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NATAL PLAYERS TO PAY THEIR OWN FARE

Decision at Cricket Union Meeting

NATAL players, taking part in the forthcoming South African cricket tournament at Port Elizabeth next January, will have to pay their own train fare. This was a decision made at the meeting of the council of the Natal Indian Cricket Union held in Maritzburg last Sunday. The meeting at first was disinclined to take part in the tournament owing to the difficulties of travelling at the present time and on grounds of expense. It was left to the Durban representative, Mr. Ebrahim Haffejee, to persuade Natal to take part.

If Natal dropped out, he said, it would be tantamount to letting down of their senior men, who had already been committed to participation. Natal, in fact, had founded the South African Indian Cricket Union, and no question of postponement should rightly come from them. "It is a war baby and should be carried during the war," he added.

It was eventually agreed to take part in the tournament if it was not possible to get it postponed. Each player was to pay his own fare.

On the question of the amount of levy to be ran high—at one stage Mr. Haffejee intimated that Durban would have to secede from Natal. The storm, however, blew over without causing any damage.

INITIATING the discussion on the forthcoming tourney, Mr. K. G. David said that the players taking part should pay their own fare, while Natal should bear the cost of their board and lodging. This step seemed hard at the present time, but it would be the best in the long run. Players would regard the affair as a holiday and would be prepared to pay for it.

Mr. K. A. Chin, speaking in support, added that if Natal did not take part in the tournament, headquarters, which moved in rotation, would be lost to them for a long time to come.

The meeting decided to budget £50 for expenses. The first proposal was that Durban should pay £22 10s., Maritzburg £13, Northern Districts £12 10s. Mr. K. G. David promised to donate £2 2s. towards the Maritzburg amount, and Mr. E. Kallie a like sum to his district.

Northern Districts and Maritzburg then suggested that each district should pay £4 for each player selected.

strongly dissented against this proposal, which was made by Mr. Kain.

The levy was finally fixed as follows: Durban, £27 10s.; Maritzburg, £12 10s.; Northern Districts, £10.

Mr. E. Kallie was appointed manager of the Natal touring team, which will be composed of 12 players only.

The following new life vice-presidents were elected: Messrs. R. Manicum, S. I. Singh, H. R. Singh, K. A. Chin, and Dr. M. E. Peters. The voting for Dr. Peters and Mr. K. G. David tied, and the latter, as chairman, gave his casting vote in favour of his opponent.

Mr. Ebrahim Haffejee was elected a member of the Natal Selection Committee, Mr. M. S. Badat resigned.

The members of the Victory Social Club (Mayville) celebrated the first anniversary of their club by camping out at Umhlanga Rocks Beach on Saturday. A sum of five guineas was raised in aid of the Bengal Famine.

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At Maritzburg Young Natalians by an innings and 58 runs.

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Stars C.C., first innings, 87 all M. Haffejee, 24; E. I. Deedat, C. Jaast, 5; K. D. Reddy, 6 for

Stars C.C., second innings, 3 (G. H. I. Cassimjee, 21; P. Chetty, 9; and M. Sewpaul, 3 for 18.)

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MARITZBURG TODAY

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A three-side tournament for the protal's Floating Trophy was play the Natal Indian Recreation Gro Although this was the first of its at Nonoti, 21 teams from between Kr and the Tugela River took part. final match was won by the Re United "B" against Darnall "B".

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...report of the memorandum sub... by the Municipalities Association ... the absence of unanimity ...ural governments, Durban asks ...tial segregation for all purposes, ...commercial, industrial, educa... Pietermaritzburg is desirous of ...aside certain wards for Indian ...ons. Ladysmith would have its ... dumped in the flood area of the ... town. Rural authorities demand even agricultural and rural segregation, while the Administrator of Natal envisages the establishment of racial villages within a Durban County Council.

"Both the Natal Indian Congress and the Natal Indian Association when they were separate bodies, and even the High Commissioner for India himself, have repeatedly maintained that a solution on the residential occupation question can be found by negotiation, provided that municipalities are reasonably motivated on Indian housing and Indian social amenities. But, it seems, that the Natal Municipalities Association want to expel the Indian from the South African community and force him into a straitjacket from which there is no release."

LIFE-SAVERS TO THE RESCUE

Eight members of the Durban Indian Surf Life Saving Club were on the beach on Sunday and brought off five rescues. Artificial respiration was rendered to four; two, Goolam Hoosen and Ethel Wagner, were admitted to hospital. Kisoon Singh and Ganga M. V. Naidoo recovered after treatment by their rescuers.

CONGRESS TELLS CLARKSON "PEGGING ACT BE DROPPED"

EMPHASIS was laid on the following points when the deputation of the Natal Indian Congress met the Minister of the Interior, Senator C. F. Clarkson, on Thursday.

First and foremost the Congress demanded that the Pegging Act be withdrawn altogether.

Failing this the scope of the application of the Pegging Act should be restricted to occupation for residential purposes only and should not extend to acquisition of property for investment and commercial purposes. The Act should also not extend to the acquisition of rural property.

The need for housing and other civic amenities for Indians was pointed out.

The deputation further asked for the restoration of the municipal franchise.

P. R. PATHER FINED £5 OR 7 DAYS

Mr. P. R. Pather, who appeared on Friday last before the chief magistrate of Durban, Mr. H. C. Barnett, on a charge of contravening the Pegging Act was sentenced to a fine of £5 or seven days. Sentence was suspended on condition that the accused vacated the premises on or before January 7, 1944.

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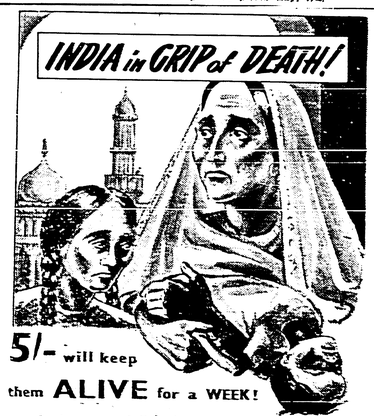

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Messrs. C. G. Woodley (the boxing coach) and T. K. Pennamy Govender (the joint instructor of the T.P.C.C.), who were on a cycle tour, have now returned home. The tour lasted 10 days and they covered a distance of 750 miles.

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Obituaries

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The death took place at Brookside, Maritzburg, on Sunday last of Mrs. Natchara Nulliah, widow of the late Mr. Charlie Nulliah, aged 62, who was ill for some time.

She was popular in her circle of relatives and friends among whom she will be greatly missed.

The funeral, which took place at the Mountain Rise Cemetery on the following day, was largely attended. Mourners were present from far and near; a large number of messages of sympathy were received.

The following sent wreaths: Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Nulliah, Mr. and Mrs. Moonsamy Nulliah, Mrs. Mungamah Rajah, Mr. Athiemoolam Nulliah, Mr. and Mrs. P. Nulliah, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Naidoo, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Naidoo, Billy and Pathma Nulliah, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Chetty (all of Maritzburg).

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MRS. R. K. PILLAY

The death of Mrs. R. Kamala Pillay, of James Street, Maritzburg, mother of Seshkumar Pillay, occurred after a brief illness at her home on November 27. Her friendly disposition will be very

much missed by her many friends and relatives. Born in South America, Mrs. Pillay lived in Mauritius for a time, and came to Natal in 1906. She leaves three sons, three daughters, with many grand and great-grandchildren, to mourn their loss.

MRS. M. M. ALLY

The death occurred after a brief and severe illness of Mrs. Maryam Mahomed Ally (of Messrs. Omar and Mahomed), on November 12 at her residence at Kranskop, Natal, at the age of 38 years.

She was of kind and gentle disposition which won for her the goodwill and admiration of all those who came in contact with her.

She was ailing for many years and underwent a serious operation during 1942.

The funeral took place at Kranskop Moslem Cemetery on Friday afternoon, being attended by relatives and friends who came from Stanger, Durban, Maritzburg, Isipej, Greytown and district.

She leaves behind a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their irreparable loss.

Floral tributes and many telephone messages, telegrams and letters of sympathy were received from various centres in the Union by the bereaved family.

MR. DAVID GAUL

There passed away on Friday last an old Dundee resident in the person of Mr. David Paul, aged 73 years. The funeral, which took place on Sunday at the Dundee Cemetery, was very largely attended, which testified the popularity of the late Mr. Paul.

The following were the pall-bearers: Messrs. S. L. Paul and Arthur Paul (sons), Sunny Paul and Tony Paul (grandsons), E. A. James (son-in-law), Victor Gabriel (nephew).

MRS. NOMIN-BAI VAHED

The death occurred at Durban on Sunday, November 28, of Mrs. Mominbai, wife of Mr. Saeed Mahomed Vahed, at the age of 55. She was well known among the Muslim women of Durban. She was versed in the Holy Koran and led the prayers in women's gatherings.

MADRESSA PRIZES

The annual prize distribution function was held at the Madressa Hall, 64 Glen Kern Road, Overport. Moulana Moulvi Mahomed Haniff, of Maritzburg, presided.

The hall was packed to capacity, and the function was a very successful one. After the programme of the children, the prizes were distributed to all the successful pupils.

Moulana Mahomed Haniff stated that the teachers and the Overport Educational Board had shown very satisfactory results within one year (since when this madrasa had started) and appealed to the people of the district to forget their petty troubles and concentrate more on education.

Mr. A. S. Kajee, the chairman of the Trust Board, said that since the madressa was congested the Education Board had to turn away 60 children. A new madressa was very necessary. He expected those who were blessed in the world's goods in the community will respond to this appeal.

Other speakers were Mr. A. Bollim, Mr. I. Dhoomun, Mr. E. Mahetar, Mr. A. E. E. Bux, Mr. Shaik Ameel, Munshi Kader Mia and others.

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will hold a

CONFERENCE

on

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1943,

at 10.30 a.m.

at the

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South Coast & District Muslim Association

The above Association has agreed to distribute Kurbaneee meat for the destitutes in the Clairwood district, which has been kindly donated by Messrs. A. M. Lockat's Trust, A. Fayers, S. A. Kajee, M. D. Motala and others.

All Muslims in the district are kindly asked to call at 77 Sinclair Road, Clairwood, with containers at 9 p.m. on Eid day.

The Association is prepared to accept further donations of meat for distribution, and for further particulars please phone 21444, Durban.

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Sunday, December 5:

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The Entertainment Committee has arranged the undermentioned functions in aid of the above Fund, through the kind co-operation of the following Clubs and voluntary workers:—

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at the Majestic Cinema,
7th DECEMBER, 1943.

(2) Boksburg Indians:
A BIOSCOPE SHOW
at the Town Hall, Boksburg,
8th DECEMBER, 1943.

(3) Kohinoor C. Club, Mr. A. P. Patel
A BIOSCOPE SHOW
and Star of India Club:
at the Lyric Cinema,
19th DECEMBER, 1943.

(4) Staff of the Elgin Hotel:
A GRAND CABARET
at the Ritz Palais De Danse,
20th DECEMBER, 1943.

(5) The Palaisha Club:
A SINGING PARTY
at the Northcliffe Hotel,
22nd DECEMBER, 1943.

Tickets for any of the above Shows obtainable at 27b Market Street, Johannesburg.

Should any member of the Indian community in this country wish to stage or organise functions in aid of the "INDIA FAMINE RELIEF FUND" will they kindly get in touch with the Secretary, "ENTERTAINMENT SECTION, "INDIA FAMINE RELIEF FUND," 27b Market Street, Johannesburg, for the necessary authority and assistance.

Transvaal Muslim League

AN APPEAL

In such a large centre as Johannesburg there is no Hall, no Library or no Musafir Khana for the use and benefit of Muslims. This is indeed a reflection on the Muslims of the Transvaal in particular and of the Union in general. Realising this and the fact that all great things that have been accomplished by humble beginnings, the Finance Committee of the Transvaal Muslim League, after mature consideration, have decided to launch a campaign of collection in order to bring about in actuality what has been a mere intention up to now. With the above in view, the aforesaid committee, at its meeting on the 17th November, 1943, at 25 Fox Street, Johannesburg, appointed a Sub-committee consisting of:—

(1) Mr. M. A. Dinath (Organiser), Dinbro Trust.
(2) Mr. Valley Bagus, Kohinoor Cafe.
(3) Mr. M. M. Deola, Deola Bros.
(4) Mr. Saleh Mahomed, Central Trust.
(5) Mr. C. M. Deola, Deola Bros.

With the right to co-opt with a mandate.

(a) To proceed throughout the Union of South Africa to raise funds in the name of the League for the purpose of acquiring ground, erecting Muslim League Hall, Library and Musafir Khana in Johannesburg.
and
(b) To organise and establish branches of the League in the Transvaal.

All Muslims are earnestly requested to welcome these officials and contribute generously in order to make the cause an overwhelming success.

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MR. and MRS. C. PATCHIAPPA COVENDER
of Chutney Lane, Pietermaritzburg,
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ALL RELATIVES AND FRIENDS
to marriage of

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eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Pather,
to
Parvathi Ammal
eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Covender,
on
SUNDAY, 5th DECEMBER, 1943,
at the
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Nuptial Ceremony, 10 to 11 a.m.
Nagavalli, 11.45 a.m.
Music by
Mohini Orchestra and Gay Swingsters.

Communist Party of S.A.
(Durban District)

WINNERS OF RICE COMPETITION

No. 2837 Mr. S. P. Salvartan, Natal Steam Laundry, Durban.
No. 2037 Mr. M. M. Cavender, 249 Umbilo Road, Durban.
No. 2301 Mr. G. A. Pillay, Natal Estates Mills, Mount Edgecombe.
No. 5200 Mr. Ray Naidoo, 72 Beatrice Street, Durban.

THANKS NOTICE

The Charlie Nulliah family desire to thank all relatives and friends for their messages of sympathy, floral tributes and for their attendance at the funeral in their recent sad bereavement.

Mr. Mahomed Ally, of Stanger, Omar and Mahomed, and Mr. Ismail Mahomed and family, of Kranskop, Natal, sincerely thank all relatives and friends for their kind messages of sympathy and floral tributes sent in their recent sad bereavement and for their attendance at the funeral.

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LEADER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 194[illegible]

The Pegging Act

THE deputation of the Natal Indian Congress which met Senator Clo[illegible]son in Durban on Thursday pointed out to the Minister that the only basis for harmonious and equitable [illegible] between the Indians and Europeans [illegible] the question of "penetration" was the repeal of the Pegging Act. The Pegging Act has to be repealed for it is [illegible] to the Indian people the very right[illegible] and principles for which the war is being fought. South Africa has been very consistent in its violation of principles which it supports elsewhere, [illegible] the Continent of Europe, South Africa Premier maintains that there must be freedom and equality of the subject peoples, but at home, in the country under the administration of its own Government, the Indian people are slowly but surely being stifled.

When the Pegging Act was before Parliament, Mr. Lawrence, the then Minister of the Interior, declared that the Durban Corporation was on the as far as Indian housing was concerned. Eight months have passed since the Pegging Act became law and the Durban Municipality has done exactly nothing for Indian housing. There has been even no plans on paper. The absolute apathy of the Durban Municipality coupled with the demand of the Natal municipalities for the extension of the Pegging Act and the refusal of the Minister of the Interior to grant permits even in Indian areas has placed the Indian in such a position that he can do nothing but demand for the repeal of the Pegging Act.

Neither the Government nor the Durban Municipality have taken any positive step since the Indian was pegged and the intention of the Act became clear—to prevent not only any expansion of the Indian, but to strangle his economic development and thus his agitation. It is only the economic strength of the Indian community which has enabled it to agitate against the repressive legislation of his rulers. Once the Indian is strangled economically his rulers will solve the Indian problem in his own way, unhampered by any agitation. The Pegging Act is an effective step towards this end—strangulation, for today, in Durban the centre of South Africa's Indian population, there can be no Indian expansion of any kind.

☆ THE STARS REVEAL ☆

By "Jyotishi"

December 5: There is an indication of depression in trade, diplomatic troubles, controversies and disputes in the country. Avoid making future agreements.

December 6: Desires exercise and activities are the causes of success. Favourable for discriminating news and information, chances, journeys, advertisement, business.

December 7: Good for industry, prosperity, tact, precision and economy. Efforts. Deal with property, interests, friends and elders. Avoid ill-natured conflicts with the opposite sex.

December 8: Favourable for change, journeys, love and pleasure, charity, philanthropy and financial position.

December 9: Auspicious for peace and contentment among the workers. Beneficial for reformatory, philanthropic movements. Avoid vacillation.

December 10: Unfavourable for business deals, long journeys and chances. Beware against discomforts, quarrels and dejection. It is unfavourable for the army and navy.

E SUPPORTS SEGREGATION BECAUSE OF UNCLEAN WINDOWS

ERE were no clean windows, with curtains, in First Avenue, Durban, since Indians had taken occupation of the houses in this locality, complained J. Austin Hughes, when speaking at the Maritzburg Parliamentary and Voting Society on a motion, moved by Dr. M. R. J. Peters, asking the Council for the extension of Indian housing facilities in Maritzburg. As the Indians, he added, made more progress in their lives he could help them.

Dr. Peters, in reply, countered by saying that Mr. Hughes must have these streets through "a Scotch mist."

TAKING to his motion, Dr. Peters said: "Have the Indians a right to stay in this country is a pertinent question. If the reply is in the negative my whole motion falls to the ground. Some people want the Indians repatriated, and the Cape Town Agreement annulled. Yet Indians are British subjects, but while the alien Indians, even the Balkans because of their dark skin are eligible for full citizenship rights, the Indians have not the franchise. The Indian is no interloper in this country. They have by the sweat of their brow earned the right to stay in this country."

The speaker, in giving reasons why legislative expansion should be made for the better housing of the Indians, referred to their increase in numbers, the adoption of western standards, the lack of suitable civic amenities in predominantly Indian areas.

Only fifty houses were provided by the City Council during all these years for Indian occupation. "What houses (what an architect! The entrances are so narrow is through the kitchen. I never heard of anything so absurd. But these fifty houses are fully occupied and by no means provide for the needs of the hundreds of Indians requiring for more houses."

Dr. Peters indicated the line of expansion for Indian housing—Mountain Rise, Pentrich, Mason's Mill and Hawkes Hill. These were contiguous to the present Indian occupation, and he declared that the Indian community would not be prepared to resist any compulsory forms of segregation; this would make any scheme impossible. The inherent right of the Indian people should be recognised.

Mr. M. Gopaul Naidoo, in seconding the motion, referred to both the municipalities of Durban and Maritzburg as being indifferent to Indian needs. "The Durban Corporation has done next to nothing to provide Indians with houses. In visiting the Indian quarters one will view with dismay and disgust at the lack of civic amenities in these areas. The Indians have no voice in the City Councils, in the Provincial Councils or in Parliament and is impotent to influence these bodies for the common good."

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. T. Rowan, said that the time had come when certain tests, such as education, culture and refinement, must be applied to eliminate race hatred. They must have vision, for without it they would perish. He thought that "segregation" or "zoning" should be dropped out of one's vocabulary.

Rich Indians should refuse to pay rates unless they had the vote, stated Miss W. Judson. "I have the deepest sympathy for the Indian and support the motion," she added.

The refusal of the vote to the Indian in this country was making a mockery of democracy, argued Mr. S. R. Naidoo.

The "Minister of Justice," Mr. John Henderson, said taxation without representation had been the cornerstone of British law as long as they all could remember. He felt that the dream of the Scottish poet, Burns, of man being a man for a' that, was soon to come true, sooner than most of them realised.

After other speakers, including Mr. T. G. Strachan and Mr. G. C. Jolliffe, the motion was carried that "in the opinion of this House the City Council should make immediate provision for Indian expansion."

ID TO BENGAL MUST BE IMMEDIATE

GAL still calls for relief to aid distressed, and during the week were received from India asking slp.

Natal and Transvaal Relief Committees have been trying to ascertain in the name of the organisation would be representative of all ns of the community to which could be sent. It has now been ed by the South African Committhat they should send money to the l Relief Committee, of which Sir das Gwenka is chairman.

the 15th of October, 1943, £1,440 was ed from the Transvaal to the nan. The Imperial Indian Citizen Association, to be distributed h an agency in Calcutta which e opinion of Sir Purshotamdas rdas was working in the interest irrespective of caste or creed.

following is an extract of a letter by Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas Rajendra Goenka, Chairman, Relief Committee, 145 Muktaram Babu Calcutta:

Secretary of the Imperial Indian ship Association will send you a for Rs. 18,858/15/-, being remitt received by me from Johannes-

have no doubt this gesture goes re that in whatever corner of the an Indian may be, he has been moved by reports of the hardship fellow countrymen in Bengal.

conclusion, I have only to request this sum may be spent according r personal instructions in such r that you can inform these two ations in South Africa that you take every precaution to see that helped to relieve the distress of e needy. I venture to suggest that the Indians in South Africa left y discretion to remit the amount organisations or persons in Ben- had any confidence that the would be properly spent. And, of I can think of no one else better d for this purpose than yourself, who is the head of the organisation which is working under you and, I know, has spent considerable amount out of his own pocket from the very start to afford relief."

