Mrs. Benson.

"It has become a commonplace for Europeans at such a gathering to draw attention, and rightly so, to the discordant notes in our body politic. It is also the practice to speak as friends. I myself have given practical testimony to my friendship," said Mr. A. Goldberg, M.P.

He believed that the denial of democracy to any section of the people would impair the development of the Europeans themselves. No State as long as it sanctions the negation of democratic principles to part of its population could be progressive.

Sir Shafa'at's scholarly attainments were destined, Mr. Goldberg concluded, to play an important role in South African affairs.

The last speaker was Mr. Hajee Rookmeetsen, who proposed a vote of thanks.

(Sir Shafa'at's reply appears on Page 4.)

Sir Shafa'at Khan's Call to Youth for Co-operation

SPEAKING at the Gandhi library under the auspices of the Muslim Institute on Saturday evening, the High Commissioner, Sir Shafa'at Ahmed Khan, called for the co-operation and support of the youth, without which, he said, his task would be hampered.

Mr. A. S. Kajee, president of the Muslim Institute, said that Sir Shafa'at had come to this country as an Ambassador of India, and the Indians here must co-operate with him to the fullest. Quoting the Persian poem of Iqbal, the speaker said that, the High Commissioner had all the noble qualities, referred to by the poet, of honesty, sincerity and bravery. His name, too, was synonymous with "plender," and he was here to plead the cause of the Indians.

Garlanding the High Commissioner on behalf of the Muslim Institute, Mr. Kajee said that the garland symbolised the spirit of their co-operation.

Replying, Sir Shafa'at Khan said he realised the difficulties that were facing the Indian peoples, but he had risked his whole career in assuming the office he had, but he was determined to see it through successfully.

No office in the world was as difficult as his, but, he said, "if after three years I must go back successful I must have the support and the co-operation of the youths. If I had not the confidence in the youths I would have folded my hands, sat back and resigned, but because I had a burning confidence in the youths I came over. During my term of office I will not neglect the insistent demands of the youth. I am here to dig up that solid gold that is in the youth."

EARLY DAYS

He himself was young once, he said, and, recalling his early days, he said he had been associated with many youth movements. Although today he was no more a young man, he was still interested in them and their activities.

Exhorting the Muslim youth to be mindful of their progress, he said they must be concerned with all the forces that were now active, and they must converge from their trials fully-fledged men.

The High Commissioner then referred to the flexibility, the elasticity and the adaptability of the two great religions of India—Islam and Hinduism. The Muslim youth, he said, must also be tolerant towards, and respect the religion of, other peoples, but at the same time he must be deeply devoted to and venerate his own religion. He must also at the same time remember to be an Indian first and Indian last.

Mr. Hoosen Kharwa, the secretary of the Muslim Institute, who moved a vote of thanks, said that the youth in Durban was united, and assured the High Commissioner of their support and their co-operation.

Sir Shafa'at Ahmed Khan was also garlanded by Mr. Y. S. Mulla, the president of the Salamat Club, on behalf of his club, and by Mr. V. S. C. Pather on behalf of the Gandhi library and Parsee Rustomjee hall.

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The Orient Club

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Gujerat supplies a magnificent example of this synthesis. In Bengal, too, there has been a long line of Muslim writers who have written their masterpieces in the Bengali language and built the foundation of Bengali nationalism. In the Punjab and United Provinces, the number of Hindus who have composed monumental works in Persian is very large, and there are now hundreds of poets in Urdu in the United Provinces and Punjab who are not and never have been afflicted to religious frenzy. "Do not treat me as if I were old iron," writes a famous Italian poet. India may well say to her sons: "Do not tear me to fragments as I am one and indivisible."

I would therefore urge upon members of this club a deep study of the culture and custom, beliefs and traditions of the component races that constitute the Indian nation. We have so far succeeded in this land through our unity which has been forced upon us by the instinct for self-preservation. As I raise in a foreword to a remarkable book entitled "Hindus and Muslims of India," "in the temple of her intellect, the circle of her thoughts and the trend of her culture there is a powerful tradition of unity which the chills and fires of a thousand years of her chequered annals have not been able to destroy." And this movement for cultural unity goes on with an epic majesty. While India is economically happy and politically discordant, her merchants and craftsmen are thriving and prosperous.

While prosperity lasts, the people are requiescent, and fairly aware of a Renaissance as a cloud of perfume, a sense of a deepening rose colour, a great new picture hid on a cloister wall, a shadow of kingly steel—and a stealthy quickening of medieval Indian customs. To the rich and poor alike, to the Muslim and the Hindu and the Christian, is offered the comfort of a great light, which has burned three thousand years, of burning incense, of significant changes, and the pomp of slowly changing or rapidly transforming political garments. Thus gazing herself reflected in the world of multiform shapes, India passes into that dream of her future which steals like dew through the thirsty places of life, restoring, refreshing, enriching, and calling upon all her sons to lend a hand in recreating a happier and a brighter India for the new generation. I hope the piping times of peace and plenty will not soften the fibre of our children, and it is my prayer that they may not lead to disintegration.

I should like to refer to one more point before I conclude, and that is the need for social service. As a humble worker in the cause of social reform, as one who has spent some years of his life in trying to achieve this object, I must most earnestly impress upon you all the vital need for social service to your less fortunate brethren. Our religions enjoin upon us the vital necessity for charity. In Islam, Baitul Mal is a vital factor in the life of a Muslim, while in the Hindu religion no point is more forcibly expressed.

Many of you have through the grace of God been made rich, famous and prosperous. Do not forget that the lot of your poorer brethren in this land is harder than that of your cousins in India. It is a new land demanding success and a future unfortunately in such a land receives less sympathy than in a land which has been used by centuries to ways and methods devised for the care of sick and ailing brethren.

It is therefore all the more incumbent upon you, the successful men of this world, who have gained success into subjective, to look after your illiterate and unfortunate diseased brethren. The need for a hospital for our people is imperative both in Durban and Johannesburg. Will any public-spirited member of this club come forward and help his community by donating a substantial amount to this noble object? We need also well-equipped technical institutes for both working men, and there is in addition a great need for increased facilities for the higher academic training of our Indian youths. I have thrown out these suggestions in the earnest hope that you will give serious thought to them. If such an achievement should adorn during my tenure of office I shall deem myself fortunate.

Our Readers Speak

ASHAMED HE IS AN INDIAN

The report under the above caption appeared in that section of [illegible] last week devoted to the "Talk of the Bazaar" by "The Faqir."

The correspondent could be credited a little for being observant, but when he attempts to draw conclusions from those observed "facts," we are afraid he fails miserably.

Need we state that this report has failed to create even a mild [illegible] amongst the thinking public in this district; hence we feel that the object of the correspondent has been defeated.

It seems that a certain device of salesmanship resorted to by one of us has created a doubt in this person fellow's mind as regards the integrity of our nationality. In order to dispel such doubts, and to answer his question directly, we hope the correspondent will not only give his name and address, but also state to which "shop owner" he has been alluding.

We would not have bothered to write, but knowing the wide popularity your paper enjoys in this country, we thought it proper, for the benefit of the readers who may not know the conditions, to ask the correspondent for the above information.

There are several of us who are stockists of gramophone records, and when a question is embodied in a report with vague references to "shopowners," you will no doubt agree with us, sir, that it is well nigh impossible to answer it by any one of us.

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e it is who thrusteth away the orphan,
nd stirreth not others up to feed the poor.
Who to those who pray,
ut in their prayer are careless;
Who make a shew of devotion,
nt refuse help to the needy.

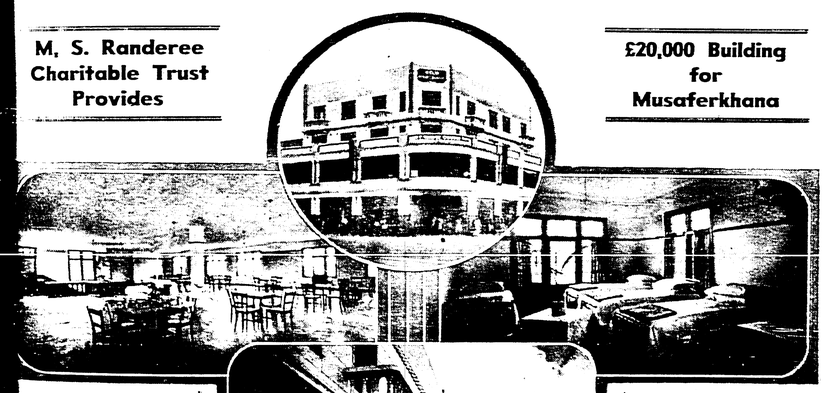
The Koran, Sura cvii.

BISMILLAHI 'rahhmani 'rrahim.
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Maliki yowmi-d-deen.
Eyaka naboodoo, waeyaka nestaeen.
Ihdina 'ssirat almostakeem.
Sirat alezeena anhamta eleihim, gheiri-'l
Mughdoobi aleihim, wala dsaleen. Ameen.

The Koran, Sura I.

M, S. Randeree Charitable Trust Provides

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MORROW afternoon, at 2.30, the Muslim Musaferkhana, erected [illegible] M. S. Randeree Charity will be opened by Moulana Sidi Mahomed Abed Mia Osmani.

building will provide accommodation for some 50 visitors, both men [illegible] women, who find that they are [illegible] any relatives or friends in [illegible] and are wanting sleeping

Musaferkhana, which literally [illegible] a building for travellers who are [illegible]sit, are scattered in India all [illegible]e land. It is an act of charity [illegible] to those rest houses for the [illegible]nence of travellers.

[illegible]ne who makes a show of [illegible] but refuses help to the needy, [illegible]s Koranic injunction which [illegible]s accepted by the trustees to be [illegible]uiding principle to dispense the [illegible]e accepted by the donors, who [illegible] S. Randeree.

[illegible]ift to the trust was £7,000, another £2,000 being added by Randeree, who with her son, Mr. [illegible]M. Randeree, are the trustees. [illegible]ots have since grown with the [illegible]e of the trust in 1932, for the building cost £20,000. This [illegible]nt and its benevolent activities. [illegible] trust still continues its grants [illegible]ous charitable institutions.

