

COUNTY FOOTBALL WINDING-UP: Mr. Kitty Samuels is seen presenting the senior league cup to Aleck Naidoo, captain of Riverside Rangers of the County Indian Football Association at the winding-up meeting held last week.

Sports Corner

THE SPORTS EDITOR

Confusing statements

The statement attributed the other day to Mr. Don Pavaadi, president of the South African Cricket Board of Control and his secretary, Mr. M. R. Varachia, "we have made our arrangements strictly in accordance with Government requirements and there should be no difficulties at all," sounds more than a little confusing. With the first flush of happiness and jubilation at the success of the negotiations for the tour of South Africa by the West Indies sight must not be lost of the major issues. And the major issue in this country is the colour bar that operates in sport.

IT IS A CANKER

The colour bar is a canker that is eating into the very vitals of our sport and by this unnecessary statement, to be charitable let us say unwittingly made, Mr. Pavadai and Mr. Varachia tacitly approve of racial discrimination and are prepared to accept it as inevitable. Now what are these requirements? You wish we could be told.

IS IT NOT ENOUGH

Is it not enough for Messrs. Pavadai and Varachia that we are precluded from selection and participation in the matches allotted to South Africa by the Imperial Cricket Conference? Is it not enough that players of the genius of Basil Olivera will never have the opportunity to play against England and Australia?

And now a word to Messrs. Pavadai and Varachia that we are prepared to play in our struggle for world recognition. Sport has assumed such a significant place in our society and embraces so many thousands that grave responsibilities rest on our national administrators.

They must accept the fact that they are responsible for thousands throughout the country. And they must also accept the fact that they have a duty to think of the welfare of sport throughout the country. Because they are national administrators they must think on a national plane and their vision must be wide enough to embrace the whole country.

Rand debate

The annual "Best Speakers" debate for the "Sam Dangor Floating Trophy" will be held on Monday, December 8, at 7.30 p.m. at Blacow House, 31 Bezuidenhout Street, Ferreirastown, Johannesburg.

The debate is organised by the Transvaal Indian Youth Congress, and is open to all young people under the age of 30 years.

Last year the trophy was jointly awarded to R. Pahad and A. S. Sullman, both scholars at the Central Indian High School.

Participants have a choice of preparing a talk on one of the eleven subjects. Further details and enrolment forms are available from the secretaries, I.Y.C., 31 Bezuidenhout Street, Johannesburg.

Three prominent educationists will be judges.

Promotion for Vice-Principal

The large circle of friends of Mr. M. B. Naidoo, vice-principal of the Sastri College, will be glad to learn that he has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor of Geography in the U.S.A.

It was he remembered that he left South Africa early this year to take up a special appointment as lecturer in geography and allied subjects at the Trenton State College, Trenton, New Jersey.

The latest news received here is that he is enjoying his work and his associates have great regard and respect for him for his wide range of knowledge and his capabilities as a lecturer.

His students are all White men and women who are being prepared for a degree.

During vacation period he intends to visit British Guiana and meet Indians there.

OUTSTANDING ATHLETES: No. 2

J. SUNASSIE NAIDOO

One of the most brilliant athletes of all time, Sunassie Naidoo, is a household word wherever and whenever athletics comes up for discussion. He was in his day the "blue eyed boy" of Natal athletics and crowds cheered him on with their full-throating chantings as only sports crowds can, and roared with delight when his flying feet carried him to victory. The name Sunassie was an synonymous then as now in Natal athletics.

STARTED YOUNG

He started his phenomenal career at the age of twelve and after participating in sports meetings organised by various clubs and groups founded in 1929, the now flourishing Rockpark Sporting Club, At the age of 17 in 1934 he was



J. SUNASSIE NAIDOO

then it was sacrilege to talk of him other than as the great champion. And great champion he really was.

SILVER JUBILEE

In the mammoth sports meeting organised to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of King George V, he achieved the unique distinction of winning the 100 yards, 220 yards and 440 yards sprints against the stiffest opposition. In 16 outings in championship events between 1931 and 1936 Sunassie Naidoo won 18 times and was placed second in the only losing race.

NOT LOST

His brilliant career came to an end in 1941, but he is not lost to athletics. He trains the members of the Reichtek Club and is a vice-president and selector of the Natal Union. He was trainer of the Natal team at the national championships in 1948 when this province captured 17 titles. In a similar capacity at the South African championships in 1954, Sunassie helped Natal to win 16 national titles.

He is doing a splendid piece of work to keep athletes on the way and supporters of this sport are more than grateful to him.

Annual meeting of Cultural Institute

The twentieth annual general meeting of the Sydenham Cultural Institute was held recently at 26 Tarsdale Avenue, Asherville. The guest speaker, Mr. V. Nair, B.A., chairman of the Asherville Ratepayers' Association, congratulated the members who, in spite of being deprived of their spacious hall by the City Council, still pursued their activities in a garage kindly made available by their patron, Mr. A. I. Naidoo.

Mr. Nair, himself long associated with welfare organisations and their like, encouraged the members to go ahead as there was a great need for such organisations as the Sydenham Cultural Institute, which provided for all members of the community, particularly in a fast developing area such as Asherville.

The secretarial report states that ever since the de-housing of the Institute by the City Council in 1955, the many aspects of its work, such as introductory classes for children, vernacular classes, adult classes and

RACING SELECTIONS

By AMBASSADOR

Following are my selections for Clairwood on Saturday:

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2 YACHTSMAN
3 MARVEL

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1 ETHYLWOOD
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3 IRRIGATE

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1 MENITY
2 GRACEFUL LASS
3 HENSY

Fourth race (six furlongs):
1 LADY LOVE
2 ST. GRIFY
3 TABRIZ

Fifth race (four furlongs):
1 NOA NOA
2 DEXTERITY
3 SUNNYBOY

Sixth race (eight furlongs):
1 PERFORMANCE
2 GUILSTAN
3 GUNNERY'S SON

Seventh race (nine furlongs):
1 SPRING GROVE
2 WHITE LORD
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BOXING TREAT FOR MARITZBURG

By C. G. MOODLEY

With the cream of Natal's non-European amateur boxing talent on view at the Nizamia School hall, Pietermaritzburg, this Saturday night, Nagan Naidoo's second venture in the promoting business seems destined to be as successful as his first.

As trainer and head of the Sportsmen Physical Culture Club in the CBC, Naidoo has succeeded in snatching some of the best bets of their two weights on his 12-bout bill which includes an exhibition round between Young Sharkey and Master Nkabu.

Young Sharkey, one-time favourite of local fans, comes out of self-retirement to "step up" the rising generation and to help replenish the Spartans Club's funds.

Leroy Gengan, a brother of the famous Bird of Durban, is now active as trainer to the newly - formed South - Durban Youth League in Durban. In bringing up a team of four boys, exclusive his younger brother D. Gengan.

Top-liner of the programme is the recently-recalled clash between Tommy Leonard and Peter Hlamvana second for the Pietermaritzburg welterweight title.

Both local lads, they are no strangers to each other and this bout gives promise of a stirring battle.

Sandwiched between half-a-dozen preliminaries will be the lightweight encounter between Dennis Mzondhi (Durban) and Allen Nshangana, in the featherweight division, D. Gengan (Durban) meets the locals' Mr. Norman Smith.

Of the two bouts figuring in the bantamweight division, the first is between Nelson Ncube and Kimpie", Bobby Nathoo and the Pietermaritzburg Mzizi Nicholas Nduli. The second fight is between C. Naidoo (Durban) and Joe Mkize (Pietermaritzburg).

A flyweight contest between the local boys, Sonny Naidoo and Elijah Ndhlovu completes the programme.

Of interest to fight fans is the fact that the well known Pietermaritzburg referee, Mr. Dempsey Noel, has succeeded in obtaining the services of a number of referees and judges from the local Railway Club organisation for this boxing tournament.

Mr. Henry Hamilton will be Master of Ceremonies.



Two brothers, Y. L. and E. L. Lister from abroad, of the Odessa Cricket Club, scored a record of 456 runs between them, adding to the total score of 2,240 in the match against Harrismith by six wickets.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

UNEMPLOYMENT — ALARMING CRISIS

WHAT is the Government's and the City Council's attitude towards the mass unemployment among Indians in Durban? Recent figures released by the Department of Labour estimate the number of unemployed Indians to be in the vicinity of 16,000 but it is anyone's guess that it is even more. Sources close to the Department put the figure at 20,000.

Whether it is 20,000 or less, this is an alarming situation and calls for the immediate attention of the authorities to probe into the matter in order to find a way out of this impasse. To add to the large number, last week over 100 Indians were thrown out of their

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Quiz winner

The winner of the Hotel Windsor Quiz Contest will be announced in next week's issue of "The Leader"

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jobs when the clothing factory which employed them, closed down to move to a rural area.

While the unemployment figures are increasing daily and while social welfare organisations and responsible European opinion are perturbed over this state of affairs, there seems to be an attitude of complete complacency prevailing on the part of the Government.

"Throw open the doors to other avenues of employment," is the answer city of the Indians who, in desperation, are pestering the Government and the Durban City Council to at least consider their plight in the light of the present mass unemployment. Already the Department of Post and Telegraphs has absorbed a small number of Indians, who are proving their efficiency and their worth. In the Railways, too, there seem to be some moves although hesitant, to introduce Indian artisans and clerks.

The Durban City Council, too, should throw off its fears and prejudices and employ Indians. Public opinion is that the Indians should be employed in drivers and conductors in Municipal buses which serve routes where there are a predominance of Indians, for according to a report which appeared recently in "The Leader" there is a move — perhaps a policy move — by the City Council to reduce Indian labour in order to be replaced by Africans.

The labour situation also received prominence at the recent conference of the Natal Indian Congress. The secretarial report submitted at the Conference asked for "urgent consideration" and further stated that if the job reservation provision of the Industrial Conciliation Act was implemented it was likely to create "even more serious ills." Referring to the clothing industry the report said that if moved to the interior the moving of factories to the rural areas which were exempt from the provisions of Wage Agreements,

Merebank bus service: emergency meeting

The Non-European Railway Pensioners' Welfare Association, Merebank, has convened a meeting to be held next week to discuss the inadequate bus service to the Merebank township and the deplorable conditions prevailing in the Merebank bus service.

According to Merebank and the surrounding areas, the refusal of some of the buses to stop at the request of passengers has resulted in many accidents.

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The Durban Corporation has applied to the Durban Corporation for the operation of routes presently operated by Natal Road Transportation Board.

The Association has written to Mr. Rajcoomlsee, Surrosh Buses, Bailey, assistant general manager of Natal Road Transportation Board, asking for the Board to apply to the Municipality for buses to convey school children.

Meanwhile residents in these areas are up in arms against the inadequate bus service which they say is causing much inconvenience to the general public.

Local Road Transportation Board.

Stanger Group Areas move

AT a mass meeting held on November 12 of members of the Stanger Indian Ratepayers' Association, it was unanimously resolved that a deputation of four members — Mr. G. Mather as spokesman, Mr. A. G. Rose, Mr. P. M. Mitchley and Mr. N. R. Padayachee — be authorised to meet the Planning Committee of the Stanger Municipality to discuss the Group Areas in regard to the notice published in the Press on October 31 for the proclamation of areas in Stanger.

The main point made in the representations to the Planning Committee was that Stanger Central area be declared exempt from the operation of the Act.

The Committee accepted the proposal and their recommendation to the Council was as follows:

"That with regard to the Area B2/13 that is, the Centre Block, The Minister be asked to exempt it altogether from the Provisions of the Act."

At a Special Council Meeting held on November 24, the Council accepted the proposal or alternatively—that it be left as a specified area.

The leader of the deputation told the Committee that there is no doubt that the demarcation of the town as proposed was going to bring about major changes in the lives of hundreds of human beings, and a great deal of possible frustration and bitterness in the future will depend on the way that the matter was handled now.

Apart from the purely legalistic aspects usually put forward by advocates of group zoning, there was another element which is too often overlooked, "I refer to the human element.

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Alan Spiers, a leading Mayfair hair stylist, takes a special delight in creating hair styles for Eastern women. Shown here is lovely Princess Shakuntala Sharma modelling a coiffure specially created for her. "I am inspired by Eastern beauty," he says. More striking exhibitions of his art may be seen on page nine of this issue.

Drowning tragedy

An excursion to the North Coast, undertaken by a party of students of the Clairwood Indian High School last Thursday, ended in tragedy when 18-year-old Lutchmi was drowned at Umhlanga Rocks.

The contingent stopped at Umhlanga Rocks for a short break before proceeded to other parts of the North Coast which were noted as possible points to be touched on the itinerary, but the excursion never went on after the tragedy occurred.

The students were accompanied by two teachers and, according to one of the teachers, the boys were allowed to swim in a shallow pool or the lagoon area they find most to their liking.

"At about 1.30 p.m.," the teacher said, "we received an alarm from the students that one of the boys was missing. A search party was quickly organised and combed the adjoining bushes but there was no trace of him. It then dawned upon us that he must have gone under water. We enlisted the aid of a European diver to examine the pool or the lagoon area but he failed to find the body."

After this the police came on the scene and took particulars of the missing boy. By this time the students got an Indian diver, who, together with a European, searched the waters with success. It was not until an Indian fisherman used his fishing tackle that Lutchmi's body was found. When the body was brought to the shore artificial respiration was administered but he did not respond.

Mr. V. Naidu, Principal of the High School, said "The Leader" in an interview that Lutchman was a brilliant student. "He worked for his education and would have easily passed his examinations which he wrote before his death."

Lutchmi's father said that he was a good scholar and was expected to write a senior test in November/December. In the field of sports he excelled in many activities having won several trophies.

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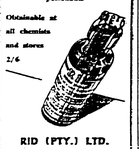
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300 Indians thrown out of work by clothing factory

Nearly three hundred Indian workers, male and female, employed in a European-owned clothing manufacturing concern in Umgeni Road, Durban, were thrown out of work when the factory closed down last week to move to its new premises in Hammarsdale, about 30 miles away from Durban.

It is learnt that several of the workers were offered employment at the new factory but the major snag in this offering, apart from housing facilities, will be the drastic cut in their wages, as Hammarsdale is defined as an uncontrolled area and is not covered at the moment by the Wage Determination. Skilled workers there earn as low as fifteen shillings to a pound per week, with longer hours of work, no sick pay and any benefits the workers in the urban areas enjoy.

Mr. I. C. Bolton, General Secretary of the Garment Workers' Industrial Union, told "The Leader" in an interview that many industries were moving out to the rural areas attracted by the cheap labour to be had there. "This will have a serious effect on urban employment generally unless there is an early Wage Determination to cover the rural areas as well," he added.

Mr. Bolton said that at the moment a Wage Board investigation recommendation had been tabled in Parliament and the Minister's decision arising out of this recommendation was being awaited.

Asked if the wages will be on a par with those paid in Durban if the Wage Determination covered Hammarsdale and other rural areas, Mr. Bolton said: "I hope so. It is unfair for one to forecast anything at the moment." He said that one vicious practice of some of the firms which had moved to the rural areas was to take skilled Indian workers, pay them top wages of £14 to £15 per week to teach the Africans, only to be thrown out of their jobs when the rural workers have learnt the trade. The African skilled worker then received about fifteen shillings a week.

The South African Congress of Trade Unions, in a statement, accused the Government of "perpetuating slavery" and stated that certain employers were "conspiring" with the Government "in this naked slave-mongering."

"While there is huge unemployment among the non-European workers, particularly the Indians, these movements of factories to rural areas is only going to aggravate the unemployment situation. What is more the competition from factories in rural areas is already so severe that many more factories in the towns will be forced to close down and consequently increase the unemployment crisis."

Stating that textile and garment factories in areas such as Ladysmith, Charlestown, Hammarsdale and Standerton were paying as little as 15 shillings and £1 a week the statement added: "The employers are given a free hand with Government blessing, to evade the provisions of industrial agreements: they pay the workers what they like and treat them no less than slaves."

Group Areas Move

(Continued from page 1.)

For a single stroke of the pen, the mere drawing of a line upon a map by someone in a distant Pretoria office, can bring large numbers of people face to face with ruin and displacement. I speak here with a sense of responsibility for



MR G. MATHER, leader of the Stanger deputation.

the area bounded by Inkcomb Street on the south, Road Street on the north, Reynold Street on the East and Saunders Street on the west. In this area, by far the preponderance of owners and occupiers are members of the Indian Group, but my association is averse to suggesting that the area be reserved for Indians in conformity with its rejection of the idea that anyone should be disappointed of his property. With regard to this area my association in all seriousness suggests that the Council advise the Group Areas Board that they recommend to the Minister of the Interior that it be declared an exempt area and that the Group Areas Act shall not be applicable.

Committee has to some extent, the power to influence the architects of this policy of division and to moderate them to a recognition of the equities of the situation.

We have always a major consideration in the maintenance of interest, stability and enhancement of the town and that in the interest of more harmonious and good relations between all sections of the people of Stanger my Association is totally opposed to the forcible moving of any residents or business organisation whether it be White or Indian group or any other group that is concerned.

"What is going to be the effect on victims whether they be Indians or Europeans who suffer the hardships which are to be inflicted by the enforcement of the Group Areas Act such as is contemplated in regard to

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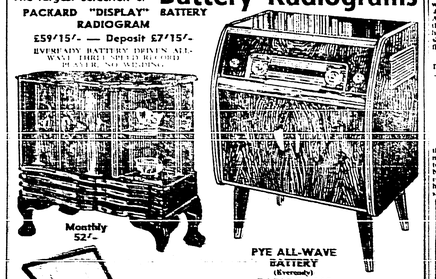
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As can be seen from the photograph above, Eddie has accepted the £25 cash prize, instead of the free trip to Port Elizabeth, for winning the Talent Contest at the Himalaya. Mrs. Myldenut (one of the judges) is presenting the prize. Others in the picture from left to right are Mr. Manuel (judge), Mr. Knight and Mr. Featherstone (judges).



Colleen Williams was royal gate-crasher" at the Himalaya last Saturday night by our cameraman. Like many other girls in the audience Colleen came under the magic spell of the commanding Eddie Parker, Hawaiian band pianist. Colleen is also a jude expert and an athlete



Eddie Parker, Hawaiian band pianist, who won the Talent Contest at the Himalaya last Saturday night. Eddie is a very conscientious and worked too hard. When I informed her, at last, that I was a South African Indian, her face turned the colour of beetroot."

Indians in India are sceptical as to whether there is an actual, obvious race of Indians living apart from the other races. Most of them believe that we have been integrated with African races and have the greatest respect for Africans.

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"A WHOLE lotta shakin' was goin' on" (with apologies to Elvis Presley) at the Himalaya Hotel last Wednesday night during the finals of the Talent Contest sponsored by Pepsi-Cola International. Palm trees nestled in a balmy tropical night breeze on the balcony, the rose flowered, western kicked high on a jam packed floor, and Tony's Blue Blacks were "hitting it up." But the boys were none the worse were the denials.