The Durban Indian Surf Life Saving Club will put into practice its scheme of raising a mile of pennies for the Bengal Relief, on

The Candella Estate Hindu Sangtan held a bazaar, which was opened by Mr. R. Bobanine, at Carlisle Street, Durban. A total sum of £106 18s. 2d. was realised, Mr. R. Govindh was the arranger. Among others present included Dr. N. P. Desai, Messrs. R. Rachoo, S. L. Singh, Sathoo Thaha, and Pandit Jaumohan.

In three days £100 2s. was collected among the Indian workers at the Glebelow Sugar Estates, Stanger. The money has been handed over to the Natal Indian Congress.

Maritzburg has now collected over £1,000 for the fund.

At Dannhauser a Relief Committee has been formed with the following officials: Chairman, Mr. A. E. Harry, J.P.; vice-chairmen, Messrs. P. Fairbrother, R. Perumal and Saleh Ebrahim; secretary, Mr. Balrajh Goorden; committee, Messrs. S. C. Vawda, Ramsoonder Patasy, S. S. Bhawan, Moolana Ansari, R. C. Naidu, D. Wrichd, and the Town Clerk.

Mr. Aboo Ebrahim, of Pietersburg, Transvaal, has sent to The Leader the following telegram: "I appeal to all Muslims to send money to the Muslim Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta, for burkani this eid for the distribution of burkani in the distressed areas."

Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee has stated to The Leader that all centres which have been collecting money for the fund should send in their contributions immediately to the Indian Famine Relief Committee, care of His Worship the Mayor, P.O. Box 252, Durban, so that the money could be remitted to India.

Centres, he said, were inclined to wait until such time they had got a substantial amount. This attitude would only delay relief.

TO CUT DOWN MARRIAGE COSTS

Memons to Meet in Conference

The Memon section of the Indian community in this country is out to smash customs, which have been found to become too lavish and expensive, such as feasts at engagement ceremonies and some others, which are untenable today. For this purpose a conference is being held in Durban to-morrow (Sunday).

There is a strong feeling in the Memon group that there should be a drastic curtailment of costs both at engagement and marriage functions which today have become far too expensive—a burden to the poor man, and waste to the rich. Simplicity would cut down the competitive spirit that prevails among the well-to-do.

Other customs, which have outgrown the time and usefulness, will also be considered by the conference.

The meeting will also consider the matter of bringing together Memons of this country for the purpose of its educational and social uplift. It is proposed to link up with the All-India Memon Educational Society, with its headquarters at Calcutta, and sharing in its educational programme.

This society financed 465 students, at a cost of 50,000 rupees last year. It was responsible for the education of 32 lawyers, 17 doctors, 5 civil engineers, 2 electrical engineers, 2[illegible] The society helped each student with amounts, ranging from 26 rupees to 5,000 rupees.

It is expected that deserving Memon students requiring assistance in this country will also be assisted to complete a professional education.

INDIAN BROADCAST

During the Indian G.P.S. session next Sunday a short play entitled "Garib," written and produced by Mr. N. M. Kasack (Hasan), will be broadcast as a part of the Eid programme.

RED LETTER DAYS

TWO outstanding days in the Muslim calendar stands out next week. December 7 is the Day of Haj or Pilgrimage. On that day the eyes of the whole Muslim world will be focused on Mecca, the Holy City of Islam. Great importance is attached by millions of Muslims to the performance of this sacred obligation.

This year, owing to the war, pilgrims from many countries, including India and South Africa, will not be able to participate in this religious gathering which brings together the Faithful from all parts of the world, a virtual League of Nations in Islam.

The Government of India have with great regret decided that they could not permit Haj sailings.

"The enemy to whose actions this decision is directly attributable is a brutal and savage aggressor. To him the death of thousands of pilgrims bent solely upon a task of deep religious significance would count for nothing. But the responsibility resting upon the Government of India in this matter is most grave," says the Government of India, in a communique.

They have informed Muslim leaders and the members of the Standing Haj Committee confidentially of the circumstances and considerations which have weighed with them. It is with profound regret that they are forced to the conclusion that their responsibility can only properly be discharged by the decision they have taken."

On December 8 the Eidul-Adzha will be celebrated. Thousands of goats will be slaughtered and the meat will be given to the poor and needy.

LECTURE BY DR. LANDAU

A lecture on "The Health Aspect of Social Workers in the Community" was delivered by Dr. Landau, M.O.H. of the Public Health Area of Edendale and District, on Saturday, under the auspices of the Edendale Indian Welfare Society.

After a lengthy talk he said that he was confident that proper housing, recreation grounds, social and public halls, swimming baths, more clinics and adequate sanitary amenities to maintain a healthy community will be provided by the Local Health Commission in the near future.

Mr. R. Lachman, who presided, thanked Dr. Landau for his instructive lecture and for the work he is doing for the people of Edendale and district.

Mainly About People

The High Commissioner for India, Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, is expected to arrive from India today (Saturday).

To Mr. and Mrs. — Ram-sroop, of 435 Freemantle Road, Mt. Vernon, a daughter.

The engagement is announced between Zainabhoodeen Kader, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. — E. Kader, to the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abdulla Badruddin, both of Maritzburg.

Dr. G. K. Joshi, District surgeon, Cholo, Nyasaland, and Mrs. Joshi and their two children are spending their vacation in Durban, where they are the guests of Mr. Mohanlal R. Parekh.

Mr. Harry Singh, of "Woodthorpe," Maritzburg, has left on a three months' holiday for the Cape and the Transvaal.

Mr. B. B. Maharaj, of Waschbank, and family visited Durban and Greytown last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ismail E. Ameen, of Waschbank, visited Tweedie, Maritzburg and Durban last week.

The officials of the Lapalooma Club, Steamer, spent the week-end at the beach cottage of Mr. Harry B. Moodley, at New Guelderland.

Mr. M. K. Naidoo, of Canada Road, Durban, is spending his holidays in Johannesburg. He is the guest of Mr. S. S. Moodley, of 6, Mint Road, Fordsburg, Johannesburg.

Mr. M. Mirza, treasurer of the Glenroe Chit-Chat Social Club, who was in Durban on sick leave, has now returned home.

Mr. Keeap Bodia, of Dundee, spent last week-end at Ladysmith.

Mr. H. Diamond, of Overport, who underwent an operation recently, is progressing satisfactorily.

(Photo: Kamera Kraft)

Mr. and Mrs. Kitty Moodley after their marriage on Sunday, November 7, at the Mayville Theatre. Mrs. Moodley before her marriage was Miss Rangammal Naidoo, daughter of Mrs. — M. Naidoo, of 5 Stratford Road, Durban.

MUNICIPAL WORKERS WANT FRANCHISE

At a recent mass meeting of 500 Dimes workers held at the Magazine Barracks, Durban, the following resolutions were passed:—

"That this mass meeting of Dimes workers held at the Magazine Barracks views with alarm the manner which deceased workers' families are ejected from the barracks, and thereby urges that a deputation from the Dimes meet the City Councillors-committees at the earliest opportunity with a view to reaching a solution of this problem.

"This mass meeting of Dimes workers held at the Magazine Barracks hereby urges the Natal Indian Congress to (1) launch an immediate campaign for the repeal of the Pegging Act, and (2) also to launch an immediate mass campaign for the restoration of the municipal franchise."

BELLAIR SCHOOL

At a meeting of the Bellair District Indian Vernacular school held on Thursday, a resolution calling upon the officials to immediately call "a mass meeting for the purpose of reelection and reorganisation of the entire school Trust on a democratic basis and representative of all sections of the Indian community, and to launch a campaign for the raising of funds for the school building . . . was unanimously passed, on the motion of Mr. E. A. Pillay and seconded by Mr. V. P. Naidoo.

In the absence of the chairman, Mr K. V. Govender presided.

Under the auspices of the Glenroe Islamic Debating Society a farewell reception was accorded to Mr. C. M. Kasay, who is now taking up residence in Durban. He has resided at Glenroe and Dundee for the past 12 years and took a keen interest in sports. Speakers at the function were: Messrs. Hajee K. M. Hanas, E. S. Cotwal, G. H. M. Docrat, Y. M. Hanas, Y. V. Khan, M. I. Kajee, Sk. Ameen, G. H. Desai, Moulana A. Sahai and A. K. C. Peer.

66th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Mr. R. M. Naidoo celebrated his birthday on Sunday, December 6. He is a prominent Durban businessman who has been closely associated with public activities of the community for a number of years.

He was born at Umzinto on 7th December, 1887, and was presented a number of trophies by Andhra school children through Andhra Mahn Sabha.

Mr. Naidoo was among the first to organise Indian labour when the question of Durban Municipal Workers' The first

was the recognition of the Municipal Indian Employes Union by the Durban Corporation. He was also organising secretary of the union for years, 1918-1928. Among his publications are member and auditor of Aryan Benevolent Home, executive propaganda organiser, Natal Born Association, executive and reception committee, South African Indian Federation.

Mr. Naidoo toured the Union and Europe in 1928.

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...AND STARTS

...hings were got into motion it ...overed that progress was con... ...hindered by the absence of ...itter chair. He seemed to be ...e only gentleman who knew ...g about anything. Discussion ...ated and then suspended be... ...Mr. Kajee knew about it," or ...d be here before we discuss the ... This finally got too far for ...I. Haffejee, who queried: ... this that we have to defer ...g until somebody arrives?" ...mebody got a brainwave and ...ed that the meeting be ad... ...d in next to no time there ...y three or four gentleman left ...ll.

...STAGE

...t of the non-European is in... ...difficult one in this country, but ...segregation at the train re... servation office, Durban Station, is to the advantage of the non-European. While Europeans stand in queues, 30 to 40 long, a black man goes to the corner and within 15 minutes he has not only booked his seat but purchased his ticket. Meanwhile Europeans spend half a day in the queue.

BUS TRAVEL

A woman correspondent "in these columns last week drew attention to the inconvenience of bus travel. A man who uses the *nom-de-plume* of "Courteous Indian," writes:—

"The fact that your correspondent terms conditions in Indian buses as disgusting make it very obvious that she is not at all thankful for what men do for them in buses. I travel daily on Indian buses, but I have never seen women (be it native, coloured or Indian) being pushed and jostled about as mentioned by your ungrateful correspondent. I must say that most of the drivers take advantage over men, as in most cases they prefer picking-up women passengers as they very well know that men treat them with the greatest courtesy and offer them their seats. It would do your correspondent a world of good if she travelled in a deluxe taxi instead of wasting her time suggesting the use of reserved seats for Women only—and above all on Indian buses."

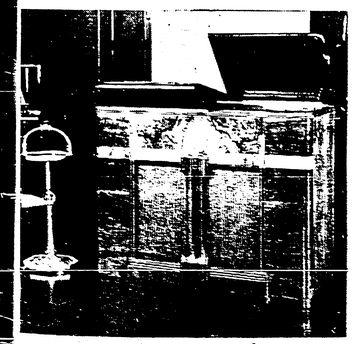
MRS. PALMER OPENS LIBRARY

"Books are a great solace to myself," said Mrs. Mabel Palmer, when opening the library at the St. Aidan's Boys' School at Sydenham. Continuing, Mrs. Palmer said that the answer to the question why we read was the same as the answer as to why we talk. By reading as by talking people are brought into contact with other people.

Quoting the examples of Socrates and Christ, Mrs. Palmer said that most great men have never put pen to paper. We have their works by their disciples. But great men read. By reading we come out of our little narrow life and are able to live in the imagination in all centuries and in all countries.

The library, founded primarily for the welfare of the boys attending the school, contains some 1,072 books, including those from the Society of Servants' Library. A debt of gratitude is owed to Mr. Paul Sykes for the transfer of his fine collection of volumes to be housed in the school library.

"Communism—can it be practised in South Africa?" was the subject for a debate by members of the Tinley Manor Social Club. Mr. J. A. Naidoo led for the motion and Mr. C. C. Dawood against. The opposition won.



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Maritzburg League fixture results:—United CC, first innings, 6 all out. (M. Chandrapaul, 32; G. Francis, 31; R. K. Naidoo, 4 for 26.)

School CC., first innings, 39 all out. (N. K. Naidoo, 17; R. K. Pillay, 5 for 26; and G. Francis, 5 for 10.)

United CC., second innings, 66 all out. (E. Padayachee, 21; K. Sarthie, 15; G. Kader, 14; R. K. Naidoo, 5 for 30.)

Schools CC., second innings, 112 for four wickets declared. (P. Nalliah, 52; N. K. Naidoo, 35; and R. K. Naidoo, 29 not out; V. K. Pillay, 2 for 27.)

Schools won by six wickets and 7 runs on the double innings.

ORIENTALS v. ROYALS

Orientals, first innings, 209 runs for 5, declared. (A. H. Rawat, 59; Y. S. Cassimjee, 56; A. I. Rawat, 52; S. M. Kaldoo, 55 not out; and G. H. A. Rayat, 22 runs not out; R. G. Naidoo, 2 for 45.)

Royals, first innings, 152 runs all out. (T. V. Valiathum, 53; T. V. Gopaul, 26; and V. Naidoo, 26 runs. A. I. Rawat, 2 for 22; I. S. Cassimjee, 5 for 33.)

Thus Orientals won by 79 runs and 8 wickets.

MARITZBURG TODAY

League Cup Competition.

Orientals v. Stars.

TOMORROW

Young Natalians v. S.C.C.C.

STANGER, TOMORROW

Phoenix v. Commercials "B." (Umpires, Messrs. A. Ismail and E. K. Naidoo).

TEAMS

The following is the Stanger United team to play against the Verulam Indian C.C. at Verulam tomorrow: V. G. Augustine (captain), E. V. Mohamed, D. E. Moola, K. P. Pedayachee, K. V. Naidoo, P. Kistan, A. E. Kolia, Jr Chengiah, K. W. Bodasingh, K. Bux, R. Premsingh. Reserve: F. Williams.

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LADYSMITH CRICKET

On Sunday last Mid-lins met Ladysmith in the League Cup Competition. Ladysmith, batting first, compiled 75. D. Mangroo, 15; E. K. Frank, 14; K. R. Govender, 12.

Mid-lins batted after lunch, and D. M. Seedat scored 97. G. M. A. Moola, 25; H. E. Khan, 20; K. R. Singh came to the rescue of Lady-smith bowlers. He took five wicket- for 37; D. M. Mangroo, 3 for 19; D. Mangroo, 1 for 35; H. S. Khan, 1 for 5.

Lady-smith, 2nd innings, 27 for two wicket-. D. M. Seedat, 5 wicket- for 2.

LADYSMITH, TOMORROW

League Cup

Ottoman's v. Mu-lim (Sunday). Empires, S. Ramdeen and D. G. M. Moola.

NORTHERN DISTRICTS TEAM

"Victory" suggests the following players should represent the N.D.I.C.C. against the D.D.I.C.C. in the interown semi-final at Ladysmith on December 18 and 19: M. Sooboryal (capt.), E. I. Chapey, E. A. Moola, G. H. Shaik, G. H. C. Asmal, D. M. Seedat, R. S. Khan, G. M. A. Moola, S. Ramdeen, W. D. Narrendra, C. Hagenbar, S. Mangroo (Ladysmith, 12th man).

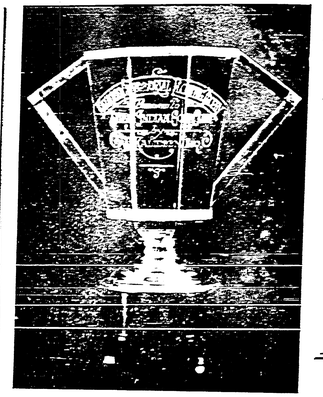
CRICKET RESULTE

A. F. S. Naidoo's League Championship. United 1st innings, 127 (S. Jeewan, 35; R. V. Naidoo, 23; V. G. Augustine, 19; K. Bodasingh, 15; D. E. Moola, 13; M. M. Umad, 5 for 26). 2nd innings, 119 for 4 declared (D. E. Moola, 58; P. Kistan, 45; J. Chengiah, 22 not out; A. E. Kolia, 4 for 45).

Commercials 1st innings, 96 (G. Lawler, 20; A. E. Moola, 20; M. M. Umad, 15; C. Bhanji, 12; G. A. Mather, 10; J. Chengiah, 4 for 27). 2nd innings, 62 (G. Lawler, 31; G. Lawler, 21 not out; V. G. Augustine, 4 for 9; J. Chengiah, 3 for 27).

United won by 85 runs on the double innings.

Dundee United CC. also gave Mr. Essay a send-off and a shaving outfit. Speakers at the function were Messrs. S. Manickum, D. Narrandra, M. Ratanjee, S. K. Naidoo, — Singh, G. H. Desai and S. I. Ameen.



The Kalideen Memorial Floating Trophy, presented to the Durban Indian Golf Club by Mr. D. Kalideen, in memory of his father, which will be played for tomorrow (Sunday) and the competition is open to all members.

SUGAR FOR SOCCERITES

A five-a-side soccer tournament for the Subben Murgan's Trophy was held at Gledhow last Sunday. It resulted in a win for a Gledhow five: M. Alwarsamy (captain), N. Nagiran, M. Saminathan, R. S. Govender and C. Cooper. Besides the trophy each member of the winning team received 50 lbs. of sugar donated by the Gledhow Sugar Estates, Ltd. Manager, Mr. [illegible] were the Campbell five.

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FROM LABOURER TO ADVOCATE GENERAL

Progress of the Indian in Mauritius

THE most important thing from my point of view is that the Indians realise that they have their rights also. They have now regained their moral ity." Thus Mr. K. Hazaree Singh, of Mauritius, summed up the develop from a condition akin to slavery to one of complete equality with the of the people of the Indian immigrant labourers on the island of tius. A descendant of an Indian immigrant was today the Advocate al.

Mr. Singh is on his way to London. He was a labour inspector in tius.

He was speaking at the weekly meeting of the India League, Durban.

"With the abolition of slavery in the British Empire the sugar planters Mauritius looked to India to supply field labour, said Mr. Hazaree

It was a common phenomenon ok of Indians only as field labourers, this was not true for Indians have engineers, road builders and ship to fact, Indians had been sible for fitting out ships which ssed by the French to decide the French leaders in India in the last 7

Indian had been brought to tius "to save a perilous situation, sugar industry was going to the Letter after letter had been to the Government of India. however, the Indians had been brought to the island they were kept in a state approaching slavery. Their masters acted like feudal despots.

They had no labour organisation and could do nothing to protect themselves.

A feature of this semi-slavery was "vagrant hunts." It would be proclaimed that there would be a hunt at such and such a place on the island on a certain day Indian labourers who were caught out without a pass were summarily imprisoned.

The first faint rumblings of a labour movement on the island were heard when a European, of Prussian origin, took up the case of the labourers. He pointed out to them how foolish it was for them to remain submissive. He asked them to organise and then sent a petition with over 10,000 signatures to Queen Victoria. The result was the appointment of a Royal Commission.

Investigations revealed the most appalling conditions. In fact, the position of the Indian labourers was not unlike that of slaves. Wages were miserable, housing was under slum conditions. There were no laws to protect the workers.

There was a Protector of Indian immigrants, but he could do nothing.

The Commission condemned the whole system and recommended radical changes and the introduction of humane regulations. The Indian government forbade the emigration of Indian labourers.

A VIRTUE

By virtue of his thrift the Indian managed to prosper and by 1900 two of the immigrants bought sugar estates. Small planters established themselves and the outlook improved.

By 1909 the Indian immigrant felt that he had a say in the island, but still there was no labour legislation to protect him as the small planter was the same as a labourer.

Another Royal Commission was appointed in 1909 and the only important result of this was the establishment of a [illegible] Immigration Bureau, which was a great help economically to the labourers.

After 1910 the Indian was in a position to build his economic life. Soon his position had improved so greatly that he was in a position to refuse to work and the employers were forced to look to India once more for a supply of labour, but Indian public opinion was against emigration.

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But... For the Colour Bar

"SOUTH AFRICA is a very good country but for the colour bar," was the comment to a Leader reporter of Mr. R. Valadon, a schoolmaster of Mauritius, who is on his way to the London School of Economics to study social science. He is one of a party of three Indians—two men and a woman—who are on their way to London after winning a Government scholarship.

The others in the party are Miss P. Thomas, who was a matron in a teachers' training college, and Mr. K. Hazaree Singh, who was a labour inspector.

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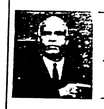

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Contributions of pennies and "tickeys" from the children of the Temple Girls' School made up a sum of £7 towards the Indian Famine Fund.

Gledhow Sugar Estate Indian employees sent £102 and not £106 2s. as stated previously towards the Famine Fund.