A DEVOUT MUSLIM

founder of the trust, the late [illegible]ahomed Saleh Randeree, was a Muslim. The Koran was his [illegible]ma. To him was no desire

The DESIRE of increasing riches occupieth you,
Till ye come to the grave.
Nay! but in time to end ye shall know.
Nay! anew more, in the end ye shall know your folly.
Nay! would that ye knew it with knowledge of certainty!
Surely ye shall see hell-fire.
Then shall ye surely see it with the eye of certainty:
Then shall ye on that day be taken to task concerning pleasures.

The Koran. (Sura.)

He came to Natal in 1895. After a short stay he opened businesses in Durban. He then went to India, and returned to Durban in 1900, where he established his retail and wholesale houses. In 1920 he took his eldest son, Sulaiman, into his business, changing the name to S. M. Randeree and Co.

In 1925 he made his pilgrimage to Mecca. Having fulfilled his religious duty, he visited India. In 1927 he practically had retired and left the "worldly work" to his sons, and thinking more of those beautified words of the Koran:—

"Observe the prayers and pay the legal alms, and lend Allah a liberal loan: for whatever good works ye send on before for your own behoof, ye shall find with Allah. This will be best and richest in the recompense. And seek the forgiveness of Allah; verily, Allah is forgiving, Merciful."

He went on lending this liberal loan. He gave 30,000 rupees for the erection of a hospital in his native town of Kathor. He also offered Baroda State one lac rupees (100,000) for a water scheme, but the scheme, owing to some hitch in the arrangement, was not completed.

He gave the Sastri College building fund a liberal donation, as well as contributing to all requests made upon him for the erection of [illegible] madrassas and other public purposes. He was a vice-patron of the Natal Indian Congress, and accompanied several deputations to the authorities.

He died in Durban in 1932. In his will he provided the nucleus of the fund which is now governed for charitable needs both for Muslim and other Indians. His sons, S. M., E. M., G. H. M. and I. M. Randeree, still carry on the good work which their father inspired, and in their turn will leave this inspiration with their children.

May they, too, be the people of the right hand!



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Hindu Marriages

THE decision of Mr. Justice Carlisle in the Durban Civil Sessions a fortnight ago, when an Indian woman was awarded damages for breach of promise and seduction draws attention to the question of the legality of Hindu marriages. It also challenges the validity, at law, of a marriage performed by its priest according to the tenets of the Hindu religion but not registered under the provisions of the law.

The Hindus are the only section of the people in this country whose officiating priests at a marriage are not marriage officers. Hundreds of marriages have been contracted in good faith by both the parties but it has become quite as easy for either party to repudiate such an alliance as it is to take off a shoe that pinches.

The aggrieved party (in almost every case the wife) usually has no redress at law unless she is prepared to spend a great deal of money and seek relief by appealing to the courts. By the very nature of her economic status it is not possible for every Indian woman to go to the courts but the few that can do so shun the publicity that is attached to court proceedings and prefer to suffer in silence.

The plaintiff in this instance, especially for an Indian woman, has shown remarkable courage by taking her case to the courts and obtaining relief.

The appointment of Hindu marriage officers has been complicated by the Hindus themselves. The Hindu social system is at fault here in that all Brahmins, illiterate or otherwise, seek recognition as marriage officers and it is obviously impossible for the authorities to appoint them in such large numbers if they have to make concessions to the Hindu marriage system.

We would like to suggest a way to the authorities to meet this urgent and pressing need for reform. All Indian Commissioners of Oaths should be given the power to register marriages solemnised according to the rites of the Hindu religion.

We know that it is an easy matter for a Hindu marriage contracted according to custom to be legalised by both the parties appearing at the office of the Protector of Indian Immigrants or by going to one of the various magistrates in each province, but for some reason or other the newly-wed couples do not do so. They firmly believe that their marriage has both a social and legal sanction until something happens—another woman appears.

The time has also arrived for the laws that were made to meet the needs and exigencies of the Indians, who were first brought to this country some 80 years ago under the indenture system, to be reconsidered and made to fit in with A.D. 1941 ways of thinking. The descendants of these early Indian immigrants have made tremendous strides in the positive directions in the field of education and in their social conditions and laws formulated to fulfil the needs of a pioneer who lived over half a century ago cannot be justly applicable to the present-day Indian.

ORIENT CLUB, "THE FOUNDRY OF NATIONAL OPINION"

—Sir Shafa'at Kha

IN A SPEECH AT THE ORIENT CLUB ON SATURDAY LAST

I AM grateful for the honour you have done to me in inviting me to this club and giving me an opportunity of paying an historic institution which [illegible] a series of receptions given by the authorities of the club to most of my predecessors, be they Royal Highness the Sultan of Zanzibar, and Governors-General of South Africa.

The club is situated in ideal surroundings and the frontal view with a sweeping path through green lawns carried my mind back to the pastures in Iran. The warm sun of Natal rains in Iran. The warm sun of Natal has made the colourful flowers of this place blossom into a tropic luxuriance which adds majesty and serenity to the noble dimensions of the building. I am particularly impressed by the architectural design that has moulded the building into the background of the scenery and fashioned the whole into a work of art.

Our grateful thanks are due to the founders of this club, who seem to have had a premonition of the part which the club was destined to play in the national life of our community in South Africa. The club has now become not only a rendezvous for all that is best in our community but also a rallying point for Indians in Natal. It has played a part in the formation of public opinion in Natal, of which any similar institution in India could legitimately be proud, and I congratulate its office-bearers on the interest and zeal they have displayed in maintaining its sound traditions and developing its influence.

A club of this kind is a vital necessity for our community in South Africa, scattered as we are among a mass of people, most of whom view with indifference, and, I am afraid, sometimes with hostility, the Indian view of life and our natural way of expressing ourselves. It must, therefore, remain the focus not merely of our social but also of our economic endeavour. The club knows no barriers of race or of creed, if it, I may so express it, the synthesis of Indian culture, in its amazing variety and profound depth.

It was said of Mediæval Florence, of Florence of the time of Leonardo da Vinci, "that it was a sweet and dangerous vanity of ideas born in her Courts working on the finer brains of more Athenian qualities of the Renaissance under the proud guise of a republic with all the encouragements of a series of noble patrons. Lorenzo the magnificent carved and gilded and crowned the city he loved best, decorating alike her cloisters and ravishing Greek manuscripts for her libraries, fostering her scholars and artists sending Italian songs to break in high flung scorn against the dark facades of her marble palaces."

May it not be that this club, created patiently by a long line of self-made men who had hacked their way through obstruction, will become the foundry in which our national opinion may be moulded and cast. It is said that the English House of Commons is the finest club in the world. A similar remark could legitimately be applied to our Indian Assembly and, so I am told, to the Union Assembly of South Africa.

The Orient Club has, as we know, been the clearing house of ideas in the past. There is no reason why the constant and rhythmic [illegible] should not be an inspiration to members of our community—Hindu, Muslims, Christians, Parsees—to live about a synthesis of our culture and custom.

We all know that while Athens became effete and stagnant after the springtime of her renaissance, her vigorous colonies on the coast of Asia Minor and beyond maintained the [illegible] of Greek culture and Greek capacity for self-expression, thus [illegible] their inherent desire for expansion and growth.

The process of development, which started on a strange soil, called for the dormant qualities of a host people, and while Athenian intellect petrified, the energy of her children in Asia seemed to act no [illegible] nature and annihilated time and space. While Athens died, lingering to its dead bosom the crowning achievement of her glorious existence, her children dominated Asia Minor, and built up a Greek Empire which lasted [illegible] than one thousand years.

In the same way while Rome became a ghost of her former self, her children and grandchildren, Florence, Venice, Milan and Naples, sowed the seed which grew into the mighty empire of the present European civilisation.

Colonists in a strange land usually enjoy certain advantages which their cousins in the homeland can only possess. They are the living centres of life, sceptics and dogmas steadily demanding the hard lines of outline for the darkly burning coals of struggle and freedom with an [illegible] curiosity, fashioning a way of life, kind of craft for the new situations in which they find themselves. Being [illegible] it is a truism to say that the adventurous and brilliant youths must stay at home, but set out to make their fortune and build up a name. Some become exhausted in one century because her nobler and harder spirit left for Spanish colonies, and only the derelicts, the weaklings with [illegible] genealogical trees, were left behind.

This is happily not the case with India, as she is a large and prolific mother and she can view with pride the keenness and pleasure the doings of her sons across a distance of 6,000 miles. All that I would like to emphasise here is that while India has taken through the departure of her brilliant sons who are now in [illegible] me, has also gained, because they have kept burning in a strange land the flame amidst a hardy and stern people the candle of Indian culture and civilisation. But this is not the only way in which a club of this kind can serve.

This club embracing as it does the cream of the community, can certainly become the source of a [illegible] and philanthropic [illegible] India is in the throes of a great [illegible] and understand the customs, traditions and beliefs of the people of India. It bears the impress of a [illegible] and urbane humanism which has evoked its apotheosis under the [illegible]

This attempt by her social [illegible] and savants to weave together the severed fragments of her sacred [illegible] into spiritual unity, which will give new life into her body, has had the happiest results. The [illegible] which had marked earlier efforts has happily been smoothed and [illegible] be of earnest men have applied [illegible] relieve to the study of the [illegible] of culture.

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Province Refuses to Maintain Maternity Home

R. H. KHAN TRUST APPEALS HEDGED

[illegible] instance of the trustees, Mr. [illegible] Boall (chairman), Mr. P. R. [illegible] and Mr. Lukhee Ramsamee, of [illegible] K. Khan Hospital and Dispensaries, the following statement is [illegible] for the information of the

[illegible] balance sheets for the years [illegible]940 and 1940-1941 reflect the following figures: 1939-1940, landed property including plots sold on hire-[illegible] investments, bonds and [illegible] in the building societies and in [illegible]ank, £12,783 8s. 5d.; 1940-1941, landed properties, including plots sold [illegible] repurchase, investments, bonds, moneys in the building societies [illegible] the bank, £13,359 0s. 5d.