There were crooners, swooners, rock'n'roll merchants, rock'n'rollers and the person who crooned his way to the top was Eddie Parker. And he was very good indeed. That's what the judges said and they should know, because they were Mrs. Myldenut, South African European Ballroom Dancing Champion, Mr. [illegible] and Mr. [illegible] Fanoo — all show business veterans. Eddie's prize was £25.

Brian Thomas, teenager with a future, set the floor moving with refreshing straight singing. Experience and a little training is all he needs.

The Blue Rocks stepped in with a real cool waltz and then they called Michael Harper. The crowd went mad. He deserved the £10 runner-up prize.

Third prize of £5 went to Van Niekerk.

Good show, Mr. Knight, only please let's have some more!

Co-operation with S.W.A. Coloured teachers

While there does not seem to be a spirit of co-operation between Indians and Coloureds of the Union and South-West Africa, on the political plane, there has been, however, a remarkable achievement in this direction by the members of the teaching profession — perhaps to teach the politicians a lesson! They recently formed a federal body known as the South African Federation of Teachers' Associations.

Accordingly, the S.W.A.T.F. President, Mr. Arthur D. Lazarus, the assistant editor of the Federation mag-azine "Voice collectively" the opinions of Coloured and Indian teachers throughout the Union and South-West Africa on salaries, conditions of service and other "professional problems."

The seven bodies that formed the Federation are: Natal Indian Teachers' Society; Orange Vereeniging Chamber; Underwood Indian Natal; Cape Teachers' Society; Transvaal Indian Teachers' Association; Transvaal Association of Coloured Teachers; The Cape Teachers' Educational and Professional Association; and the South-West African Coloured Teachers' Professional Association.

Headquarters and provisional officers of the new body are at Cape Town.

Girl says she killed parents

MACUSTON (Wisconsin), Tuesday. — A Sussex company president and his wife were shot to death in their Wisconsin home last night. The District Attorney, Mr. [illegible] Reads, said Bobby Dean Peterscale daughter, spoke-bended in the family car a few hours later, admitted killing her

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MESSAGE OF THE STARS

BY "SHASTRI"

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Aries-Mesha (March 21 to April 20): Refrain from quarrels and needless rows. Be cautious in dealing with partnership, domestic and family matters. Push matters affairs to the utmost. Good days, December 10, 11; bad 5, 8, 12.

Taurus-Vrishn (April 21 to May 22): Concentrate on your business and routine matters. Avoid all speculation and troubles with associates, neighbours and kindreds. Deal carefully in matters connected with land, property, etc. Good days, December 6, 7; bad 5, 8.

Gemini-Mithuna (May 23 to June 22): Steady progress, gain and success is forecast, push your business affairs to the utmost. Be ambitious, tactful, persevering and self-reliant to achieve success and prosperity. Good days, December 6, 8; bad 7, 10.

Cancer-Karka (June 22 to July 22): Many born under this sign will find financial difficulties, relations with some of the kindreds strained and should be calm and cautious. Those with good aspect will have fairly prosperous time. Good days, December 6, 8; bad 5, 7.

Leo-Singh (July 23 to August 22): Those with good aspects at birth will have gain, association with old friends and success in business and professional matters. Those with discordant aspects should be cautious in their affairs. Good days, December 5, 6, bad 8, 9.

Virgo-Kanya (August 22 to September 22): Progress in dealings with financial matters and trade affairs is denoted. Avoid petty worries and anger as may arise with associates, land or matters connected with property. Good days, December 7, 8; bad 10, 11.

Libra-Tula (September 23 to October 22): Business will be brisk. Your personal enterprise and industry will bring you happiness and progress. Push matters ahead. Avoid speculative risks. Good days, December 5, 6; bad 7, 8.

Scorpio-Vrischika (October 23 to November 22): Use care and resourcefulness to avert financial losses and other unpleasantness. Avoid hasty action, quarrels and needless expenditure. Good days, December 8, 9; bad 5, 7.

Sagittarius-Dhan (November 22 to December 22): Pecuniary gain, meeting of old friends and associates, pleasant journeys and prosperity are denoted for those born under favourable aspects at birth under this sign. Those with discordant aspects should take care of health, prestige and money. Good days, December 6, 7; bad 8, 9.

Capricorn-Makar (December 23 to January 20): Check tendencies to extravagance, over-optimism and to avoid quarrels that might lead to troubles and costly litigation. Be on guard against fraud and deception. Good days, December 7, 8; bad 5, 11.

Aquarius-Kumbha (January 21 to February 19): Home interests-general relations with work associates, ambitions, plans in motion and financial matters need personal and careful attention. Good days, December 5, 6; bad 8, 11.

Pisces-Meena (February 20 to March 20): Avoid changes in present procedure, keep to familiar path. Be cautious in dealings with kindreds, servants and persons in high positions. Good days, December 6, 10; bad 5, 11.

THE GOOD DAYS

For business generally, December 6, 8, 10. Collection of debts and dues, December 6, 8. Signing important documents, December 9, 10. Family matters, December 5, 6.

Appointment with medical adviser, December 6, 8. Travel and Speculations, December 6, 8. Planting or sowing crops that bear fruits under the soil, December 7, 8, 11 and 12.

Stormy and rainy weather is expected about December 8 to 10.

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READER'S QUERY

Question: Mayville reader "F.S.M." writes: "Please tell me which will be my good month for marriage in 1959. My birth sign is Scorpio, birth dates, etc., are closed herewith."

Answer: The best months are under the signs Capricorn (December 23 to January 20), February 20 to March 20 (Pisces) and Cancer (June 22 to July 22). Apply the auspicious Nakshatra and time from your personal birth Nakshatra and sign during the above mentioned months.



Tragedy at the Squatters' market

A TRAGEDY in peculiar circumstances occurred at the Indian Squatters Market, Durban, when 54-year-old Ahmat Chiazamy Govender of Sarnia, a stall-holder at the market, collapsed and died immediately after she had assisted another stall-holder to carry a [illegible] to her own stall.

Pillay of Mayville, into an ambulance after the latter was hurt by a runaway trolley.

Mrs. Pillay has been discharged from hospital and according to one of her sons, she is still "very ill". It is also understood that the late Mrs. Govender suffered from high blood pressure, and that it was during one of these attacks that she lost her life.

The tragedy took place on Friday, at about 12.30 p.m. and before Mrs. Govender collapsed her last words addressed to one of her younger sons, Sonny, were "I am finished, my son".

Giving an eye-witness account of the tragedy, Sonny told a "Leader" reporter, that Mrs. Thayanyagar Pillay was badly hurt in the abdomen when a hand trolley, piled high with boxes toppled on her. Mrs. Govender, who sold at the neighbouring stall, ran to her assistance and with the help of a few women, took Ahmat to the office. The market master telephoned for an ambulance. And when it arrived, Mrs. Govender helped to lift Mrs. Pillay into it. She had just closed the door of the ambulance when Mrs. Govender began to stammer and clutch at her heart, Sonny ran to her and before he could hold her she uttered a few words incoherently and collapsed on the ground. She was rushed in the same ambulance to the hospital but died before she reached there.

Mrs. Govender was a familiar figure at the Squatters' Market for nearly 30 years. Her genial manners, her kindly smile and pleasing personality had been part of the growth of the market throughout the years and her death had removed from the scene one of the pioneers in the field of stallholding ventures.

Charitably inclined, she donated large sums to various organisations and institutions, legacies which she has left behind for her sons and daughters to show their interest in.

She leaves behind her husband, seven sons, four daughters and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.



MRS. A. C. GOVENDER

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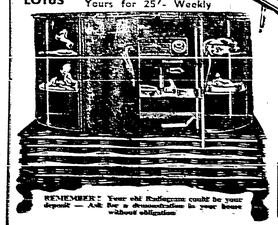
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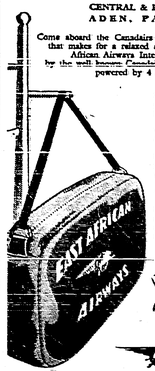
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—Thinking sportsmen throughout South Africa will join me in saluting you for the brilliant analysis of the sports colour-bar in your columns of the 28th November.

I believe that you have given us one of the clearest statements of the basic issues involved in this difficult problem and I hope it will serve as a guide to all our sports administrators and that they will all see that our goal is a common sports control in which there will be no colour-bar or discrimination of any kind, where men will compete against men and the best choose.

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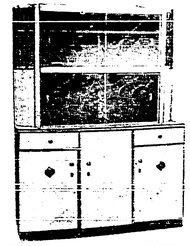
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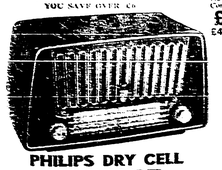
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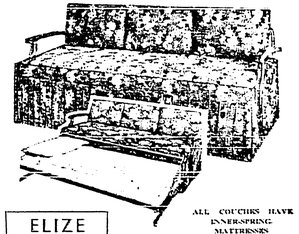
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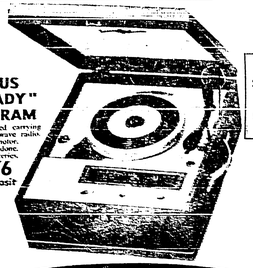
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Sudden death of well known public figure

TRAGEDY struck outside the Shah Jehan when Mr. Jacob Powys, principal of the M.E.S. School and leading public figure, collapsed and died of heart failure. After Mr. Powys collapsed, Mr. Rajab, one of the directors of the circus, rushed Mr. Powys to the St. Aidan's Hospital but Mr. Powys died on the way.

The well-known headmaster was known to be ailing for some time. Mr. Jegi Naidoo, vice-principal of the M.E.S. School and very close friend of Mr. Powys told our reporter, "Mr. Powys was warned by doctors to go easy on his work, but he was a glutton for work. He always put his duty first."



MR. JACOB POWYS

Mr. Powys was the former chairman of the Merebank Ratepayers' Association, one of the oldest organisations of its kind in the Union. He was an ex-director of the Merebank Co-operative Society and a member of the Merebank Indian Association.

He was a foundation member of the Natal Indian Teachers' Union which today has grown rise to the Natal Indian Teachers' Society. An Executive member of the Union, he worked tirelessly in the interests of teachers.

He was [illegible] to the Methodist Church of [illegible] bank, which was one of the main interests in his eventful life.

He leaves a widow, a son and daughter.



Miss Veronica Ritchie, who was elected as Natal's Cricket Queen at a banquet held at Avoca Hall, last Saturday. The contest was organised by the Durban Coloured Cricket Club.

Visited P.M.

New Delhi.—Mr. Ernest Ouandie, vice-president of the Union of Populations of the Cameroons, the major political party in the country, met Prime Minister Nehru last week and presented to him a memorandum on the demand of the people in the territory for independence and reunification.

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Youths clamour for lead: officials "gone to sleep"

THERE is agitation among the Hindus in this country for the removal from office of the officials of the South African Hindu Maha Sabha, the parent body of the Hindus here. The officials have been criticised for their inactive attitude.

The youths are clamouring for a lead, guidance and advice on religious, cultural and spiritual matters. The officials have not only been accused of having "gone to sleep", but of being a definite deterrent to the onward march of the Hindus.

Some officials of the Sabha, interviewed by "The Leader" agreed that the Sabha had gone to "sleep" and that there should be new blood introduced into the organisation in order to "rejuvenate" it.

Mr. S. E. Singh, a trustee and a past president of the Sabha, admitted that there was little co-operation among the officials. They seem to be virtually cut off from each other, despite the fact that they are easily accessible to one another at a moment's notice. The trouble is that there are a few officials who do not want to relinquish their posts to make way for more energetic and enthusiastic people to take over.

Mr. Singh said that about six months ago the Sabha called a meeting of the six major Hindu organisations—the Arya Pratindhi Sabha, Sanathan Dharma Sabha, Tamil Association, Kasmir Hindu Seva Samaj, Tamil Vedic Society and the Andhra Maha Sabha—to bring about a uniform method of conducting the affairs of the Hindus. "But so far there has been no positive directive issued by the Sabha's Executive to these organisations as to their plan of work," Mr. Singh said.

It is interesting to note that while the parent body is "slumbering," these various and [illegible] such as the Ramakrishna Centre, The Divine Life Society, the Saiva Sithantha Sungum and their kind, run by young men and women, are doing excellent work in the various suburbs of Durban. A case in point which speaks volumes for the interest the Hindu youth are taking in their religion is the holding of Deepavali celebrations and hamper distributions during the festive season. Judging from this there is enough evidence that the youth are awake, but are waiting for some definite leadership from the Sabha.

One prominent Hindu told "The Leader" that the Maha Sabha's property in Lorne Street, which has been freed, brought in about £80 in rent for a month and out of this amount a lot of organisational work could be done. "As it stands the property is worth more than £20,000. A big hall on the ground floor and several rent-producing flats could be built and it could thus become a centre of cultural and religious activities."

Variety Show

A full house turned out at a variety concert staged by the Ramakrishna Centre Youth Club at the R.Y.C. Hall, Ballengeich last week. Members of the Ramakrishna Children's Club put on sketches, Eastern and Western songs and musical items which were well received by the audience, despite the fact that they had only a month in which to rehearse.

Those who took part in the religious sketches, "The Return of Rama" and "Radha Krishna Dance" must be complimented for their superb acting. The Dance dance by Sakthivadie kept the audience in suspense and the music directed by S. Harichand, was beautiful.

An official of the club said afterwards that this concert has paved the way for bigger and better shows in the near future.

THREATENED TO HANG HIMSELF — HE DID

As idle threat of a father of eight children to hang himself in the past six years came true when neighbours found the body of Mr. C. Moonsamy of 102 Dublin Road, Springfield, suspended from the branch of a syringa tree with a rope around his neck. Neither his wife nor any of his children knew where when the tragedy occurred as they were living separately.

Mr. Moonsamy, according to his wife, was a heavy drinker and addicted to alcohol.

Mrs. Margamah told "The Leader" that their married life was a happy one until six years ago. Suddenly everything changed.

It is understood that Mr. Moonsamy bought a piece of rope on Wednesday and seized all to his relatives telling them that they would not see him alive again.



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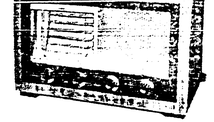
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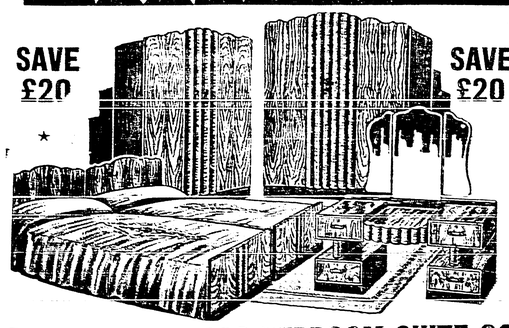
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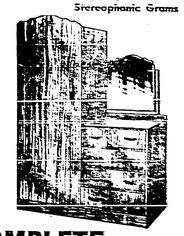
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Candid Commentary . . . by Politicus

West Indies tour — they should think again

FRANK WORRELL'S team of West Indian cricketers should seriously think again about their proposed tour next year. And the S.A. Cricket Board of Control should be thoroughly ashamed of going out of its way to arrange the visit.

When there is an international hue and cry against South Africa's colour bar, including the colour bar in sport and culture, we get our own local men whose only aim appears to be to undermine the efforts made by other sporting bodies both in the Union and overseas, to bring pressure on the South African sporting authorities (White) to abolish the "bar sinister".

What other interpretation can one place on the announcement by the S.A. (non-White) Cricket Board of Control that they have invited an exclusively black side from the West Indies to play against non-Whites in the Union, but with (may be) Whites looking on as spectators from specially reserved seats for them, at places like Kingsmead or its equivalent?

When the intended exclusion of Maoris from the All Blacks team to tour the Union to play against (non-White) Springboks) becomes a world sporting issue, and when the outside world shows its disgust at what goes on in the name of sport in the Union, then we have a bunch of our own "sporting administrators" (as they love to call themselves) bending over backwards to help the arch-priests of apartheid in the Union.

Of course, Minister Naude will graciously grant visas to Worrell and his friends from the Caribbean to come to the Union and enjoy its apartheid. There can be no doubt about that. The only time they would be denied visas would be if they were to bring with them some of their fellow White Caribbean cricketers. Then the Government would become worried, and Worrell would be asked in plain language to stay out!

This is a point which Mr. Robert Marley, a West Indies Test selector, has made. Speaking in his personal capacity, he says: "A one-shade side might be of interest to the South African Cricket Board inviting Worrell's team, but certainly not to the West Indies."

"The tour will be misleading South Africans about our way of life. This can be harmful."

Mr. Marley is quite right. The tour might be of interest to the South African Cricket Board, and, presumably, money is their sole interest. They appear to be only concerned about the financial benefit that may accrue from such a tour.

Mr. Marley may rest assured that the visit does not interest the great majority of non-White South Africans, or even the great majority of non-White sportsmen in the Union.

In fact, we have no right to subject the West Indians, included among whom are some world-famous cricketers, to this insult. It is an insult, and nothing less, to say to them that they must climb down from their international pedestal to the low rung of the South African ladder of apartheid.

Perhaps they have not been fully briefed about our position here, or the extent of the revulsion non-Whites here have against apartheid, and not only non-Whites but a goodly number of Whites. In fact, the international agitation has been, and is, a cause of serious concern and embarrassment to the White sport officials in the Union, who cannot say that the [illegible] international sports.

And what of the position overseas? In table tennis, South African Whites have already been blackballed. In football they are fighting a losing battle. In athletics, too, they have their backs to the wall.

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Indians' wages not on subsistence level

Professor Lee Kasper, Professor of Sociology at the University of Natal, held a gathering of women that wages which Indians received were hardly on the subsistence level and that the [illegible] should be [illegible] which evil.

Professor Kasper, who was speaking on "The individual and the Community" at the annual general meeting of the Friends of the Sick Association, said that he could not see any distinction between the individual and the community as the individual was essentially the product of the community.

Touching on Indian poverty, the professor told his audience that the average earnings of an Indian was about £46 per person per year.

The following were elected to office for the coming year: Chairman, Mr. H. S. Singh; secretary, Mrs. E. Bedwell; vice-chairman, Mr. L. R. Naidoo.

TALK OF THE BAZAAR

by The Fakir

FOR the fifteenth time, at an annual general meeting of the F.O.S.A., an authoritative talk was given on Saturday "The Individual and the Community". Guest speaker this time was Prof. Lee Kasper, head of the Department of Sociology at the University of Natal. And for the large audience of members and sympathisers, he polished a new facet of this many-sided diamond. Perhaps my image is wrong, for you can set a price on a diamond, which you can't do upon most individuals. So perhaps I should have said many-sided, enigatical gem.

Professor Kasper expressed himself as being somewhat puzzled why the name topic was discussed each year. "I am not quite sure," he said, "whether this is a ritual followed each year, and whether I am expected to say the same things that were said on previous occasions, or whether [illegible] and that's the secret of this institution of the FOSA people.