At a meeting convened by Mr. S. V. Reddy, the chairman of the Sea Tin Workers' Union of all the Indian workers at the Naytham's factory, it was unanimously decided that the workers contribute the increase realised by them as a result of the recent conciliation board agreement for one week towards the Bengal Relief Fund. As a result of the decision £48/5/3 was collected at this factory. At the meeting the following were the other speakers: Messrs. T. Andrews, S. R. Harry and Father.

Mr. V. Rhacavathi Pillay and party, of Pinetown, will provide a programme of Tamil songs and music at next Sunday's Indian C.P.S. session broadcast.

Two correspondents, "Sitharar" and R. Maharaj express their appreciation at last Sunday's broadcast of Mr. Abdul Rahman and party, particularly the Benoni sisters for their fine performance.

Our Readers Speak

WHAT WOMEN SAY OF THE SARI

REFERRING to Mr. J. K. Pillay's words: R "It is the duty of all Indians to retain their national identity whether you are a Christian, Muslim, Hindu or Buddhist." I should like to reply. Yes, it certainly is the duty of "All Indians" (not only the women) to retain their national identity, and I do think Mr. Pillay would be a fine example if he started the ball rolling by wearing his national dress; here in South Africa, of all places.

It's a pity that our brave correspondent did not know a non-Christian when he came across one. Most probably, to him, every Indian lady in Western attire is a Christian.

I dare say, he is greatly mistaken because Hindu ladies only change into their national dress on the day of their marriage. Furthermore, a Christian lady has never walked out in slacks and shorts as yet, but quite a few others here, which is far worse than a modest English frock. Christian ladies dress in Western attire simply because it is more convenient to move about in. Just as our progress here depends on English education, so also does it depend on dress. Imagine a teacher giving a demonstration lesson on physical training with six yards wrapped round her legs.

Though I am a Christian and wear the Western dress, I am proud that I am an Indian lady which neither dress nor language will take. As for the grace-fulness of the saree, I should add that it used to be graceful, but now it has lost all its beauty. What with Indies walking out during the day in English evening frocks with bits of saree attached to it. This is neither East nor West in my opinion.

(Miss) R. P. PETERS.

Durban.

OUR NATIONAL IDENTITY

There is a big demand for Indian saries in the Union. How picturesque an Indian girl would appear in her costly and beautiful saree, if only our girls are encouraged for the purpose of preserving the Indian national identity. In this part of the continent parents have peculiar ideas, but I do not think they need to be told that they can only be Indians by wearing saries as a national identity. From a Christian standpoint, I hope it is a matter of choice and not a question of abuse. Whether it is improper for Indian women to adopt the Western mode of dress in this country, this does not loose their identity as Indians to be sure, except, of course, "there is nothing so sweet and graceful than the Indian saree." As against your correspondent Mr. J. K. Pillay's view, you will agree it will be unwise for our womenfolk to insist on their male members to wear national dress. I wonder, if a pretty girl in her picturesque saree and a man with a dhoti and turban will be a match?

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1943

Franchise – A Suggestion

THE situation that has developed since the Pegging Act leads to a conclusion upon which even the most reckless of anti-Asiatics agree with the most fervent of Indians. It is that the time has come for a settlement. And though all are not agreed upon the kind of settlement, so fraught with significance to the British Commonwealth is the present impasse, that even the most vicious racialist is likely to restrain his vehemence in the hope that calm judgment will supply what emotion has failed to achieve. The Minister of the Interior has recently intervened with a statement giving some idea of state policy. He follows his predecessor in the administration of the Pegging Act, and, in a declaration to the Natal Municipal Association, expresses a hope that a settlement will be forthcoming that will not detract from dignity and self-respect of both parties to the conflict.

This is all to the good. Indians will welcome the Minister's attempts to create the right psychological conditions in which local statesmanship can come to his aid in hammering out a policy. That policy is two-way affair. It can be dictated neither by Indians nor by Europeans; it must be the product of negotiation voluntarily entered upon and voluntarily accepted. At the same time, though the contending parties must enter any negotiations with enquiring and forward-looking minds, there are certain fundamentals upon which both parties will stand pat.

The first upon which there is complete unanimity is that the European must remain the dominant political section in the country. This is conceded. There is another about which we are less united. European policy, we are decided, the opinion of some Indians, is that Indian status has now become a matter confined to South Africa. There is a desire on the part of some to sever the bonds with India and abrogate the right of the Indian Government to intercede and intervene in South African affairs. The attitude cannot, but only if certain proposals are accepted. It seems to us that no man can have two direct loyalties, two nations to whom he gives his allegiance. The position of the Indian today is that he is a citizen of no country. The Indian Government has certain rights of intervention in the affairs of Indians in this country. If they are to disappear without compensatory advantage, the status of the Indian in this country will be at the mercy of Natal racial politics. If they are to go, in exchange there must be a sound approach to the question of full citizenship of South Africa.

That can only be attained through the franchise. What part of franchise is important. The majority of thoughtful opposite comment recommendation, and in practice in East Africa, and even more particularly in India itself, the communal franchise is not an instrument of progress but an obstacle to political growth. It is doubtful whether it can be defended on any grounds whatever save that it includes the unique way of "Franchise," On the other hand, the idea of Indian franchise on the ordinary roll does not appeal to all sections of European thought. The difficulty, however, is not between two sections. There are gradations of opinion. Franchise on the common roll would guarantee the dominance of the European. The Franchise can be loaded with educational and property qualifications to earn a way as to allay any legitimate concern. In addition, the voting strength of the Indian can be regulated by selective franchise.

For example, did 4,000 Indians possess the educational and the qualifications fixed by negotiation, it would be possible to grant the vote to a third of that number, say, for three or four years. At the end of that time the position could be reviewed, say by the Delimitation Commission, with the object of adding some small proportion to the active voters' list, keeping in mind all the time the need for European voting predominance. The idea is offered tentatively as a basis of discussion.

The first thing that is required for a franchise which persuades the Indian of his citizenship of South Africa. It is not that it would be fully to give up his Indian connection in the political sense. He must not deprive himself of that and which he has a right until he has convinced proof that he enjoys South African citizenship.

The High Commissioner is reported to have advised Indians to seek a solution and to make their peace with their European fellows and not to be too hasty in appealing to others. Such good advice can only be followed on the part of the Europeans, there is a willingness to grant Indians true citizenship. We can well believe, and may be assured if we suspect, that some authorities are anxious to settle the Indian question to South Africa's benefit. In fact, a purely local and national matter and to minimise its Commonwealth significance. There are obvious dangers in this. Let us by all means manage our own affairs; but in its manage them as citizens and subjects of this country, not as a people subject to overlords.

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Mr. and Mrs. Khatiki Appa-amy Naidoo and family, of 229 Newman Road, Stella Hill, wish to thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and floral tributes sent during their recent sad bereavement.

APPRECIATION

E. Soondhu and M. Goove Khan, of Fairbreeze, cut into diabetic sugar basket at the Tuscan beach on Sunday beach. Both were rewarded, the former was brought to a lower income class by N. Krishnamoorthy to N. Krishnamoorthy who was there at the time and to the following fishermen for rendering first aid: R. Bernard Reddy, M. Chinsamy Geesy and C. Arumugam Moodley, all of Tuscan section.

THE STARS REVEAL

By "Jyotishi"

December

11—The planetary influences are also today for affairs of the country the people at large. Unsuitable any important affairs.

12—Unfavourable for domestic affairs avoid family quarrels. Help the needy and pose and deal with business affairs.

13—Indicates disputes concerning publications and diplomatic affairs also important litigation is likely. Unfavourable for matters.

14—Beneficial for the affairs of the rulers and authorities and for educational and property qualifications as earn a way as to allay any legitimate concern. In addition, the voting strength of the Indian can be regulated by selective franchise.

15—Mixed influences prevail; matters able for love and pleasure. Favourable chances in the field and reforms in local councils.

16—Deputes energy and activity in affairs of the country, public business and financial affairs. Deputes new enterprise and initiative of business. Harmonises relations between upper and lower class work for the future.

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sons of Indian immigrants soon ent into the professions. The Governor-General of Mauritius today is an

came the first big upheaval in section of labour. A labour code enforced as the result of a series of all over the island. The strikes ed for over three months. Government visited almost immediately by permitting the formation of associations, recognising the status of "Industrial associations."

most important thing, from my Mr. Sinch concluded, "is that Indians realise that they have to help also. They have now received political liberality. At one time they felt that the white man was a god. However, it is not so."

LEA FOR FRANCHISE, BUT OT ON COMMUNAL BASIS

Predominent Status of Europeans Recognised

VE demand the franchise, not the communal franchise which arious parts of the Commonwealth Empire is a mere mockery of democratic principle, but the franchise on common roll, weighted in such as to ensure and guarantee the minant status of the Europeans."

s was the viewpoint of the de- ion of the Natal Indian Congress as expressed, in the course of memorandum, submitted to the ister of the Interior, Senator C. F. om, at Durban last week.

e desire to register our continued sition to the Pegging Act and we or its repeal, firmly convinced that merits are such as to condemn it ery democratic legislature in the other than South Africa. Not it is a violation of the Capetown ment, it is bad in political ethics, vicious in its confessed racial mination, and it stands conmned, even among those who were sponsors, as their resolute rejection to put it into the Statute Book. It is the product of a majority disposed to Indians and does represent the opinion of the intelligent European electorate."

memorandum proceeds:

great perception is required to stand the general trend of municipality and the aims of a section the European community. It is to all the above consideration the restrictive terms not only Pegging Act as it now stands, an expanded Pegging Act, which, ld, would have the Indian clamped all-embracing legislative straitjacket.

ropalities are passing from that be called the defence of the European position. They are going further removal of a 30-yearsold mosque, a corrective to those extravagant it is essential to restate the in its right perspective. Ministerial pronouncements during the debate the need "to implement the Capetown Agreement of 1927." The theme was up by the Prime Minister at the reading of the Bill on April 14, 1942.

"We must make provision not on compulsory but on voluntary lines; the solution lies in the provision of adequate housing."

Also by Mr. Hofmeyr, who, during the same debate, said:—

"I believe that every time facts are brushed aside and a surrender is made to racial and colour prejudice, imposing the human rights of a part of our people in the interest of another part of our people, every time that happens we are sapping the moral foundation of leadership which the European people in South Africa enjoy today."

Such pronouncements persuade us that the aid of the Government is to maintain the state of the Indian within the framework of the Capetown Agreement.

This is the issue that transcends and embraces all other. To resolve it is a first obligation upon all of us, though it falls heavily and firstly upon the Government. There must first be a response to calm judgment and a change in psychological attitude. Before the municipalities can be allowed to claim the intervention of the Minister with Commissions, they must prove, not cases of Indian acquisition, but their own good faith in the provision of areas for Indian housing and in the provision for civic amenities.

These proposals accord with the findings of the first Broome Commission. To quote the report, "We are of opinion that the Indian resolution of segregation is due to any desire on the part of Indians to live in proximity to Europeans." To support which contention we again quote the same document: "But for the lack of housing and other amenities in predominantly Indian areas the increase of population would not of itself have resulted in the penetration of predominantly European areas."

The Pegging Act should be replaced and the stigma of servility and inferiority removed from the Indian. The rights of the Indians, which they have held since their adherence into this country, in fair measure and proceeding to the Indian from territory he occupied for years, as witness the Durban Corporation's establishment and attitude of the Durban Corporation towards the Technical College site, its obvious desire to translate the community beyond the old borough boundaries, the tentative strikes of the Westville Town Board

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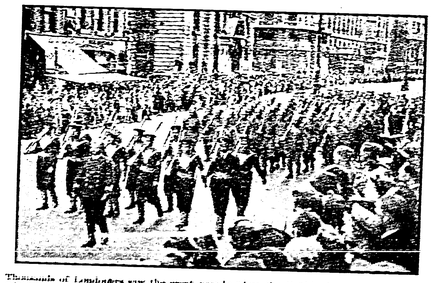

Thousands of Londoners saw the great parade when the British Commonwealth paid tribute to the United Nations. A Royal Indian Navai detachment and men of the Indian Army in the march past along Whitehall.

S.A. BRITISHERS OF INDIAN ORIGIN

"I UNDERSTAND that the persons mostly affected are not Indian. They are British subjects of South Africa of Indian origin," said Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India, in the House of Commons last week, during the debate on the prosecution of P. R. Pather under the Pegging Act.

LAND FOR TECH

The site for the proposed technical college for Indians at Durban has at long last been settled.

The Durban City Council, at a meeting this week, decided, by 11 votes to 5, to utilise Currie's Fountain for the purpose.

In exchange the Indian sports ground authorities will receive a block of 12 acres at the Stamford Hill aerodrome, if its licence is not renewed after the war, or a site either at Wentworth or Springfield.

Speaking at the council meeting Senator D. G. Shepstone, replying to those who were delaying the grant of land to the Indians, said that the grant of land involved no question of appeasement. It was the natural feature to assist the people entitled to receive it as a matural right.

HOSPITAL INQUIRY

GRIEVANCES of Indians at the King Edward VIII Hospital, Durban, and the Hospital will be investigated by a sub-committee appointed by the general committee of the Natal Indian Congress. This is the result of a letter written by Mr. A. S. Kajee to Congress pointing out that conditions at the King Edward VIII Hospital were far from favourable.

The question of the Indian nominees on the Hospital Advisory Board came in for outspoken criticism. The Indian nominee has in previous years been appointed by the Administrator and since the time of Sir Kenna Raw by the Rick Commissioners.

This year, possibly in view of the outcry in the political circles, the office of the Rick Commissioner wrote to the Congress requesting it to recommend a name for the Board. The letter caused a minor storm, and it was decided to inform the Rick Commissioner that, as this matter was a domestic one, in future recommendations should be made directly from the Congress and not through the Rick Commissioner's office.

The sub-committee consists of Messrs. A. S. Kajee, Ball Sewnarer), Billy Peters, M. D. Naidoo (conveners) and S. K. Singh.

The superintendent of the King Edward VIII has refused permission. It is learned, for the hospital sub-committee of the Natal Indian Congress to carry out investigations at the hospital in regard to the grievances of the Indian patients.

"INDIA, HANDS OFF"

SPEAKING to the executive of the S Natal Municipal Association at Maritzburg last week the Minister of the Interior, Senator C. F. Clarkson, made some important reference to the Indian question in Natal.

The problem, he said, was capable of solution, and will be settled without interference from outside, that was, from India.

The two provinces, Natal and Transvaal, must face the question of restoring to the Indians some form of franchise. He proposed that it should be the communal poll franchise. This would have to be voted first in the town councils, later in the Provincial Councils and finally in Parliament. He was confident that municipal franchise would have to be granted on a communal basis of property and educational qualifications.

Repatriation to India of Indians from the Union was a dead issue. The Indians were here, and the Union had to recognise the fact that the Indians would play their part in the economic development of the country. Plans had to be made accordingly.

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A Schoolmaster Retires

A SUGGESTION that the name of the Depot Road Indian school should be changed to that of the "Amichi Rai school" to perpetuate the memory of the man who has rendered Indian primary education was made by the Inspector of Indian schools, Mr. H. B. K. Weber, at a farewell function held at the school on Tuesday afternoon to mark the retirement of Mr. Rai from the teaching profession after 52 years of service.

Touching tributes were paid to Mr. Rai. Perhaps all the tributes and eulogies had an overwhelming effect on the retiring schoolmaster himself, on behalf of the school children, for he said: "We shall pray that God grant you long life, health and happiness."

A purse of one hundred guineas was presented to Mr. Rai and was garnished. A bouquet was given to Mrs. Rai.

THE chairman at the function, Mr. M. A. Pillay, referred to the good qualities of Mr. Rai, which had endeared the man to all those whom he met.

It is surprising to find that so many people are interested in Mr. Rai," declared Mr. T. E. Naidoo, a member of the staff.

Today the names Depot Road school and Rai were synonymous in Natal.

In the end the man, the teacher will be said, because he was good to us. He always set us an example for the benefit of the whole, to take was too selfish for him, not least of all he loved him as the children fondly would call him.

Whatever he may be, his memory and his personality will remain behind.

On behalf of the Education Department Inspector J. Irwin wished Mr. Rai farewell and a contentment. The man, the speaker said, was known and loved by many.

Mr. Irwin also conveyed the thanks of the Education Department for the services of Mr. Rai to education.

From the present students of the Natal Indian teachers' society to the first president and founder of the society, Mr. A. D. Lakavia said that Mr. Rai is one of the pioneers in the field of education. The present found that even though Mr. Rai was now retiring his advice would still be available to the teachers society.

Mr. Ishaman, principal of the Taylor street Indian school, said that Mr. Rai had also contributed to race relations by his good services to him Mr. Ishaman.

Replying Mr. Rai thanked all those who had expressed his services. He referred to the early beginnings of Indian education when a begin teaching of peace was made to be given to the Natal Administration for doing something for Indian education. "I am sure all the pupils have taken full advantage of Indian education."

He referred with pleasure to the growth of Indian girls' education. He said that much credit should be paid to territorial education for Indian education was on the rise.

Mr. P. E. Singh moved a vote of thanks. Among others who joined in were Messrs A. I. Kajee, T. M. Naicker, A. D. Naidoo, I. Thomas and Dr. B. P. Chetty.

Among those present at the function were Mr. P. R. Singer High Commissioner's office; Messrs. R. Rajeswar, Ramchand, Mrs. P. Thomas, Lewis, W. A. Naidoo, headmaster Umbilo Road school; Mrs. H. Harker, the Misses Rai and the Rev. W. H. Satchell.

Mr. Ishwarlahan, of stanger, sent words to Mr. Rai.

Mrs. R. a Maharaj, of Thorneville Estate, spent a weekend at her mother's residence in Clairwood.

Mainly About People

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Moodley, and grandchildren to Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Moodley, of 124 Loop st., Maritzburg, and Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Chetty, of 124 Cow Lake Road, Umgeni. Thanks to sisters and staff St. Anne's Hospital, Durban.

The marriage of Commarswami, D. C. Chetty, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Doraisamy Chetty, of Durban, to Thyrasmie, eldest of Mr. and Mrs. K. Reddy, of Prince Street, and the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. Ponnapan Reddy, of Maritzburg, will take place at St. Anne's Hall, Durban, tomorrow (Sunday).

Mr. E. J. Mahara, of Ladysmith, spent a weekend in Scottsdene.

Mr. N. a Moodley, of Ladysmith, has been notified of his appointment as an Indian interpreter at Verulam.

Mr. S. Ismiakhan, principal, Manger Government Indian school, has been notified of his transfer to the Depot Road Government Indian school, and assumed duties at his new post on Monday. He was appointed principal at Stanger when the new school was opened in 1937.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Harrysingh, of Rossburgh, are spending their holidays at Clairwood as guests of the parents of Mr. Douglas Narrandes.

Mr. T. Vadivalu, B.A., who is studying at the Capetown University, is spending his vacation in Durban.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Naidoo and Miss Jayalakshmee Naidoo, of Wentworth, are on a visit to Dundee, where they are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph.

Mr. Bolly Maistry, of Durban (formerly of Newcastle), has returned from a forthnight's holiday spent at Newcastle with his parents.

A WOMEN'S CLUB

A meeting was held at the Grey Road school Hall, on ... to discuss the formation of a club for Indian women. A large number showed enthusiasm by being present, and after some discussion a club was formed with the following officials: President, Mrs. P. Peters; secretary, Miss E. ...; treasurer, Miss E. Anthony; committee, Mrs. I. Pillayachee, Mrs. M. ..., Mrs. P. Thomas, Miss L. Peters, Miss Augustine and Miss D. Samson.

TONGAAT WOMEN

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The elections resulted as follows: Patrons: Mesdames Manilall Ganesh, Hollamich, Dr. K. Goonam, ... Mrs. R. Sancho; vice-presidents, Mesdames Harbans, Mrs. S. Sham, Mrs. R. Chetty, Mrs. E. J. Chonoo, Mrs. Ismail Ramsen, hon. secretary, Miss Kuselkissen; hon. treasurer, Mrs. K. P. ... committee, Mesdames C. E. Naidoo, C. Naidoo, Ramdin Sancho, N. Ramsay, Patel, I. A. Khan, Mrs. A. ..., Miss Nellie Father, Miss K. Chetty and Mrs. Morgan.

Messrs. M. Mayat, A. Rasmiah, Kajee and Ahmed Limbada, medical students of the Witwatersrand University, visited Waschbank last week.

Mr. Govindasamy Joseph, of Durban, will be spending his Christmas holidays at Hlobane.

TALK OF THE BAZAAR

BY "THE FAQIR"

these years I have managed best I could by styling myself ... Nobody questioned this. ... Gentle Reader, has, so ... that nobody grumbled if ... fined yourself as an Indian, ... purposes of the administra... the country's affairs we all ... non-Europeans, and what... inquities we suffered was usually ... that tag. Officially the Bureau ... migration called you Asiatic. ... birth certificate stated Asiatic, ... ried as an Asiatic and later ... Registrar of Deaths referred ... as a dead Asiatic. Now ... however, I have discovered I ... ther an Asiatic nor an Indian. ... goes for you, Gentle Reader. ... to a question last week in ... use of Commons democracy's ... there were, however, a people ... he described as "British sub... South Africa of Indian origin." ... Somebody's called a spade ... cultural implement before even ... was born.