[illegible]rust has three free dispensaries [illegible] indigent Indians receive free [illegible]al attention and free medicine.

[illegible] dispensary at Clairwood is open [illegible] except Sundays. Dr. G. M. [illegible]er attends here, and the average [illegible]ance per month is 2,063. This [illegible] opened on January 1, 1938.

[illegible]ome at Somtseu road is under the [illegible]d Dr. N. P. Desai. The average [illegible]ance is 909 per month. This [illegible]pened on January 1, 1939.

[illegible] dispensary at Umgeni, on the [illegible]to Sea Cow Lake, is open from [illegible]0 to 9 a.m. Dr. G. M. Naicker [illegible] one hour daily, and the average [illegible]ance is 681 per month. This was [illegible]ened on July 1, 1939.

[illegible]esponse to a request made by the [illegible] Benevolent Home, Maritzburg, [illegible]t has just opened a dispensary [illegible] home, 500 Pietermaritz street, [illegible]burg, where Dr. S. R. Deonarain [illegible] will be in attendance one hour

[illegible]rust was in communication with [illegible]Natal provincial authorities for [illegible]ome with a view to erecting a [illegible]aternity home for Indians in Beatrice [illegible] on the site on which the Bantu [illegible] Centre now stands. The trust [illegible]d to meet the maternity home, [illegible]ised the provincial authorities to [illegible]an it. The provincial authorities [illegible]ould not take over the maintenance thereof, and the scheme fell [illegible].

[illegible] Provincial Council was again [illegible]ested to take over the maintenance of a free dispensary in St. [illegible]e road, Mayville, the buildings [illegible]h the trust offered to erect, [illegible]became, despite the efforts of Dr. [illegible]enson, who was then superintendent of the King Edward VIII hospital, the province would not definitely [illegible]ay it would take over the mainte-

[illegible]ew of the attitude of the provincial authorities the trustees have no alternative [illegible] carry out one of the two wishes [illegible] late Mr. R. K. Khan, and that [illegible]onduct free dispensaries for Indians commensurate with the [illegible] of the trust. That these dispensaries are serving the poor is [illegible]ed by the attendance in each [illegible] dispensaries.

MONTHLY COSTS

[illegible] average monthly costs of the [illegible]ood, Sunteon road and Umgeni [illegible]ries are £62 14s., £21 2s. and [illegible] respectively, and the average [illegible] income of the trust is £238. [illegible] income is mainly derived from [illegible] invested in bonds and rents [illegible] Smith street buildings known [illegible] Madoline Buildings.

[illegible]ge portion of the trust assets [illegible]vested by the late [illegible] [illegible]t Merebank, which sells at a [illegible] and which is now the subject [illegible] Durban municipal scheme of [illegible]ation.

[illegible] from the dispensaries that are [illegible]ed, the trust gave £1,100 to the [illegible]an's hospital for the erection [illegible]ing with 12 beds, two of which [illegible]ays reserved for indigent In-

[illegible] These wards have been named [illegible] the late Mr. R. K. Khan.

[illegible]rust also donated the sum of [illegible] the same hospital for the [illegible] of an X-ray apparatus, and [illegible]erection of a room to house the apparatus a sum of £338 was given. Recently a sum of £51 18s. 6d. was donated for the purchase of spring mattresses for Indian tuberculosis.

The McCord Zulu hospital, which takes Indian patients, made an appeal to the trust for a donation when the hospital was being erected. The trust donated £100 towards this hospital.

The trustees wish to place on record their sense of appreciation of the past services rendered by the two women doctors, namely, Dr. E. Goonam and Dr. M. Ismail, and their thanks to Dr. G. M. Naicker and Dr. N. P. Desai, who are presently conducting the three dispensaries.

GREET YOUR FRIENDS THROUGH THE LEADER

The Leader offers its readers the opportunity of greeting their friends through its columns at a special rate of 2/6 for about 20 words. Greetings will be published under an attractive head in the issue of December 20. The following is an example:
NAIDOO, J. C.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Naidoo and family, 44 May Street, Durban, wish friends and relatives a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Maritzburg Mayor Fails to Impress

REPRESENTATIONS AGAINST TAXIS

Transportation Board Says "Sorry"

Indian and other non-European taxi owners have to keep a logbook, in which they have to enter all trips exceeding the Durban boundaries.

This is one of the effects of the new regulations governing the amended Motor Transport Act of 1941 as formulated by the Durban Transportation Board. The Durban area, which is officially known as Area 4, includes the North and South Coasts, Inanda, Alfred and Victoria Counties, and on the Durban-Maritzburg road up to Hill Crest. Taxis may operate in these areas without any restrictions.

In regard to Maritzburg, the decision has still to be made. The board, which met in Maritzburg this week, has heard representations from the Natal non-European Taxi Owners' Association, led by Mr. R. R. Naidoo. He was supported by 15 members of the association coming from Richmond, Greytown, Durban, Edendale and Kranskop.

Mr. Naidoo stressed three points to the board, namely, the extent of the area, the earning capacity and the convenience of the non-European travelling public. The board, he said, has wide powers and was competent to grant concession to taxis to operate within the province.

During the hearing representatives of the Maritzburg City Council appeared before the board.

The Mayor, Mr. A. T. Allison, stated that taxis should not be allowed to take up a stand in any other place except that which was provided by the municipality as a parking area. This condition, he said, should be embodied in the certificate.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIONS

Mr. Naidoo took strong exception to the representations made by the Mayor, stating that the City Council had no right to make any objection before the Transportation Board. If it desired to make any changes in the parking regulations it had its own powers to do so. At any rate, the board had also no authority to interfere in municipal matters. The City Council's objection, he said, was purely racial discrimination.

The board agreed with the contention submitted by Mr. Naidoo, stating that it had not the power to interfere in matters between the taxis and municipalities. It was sorry, therefore, it could not consider the representations made by Mr. Allison.

Mr. Allison, with his colleagues, therefore withdrew.

TAKEN FOR A GHOST

Soldier Returns After "Death"

Shrieks of fear greeted the arrival of an Indian soldier belonging to the Indian and Malay Transport Corps when he returned on leave to his home in Manning Place, Durban, last week.

He was reported dead somewhere up North two months ago, and all the funeral obsequies, according to Hindu custom, were completed so that his soul might find peace.

When he walked into the house his mother was the first person to see him. She was almost at first petrified and later fell, crying out the name of her, as she thought, dead son.

He was taken for his ghost.

It was some time before the soldier could get his mother, who was made to feel him as being flesh and blood, to accept him as being still alive.

N.I.A. DEPUTATION TO POLICE

"Callous Treatment Meted Out to Indians"

A deputation from the Natal Indian Association (Maritzburg branch), comprising Dr. M. R. Peters, Messrs. A. G. Pillay, R. K. Naidoo, S. B. Mungu and M. Gopaul Naidoo, interviewed the District Commandant of Police on the subjects of:

(a) Callous treatment meted out to Indians at the charge office.

(b) Native constables marching Indians to the charge office for minor offences.

(c) Lack of police protection in Indian areas.

The deputation was given a sympathetic hearing by the Commandant, who said that the matters complained of would receive his attention.

COLOUR BAR MUST BE SMASHED

M.P.'s Address to Non-Europeans

Mr. D. Molteno, the native representative in Parliament, addressed the Liberal Study Group on "The Non-Europeans and the War" at the H. K. Gandhi library last Saturday. The attendance was good and Mr. C. L. Amra presided.

Mr. Molteno outlined the history of the colour bar in this country. He maintained that the colour bar was a by-product of the economic system of this country. Africans formed the largest group in this country. And therefore almost all the industries—especially the mining and agriculture—of South Africa were based on the assumption that the cheap labour would be provided by the bulk of the population—the non-Europeans, and especially the Africans. Therefore the colour bar could not be wiped out or removed by evolutionary methods, because it was based on the economic slavery of the non-Europeans. To remove the colour bar this economic system must be scrapped. Their fight for their right and the smashing of the colour bar must go on.



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THE WOMEN'S WORLD

Mainly About People

Rev. A. J. and Mrs. Cranmer, who have been spending three months' holiday in Johannesburg, returned to Durban last week.

Mr. S. M. Nana, secretary of the Transvaal Indian Congress, who underwent an operation last week, is making satisfactory progress.

The marriage has taken place of Mr. A. S. Seedat, third son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Seedat, of Newcastle, to Miss Kathija Moola, of Dannhauser.

Mr. K. P. Naidoo, B.A., B.Econ. (Social Studies), who is a teacher at Sastri College, has been awarded a silver medal by the University Correspondence College, Pretoria, for being the best Indian student of 1940.

Mr. R. Reddiar, a well-known Maritzburg business man, will be leaving for Johannesburg today (Saturday). He will stay there for a week.

Mr. J. Naidoo, hon. life vice-president and secretary of the County Indian Football Association of Durban, accompanied by his wife and daughter, is spending a week as the residence of Mr. Harry Naidoo, president of the Northern District Indian Football Association, Paradise, Newcastle.

Rajput Widow Receives V.C. from the Viceroy

A slight Jat woman, her face not wholly concealed by her gold coloured chaddar (scarf), and her ninety-odd son were the most compelling figures at a striking ceremony at the Viceroy's House, New Delhi, when the Marquess of Linlithgow presented the first two Victoria Crosses awarded to men of the Indian Army in the present war.

Musammat Janki, the widow of Subadar Richpal Ram, of the 4/6th Rajputana Rifles, had come with her son and heir, Siri Ram, and elder daughter from the Rajput village of Barda to receive the coveted bronze cross won by her husband in the battle for Keren.

While in Delhi they were the honoured guests of the Rajputana Rifles Training Battalion and for the great occasion little Siri Ram turned out proudly clad in the regimental outfit of his late father's unit—white jacket with silver buttons, white jodhpurs and a light green safa (pugri) tied in proper Jat fashion.

His mother wore the traditional Jat folk-skirted costume and, as is customary with widows of late who have fallen in battle, was not in mourning clothes.