DIFFERENT APPROACHES

IN the 16 years since the subject was "Institutionalised", there have been 15 talks on it. There was the humanistic approach of Mr. Alan Paton last year; the regretful upholding of the dignity of the individual by former Mayor, Mrs. W. A. D. Russell, on a previous occasion. There was the contribution of the Zulu Anglican, Rev. A. H. Zulu, in which he emphasised that to be civilised, you must "be a person, and respect others as persons". There was, the approach of the Catholic Archbishop Denis Hurley touching upon the divine right of the individual to develop to his fullest potential. And the talks, among others, by educationist Mr. Hal Nattrass, social worker Mr. R. A. Naidoo.

Now we are in the steppes, so to speak, the correlation of the individual and the society of which he is part, that this has not been any overlap. No speaker has ever repeated what a previous speaker has said. But each has looked at something fresh; brought to his fellow new. Each has also contributed something of himself, displaying a little of his own personality into the discussion.

CAN DO

THE suggestion made by Professor Kasper that the bodies voluntary organisations might get together to fight poverty is important elsewhere in "The Leader". [illegible] to this poverty are not directly tackable by voluntary organisations, he said, "there is nevertheless much that can be done to help people earn more so that they need not be dependent upon charity."

The sort of project he outlined is admittedly an ambitious one. But it need cause no dismay. It needs boldness, and energetic prosecution. But I am sure the goals set can be achieved. In the test, it is worth remembering that [illegible] 17 years ago Dr. Daisy mooted the idea of the Pona Settlement, most people thought he was daft.

But he wasn't. The Indian community, in the main, built up the Pona Settlement, and today it has assets totalling £80,000 and spends about £25,000 every year on the maintenance of its patients and [illegible] Mayor, Mrs. W. A. D. Russell, on a previous occasion, with Professor Kasper's talk and FOSA-Secretary Wilfred Ebenezer Dodds about calling a conference of voluntary organisations," said Wilfred to me at teatime.

WAS THERE

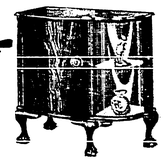
THE Rev. Paul Sykes inadvertently provided some fun at the meeting. Dick Keeping, chairman, Councillor A. S. Robinson, announced that Mr. Sykes would second the adoption of the Treasurer's accounts. Mr. Sykes was [illegible] Robinson, Mr. Sykes was promoted. He will move the adoption and will explain the accounts."

Mr. Sykes made a rousing speech and on behalf of Mrs. Ebenezer Dodds, finance committee chairman, moved the adoption of the [illegible] Mr. Ramderee in a very urgent business," he said. "He's getting a passport for me that came from Mecca." Meanwhile, Essop was in the audience all unbeknown to Mr. Sykes, who must have wondered why so many people, who had seen Mr. Ramderee come in without any mail, were [illegible] However suggested that maybe Paul Sykes did not explain the account since he doesn't make [illegible] Mr. Sykes [illegible] interest, not three a la Diana Dors.

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Alan Spiers, well known Mayfair Hair Stylist, says long hair is quite unique and if Eastern women had short hair they could wear a false chignon or wear the slicker coiled styles, to give the impression of long hair, if traditional clothes are worn.

Eastern women should keep their own charm and dignity if Western styles are copied. They should be copied correctly otherwise they could look very crude in appearance. Casual loose styles ought to be worn, because they are so smart and chic. He added that the Empire line suits Eastern women because all the hair is brushed up from the nape and waved at the sides.

Alan Spiers maintains that ornamentation should be worn in the hair and Eastern women could wear these exotic brooches and flowers in their hair to advantage. The more exotic the ornamentation the more glamorous they appear especially for the evening.

As most Eastern women are very petite they should use their hair in proportion to their body and figure and style to suit persons, but at the time retaining their own style and personality — utilising some of the Western styles with ornamentation.

Mr. Spiers's saloon is very popular among the Eastern women — his clients are Chinese, Japanese, Indians and Ceylonese. He finds that Eastern women are very precise about styles and very fastidious.

Alan Spiers is enapired by Eastern beauty. He has created the most beautiful hair clips — peacock fans and water lillies. He also has a fair for the most beautiful hair bands which are very popular here in London at the moment.

Today the whole approach to beauty culture is throughly scientific. Hairdressing has become an art, "There is nothing like a new hair style to boost up the morale," he concluded.

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TO STUDY IN ENGLAND

TWO well-known Durban Indians, Mr. and Mrs. Raman Doorgaprasadh, left for England last week to take up further studies. Mr. Doorgaprasadh intends to become a qualified pharmacist while his wife, Sharda, hopes to qualify as a Sister Tutor at the Middlesex Hospital.

Raman Doorgaprasadh, who is an ex-Principal of the Clareville Private Platoon School, is 27 years old, and has done two years of medical subjects with several other subjects to his credit, which will stand him in good stead for pharmacy. Owing to lack of facilities in South Africa, he is taking up studies in London and has been offered entry into a school of pharmacy in Wales, but as his wife has an appointment in Middlesex he prefers to be in London. He has written his final examinations at the University of Natal. A very modest and conservative young man, he is well liked by his associates and his friends.

Sharda comes from the well-known family of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Singh, being their eldest daughter. Matriculated at the Durban Indian Girls' School, she is 25 years of age and a qualified nurse.

She completed her training at the Somerset Hospital, Cape Town, after which she took up Midwifery at the McCord Zulu Hospital, Durban, and passed her examination. She is proficient as a medical, surgical and midwifery nurse and was given the post of Staff Nurse at the same hospital. Sharda is keen on her nursing career and is deeply interested in the welfare of children.

When she applied for the position of Staff Nurse at the Middlesex Hospital she was readily accepted.

Sharda was one of the few Indian girls to take up nursing as a career at a time when Indians were against their daughters taking up this profession. When Sharda resigned from the McCord Hospital Dr. Alan Taylor, the Superintendent spoke in eulogistic terms of her work and said that she would make her mark wherever she went. She is a member of the South African Nursing Council and has also been accepted as a member of the British Nursing Council.

Addressed Toc H in Maritzburg

MRS. S. R. R. Naidoo, of Pietermaritzburg, and leader of the Yoga-nanda Meditation Group, was the first Indian woman to address the Pietermaritzburg Toc H, at the B.S.S.E. Hall last week.

Mrs. Naidoo addressed a special European audience and delivered an interesting talk on the significance of Deepavali.

Introducing Mrs. Naidoo to the members of the Toc H, the Rev. Clegg also paid tribute to her father-in-law, Mr. S. R. Naidoo, and said that Mr. Naidoo is a distinguished Indian personality who has earned a great name for himself. The Rev. Clegg is a leading member of the Social Services of South Africa.

Mr. B. D. Elliott, President of the Toc H, commended Mrs. S. R. [illegible] which he said was delivered with authority on the subject. Mr. Elliott said that the Toc H also believe in the lighting of the lamp.

Mr. William Harvey, resident of the British Empire Service League, Pietermaritzburg branch, was also present at the meeting.

ACTING COMMISSIONER TO VISIT DAR-ES-SALAAM

Nairobi, — The Acting Commissioner for India, Mr. M. M. Khurana, accompanied by Mrs. Khurana, will visit Dar-es-Salaam on December 15, 16 and 17. While returning, they will be at [illegible] on December 18.

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Mothers are wonderful people, they must have nerves of steel and the patience of Job. Come on, boys and girls! let's all get together and shout three cheers for all mothers, wherever they may be.

PEN PALS

Lindsey Peters (11), Flat 2, 30 Victoria Street, Durban, Interests: music, reading.

A. Raghavayal (17), P.O. Box 1, Ladysmith, Natal. Interests: stamps, collecting film star photos.

Nessa Randeree (18), 52 Sydenham Road, Durban. Interests: general.

Betty Singh (18), 17 Elm Avenue, Austerville, Durban. Interests: reading, writing, sewing.

Sara Pillmeer (14), 9 Hime Street, Pomeroy, Natal. Interests: reading, needlework.

Yagambaran Moodley (18), P.O. Box 148, Ladysmith, Natal. Interests: sport.

Ramdeo Singh (15), 46 Bombay Road, Ladysmith, Natal. Interests: general.

Neela Veerlah (14), P.O. Box 35, Shepstone, Natal. Interests: sports, games, needlework, reading.

Shanlie Moodley (15), c/o Ashburton Indian School, P. Bag, Pietermaritzburg. Interests: knitting, netball. Wants girl pen pals only.

D. Rose (15), 223 Palmiet Road, Lotus Estate, Durban. Interests: reading, dancing.

VISITING U.S.S.R.

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Amy Singh, of 24 Mendia Place, Springfield, Durban, writes: "My favourite crooner was married in Beverly Hills and I went over. The night of the wedding was very windy. Someone set fire to the cane. Indians and Africans tried bravely to put out the fire. Natal Estates lorries and vans went out to bring help from other estates. The people were unable to bring the fire under control because of the many wind. Much cane was destroyed before the fire was eventually put out."

(You do get careless people flicking glowing cigarette stubs into the cane fields, Anny. You also get persons who get a lot of fun setting other people's property alight. Half a crown for your story.—Chachalaan.)

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FOREIGN PEN PALS

Mr. E. O. Olabode Alnah, age 19, 29 Glenside Street, Yaba, Lagos, British West Africa.

Master Gerard McGaull, age 12, Bridge Street, Dundalk, Co. Louth, Ireland.

Miss Victoria Sopolah, age 16, 1847 Hailey Road, Telok, Anson.

Miss Norhana Bayong, age 17, 81Ba Canal Road, Telok Anson.

YOUR STORIES

I am up to my neck in stories. Please do be patient. I cannot print all the stories at one time; but I promise you, most of them will be printed sooner or later.

FAT GIPS

Driver of antiquated car: "I'm afraid it gets a bit, I hope you don't mind."

Friend: "Not at all, I took some medicine this morning and forgot to shake the bottle."

Manager to boxer: "Go in and finish him this time."

Boxer: "I can't see him."

Manager: "Then hit him from memory."

A RAT

A small mouse was leaving home when he was stopped by a friend. "Why are you leaving home?" he enquired.

"Because I found that my father is a rat."

(Contributed by A. Kenny, P.O. Box 23, Belfair, Durban.)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—We hear of leading film stars and world-famous singers being invited to South Africa from abroad (West). They really put up good shows on the South African stages and there are always full houses. Large sums of money are paid.

But I have thought of a plan. Why don't we invite at least a pair of leading film stars from South India to perform on the South African stages in a variety show supported by our leading stage personalities.

Those who are interested should put up and see that our project sees its way through. Before we make any arrangements, I would like to hear from our readers what they have to say.

M. S. MOODLEY.



The Himalaya Hotel holds regular weekly talent contests and the winners receive valuable prizes. Our picture shows some of the entrants making strenuous efforts to exhibit their talents in order to capture a prize. Those pictured are from left to right: Mike Harder (rock-and-roll), Eddie Father in a vocal rendering of the "Hoosan Guitar" and Mike van Niekerk goes a bit "Elvis Presley."

INDEPENDENCE—GIVE ALL AID SAYS INDIA

New York: India has urged the United Nations to give all possible aid to the territories which are reaching independence.

Mrs. Maimoona Sultana, the Indian delegate, speaking in the Trusteeship Committee noted that five of these territories were due to gain independence in 1960. These are the British and French Cameroons, French Togoland, Italian Somaliland and Western Samoa, administered by New Zealand.

Mrs. Sultana said the progress these territories had made was a source of great satisfaction and the administering Powers were to be congratulated.

She politely but caustic... problems of these territories would recede, their economic and administrative problems would become of infinitely greater significance, she said.

Mrs. Sultana said independence loses some of its meaning without economic and social stability.

She said: "It is to be expected that the paternal interest of the United Nations will not cease with their accession to independence.

"We urge that the United Nations give careful consideration to the technical and financial requirements of these territories and give them all possible assistance from its resources such as the expanded programme and special fund for economic development."

Mrs. Sultana said India also considered it "most unfortunate" that little or no response" had been shown by the Administering Powers to resolutions passed by the General Assembly and the Trusteeship Council which asked these Powers to provide information on the final target date on which their territories were expected to achieve self-government or independence.

"It will be in the interest of orderly development and stability to plan these stages in advance," she declared.

"We therefore hold the view that the Administering Authorities should anticipate the pressure of events by formulating plans of political, social and economic development with dates for these planned with a view to helping to create the pre-conditions for the attainment of self-government or independence."

She said that was why India was co-sponsoring a draft resolution on the subject that was now before the committee.

Another matter of deep regret to India, she said, was that a large number of Indian-born made applications for visas to enter the Union to attend amenities ... would request the Secretary-General to look into the matter and make a list of reasons why the scholarships were not being taken advantage of.

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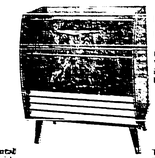
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DRAMA OF SABOTAGE AND ESPIONAGE

A drama of intrigue, sabotage, espionage, suspense and love, the ingredients which are rare in Indian films, will unfold on the screen, when the Avalon Theatre holds a special late evening preview on Saturday, December 6 at 10 p.m. of Unique Pictures' "Faraar".

Dev Anand and Geeta Bali play the pivotal roles in this highly engrossing picture, the scenes of which shift from India to Goa and back. It relates the story of a young terrorist who sabotages strategic military points and conveys on a mission entrusted to him by a foreign power.

The story hinges around Gora (Dev Anand) the young terrorist, whose bid to dynamite a military train fails and his friend, who is caught by the police, makes a confession that Gora was responsible for the incident. Consequently the police are on the hunt for the saboteur but Gora flees India and takes refuge in Goa where he meets a young nurse who falls in love with him. In order to escape the notice of the police both Gora and the nurse act as man and wife.

Soon Gora is caught up with his adventurous mission and having met a Frenchman, orders a shipload of arms to fulfil his mission. But the police, who are hot on his trail, become wise to his whereabouts and come to Goa to arrest him. The film now takes a swift and dramatic turn while espionage agents and the police become involved in a grim fight.

"The Student Prince" Returns

"The Student Prince", M.G.M.'s big musical in CinemaScope and colour, has been brought back by popular demand to be screened at the Shah Jehan from December 11 to 13.

Starring Ann Blyth, Edmund Purdom and John Ericson with the voice of Mario Lanza, this musical romance tells the story of a mythical kingdom and of a prince who goes to the University of Heidelberg to study and falls in love with a commoner. Forgetting his royal obligations the heir-apparent is about to elope to Paris with Kathie, the innkeeper's pretty niece, when unexpected complications set in. It won't be fair to reveal the outcome of the plot, but it all ends logically.

Stage and Screen by "Gitanjali"

Stage debut this month

Ranjit Kumar, who recently returned from India after appearing as an extra in several Bombay films, will make his Durban stage debut on December 20 when his dance production "Bombay Rock," a stage variety is presented at the City Hall.

Described as South Africa's own "Rock and Roll Kumar (he real title Ahmed Kamdar) will be supported by a galaxy of talented artists of Durban. The show will feature a choice of rock 'n roll dances as well as captivating eastern numbers. Ranjit's "rocking girls" will provide the highlights of this presentation.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Puzzled yours sure on Indian immigrant's husky son, with the family name of Da Re, swing Angeles bus terminal, gripping a beat-up suitcase and in search of a job.

Recently he made the second trip through the same doors — again with no success — but now with this difference: he did it the second time as a passenger star Aldo Ray, for a scene in Columbia Pictures' exciting suspense-drama "Flightfall" which is coming soon to South Africa.

Shorts from the films . . .

ABSENT FOR 28 YEARS

Twenty - eight years elapsed between actor Brian Keith's first and second appearances in movies.

He made his debut at the age of three and was promptly retired because, as he puts it, "I was such a mess in front of the camera." Then, after he had made a name for himself in television and on the stage that he returned to Hollywood, this time to stick.

Brian is currently co-starred with Beverly Garland and Dick Foran in "Chicago Confidential", a hard-hitting exposé of the vice that has infiltrated into the powerful labour unions in the U.S.A. The film, a United Artists release, will be seen in this country soon.

GARY CROSBY

Gary Crosby has been signed to star in 20th Century-Fox's forthcoming comedy "Holiday for Lovers", based on Ronald Alexander's highly successful Broadway stage play. The young actor was assigned the role following his motion picture debut in Jerry Wald's "Marjorie Morningstar", which will be seen in this country in a few weeks time.

"Holiday For Lovers", which will be filmed in CinemaScope and De Luxe colour on location around the world, narrates the story of an American soldier in love with the daughter of a middle-class businessman touring Europe.

"REQUIEM FOR A NUN"

Screen rights to William Faulkner's "Requiem For A Nun", the only stage play written by the Nobel Prize winner, has been purchased by 20th Century-Fox for production early next year.

The play, which is currently being performed in London and Paris, will be brought to the Broadway stage in January by the Theatre Guild, with whom 20th Century-Fox negotiated the film rights.

"Requiem For A Nun" marks 20th Century-Fox's third Faulkner presentation. The motion picture company earlier this year released Jerry Wald's production of Faulkner's "The Long Hot Summer", and will soon release "The Sound and the Fury", before the cameras in Hollywood.

JENNIFER JONES

Jennifer Jones, who is scheduled to appear in two forthcoming Darryl F. Zanuck productions, "Marie Magdalene" and "Count of the Night", for release in 1959 by 20th Century-Fox, has signed for three film actresses who received the highest number of votes as the most popular American film star in a poll taken at the recent World's Fair in Brussels, Belgium. Miss Jones co-starred with Rock Hudson and Vittorio De Sica in David O. Selznick production, "A Farewell To Arms", released early this year.

CLIFTON WEBB

Sight of the week in Hollywood recently, was Clifton Webb, clad in a white linen knicker suit, roller skating blithely down a back lot street for a scene in 20th Century-Fox's "The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker".

Before filming commenced, director Henry Levin suggested Webb as instructor to teach Webb to roller skate for the sequence, but this was found to be unnecessary. Clifton, it transpired, won a roller-skating contest in Holland Park in London many years ago and is still an expert roller skater.

ANOTHER SCREEN PLAY

"Time To Love and a Time To Die" was filmed on location in Lower Germany and stars Swen Sereen Lilo Pulver and John Gavin, a young Hollywood actor expected to gain acting stature of Rock Hudson, following release of the new film.

"A Time To Love and a Time To Die" will be seen in this country early in the New Year.



A pupil of the Arthur Blasall School for the Blind seen rehearsing a thabila solo recital which was given by the School when it presented "Give Us Light", a variety concert at the Bolton Hall on Wednesday.

NEW BRITISH COMEDY

"ROCKETS GALORE", the Rank Organisation's screen version of Compton Mackenzie's delightful story of life on a peaceful island — peaceful that is, until the Government decided to build a rocket base there — was shot almost entirely on location on Barra, a five-mile-by-four Outer Hebridean island which lies 100 miles off the west coast of Scotland.

Barra is an island without electricity, so power had to be brought from Pinewood Studios. Power to light the sets, power to project the rushes, even power to work the machine that dried star Jeannie Carson's hair.