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... just been told that the raisin ... held up a number of child... were writing their annual ... In one case a few young ... were writing the Junior ... examination were unable to get into town because they were marooned by floods. All they could do was play cards and curse the clerk of the weather.

JOKE

I have just been reading that among the weapons of war produced by the Union's war production factories are —assegais. Since the war began I believe something like a little less than 40,000 assegais were manufactured in South Africa. This is in all seriousness. I have done my best, but I am afraid I have been unable to find out how many knobkerries and pick-handles were produced in the same period. Does tickle one's sense of humour?

SASTRI PLAYS

Sastri's December plays are back again. Most of my readers, I believe enjoyed the annual event in June, when some of the best acting talent of the Indian community was seen on the stage. I, for myself, always find great interest in the acting of these young men, many of whom, if it hadn't been for THIS country, would have gone far in the world of theatre. This time the funds will go to the Fosa and also to the Bengal Famine Relief. So go along.

Mr. T. S. Pillay, of Laxmi Press, has left for the Cape on a short holiday.

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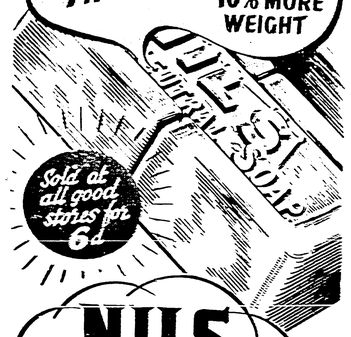

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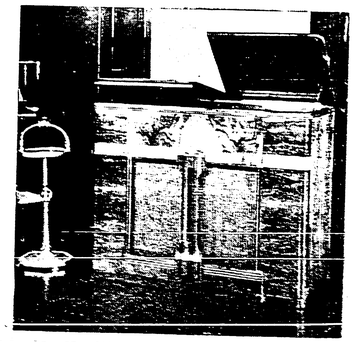

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A Schoolmaster Retires

A SUGGESTION that the name of the Depot Road Indian School should be changed to that of the "Anand Rai School" to perpetuate the memory of the man who has rendered yeoman service towards Indian education was made by the Inspector of Indian Schools, Mr. H. B. K. Wilter, at a farewell function held at the school on Tuesday afternoon to mark the retirement of Mr. Rai from the teaching profession after 32 years of service.

Touching tributes were paid to Mr. Rai. Perhaps all the tributes and eulogies can be crystallised in the words of a youngster, who bid his headmaster farewell on behalf of the school children. "In our own little way," he said, "we shall pray that God grant you long life, health and happiness."

A purse of one hundred guineas was presented to Mr. Rai, who was garlanded. A bouquet was given to Mrs. Rai.

THE chairman at the function, Mr. V. A. Pillay, referred to the good qualities of Mr. Rai, which had endeared the man to all those whom he met.

"It is surprising to find that so many people are interested in Mr. Rai," declared Mr. V. K. Naidoo, a member of the staff.

"Today the names, Depot Road School and Rai, were synonymous in Natal.

"To us on the staff the parting will be sad, because he was so good to us. He always led us well for the benefit of the school; no task was too difficult for him, but best of all we loved him as the tender Christmas month suit him, 'Grunor.' Mr. Rai may be gone but his personality will remain behind."

On behalf of the Education Department Inspector J. Devlin wished Mr. Rai farewell. For a monument to the man, the speaker said, look around him.

Mr. Devlin also conveyed the thanks of the Education Department for the services of Mr. Rai to education.

From the present president of the Natal Indian Teachers' Society to the first president and founder of the society, Mr. A. D. Lazarus said that Mr. Rai is one of the pioneers in the field of education." The speaker hoped that even though Mr. Rai was now retiring his advice would still be available to the teachers' society.

Mr. Dhlamini, principal of the Taylor Street Native School, said that Mr. Rai had also contributed to race relations by his good counsels to him (Mr. Dhlamini).

Replying, Mr. Rai thanked all those who had enlisted his services. He referred to the early beginnings of Indian education when he began teaching 42 years ago. Some credit had to be given to the Natal Administration for doing something for Indian education. "I am sure as time goes on changes will be made to the advantage of Indian education."

He referred with pleasure to the growth of Indian girls' education. He also felt that more head should be paid to vernacular education for Indian nationalism was on the rise.

Mr. P. S. Singh moved a vote of thanks. Among others who joined in were Messrs. A. I. Kajee, T. M. Naicker, V. G. Naidoo, E. Thomas and Dr. B. T. Chetty.

Among those noticed at the function were Mr. C. P. Singer (High Commissioner's Office), Messrs. R. Rajkoomar, R. Shukla, E. P. Thomas, Lowe, W. S. Pentlhal, Mrs. C. M. Naidoo (headmistress, Candella Girls' School), Mrs. H. Barker, the Misses Rai and the Rev. W. H. Satchell.

Mr. S. Beolarkhan, of Stanger, succeeds Mr. Rai.

Mrs. R. S. Maharaj, of Thornville Junction, spent a weekend at her mother's residence in Clairwood.

Mainly About People

A bonny daughter to Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Rooilley, and grand-daughter to Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Rooilley, of 555 Loop Street, Maritzburg, and Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Chetty, of 139 Sea Cow Lake Road, Durban. Thanks to sisters and staff St. Aidan's Hospital, Durban.

The marriage of Coomaraswami (D. C. Chetty), son of the late Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Doraisamy Chetty, of Durban, to Thylamal, sister of Mr. S. K. Reddy, of Durban North, and the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. K. Poonappah Reddy, of Maritzburg, will take place at St. Aidan's Hall, Durban, tomorrow (Sunday).

Mr. K. J. Maharaj, of Ladysmith, spent his weekend in Dannhauser.

Mr. N. S. Mudelair, of Ladysmith, has been notified of his appointment as an Indian interpreter at Verulam.

Mr. S. Doolarkhan, principal, Stanger Government Indian School, has been notified of his transfer to the Depot Road Government Indian School, and assumed duties at his new post on Monday. He was appointed principal at Stanger when the new school was opened in 1921.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Harryraigh, of Rosehaven, are spending their holidays at Glenore, where they are the guests of Mr. Douglas Sarranies.

Mr. T. Vadivalu, B.A., who is studying at the Capetown University, is spending his vacation in Durban.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Naidoo and Miss Jayalakshmee Naidoo, of Wentworth, are on a visit to Dundee, where they are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph.

Mr. Bully Maistry, of Durban (formerly of Newcastle), has returned from a fortnight's holiday spent at Newcastle with his parents.

A WOMEN'S CLUB

A meeting was held at the Central Road School Hall, on Sunday to discuss the formation of a club for Indian women. A large number showed enthusiasm by being present, and some discussion a club was formed, the following officials: President, Mrs. F. Peters; secretary, Miss E. Pillay; treasurer, Miss E. Augustine; committee, Mrs. L. Padayachee, Mrs. M. Naidoo, Mrs. P. Thomas, Mrs. L. Peters, Miss Augustine and Miss D. Samson.

TONGAAT WOMEN

The women of Tongaat held their first meeting, which resulted in the formation of the Tongaat Indian Ladies' Club. A feature of the meeting was the presence for the first time of women of all walks of the Indian community.

Some of the aims and objects of the club are:—

(1) To endeavour to bring about greater social contact amongst Indian women; (2) to assist each other and one another by derive mutual benefit; (3) to help in all matters pertaining to women; (4) to launch a campaign with a view to educating women.

The elections resulted as follows: Patrons: Mesdames Manilall Gandhi, Balsingh, Dr. K. Goonam, Chetty, Mrs. R. Sancho; vice-presidents, Mrs. Harbhajan Singh, S. Pillay, Mrs. E. Desai, Mrs. K. J. Chetty, Mrs. Balkaran; hon. secretary, Miss Kalideen; hon. treasurer, Mrs. K. P. Isaac; committee, Mesdames C. R. Naidoo, Ramdin Sancho, N. Ramsay, V. Sood, I. A. Khan, M. P. Naidoo, Miss Nellie Pather, Miss K. Chetty and Mrs. Murugan.

Messrs. M. Mayat, A. Bismilla, S. Kajee and Ahmed Limbada, medical students of the Witwatersrand University, visited Waschbank last week.

Mr. Govindasamy Joseph, of Durban, will be spending his Christmas holidays at Hlobane.

TALK OF THE BAZAAR

BY "THE FAQIR"

those years I have managed best I could by styling myself an. Nobody questioned this. on, Gentle Reader, has, so and that nobody grumbled, if ined yourself as an Indian. purposes of the administra- the country's affairs we all lled non-Europeans, and what- nities we suffered was usually hat tag. Officially the Bureau migration called you Asiatic. th certificate stated Asiatic, arried as an Asiatic and later Registrar of Deaths referred as a dead Asiatic. Now and however, I have discovered I ther an Asiatic nor an Indian. e good for you, Gentle Reader, e to a question last week in use of Commons democracy's l man, Amery, declared that re NO INDIANS in South there were, however, a people he described as "British subs South Africa of Indian origin." Somebody's called a spade ultural implement before even was born.

ONED

just been told that the rains k held up a number of child- were writing their annual tions. In one case a few young o were writing the Junior te examination were unable to get into town because they were marooned by floods. All they could do was play cards and curse the clerk of the weather.

JOKE

I have just been reading that among the weapons of war produced by the Union's war production factories are —assegais. Since the war began I believe something like a little less than 40,000 assegais were manufactured in South Afrca. This is in all seriousness. I have done my best, but I am afraid I have been unable to find out how many knobkerries and pick-handles were produced in the same period. Does tickle one's sense of humour?

SASTRI PLAYS

Sastri's December plays are back again. Most of my readers, I believe enjoyed the annual event in June, when some of the best acting talent of the Indian community was seen on the stage. I, for myself, always find great interest in the acting of these young men, many of whom, if it hadn't been for THIS country, would have gone far in the world of theatre. This time the funds will go to the Fosa and also to the Bengal Famine Relief. So go along.

Mr. T. S. Pillay, of Inanda Farms, has left for the Cape on a short holiday.

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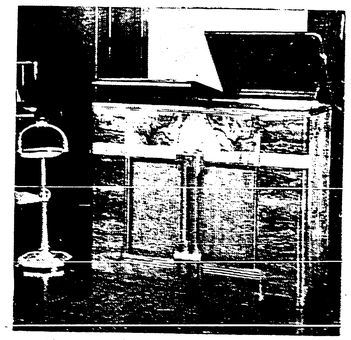
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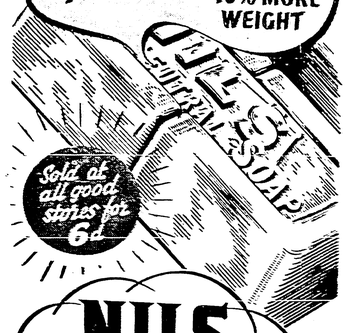
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Young Muslims scored 152 runs for six wickets, in reply Central got 66 runs for five wickets.

Ottomans collected 102 for six wickets against Bharat, who got 95 (G. E. Rhoda 26, K. S. Patel 20, E. M. Desai 19).

Orientals 79 (Amla 22, Jeewa 19); Ismet 47 (Mohamedy 12 not out).

Young Bharat 99 (K. Nana 32, Rhoda 21); Pastri College 115 (J. Naidoo 45 not out).

Natal 118 for six wickets declared; Young Kismet 27.

Gregsville 132 for eight wickets declared; Young Central 67 for seven wickets.

All the above matches will be continued over the weekend.

United beat Sparks by an innings and 49 runs, Sparks 31 and 36 runs; United 116 for six wickets declared (H. Mohamedy 41, E. Jeewa 15, A. K. Randaree 22, E. I. Amra 20).

MARITZBURG

At Maritzburg last Sunday the Natalians' batsman, Ted Chetty, was in form in the match against M.I.C.C., Ted Chetty reached his 50 in 37 minutes.

Natalians C.C., first innings, 152 for six declared (Ted Chetty 79, S. Dunsalam 37, E. E. Jaast 20 not out; H. Harriman four for 35).

M.I.C.C., first innings, 123 all out (H. Harriman 46, D. Desai 30; Ted Chetty four for 25; I. K. Chetty two for 16, E. M. Casimjee two for 21).

Natalians C.C., second innings, 50 for four wickets declared (E. M. Casimjee 22, S. Dunsalam 16, Ted Chetty 29 not out).

M.I.C.C., second innings, 56 for three wickets, close of play.

The Natalians won by 79 runs on the first innings.

Orientals v. Stars

Orientals C.C., first innings, 101 for one wicket declared.

Stars C.C., first innings, 99 all out.

The match will be continued this Saturday afternoon.

INTERDISTRICT

Stanger United beat Verulam C.C. at the latter's ground by 23 runs on the double innings after a thrilling match.

Batting first on a fiery wicket that assisted the bowlers, Stanger collapsed for 31 (G. Box eight for 15). Verulam could fare no better and were all out for 24 (J. Chengiah six for 12, V. G. Augustine four for 3).

Stanger fared better in the second innings to reach 138 (D. E. Weeks played a chancelss innings for 66, Pakyasbee 27, E. V. Mohamed 16; Box five for 20).

Verulam, second innings, 100 (Kathrada brothers scoring 22 apiece, C. Kistan 12, G. Rux 11; J. Chengiah seven for 25).

LADYSMITH

Muslims met Ottomans at Ladysmith last Sunday. The scores were:—

Muslims, first innings, 125 (D. M. Nordie 76 not out, M. S. Khan 26, C. E. Dhola two for 27, M. Sardiall two for 27, E. A. Rooks two for 20).

Ottomans, first innings, 136 (E. I. Chetty 65, A. I. Bahadur 24, H. Shaik 15; D. M. Sardiat three for 50, M. S. Khan four for 36 runs).

CRICKET FIXTURES

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LADYSMITH, TOMORROW

Ladysmith C.C. v. Railway. Umpires: E. I. Chetty and A. I. Bahadur.

MARITZBURG TEAM

"Fix-It" suggests the following players should represent the N.D.I.C.C. against the D.I.L.C.C. in the intertown semi-final at Lady-smith on December 18: Dawood A-mall (captain), G. M. C. A-mall, E. I. Chetty, C. H. A. Shaik, A. I. Bahadur and E. A. Rooks (Otto-man.). Mowsamy, D. M. Seedat, M. S. Khan, G. M. A. Rooks and V. Ra-bheen. Twelfth man: E. S. Frank.

"Fairplay spectator" makes this fore-cast of the Maritzburg team against the winners of D.D.I.C.C. and N.D.I.C.C. in the intertown match final: Ted Chetty (captain), A. H. I. Kawat, E. Harriman, E. M. Casimjee, I. K. Chetty, A. I. Kawat, V. K. Pillay, S. Dunsalam, S. S. Reddy, T. V. Valiatham and K. D. Reddy. Reserves: E. E. Naidoo, G. Francis and N. K. Naidoo.

WEIGHTLIFTING CLUB

The following were elected officials at a meeting of the newly-formed Natal Physical Culture and Weightlifting Association: Patrons, Dr. L. Shearer and the High Commissioner for India; chairman, Mr. S. S. Pillay; vice-chairman, Messrs. M. I. Timol, P. Mistry, E. M. Patel; joint secretaries, Messrs. E. A. Naidoo and E. Govinthsy; treasurer, Mr. Manna Moodley; medical advisers, Dr. G. M. Naicker and Dr. P. S. Chetty.

Cricket was introduced at Glendale when the Glendale Schools C.C. was formed as a result of the efforts of Messrs. E. E. Chowdree and S. E. Desai. The following were elected officials: Patrons, Messrs. D. I. Parak, Hajee Ramcharan; president, Mr. E. E. Chowdree; secretary-treasurer, Mr. R. Natal; captain, Mr. A. C. Parak (Chota); vice-captain, Mr. S. H. Desai.

An amateur boxing tournament will be held at the City Hall, Durban, on Wednesday, December 22, at 8 p.m., under the auspices of the Friends of the Sick Association. The [illegible] will go to help fight T.B. Reservations at Crystal Cafe.

The competition for Kalideen golf trophy will be continued tomorrow (Sunday).

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...me Minister, General Smuts, ...fused to meet a deputation ...South African Indian Con-...use it had appealed to India ...e Pegging Act (then Bill).

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...Indians legally are South ..., but in their treatment they ...idered as "the illegitimate ...of this country and with ...ernment of India sometimes ...g vicarious responsibility.

...Clarkson's offer—an act of ...at Maritzburg a fortnight ...franchise but on communal ...Indian, it is believed, is ...the direction of ending this ...India. For if our citizen-...s are conferred, it does not ...it is second or third grade, ...then Indians of this country can look for relief only through the means of the ballot box; any other way will be treason.

If Indians don't readily take the bait of communal franchise, the next offer will be increased, with a few Indian senatorships thrown in. This, it is expected, may turn the scale against the opposition to the communal franchise.

But with the acceptance of the Indians to full South African citizenship Senator Clarkson will have to implement all its implications—first the Provincial barriers, which confine Indians to their domiciled provinces, must go. There must be the repeal of all the immigrant laws (including the Medical Tax) and so forth.

When General Smuts handed the portfolio of the Interior to Mr. Clarkson he—writes The Leader's political correspondent—was not without a feeling that the Indian question, which is primary Natal's affair, should be left to a Natalian to settle. If there is a rumpus in Natal, led by the likes of Acutt, well, it is Natal's affair; why embroil a Cape man, like Harry Lawrence.

...l Sanction to Follow N.M.A.-Congress Meeting

...R CLARKSON, the Minister of ...or, met the executive members ...e Natal Indian Congress and ...Municipal Association this ...rnoon meetings were of great ...t to the Indian community. ...they did after the enactment ...gging Act. Full publicity was ...e proceedings of these two ...and formed the subject of ...ence in all newspapers," states ...Pandow, in a statement to The ...rs. The net result of these ...ings have been, following the Minis-...ations, that the Municipal Asso-...invited the Congress to submit ...the attitude of Indian people ...Congress, too, has expressed ...meet the Municipal Association ...table conference.

...e noted that whilst the in-...the Municipal Association to ...is confined to a discussion ...em of Indian penetration, the ...said like discussion on policies, ...tal and Provincial, concerning ...the attitude of mind and of ...both sides is poles apart. ...itation of the Municipal Asso-...fered in deliberate terms, is to ...by the Congress, the discus-...ly be on "problems of Indian ...The wordiness of the ...Municipal Association, un-...touch it, is so couched as ...the appearance of a "Back ...ise a Chota Sahib" in order ...an appreciate opportunity to ...Congress case on the problem ...penetration.

...felt that the Congress should meet the Municipal Association, but it is not at all clear whether Congress would be allowed to discuss other aspects of Indian problems, such as franchise. It is true that allied with the question of Indian penetration are the subjects of housing and provision of civic amenities, which could or should be discussed at this proposed meeting.

The Municipal Association, as for that matter any local authority, has never played the game with the Indian in a fair and just manner. The association's chief concern was all along to secure and bring into effect a policy of segregation, both residential and commercial, of Indians. Indian bodies were willing to consider and adopt a modus operandi to avert trouble all along the line.

The first proposal initiated in 1933 and approved by the Municipal Association was to prevent Indians by friendly actions from purchasing properties in predominantly European areas. The second attempt made was the creation of the Lawrence Committee in 1940, comprising representatives of the Durban City Council and of Indians, to dissuade Indians from purchasing properties in European areas similarly. But it imposed an important task on the Lawrence Committee—that of seeking solution, by joint efforts, of the problems of Indian housing and provision of amenities.

Though the Lawrence Committee functioned with success for some time, yet with criticisms heaped on it by a body of Indians, who declared that it was no less than an acceptance of a policy of segregation, and the efforts of the Durban City Council to wreck it, the whole machinery of settling a "problem" on voluntary and non-statutory basis broke down.

The meeting of the Congress with the Municipal Association would be a third attempt in recent times. Senator Clarkson has done well to shift the task of finding a solution to the contending parties. So did Mr. Hofmeyr in 1937 and so did Mr. H. G. Lawrence in 1940. I believe it is an admirable policy to allow local people to settle their own problems because they understand their problems better and perhaps would manifest a spirit of accommodating each other, But as in the case of the "Pegging Act" the

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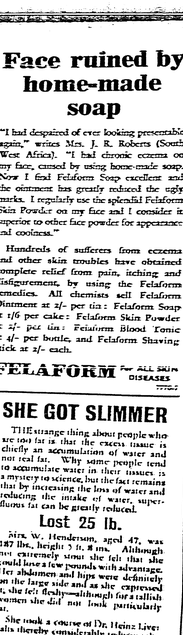

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...Muslim Woman ...of the Sari

...rrects to the views of all ...ndents referring to the ...l identity by wearing saries ...e. I would like to add my ...ppost as a Muslim lady ...to differ from the opinion ...your correspondent, Miss K. ...n she states that "as our ...ends on English education, ...ends on dress." The Muslim ...atter how highly educated ...h language, do not change ...attire, they may make the ...ength or add an extra frill ...and there to make it look ...able and picturesque, but ...their garb of dress and ...