While the Viceroy and Commander-in-Chief inspected the guard of honour provided by the 16/6th Rajputana Rifles, Lady Linlithgow met Lieut. (now acting Captain) P. S. Bhagat, first Indian winner of the V.C. in this war, and, after congratulating him, greeted the Subadar's widow and son with a few kind words.

The Jat woman and her son watched the Viceroy receive Captain Bhagat.

The official account of Bhagat's exploit in clearing minefields in North Africa for four days continuously was read in English and Urdu and then His Excellency stepped forward, took the Victoria Cross from a cushion held by an A.D.C. and pinned it on the breast of Captain Bhagat's jacket.

Next Musammat Janki and her son were taken before the Viceroy. Little Siri Ram, taking his cue from the military officers, greeted the Viceroy with a magnificent salute before shaking hands. Together mother and son stood in silence facing the grand-stand, while the official account of Subadar Richpal Ram's bravery before Keren was read. The widow was greatly moved, especially when the announcer recalled the dying Subadar's last words as he waved on his men while lying wounded on the battlefield: "We shall capture our objective."

At the conclusion of the narration in Urdu, the Viceroy handed the Cross to Musammat Janki. Finally the Viceregal Procession, including Lady Wavell, the Misses Wavell, Captain Bhagat, Musammat Janki and her son and daughter, entered the Viceroy's House and the gathering applauded as Bhagat and the Subadar's family walked up the stairs.

Stanger School Variety Concert

The Stanger Government Indian school's annual variety concert was held at the Stanger Picture Palace on Thursday last. The hall was packed to capacity by an appreciative audience.

Of the minor items, Lania Joseph with his dancing Sambra, was a huge success in "Leaning on the Lamp post." Jagatheesan Moodley was outstanding in his role as King in "The Golden Mean," while Queen Dyalu played by Shunder, could not have been bettered.

In the "Dumb Wife of Bagdad," Sunda Maestar (C. Moodley) was executor, Abu Hassan (S. Thammiah) was an apt "man of law." Haroun al Raschid (M. G. Pillay) and Yasmin (H. Sohan) played the respective parts of a "fed-up" husband and a "chatterbox" wife admirably. Ali Akbar, the physician (V. G. Augustine), was amusing in his play on words, while Amir Raffi (C. Kistan), the apothecary, and Fathima (S. Ori), the waiting woman, were quietly effective in their roles. The palm for acting, however, goes next to Ishak, the manservant (A. Akbar), who added dignity to his role.

Wedding at Esparar Temple

A pretty wedding took place at the Vaithianathan Esparar Temple, Umgeni on last Sunday last. The contracting parties were Miss Nageshi, annual, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramaru, of Durnall, and Mr. Kannah Soobrayan, son of Mrs. E. Soobrayan, of Durban.

Mr. Ramaru acted as best man, and the bridesmaid was Miss Peggy Soobrayan. There was a beautifully decorated pandal, and music was supplied by the Avondale Tenth Orchestra.

After the wedding speeches were made by Messrs. M. Chetty, M. G. Abrahams, D. Soobrayan, J. Soobrayan and N. Maistry.

Mr. Ramsahoree Maharaj officiated.

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By "THE FAQIR"

ANOTHER COLOUR PROBLEM?

Speaking at the garden party in honour of the High Commissioner, at the Orient Club on Saturday, the Mayor of Durban, Mr. Rupert Ellis Bloom, said that he could claim a sort of relationship with Sir Shafa'at Ahmed Khan—in fact, he said that the High Commissioner and he were cousins!

His uncle, the mayor said, was very interested in Indian history, and had spent much time in the country which, incidentally, the mayor, head of the city fathers who are just now engaged on crying "penetration" despite the findings of the Broome Commission, refers to always and with great reverence as "Mother India—that great and glorious country whose sons, etc."

On the strength of this fact he approached Sir Shafa'at Khan and asked him whether he'd heard of him on the reply was he had and that the mayor's uncle was the High Commissioner's adopted father!

Now that the mayor has revealed his kinship the Bazaar sincerely hopes he isn't unseated or a new colour problem is created.

HE CAME BACK

No, he didn't have to go to the war to come back. In fact, he didn't have to go anywhere.

On Thursday last a unique ceremony took place in Durban, the first of its kind in South Africa. Under the auspices of the Aryan Yuvuk Samaj, a Hindu who had been converted to Christianity was roped back to the folds of Hinduism after a year's excursion. After the burning of a lot of cereals, and some ghee, the man was declared to be a Hindu again. According to the priest in charge, this "black sheep" had gone and lost himself "in the darkness" and was now brought back "to light."

What the Bazaar would like to know is whether such ceremonies have been provided for in the "ancient books of the Hindus," or was it just improvised to suit the occasion?

SIR SHAFA'AT KHAN GROANS

Speaking to a little group at the Gandhi Library on Saturday evening, before the fourth garland of the day was placed round his neck, Sir Shafa'at laughingly stated he was getting tired of them. The pile he had, and growing at this rate, would soon eclipse the Himalayan Mountains, he said.

Sir Shafa'at is doing pretty well since his arrival in Durban. He has been to about eight private dinners. Each one, it goes without saying, tried to outdo the previous one—war or no war.

WHO KILLED THE RECEPTION?

Who killed the Reception,
"I," said the Rustom,
"With my bow and arrow,
"I killed the Reception."

Who saw it die?
"I," said the Naidoo,
"With my own eye,
"I saw it die."

Who'll sing its grave?
"I," said the Father;
"With my sweetsands,
"I'll sing its grave."

"Who'll toll the bell?
"I," said Sadek Kajee;
"Because I can pull,
"I'll toll the bell."

All the men of the N.I.A.
Fell a-shouting and a-shaft—
When they heard the bell toll
For the cancelled Reception.
When they heard the bell toll
For the cancelled Reception.

Avalon Backs "The Winners"

HERE is a treble feature programme at the Avalon on Monday ... and every film a winner. "Shooting High," "We're in the Army Now," ... the eighth episode from the serial ... Drums of Fu Manchu."

There is a midnight matinee on ... December 15.

The midweek change of programme ... "Public Deb. No. 1," and ... in War."

On Thursday, December 18, there ... be a variety concert in aid of the ... and Comforts Fund for coloured ... troops. There will be tip-top talent, ... a tip-top picture.

"Shooting High" is a film which ... June Withers and Gene Autry out ... the range, where they have room ... put on a real show, full of ridin'.

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... spin'—and singin', offers ... the finest songs they have had ... date. To make doubly sure their ... would be the best ever, Gene ... a hand in writing several of them ... well.

... sings a rollicking number en... "On the Rancho with My ...," ... "We're in the Army Now" is good ...

"Western Union," based on Zane ... 's book, has been hailed as a ... thing, spectacular adventure film, ... tremendous, brilliantly cast with ... Young, Randolph Scott, Dean ... and Virginia Gilmore in lead... roles.

... Zane Grey's "Western Union" ... first published many critics ... it the greatest story of the ... Now previewers who "caught" ... film at advance showings are saying ... that it is all that and more.

... "Western Union" depicts ... thrilling adventures of Edward ... Creighton during his struggle to make ... telegraph communication by wire ... reality.

"Public Deb. No. 1" is a comedy. ... Brenda Joyce is cast as an heiress who ... a gilded "Hoof" in the film, and ... George Murphy plays the broke but ... young man, to whom America ... still God's country, who tries to ... get her back into line.

... Director Gregory Ratoff insisted on ... almost in realism, although ... reply, a perfect gentleman who ... struck a lady in his life, tried ... hardest to "spoil" his smacks. ... discussion between gallantry and ... has resulted in no less than six re... takes and by the final one Brenda ... can't have to do much acting to suggest a thoroughly spanked young ...

"Public Deb. No. 1" was produced ... Darryl F. Zanuck with a great ... cast, which features Brenda ... Joyce, Elsa Maxwell, Mischa Auer, ... Charlie Ruggles, Ralph Bellamy, ... Maxie Rosenbloom, Berton Churchill and Franklin Pangborn.

"WOMEN IN WAR"

The European war was brought home to Patric Knowles with a thud during the filming of "Women in War." He received a letter from his aviator brother Bill, in the British Royal Air Force, expressing fear for a third brother, Phillip, missing en route from ... Africa.

Knowles, who plays the part of a British aviator in France, had heard from Phillip two months before. He was then in Durban. Phillip stated he had enlisted in an African contingent and was to sail for England in two weeks. He had also notified Bill of his plans.

In the midst of production on "Women in War," Patric received a letter from Bill. It had been carefully censored, and it reported that nothing had been heard of Phillip since the date of sailing, six weeks before. The British War Office refused all information as to the ship on which the contingent had sailed, or as to the location of the troops.

One of the big scenes in "Women in War" is the machine gunning and bombing of a ship on which Knowles, Wendy Barrie, as a nurse, and other nurses and troops are going to France.

"I couldn't help thinking of Phillip every time the chatter of machine guns sounded," Knowles said later, with a shiver. "It is bad enough in a film in which no one is really hurt, but my younger brother may know the real thing by this time."

The picture concerns the activities of British women in modern warfare.

Messrs. D. Jumna and S. Thamminah, of Stanger, spent the weekend at Glendale, where they were the guests of Mr. R. Ramraj.

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A SCENE FROM "WESTERN UNION"

COMING-OF-AGE CELEBRATION

Happy Party at "Silver Creek"

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Seethal held a garden party at their residence "Silver Creek," Sydenham, on Saturday last in order to celebrate the coming of age of their eldest daughter, Miss Gloria Evangeline.

Ideal weather conditions favoured the large gathering, which spent a happy time on the spacious lawn.

Among those present were Rev. W. Satchell, Rev. J. M. Sundrum, Dr. and Mrs. Hendry, Mrs. M. B. Lazarus, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Nundoo, Mrs. H. Hammond, Miss Ea. F. English, Misses Godfrey, Misses M. John.

Speeches of felicitation were made by Rev. Sundrum, who was the M.C., Miss English, Mrs. Nundoo, Mr. Seethal suitably replied.

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Sparks Send Ottomans Leather-Hunting

SHOWERS of rain coming down at intervals hampered the first day's play in the fifth round of the cricket league fixtures at Currie's Fountain on Sunday.