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Erich Maria Remarque's classic

Author Erich Maria Remarque waited almost 30 years to make his classic pictures action debut. In 1929, the celebrated novelist was asked by Universal Studio executives to portray the starring role in his then best-selling novel on World War I, "All Quiet on the Western Front". Remarque turned the offer down and it went to Lew Ayres, an unknown film player at the time of his casting. The role made Ayres an overnight star and the film won an "Oscar" for the studio.

Now, 29 years later, Universal-International Studios has filmed Remarque's classic story of World War II, "A Time To Love and a Time To Die" and for it the internationally known author makes his film debut as the magistrate role of Professor Pohlmann.

"A Time To Love and a Time To Die" was filmed on location in Lower Germany and stars Swen screen Lilo Pulver and John Gavin, a young Hollywood actor expected to gain acting stature of Rock Hudson, following release of the new film.

"A Time To Love and a Time To Die" will be seen in this country early in the New Year.

GETS TIRED— IN BED!

"Take a rest" said director Jack Cardiff to the Herbert sons, And Lom got out of bed!

It happened on the set of "Intent To Kill" in which Lom co-stars with Richard Todd, Dawn Addams and Warren Stevens, for Twentieth Century-Fox release.

For his role in this tense, absorbing story, Lom takes on the guise of a President of a South American Republic, who is the target for three hired assassins while recovering from an brain operation in a Montreal hospital.

During most of the film he lies in bed, semi-conscious or dazed, with a heavily padded bandage on his head, and he certainly agreed with the saying that a change can be good as it was Lom.

"You get much more tired playing scenes flat on your back in bed than on your feet," he explained.

It reminded with Richard Todd, whom he recently co-starred with, in "Cockleshell Heroes".

Dev Anand's views on girls . . .

"GIRLS who are simple and natural and have a bit of personality, fascinate me most," Dev Anand, the Indian screen most handsome hero, and co-star of lovely Kalpana Kartik, one of India's top-rank actresses, and who has added also his interest in women.

And what has he to say about clothes, taking into consideration the fact he is always well dressed sports shirts from his cosmos. "But clothes do not count with men. I like female, sincere, hard working people — not people who always do or instead fail," he remarked when asked if he had others to dress as well as he did.

"For men," added Dev, "no man or woman is ugly. I say Mahatma Gandhi, described as the ugliest man of Asia," the handsomest man of our age."

About sin? "Broadly speaking," added Dev, "I recognise sin as a refusal to live up to one's ideal of satisfaction. I am sin is right and then deliberately choose to do wrong. In sin, I have learnt, you can't condemn others is a grave mistake, since condemnation even for sin and lack of criticism is an evil when recalls upon its author."

FILM SHOW FOR SCHOOL BUILDING

In an effort to raise about £9 000 to purchase land for a school building project, the Kloof Women's Institute will next week be screening the film "Call Answer" at the Kloof Town Hall on Sunday, December 21.

The screening was formed just two years ago to raise funds to building a school for the children of the community. Before this the nearest school for the children of the moment is about 60 miles away in stanvern. The committee of the society is to raise £9 000 comprised of four classrooms to accommodate 200 children. The have so far succeeded in raised £500 by way of shows and donations and another £600 is needed to complete the fund.

The film, "Call Answer," which is a clean well-made melodrama, is based on that chapter of Irish mythology which tells of Sir Galahad, one of the most pure women whom Hindus have ever worshipped, after years of quest and suffering for an ideal, is told of the slain of the glory of the Holy Grail, the symbol of Christ's blood. One of the highlights of the film is the beautiful lyrics written by Bharat Vyas and these have been rendered by Shivram. The well trained boy soprano has also been recorded Rafi, Talat Mahmud and Hemant Kumar.

The Society makes a point of not allowing children under 16 years to attend these shows unless accompanied by their parents. Tickets for the show are obtainable from any member of the committee or from the Secretary, P.O. Shallcross.

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THIRTEEN may be an unlucky number but for the members of the Fietermaritzburg branch of the National Union of Leatherworkers, the thirteenth day of this month will be marked in golden letters on the calendar. For on that date, be officially opened at 2.30 p.m., followed by ballroom dancing in the evening.

The official opening ceremony of the new building will be performed by Mr. L. Allen, secretary of the National Union of Leatherworkers (Natal area) and president of the National Industrial Council of the Leather Industry of South Africa.

But why is the building to be named the "Lotus Hall"? The answer is that the name was chosen by the officials of the local branch from the suggestions submitted by its members. It means . . .

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The Lotus is the sacred flower of India and it is associated with Saraswathi, the Goddess of Learning, and Lakshmi, the Goddess of Wealth.

In fact, the Lotus motif characterises both the interior and exterior decorations of the new building. Even the lamp shades are lotus flowers and some of the branch officials are toying with the idea of having the motif on their cufflinks.

And in the quadrangle fronting Royal Alley, a venerable guava tree will add to the beauty of the machine that dried star Jeannie Carson's hair.

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Interested bond leaders are to contact Mr. Fatty Esoop, the Organiser, P.O. Box 19, Phone 14M, Estcourt, before December 30.

To Remind You

THIS is to remind you of the end-of-term activities.

Today (Thursday) at 11 a.m., the Rev. Isaac Anthony will distribute the prizes to the successful pupils at St. Paul's Government-aided Indian School and . . .

At 2.30 p.m. this afternoon, the Bell Street Indian Girls' High School will hold their speech day at the St. Anthony's Parish Centre. The Director of Education in Natal, Dr. W. G. McConkey, will address the students and their parents and Mrs. McConkey will distribute the prizes.

At 7.30 this evening at the same venue, Mr. A. Lecture, principal of the Springfield Indian Teachers' Training College, will deliver an address to the students of Wentworth Indian High School. Mrs. Lynne will present certificates to the successful candidates after Mr. J. C. Livingstone, the headmaster, has given an account of the school's activities for the year.

And, of course, the results of the Quiz competition sponsored by this Quiz competition sponsored by this Quiz competition sponsored by this

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Marriage Notice

The marriage of Bhagirathie (Daddy), second son of Mrs. and the late Mr. S. L. Ramgobin of 46 Sir Farrell Robb Road, Clairwood, and the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bassadip, of Bassop Produce Co., Warwick Avenue, to the daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Jessie Mr. Naicker, will take place on Sunday, the December 6, 1958, at the Natal Indian Teachers' Society Hall, Cross Street, at 2.30 p.m.

Friends and relatives are asked to kindly accept this as a personal invitation.

THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Rajoo Pillay, of Seven Oaks, Natal, take this occasion to thank all their friends and relatives for their congratulatory messages and gifts on the occasion of their marriage, which took place on November 23, 1958.



GOVENDER-MOODLEY WEDDING

The marriage of Gengan (Dicky) youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Veerasamy Govender of Sezela, to Mariamai (Mummy) second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. Perumal Moodley, of Umbilidhali Farm, Umzinto, will take place on Sunday, 14th December, 1958, at the Temple Hall, Sezela.

Friends and relatives are asked to kindly accept this as a personal invitation.

Obituary



MUTHAN CHETTY

The sudden death occurred of Mr. D. Muthan Chetty, of Campbell Street, Richmond, on November 20, 1958, after a short illness. His mortal remains were buried at the Richmond Cemetery in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and five daughters and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.



MRS. S. RAMNARAIN

The death at Desai, wife of Mr. S. Ramnarain, of 89 Delhi Avenue, Marville, Durban, and mother of Mr. Ramchandra and Town Dollan School) and brother-in-law of all the Wyford Road Hospital on November 12, 1958, after a short illness. The last funeral took place on Sunday.

Her mortal remains were cremated in the Hillcrest on the on the Cato Manor Crematorium in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends.

She leaves behind her husband, 12 children, six grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

IN MEMORIAM



K. GOORSAMY NAIR: In cherished memory of my beloved husband and our dear Dad, who passed away on December 1, 1948, at the age of 56.

The love we keep in memory
Some day, some time our eyes shall see.

And that will link the broken chain,
Still closer when we meet again.
With silent tears we observe the days pass by,
But memories of you never die.
Home may forget you, none that you are gone,
But we in our heart, Dad, we never can forget them.

For you were a good man, and did good things.
Ever remembered by your loving wife, children and relatives, c/o Mohan Nair Estate, Stanger.



DEONARAIN BAHADAS (KING BAKER): In loving memory of our dear husband, who passed away on the 2nd under tragic circumstances, the night of November 28, 1956.

Gone but not forgotten,
Dear Daddy, you left us so soon,
In this vale the rabbit you,
Deep in our hearts a memory is kept,
Of one we loved and shall never forget.

Dear Daddy, we love the truth,
We love to be near you still,
We feel you are near us still,
We feel you are near us still,
We know you are watching us,
We know you are near us,
Sweet memories are all we have left us,
Sadly missed by Mother, Sons, Daughters, Sons-in-law, Daughters-in-law and Grandchildren.

Mailship arrivals

The following were among those who arrived from Bombay on the S.S. "Karanja" on Monday, 1st December, and were cleared this morning owing to medical inspection and who disembarked the docks at 8.30 a.m., writes our Shipping Correspondent.

NATAL: Hafeez and Mrs. K. Adam Cachalia, Umzinto; Mrs. M. D. Dhanjee, Durban; Mr. and Mrs. G. Koosa, Dr. Vahabh G. Koosa, Dr. Gulamjah Mansoor Khaki's Kraal; Mr. and Mrs. Hoosen M. Cachalia, Durban; Mr. Ismail Sheik Mohamed, Durban; Mr. Ismail Ghanie Mr. Ismail Sheik Mohamed, Durban; Mr. and Mrs. Ebrahim M. Seedat, Lady-smith; Mrs. A. E. Hoosly, Dundee; Mrs. Kamachie and Gangamal of H. Hoosly, Dundee; Mr. and Mrs. T. Kistnen; Master Anadan and Sobra K. C. Goonam; Mrs. Maryam Y. M. Nakhuda; Mr. Dungaram G. Bhikha; Mr. Ali Mohamed Ismail Mohamed, Durban.

TRANSVAAL: Mr. and Mrs. Jan-mohamed, Pahlat; Miss Parabhavati Pahlat; Masters Arunkumar and Jayant Pahlat; Mr. and Mrs. Ismail M. Cachalia, Pretoria; Mrs. Hajra and Miss Rehana E. Dhanji; Mr. M. Kassy; Mrs. Khatija and Miss Jahanzadia A. Mahomed, Johannesburg; Mr. M. H. Ismail Mahomed, Johannesburg; Mr. Ismail Mahomed, Johannesburg; Mr. Ismail Mahomed, Johannesburg; Mr

Battle for the biggest fish

Anglers will be toting "hook, line and sinker" in earnest at Umkomaas Beach next Tuesday when the Dimex Angling Club holds its competition for F. Maffan's trophy.

There will be special prizes for the biggest fish caught (weight to be the deciding factor), the biggest catch (total weight of day's catch) and for best cancer.

Jimmy Govender, the hard-working secretary, told that he would welcome visitors who wish to accompany the Association if they gave him sufficient notice.

High School Fixtures

The start of the summer holidays will prove to be a busy time for High School cricketers. The Natal High Schools' Sports Association has arranged the following fixtures for its annual Cricket Tournament at the Springfield Indian Sports Association.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

Clairwood v. Stanger, No. 1; S.T.C. v. Woodlands, No. 2; Sastri bye.

Tongaat v. Umzinto, No. 3; Bechet v. Verulam, No. 4; Tech bye.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Sastri v. Clairwood, No. 3; S.T.C. v. Stanger, No. 4; Woodlands bye.

Tongaat v. Verulam, No. 3; Tech v. Umzinto, No. 4; Bechet bye.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Sastri v. Stanger, No. 1; Woodlands v. Clairwood, No. 2; S.T.C. bye.

Tongaat v. Verulam, No. 3; Tech v. Umzinto, No. 4; Bechet bye.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

Woodlands v. Sastri, No. 1; Clairwood v. S.T.C., No. 2; Stanger bye.

Bechet v. Tongaat, No. 3; Tech v. Verulam, No. 4; Umzinto bye.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

Sastri v. S.T.C., No. 4; Stanger v. Woodlands, No. 3; Clairwood bye.

Umzinto v. Verulam, No. 1; Bechet v. Tech No. 2; Tongaat bye.

Saturday and/or Sunday 13 and/or December 14: A match is being arranged between a selected High Schools' XI and a representative Durban team.



Fatima Timol (right) and Thanasagaran Pillay (left), who are expected to set new records.

Natal athletic Championships

SUNDAY, December 7, at Currie's Fountain is the big day. Records are expected to tumble when top Natal athletes tussle for provincial honours and places in the team to participate in the South African Championships at King's Park Stadium on January 2, 3 and 4.

In fine fettle is Fatima Timol who is expected to smash the existing women's sprint records. She will have to be at her best, however, to beat the experienced, fleet-footed Dhanasagaran Pillay. Pillay has trained very hard and will be hard to pass. With Fatima at her best against tough competition, the large promises to be breasted in record time.

C. S. Govender (Rowhank) will be hard to put to retain his marathon crown. The gruelling Tongaat to Durban road marathon will be fought out against a group of well-trained, eager runners.

Promising juniors in the middle distances (880 yards and mile) are K. N. Pillay and Manilraj Singh of Sastri College and R. R. Naidoo (Tech). Pillay and Singh were in good form at the Sastri College Inter-House Championships. They have stiff competition in lorecwell Naidoo who is described as being a "natural."

Very keen competition is also expected in the Senior sprints. There should be a stirring fight to the finish between K. K. Moodley and M. Hanif. Hanif has been hailed as the country's best sprinter. His main difficulty at the moment is that he is a slow starter.

South Coast Cricket

South Coast Junction beat Metal Box by an innings and 108 runs at Clairwood over the week-end. Metal Box were no match and replied feebly to the overwhelming attack of the experienced South Coast Junction.

Skittling Metal Box for 37 runs, Junction bit up 190, V. Ramiah piled up 46, L. J. Narian 25, and P. Pollah 61. P. Shan gave Metal Box three precious wickets for a costly 57 runs. E. Solomon (5 for 18) and P. D. Markos (4 for 14) were mainly instrumental in stopping Metal Box at 37.

In the second innings Metal Box struggled gamely to scrape up 47 runs. This time P. Pollah did the most damage with six wickets for 16 runs. Junction added another 108 runs at close of play.

In the supporting league fixture, Clairwood drew with Reigo Wesa.

Five a side Tourney

Ottawa "A" won the Naidoo Memorial trophy in an Inter-Race five-a-side soccer tournament organised by the New Glasgow Social and Sporting Club at the New Glasgow school ground recently. The runners-up were Caneheath United who won the Crescent Floating Trophy.

The event was the club's fifth five-a-side soccer tournament and it drew a large crowd as well as attracting many teams.

RACING SELECTIONS

By AMBASSADOR

Following are my selections for Greyville on Saturday:

1st Race (five furlongs)
1 COOKIE
2 CORAL BELLE
3 DRIVEN

2nd Race (five furlongs)
1 THE FAVOURITE

3rd Race (12 furlongs)
1 HAVANOT
2 SHARASAR
3 HUSSY

4th Race (five furlongs)
1 SUNSHINING
2 DERRICAR
3 QUEEN'S BRIDGE

5th Race (five furlongs)
1 SEAWARD
2 FARLEAD
3 ALPHEUS

6th Race (11 furlongs)
1 FIVE POENTRY
2 BITTER ROOT
3 FARNA

7th Race (five furlongs)
1 MISTY SECRET
2 PEARSON
3 LORD BARRY

8th Race (11 furlongs)
1 TANKERES SON
2 NEWTON PARK
3 REMARCABLE

9th Race (11 furlongs)
1 SUNNINGDALE
2 TRENT BRIDGE
3 ST CECELIA

Sports Corner

By THE SPORTS EDITOR

Tennis championships open to all races

BEST news for a long time in local sporting circles is the decision of the South African Indian Lawn Tennis Association to allow all races to participate in its forthcoming national championships. It's time we stopped calling "deuce!" in this respect in sport.

Now let's shed the time-worn clichés and the obnoxiously obvious and look at it soberly. First let us give the Indian Tennis Association a nice, big, hearty pat on the back for its unselfish move.

What will such a move achieve? Definitely not an overnight South African brotherhood of man. Then what?

Important thing is that morally the racial stigma will be dropped. To digress a moment then why the need for an Indian Association? Search me!

The concrete achievement of cementing race relations through such a move is long-term. By that I mean it will take quite some time before something substantial can be achieved. The politicians will tell you that these things are not achieved overnight. But a foundation must be laid somewhere and this it is. That is how the Indian Tennis Association earns its pat on the back. Needless to say, the championships will be of more than usual interest to all true South Africans.

STOP RACIALISM COMPLETELY!

BUT the Indian Tennis Association and all other such associations and professional bodies must categorise racial groups first and foremost should not stop at this. They should stop racialism completely in sport. I don't mean start a revolution.

They should begin by dropping the flags such as European, Indian, African and Coloured and instead form one controlling body in each sport in each province and there should be one South African body for each sport. When I put this to a leading sports administrator some years ago he said that it was not time yet and that "things like that must be done gradually". Logical, yes! But that was many years ago.

Today it would be as illogical as the great Sandow's teachings are to modern physical culturists. Putting it simply the argument is out of date.

If ever the time was ripe" for complete racial integration in sport, the time is now!

The hard-working gentlemen behind the sporting scenes have either been schooled to tirades of vituperation or eulogised to martyrdom. It's not my intention to do either in calling upon you to heed this little bit of verse. But I will ask those gentlemen who take pride in playing non-racialism as a virtue and those who are sincere to ACT NOW!

BUSY TIME FOR BOXERS

I AM happy to see that boxers are having a busy time these days. Not only in Natal, where the "legalised murder" business is experiencing a boom in talent, promotions follow each other closely. So it is pleasing to see other soul boxing has come to stay over there. Down in Durban, City Promotions are following up Nat Moodley's pugilistic show with another outstanding programme.

That just about wound that Nat Moodley is preparing another banquet for.

BEST BEHAVED TEAM OF THE YEAR

Now did you ever? One of our contemporaries is going to be generous and awarded a prize for being the best behaved team of the 1958 Australian tour. But great news. The team is the Rawhanna Juvenile Football Club. And the organisation that initiated this novel and constructive idea is the remarkable Asherville Sports Association, of which the RamaKrishna Club is an affiliate.

I say remarkable because the Association caters for their men and women in soccer, cricket, netball and tennispoints.

The award was made at a social get-together at the Club Lotus on

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Talks By European Umpires

The South Coast Indian Cricket Union has invited Messrs. Dave Drew, R. Malan, Dave Marais and Doc Pell, the noted umpires, to deliver talks for the benefit of its players and cricketers. They will appear on Tuesday, 9th December, at 7 p.m. at the Tamil School Hall, Sir Kurma Redd Road, Clairwood.

Judging by the poor umpiring of some of our umpires and the behaviour of some of our cricketers, especially those who believe the umpire is always wrong, or always prejudiced against them, these talks could be of great help for many among us in developing the right attitude.

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Saturday, when many trophies were presented to the winners, Mr. K. K. Nair presided. Bravo Asherville!

I SHOULD have said "winking" pudding. You don't have to eat the proof leaps at your tongue.