...e Muslim women are not ...ar the sari, and it will be ...n many parts of India it ... It is a fallacy when ...states that they dress in ...simply because it is more ...e about in. I find that ...ency on the part of some ...to Western attire when ...ted in Western language, ...e you numerous instances ...n women who are highly ...western language but ...aries. Take for instance ...m Shah Nawaz, of Punjab ...Begum Fatima Mahmood ...Herewith names of highly ...cultured Indian ladies who ...ahoree: Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, ...Maharaj Singh, Lady Rama ...Manchershaw and Miss ...

...do not approve of the ...of dress and appeal to my ...of whatever denomination ...to discard the Western ...to the sweet and ...

...rowan women, who have the ...arrying princess and wealthy ...ould be seen in the streets of ...other cities walking about ...aries.

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(Spaces donated by H. Kisseon, of Hari Jogia & Son, Umzinto.)

In a challenge billiard match, held at Peter's Lounge, Ahmed Ibu decisively beat M. W. Daniels by 500 to 386 points. A silver collection in aid of the Bengal Famine Relief realised £2 12s.

The mile of pennies in aid of the Bengal Fund, organised by the Durban Indian Surf Lifesaving Club, was increased by donations amounting to £21 5s. In all, this effort realised £102 15s.

TUGELA SCHOOL

Over 200 parents—more than half of them mothers—turned up at the school closing concert of the Tugela Indian School. Two plays, "The Rowland Baby" (produced by Mr. A. S. Singh) and "The Good Turn Deserves Another," were presented.

Miss N. Singh, speaking on education of Indian girls, pointed out the importance of ...

A collection in aid of the Bengal Famine Relief Fund realised £5 5s., which will be transmitted to the Famine Relief Committee, Durban.

...ITZBURG PROTEST

...h discussion is taking place ...ional identity, it moves us ...letter asking you to allow ...ace in your valuable paper ...sentiments at what is ...te attempt on the part of ...elements to bring disgrace ...y where we are striving to ...our hard-won Indian cul- ...ended actions as we have ...edly blasphemous.

...ly doubt, admit that, to the ...ular, Western standing of ...nsciousness, it is really against ...To him it is immoral.

...t a certain body held its ...at Maritzburg. For the ...Hindu ladies were present in ...Whose Hindu ladies enjoy a ...of respectability in their ...special, we are given to under- ...out into a dance and those ...who had come to the social ...the wrong impression to ...inated in the dance, and it ...that some of the participants ...the extent of having taken ...

...that these Hindu ladies who ...a sense of respectability in ...dance and when on public ...ck as much about the pre- ...our noble Hindu culture ...gone to the extent of parti- ...such socials is really Kypo- ...the very extreme.

...ntrance of any kind is de- ...at our religion and, there- ...nally feel that these people ...be cautioned about there ...the future.

...RINDISM ON TRIAL

...TEACHER'S VIEW

...e my views relative to our ...nity and the work and in ...ss F. R. Peters' words, I ...that she, speaking from a ...standpoint, is a big ... ...as I am a Christian of ...er and very much agree with ...ny attempt to retain and ...national identity. In most ...Christian women forfeiting ...be found to have a liking to ...n attire.

...ve with her that Hindu ...change into their national ...day of their marriage. It ...then the sari is only used ...purposes and after sever- ...ttempts that the sari has ...ty, well I hold her guilty ...she never cared to wear ...n it. I, in fact, give a ...tical training for children ...and find that it can be ...Naturally, if a teacher ...ntradictory lesson on difficult ...physical training there even

...the modest English frocks would not be suitable for the purpose, except training slacks of which we are not in favour of wearing unless necessary.

Take into consideration the women from India on active service in national costumes fearly and a military jacket and the amount of work they will have to do. A fine example of retaining the national identity.

I shall always be proud of myself as long as I am in my national costume which neither religion nor Westernization will ever change. I admit the sari as the sweetest of all female modes of dress.

(Miss) JANE GOPALLJOO.

BENGAL FUND

Red Square's Effort

AT Sunday's meeting on the Red Square £50 was collected in aid of the Bengal Famine Relief. The money, it is understood, will be handed over to the Durban Relief Committee, who will transmit it to the correct quarters. The collection was described as the "Red Square's effort."

A play, entitled "Phulwar-ka-Dhani," was staged by the Dannhauser United Dramatic Club in the Eastern Theatre Hall on Saturday night in aid of the Bengal famine fund. The hall was packed and the takings amounted to £31 5s. This amount was handed by the club to the Dannhauser Indian Congress.

A street collection was organised by Mr. Bairajh Goordeen on Friday in aid of the Bengal Relief. The Misses K. Naicker, M. Maharajh, I. Koomkaran and G. Naiker, who helped, brought in an amount of £14.

Umzinto Aid to Bengal Fund

The following have been elected officials of the India Famine Relief Committee for the district of Umzinto under the kind patronage of G. A. Crookes, Esq., J.P.: Chairman, Mr. S. J. Lesteganj; vice-chairman, Mr. H. Kisseon; joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. C. N. Moodliar and L. Ramasar; treasurer, Mr. S. R. Khan; committee, Messrs. M. A. Govender and I. E. Ally.

The first sum of £50 has been sent into the City Treasurer, Durban, and it is expected to increase the amount.

The committee is holding meetings at the various barracks and explaining the position to the people.

George Govender who died on Tuesday, November 30, 1943. His death was a shock to his relatives and friends. He was a foundation member of the Parsaakthee orchestra. He was a brother-in-law of Mr. K. S. Nair and a cousin of Mr. K. M. Govender, of Durban.

G.P. RATEPAYERS' BODY

The Greenwood Park and District Indian Ratepayers' Association was formed last week with the following officials: President, Mr. K. C. Pillay; vice-president, Mr. H. G. Thathiah; secretary, Mr. S. S. Moodley; hon. treasurer, Mr. K. V. Pillay; committee, Messrs. A. Christopher, R. Orie, N. Thathiah, D. Ramasamy, K. S. Pillay, V. L. Naidoo, S. M. Moodley, C. N. Naidoo, A. R. Govender, P. R. Peru, V. V. Naidoo, A. Thathiah, A. K. Govender, M. D. Pillay and Abdool Khan.

FATHER OF HIGH COMMISSSIONER

While the High Commissioner for India, Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, was in India last month he lost his father. At the time he was at Bombay the guest to dinner of the South African Indian Congress, a function arranged in his honour by Mr. M. A. Jadwat. News of the death was received soon afterwards.

At a committee meeting of the Natal Indian Congress at Durban on Monday a vote of condolence, conveying the sympathy of the Indian community, was passed.

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THE 27th ANNUAL

GENERAL MEETING

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SUNDAY, 19th DEC., 1943,

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D. J. SINGH and P. R. PANDAY, Joint Hon. Secretaries.

Claremont Estate Madras Hindu Cemetery Committee

THE

Annual General Meeting

of the above Committee will be held on

Sunday, December 26,

at the

TAMIL SCHOOL HALL,

Kurma Rishi Road, Clairwood,

at 3 p.m.

AGENDA: Minutes; Annual Report; Financial Statement and Auditor's Report; Election; General.

Pavadai R. Pather, Hon. Sec.

Bellair District Indian Vernacular School

A GENERAL MEETING

of the above School will be held at

Mr. K. V. Govender's Store,

Moorleigh Road, Bellair, on

Sunday, Dec. 19, 1943,

at 9 a.m.

AGENDA: Minutes; Correspondence; Financial Statement; Secretary's Report; ELECTION; General.

G. D. Pillay, Hon. Sec.

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S. GOKUL, Secretary, Brighton F.C.

SOCCER

The remaining fixtures of the Five-a-side Football Tournament for Singh's Cup, which was held on Sunday, 5th December, 1943, will be played out on Saturday, 18th December, 1943, at the Clare Estate School Ground, commencing at 3.30 p.m. sharp.

J. R. PANDAY, Organiser.

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A loving smile, a happy face,
A broken link we can never replace.
Sadly missed by Andy Pillay, Daughter-in-law and Grandchildren.

GEORGE GOVENDER:

Deep in our hearts your memory is kept,
We who loved you will never forget
You left behind some aching hearts,
That loved you most sincere,
What would we give to clasp your hand,
Your dear kind face to see,
To hear your sweet voice and see your smile
That meant so much to us.
Inserted by K. M. Govender (cousin).

GEORGE GOVENDER:

To-day he lies here in pain
Hoping for cure, but all in vain.
The God above thought it best
And gave to him eternal rest.
Now far beyond life's journey
My dear brother-in-law awaits
To welcome all who loved him
Beyond the Golden Gates
Here sweet is the memory that lingers,
Of one who's loved and will never forget
Inserted by K. C. Nair (brother-in-law).

THANKS NOTICE

Messrs. Jayaraja Singh, Ruchunnan Singh and K. Gopaul Singh wish to express their sincere thanks to all those who sent kind messages of sympathy and floral tributes during their recent bereavement.

Mr. Bussoray, of the Mozambique Barracks, Durban, wishes to thank all friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy and floral tributes in his recent sad bereavement.

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Medical Inspection and Health Clinics

THE necessity and importance of medical inspection in Indian schools has always been emphasised by Indian social workers and educationalists. Until today, however, there is no free medical inspection in Indian schools, and children who are unable to pay for medical attention get along as best they can manage. No meeting on Indian education has as yet failed to include in its resolution the need for medical inspection in schools. The Education Department has, however, turned a deaf ear so far. It is encouraging to learn, in the face of this neglect, that the Natal Teachers' Society (European) took up the matter at its recent conference, and a resolution urging the authorities, in the interests of public health, to make provision for regular medical inspection of Indian and native schools; and that clinics should be established at centres which could serve a number of schools in a particular area, under a medical inspector of schools, was passed.

This resolution has been forwarded to the Provincial Executive, and has been incorporated in a memorandum submitted to the Health Committee which met in Durban a few months ago. The resolution adds that Indian nurses should be provided for the training of suitable coloured, native and Indian women at recognised institutions to qualify as nurses for service under the medical inspectors of schools. This broadminded attitude in the face of so much parochialism based fundamentally on a question of race, is heartening not only to the Indian but also to the natives and coloureds.

Time and again it has been contended that disease germs do not know barriers of race or colour, yet the Natal Education Department has consistently refused to institute medical inspection in non-European schools.

The question of bursaries for Indian girls also raises an important issue. The Indian child enjoys no free education worth the name, and despite the fact that his parents contribute equally to the various coffers he has no bursaries. The Indian child thus not only pays for his own education but has no municipal or provincial bursaries. The iniquity of this is obvious. We have emphasised the necessity for free education and bursaries for Indian children and we do so again. The time we have, stranglely, especially in South Africa, the support of the Europeans. Health and education are issues which affect not only the various communities but the State as a whole. If South Africa does not introduce a progressive policy of education for all non-Europeans it may one day have to bear a back-breaking burden of illiteracy.

In the meantime let us hope that the Provincial Executive of Natal puts into effect the resolution of the European teachers. There can be no more delaying with the issue.

THE STARS REVEAL

By "Jyotishi"

December

18—Good for intellectual work connected with art, science and literature. Guard against accident, risky and dangerous pursuits.

19—Depressing sort of day. Do not commence any new undertakings. Obliging to poor and needy.

20—Favourable for the army and navy. business and financial affairs. Concentrate on your worldly affairs. Start new undertakings.

21—Most influences are shown: favourable for affectional interests and business in the afternoon.

22—Favourable day for seeking favour and dealing with business and speculation.

23—Good for making important decisions. It favours social matters and correspondence.

24—For those who can respond to planetary radiations today—spiritual inspiration and comfort. For others, unrest. Avoid extravagance and attend to pleasure and rejoicing in the afternoon.

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URGENT!

Against Communal Franchise

NATIVE SPEAKER WARNS INDIANS

A NATIVE speaker, at a meeting held under the auspices of the Communist Party at the Red Square on Sunday last, warned the Indians against accepting the communal franchise. This received the support of a European, Mr. Rowley Arenstein, who said that Indians must accept nothing less than full franchise on the common roll.

"So far," he added, "the Indian people have been driven back step by step, but now a new consciousness has arisen. It is better to fight and die on your feet rather than live on your knees."

Referring to the question of penetration, the same speaker said that today Europeans were "penetrating" into Indian areas. This was evident at Riverwood, Westville, the Magazine Barracks and at Clairwood.

One of the resolutions adopted at the meeting was one "urging the Indian Government to recall the High Commissioner as a mark of protest against the Pegging Act."

"We would like to point out that while the whole world is fighting for the freedom of the human race in South Africa the Government deems it fit to introduce legislation directed against one section of the people," continued Mr. G. Moon, the chairman of the Communist Party, Durban District.

"The Government was determined to see that Indian people segregated.

"The Indian problem has to be solved, and we in South Africa want the right to live and move about as freely as the other sections of the people.

"The Pegging Act prohibits us from living wherever we want to live. We do not see how this fits in with democracy. The Government of South Africa must be ashamed for it is moving dangerously close to Fascism.

"It is our duty to organise ourselves and conduct a determined fight until such time as all the peoples are given the right to live as human beings. While Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin make high sounding statements right here we have to fight anti-racial laws which are thrust upon us, we don't call this democracy by a stage which is moving close to fascism.'

"This crisis is an everrecurring one," declared Mr. Rowley Arenstein, the secretary of the Communist party, Durban district. "For the last 50 years the Indian people were continually faced with difficulties.

"We are engaged in a war not only against Fascism but at home for democratic rights.

"Now that we are winning the war new attempts are being made against non-Europeans."

In the past the Indian people had always retreated before anti-Indian legislation, but the time had come now when the Indian must be ready to face up to and oppose measures of segregation.

"The Indian had to be wary for baits are being held out in the form of commissions and communal franchise."

Referring to the question of penetration the speaker said that in most cases the European was penetrating into Indian areas. This was evident at Riverwood, Westville, the Magazine Barracks, and at Clairwood.

"It was only a few interested Europeans, who believed their economic interests were in jeopardy, who were crying out "penetration."

The speaker warned the Indian people not to fall for the promises which were being made.

"We demand that there shall be no segregation. We are not going to accept voluntary segregation, which has already been done at Port Shepstone. The Union Government is determined to carry out voluntary segregation as far as possible in order to obviate unpleasant questions and bills.

"No people in South Africa must be segregated. We demand increased democratic rights with the repeal of the Pegging Act, the removal of the provincial barriers and the franchise on the common roll.

"So far the Indian people have been driven back step by step, but now a new consciousness has arisen. It is better to fight and die on your feet rather than live on your knees.

"Complete unity in the political ranks of the Indian community was necessary before any consolidated attempt could be made against the Pegging Act," declared Mr. E. C. Moon.

"Fascist-minded residents who had united with the Government wished to disorganise their unity resulted in the withdrawal of the motion of excitement which had been served on the Government.

"The Pegging Act is nothing new in the policy of the Government of this country. Non-Europeans, as far as the Government of South Africa is concerned, shall remain as hewers of wood and drawers of water.

"The Native Land Act was the first of a series which aimed at depriving the non-European of the right to own land and ownership of property is the fundamental basis of the rights to participate in democratic government. Once legislation prohibits a national group from owning land that group becomes a race of cheap labour supply.

"In 1936 the African was eliminated from the common roll and 25 million were restricted to 13 per cent. of the land. In 1939 the Indian in the Transvaal was attacked, and now the Pegging Act had completed the first stage of the Government's policy.

"The Pegging Act is directed against all Indians and not only against a handful. It is the duty of every Indian to fight against this law.

"The task ahead of us is to fight so that we can live in South Africa as a decent self-respecting people."

By a united non-European the non-European peoples of South Africa had everything to gain and nothing to lose, declared Mr. P. Teele, a member of the African National Congress. The speaker warned the Indians against accepting the communal franchise.

Mr. Billy Peters pointed out that with the growth of the Indian population and the restricted living space congestion and slums were bound to occur.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

That this mass meeting, held under the auspices of the Communist party, hereby resolves to give full support to the Natal Indian Congress in its stand for the immediate repeal of the Pegging Act, and the restoration of the Municipal and Parliamentary franchise.

This meeting urges the Natal Indian Congress to launch upon a mass campaign in this respect and calls upon all Indians to render full support to this campaign.

This meeting is of the considered opinion that there is no necessity for the formation of any communal action at this juncture. This meeting, therefore, calls upon the N.I.C. to give a lead to the Indian community by boycotting any such commission as long as the Pegging Act is in existence.

This meeting calls upon the Indian Government to recall the High Commissioner as a mark of protest against the Pegging Act.

INDIAN FREEDOM

"The freedom of India can only come from the Indian people and not from any foreign Power like Japanese Power which has been condemned by all the leading fleures of the Indian national movement as Fascist and out to exploit the colonial peoples," declared Mr. I. C. Meer, when he spoke on Sunday at the weekly meeting of the Indian League.

"India is a declared anti-Fascist country, hence she must throw in her lot against the Fascists, whether they be white or black."

In the effective contribution towards the defeat of Fascism India must be given the full facility to mobilise all her resources. This can only be achieved through a provisional national government having the confidence of the entire Indian people.

With this power in her hand India could not only contribute effectively towards the defeat of Fascism, but with the united might of her people she could liberate herself from the yoke of British Imperialism, which has held her in slavery for the past two hundred years.

Quoting Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the president of the Indian National Congress, the speaker concluded: "Only a slavish mind can imagine that Japan will give us freedom. If any Indian says that we should welcome the Japanese then all I can say is that his mentality is a slave's mentality, which can think only in terms of a change of masters but never in terms of his own freedom. Our differences with British should not drive us to welcome the Japanese or any other aggressor."

A scheme to provide free meals for poor children at Port Shepstone Government School was started in March this year. With the co-operation and support of a few generous people of the district about 70 children were fed daily.

INDIAN SCIENTISTS' WAR WORK

Inventions Used in the United States

The New Republic, New York, points out that Indians have contributed important inventions which are used in the United States. For instance, American troops have been greatly aided by an unbreakable container which can be dropped safely from airplanes, devised by Dr. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, while Mr. Jagan Nath Sharma, Indian chemist living in Los Angeles, has developed a process for preserving melons which has increased the income of growers in Florida by 5 million dollars a year.

The New Republic adds: "The deadly new flame-throwers which the American Army used against the Japanese at Munda undoubtedly benefited from the work of another Indian, Dr. Alamjit D. Singh, of the University of Illinois. He has also made important contributions in the field of camouflage.

"Camouflage also received the attention of an Indian chemist at Detroit, K. N. Katju, who collaborated with Hexter and Shephard in developing green and other paints that cannot be told from surrounding vegetation, even under infra-red observation.

"Dr. V. K. Kokatnur is making important contributions in chemical warfare. Dr. Ezram D. Saklatwalla is working on metal technology. Dr. Bharat Kumar Roy, Dr. Yellapragada Subbarow, Professor Subramanyam, Chandrasekhar and many more are doing valuable work.

"Some Indians in India who have engaged in scientific research have won world-wide renown. One thinks of Sir Jagdish Chandra Bose, Sir P. C. Ray, Sir C. V. Raman, S. Ramanujan, Professor M. N. Saha, Professor P. C. Mahalnobis and Sir Ramnath Chopra."

NATAL INDIAN TO BE ORDAINED

REV. J. C. DAVID

The Rev. J. C. David will be ordained to the Priesthood by the Lord Bishop of Natal, Dr. Fisher, on Sunday, December 19, in St. Saviour's Cathedral, Maritzburg, at 8 a.m.

The choir of St. Paul's Church will take part and assist at the service.

The Rev. David is the brother of Mr. Luke David, and was chosen by the late Father Payne Smith to train for the ministry. He studied for five years at Bishop's Theological College, Nazareth, South India and was ordained to the Diaconate thereby the Lord Bishop of Tinnevelly.

Mr. David is now assistant curate to the Rev. Father Langley at St. Paul's Indian Mission.

Mr. David hopes to sail for India and Ceylon after his ordination to bring back with him his wife and infant son.

INDIAN MARRIAGES TO BE LEGALISED

Bar Between Immigrants and Passengers

Marriages between immigrant Indian, which includes his descendants, and passenger Indians, who came as traders, mostly from Bombay, as well as their descendants, are deemed illegal and the Minister of the Interior, Senator Clarkson, will introduce legislation at the next session of Parliament to legalise such marriages.

In the last century the Indians known as Immigrants were brought to Natal to work on sugar plantations and other industries. They were followed by Indians known as Passenger Indians, who were mostly traders and came chiefly from Bombay.

Marriages between these two classes of Indians were not considered legal, but apparently certain officials did not know about this old law and allowed such marriages.