On the main, Star bowlers had eight Kismet batsmen out for 77 when stumps were drawn. Only Cornelius 23, Manjoo 22 and Haffejee 16 batted with any confidence. Ballim was the most successful bowler—3 for 15.

On No. 1 Sastri College fast bowlers —Ayob and Bramdaw—had the Muslim side tied up and their score stood at 44 for six when M. I. Yusuf came to bat and changed the whole complexion of the game.

When Muslims declared late in the afternoon, Yusuf had an undefeated 44 out of a total of 102 for six. There were two sixes and three fours in his very fast 44. Bramdaw bowled well to take three wickets for 15.

Sastri College opened disastrously and lost Aboobaker, Munroop and Jadwat for about 12 runs at the close of play.

On No. 3 Sparks sent Ottomans leather hunting and had 162 on board for five at the end of the day's play. Young Davidson (Durban), 62, V. V. Makan 22, Appadu 21, V. Abrahams 16.)

All these matches will be continued tomorrow.

SECOND DIVISION

On Saturday the second division matches were completed. Stella vs. Ismet: Stella, first innings, 81; Ismet first innings, 50 (Asmal 24 not out, Sooliah, six for 13). Stella, second innings, 41 (B. Ganesh 21; I. A. Timol, six for 19), Ismet, second innings, 50 for five declared.

Ismet won on the double innings.

Central vs. Bharat: Central, first innings, 222 for six declared (M. C. Reddy, 102 not out), Bharat, first innings, 31; second innings, 91 (D. Dayal 31, R. S. Patel, 22.)

Central won on the double innings.

Greyville beat Orientals on the double innings.

Hailstorm Interferes With Cricket

On Sunday last S.A.R. met Ottomans in a league fixture, S.A.R., who batted first, lost three wickets for four runs, but S. Ramdeen and V. C. Naidoo put up 58 for the fifth wicket. At one stage they scored very slowly—29 runs in 45 minutes—but later, fast. The innings ended with 163 on the board.

V. C. Naidoo 49, S. Ramdeen 36, E. S. Mohamed 28, and W. D. Narrandes 21. A. Allie five for 27, A. Meyer two for 23, E. I. Chupty three for 14.

Ottomans went in to bat with a heavy wind across the field. E. I. Chupty and A. I. Bhaboo opened, E. I. Chupty was bowled at 16 for three. The three following batsmen only added one run to the total when a hailstorm swept across the town, the match was abandoned with four wickets down for 17 runs, of which A. I. Bhaboo contributed 10. M. Sookrayal claimed four for nine.

Match ended in a draw.

DUNDEE UNITED WIN

On Sunday last Muslem travelled to Glencoe to play in a league fixture: Muslem, 1st innings, 79.

G. M. A. Moola 28 and D. M. Seedat 12. Christy five for 32, M. N. Naiker two for 15; Manikum two for nine; Cassim Essay one for 20.

Dundee United, 1st innings, 188 for four wickets (rain stopped play).

D. Doorasamy 35, M. N. Naiker 25, M. H. Christy 21 not out, D. M. Seedat one for six, A. A. Moola one for seven, R. Khan one for 25 and Ahmed one for 25.

Dundee United won by 41 runs on the first innings.

CRICKET FIXTURES

DURBAN—TODAY
"B" DIVISION

Greyville v. Bharat. Main: umpires, A. E. Jesaub and S. M. Vahed.

Central v. Orientals. No. 1: umpires, V. S. Molla and G. M. Naik.

Stella v. Sastri College. No. 2: umpires, G. Hassan and Ajam Hafejee.

Play starts at 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

LADYSMITH
TOMORROW
10 a.m.: Ladysmith v. Mooden.

Stanger United C.C.

The Stanger United C.C. held its annual meeting at the Club Grounds, office on Thursday last. The secretary, in an elaborate report, pointed out that the past season was the most successful ever enjoyed by the club, and there were indications that the present season would be equally successful.

The following officials were elected for the season 1941-42: Patron, Mr. S. Dastarkhan; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. G. Bux, S. A. Mitha, C. H. Thomas, E. M. Moola, A. P. Naidoo, G. A. Mather, B. Maraj, S. Ramportal, R. Ramlacken, H. Indrasingh, N. Indrasingh, S. Mahideen, M. Joosub; president, Mr. F. A. Bux; hon. secretary, Mr. V. G. Augustine; assistant secretary, Mr. B. E. Naidoo; catering manager and treasurer, Mr. E. V. Mohamed; assistant catering manager, Chota Omarjee; committee, Messrs. J. Chenglah, E. V. Mohamed, D. E. Moola, V. G. Augustine, D. D. Lalla, S. M. Naicker; captain, Mr. J. Chenglah; vice-captain, Mr. E. V. Mohamed; auditor, Mr. D. D. Lalla.

The club's thanks were due to Messrs. D. E. Moola for two bats, G. H. Bux for a pair of pads; and E. V. Mohamed for six cricket balls.

The Stanger United C.C. is open for engagement with any club desiring to play them, and is also prepared to travel out to meet teams in friendly matches. All communications should be addressed to the secretary, P.O. Box 66, Stanger.

BOXING CANCELLED

The boxing which was arranged to be held at the City hall on Tuesday night, was cancelled because promoter Billy Palarath and some of the boxers, who are in the army and stationed at Ladysmith, were unable to obtain leave.

The boxing was in aid of war funds.

Mr. J. Soobrayan won the Lazarus Memorial golf trophy, and Mr. C. M. Muthoo was runner-up.

FIVE-A-SIDE SOCC AT SCOTTBURGH

Twenty-Eight Teams Compete

Last Sunday a five-aside [tournament] was held at Scott[burgh] under the auspices of the Blue Indian Football Club. The competition was for three silver floating trophies kindly presented by Messrs. Naicker, A. Mauricium, and Frank respectively, being first, second and third prizes together with miniature cups given with each of the trophies.

Twenty-eight clubs from various parts of Natal competed; after a day's sport the following teams were left, Southern Cross Hotel, Scottburgh; 2nd, Pirates, Durban; 3rd, Warwick "A," Durban.

The winning team was: Messrs. Sidamurey (captain), Jimmy Arrigan, E. Soobramurey, T. M. Gosamy and Kista.

The following officials of the Blue Indian Football Club, Scottburgh, were responsible for the conducting of the tournament: Messrs. A. G. Manuel Moodley, I. D. Gordon, I. E. Bayat, Tommy Moodley, K. C. N. Rajoo, A. Manickum, J. Reddy, Joe Naicker, David Francis, G. Langton and T. Subramoney, secretary of the tournament. Luggage by Indian Football Association, whose assistance was valuable to the Blues.

Mr. A. Dummer, the proprietor of the Southern Cross Hotel, Scottburgh, made the presentations to the winners.

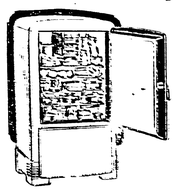
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They Entertained the High Commissioner


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MR. A. S. KAJEE


MR. A. E. SHAIKH.

On the following day Mr. A. I. Kajee entertained Sir Shafa'at to lunch. In the evening he was the guest of Mr. Jalbhay Rustomjee. On Friday evening Mr. P. R. Pather gave a dinner in his honour.

On Saturday evening Mr. Mahomed A. H. Moosa gave a dinner at the Orient Club. He said: "Never has the Government of India representative come and given such a short time to Durban. A reasonable time is three months. Durban crams all its urge of hospitality into six or seven days."

Hospital Scene—Doctor and Visitor

An Apology

Quite an erroneous description was given in "A Hospital Scene," an alleged interview between the doctor and a visitor at a South Coast Indian immigration hospital, which was described in The Leader of September 27.

This was the opinion of The Leader representative who visited the hospital in question. As to what he saw, he was satisfied that the medical officer with the officer-in-charge and his staff, leave nothing undone in the interests of patients at this hospital.

The patient, who was alleged to have been tethered for 56 hours, and was in a serious condition, has now practically recovered, which is the best reply against the nature of the allegations made.

We therefore apologise for the statement made, and regret any aspersion made against the hospital or its staff.

Proceeding, Sir Moosa referred to the social and educational work that was done for the community by the business section of the community. One of its presidents, the late Mr R. K. Khan, had left a large sum of money for the medical need of the community. So far he had not seen much of the money utilised. The only visible signs of that trust were a few dispensaries in odd corners. Sir Shafat had come at a time when something could be done.

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NON-EUROPEAN FRONT AT TONGAAT

The Non-European United Front, Durban, opened its campaign for establishing branches throughout Natal, by holding the first mass meeting of the Province at Tongaat on Sunday last. Mr. E. S. Cheemee, who was elected unanimously as the chairman, presided. Messrs. C. I. Amra, F. I. Meeks and G. Poonen, of Durban, addressed the meeting.

They Entertained

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Sir Shafa'at said that he wanted all young men to help him in carrying out certain social work for the benefit of the Indians, particularly a hospital. He valued these social works more than politics. This served like a beacon light. "During my next visit I shall call on your generosity and your charity to help me with an object of which you will be the judge," he added.

Supporting a hospital scheme, Mr. A. I. Kajee said that if the trustees of the H. K. Khan Trust were prepared to build a hospital he would be able to enlist the necessary support to maintain it. While they (the merchants) had contributed to all the needs of the community there were other sections just as well off and were in a position to give.

"I am one with you," he said, "that we must be Indians first, and in anything that we may do the doors will be always open to every section of the Indian community. When a call will be made I can assure you, if it is a right and just cause, no one, you will find, will want to go to Johannesburg or anywhere else. I know that my remarks may be twisted but I must say so while we are a fairly wealthy section there are other sections of the community just as wealthy who are not doing their share. We expect other sections of the community to also do their share."

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Speaking at the dinner, given by Mr. M. E. Paruk at his residence on Sunday, the High Commissioner said that he could assure them that the reception that he had received in Durban would always remain the happiest moments of his life. He had been overwhelmed with kindness, courtesy and geniality of heart.