Last week Mr. Alan Paton said: "If we produce the finest miler in the world, and he could do the mile in 2½ minutes, and his skin wasn't the right colour, he could not get to the Empire Games."

This week Mr. W. R. du Bois said: "The Kaffir should never be accepted in European athletics. I do not want them to compete at any time with the European."

This Mr. du Bois is chairman of the Rhodesian Amateur Athletic Association and he said those words after he had debarred the outstanding Northern Rhodesian, Muleya, from running against London Pirie of Britain, and Murray Halberg of New Zealand at Salisbury on December 4.

Muleya has done the mile in 4min. 30sec., barefoot! And he has smashed the existing Rhodesian three-mile record by more than 28 seconds!

Keep quiet, Mr. du Bois.

SUPPERS

SOCCERITIS really take does calling seriously, judging by the invitations I have been obliged with to attend "winding-up dinners" which average a full three course supper plus the "we've had a swell time" dissertations.

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BANANA FARMERS UP IN ARMS



The Fete organised by the M. L. Sultan Technical College drew a good response from the public. Over £500 was raised towards the College building fund and those who attended the fete were provided with many items of interest such as side-shows, stalls, jumble sales, mannequin parades and exhibition of dresses made by the students of the College. Our picture shows Miss M. Sambramoney (extreme right), a part-time student at the Tech., showing an article which she made herself.

"W. Indies Tour will be flop"

—Badat

IT is clear that members of the South African Cricket Board of Control are not in complete unanimity over the forthcoming tour of South Africa by the "Cricket Cavaliers" of the Caribbean. At least one member, Mr. M. S. Badat, the Board's patron, feels that the tour will be a flop.

Speaking at the reception accorded to the three Natalians who toured Kenya with the South African team, Mr. Badat said:

"Financial support for big matches is sadly lacking among non-European sport, in particular, as will be seen by the Kenya tour. Only 500 Europeans, paying a meagre £2½ a head, turned up at the Coloured Ground to see their own back play the visiting West Indian cricketers, let alone the 3,000 Indians who witnessed White test matches at Kingsmead.

"The West Indies team is going to be in no way better than England to entertain the West Indies. Is the tour worth it? What will we gain by it? I say nothing."

See Sports Corner on page 2(b).

The winner of the Quiz Contest is announced on page 2.

Association protested "most strongly" against the Council's intended moves to grab the rich banana land and lamented that it would "fight to the end" to safeguard the interests of farmers.

The Association pointed out to the City Council that if it had the interest of Indian housing at heart then it should forego one foot of land to be incorporated the Umhlatuzana Township, which has 700 plots, Silver Glen with approximately 1,200 plots and Kharsawan, approximately 700 plots, for the purpose.

1,000 FAMILIES

Mr. G. Thayer, Secretary of the Banana Growers' Association, told "The Leader" that over a thousand families will be deprived of their homes and livelihood if the City Council implemented its proposals.

"The Indians," said Mr. Thayer, "were the pioneers in the banana industry. By their toil, hard work and perseverance have built up one of the most prosperous farming ventures in Natal. They have contributed, and still are, in no less measure to the economy of this province, which boasts a plentiful supply of fruit and vegetables. But for the Indian banana growers and market gardeners, Natal would have been an inconvenient place for the Whites to live in. Ever since the Indians set foot in Natal, they extended their farming skill and thereby benefited the country to which they came. And after having struggled to develop their farms now comes the Council's stupid proposals which have neither logic nor any reasonable human argument that fruits and vegetables have to be moved down just to satisfy the whims and fancies of the White rulers and the White electorate."

OPPOSITION

Mr. Thayer said that any attempt by the City Council to forcibly take the land away from the farmers would be met with opposition. "We are prepared even to go to the extent of taking the matter to Court and also to ask for the sympathetic consideration of the Administrator."

Bananas form a major diet among the Europeans, Indians and Africans. Its food content is clearly evidenced by the fact that a well-known food manufacturing concern is now manufacturing baby food from bananas. The Indian banana growers not only supply the fruit, but also supply a substantial quantity to Government and Provincial institutions. If the Indians were removed from their banana growing ventures, then the province will have to rely on supplies from the Transvaal.

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Scholarships to Teachers

The Natal Indian Teachers' Society is offering a Scholarship to Indian teachers in Natal for specialist studies at an overseas institution during the year 1959-1960. The value of the Scholarship is £500 and this amount has been subscribed by all the Indian teachers in the Province over a period of two years. This effort is in addition to the voluntary donation of six per cent, from their salaries, spread over two years towards the Indian School Building Fund.

Indian teachers are also making regular contributions to the Tongaat Trade Increase Fund for the needs of the Society.

The Scholarship is offered to enable qualified and experienced teachers to attend the Advanced Course in Child Development at the University of London Institute of Education. The course is designed to give an advanced knowledge of the scientific foundations of modern practice in the education and nurture of young children below the age of 11 years, and of current research in this field. There are over 60,000 Indian children in school, and the need for specialist guidance is a pressing one.

The applications for the Scholarship closes on January 31, 1959, and must reach the Hon. General Secretary for the Natal Indian Teachers' Society, Sastri College, on or before this date. Applicants must be graduates with at least five years' teaching experience. In addition, they must possess a recognised teaching certificate or diploma.

Plan For Full Schooling

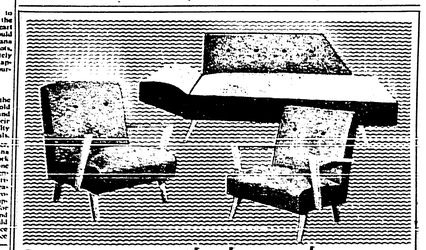
The Natal Indian Teachers' Society yesterday presented a plan to the Administrator at Executive Committee, by means of which every Indian child could be in school by 1960, the centenary of the arrival of Indians in the Province. If the plan embraces the year 1960 as well, its cost will be £923,000.

The deputation asked, as a special centenary gesture to the Indian community, that the Province subsidise the plan by 75 per cent. The Indian community will have to raise more than £30,000 as its contribution.

The deputation said Natal has there were more than 1,000 Indian children at of school. The normal intake a year was about 3,000, so that by the end of 1959 about 10,000 children would have to be accommodated.

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Sharks are the Villains

Sharks are the villains of "The Old Man and the Sea," Warner Bros.' highly acclaimed screen version of Ernest Hemingway's classic story, which will be seen in this country soon. It was director John Sturges' job to "interview" mean and hungry sharks for the picture. "I'd never dealt with such temperament before," he said. "They were worse than actors. Their teeth are sharper."

Sturges and the film-makers rounded up a score of ugly sharks and kept them wet and hungry so that they would attack the big marlin caught by the Old Man, played by Spencer Tracy.

Quiz Contest Result



Miss Zaickha Karodia, of Stanger, won the Quiz Contest sponsored by Mr. Frank Pretorius, proprietor of the Windsor Hotel, Pietermaritzburg, in conjunction with "The Leader". Hundreds of entries were received from all parts of the country, but the envelope containing Miss Karodia's correct solutions was the first to be opened. A cheque for £20 has been posted to her.

In the photograph above, Mr. C. G. Fisher, a resident of the Windsor Hotel, is seen holding the envelope containing Miss Karodia's solutions. Looking on are Mr. Frank Pretorius (right), proprietor of the hotel, and Mr. C. G. Moodley, News Editor of "The Leader" (left), with Mr. Jimmy Moodley, Catering Steward at the Windsor Hotel.

The correct solutions to the questions were: 1. Who won the Rugby Cup soccer Final played in Cape Town in November (A) S. A. All Blacks; 2. Who was the female star in the film "Anastasia"? (A) Ingrid Bergman; 3. Name the author of "The Count Jess"? (A) Nicholas Monserrat; 4. Who won the "1958 Miss World Contest"? (A) Penny Coelen; 5. Who was the first Prime Minister of South Africa? (A) General Louis Botha; 6. How old is the Prince of Wales? (A) Ten; 7. Which heavyweight boxing champion of the world was known as the "Brown Bomber"? (A) Joe Louis; 8. Who wrote "Cry the Beloved Country"? (A) Alan Paton; 9. Who is the estranged wife of Marlon Brando? (A) Anna Kashfi; 10. Which one of these men was in his early life a house-painter? (A) Adolf Hitler; 11. What name has the new Pope chosen for himself? (A) Pope John XXIII; 12. Who was known as the "Duchess"? (A) General J. C. Smuts.

SPLENDID BOXING IN MARITZBURG

Perhaps it was because the date was a lot to near Christmas that Nagan Naidoo's second non-European amateur boxing tournament, held in the Nizamia Hall, Pietermaritzburg, last Saturday night, proved a financial failure.

For all that, those people who stayed away missed some splendid fights. Fighting there was, because amateur boxers, unlike the professionals, have only three, or at the most, four rounds in which to secure a decision.

The chief bout of the evening, the Pietermaritzburg welterweight title, ended in a second round t.k.o. for Petros Hlongwane over Tommy Leonard.

Results of the supporting bouts were as follows:

Flyweight: A. Naidoo (Durban) beat Elijah Ndlovu (Pmb.) on points; Nicolas Ntsela beat Henry Gideon on a first round t.k.o.

Featherweight: Norman Smith (Springbok) beat D. Gengan (Dbn.) on points.

Bantamweight: D. Naidoo (Durban) beat S. Sewpersad (Maritzburg) on points; S. Naidoo (Dbn.) beat Nicholas Ntuli (Springbok) on points; Joe Mkize (Maritzburg) beat Bobby Moodley (Dbn.) on points.

Lightweight: Elias Nxumalo (Sobantu) beat Dennis Moodley (Dbn.) on a technical knock-out; Peter Masinga (Sportsman) beat Silas Mkize (Howick) on points; S. Mann Karrim (Sportsman) beat S. Pillay (Springbok) on points.

Mayville Captain

T. Ganas has been chosen to lead the Mayville Cricket XI against Durban at Mayville over the week-end in the Rockfontein-Wade Memorial Competition. The following is the Mayville team: T. Ganas (capt.), K. Ramsamy, S. Kashelik, Gokool Govender, T. B. Parmanan, A. G. Sookhai, Bennie Govender, Bill Govender, K. A. Reddy, V. Ramlal, S. Reddy, N. G. Moodley.

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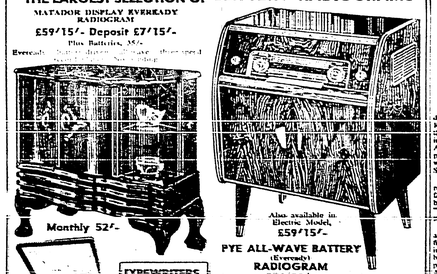
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

S.A. FILM PREMIERE

Sir,—I note, with a feeling of deep concern, that Mr. Phineas Xanderia, who claims to be one of the leading Indian film distributors in this country, together with the Avalon cinema, told the Indian public of Natal that they had a world premiere of the film "Storm on Sunday" at a late evening show.

It is not correct. This film already had its premiere in India a fortnight before, and can be verified by reading the November issue of "The Screen," a weekly film newspaper, published in Bombay.

It should really have been called a South African premiere, as this film was released for the first time in this country. But then, this can be said of all other new Indian pictures, released not only by the Avalon, but by other cinemas in Durban as well. New pictures are being released practically every week of the year in Durban, and nobody makes a song of them.

A. G. MOTARA.

Under-Secretary Appointed

NEW YORK.—Mr. C. W. Nansubuit, at present executive director of the Electricity Commission for Asia and the Far East, has been appointed Under-Secretary of the United Nations headquarters in place of Sir Humphrey Trevelyn, who has gone back to the British diplomatic service as Ambassador to Iraq.

Mr. ... will be one of the ... Under-Secretary level ... Under Secretaries for political affairs, the other being Dr. Ralph Bunche.



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THE SOCIAL WHIRL

"Wall flowers" at dance

THE Springfield Training College held its first speech day last Thursday. After the pretty speeches and the presentation of prizes, the students flung aside books and inhibitions as they let themselves go at a gay "do" in the college hall. The boys took their girls and for the first time they had a band in attendance. Still, "wall-flowers" were very much in attendance — some on pot luck future teachers show their way, let's have more of you in the floor.



MOODLEY—NAICKER WEDDING

The marriage of Sreeharivasan (Sonny), eldest son of ... and Mrs. M. Govindasamy Moodley, and grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Muthusamy Moodley of Wellesbrae, Cavendish, to Suseethambal, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Chinsamy Naicker and grand-daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. Moonsamy Naicker of Stella Hill, will take place on Sunday, December 14, 1958, at the Bolton Hall, Albert Street, Durban. Friends and relatives are kindly asked to accept this as a personal invitation.

TO SEE SISTER IN INDIA

MR. MUTHUSAMY PILLAY, of Ellingham, Umkomaas, is leaving for India to fulfil a heart-warming ambition. He is going to see his sister in Mysore State. His sister, Tamilmaman, left Natal 22 years ago.

Mr. Pillay will be leaving by the S.S. Taipingo. From India he intends to tour various other places of interest, Bon-voyage, and a happy reunion, Mr. Pillay.

Loganathan Moodley, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Moodley, of 445 Berg Street, Pietermaritzburg, and son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Moodley, of Moodley's Trading Stores, 171 Coedmore Road, Bellair, was a year old on December 1.



Congratulations Naidoo, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Balakrishnan Naidoo, grandson of the well-known singer, the late Mr. and Mrs. L. Chinnappa Naidoo, formerly of Kingsmead, and Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Naidoo, of Chatsworth, celebrated his first birthday on November 30, 1958, at his residence, 585 25th Avenue, Umbilo-area Township, amongst a large gathering of friends and relatives.



Shirin, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cassim, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bulbulia, of 23 Cyprus Road, Cavendish, celebrated her second birthday on November 28, 1958.



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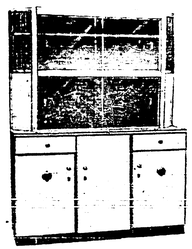


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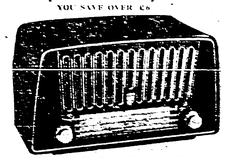
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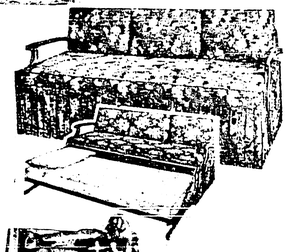
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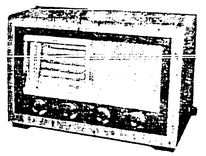
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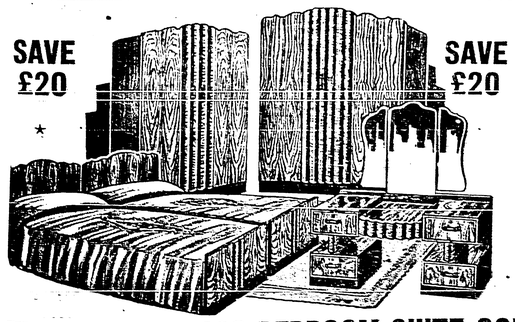
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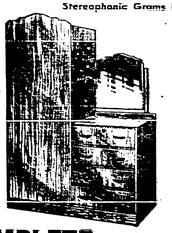


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SPRINGFIELD PRINCIPAL WARNS STUDENTS

SOUNDING a note of warning that a community was often judged, not by its best products, but by its weakest link, Mr. A. Levine, principal of the Springfield Teacher-Training College, told the students of Woodlands Indian School that their conduct was the yardstick with which the Indian community of Pietermaritzburg will be measured. He was speaking at the school's first public prize-giving and speech day last week.

Mr. Levine, however, qualified his warning by saying that it applied to children of all races. But the boys from Woodlands High School, particularly those who matriculate, will have the opportunity to move outside their community, as it were, to university and to the world of business and industry. "There you will come in daily contact with Europeans who will judge all Indians by your conduct," he said.

"This is an age of generalisations, because generalisations require no thought. Let a man who is not scrupulously fair and open-hearted have dealings with anyone belonging to another race who possesses similar weaknesses and at once, all the members of that race are condemned. The honesty, energy and reliability of the 99 per cent count for nothing against the weakness of the one per cent!" added Mr. Levine.

Many of the boys who will be leaving school will, however, be unfortunate in the sense that they may not be proceeding to university, the Springfield Teacher-Training College, or even find employment with Europeans.

To those boys Mr. Levine made an appeal not to be despondent, and not to remain idle. "For nothing destroys a person more quickly and more surely than idleness. It destroys the very soul." It was to their advantage to create employment. They possessed the skills and ability which, could be directed into useful channels, he concluded.

ALTERNATES

Delivering his annual report, the headmaster of Woodlands High School, Mr. J. C. Livingstone, said that at the beginning of last year, Latin had been introduced as an alternate for Afrikaans, for those boys who had had little or no tuition in Afrikaans before entering Standard VII. The first Latin class has just written the Junior Certificate examinations and the results were being awaited with interest.

Bookkeeping will be re-introduced into Standard VII next year as an alternative to History on a limited basis. This is being done for the benefit of those boys who are not likely to remain in school beyond the Junior Certificate.

Mr. Livingstone emphasised, however, that those boys who intended going through to the Senior Certificate with a view to training as teachers, or going to University, to take History.

Directing his remarks to the parents, Mr. Livingstone told them that, through no fault of their own, they were not familiar with the requirements of high school work. That the standard and the curriculum was far in advance of the primary school, and that many of them and their sons did not realise that the happy, care-free days of no homework and little effort were things of the past.

The step-up from Standard VI to Standard VII was a big one. Much greater demands were made on the boys' time and effort, Mr. Livingstone's advice to parents was:

To provide their children with facilities for studying in good light and under quiet conditions.

To make their children do their homework, at least two hours, five days a week.

To encourage them to put in the necessary time and effort. Not to let their children run errands.

To get all the books necessary within the first two weeks of the start of the school term.

Lack of books causes waste of time, of the teacher, of the class and of the boy concerned.

Dealing with extra-curricular activities, Mr. Livingstone said that the school had entered one team in the M.D.U. Cricket Union and four teams in the M.D.U. Football Association. The school playgrounds were, unfortunately, much too small to provide facilities for these games and the school is indebted to the City Indian Sports Association for making available the use of their grounds for practising the week.

WON DUX PRIZE

Mohamed Yusuf Dhat was the head boy of the school, but Vilwanathan Pandian, Subroyen Chooroo, after which Mrs. Levine presented the prizes to the following candidates:

Standard VIII: 1, Biscoosing Harryparsad; 2, Doraisamy K. Padrayachee; 3, Perumal K. Padrayachee; Balram Harilall and Selvanachee Moodly (proxime accessit).

Std. VII: Farouk Jassat; 2, Umangilal Gheia Narsa; 3, Ivor Gerhamm Naidoo; 4, Ebrahim Hadjee and Bala Naidoo (tie); Sevanandan Oman (good progress).

Std. VI: 1, Mahendra Bipath; 2, Chiman Ramjee; 3, Alan Reddie; 4, Manekilal Lalloo.

Composite Trophy: Sastri House.