In 1907 the Supreme Court ruled that these marriages were illegal [illegible] law was passed to rectify this matter, but it did not go far enough and it is now the intention to introduce a short Bill to legalise those marriages and matters such as status arising out of them.

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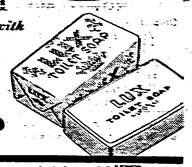

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"POTATO KING" RETIRES

TO have been at the municipal market at Maritzburg, practically day in day out for the last 45 years is something of a record, and from next year onwards he would be a visitor at a scene, just seeing how things are like, where he had spent all those years. He is Mr. Joe Soobiah, who retires from his market work at the end of the year. His son, Mr. Ganas Soobiah, will carry on the business.

Mr. Joe Soobiah

Mr. Soobiah, who has specialised and particularly in the buying and selling of potatoes, is known as the Potato King. He knows all what there is to know of this commodity; his knowledge in this direction would even be the envy of the Irish, who, as a people, are said to know the very last thing in potatoes.

Mr. Soobiah, who is only 55 years of age, well and active, has no definite plans about the future. Recently he unsuccessfully courted the municipal electorate of Maritzburg where, he felt, with his long experience of the market and the borough, he could be able to serve the city.

Mr. Soobiah's second eldest son, who succeeds him, was well known at his college as a runner, breaking records at Lovedale.

A STANGER FUNCTION

Mr. S. Bookar Khan, principal of the Stanger Government Indian School, who has been transferred to Depot Road School, Durban, was accorded a farewell reception by the Muslim Debating and Social Club in their hall at Stanger on Sunday last.

The chairman, Mr. E. V. Mahomed, paid a glowing tribute to the services of Mr. Khan, who for the last 23 years was at the Stanger school and has over-30 years' service in the Education Department.

Many speakers referred to the high esteem and affection with which Mr. Khan was regarded in the community.

He was garlanded and a beautiful wristlet watch was presented as a token of remembrance by the members of the club.

Mr. Khan replied suitably, adding that he was sorry to leave the many friendships he had made in Stanger and if circumstances would permit in future he would try to come back to Stanger and spend his retired life among his friends.

Other speakers on this occasion were Essop Patel, A. G. Bux, E. M. Moolla, F. A. Bux, M. S. Jeenah, Cassim Omarjee and Y. M. Goet.

Refreshments were served before the function ended.

Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Naidoo and daughter, of the Lion's Lair, Mayville, are spending the Christmas holidays at Newcastle with Mr. M. S. Naidoo, of the magistrate's court, and Mrs. Naidoo.

Mr. Shyam Chacowrie, of Durban, has left on a three weeks' extensive tour of Northern Natal. While in Ladysmith he will be the guest of Mr. B. Chetlie.

Mainly About People

A bonny son to Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Naidoo, Bellair, and grandson to Mrs. Appadoo and Mrs. K. G. Naidoo, of Cowdmore. Thanks to nurses. Both well.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Ramachin Hanry Chini, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Chinniah Govender, to Miss Amoorthan Ammal, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sanyasee Naidoo, both of Maritzburg. The ceremony took place at the bride-to-be's residence, Retief Street extension, last Sunday.

Mr. A. E. Solomon, assistant teacher at the Parkhead Indian School, is now in Durban, where he will be writing his teacher's examination.

Messrs. G. C. Kay, D. K. Maharaj, O. R. Singh and A. Karrim, all of Dannhauser, will be spending their Christmas holidays at Wesselsnek.

Mr. K. Bayshu, attached to the staff of the Indian Hospital, is away in Durban on a fortnight's leave.

Mr. P. Kistan, of the Stanger School, is on a short visit to Pretoria.

Messrs. C. S. Govender, of Dannhauser, and S. R. Naidoo, of Newcastle, were elected as Tamil school inspectors for Newcastle District.

Messrs. S. Sheonand and S. Harrypersad are on a visit to Durban and will be visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. S. A. Naidoo, headmaster of the Umbumbulu Government-aided Indian school, has been appointed commissioner for oaths. Mr. Naidoo is the first Indian teacher in Natal to receive such an appointment.

Mr. M. R. Reddy, of Durban North, left for Capetown during the week. He is expected to be away for a month.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Loganathan and son, of Dannhauser, are spending their summer vacation in Maritzburg.

FAREWELL TO MR. H. D. SOBRUN

Mr. H. D. Sobrun, who has been a teacher at the S.E.S. Government-aided Indian School for the past 16 years, has now decided to leave this occupation and enter the business world.

He was the guest of honour at a social party organised by the S.E.S. Old Boys' Club on Sunday at the Shree Ramnia Sabha School, when many prominent members of the district were present.

Mr. Sobrun, who is going to be residing at Park Rynie, was garlanded and presented with an illuminated address by the Old Boys' Club. Mr. B. D. Sobrun presided.

Mr. S. P. Singh, headmaster of the S.E.S. School, said that for the last 3 years his association with Mr. Sobrun has been very pleasing.

"Our school today is losing its best teacher—a great friend of the children, their parents and other members of the staff. He has been not only a true assistant to me but also a true friend."

Among other speakers were Messrs. A. Sahadeo-Sah (president, Sanathan Dharma Pratinidi, Overport), Govind Naicker, V. P. Chetty, A. Maharchand, R. Row and T. P. Moodley.

The Overport Sanathan Dharma Mandal also made farewell to Mr. H. D. Sobrun, secretary of the Mandal for the past three years.

The president of the Mandal, Mr. R. Sahadeo-sah, garlanded Mr. Sobrun and presented him with a Ramayan.

Mr. H. D. Sobrun was the guest of honour at a reception given by the Overport Venayagar Sabha, where he has been an honorary auditor for the past two years. Mr. Sobrun was the recipient of an engraved gold ring from the Sabha.

INDIAN BROADCAST

Moodley's Musical Troupe, of Clairwood, will broadcast a programme of Tamil songs and music during the Indian C.P.S. session tomorrow.

TALK OF THE BAZAAR

BY "THE FAQIR"

Sunday a sum of £50 was raised for the Bengal Famine Relief by ...'s renowned Red Square. The ...auctioneer" of the Communist ... Mr. Harry Bloom, was called ... do the trick. He is an old ... at the game and has raised large sums. On Sunday he had ... story to tell—a story which ...ates the colossal amount of ...nce which prevails both among ...Europeans and Indians of South ... as far as India and Indian ... are concerned. Two old ladies, ...Bloom said, were chatting in a ...an bus. Their talk soon drifted ... present famine raging in Ben... According to their discussions ...nclusions the famine is directly ... some sort of passive resistance ...andhi's followers. The fault lies ...Gandhi—as if the Mahatma could ...d a famine. This ignorance in ...ivilised age of newspapers and ...dio. There are quite a number ...ople today in Durban who be... that India today, as the result ...e Cripps Mission, is enjoying ...inion status!

DLED

Bengal famine provides me with ...er story—a story which should ... to be on the watch for ...ers. Indian girls were collecting ...y for something and they did ...rruple to tell a blank lie. Now ...er this was due to ignorance ... just a dodge to get in some ... money, I cannot tell. A reader ...walking down a street when two ...n girls approached him with a ... Bengal Famine Relief." He put ...an's into his pocket and gave ...something. In return I think ...ot a pamphlet which he put into ...cket. When he got home his ... went back to the pamphlet ...he found it had nothing to do ...famine relief. It was for a dif...nt cause. My reader doesn't mind ...g to any worthy cause but not ... false pretexts. Street collec... should be careful how they go ...t because by a false statement ...not only damage their own re...putation but do quite a lot of harm to the cause they are out to champion.

MR. AND MRS. MODERN

This couple, I believe, gives expression to the growing pains of the youth of a community which is adapting itself to the West. A reader relates the following story which I pass on for the would-be candidates for matrimony—both male and female. One day during the week he happened to pass by a gate from which a young Indian woman, carrying a babe in her arms, emerged. She was, to put it laconically, "tip-top." Immediately behind her was, apparently, her husband. This my reader deduces from the manner in which the young woman addressed the young man. The husband was slightly unsteady on his feet. "Look here," the woman told him, "please don't follow me. I shall come back just now." But hubby wouldn't listen; he insisted on following. "Just look at you, your trousers is shabby, you can't come with me." This got hubby's back up. "Young lady, you've got no business looking at my trousers." My reader left them quarrelling on the pavement.

THE AMERICANS ARE CROSS

The Americans got very cross with the Dubnas last week on the latter's observations made in the course of a speech in the House of Commons on world affairs. One journal, the New York Daily Mirror, which strongly dissented with him, referred to General Smuts as "the Wily Old Boer." Could it have said more. The South African Premier in this country, I remember, refused to see a deputation of Indians because they had made known their grievances to the world, and yet General Smuts would lay down the law for the rest of the world!

With cheerful faces 400 children of the A.Y.S. Indian School, Mayville, broke up for their annual vacation. They were regaled with minerals, sweets and cakes. This treat was provided by the kind generosity of Mr. B. S. Singh, who supplied the minerals, Mr. S. M. Naidoo, sweets, and Mr. M. Hussain, cakes.

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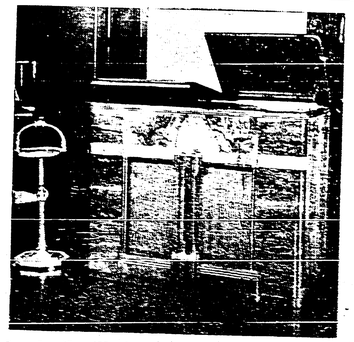

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WEEKEND CRICKET

Owing to the rain there was no cricket at Currie's Fountain during the weekend.

No cricket was played by the Maritzburg District Indian Cricket Union last week-end owing to unfavourable weather conditions.

At Ladysmith in the League Cup competition, Ladysmith beat S.A. Railways by 26 runs on the double innings. Scores:—Railway, first innings, 96; second innings, 53.

Ladysmith, first innings, 94; second innings, 85 for six.

Rahaidar's XI, first innings, 123 for four wickets declared.

Cape Corps, first innings, 81 all out.

COMETS C.C.

The Comets Cricket Club, organised by Messrs. G. P. Tommy and Selvum Pillay, held their opening meeting at the Orient Orchestral Club Room, Clairwood, when the following were elected officials: Patrons, Messrs. N. M. Singh and A. N. James; president, Mr. J. M. Singh; vice-presidents, Messrs. Jack Naidoo, Chin Naidoo, S. Vengan, selvum Pillay, V. Govender, R. G. Bobby, R. Steven, V. R. Naicker and D. V. Pillay; treasurer, Mr. G. P. Tommy; secretary, Mr. Bobby Pillay; manager, Mr. A. G. Moola; auditor, Mr. S. Vengan; captain, Mr. V. R. Naicker; vice-captain, Mr. A. G. Pony; delegates to the S.C.D.I.C.U., Messrs. A. Vengan and L. Jimmy.

INTERTOWN TEAM?

"Cricketer" selects the following players for the Maritzburg team to participate in the intertown final: Ted Chetty (capt.), E. M. Casdinjee, R. Harrimanian, A. R. I. Rawat, I. S. Chetty, K. Moodie, A. I. Rawat, S. S. Reddy, T. V. Vallathum, S. Ramahalan, K. D. Reddy. Reserves: R. K. Naidoo and E. E. Jassat.

For the first time the Ladysmith Municipality has approved £50 towards the maintenance of the Indian sports ground. It was mainly due to the efforts of Messrs. R. Narainsamy and L. Sinnasee, president and secretary, respectively, of the ground.

CRICKET FIXTURES

DURBAN (TODAY and DECEMBER 29)

"B" League

United v. Young Bharat.
Young Central v. Ismet.
Greenville v. Sparks.
Sastri College v. Young Kismet.

MARITZBURG (TOMORROW)

Young Natalians v. Orientals. Umpires: R. S. Pillay and E. Radyachee.

LADYSMITH (TODAY)

Durban v. Ladysmith.

STANGER (TODAY)

2.30 p.m.: United v. Schools.

(TOMORROW)

10 a.m.: Commercials "A" v. Commercials "B."

INTERTOWN CRICKET

The intertown semi-final will be played between Durban and Ladysmith at Ladysmith during the week-end.

Ladysmith team: S. Moonsamy (capt.), D. K. Asmal, A. I. Rahaidoor, G. M. C. Asmal, K. I. Chenia, G. H. Sheik, E. A. Moola, S. S. Sevlar, M. S. Khan, G. M. A. Moola and G. H. A. Chenia; 12th man, B. A. Moola; manager, Mr. E. Kallie; official scorer, Mr. A. H. A. Timol.

Durban team: M. I. Yusaf (capt.), G. Mahomed, R. A. Henricks, I. G. M. Asmal, G. H. M. Docrat, A. I. Timol, K. I. Timol, A. S. Ramlaree, A. H. Cassalia, Hamid Kazi and H. Daya; manager, Mr. E. I. Haffejee.

HALF-PRICE SOCCER

"Sportsman" writes to the Sports Editor: What there is so magnetic about the storm of fixtures in the province is absolutely beyond many sportsmen. Recently a five-a-side was advertised to be staged at New Guelderland and when it was discovered that there were eleven teams only (not much profit, I suppose) the officials decided to cancel same. The players protested and it was decided to "play only for the prizes and that the entrance fee be reduced to 2s. 6d. and this met with the approval of the Christmas gift seekers and the tournament carried on.

DURBAN GOLF

The competition for Kalideen's golf Trophy was completed last week and the winner, T. S. Percy, played a good game, with A. M. Cooper and A. Majid as runners-up.

The same day the Lazarus Cup competition was competed for and A. Mudaray won with 66 net, and T. S. Percy as runner-up.

LEGAL SANCTION

(Continued from Page One.)

Minister took the responsibility, just to appease a clamorous section of Europeans, of "pegging" down Indian acquisition and occupation.

It was seemingly a case of using the "big stick" and encouraging local authorities to cultivate a spirit of aggressiveness against defenceless and disenfranchised Indians.

The duty of both the European and the Indian is to see how far racial function in this land of colour and prejudice can be avoided on a voluntary basis, if each party is induced by honourable motives to act in good faith. But as Senator Clarkson has stated: "If the European had never sold to the Indian there would be no question to settle today." So do Indians say. I have on another occasion described this act or sale to Indians of properties at huge financial gains to themselves, and charging the Indian at the same time with the "crime of penetration" as a strange phenomenon, only to be explained by a "white mentality."

However, be this as it may, there is one silver in Clarkson's address to the Municipal Association. It seems he has no faith in voluntary arrangement of this kind. He has stated definitely this: "I realise that no matter what agreement may be made as to respective spheres, legal enactment must enforce these arrangements, because no one knows the European and the Indian better than I does[he] will both be eager and anxious to violate any such arrangements."

This implies that whatever arrangements may be come to between the Municipal Association and the Congress, legal sanctions has to follow.

I am afraid that with the "Pegging Act" as a stepping stone to further acts of oppression, the Municipal Association will demand a starkn[aked] segregation of Indians in rural and urban areas—commercial, residential, industrial and agricultural segregation, more poisonous and severe in their scope and implications than those envisaged in the Class Areas Bill of 1925.

MUSLIM COUNCIL

Will the officials or some members of the Natal Muslim Council, which was established on April 25, 1925, inform me, as well as the Muslim public generally, how far they have succeeded in organising the Muslims and [w]hat concrete works they were [a]ble to do since.

In a few months' time it will be almost a year since the inception of the above body, and at the conference held in Durban, long speeches were delivered by many speakers and lengthy resolutions were unanimously passed and adopted, but the feeling is, generally, that what was promised at that conference has not yet been implemented or taken shape.

My advice to the officials of the Natal Muslim Council is to awake, arise and proceed to do something of a constructure for the community, which they know very well is stagnating and regressing.

Will those responsible also come to the rescue of Durban as soon as possible, for the promised lectures, etc., to the Northern Natalians?

"WASCHBANKERS."

HINDU LEAGUE

At the second annual meeting of the Veda Dharma Sabha Hindi School Sastri Club, now known as the Patermaritzburg Hindu League, which took place at the Shri Vishnu Temple Hall, the following were elected officials: Patron, Mr. B. [illegible] Sahib; trustee, Mr. G. S. Maharaj; auditor, Mr. R. B. Maharaj; editor (Sastri Light), Mr. D. S. Maharaj; president, Mr. B. S. Maharaj; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Ramdeen and H. Jerrier; secretary, Mr. B. Sathyanand; assistant secretary, Mr. Bharat Pragah; treasurer, Mr. P. S. Cara; committee, Messrs. D. S. Maharaj, B. Sathyanand, P. V. Cara, B. Satyaparsaad, H. Jerrier, L. T. Ramdeen, S. Bhoduth, Narian Cara, and B. [illegible].

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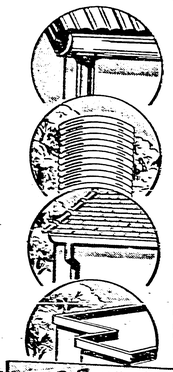

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ANDIDATE ATTORNEY IN COURT CONTACTS COLOUR-BAR

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Indian candidate attorney, Mr. I. S. Amin, was not [all]owed to take a seat at the [ta]ble by the magistrate at [Ver]ger. He was in court, on [beh]alf of his principal, to appear [for] a client, but whose case was [adj]ourned. This precluded Mr. Amin from being recorded.

Mr. Amin's right to appear was first questioned by the Prosecutor but he was soon able to satisfy him on that score. The prosecutor, however, it is said, became aggressive and discourteous, and insisted that Mr. Amin should leave the well of the court. This he refused to do. When the magistrate took the matter, Mr. Amin was told that his client was outside the bar, as he was not concerned with the matter before the court. Mr. Amin became refusal, he felt, might have meant prosecution for contempt of court.

The Incident. The Leader learns, has been reported to the Natal Law Society and the Attorney-General, for, it was alleged, it was directly attributable to the fact that Mr. Amin was not a European.

Were he a European nothing would have been said, was the viewpoint of the large number of Indians who were present in court at the time.

Mr. Amin, who has passed his law examinations, is about completing his articles. He has appeared, on behalf of his principal, at the Durban law courts quite a number of times, and where he has had no trouble of any kind.

His presence at Stanger was in connection with a murder case.

MAYOR WILL NOT SIT WITH INDIANS

Franchise Too Democratic In His Democracy

THE Mayor of Boksburg, Mr. P. A. Venter, would refuse to sit with Indians and Coloureds around the horse shoe if they were given the franchise. He said this at a meeting of the Town Council when commenting on Senator's Clarkson's proposal of granting municipal franchise on communal basis to Indians with a property and educational qualification.

He moved that the matter be brought to the notice of the Transvaal Municipal Association Executive with a view to it being raised and dealt with in a manner which will reflect clearly the European view.

"IN my opinion," he said, "the Minister of the Interior is completely out of touch with public sentiments on this vitally important point, otherwise he would not have made such an extraordinary and revolutionary utterance. I challenge him to come to Boksburg and expound these views.

"When I read Senator Clarkson's speech I could hardly believe my eyes, and that a Cabinet Minister should suggest such a proposal is, to me, inconceivable. If it had been made by the High Commissioner for India one could, of course, understand it.

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DAEE FIXED FOR MEETING

Municipal Association and Congress

The meeting between the Natal Municipal Association executive and the Natal Indian Congress will take place in Durban on January 17.

The request for such a meeting was made by Senator Clarkson when he spoke at Maritzburg on December 3.

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December 26: Sit apart today for quiet thinking and planning; avoid family troubles.

December 27: Unfavorable for many investments or changes connected with business. Refrain from love affairs.

December 28: Favorable for enjoyment and pleasure, intellectual work in connection with science and literature.

December 29: Favorable for democracy and people generally. New rules and regulations should be considered to achieve success and popularity.

December 30: Adverse influences prevail denoting strikes, turbulence, murders, excitement and contention.

December 31: Denotes martial spirit in various places, which will cause unrest. It is unfavorable for most things. Observe silence and control temper.

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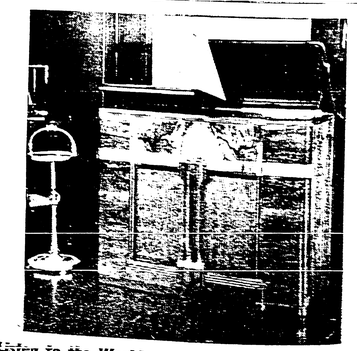

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...timated crowd of over two ...and people gathered from all parts ...uth Africa at the residence of Messrs. ... and I. v. Vawda for the occasion.

... the first wedding on Saturday the ...groom's party left Newcastle for ...shaw, where Dawood Suleman ..., the younger brother of Hajee ...him Suleman Vawda and Ismail ...an Vawda was married to Hawa ... daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cassim ...an Vawda, of Dunshaw.

...ception was held in the evening at ...ndrews Hall after which the party ...ned to Newcastle where in the even- ... dinner was given to a large number ...ple.