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Sir Shafa'at

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There is a great deal to be do our people in the fields of edu and social uplift. We have still 20,000 of our children who a ceiving no education because th no accomodation. Sastri Colle only secondary school in Durba an Indian population of 20,0 filled to the point of suffocation be always open to every section of the Indian community. When a call will be made I can assure you, if it is a right and just cause, no one, you will find, will want to go to Johannesburg or anywhere else. I know that my remarks may be twisted but I must say so while we are a fairly wealthy section there are other sections of the community just as wealthy who are not doing their share. We expect other sections of the community to also do their share."

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The Maritzburg Indian Women's Association gave a Christmas tree party to the comforts class on Thursday last at the Methodist Indian School, where a large gathering of women and girls were present.

Mrs. Langley thanked the girls for the keenness in their work, and the strenuous effort put in by them in knitting garments for the soldiers.

The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated and illuminated with bright coloured candles. Sister O'Connor, a very arduous worker of the comforts class, acted as Christmas father.

The Indian Women's Association held a cake and produce sale at the Aryan Benevolent Home on Saturday last, in aid of the Indian Child Welfare Society. The amount realised was £21 0s., which was handed to Sister O'Connor, the treasurer of the Indian Child Welfare Society.

The association is very grateful to Mr. M. Maniilwon, the secretary of the Fannin Government Indian School, Wyebank, for assisting Mesdames F. S. David and S. V. Charles to collect funds at Wyebank.

COMFORTS FOR S.A. INDIAN SOLDIERS

Congress Comforts Committee at Work

Three hundred parce's have been sent to all South African Indian soldiers "up North" at base camps and at training camps by the Natal Indian Congress Comforts Committee.

Each package consists of roughly about twenty items—woollen socks or pullovers, cigarettes, biscuits, sweets, chewing gum, soap, shaving soap, razor blades, a towel, a handkerchief, playing cards or books, Vicks drops, a writing pad, pencil and envelopes, toothpaste, shaving cream, Keating's powder, and a khaki handkerchief.

Members of the Natal Indian Congress Comforts Committee were busy neatly packing these items in time to leave on Wednesday night. The packages were dispatched on the following morning. Each weighs approximately 10s. and is transmitted by the Post Office at half the ordinary rate on parcels.

In each package there is a card stating that the package comes with the greetings and best wishes of officials and members of the Natal Indian Congress and its Gifts and Comforts Committee.

TEACHERS WED

St. Paul's Indian church, Maritzburg, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Dingaan's Day, when Anne Nair, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Nair, of Merebank, was married to Cyprian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Zachariah.

The bride was [illegible] on the staff of the Merebank Indian school, and the bridegroom on the staff of sophiatown Government school, Transvaal.

The Rev. W. T. Langley, assisted by the Rev. J. M. Sundrum and Rev. J. C. David, solemnised at the marriage ceremony. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. James Soobramanyan, of Durnlop.

Numerous guests from all parts of Natal were present at the reception, which was held at St. Paul's school, and felicitous speeches were made by the Rev. A. J. Chonmoo, who was M.C., Rev. W. T. Langley, Rev. R. Chonmoo, Rev. J. M. Sundrum, Rev. J. C. David, and Messrs. S. E. Naidoo, A. D. Lazarus, E. Thomas, R. N. Moodley, I. Anthony, S. Powys, R. Lawrence and Robert Nair (brother of the bride).

Licensing Inquiry

The final meeting of the Rural Licensing Inquiry Committee was held in Maritzburg on Monday last. It heard evidence from the representatives of the Natal Indian Association and the Natal Indian Congress.

The following represented the Association: Messrs. S. R. Naidoo (spokesman), A. M. M. Lockhat, A. S. Kajee, J. W. Godfrey, M. E. G. Paruk, I. S. Bhoola, S. Abdulsoen (Tongaat), E. C. Motala (Verulam), M. A. Meathar (Pinetown), I. S. Yawda (Newcastle), E. M. Moola (Stanger), A. C. Bux (Stanger), S. C. Yawda (Dannhauser), S. Rantompee and P. R. Pather.

Congress: Messrs. A. I. Kajee (spokesman), V. Lawrence, C. Angamia, Abedaker Moosa, M. I. Behat, A. M. Pseed, K. Pillay, R. A. Moodley (Maritzburg).

Owing to the length of the memoranda submitted by the two bodies it was found, on account of space considerations, impossible to use them in this issue.

New Guelderland School Sport

Over 150 children of the New Guelderland Government-aided Indian school took part in the annual sports, held at the Nonoti Beach, New Guelderland, last Saturday. Children travelled to the beach by lorries. Breakfast and lunch were provided, and in the afternoon there were sports for them. Mr. G. Ramdayal presented the prizes to the successful competitors.

Among the adults present were: Messrs. H. Bodasing (school manager), R. L. Bodasing, R. S. Singe, S. Pillay, R. Bahasing, J. Chengaiah (head teacher) and staff.

The following donations were kindly acknowledged: Mrs. G. Stewart, £2; Mr. R. Bodasing, £2 2s.; Mr. H. Bodasing, £1 1s.; Mr. R. L. Bodasing, £1 1s.; Mr. G. Ramdayal, £1; Mr. N. Bodasing, 10s. 6d.; Messrs.

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NO HOLIDAY ISSUES

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The next issue will be on January 10.

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Co-operation

IT would be unfortunate to allow the statement made at the Rural Licensing Inquiry Committee, that the Indian trader was conspicuous by his absence at the hearings—in other words, as one daily newspaper gave it, a "boycott" of the committee—to gain currency. The Indian trader was very fully represented at all the inquiries by the Natal Indian Association and the Natal Indian Congress, the two bodies which appeared at nearly all the public sessions of the committee to watch his interests. If a few of the individual traders had not come along to give evidence, this was only due to the concern both the bodies felt that they should not burden the inquiry more than was necessary, for, after all, the personnel who appeared at the final sitting in Maritzburg was fully representative of all classes of the Indian trader in this province. It was only a matter of interrogation to elicit any piece of information desired by the committee. On both the organisations there were men intimately conversant with every aspect of rural trading in Natal, not only Indian but general trading conditions, who could have told the committee everything that it desired to know. But the chairman's remarks, as well as those made by the other members of the committee, preceded the evidence of the association and the congress. The daily Press which reported the proceedings somewhat stressed the angle of news treatment that the Indian was a reluctant witness to the committee's proceedings. This, of course, is not true. The Indian has never ignored any commissions, committees or inquiries which have sought to gain information regarding any aspect of the community life. In fact, he is always most zealous to appear before them. His memoranda are models of what statements should be—apart from the intrinsic matter that they contain, they are well typed, bound and attractively got up. When it comes to oral evidence, there are so many to represent him that when an Indian deputation appears the secretaries of these various inquiries are always hard put to it to find enough seating accommodation for the Indian representatives. At the inquiry in question 37 pages of observations were submitted by both the bodies (association 16, congress 21 pages). It is possible that when the full report of the proceedings, including the oral evidence is available, there will be about 100 pages, about one-tenth of the whole proceedings, being a record of Indian evidence. The congress spokesman had also made a penalise at the final session that he, on behalf of his organisation, would still be prepared to give additional information should the committee so require. We, therefore, cannot share the committee's disappointment that only one Indian storekeeper had come forward to give evidence, nor agree with the headlines of the dailies, "Help given by Indians" or "Indian boycott revealed."

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Sir Shafa'at "See That Franchise is Restored to Us"

By A. M. M. Lockhat, president, Natal Indian Association, in his address of welcome to Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, High Commissioner for India, read by Mr. S. Rustomjee in the City Hall, Durban.

SIR SHAFA'AT comes to us not only with the background of scholarly attainments but also with ripe experience of public service in the cause of our people in India. There is no need for me to go into the history of the many attainments that our distinguished guest has achieved in culture nor into his many public activities in both of which spheres he has shone with commendable brilliance, suffice it to say, however, that the Indian community of South Africa will undoubtedly find in him a champion of our people not only for the improvement of our political status in this country, but also for our educational and social advancement.

We are in the midst of the greatest war the world has known. Our hearts throb in sympathy for those millions who have given their lives in the battlefields of Europe, on the high seas, in the air and elsewhere. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to those who have lost their dear and near ones in this great conflict of Nations. Nearer home we have thousands of South Africans fighting side by side with thousands of our own people from India against the common enemy—I refer to East and North Africa. We have our own kith and kin in the Indian and Malay Corps whose work has won admiration from the Commanding Officers.

Whilst we are in the midst of war, we are loth to speak of the many grievances that we suffer from, but there are times when a community, such as ours, has to speak out, war or no war, and if in the course of welcoming you, we dilate on some of our grievances and difficulties, we do hope that you will bear with us.

The history of the Indian community in South Africa is one of stress and trial. It has been the lot of Mahatma Gandhi to receive his baptism of fire in life in South Africa. The trials and sufferings that that great man had to undergo in order that our status in this country would be raised and in order that we would be treated as citizens of South Africa and not as helots, are memories still fresh in all minds. South African Indians still will never look to him as their saviour and mentor in their struggle for rights in this country.

SMUTS-GANDHI AGREEMENT

We had expected that the Smuts-Gandhi Agreement would have given the resident Indian population of South Africa their legitimate right to live as decent citizens. But that was not to be. For, since then, hardly a year has passed without our people being confronted with some legislation having for its object the deprivation of whatever remnant rights we possessed. The Cape Town Agreement of 1927, hailed on the Magna Charta of Indians in this country, was little more than a temporary relief.

Recently we have had a summary of the report of the Indian Penetration Commission published. When the Union Government signified its intention to appoint a Commission to enquire into the acquisition by Indians of properties in what are known as predominantly European residential areas, our Association, whilst repudiating the allegation of penetration pointed out that the time was most inopportune for a Commission of that nature. The Government persisted in its intention and our Association participated in the Commission with the full knowledge that the case of the Indians would be indisputable. The report of the Commission has more than vindicated the stand that we had taken throughout the sittings of the Commission.

Notwithstanding the difficulties that we are subjected to, the indignities that we suffer from, as a community, we are always prepared to stand by South Africa in her hour of trial. This was evidenced in the last great war and in the present conflict our men have enlisted in the Indian Medical Corps. We want to assure you that just as we are prepared to fight strenuously for the preservation of these rights, our people, given the opportunity without any discrimination will not waver one iota in fighting for South Africa. In this war our complaint against the Government is that our men are not accepted as combatants. There is no need for me to say that our men, given the opportunity, would acquit themselves with the same brilliance as the South Africans in North Africa.