The principal of the Springfield Indian Teacher-Training College, Mr. A. Levine and, Mrs. Levine were caught by our cameraman with Mr. J. C. Livingstone, principal of Woodlands Indian Boys' High School, Pietermaritzburg, when Mr. Levine arrived in the city last week to deliver his oration to the students.

St. Paul's Prize-Giving

St. Paul's Government - aided Indian school, which was founded in 1881, was one of the oldest schools in the Province. He himself had received his early education there and, today, as vicar to the Parish of St. Paul's, he was proud and happy to distribute the prizes, said Rev. [illegible] Anthony, who was announced the progress and conduct of the pupils during the parents last week.

Mr. Anthony recalled that, from a raw brick building under an iron roof situated in George Street, the present magnificent structure in Longmarket Street, was built through the generosity of the late Miss Esther Payne-Smith. And now through the generosity of the public, extra classrooms were being built. These classrooms were expected to be ready when the new term begins in January, and then, St. Paul's will figure among the largest schools in the country.

After the Rev. Father A. F. White, the school grantee, and Bishop Ferguson-Davie (retired) had added their congratulations, both priests and the Rev. Anthony were given gifts of pulpteriae in recognition of their work for the school. Mrs. Anthony was presented with a bouquet.

Opportunity was also taken of the occasion to bid farewell to [illegible] who is a newcomer of the teaching staff. Miss T. Reddy, who has been transferred to Stanger.

Thereal Chetty won the Dux trophy and special prizes were awarded to Dhereal Chetty and Dhanwatie Chibba. Khan, Selvaraj and Everad Christian.

It was who won the Dux prize. Other special awards were won by Peter Michael Savary (general progress), Kenneth A. David (general conduct), Balnath Ramdhani (English and Afrikaans), Ebrahim B. Hadjee (science) and Goolam H. Joglat (public speaking).

Kenneth Michael John came first in Standard IX with Prem-chand Kanaye and Loganathan Krishnasamy being [illegible] for position. Rathilal Joglal and Jack Govender won prizes for good progress.

The function was opened with a prayer said by Rev. A. J.

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR

by The Fakir

LAST night I met and talked with a group of young people who are doing something unique in South Africa. Mainly students, they don't make a beeline for home and hoopla as soon as examination fever ceases. Instead they get together in what they aptly call work camps. They always camp near work-sites, chosen because some welfare organisation or the other needs their help.

By day they pitch in and work, digging trenches, clearing building plots, pulling up structures. They may not have much technical skill, but they have the will and they find the energy. And somehow, they get things done.

PICK AND SHOVEL

THE group I met are at the moment busy putting in voluntary work for the David Laidlaw Community Centre in Durban. Whether it's the pick or the hoe, the shovel or the paint brush, they work with gusto. And so they had been working that day too. Mrs. Faker and I were asked to have food with them and we were glad we were along. It did good to these ageing bones to be in such youthful, uplifting company. They belong to the Work Camps Association, a multi-racial body having affiliations with UNESCO. Their aim is to promote inter-racial cooperation and harmony by getting together and working together for some worthwhile common cause. There is built up a common bond. There is awakened an awareness of each other as individuals, as persons; not as racial stereotypes.

I'm sure that while those young people do others good, each of them also benefits from common fellowship with others. By the very act of comparing blisters, claiming his share of sweat, by the very mingling of the smell of honest toil.

THE PEOPLE

THERE was the Work Camps Association Secretary, Patricia Shepherd, a demure young woman who is bookkeeper-librarian at Natal University and Yusuf Young, son of Nadoo, son of Durban's L. A. of Nadoo, a student at Rhodes and Natal University College at which he is a lecturer [illegible] sensibly put away his [illegible] smokily smelly pipe in the face of the stern Fokkine starch. And who has been branded Mark Boulle, his B.Sc. finals, is eagerly looking forward to starting his much-envied job as beer-taster in a brewery.

Then there was Bron Duchen, also a student at Rhodes. Neville O'Reilly who'd been counting cars there in after supper apparently heavy with eye-strain. And beer-ed a saintly eye on them all was Ivan Tiepet, who is organiser and a lot more of the David Laidlaw Centre. Rookmanie and Johnny Naidoo brought in and served the [illegible] and your scribe was nearly bowled over.

MAIN theme of the discussion after supper was the contribution that can and is being made by youth to promote the common weal. And as young people, especially students would, conversation ranged round a wide variety of topics.

Their material contribution so far could be measured by the Newlands Community Centre building which they and others like them put up in July. And by work they did at a Mission Station in Zululand last year. But it is perhaps in the non-material direction that their greatest contribution lies. By meeting, together, working together, eating, living together, they give the lie to the assertion that White and Black cannot live in equality as well as in amity. They explode Hoer Verwoerd's non-sensical dogma that contact breeds friction. On the contrary, they prove that equal status contact can lead to co-operation and harmony.

DID YOU REMEMBER

IN case you forget, last week was the seventy-first anniversary of the dramatic treason trial arrests.

CAVITY

A MORON is a man who, when he opens his mouth, displays the dirty cavity where the brain should be.

NEHRU'S WIFE

EVERY year half a million people die of TB in India. Did you know that Jawaharlal Nehru's wife, Kamala, died of TB in a Sanatorium in Switzerland. Pandiji never re-married, and makes regular pilgrimages to Switzerland. The poet Keats was also a TB victim.

Lucien writes from India

BROTHER LUCIEN, the "Indian" of the South African white Hindi, is now in South India, the land of temples and spiritual giants. After having extensively travelled Bombay, he is presently in Bangalore at the Ashtabhanda Mutt, where he is busy studying Tamil and Hindi.

In a letter he says "I have launched boldly into the practise of Yoga and have thus far met with encouraging success in all three of these undertakings."

Brother Lucien expects to remain at this Mutt for at least another two months. By that time he has gained sufficient knowledge of the two languages and attained what he hopes to obtain in the practise of Yoga. He will then move on to the Ramakrishna Ashram where he will remain here forever and do not know where I will be going next," he added.

Goodwill Visit

MONROVIA.—Hopes for continued good relations between India and Liberia were expressed on the occasion of a State banquet held recently in honour of Mr. B. K. Kapoor, India's High Commissioner to Ghana, who was on a goodwill visit to the Republic of Liberia.

The banquet was attended by the President of Liberia, the Chief Justice, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Members of Government and Diplomatic Corps besides other distinguished persons of Monrovia, the capital.

Helps Indian seaman

Mr. M. Desbakh, a self-appointed welfare officer to the visiting Indian seamen in Durban, has been busy during the past few weeks while Durban harbour was in a state of congestion with the arrival of ships from all parts of the world. He arranged daily itineraries around the city for the Indian crews of these ships, and also organised cultural evenings where renowned singers and musicians from among the crews exhibit their talents.

Apart from visits to [illegible] and several speakers to address gatherings at the Arya Samaj, Cato Manor, and one of these was Pandit Kamal Kishore Tiwari, from the ship Clan Morrac. He spoke on the Hindu Sannyasis and outlined its philosophic contents.

Winding up his talk, the Pandit said that he was glad to note that the religious heritage of the Hindus was being kept alive by organisations such as the Arya Samaj. He assured the gathering that he would convey these tributes to India and [illegible] good wishes and its endeavours to keep alive the traditions of the modern counter

Woman's great Red Cross Record

Mrs. M. V. Moodley, a Port Elizabeth Red Cross Commandant, who has now settled in Durban for the past year, has extended her activities in this international organisation by training 35 pupils of the Umgeni Government Indian School in the Junior Detachment of the Society.

The pupils entered their Junior and third stage examinations in Home Nursing successfully, with one girl being awarded the Silver Medal. The girls who entered these examinations ranged from the ages of 12 to 19 years.

While in Port Elizabeth, Mrs. Moodley, who has seen service with the Red Cross Society for 18 years, was its Commandant for the Indian, Moslem and Coloured Detachments. She has performed her duties with sacrifice, love and honour which symbolises the Red Cross emblem.

A Gold Medallist herself, Mrs. Moodley is a keen social worker and takes part in humanitarian activities. In Port Elizabeth she was the first convenor and President of the Cancer Fund, Indian section, a Committee member of the Women's Sports Club and also a member of various welfare bodies.

Although she has a family to look after, Mrs. Moodley still intends to pursue her ambition, to take a course in midwifery. Until her departure to Durban, she had been doing private nursing for over eight years at a private nursing home.

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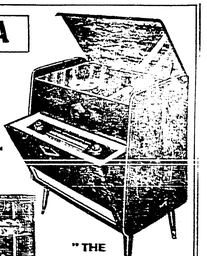


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MESSAGE OF THE STARS
BY "SHASTRI"

The Wheel of Fortune for December 12 to 18 for people born under the twelve Solar Zodiac signs are as follows:

Aries-Mesha (March 21 to April 20): Speculative luck will vary a lot. Happiness and pecuniary gain, but there is indication of losses and high expenditure. Avoid financial risks and carnal expenses. Good days, December 12, 17; bad 14, 18.

Taurus-Vrisha (April 21 to May 22): A turning point for the better from the business, career and financial angle. Deal carefully with domestic servants and matters concerning financial transactions. Good days, December 13, 16; bad, 14, 18.

Gemini-Mithuna (May 23 to June 21): In planning your business and personal finances, do not count too much on being able to raise money or dispose of present assets quickly to good advantage. Exercise extra discretion and be cautious in all your affairs. Good days, December 12, 14; bad, 13, 16.

Cancer-Karka (June 22 to July 22): Avoid becoming moody, introspective and rather too critical. Do something to freshen yourself up, and stimulate new interests for the best. Do not brood on the past. Good days, December 12, 15; bad 13, 17.

Leo-Singh (July 23 to August 22): From financial angle it will be slightly dull and expenses to meet will be heavy. Handle your affairs with reasonable shrewdness and attend personally to your important matters. Good days, December 13, 16; bad, 14, 17.

Virgo-Kanya (August 23 to September 22): There is possibility of minor changes and upheavals both at work and home. It is best to act tactfully and avoid impulsive and hasty actions. Good days, December 12, 14; bad, 13 to 16.

Libra-Tula (September 23 to October 22): Financial and career prospects will be fairly bright. Be financial matters with firmness and keeping expenses down as far as feasible. Good days, December 13, 16; bad, 14, 18.

Scorpio-Vrischika (October 23 to November 21): This week denotes progressive trends in your affairs and it is up to you to take advantage of this. Be cautious in matters connected with domestic and social affairs. Good days, December 12, 17; bad, 14, 18.

Sagittarius-Dhan (November 22 to December 22): You will find it possible to ease off quite a bit and take life at a more leisurely pace than has been possible recently. Handle your affairs correctly. Good days, December 12, 17; bad 15, 18.

Capricorn-Makar (December 23 to January 20): Meeting of old friends, long pleasant journeys, gain and fairly good prospects are indicated for many people here under this sign during this week. Good days, December 13, 17; bad, 14, 18.

Aquarius-Kumbha (January 21 to February 19): Your strong companions, business and work associates will begin to adopt a much more encouraging attitude. You may be given some support in carry through some of your ideas and projects. Good days, December 17, 18; bad, 12, 13.

Pisces-Meena (February 20 to March 20): Pecuniary gain and pleasure. In business, you will find competition keener, and avoid risky ventures. Handle financial matters with care. Good days, December 13, 16; bad, 14, 17.

THE GOOD DAYS

For business generally, December 12. Collecting debts and dues, December 13. Serious unusual documents, December 12. Family questions, December 13. Appointment with medical adviser, December 12. Speculations, December 13. Seeking employment, December 12. Planting or sowing crops that yield fruits above the ground, December 16 to 17.

Stormy and rainy weather is expected about December 14 to 16.

The lucky numbers to try on 'X' turf on December 13 are: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 or 10, 12, 14, 16, 18. Lucky colour: Blue, green, red and Mud days.

READER'S QUERY

Question, Maritzburg (name), "R.S." asks: "I want to enter a new house and will be very pleased to know which is the best day and time. I have been given different dates and times by different Pandits and much confused which to accept as December 10 to 13 is said to be bad days.

Answer: According to (illegible) Jotish the good day for your birth Nakshatra in December 12 between 9.13 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. at the time Kumbha Lagna is rising, Shani and Guru are in favourable places, viz., 11th and 8th house. The dates given to you are without suspicious Nakshatras for entering a new house and falls in a distinctive period from the Nakshatra occupied by the Sun (per Kumbha Chatrasi).

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There was a great desire in the subjugated territories of Africa to escape from the bonds of slavery into freedom, Africans would continue to fight for their freedom, he said.

Mr. Ephraim added: "Independence cannot be withheld today from African as and to get what the West said from Africa it will have to set out some system of economic cooperation with independent African Governments as the days of the old mercantilist police, which is mostly colonies an source of raw materials and as market for finished goods, are gone."

The meeting was also addressed by the Ambassadors of Egypt and Ethiopia, the Charge d'Affairs of Indonesia, the Vice Consul Guinea, representatives of the Algerian National Liberation Front in India.

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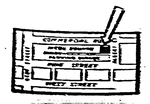
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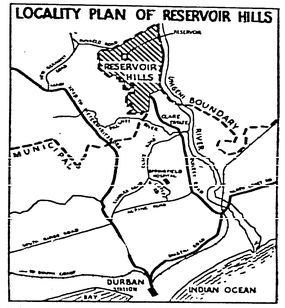
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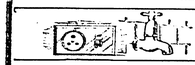


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"The Leader" Editorial

Really Serious Appeal To World Needed

AGAIN the South African Press has to chronicle an act of legalised banditry—and let us hope that the Press of the whole world will record it too. For by proclamation in the Government Gazette, all Indians living in Klerksdorp are directed to move, within five years, to an Asiatic quarter situated 4½ miles from the centre of the town.

There have been Indians in Klerksdorp almost as long as there have been Europeans—and some Indian families and businesses have been there longer than many European families and businesses have. This fact makes this most recent of the evil fruits of that foul tree the Group Areas Act all the more iniquitous. But even if the Indians were unwanted immigrants of only a year or two's standing, this proclamation would still be abominable.

No Mistake

For let there be no mistake about it, one main move behind the proclamation is to rob the Indian for the sake of the European trader—and, of course, for the sake of the Nationalist Party, which may expect some grateful votes from those whose business competitors have been destroyed by Nationalist politicians—many of whom, incidentally, may indirectly benefit in their own pockets from this act of licensed robbery.

The other main motive, of course, is to reduce the Indians of South Africa to complete economic servitude, the better to keep them in that state of total impotence to which Afrikaner Nationalism is determined to reduce them.

Extravagant Words

These may seem extravagant words to some. For after all, Nationalism is very subtle, very skilful, in disguising its intentions. Or not perhaps in disguising them—for the whole world is aware of them—but in dressing them up in such a way that what all the world knows to be true cannot be actually proved against it. It does not pass laws which say that all Indian property shall be confiscated; it does not say that Indians shall be forbidden to trade: it does not say that Indians become outlaws. No, it simply assigns particular areas to Indians—taking good care that those areas are so situated that Indians will lose nearly all, if not all, their trade with patrons who do not belong to their own race. The result must be economic ruin for the great majority of Indian traders. And since, by accident of history, the Indian traders are almost the only well-to-do Indians in South Africa, the inevitable result—which is the intended result—must be the deliberate degradation of the whole Indian community.

Serious Appeal

When will some wealthy Indian, realising exactly how great the threat to his whole people is, finance a really serious appeal to world opinion on this iniquity? Something more is needed than formal appeals to authorities outside South Africa—and, of course, appeals to authorities inside South Africa are useless. What is needed is something which will be adequately and accurately documented and yet will speak directly to the hearts and minds of ordinary people everywhere—and which neither Mr. Louw nor the State Information Office will be able to explain away.

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Merebank Buses—offer to remedy the situation

Following the recent agitation against the Indian owners operating buses on the Merebank and the other adjoining routes for an improvement in their services, a challenge is apparently being thrown out by an individual if the bus owners do not remedy the situation quickly, he is prepared to put six brand-new buses— all of them 1958 models with steel bodies and conditioned seats — on the road within 14 days if the present bus operators give him a chance to do so, thus ensuring a regular, punctual and efficient bus service to cater for the 20,000 or more residents in these areas.

The "Leader" was given to understand this from Mr. R. C. Naidoo, managing director of the Stella Hill Bus Services, which, at the moment, has a fleet of five modern buses serving the Stella Hill route.

Mr. Naidoo told the "Leader" that he was prepared to run special buses for the school children both in the mornings and in the afternoons. The vehicles will run over routes strictly on time schedule and late time the night will be 11.30. The present service terminates at about eight o'clock. This worker will have to [illegible] to work in order to get to the bus owners to improve their services," Mr. Naidoo added.

"I know," continued Mr. Naidoo, "that the owners would object to my running my buses on these routes on the grounds that they do not want an outsider to encroach on their preserves. But what amazes me is that the owners are not only not prepared to improve their services but at the same time adopt a dog-in-the-manger attitude in not allowing others, with more progressive ideas, to serve the residents."

Mr. Naidoo said that the buses he was particularly interested in lending his services to Merebank was that a few thousands of pounds in Pennsylvania, have now sailed to the area. "We do not want men


R. C. NAIDOO

who are out to exploit the people, but men who are prepared to put up with an occasional loss to suit the whims of a bus owners," Mr. Naidoo added.

When told of Mr. Naidoo's intention of serving them with a new bus service, residents of the area expressed their delight, stating that Mr. Naidoo was always known to have given them a good service while they were in Pietermaritzburg.

"Commercial" housing scheme by Council

The City Council's intention to expropriate Indian-owned land at Merebank for the development of an Indian housing scheme was described as "nothing but a commercial scheme" to make money out of the poor people by way of annual rentals, by Mr. S. Ramsunder, Secretary of the Merebank Co-ordinating Committee, when he spoke at a mass meeting of ratepayers of Merebank last week at the Merebank school hall.

"It will take umpteen years before the City Council could ever develop the area and in the meantime it will be collecting yearly rentals from the poor people to whom it would lease out the land," he added.

Briefly outlining the case of the Council's expropriation moves, Mr. Ramsunder said that it had come as a "complete" shock to find that the Council now intended to acquire land where there was no immediate need. "This move on the part of the City Council can only mean one thing, and that is to make our people a heathen community. The Council would then become owners and would charge rentals.

He said that this process would go on for many years and by the time the land would be actually required for housing developments, "very doubtful though," the people would have paid back to the Council the purchase price and will now get.

"There is no logical reason," Mr. Ramsunder added, "for the Council [illegible] when there [illegible] have not started building houses on the areas contemplated for immediate development. In this area the full completion of the Council's programme will take about 20 or 30 years. In the meantime, surely it would be fair to leave them people alone, and let them carry on their normal lives as they have [illegible]."

Mr. R. G. Pillay, Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee, called on people to be prepared to suffer by way of finance so that when the moment arrives they could obtain the services of a Council to fight the Council's threat. "You must be solid and united and act as one man when the time approaches to show our mettle to the authorities," he said.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—I read an article in "The Leader" dated December 4 about "Merebank Bus Service Enjoyed Meeting".