... dinner a concert was staged by ...ndian Radio Cavalcade, of Durban. ... there were religious sings by ...mad Gawal, of Durban. The guests ... entertained until the early hours ...e morning.

...unday morning the double weddings ...k place, Ismail Suleman Vawda, of ... Vawda, to Fatima, eldest daughter ... and Mrs. E. I. Lockhat, both ... of Newcastle, and Fatima, the ... daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. ... Vawda, to Yusuf, son of Mrs. and ...late Mr. Ismail Moosajee Vawda, of ...outh, were solemnized.

... Nikah was performed by Molvi ...ri, of Newcastle, before an audience ...ver two thousand people, which in- ...d a large number of Europeans. ...ong the Europeans were the Mayor ... the Mayoress of Newcastle, Mr. and ... Grieson, Mrs. G. Cranshaw, Mrs. ...ing the S.A.W.A.S., Mrs. C. F. Brown, ...mentine the Rev. Orpen, and Mr. Mike ...

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After Nikah Mr. A. I. Kajee, of Durban, explained its significance in English for the information of the European guests.

His Worship the Mayor joined in the welcome of the guests to Newcastle and congratulated the Vawdas on the auspicious occasion. Others who paid eloquent tributes to the Vawdas for their generosity, business acumen, political life and sacrifices in the cause of the community, particularly of Mr. Ismail Vawda, were Messrs. A. I. Kajee, P. R. Pather, and Serajbee Rustomjee.

Donations on the occasion were announced as follows: Bengal Relief Fund, £25; Red Cross, £25; S.A.W.A.S., £25; Governor-General's Fund, £25; and other donations to local schools. The Vawdas have promised to continue political activities which were referred to at the wedding.

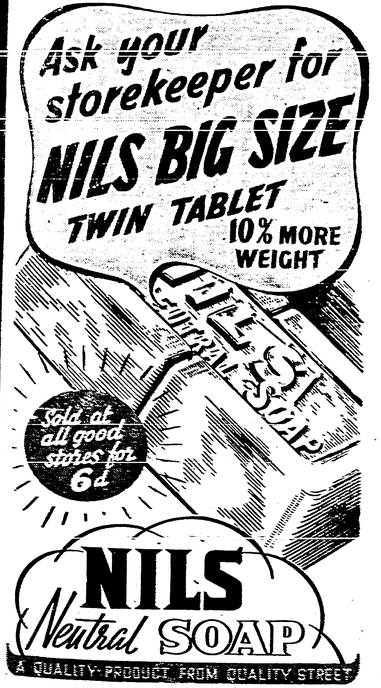
Messages and telegrams were received, amongst which was a message from Sir Shafaat Khan, the Indian High Commissioner, and from various societies.

Speeches were made by Messrs. A. M. Moola, Mahomed Ismail, A. E. Kajee, A. E. Shaik, Ismail Cowadia, of Bethal, A. M. M. Lockhat, E. M. Khan, of Greytown, and Molvi Vallibhai, of Johannesburg.

The function terminated at 1 p.m. and was ably handled by Mr. S. M. Mayet. Who was M.C., assisted by Mr. G. J. Christopher.

About two thousand guests had lunch in a special tent provided for the occasion.

Mr. Essop Randeree, of Durban, was the manager of all arrangements and was assisted by the members of the Vawda staff and the members of the Muslim community of Newcastle and ... Committees.



MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

At the Stanger Maternity Clinic on December 15 a bonny daughter to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Naidoo, of Stanger, granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Naidoo. Thanks to sister and staff.

A bonny daughter to Mr. and Mrs. K. Paul Moodley, Isipingo, grand-daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Kistappa Moodley and Mr. and Mrs. Doorasamy Moodley, of Isipingo. Both well. Thanks to midwife, Mrs. Alamalammal Govender, Isipingo.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hammond, of 235 Park Station Road, Greenwood Park, Durban, a bonny son. Both well.

The marriage of Mr. Ayob Bada, a well-known Maritzburg sportsman, to Miss Fathima Bi Bi Osman, will take place at the Juma Mosque, Grey Street, Durban, tomorrow (Sunday) at 2 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Maharaj, of Maritzburg, are spending a fortnight's holiday with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Maharaj, of Carolina, Transvaal.

Mr. J. J. Maharaj, of Carolina, is on an all-Union tour. He hopes to complete it before the schools reopen.

Mr. J. R. Bilabon, principal of the Hindu School, Ladysmith, is spending the summer vacation with relatives in Durban.

Mr. A. R. Singh (on the staff of St. Aidan's Boys' School), Mr. R. Ramgarah (on the staff of St. Thomas' ... School, Westville), and Mr. Jaichund Munger, all of Durban, are spending their holidays in the Transvaal. In Johannesburg they will be the guests of Mr. Ramdial Singh.

Mrs. K. A. Singh and children, Maritzburg, are spending their holidays with her parents at Cato Manor, Durban.

Mr. and Mrs. Perumal Reddy and family returned home to Pretoria after three months' holiday spent with Mr. K. G. Govender at Rossburgh.

Mr. A. J. Kodaily has been appointed secretary of the Depot Road Hindu Temple and all correspondence should be directed to him at 77 Essenteine Road, ...

Mr. K. V. Pillay has been appointed grantee of the Greenwood Park Indian School.

Mr. Abe David, secretary of the Pietermaritzburg Indian Child Welfare Society, with his wife and daughter, will spend the Christmas holidays with his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Govindsamy, of Sydenham, Durban.

Mrs. Amelia R. Singh, of Durban, accompanied her two sons, Dennis and Melville, who left for Newcastle on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Joseph and family, of Stanger, are spending the Christmas weekend at the Tinley Manor beach.

Messrs. P. Sulaan, E. Kachoo, E. Ramparsath, and E. M. Ramberry are touring the Cape Province. They left last week and expect to be back in the first week of January.

Mr. M. P. Naidoo, of the Magistrate's Court, New Hanover, has been notified of his transfer to Pinetown.

Miss J. Kisnam, of Dundee, and her nephew, Mr. S. Bridgiall, student at Indaleni High School, Richmond, and of Thornville Junction, are spending the December vacation with their relatives in Port Shepstone.

Miss M. G. Daniels, a teacher on the staff of Springfield Methodist School, has resigned from the teaching profession.

Messrs. Heljulh, R. Harilal, and S. Rajkumar, of Victory Clothing Manufacturing, Durban, left for Pretoria on Tuesday.

Mr. L. Samathsingh (Victor) is on a visit to Pretoria, where he will be the guest of Mr. Ramdial Singh.

Mr. S. G. Badal, the Principal District Officer for Durban of the Health and Strength League of England, is spending his Christmas holidays in East London and is the guest of Mrs. Charsee, of St. Paul's Road.

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All Temples which are not already affiliated are requested to do so forthwith.

PROGRAMME

(1) SATURDAY, 22nd JANUARY, 1944, at Parsee Rustomjee Hall, Queen Street, Durban, at 2.30 p.m.
(a) Opening of Conference.
(b) Welcome to Delegates.
(c) Presidential Address.
(d) Other Speakers.
(e) Appointment of Subjects Committee.
(f) Adjournment.

(2) SUNDAY, 23rd JANUARY, 1944 Sessions—
Morning, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Afternoon, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

All further particulars could be obtained from the Secretary.

R. REGNATH,
General Secretary.

28 Cathedral Road, Durban.
Phone 2 [illegible]
20th December, 1943.

Claremont Estate Madras Hindu Cemetery Committee
THE
Annual General Meeting
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TAMIL SCHOOL HALL,
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at 3 p.m.

AGENDA: Minutes; Annual Report; Financial Statement and Auditor's Report; Election; General.
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APPRECIATION

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Naidoo take this opportunity of thanking all relatives and friends who kindly responded to their invitation on the occasion of the betrothal ceremony between their eldest daughter, Miss Maghanathdevie, and Mr. Maramuthoo, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Naidoo, of Overport, which took place at their residence at 263 Prospect Hall Road, Durban North, on Sunday, December 12, before a large gathering.

THANKS NOTICE

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Naidoo (James), and family, of 293 Bellair Road, Cato Manor, wish to thank all friends and relatives for their kind messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes sent in their recent sad bereavement in the loss of their grandson, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Naidoo (Beauty), on December 6, 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. K. Singh, of Bethlehem (O.F.S.), and Mr. and Mrs. R. Narrandeo, of Glencoe, wish to express their sincere thanks to relatives and friends for the kind messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes sent during their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to doctor and Mrs. Saran Pillay.

Mr. C. R. Rao wishes to thank all relatives, friends and officials and members of various clubs for their kind expressions of sympathy, letters and floral tributes sent during his recent and bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving memory of our beloved daughter and sister, Saundramma Dolly Moodley, who was called to rest on December 25, 1941 (Christmas Day).

With tears we saw your sickness,
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And how our hearts were broken,
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Ever remembered by her loving Dad, Mum, Brothers and Sisters, M. T. Moodley, 13 Thomas Street, Maritzburg.

THE—
LEADER
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1943

Communal Franchise —A Deception

THE question of Indian franchise, to which we have referred to in our issue of December 11, is too important and too vast a subject to be disposed of in one article. There are many aspects of democratic representation which require analysis at this time. Not least among them is the need for the initial examination of the alternatives on franchise which are likely to present themselves to the public.

Today the choice between communal representation and the franchise on the common roll scarcely exists for the Indian. Though we should be slow to hold communal representation in India responsible for all the political conflict in that country there is no doubt that it has been a very strong factor in dividing the people. Elsewhere, in those mixed territories where Europeans and Africans have attempted to placate their non-European subjects by similar methods, the results have been equally disastrous. East Africa is a case in point. There, communal representation has resulted in the complete impotence of the Indian in the legislature. Indian representatives may record their opinions, but it is the European opinions that prevail. What is more, they prevail in a peculiar and significant manner. Separation of European and Indian interests is aggravated and the approach to politics is based for all practical purposes on racial attitudes. Europeans unite against Indians and force the latter into defensive unity.

In South Africa it is certain that the same condition would prevail in a more intensified form. Present decisions would remain. For one reason the traditional legislative policy of the Union has been discriminatory against the Indian as such, and for another, the communal franchise perpetuates a state of inferiority and subjection. Communal franchise, in fact, is a vast [illegible].

There is an interdependence between sectional interests which have no racial character. For example, the fundamental interests of the merchant class are identical whether the merchant be Indian or European. The European does not see it so, but the fact of it is proved in every theatre of commercial activity. The Europeans dominate trade, not because they are Europeans, but because legislation has been directed to the Indian merchant not as a merchant, but as an Indian. The point is more obvious in the case of the worker. The interests of workers are identical whether they be European, Indian, or African. The European worker will object to this, chiefly because legislation has been discriminatingly directed against the Indian and the African, not as workers, but as Indians and Africans. Indians, to whatever class they belong, worker, merchant, and professional, are lumped together as objects of restrictive and oppressive legislation.

As a result of this traditional attitude, Europeans continue to legislate for them in bulk, so that we find the Indian worker regulated and restricted in a way that would drive the European into rebellion. So, too, with the Indian merchant and the Indian professional man. This attitude is applied to the question of the franchise. The Government itself admits that it does not recognise that Indians cannot be uniform as a class. To offer them communal franchise is to affirm them. Indians, as such, do not exist among themselves. Indians have their European, and employers, merchants and professional men.

It should never be assumed that Indians possess a quality which Europeans lack—that of thinking and voting as a single body. On no occasion could Indians would be found casting their votes for different candidates. This fallacious, in fact, would determine than would racial proclivities. The identity of interests between European and Indian is overlaid by racial entrances. There would be folly to intensify these racial entrancements by taking the course now that the franchise is under discussion. Viewed in its proper light the Indians' appeal for communal franchise in preference to communal representation is a survey demand for the right on the part of a subject minority to perpetuate differentiation of interests that will give them measure of mutual benefit.

THE LEADER
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Christmas Greetings

For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.—John 3:16.

Wishing you a Happy Christmas in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.—Brother Rajah Ramoo.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Naidoo, of Leo Lair, 56 Ashwell Road, Mayville, wish all friends and relatives a Merry Christmas and a New Year which will bring peace.

Mr. and Mrs. Justin Peters, of Pietermaritzburg, wish all relatives and friends a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

The officials and members of the Factory Social Club, Mayville, extend their seasonal greetings for a Merry Christmas and peace and prosperity in the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Ralph and family, of 23 Avondale Road, wish all friends and relatives a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Sewnarai and Family wish all friends and relatives a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.—Longmarket Street, Pietermaritzburg.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Sewpaul and family wish all friends and relatives a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.—360 Longmarket street, Pietermaritzburg.

The management and staff of Kisan Vilas Press, Pietermaritzburg, send best greetings to all friends and customers for Christmas and express the hope that the New Year will bring peace.

Mr. M. K. Freddy and family, Pietermaritzburg, wish all relatives and friends a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Mr. Ismail Sacoor, sports reporter of The Leader, Maritzburg and District, extends to all his friends the season's greetings and wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. A. A. Ballim, of M'Kondeni, Maritzburg, extends to all his friends the season's greetings and wishes for a Merry Christmas and the coming year.

Mr. S. J. Morgan, barman, 16 Cora Buildings, Grey Street, Durban, wishes all friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Naidoo, of Indian Road, Stella Hill, wish all friends and relatives a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Naidoo, of Westville wish those relatives and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Soobramaney, 2 Tatham Street, Overport, Durban, wish relatives and friends a joyous Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

Mr. A. V. Pillay, 144 Manilla Road, Cato Manor, wishes all friends and relatives a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. N. James and baby Sidney, of Malvern, wish all their relatives and friends a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Birbal, P.O. Box [illegible], extend the season's Greetings to all friends and relatives.

Officials and Members of Sonny Rose Boy's Physical Culture and Weightlifting Academy wish all friends a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, 13 Thomas Street, Durban.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Naidoo, of 261 Fitzwick Avenue, Durban, wish their relatives and friends a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Maistry, and Baby Maistry, Durban (formerly of Newcastle), wish all friends and relatives a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Singh, Durban (formerly of Newcastle), extend the season's Greetings to all friends and relatives.

Mr. Sunny Williams, Durban (formerly of Newcastle), wish all friends and relatives a Merry Christmas and a New Year.

Mr. Joseph Michael, Maritzburg, and family wish all relatives and friends a Happy and Merry Christmas.

A CHILDREN'S PARTY

The R.T.M.A. Hall, Mariteburg, was the scene of a happy gathering on Saturday, December 11, when Muslims from [illegible] of Northern Natal assembled for the opening ceremony of the Mohammedan Madressa Hall, erected by Hajee Sheik Abdool Dannhauser, exclusively at his expense for the benefit of the Dannhauser Muslim community.

The spacious hall, size 50 feet by 60 feet, complete with lights, etc., has been built in memory of his late wife, Hajna Amarie, of Newcastle, performed the opening ceremony.

After a speech of welcome by the Chairman, Mr. S. C. Vawda, Masters Yasmin and Ismail Suliman Vawda recited passages from the Holy Koran [illegible].

Sheik Abdool was then garlanded by Moulana Amarie, and was presented with an illuminated address by the Muslim community in appreciation of his generous and selfless personality. Refreshments were then served to Mr. Kader Hoosen and Mr. Kader, his two sons.

The following spoke in glowing terms of his generous and benevolent action [illegible]: Messrs. Moulana Amarie, of Dannhauser; M. D. Moolla, C. M. D. Moolla, Vawda, G. M. A. Vawda, I. D. Vawda, E. Loganathan, A. Gallagher, A. E. Mr. [illegible] Hansa, S. S. Vawda, Mia and Hajee Mia.

Pupils of the Madressa, Master Vawda and Miss Rashida Mia, gave a loving speech on behalf of the Madressa children.

On behalf of Hajee Sheik Abdool his daughter, Miss Khatija Kader, suitably replied.

YOR WILL NOT SIT

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Municipal Association also decided to invite Senator D. C. Sheppard and Mr. J. H. Basson, Commissioner for Asiatic Affairs, to be present at the meeting in an advisory capacity.

In agreeing to the Minister's request the Municipal Association resolved: "That in view of this decision the Ministry be requested, respectfully, to take steps to "peg" all land sales in proclaimed European-occupied areas in Durban, pending the promotion of legislation to meet the position.

A London Meeting

WAVELL-SMUTS ON S.A.-INDIAN ISSUE

THE South African Indian question, The Leader learns, was discussed between the Viceroy (then elect) of India, Lord Wavell, and the Prime Minister, General Smuts, when both were in London recently. They had met several times.

General Smuts, it is stated, referred to the desire on the part of Indians to "penetrate" into European residential areas. He gave a resume of the debate justifying the Pegging Act.

As a result of this conversation, it is understood that the Viceroy has been more or less influenced with this ex parte statement.

In view of this His Excellency would be glad if Indians of this country made their grievances an issue for South Africa rather than taking it to India. His instructions were more or less reflected when South African Indians were urged recently to look to this country for the amelioration of their lot.

HOLIDAY PUBLICATION

Owing to the holidays there will be no issue of The Leader on January 1. The next publication will be on January 8, and as usual.

High Commissioner Thanks Donors to Relief Fund

In the course of a Press note issued from the office of the High Commissioner for India it is stated:

The High Commissioner on his return to the Union desires again to take the opportunity of thanking Field-Marshal Smuts and his Government for the generous offer to release and place at the disposal of the Government of India, foodstuffs for the relief of distress in the famine-stricken areas. His impressions formed in India have convinced him how deeply this and similar relief measures are appreciated.

In response to his Bengal Relief Fund appeal he has been so generous that it has been decided to send the consignment of [illegible] lbs. of condensed milk and 50,000 lbs. of powdered milk made available for shipment by the Union Government as a gift from the people of South Africa to be distributed through the agencies of India selected by the subscribers' representatives.

Of the many donors to the Fund special thanks are due to the South African Red Cross Society whose timely donation of £5,000 made this decision possible.

The Bengal Relief Fund Committee, of which Mr. Justice Roxburgh is Chairman, has also followed up its donation of £5,000 by a further donation of £5,000, making a total of £10,000 for this purpose.

In sending the note acknowledging the donation made from this country and recently received at the office of the High Commissioner for India, P.O. Box 1258, Johannesburg, Sir India Fazalbhoy, Kt., of Fazalbhoy Patel, Ltd., Johannesburg, writes:

"I have pleasure in enclosing herewith a cheque for £5,000 in favour of the Bengal Relief Fund Committee, Calcutta, which I have been requested to forward to you. I have also been requested to convey to you the wishes of all those others who have organised collections in the provinces and shipping agents and officials of the Union Government, by the representatives of the various firms, so all who have assisted in this humanitarian enterprise in providing food and money for the relief of distress in India and by so doing have helped the boats which took the two lakhs of tons of foodstuffs, entrance fees, proceeds from refreshment stalls, a raffle and a box collection.

"THE STONE WALL OF PREJUDICE AND SUSPICION"

Dean Palmer on Divisions of Colour

HE knew of no country where the fight for peace was likely to be more difficult than in South Africa, said the Dean of Johannesburg, the very Rev. W. A. Palmer, at a farewell dinner given in honour of Mr. D. L. R. Muir, who was secretary to the High Commissioner for India, by the Transvaal Indian Congress at Johannesburg last week.

No country, he went on, could make a greater contribution to world peace if it could surmount the artificial divisions of colour and race and do justice to all within its gates. He referred particularly to the Indian people who were really South Africans because they were born in South Africa.

"Only those who try to bring the people together in South Africa realise how costly that work is, because if you are doing that work you are up against a stone wall of prejudice and suspicion."

If colour prejudice was defeated in South Africa it would have a marked effect all over the world. "On the other hand, there is a great fear in my heart lest we shall not do that which we know we ought to do."

Paying a tribute to Mr. Muir's service, Sir Shafa'at Ahmad Khan, the High Commissioner, said:—

"He himself had just returned from a 21 months' visit to India. The ties binding India and South Africa had been strengthened by the support given by Europeans and Indians in this country to the Bengal Relief Fund, which had already exceeded £30,000. It was his earnest hope that the bonds between the two countries would be strengthened still further by permanent economic, cultural and, ultimately, political ties.

"While the Government of India is anxious that Indians in South Africa should be loyal and patriotic South Africans, and should give of their best to this magnificent land, which, I may [illegible], is a land of great promise and evokes the enthusiasm and loyalty of all its inhabitants," added Sir Shafa'at, "it will continue to perform its duty to the Indian community under the Cape Town Agreement as well as other agreements that precede it, until Indians in the Union are given parliamentary and municipal franchise and have become effective citizens of the Union.

"It is my earnest hope that the Indian community will achieve this goal without avoidable delay, and then play its part in the reconstruction of South Africa."

Tributes to Mr. Muir were also paid by Mr. Justice Blackwell, Mr. J. H. Basson, Commissioner for Immigration and Asiatic Affairs, and Messrs. I. I. Hazaree, Z. V. Parekh, W. Ernest, M. Freeman and A. I. Minty.