A great deal is being talked about by leading members of the European community in South Africa of the New Order which is now in the crucible and which will take shape at the termination of the war. In this New Order no mention is being made of the Indian community of South Africa. Whether for the purposes of the New Order, the Indian community is taken for granted as being gone-cases, we cannot say, but we are heartened by the fact that the Union Cabinet is presently constituted is more liberally inclined than at any time in the history of the Union Government. The statement by the Minister of the Interior, Mr. H. G. Lawrence, when taking salute from 3,000 troops of the Indian Malay Corps, the other day at Ladysmith, that "the Government will look after your interest as equitably as it will look after those of the European soldiers" gives us a ray of hope.

We have no doubt that most of the difficulties that we suffer from would vanish if the Indian community were given the franchise. We have not a single word of disparagement nor any reference was made to the "Congress Group." Both the Association representatives and the Congress representatives met in a friendly manner at the place of meeting and neither side showed any antagonism or ill will.

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Bad Boys of the Government of India

MR. A. I. KAJEE'S OUTBURST AT LICENSING INQUIRY

Recognition of Association Resented

"THIS IS NOT WHERE THE GESTAPO RULES"

THE bogey of official representation and recognition is something of a myth," declared Mr. A. I. Kajee, the spokesman of the Natal Indian Congress, when concluding his evidence before the Natal Rural Licensing Inquiry Committee at Maritzburg on Monday.

Mr. Kajee was obviously referring to the recognition given to the Natal Indian Association "as an officially recognised body by the Government of India."

While he actually did not name it, Mr. Kajee was strong in denunciation that one particular body should be so recognised, him "they were the good boys of the Government of India if they carried the Government's badge on their backs."

"WE are South Africans," he said, "and we don't want recognition of the Government of India in its grouping of bad boys and another set as bad . This is not where the Gestapo rules. We ask you that section of the people should be to you and that you should deny to us that right of presentation.

"I am stating that it is a matter of domestic politics whether we have the official ump of the Government of ia lodges on our back. You e not chosen to give it. The ernment of India considers the bad boys. You are our ers and should take cognisof our representations."

The chairman, Mr. H. Hoskins, said that they intended to give equal consideration to both memoranda (the Association's and the Congress'). "We have listened with great interest to both. In the meantime thank you all. We have tried to meet every section of the community," he added.

The Association's Reply

The secretaries of the Natal Indian ciation, Messrs. S. Rustomjee P. R. Pather, have sent the following statement to The Leader for lication:—

Mr. A. I. Kajee, who gave evidence re the Rural Dealers' Licensing iry Committee on Monday, December 15, immediately after the Natal an Association representatives had mitted their memorandum and tendered evidence before the committee, ged in an outburst which was rtunate and undignified.

At the conclusion of his evidence he ressed to the official recognition ded to the Natal Indian Association both by the Government of India the Union Government and used ch words which were uncalled for. representatives of the Natal Inn Association in urging their points er in regard to the licensing problem as it affects Indians stated that association represented the Indian community of Natal, and as such officially recognised by both the governments. They cherished the possibility that the absence of evidence by the tradesmen was not due to any to withhold evidence before the ry committee, but Indian traders others looked upon the asion as their unobtainable to represent their case. It was pointed out meetings of Indian traders and interested were held at certain to ascertain their views.

During the whole course of their evidence before the licensing committee not a single word of disparagement nor any reference was made to the "Congress Group." Both the Association representatives and the Congress representatives met in a friendly manner at the place of meeting and neither side showed any antagonism or ill will.

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FREE DISPENSARY IN MARITZBURG

Under the control of the R. K. Khan Hospital and Dispensary Trust, a free dispensary for poor Indians has been opened at the Aryan Benevolent Home, 399 Pietermaritz street, Maritzburg.

The hours of attendance will be between 2 and 3 p.m. daily, except Sundays.

LIFT ENTRY REFUSED

THIS letter, which was sent to the managing director of a well-known departmental store in Durban by Mr. T. C. Tamirey, speaks for itself:—

I wish to bring to your notice the grievous insult that both my wife and myself have been subjected to in your shop.

We were both on holiday from British East Africa, where my firm, the Kenya Fresh Supply Provision, of which I am proprietor, holds all contracts to supply practically all the naval ships, etc.

During last week we decided to do some shopping and called at your shop, whose repute dates as far back as the Great War (1914—1918) and which is well patronised by the Indian community.

On entering the shop and upon inquiry we were directed by one of the lady assistants to take the lift for an evening cape, which my wife had wanted to purchase.

Imagine our surprise and shock when we were notified by the lady lift attendant that "Indians are not allowed" on the lift.

I immediately complained to one of the shopwalkers, who asked me to place the matter before you, and walked out fully disgusted with the store's decision, not to have any more dealings with your shop should my grievance receive no redress.

In conclusion I may state that during my stay in Durban some 16 years ago I did all my shopping at your firm, and now to receive such treatment, and more as a British subject to receive such humiliation at the hands of assistants, insults one to the very core.

I may state that quite a number of Indians in Durban patronise your shop, and your lift attendant can use her discretion in choosing customers, who are decently clad and are not objectionable to your European customers.

I am aware that you are at liberty to conduct your own affairs as you think best, but in view of India and the Indians assisting the Allies in this great war considerably, surely some consideration should be given to its nationals for this magnificent gesture.



Sir Shafa'at Khan with officials of the Natal Indian Association. Left to right: Messrs. A. E. Sheikh, A. M. M. Lockhat, Sir Shafa'at Khan, A. Christopher, F. R. Pather. Standing: Messrs. A. S. Kajee, S. Rustomjee, D. Muir, Munshi Mia, M. John, M. B. Lazarus.



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SAM, P. V.—Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Sam, 83, Walther Avenue, Mayville, Durban, wish all friends and relatives a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

SAMUEL, R. C.—Private R. C. Samuel (10231), of the Indian and Malay Corps, wishes all friends and relatives a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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REFUSAL TO PAY RATES IF ROADS UNREPAIRED

A LARGE gathering of ratepayers attended a special meeting of the South Coast Junction Area Indian Ratepayers' Association at Chatsworth on Sunday. The revised rules and constitution were read and adopted.

The secretary, Mr. S. Gopal, placed before the meeting a lengthy report [illegible] Association and the City Council in connection with the civic amenities in the area.

The following is a copy of the letter sent by the city and water engineer to the town clerk, dated December 5:—

"With reference to your letter of November 20, 1941, Mr. Councillor T. Kinbach has now handed me a list of roads to which the secretary refers.

"The total cost of the work involved would amount to approximately £15-000, and it is therefore impossible to give effect to the resolution of the works committee, as provision has not been made on the current estimates.

"In order to relieve the position, however, I have taken the opportunity to concentrate additional maintenance gangs on the area and these have been operating there now for the last 10 days or so. Particular attention as far as circumstances permit will be given to the repair of those roads included in the list submitted.

"Furthermore, provision will be made on next year's draft estimates for the hardening of further roads."

A discussion took place, and ratepayers spoke in searching terms upon the city council's method of approving the demands of the residents of the area. Black coal cinders were dumped into the roads in a bad state of disrepair; women proved very trying to residents. Numerous representations have been made to the council to harden the roads, but without success. For over five years the matter was still left unsolved by the city council.

The meeting thereupon moved the unanimous resolutions:—

"That this meeting of ratepayers, held under the auspices of the South Coast Junction Area Indian Ratepayers' Association, emphatically condemns the present methods adopted by the city authorities in repairing the roads in the area."

"The meeting resolves that the council does away with the methods of satisfying the residents by dumping black coal cinders on the roads, causing untold damage and sufferings to buildings and residents."

"The meeting humbly requests the city council to give immediate attention to this and other matters affecting the ratepayers of the area, failing which there will be a refusal to pay rates."

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Speaking at the annual prizegiving at Sastri College last week, Mr. W. Anderson, the principal, revealed that the status of Sastri College had been elevated, and it now ranked with the highest of high-grade schools recognised by the province.

During the middle of the year the University of South Africa had also intimated that Sastri was an approved institution for the university education diploma.

In his annual report, Mr. Anderson stated that the organisation at Sastri College had been much the same as on previous years, but the annexe off Mansfield had resulted in the loss of a certain amount of "teacher time" because of the time taken in changing over classes. There is also an urgent need for more classrooms.

The staff, too, was inadequate. There had been two additions—Messrs. G. S. Naidoo and M. Perumal—with the annexe. Two members of the staff, Messrs. F. H. D. Lumsden and R. W. Martin, were still on active service, while Mr. S. Coopan, who is on study leave, has secured his M.Ed. with honours.

The attendance of 97 per cent. for the year at Sastri was probably the highest in the province as far as high schools were concerned. Over 3 regular attendance certificates were issued.

A sum of £29-0 was expended on the college library, and several books were donated by individuals to the library. The Indian community and ex-pupils took an interest in the college.

During the year requests were made for the introduction of physical work in the curriculum by those interested to take up medicine, but there was no prospect just yet of that happening because of the lack of chemicals and equipment at the moment. The question of the introduction of classes in biology might, however, be considered.

PRIZE LIST

Standard VIIa, Brijlall Maharaj; VIIb, G. Bissessur; VIIc, I. M. Patel; VIId, E. M. Engar; VIIe, Ebrahim A. Rawat; VIIf, Premnath Peter; VIIg, Lalla Ghinghai; VIIh, K. Hassan; VIIIb, A. K. Essack; VIIIc, Hora Patel; VIIId, A. K. Naidoo; VIIIe, Y. G. Mayat.

Standard IXa, K. S. Somers; IXb, H. Umraw, Xa, G. H. M. Mayat; M. D. Awathcharia; T.S, A. K. Naidoo; T.sb, A. C. Naidoo.

Special prizes.—Junior: Dhiru Patel (VIIIe), for literature. Senior: A. Nairker (Xa), for literature; N. Naidoo (Xa), for dramatic art.