We residents of Merebank were not at all aware of such a meeting and most probably the meeting was at the residence of the Secretary of Buspassholders, or the Indian Railway Passenger Welfare Association.

What this meeting here you much publicity I am sure a large number of bus users would have been present and given vent to their feelings and sometime or other would have been able to [illegible] advantage. It is a shame [illegible] a meeting which should the Indian bus owners to [illegible] to comply with the demands of the people. The next thing is to persuade the Municipal authorities regarding their transport.

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The Hon. Mr. R. Feetham speaking at the opening of the hostel for non-European cripple children. Seated on the left is Mr. F. Leslie-Smith, M.P.C., the Hon. D. C. Shepstone and the Mayor of Pietermaritzburg, Mr. C. B. Downes.

Home for non-European crippled children and adults

HAVING built a home for non-European cripples at Edendale, it is was up to the public and the Province to assist to maintain it, said Mr. D. C. Shepstone, the former Administrator, when he laid the foundation stone at the home, Kwa Hlengabantu, on Saturday.

The home, built by the Natal Provincial Executive Committee, of the Association, and they it was now see that these are more being for their sake, he said. Perhaps now the Bantu would know that there was a hard core of European who realised that something like segregated treatment should be afforded the Bantu also.

Mr. Shepstone said that Kwa Hlengabantu meant "a home for the rehabilitation of the Bantu." It was a complimentary institution to the great Edendale Hospital.

Mr. Richard Feetham, president of the Association, said that a Provincial grant of £12,000 on the £ for £ basis that allowed the Association to go ahead with the home. Various other organisations had also donated money for the building.

MORE MONEY

However, a further £10,000 was required to install equipment, and he appealed to the public to aid the Association so that the home could begin its humanitarian work fully equipped.

Mr. Rupert Shreeves, president of the Rotary Club of Pietermaritzburg, handed Mr. Feetham a cheque for £1,000 for the orthopaedic home.

Mr. Shreeves said that the money had been collected by Rotary members for the Edwin Reid Memorial Fund, a fund honouring the late Rotarian Reid, which was to be used for the establishment of a home for cripples.

Special film show for photographers

The Durban International Photographic Society will close its year of successful advancement with a film show of special interest and value to amateur and professional photographers.

The films will deal with the technique of photography, printing, developing and colouring. The programme is expected to last about two hours and Mr. R. Pegie will provide the necessary commentary.

Members of the public are specially invited to attend the show at the International Club, 341 Pine Street, Durban, on Monday, December 15, at 7.30 p.m.

The Society has recently established a dark room with an enlarger where the members have been given regular lectures twice a week on all branches of photography. Next year a panel of experts will lecture to members on specialised subjects.

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find that time is all to short and a year does not be be done.

The first essential is that the Centenary Committees must—as most prominent South Africans from among the other committees, have names such as Allan Paton, Alfred Duma, Denis Hurley and other like-minded persons immediately come to mind.

That is the first point. When the Committees have constituted themselves properly, then they may set about their task of making the Centenary of the arrival of the very Indian settlers in such a manner befitting the occasion.

SOUTH AFRICAN CENTENARY WORTHY OF COMMEMORATION.

Candid Commentary . . . by Politicus

THE CENTENARY MUST BE A WORTHY COMMEMORATION

THE Indian Centenary Committee in Durban has put off its conference for some unaccountable reason. But the real reason is not far to seek. It is that the President of the Committee, Dr. G. M. Naicker, is debarred from attending meetings in terms of the conditions laid down by the Treason Court, and the Chairman, Mr. P. R. Pather, is away in India on a holiday visit.

The two key men being absent, the Committee finds itself somewhat handicapped. But therein lies the inherent weakness of the Committee. The same people who have their fingers in many other pies" are called on to share the main burden of the Centenary Committee.

The difficulties of calling the long-awaiting conference appear to be, therefore, purely organisational. There is, of course, a good deal of apathy also. One may, however, expect the Committee to come to the saddle on the eve of the Centenary when many will be sitting on the Committee would like to figure in the limelight.

But this is no petty function or [illegible] which can be [illegible] and [illegible] is called to organise. Time is short. If people are not [illegible] strive elected to the Committee purely for the sake of cheap publicity, it is time they were told to [illegible] It is time they were told to get down to the task entrusted to them.

Which brings one to the main question. Is the Centenary going to be turned into to cheap circus or demonstration, or is it going to be (what it deserves to be) an occasion for taking stock, a time for honouring those that have laboured and given their lives in the struggle of the community during the 100 years, and an opportunity for finding a proper place for the community in the history of this all-in-a-young country?

What is to be the emphasis? Is the fact that Indians have completed 100 years in South Africa purely a matter of simply putting a date in our history books, or sharing some MITHAI with our friends and neighbours?

Is there any other significance attaching to the Centenary? It is an occasion for celebration. Yet perhaps the word "celebration" is out of place. One should rather want to think of the Centenary as a time for commemoration and a time for dedication.

[illegible] must be allowed to degenerate into an occasion for mammon [illegible] and for the holding of fire-work displays and the like.

But even on the highest level on the Committees seem to be in Durban and Pietermaritzburg, there appears to be no agreement about what the "celebrations" must be.

In Pietermaritzburg, for instance, a hospital has been mooted. But Durban Indians think that the hospital should be for "Indians only" and not for Africans. And there is room for doubt on such a simple question.

Of course, there must NOT be a hospital for Indians only. South an institution would merely be evidence of the community's narrow-minded and exclusive preoccupation with itself.

It is time the community got beyond thinking in terms of "self." The Centenary must be made an occasion for establishing once for all what Islam is to be South Africans live and South Africans [illegible].

Whatever form the "celebrations" take, they must be organised on the widest possible multi-racial platform.

Our fellow South Africans, African, White and Coloured, must be asked to join with us in commemorating the occasion, and if any hospitals or schools or monuments are to be built, let these be built for all, or not at all.

We may expect the Government to turn an unsympathetic blind eye to the commemoration of our Centenary. As a matter of fact, with any other kind of Government, the Centenary would be an occasion for official commemorations. So it is that the occasion has to be marked by voluntary, publicity-organised effort.

If the organisers set about their task with a will, and approach their work on a serious mood, they will

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Around the Capital

WITH C. G. MOODLEY

SCHOOL TEACHERS throughout the Province sighed with relief when, at high noon last Friday, their young charges, emitting deafening whoops of joy, trooped out of school to begin their summer holidays. Hundreds of these children may not return when the schools re-open on January 20, but they will be thrust willy-nilly into earning a living in a strange world. The teachers themselves laid down their red pencils after marking the last of the examination papers on Tuesday this week.

For one, too, the event was has been rather a memorable one, what with covering the various school end-of-year functions, the draw for the Quiz Contest sponsored by Mr. Frank Pretorius, proprietor of the Windsor Hotel, in conjunction with this newspaper, the laying of the foundation stone at the Home for non-European cripples, and other odds and ends which appear elsewhere in this issue.

This weekend gives promise of another busy and exciting time, but more of that anon.

Headmasters of some Indian schools in the city and its environs forbore this year from holding their prize-giving functions of their own. The other schools carried on as usual and Woodlands High came into the limelight with their first public speech day.

The young people of St. Paul's staged a Nativity play and sang Christmas Carols on Wednesday night last week and next morning 518 pupils, including 120 children from the pre-primary school, their teachers and parents, crowded into a hall that was meant to hold only about half that number to shower their congratulations on the fortunate few who had won prizes.

And my word! Wasn't the heat oppressive. For an hour we wilted in that crowded hall with the mercury soaring into the hundreds and then, in the afternoon, we wilted for another hour in the St. Anthony's Parish Centre for the Indian Girls' High School's speech day.

Then the storm broke. Although that freak of nature damaged countless gardens that lay in its path and caused many accidents, it brought welcome relief from the heat and



MR. R. D. NOBIN

made conditions a little more pleasant for the Woodlands speech day on the same hall.

Now let's digress for a moment, as St. Paul's on Thursday morning I noticed with interest that the boys' uniforms consisted of black blazer and grey flannels while the girls were dressed in maroon skirts with white blouses to match.

Quite pleasing to the eye, but what caught my attention was that the uniforms many of the prize-winners were wearing had been darned or were threadbare.

No, no, I am not criticising, but it was obvious that, although the parents of those children could ill afford to do so, they went out on giving their sons and daughters an education.

What spirit!

Misfortune

OPPORTUNITY was also taken of the occasion to bid farewell to one of the teachers, Miss Tholsie Reddy, who has been transferred to Stanger.

In a bright little speech charged with emotion, Miss Reddy expressed her gratitude to her confreres and their pupils for the touching farewell that they had bidden her and in their gift of a painting will be enshrined happy memories of her nine years' stay at St. Paul's. She regretted having to leave them, but there was a time and place for everything.

Late the next afternoon Miss Reddy was shocked to hear that her motor had been involved in an accident with a motor car while she was crossing the upper end of Church Street towards her home in Deane Street.

Miss Reddy was conveyed in an ambulance to the Edendale Hospital, where she was found to be suffering from a fractured leg and pelvis.

Miss Reddy, your former colleagues, pupils, friends and I join in wishing your mother a speedy recovery.

To digress again. Another two local teachers who have been transferred are Mr. Ned Govender and Mr. Dickie Govender. Ned has been promoted from the Bulwer and Maharaj school to the headmastership of Woonee Indian School and Dickie is promoted from the city's Islamia School to be headmaster at Bergville.

Congratulations. But wait a moment, Ned Govender and Dickie Govender are brothers-in-law. Quite a coincidence that these close relatives should be posted to farm schools within a short distance of each other.

Maybe their wives wangled the transfers so that each could keep an eye on her brother!

Let's digress again. Whom do you think opened the Woodlands High School's speech day with a prayer? Why, it was my old friend, the Rev. Arthur John Choonoo.

Nothing strange about that, you might retort. But, the vice-principal of Woodlands, Mr. R. D. Nobin, is a Hindu. Sometimes, remember, the Rev. Mr. Choonoo is Methodist.

Whispered both of them in my ear: "C.G., old chap, we don't believe in apartheid in the Church."

So there you have it.

Home for non-White Cripples

ON another page in this issue there appears a report and a photograph of the Home for non-European Cripples, which is situated only a few hundred yards below the Edendale Hospital. But, care to come behind the scenes with me?

In the small mixed audience of Europeans and Africans



MR. R. DOORAN

watched Mr. D. G. Shepstone, the Director of Administration of Natal, lay the foundation stone, there were present only three Indians — the Rev. A. J. Choonoo, a member of the executive of the Indian Peoples' Joint Council of Pietermaritzburg, Mr. R. Dookran, joint secretary of that same body, and your truly.

It was a pleasant little ceremony performed in brilliant sunshine. And [illegible] born on wee Mr. Shepstone, with the cares of governorship removed from his broad shoulders, in so witty a mood.

Observe

THAT Home for non-European Cripples at Edendale had already been built and it was rather late in the day to talk about laying the foundation stone and by-and-by that the building would not fall down when he performed that duty, said Mr. Shepstone, recalling that day in the not-so-distant past when he had been asked to open a building.

"Don't insert the key into the lock," whispered an official into Mr. Shepstone's ear, "because if you turn it, the door might fall down."

"So, instead of doing that, I knocked and knocked. But the woman inside took no notice until we thumped on the door. And that door fell off its hinges (laughter).

Again, when Mr. Shepstone was told that both he and Mrs. Sheps-tone had been a similar occasion in another city.

"The tree that that distinguished personage had planted had died, but mine lived and there's been trouble in that city ever since."

The Hon. Richard Feetham was then called to Mr. Shepstone's side. Soon after Mr. Feetham had made an appeal to the public for assistance in maintaining the Home, Mr. Rupert Shreeves, chairman of Pietermaritzburg Rotary, handed him a cheque for £1,000.

"Thank God," said Mr. Feetham, his palms upturned, "my expectations have been realised or won't."

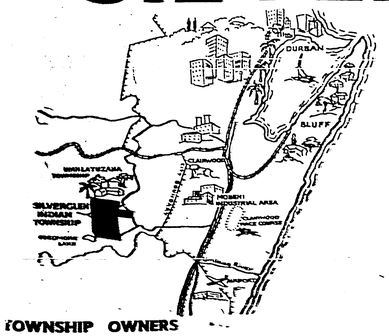
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Debts follow unemployment

THE unemployment position among Indians is making them become debtors on a very large scale to such an extent, according to a leading Indian attorney, the majority of debtors appearing in the Third Civil Court were Indians.

"Most of them," said the attorney, "are either unemployed or obtaining small weekly or monthly allowances, or the

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Around the Capital
by C. G. Moodley

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THIS is a story of gratitude. A Pietermaritzburg mother, Elizabeth Mary Matthew (whom you see pictured below) was afflicted with a strange disease that affected her abdomen and her lower limbs. For weeks she lay in bed writhing with pain while her husband consulted doctor after doctor.

At last, Dr. D. V. Chetty was called in and he promptly placed her in the care of the nursing staff of Grey's Hospital. And so, after a month there, Mrs. Matthew has been restored to health and vigour.



MRS. E. MATTHEW

She has resumed her household chores and spends her leisure hours knitting and sewing for the family — aye, she even uses her treadle sewing machine.

When she called on me the other day to prove her words, she was loud in her praises of the young doctor and the Grey's Hospital nurses. "Without their loving care, I would have become a cripple," she says.

Missing

A BRIDEGROOM of three months has been missing from his home at 107 West Road, Overport. He is Komarasamy Chetty, alias Bobby Stevens, who was married in the Durban Magistrate's Court on September 4 last to Miss Jemima Singh, of Sanctuary Hill, Pietermaritzburg. He was employed at the Federal Hotel, Durban, until his disappearance on November 3.

Komarasamy is in his early thirties, light complexioned and about medium build with greying hair. Anyone knowing his whereabouts are asked to communicate with the nearest police station.

Weekend Diary

AND now, Here is the diary of events for this weekend:

December 12, at 7.30 p.m., in the H.Y.M.A. Hall: Variety concert by the Glencoe Indian School in aid of their school building funds.

December 13, at 2.30 p.m.: Official opening of the Leatherworkers' Union Hall, the "Lotus", in Long market Street, followed by a dance at 7.30 p.m.

December 14, at 3 p.m.: Official opening of the Edendale Mosque, next to the Clinic Cafe, by Maulana Hasen A. S. Desai, of Pietermaritzburg.

December 14, at 7 p.m., H.Y.M.A. Library. Talk by Dr. K. Gonum to the Maritzburg Indian Technical Students' Society. Subject: "My impressions of Indian Womanhood."

December 14, at 9 a.m.: Cricket matches at Fitzsimmons Road.

Housing Scheme — N.I.C. Protest

In a letter to Cape Town Clerk, following a suggestion by the Durban City Council that an Indian Housing Scheme be provided for the Indian people on the boundaries of the Southern Suburbs adjacent to the Umhlatuzana, Cavendish and Shallcross districts, the Natal Indian Congress said that it involved the expropriation of 4,000 acres of valuable farm land which provided hundreds of families with their present means and their livelihood.

In its letter the Congress stated that it appreciated the pressing need for Indian housing and added: "The Congress knows too well the urgent problem that faces the City authorities in providing sufficient houses to meet the demand of the thousands of the lower income group living in overcrowded conditions. But we may point out that this is not the first time that the City Council has come forward with a suggestion which involves a great amount of our people's land being absorbed for housing schemes. A case in point is the expropriation of Indian land for the Wentworth Scheme, for Indians and Coloureds. In every case it is the Indian who has had to give up his land."

The Congress stated that it was of the opinion that the Durban City Council can comfortably incorporate the following four farms — Stainbanks, 1,500 acres; the Farm Bellair-Woodlands, 600 acres; Farm at Ten and Three-Quarter-Mile Halt, 212 acres; and the Farm Winkilip, 1,200 acres; and the townships of Umhlatuzana, Silver Glen and Kharwastan into a large housing scheme which will be in extent of about 4,500 acres. This, the Congress was of the opinion, would not deprive the Indian farmers of their 4,000 acres.

Concluding, the letter asked the City Council to "bear in mind the serious losses the Indian people will suffer as a result of the Proclamations of June 6 this year which will involve the uprooting of more than 75,000 Indians and about £30,000,000 loss of property.

Indian Clerk awarded certificate

An Indian articled clerk has just been awarded a certificate which will in due course entitle him to practise as a conveyancer. The man is Mr. R. P. Singh, a former school teacher, who is currently articled to a Durban attorney. He wrote his conveyancing examination in November.

Graduating from Fort Hare University College where he also obtained his Education diploma, Mr. Singh was employed as a teacher in Natal for 14 years. He then decided to change his profession, and it is expected that he will be admitted as an attorney about June, 1959.

When he is admitted, Mr. Singh will become the fifth Indian conveyancer to practise in Natal. The first was the late R. K. Khan, while others now practising are Mr. Albert Christopher, Mr. Ashwin Choudree and Mr. P. M. Krishna. It is understood that Mr. Singh's attempt at the examination was the first one made in Natal during the last 15 years by an Indian.

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Plea to Parents to take more interest

"WHEN the pupil roll at the Pietermaritzburg Indian Girls' High School reached 500 at the beginning of the year, it was found necessary to make another class in the Std. V group, with the result that there were now 16 standards. Until the new wing was completed, accommodation was so cramped that classes were held under the stairs, in the sick room and on the balconies," said the headmistress, Miss A. P. Rumfit, when she presented her annual report at the prize-giving last week.

Even with the extra accommodate now available, it has been necessary to drop the Standard IV from the beginning of the new term. But, judging from the number of applications already received, the pupil roll will be even higher next year, added Miss Rumfit.

The new wing had been ready for occupation in July instead and they were thus enabled to set aside one room for the screening of films and for music. They were grateful to the Natal Provincial Administration for giving them and equipping so adequately a new kitchen unit.

But, continued Miss Rumfit, she would very much like to see the temporary classrooms replaced by another wing containing at least another two classrooms, a library and an art room. A hall was also urgently needed because with the numbers increasing as rapidly as it was impossible to hold any public function there. Even the prize giving had to be held in a hired hall.

More land was needed for hockey and tennis and other games, Extra-curricular activities.

The school's debating society has maintained high standards although they were beaten in the first round of the Cherry Shield contest. Congratulations were, however, extended to Safura Badroddin on reaching the finals of the Hofmeyer Speech Contest.

The annual visit to Durban was made in September but this time the itinerary included debates and games against the Springfield Training College as well as against the Durban Indian Girls' High School.

Miss Rumfit expressed her gratitude to the Pietermaritzburg Indian Women's Association for the awards of four bursaries. The Old Girls' Club had also made awards of three bursaries.

During the very cold spell in June last, Miss Rumfit's appeal for jerseys and blazers to Wykeham Girls' College and other Durban schools had met with generous response.

On the credit side, the girls had collected and donated an amount of £60 towards the funds of the Natal Indian Blind Society, Easter Stamp Fund, POSA, the S.P.C.A., the City Indian Child Welfare Society and the Ramakrishna Centre's Holiday Home.