Mr. Muir, who was accompanied by Mrs. Muir, expressed his thanks.

Mr. M. Jhajbhay presided.

On Sunday next, "The First Christmas," produced by Pastor J. F. Rowlands, with the Tamil Choir of Bethesda Temple, will be broadcast during the Indian GPB. session.

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wishes all Friends and Customers a Happy Christmas and Peace and Prosperity in the New Year.
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wish all their Friends and Customers a Happy Christmas and Peace and Plenty in the New Year.
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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

BY "THE FAQIR"

...spaper is there for the benefit ...people, but a politician will ...ople to make it serve his own ... seems to me there are among ... who have not the courage to ... their views in the presence of ... if their views are something ... which the community is decid... ...me time back The Leader was ...e privilege of attending and ...e committee meetings of the ... In fact, at the time I remember ...ere quite a number of people, ...g the one to whom we refer, ...ed the view that it was to the ...dvantage that the doings of the ...committee should be made pub... ...ccordingly a Leader reporter ...attended. Today things seem ...changed. One of the members ...group in the N.I.A. who opened ...mittee doors to the Press found ...ving to have a Pressman pre... ...a recent committee meeting of ...ly established Congress. He, it ..., had bought up and sold quite ...properties—the result has been ...onsiderable financially to himself ...Pegging Act, in order to save ... and his group he was propos... ...method of approach, which was ...ance with the wishes of the ...nity in general regarding the ...Act, when he spotted our ...ous reporter in the hall. He ...a note to the chairman of the ...ittee, who took steps to declare ...he meeting was not public; that ...private; that members would ...statements they would not like ...attributed to them publicly; that ...ess had no business there, etc. ...ess was asked not to publish any... ...about the proceedings. Nobody ...think that that act—the passing ...notes—had not been observed, ...is recorded for the Bazaar.

...HT NAPPING.

...general mass of the people, no ...their race, the times or the en... ...ent are very gullible indeed. Res... ...an African went round telling ...Indian people that he could ob... ...ce for them at £7/10/- per bag. ...elf for it and in anticipation of ...ney—for rice today is a delicacy ...ld with hard-earned cash. The ...n naturally failed to appear with ...ce. One day, I believe, in a ...t of forgetfulness, he dabbled ...e very area whose inhabitants he ...en deceiving. This WAS looking for trouble. A number of people who had been the victims of his trick spotted and recognised him. They gave chase—blue murder written across their faces. This son of Africa, however, had still another "one" up his sleeve. He drew a dangerous looking knife and when our Indians saw this they sobered down and gave our hero time enough to pull off another "one"—the disappearing trick.

"FAQIR-PARTNER" REPLY.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of an invitation to a dance extended to the "Faqir and Partner" by the King George V Non-European Patients' Social Club. The dance was held on Tuesday evening. "Dear Faqir," I found written on the back of the card, "Don't look as if you just awoke from a dream. Yes, that's right, the patients invite you to their party. Don't scratch your head man, it's about time you paid us a visit. We'll make it a bright affair for you so put off those visits you have in mind, viz., black markets, weddings, etc. Now you are thinking how must I dress; don't ask me, how do I know. Come like the good old (young) Faqir. So cheerio! Wishing Faqir a Merry Xmas." It is my deep regret that I was unable to accept this invitation. There were other pressing calls, but to all the patients at the King George V Hospital and all other hospitals the Faqir wishes a speedy recovery and a New Year which will find them united with their near and dear ones. The Faqir takes this opportunity also of wishing all his readers a Merry Xmas and a New Year which will bring peace and goodwill among men.

FOOTNOTE.

Indian teachers were very busy all the past week writing their teacher's examinations at Sastri College. There were the old, middle-aged, and very young teachers. A male teacher met a lady teacher whom he knew and wished her good morning, and said, "You are here again." The lady teacher very hopelessly replied, "Yes! and I think I will grow old writing this examination."

The Central Tennis Club, Stanger, held its first doubles tournament on Dingaan's Day for the Mancera Floating Trophy. There was a large number of entries. The final was contested between D. K. Reola and Asmal and V. G. Augustine and R. B. Singh. The latter lost 4-6, 4-6.

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DURBAN BATSMEN IN FORM

Northern Districts Beaten in Cricket Semi-final

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LADYSMITH, Tuesday.

Last weekend Durban Districts Indian Cricket Union met Northern Districts Indian Cricket Union in the intertown semi-final at Ladysmith, Durban winning the toss elected to bat on a perfect wicket. At 19, A. Timol was run out, Goolam Mohamed and Kazi played all the bowlers freely and brought the score to 55 when Kazi was bowled by Omarjee for 16. Another partnership by Docrat and Goolam Mohamed brought the score to 109, when Goolam Mohamed was caught by Moonsamy, off Moolla's bowling, for a well-played 53.

The skipper, Yusuf, joined Docrat and both played brilliantly to bring the score to 159 for four wickets, and Docrat was out for 91.

On Saturday play closed at 228 for 6 wickets, and on Sunday all were out for 264.

Northern Districts started their innings weakly. At 11 Bahadoor was bowled by I. Timol for 12, at 27, C. Asmal joined E. I. Chetty, but at 29 the partnership broke on Chetty being bowled for 13 by Timol. D. E. Asmal and G. M. C. Asmal brought the score to 61 for three wickets. G. M. C. Asmal was bowled for 19 by Cowadia. Play stopped at 3.30 p.m. owing to rain.

Durban: A. Timol, run out, 92; A. Kazi, b. Omarjee, 16; Goolam Mohamed, c. Moonsamy, b. E. A. Moola, 53; G. H. Docrat, lbw., b. Omarjee, 91; M. I. Yusuf, c. D. Cowadia, b. Omarjee, 29; D. Jack, lbw., b. Moonsamy, —; I. C. M. Asmal, retired, 16; V. Macken, c. and b. Moonsamy, 13; I. Timol, stumped, b. Sheik, 13; B. Daya, not out, 6, Extras, 17. Total, 228.

Bowling: D. M. Sredal, 0—46; E. A. Moola, 1—59; G. H. Sheik, 1—29; M. Omarjee, 3—82; S. Moonsamy, 2—42; G. H. A. Chetty, 2—7; C. Chetty, 1—9.

Northern Districts: A. I. Bahadoor, b. I. Timol, 2; E. I. Chetty, b. I. Timol, 13; C. M. C. Asmal, b. A. H. Cowadia, 19; D. E. Asmal, l.b.w., b. Yusuf, 22; G. H. A. Moola, b. A. H. Cowadia, 3; D. M. Sredal, b. Yusuf, 19; S. Moonsamy, c. Docrat, b. Goolam Mohamed, 9; G. H. Sheik, c. Docrat, b. Daya, 12; G. H. A. Chetty, l.b.w., b. Yusuf, 12; E. A. Moola, b. Daya, 9; M. Omarjee, not out, 3, Extras, 9. Total, 118.

Bowling: I. G. M. Asmal, 0—7; I. Timol, 2—27; B. Daya, 2—17; A. H. Cowadia, 2—19; M. I. Yusuf, 3—23; D. Jack, 0—19; Goolam Mohamed, 1—3.

Durban won by 146 runs on a single innings.

ORIENTALS TROUNCED

Orientals had their colours badly lowered at the hands of the Natalians in the Natal Shield match at Maritzburg on Sunday.

Orientals were all out in their first innings for 36 (A. H. I. Rawat, 10; Ted Chetty, 5 for 8; I. S. Chetty, 4 for 15; and Natalians, 2 for 0).

Natalians, for 9 wickets, 151 for 5 wickets (K. Essinjee, 46; S. Banabakian, 27; I. S. Chetty, 27; and Ted Chetty, 16; A. Solomon, 3 for 32; and A. I. Rawat, 2 for 63).

There was no second innings played owing to rain.

The Natalians won on the first innings by 5 wickets and 121 runs.

CRICKET FIXTURES

DURBAN, SUNDAY.

"A" Division League.

Bharat v. Stars.
Ottoman v. Central.
Kismet v. V. Muslims.

MARITZBURG (TOMORROW)
Natal Shield.

Stars v. M.C.C.C.

On Monday.
Bayals v. United.

LADYSMITH (TOMORROW)

10 a.m.: Ottoman v. S.A. Railways (Locomotive Complex). Meers. M. Govinder and A. K. Mazhar.

DURBAN CRICKET

All the players selected for the Durban intertown team, which played Northern District last weekend were from the "A" division, and thus the "B" division matches were played at Currie's Fountain with the exception of Spark-Greville match which ended in an win for the latter by an innings and 28 runs. Young Kismet did not fare too well against Sastri College. Kismet requires 21 runs with four wickets in hand to gain Young Central's score. Young Bharat and United have completed an innings each.

Greyville: 1st innings, 156 for 5 declared (S. I. Emammally, 56; Osman Sackns, 38; K. Akbar, 18; P. Moosa, 13).

Sparks: 1st innings, 46 (H. Khan, 15; Marco, 11 not out). Sparks 2nd innings, 67.

Young Kismet, 37 all out.

Sastri College, 86 for 5 declared (S. Khan, 25; E. Ebrahim, 21).

Young Central, 76 all out.

Ismet, 82 for 6 wickets (G. Motata, 17; Cowadia, 19).

Young Bharat, 61 (C. Daya, 17; K. Jeewan, 15; Modi, 12).

United, 112 for 8 declared (A. K. E. Bandaker, 36; G. H. Ally, 25; H. Mahomedy, 16; D. V. Mahomed, 12).

A. P. NAIDOO'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Commercials, 1st innings, 46 (C. Bhamjee, 14; S. Moola, 13; V. A. Kalia, 5 for 12); 2nd innings, 32 for 4 wickets declared.

Young Commercials, 1st innings, 13 (M. Ahmed, 5 for 1; A. A. Kalia, 3 for 3); 2nd innings, 64 (C. H. Sulgman, 20; V. A. Kalia, 12; Moolan, 10).

Commercials won by 6 wickets on the double innings.

The United F.C., of Stanger, who had a record season, had a banquet during the week to celebrate their most successful season. They won all the trophies in the Lower Tugela District and the Thelle's Memorial of the North Coast Association.

Obituaries

MR. SAMPATH JODHAN

The death occurred at Mr. Sampath Jodhan, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Samnath Jodhan, of Dundee, brother of Mr. J. Ram, brother-in-law of Messrs. S. Ramchritch and N. Burbane, and an uncle of Mr. R. Birlall, all of Tongaat, after a short illness at the age of 20 years.

He was a student at the Sastri College and had entered to write his matriculation examination in November, 1943. He obtained a first class in his Junior Certificate examination during 1941.

He was a hon. secretary of the Hindu Youth Movement and a member of the Dundee Area Care Committee. He was loved by all that came to know him.

A crowd of over 200 at his graveside bore the testimony of his popularity. He leaves behind two brothers and two sisters to mourn their loss.

Amongst the wreaths and floral tributes sent were included, from Mr. and Mrs. Ramsamy, officials and members of the Inanda Indian Youth Movement, and the Inanda Bus Owners' Association.

MRS. HAWA BEE BUX.

The death occurred of Mrs. Hawa Bee, wife of Mr. G. H. Bux (a well-known sportsman and captain of the Verulam Indian Cricket Club) at Verulam on December 18.

A "Kathum" in memory of the late Mrs. Bux was held at the Mosque on Verulam Muslim Social and Study Group, of which Mr. G. H. Bux is a leading member.

ROY INDERAJ SINGH.

The death of Roy Inderaj, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. K. Singh, of Isipingo, C.P.R., took place at Glencoe on April 26, 1943, being the first Indian born after 36 years.

He was recently brought to Glencoe for treatment, and was taken with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Narrandee, where he died. The burial took place at the Glencoe Cemetery.

Our Readers Speak

DANCING AND HINDUISM.

A letter appearing in your issue of the 8th inst., under the nom-de-plume of "Hinduism on Trial," is both misleading and mischievous, in that it gives one the wrong impression that the majority of women present at the function were Hindus, which is not the case, and those that were present happen to be members of that particular body which held the social. I feel that the letter was written in a spiteful manner to create mischief rather than to preserve and enhance the culture of the Hindus.

At the very outset I would like to point out that the social in question was confined to members of that body only and was not open to the members of the public. The writer, it seems, is a great advocate of Hinduism and its culture, but I would like to know how that culture has suffered as a result of dancing, no more than it suffers when disaster dances in the temples of India. I have read the scriptures of Hinduism as contained in the four Vedas, and I can proudly say that Hinduism is broad in its outlook on life and does not restrict any healthy act such as dancing to the point of abstinence.

The writer says that irresponsible elements deliberately brought upon disgrace to the nobility of Hindu culture. Perhaps I would like him to know that those present were respectable and enlightened Hindus who, I think, is an act of cowardice on his part in keeping with the ethical principles of man.

He also states that some of the participants went to the extent of taking liquor, which is a deliberate untruth and falsification of facts. This lie of drinking is just to raise the feelings of the public because the writer stands condemned in the eyes of all national beings to rush to Press on a subject such as dancing among people who could think for themselves and act for themselves.

G. S. SAICKER.

HINDU VIEWS.

I read with interest a letter under the caption, "Hinduism on Trial," in your widely read weekly. If misinformed as President of the Pietermaritzburg Hindu Youth Movement, I should be fully on my part to allow the letter to go unrevealed, in all fields, although modern Western dancing. Going through the lines of the letter it is distressful to note that Hindu women had taken the lead in this kind of Western recreation, which is regarded by all Hindus as immoral.

If we are to preserve Hindu culture, indeed we must speak very little for the preservation of the noble culture that our forefathers have struggled to build. I am sure the Indian participants never heard of or read the Bhagwat Gita, for if they would have remembered the story of Sita, although she was forced even to be lured by Ramuman who came in the guise of her.

I urge your correspondent to be more open in his letter and would ask that the public be enlightened as to who is responsible for organising this social which ing these Hindu women to take part in the dance I personally feel that the people who are to be justly dealt with are those responsible for organising this dance in the guise of a social.

Responsible Hindu leaders should take this matter up as duty towards the community.

D. S. MAHARAJ,
President,
Pietermaritzburg Hindu League.

SCHOOL SPORTS

The annual sports and prize distribution of the Greenwood Park Indian School was held on Bingaan's Farm, Phoenix on the third prize since the inception of the school. The principal of the school, Mr. R. Persaud, has now become an annual event. This year was also the first Birthday of the Greenwood Park, the winner of the Mrs. K. K. Pillay Memorial Shield was Mr. Moses Rose. Mrs. G. Ray is its headmistress.

After the sports, Mr. K. S. Pillay presented the prizes.

Mr. K. Persaud, the principal, in his report said that the school had started with one hundred and two pupils in the 5th Certificate examination. Out of these 102 children had written the examination and all were successful. The school had also had an award in the Thrift Competition last year.

Mr. S. Chetty, the president, in a short speech, thanked Mr. K. S. Pillay in particular, the parents and friends for their kind contributions towards the function.

A five-a-side tournament was staged at Burnall on Sunday last, in spite of the fact that every "hockey" fan was busy with his preparations for the whole week, there were 19 teams. The tournament, which was run off at Currie's, C. E. Parr, Clocks Corner, Mayo, West Bowmans, Naidoo and D. Moses presented the final and trophy and a bottle of Isipingo each. Mr. F. Williamson manager of the Stanger Brewery, presented the Stanger trophy.

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UNT THE INDIAN" CRY IN UFF COLLEGE AGITATION

turned Soldier Excuse Raised by Sponsors

UNT the Indian" is the cry gaining strength in certain quarters. If he lives in slums, condemn him; should he aspire to a higher life, him. This is, in essence, the viewpoint of those Europeans on the ion which he would be the first to claim for his own children. But ly Press, has been growing against the erection of an Indian College, ation stone of which was to have been laid by Senator Clarkson hite race, the Bluff residents would have gone out of their way to such a project. But today the name of the South African soldier, ld, despite its wide acreage, would even deny him those facilities for Indian, "no." Agitation on the part of the Europeans, on the

If it was a college for Germans, or Bulgarians, or Spanish or for said to be fighting for democracy and whose blood has been mixed and Italy, these agitators would be among the first to claim the means for ral and spiritual improvement.

Speaking in the name of the Indian soldier it will not be irrelevant to Major-General Molesworth, who is now Military Secretary at the India London, who said (in a speech to the East India Association in London ay) that though there was no conscription for Indians, there had never any dearth of volunteers. The Indian defence forces today totalled very two millions. Nearly half a million troops drawn from all parts of had served overseas since the war. Voluntary recruitment now 55,000 monthly. The proportion of Indian officers to British officers ia's army was now about 35 per cent, and was increasing. Personnel the Royal Indian Navy was now ten times greater than at the outbreak war. The navy also had many more ships. The Indian Air Force ed had increased 50 times since September, 1939, and aircraft strength en by 600 per cent. The casualties among India's fighting forces up June numbered 103,680, of whom 5,618 were killed, 15,996 wounded and ing and prisoners.

dia's contribution to Allied effort in the field of supply had been ous and contributed substantially to the success in North Africa.

is what the Indian returned soldier has done for the cause of the including South Africa, yet the Bluff residents would not imitate g the returned soldier in regard to the true position of keeping the white."

bjectors contend that the site is predominantly European area, ation which is certainly not sup- by the authorities. The point is ver, that the negotiations the Educational Trust, sponsor of the College, have taken care to approval of the Town Planning ties. It can be said at once that is not in a predominantly Euro- ea, that, in fact, it is surrounded sides by Indian owned land, and ly affects any development Europeans have in mind. But as to the objection against the pro- that there is a danger that the sition will be totally ignored. lieved is that the issue will not ed on its merits owing to the the objectors to prejudice issues on racial prejudice.

Durban South Ratepayers' Associa- ion, the chief objectors, ex- the opinion that facilities should be Indians for a high school. contend, they refuse to have ur sacrificed to the future of the h, a suitable site in the old n. Now this is a very general on the part of Europeans, it seems a habit with them to say ey want to do justice to the Indian, and fairly and every time some like this come up they profess their ir high these sentiments. The only ey have faith and, in fact, of pressed desire to see fairness done. t a real sacrifice, on their part. If ns want to prove their anxiety justice with actions, however, ey very easily do so by making a ve effort.

e Bluff, however, the need for that ct does not exist. Experience shows ir anxiety to deal justly falls. ent as the subject under review imminent in any remote way upon their interests. For example, it is quite plain that the Bluff is to be sacrificed for the failure of the City council in finding a site elsewhere now that the people who voted and clamoured for the expulsion of the Indian from the Botanic Gardens site.

It is easy to see how this practice is becoming more general, and how, at every turn, the Indians are to be deprived from making any effort to improve themselves. It is a pity that this issue

The laying of the foundation stone of the new Indian College at the Bluff, which was to have taken place today, has been postponed.

Senator Clarkson will be in Durban on Tuesday, when he will meet the Indian sponsors of the college, and on the following day representatives of the objectors.

could not be referred overnight to a competent judicial commissioner who would settle at once whether the European claims about the nature of the land, about the effect of the school, and about the motives that underlie the clamour, could be supported. Then, we are persuaded, the conclusion would soon be established that the site is not a real European area, that the school project would not interfere with European interests, and that the negotiations of the Natal Educational Trustees and the stampedine methods by which they have been described.

This is another case of racial discrimination which deserves, and we hope, will receive the early and flat condemnation by the Minister of the Interior and even by the Prime Minister.

Life Savers to the Rescue

AN excellent piece of work, which resulted in the recovery of a body which was drowned at Bayne's Drift, was done by four members of the Durban Indian Surf Life Savers' Club.

Three of a picnic party, Theresa Frank (aged 17), Carolina Jackson (aged 16) and Joseph Frank (aged 15), who were with a crowd of picnickers, mostly members of St. Anthony's Church, Maritzburg, were drowned.

The first boy got into difficulties when his sister came to the rescue, and Carolina came to their aid. All three disappeared into the waters, which had risen as a result of the flood, in the sight of the crowd of onlookers.

The matter was reported to the police, who made a search for two days but failed to recover the bodies.

Mr. B. R. Naidoo got into touch with the Life Savers' Club, which met one of its members, who arrived on the scene of the tragedy on Tuesday afternoon. They soon got down to business, and within 15 minutes they found the body of Theresa Frank, a mile and a half away from the scene of the fatality.

Attempts were made to find the other two bodies, the search extending within a length of six miles, but no further recoveries were made.

A Fatal Accident

EAST LONDON.

The youngest son of Mr. G. Francis was fatally injured when a butcher's van reversed, the driver not noticing the child, who was hanging on to the back of the van. The child died soon after admission to hospital.

Mr. Francis will be remembered as having travelled to Durban as manager to the Frontier football team in the recent San China Cup tournament.

Two rescues were effected by members of the Durban Indian Surf Life Saving Club during Christmas weekend. Jack Moodley, of 111 Stratford Road, and Percy Willy, of Magazine Barracks, were saved from drowning.

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