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"The Man Who Could Work [illegible]" is a weird, creepy story. [illegible] Wells develops in his best style, [illegible]rking touch to the programme [illegible] the Cowboy and the Lady."

[illegible]nouncing on Thursday will be [illegible] Old New York." I think is the finest ever handed me."

"I'm on the rough side, but it's a very sympathetic role, and I think the fans will like me in it."

Miss Faye has had her moments of glorification on the screen, so it is all the more to her credit that she can put across such a role as her present one. She proved she can queen it with the best of them in such pictures as "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and "Hollywood Cavalcade."

RATINIDHI SABHA CELEBRATES

ver a Thousand Guests Entertained

Sunday last 21 Carlisle Street, [illegible]n, was the scene of a large [illegible]ng when people from different [illegible] of Natal assembled in a spirit [illegible]ardship to celebrate the re[illegible]n of land purchased six years [illegible]r £7,000.

[illegible] performance of Haven and the [illegible] of Gayatri Mantra were followed by a welcome speech by the [illegible]t, Mr. R. Bodasing, who [illegible] that the primary consideration had actuated the Sabha to purchase the land was to erect a Vedic [illegible]designed, controlled and utilised in such a manner as to be consistent with the aspirations of the [illegible]d Hindu youths of the day.

[illegible] property was to be a source of [illegible] for the maintenance of the [illegible] propagation of the vernaculars [illegible] dissemination of Vedic ideals, [illegible] and teachings throughout Natal. He appealed for the eradication of the existing weaknesses and evils prevalent in Hindu society and stressed the need for the preservation of the Hindu faith and identity in this country.

In reviewing the Sabha's activities for the last 16 years the secretary, Mr. D. G. Satya Deva, said the Arya Pratinidhi Sabha had at all times championed the cause of the Hindus and from time to time arranged and organised Vedic conferences.

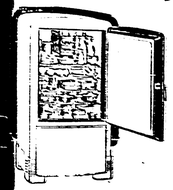
Entertainment of the day consisted of 55 musical and elocution items contributed by the affiliated bodies and conducted by Mr. P. R. Singh. The pupils of the Plessislaer and the Mount Partridge Arya Samaj Hindi Schools were particularly outstanding.

The treasurer's financial statement reflected £3,634 0s. 8d. as assets of the Sabha.

Concrete suggestions were made by the following donors: Messrs. B. S. Singh, G. Merhoye and B. Bachu.

Among the other speakers were Pandits Jugmohan, Audhcharie, R. J. Maharaj, Sigaratan, Messrs. Padamsingh, S. Dookran and Gunga Hassoon.

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

By "THE FAQIR"

The New Disease

THE term "myth" used by Mr. A. I. Kajee when talking at Maritzburg (as the news columns) about the "bogey" of official representation puzzled a number of members of the Natal Indian Association, and succeeded in creating a mild stir. Some thought it was a new disease while others thought it was some form of the Loch Ness monster lobbing up in Maritzburg instead of at its ancient home. Some of the unlearned ones, however, scampered to dusty old shelves and there was a great deal of turning up of dictionaries—something that hadn't be done since the bad old days when a constant application of birch helped keep memories fresh.

Contact!

A well-known and leading official of the Association has a habit of borrowing cigarettes and matches from his Congress friends. This is one way, he says, of keeping contact with his political opponents.

It is only natural that his Congress friends suffer from this contact. This cadging for fags may yet lead to something. The fate of the Indian people in Natal, as far as political unity is concerned, may yet depend upon a fag-end.

Which One?

At the Rural Licensing Enquiry Committee which met in Maritzburg on Monday its chairman, meeting the Congress spokesman, said to Mr. Kajee, "Mr. Kajee, you should have gone to the bar."

Mr. C. A. B. Peck (secretary of the Enquiry Committee): "Which one?"

Mr. Kajee: "I go to one bar, but my friend Mr. Godfrey goes to both bars."

Of course this "Kajeeism" is an exaggeration. We know no more sober person than Mr. Godfrey, who can stand on one or both legs at any time of the day or night.

Step by Step

There is no doubt that in Mr. A. I. Kajee we have one of our best public speakers and he was in top form while giving evidence at Maritzburg on Monday. Comparing the procedure in connection with the anti-Indian measures passed in this province he said they "moved step by step and eventually landed at the door of the Union Government."

To a Correspondent

To Weekly Reader: I do not want to start a religious controversy in these columns. What was written was based on facts and I refuse to enter into the merits and demerits of Hinduism and Christianity. There's other work to be done. The real thing is to be a good man—it then does not matter to which you belong.

FOR ORPHANAGE FUNDS

The concert organised under the auspices of the Maritzburg Indian Literary and Dramatic Society, to raise funds for the purpose of building an orphanage, was held at the City Hall, Maritzburg, on Saturday last.

Items were rendered by the pupils of the Government Indian Girls' School, the St. Anthony's Indian School, the S. S. Sabha, and members of the Dramatic Society.

Some of the items were of an exceptionally high standard. The dance "Drifting Clouds" by the girls' school was done in perfect precision. The eastern dance by the St. Anthony's School was excellent.

The Tongaat Section Juvenile Sports Committee will hold its annual sports at the ground, Tongaat Section, on Christmas Day at 9.30 a.m. The various competitions will be open to only bona fide residents.

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Kismet Win Cricket League

A splendid knock by Dr. Ismail won for Kismet the league title season. Eight wickets down and about 16 runs to collect for a win I. Randaree kept his end up letting Dr. Ismail push the score ahead painfully slowly. With 7 runs to go Dr. Ismail hit a two and the next one he jumped out and thumped hard, and they ran three. After that Randaree, who had not even opened his score, went beserk and rattled up 27. Dr. Ismail had his wickets intact for 35 at the end of the innings.

The match was played on Tuesday. Kismet won the toss and sent in Muslims to bat. With three on board I. G. Asmal was caught behind the stumps off I. Randaree. Dawood Paruk and Hendricks then became associated in a partnership which yielded 66 runs before Hendricks was run out for 21. Dawood Paruk went immediately after for a well-played 43 putting his leg in front of a straight one from Manjoo. M. I. Yusuf was caught by Dr. Ismail off Manjoo for a 20 including one six. None of the other batsmen could get going in face of good bowling by Coovadia and Manjoo. The innings closed for 116 before lunch.

E. A. Manjoo with 5 for 44 in 15.3 overs, with 3 maidens, was the most successful bowler. Coovadia took 3 for 33. Roy Haffajee was in good form [illegible]

Kismet started off disastrously. Omarjee being caught off M. I. Yusuf for 1. After lunch Karodia went out five to Asmal for 7. With Manjoo five to M. I. Yusuf for 12 and Randaree stumped for 16 things looked black for Kismet. Roy Haffajee and Coovadia, however, became associated in a fruitful partnership which produced about 50 runs before Roy was bowled by Hendricks for a well-played 23.

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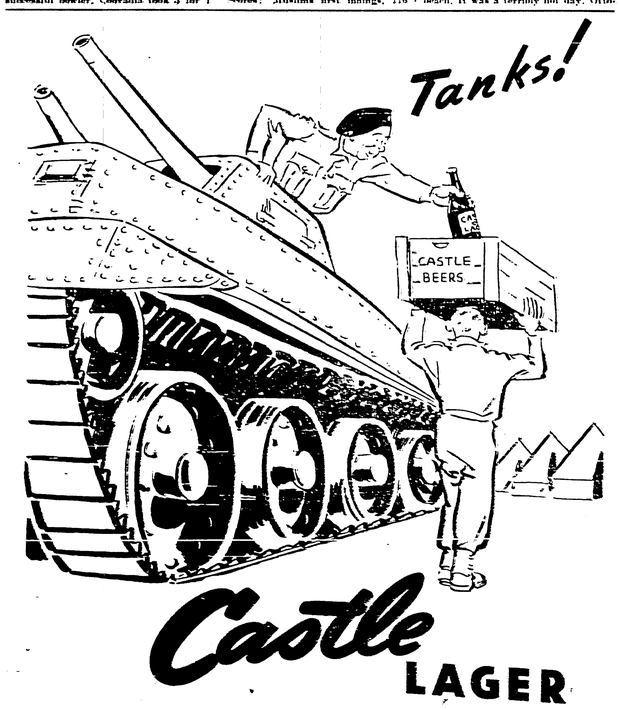
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The match was played on Tuesday. Kismet won the toss and sent in Muslims to bat. With three on board I. G. Asmal was caught behind the stumps off I. Ramjaree. Dawood Faruk and Hendricks then became associated in a partnership which yielded 66 runs before Hendricks was run out for 23. Dawood Faruk went immediately after for a well-played 43 putting his leg in front of a straight one from Manjoo, M. I. Yusuf was caught by Dr. Ismail off Manjoo for a 29 including one six. None of the other batsmen could get going in face of good bowling by Cowadia and Manjoo. The innings closed for 116 before lunch.

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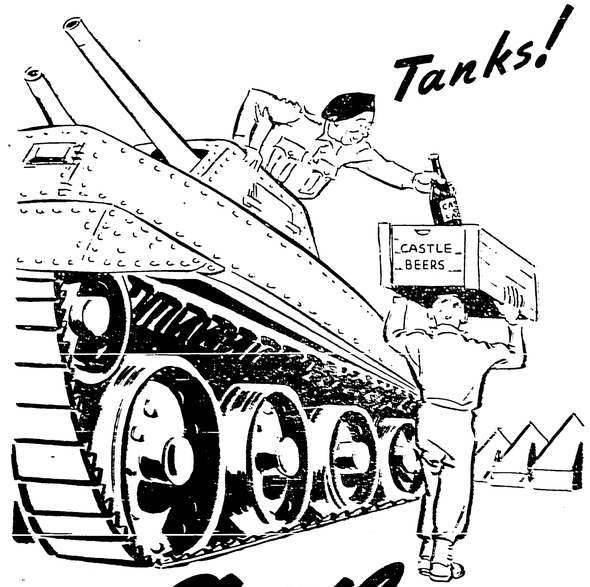
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