Staff, House and class activities have resulted in the amount of £42 13s. 6d. being added to the school building fund.

Plea to Parents

In concluding her report, Miss Rumfit appealed to parents to take more interest in the progress of their daughters at school—to ask them questions about their work, their teachers, their friends, and to provide them with suitable conditions for doing their homework.

Miss Rumfit urged the parents to teach their daughters the lesson of obedience. "For the more difficult part my staff have to encounter is to teach girls who have never learnt to listen."

She added a plea to them not to take their daughters away from school too early. Twenty-two girls had left the Junior school, mostly from Standard V. "To me, this is a tragedy."

Safura Badruddin, the head girl, with the Uwa Award as well as winning prizes for Good Fellowship, Afrikaans, Latin and Mathematics.

Dr. W. G. McConkey, Director of Education in Natal, was the guest speaker and Mrs. McConkey distributed the prizes to the unsuccessful successful students.

Std. IV: 1, Sathiamah Naidoo; 2, Manoramajee Pillay.

Std. V: 1, Savithree Govender.

Std. Vc 1, Kogilambal Moodley; 2, Rajmathie Maharaj.

Std. Vb: 1, Champa Bhagwan; 2, Thelsie Mukhamuthu.

Std. Va: 1, Pushpavalli Naidoo; 2, Mulladevi Tilak.

Std. VIa 1, Mayadevi Harripersadh.

Std. VIb: 1, Rungasayee Naidoo; 2, Lalitha Mathadeen.

Std. VIb: 1, Rhada Pillay; 2, Savithree Moodley.

Std. VIa: 1, Govindimah Naidoo; 2, Zubeida Lockhat.

Std. VIc: 1, Pandalay Perumal.

Std. VIb: 1, Leelavathie Chetty; 2, Sushila Mushiny.

Std. VIIa: 1, Maneela Bhagwan; 2, Moogambavalli Naidoo.

Std. VIIb: 1, Pushpa Parbhoo; 2, Zuleikah Hadajee.

Std. VIIIa: 1, Elaine Christian; 2, Chandermani Singh.

Std. IX: 1, Munirah Lakhi; 2, Rabea Rahim.

Std. X: 2, Beenadevi Lalbeharie; Dux, Safura Badroddin.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Junior: (English) Rungasayapen Naidoo; (Afrikaans), Zubeida Lockhat.

Senior: (English), Beenadevi Lalbeharie; (Afrikaans), Safura Badroddin; (Biology), Beenadevi Lalbeharie; (Administration and the Education Department held Mr. Perumal in high esteem.



BRIGHT INTERLUDE: Dr. W. G. McConkey, Director of Education in Natal, shares a joke with Mrs. McConkey (right) and Miss A. P. Rumfit, principal of the Pietermaritzburg Indian Girls' High School, during an interval in the school's speech day. Dr. McConkey was the guest speaker and Mrs. McConkey distributed the p.t.os.

TRAINING COLLEGE 'NEGLECTED'

Mr. A. Levine, Principal of the Springfield Training College, told an assembly of over 200 people last week that it was a "strange thing" that the Indian community which was known to have given away large sums to the cause of education, "has almost neglected the Training College, the premier institution" in the way of providing bursaries to indigent students.

Mr. Levine, who was speaking at the Training College's first Speech Day, referred to the huge amounts spent by the community to erect schools and stated that it was "amazing" that these buildings were being built without any assurances to the donors that the schools will be provided with trained teachers. He appealed to the Indian community to do "something" to endow scholarships and bursaries. "We do get little donations from time to time and we believe that the community can do a great deal more," he added.

Saying that the College trained the students in the various aspects of life, Mr. Levine added: "A teacher should be a fully developed and fully integrated individual who must be able to accept responsibility. The College is playing an important part towards the development of the whole individual, which in turn will help to develop the community. We are very broad in outlook for we are an amazing blend of all sorts of cultures. We are evolving and developing all the time," he said.

Dr. W. G. McConkey, the Director of Education, who is due to retire shortly, said that the teachers of today lived in an era of mass propaganda. He exhorted them not to be carried by a "barge of opinions." Referring to the radio, cinema and the Press, which he said fed the people with regular propaganda, he advised the students to have "a mind of your own."

Dr. McConkey told the intending teachers that from the very beginning their responsibility was to raise the quality of teaching. "Don't become over-ambitious," he warned them, "by trying to improve the whole of humanity, or even a country like South Africa, however tempting it may seem. You must play your full part in the corporate life of your school. As a teacher you will be a respected member of your community.

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beharie; (Latin), Safura Badroddin; (Housecraft), Ambalika Bunwaree; (Mathematics), Safura Badroddin; (History), Munirah Lakhi; (Geography), Beenadevi Lalbeharie; (Arithmetic), Chandermani Singh; (Progress), Pearl Chetsiah.

Special merit, Std. VIa: Urmilla Vaghjee Kaplanjee.

Good Fellowship: Safura Badroddin.

Head prefect: Safura Badroddin.

Junior netball: Neelambal Naidoo.

Senior netball: Shum Govendee.

House trophy: Corie (Safura Badroddin.

Transfer of Kurma Reddi principal

AFTER spending 30 years as a teacher and headmaster in Durban, Mr. R. Perumal, Principal of the Sir Kurma Reddi Indian School, will, at the beginning of the new school term, move to unfamiliar surroundings of a country school, on his appointment as Principal of the Kasturbhai Gandhi School in Phoenix.

Mr. Perumal's transfer comes after nearly three years' stay at the Sir Kurma Reddi School, during which time he brought about sweeping changes in the school. It was after he became Principal that the Sir Kurma Reddi School saw the establishment of a library, the inauguration of annual speech days, inter-house athletic sports meetings, excursions to the various parts of Durban for the pupils, and nursing and first aid. And as a token of their love and appreciation for all what he had done for them, the pupils presented Mr. Perumal with a gift.

Mrs. I. McAllister, Inspector of Schools in Durban, who was the guest speaker at the school's speech day, at which Mr. Perumal was presented, congratulated the school for its progress and achievement during the past year in both curricular and extra-curricular activities, the mind that the Provincial

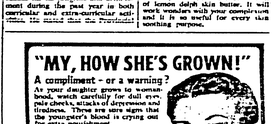
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British star takes lead in new Hollywood film

ONE evening, some months ago, Jerry Wald, the famous American producer of "Peyton Place", went to the theatre to see Terence Rattigan's play "Separate Tables". Directly he saw Margaret Leighton he knew he had found the ideal actress to play the feminine lead in this then forthcoming production of William Faulkner's "The Sound and the Fury".

MULES IN FILM

Having successfully solved the problem of finding 2,000 Chinese for crowd scenes in the 20th Century-Fox CinemaScope picture "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness," soon to be released in this country, production manager Cecil Ford was faced with the puzzle of finding large numbers of mules for certain sequences.

Not a difficult undertaking, it might be imagined, until Ford discovered that mule is no longer bred in Britain now that the modernisation of farming has abolished the tractor. The film company was offered mules from France and Spain, but neither types were considered suitable being smaller than those used in Northern China, the location of the film.

Eventually, a mixed bag of mules and ponies were discovered in Ireland and shipped over to Elstree to appear in the film with Ingrid Bergman, Curt Jurgens and Robert Donat.

So he went backstage to meet Margaret who, from her ivory tower of London's West End theatreland, had never heard of Jerry Wald. As she was anxious to get home where her husband, Laurence Harvey, was ill in bed, she gave Wald what might be described as a "polished brush-off".

Before leaving the theatre Wald told Miss Leighton that he would send her a script of the film as soon as writers Irving Rawotch and Harriet Frank had completed it. Miss Leighton had completely forgotten the encounter when she received, several weeks later, the screenplay of "The Sound and the Fury" together with a letter from Jerry Wald informing her that he had signed Yul Brynner and Joanne Woodward for parts in the film and hoped she would join them.

As Margaret had never been to Hollywood, because, as she put it, "no one ever invited me", she was delighted with the prospect, and was soon on her way to 20th Century-Fox studios, where production of "The Sound and the Fury" is now nearing completion.

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SMALLEST SCENE

Five years after its introduction, wide-screen CinemaScope has passed the ultimate test of flexibility as a photographic medium.

On the set of "In Love and War", Jerry Wald's production for Twentieth Century-Fox starring Robert Wagner and Hope Lange, director of photography Joe MacDonald has filmed a scene between Robert Wagner and Hope North in a telephone booth.

The proportions of CinemaScope are 2.35 to 1 horizontally, and the proportions of the booth were about three to one vertically. Lower, after some figuring and calling upon his store of camera knowledge, was able to cover both principals from head to foot.

Plenty of company!

Lana Turner can't say she was lonely during the production of Universal International's soon-to-be-seen drama "Imitation of Life." In addition to her personal stand-in, make-up man, hairdresser and wardrobe mistress, she was accompanied by two detectives, who were guarding more than a million dollars' worth of jewellery she wears in the modern film version of Fannie Hurst's novel.

Ken More to the Rescue

Wherever Kenneth More is filming one can rest assured there will be amusing moments behind the camera as well as in front of it.

During the shooting of the new Ealing International comedy release "Next To No Time," which is based on a short story by Paul Gallico and will be seen in this country soon, Kenneth took it upon himself to act as Assistant Director. The shot was the reaction of the diners in the Verandah Grill aboard the Queen Elizabeth, to a very amusing dance solo, performed by Kenneth More and Betsy Drake. Director Henry Cornelius felt he was not getting the lively reaction from his crowd that he wanted.

Quick to lend his assistance Kenneth took his stance by the camera and went into a skit on the number which developed into an amusing mixture of calypso-cum-flamenco. Hands on hips first, then raising his arms to snap his fingers to the accompaniment of loud "Olés" Kenneth gyrated in true Flamenco fashion.

This accompanied by a typical More grin had the crowd laughing and clapping and director Henry Cornelius got just what he wanted "in the can."



Seen modelling outfits designed and made by themselves are Ianthi Hatfejee and Amelia Peters, final year M. plan 1 students at the Springfield Training College.

"The Vikings" is a lavish film

ONE of the most lavish and spectacular pictures of all time, costing over £1,000,000 to produce, "The Vikings", a United Artists release, will make its debut to non-European audiences shortly at the Avalon Theatre. The picture is an epic screen adaption of the best selling novel by Edwin Marshall and stars Kirk Douglas, Tony Curtis, Janet Leigh and Ernest Borgnine.

A swashbuckling, authentically researched story of the blood-thirsty Norse warriors, "The Vikings" was filmed in Technicolor and Technirama on locations in Norway, Germany and France.

No people in history have been as ferocious and wild as the Vikes in their heyday, which was about a thousand years ago. And the film pulls no punches in showing the gaiety, feasts and battles in scrupulously accurate and forceful detail.

A complete 30-acre replica of an ancient Viking village was constructed and Norwegian shipwrights recreated authentic full-scale models of three Viking vessels after the remains of the ancient Norse ship preserved at the Viking Museum in Oslo.

TRUE EPIC STORY OF LAST WAR

1943 saw Hitler's fortunes at a very low ebb. The battle of Stalingrad had ended in disaster. The British and American campaign in North Africa was nearly over. Allied invasion from the West was a nightmare.

The Fuehrer had one more card up his sleeve. The "vengeance" weapons that were being experimented on at the secret rocket range at Peenemunde on the Baltic coast. The V1 flying bomb was in active preparation and Hitler visualised up to 7,000 of these weapons descending on London every day.

Then the Polish underground took a hand in the desperate manoeuvres which so many lives depended and an experimental V1 was captured and sent by Dekoza to London. Forewarned, the British were able to take precautionary measures and also to launch a thousand-bomber raid on Peenemunde that set back Hitler's plans by six months.

This true, stirring, epic story has been made into an exciting film entitled "Battle of the V1" with Michael Rennie, Patricia Medina, Milly Vitale and David Knight in the leads. It will be seen in this country in a few weeks' time.

World Oil experts meet

NEW DELHI — Over 100 oil experts from 29 countries are meeting in New Delhi in a symposium on the development of petroleum resources of Asia and the Far East.

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SPRINGFIELD CRICKET SCORES

Despite a rousing middle-wicket stand by veterans D. J. Chellan (18) and M. C. Reddy (23), Centrals were down gamely by the small margin of 12 runs to the Santa College A eleven at Springfield on Sunday.

Sastri batted first and scored a lively 134 runs. T. Moonsamy got 4 runs, D. Naidoo 1, and G. R. Toods 23. C. O. L. Joseph took 4 for 36 and D. J. Chellan took 3 for 71.

J. Chetty scored a quick 24 for Centrals and was bowled by T. Govendasamy. The Centrals' score rose briskly to 47, and then a run set in. Five valuable wickets collapsed for a meagre six runs.

When Reddy came in the score stood at 53. Playing as masterfully as ever, Reddy shook Centrals out of the rut. He reboweled some of his old form. After he hit two fours he was joined by Chellan. Batting become brisk, with Chellan supporting him with lively shots. Between them they hit up another four fours. The score rose to 70, when the umpire upheld an appeal for a catch against Reddy. From where I sat it appeared that the ball had bounced off Reddy's elbow. Reddy later confirmed this.

Soon afterwards, Chellan was out at 18 when he was caught off D. Naidoo. Fifty-one-year-old Cyril Joseph battled to stay out time. He played a sober when he hooked a boisterous six.

K. Govindasamy took three wickets for 26.

YOUNG KISMETS vs. MAYBOURNE

Another Natal Cup knock-out victory was registered when Young Kismet trounced Maybourne. Maybourne replied with 36 runs to Kismet's 69 runs.

D. Mall with 16 and G. Mahmed with 11 were top scorers for Kismet G. M. Kader took 3 for 25.

P. Mahomed with 6 for 17 and E. E. Kajee with 3 for 13 did the damage for Kismet.

OTTOMANS vs. CRIMSON

Crimson averaged themselves against Ottomans when they beat them by 28 runs in the third A Division Natal Cup fixture.

Ottomans chalked up a paltry 58 runs. T. Khosal took 3 for 12 and R. V. Bhana 3 for 12.

Crimson, batting first, declared at 86 for 5. M. S. Govender obtained 44 runs and had assisted by R. A. Kajee took 3 wickets for 3 runs.

MUSLIMS vs. BHARATS

Muslims had it all their own way against a very weak Bharat.

Muslims played hawoc with Bharat's bowlers and the swashbuckling Shirkey Nackerdien, who hit up a brilliant century last week, followed it up with an easy 53 runs. H. M. Ieewa scored 38. Muslims' score was 206.

Bharats replied with 39 runs. H. G. M. Ieewa took 3 wickets for 38 runs.

PROTEA vs. POINT RANGERS

In a C Division Natal Cup fixture Protea Rangers were knocked out when they lost by 57 runs to Protea.

Point Rangers' final score was 29. G. P. Desai took 5 for 10. Protea batted 86 runs, of which D. Nair scored 28 before he was caught by B. Cunden off B. Nagiah. Nagiah took 4 for 20.

County Cricket Selections

The following have been selected to represent County Indian Cricket Union in the Rockfone-Wade Shield Competition. The A and B teams play North Coast on the 13th and 14th. The A match will be at County and the B match at North Coast.

A team: G. Firmstone (Shaveli, K. Maharaj (wicketkeeper) (Shaveli, M. Naicker, (Shaveli, R. Naidoo (Central), D. Naidoo (Pinetown), G. P. Naidoo (S.S.O.B.), V. Naidoo (captain) (Central), M. Phillips (S.S.O.B.), R. A. Pillay (Pinetown), S. K. Pillay (Queensburgh), P. C. Ramsamy (Verulam) (12 names).

Reserves: R. Bissessar (Shaveli, Bala Moodley (Shaveli, K. Polliah (S.S.O.B.).

Manager: Mr. G. V. Naidoo

B team: M. Maisiry (captain) (S.S.O.B.), S. Maharaj (wicketkeeper) (S.S.O.B.), O. V. Moodley (Central), A. Naicker (Shaveli, N. A. Naidoo (S.S.O.B.), B. J. Naidoo (vice-captain) (Central), Gana Naidoo (Shamrock), G. C. Naidoo (Central), C. A. Pillay (Queensburgh), T. Premlall (Queensburgh).

Reserves: D. Maharaj (Shaveli, D. Govender (Pinetown), K. Naidoo (Pinetown).

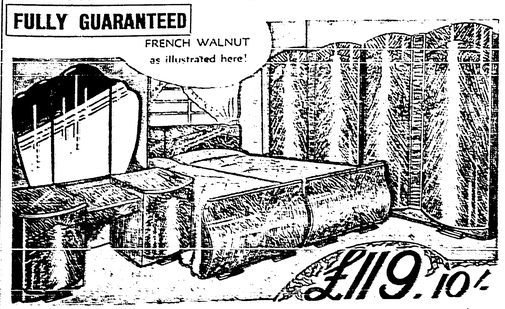
Manager: Mr. S. T. Chetty.

CABINET MINISTERS ARRIVE

NEW DELHI. The Prime Minister of Norway, Mr. Gerhardsen, accompanied by the Foreign Minister, Mr. Lange, have arrived on a fortnight's tour. They were welcomed at the airport by Prime Minister Nehru.

Another visitor is the famous French author, M. Andre Malraux, who is touring India as General de Gaulle's special envoy. He is Information Minister in the French Cabinet.

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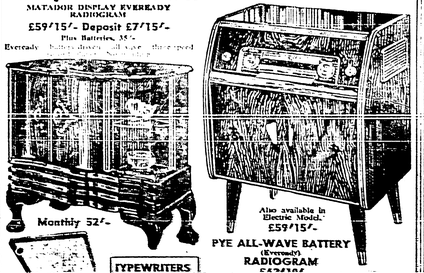
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Death of well known woman



Mrs. S. Labecharie, one of the best known names in the Rainthorpe district in particular, and Pietermaritzburg generally, for many years, passed away on Thursday, November 27, at the Grey-green Hospital, Durban.

Her mortal remains were committed the next afternoon at the Mount Nelo Crematorium in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends who had come from all parts of the Province to pay their last respects.

Pundit S. Jogaban (Vidyaratan) conducted the graveside service while members of the Pietermaritzburg Indian Women's Association, Rainthorpe Arya Samaj and the Nishaan Theatrical entertainers formed a Guard of Honour.

Born in Lidgetton 54 years ago, Mrs. Labecharie was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seokan. After her marriage, she came to settle with her husband in Rainthorpe but she was soon to taste the bitter fruits of life when Mr. Labecharie died in 1951. She departed, the young widow struggled to provide for her children who received her love and care in full measure. Among them, Mr. L. Rampersad, Chemist of the Railway and Maharaj Government - aided Indian school, Mr. L. Jeechand (John) Secretary of the Nishaan Theatrical Entertainers, her daughter, Shobana, wife of Mr. S. Bridgelal, secretary of the Rainthorpe Ratepayers' Association and Baby Naomi, of stage and radio fame.

Mrs. Labecharie found time, however, to help other members of the community. She was a foundation member and patron of the Nishaan Theatrical Entertainers, vice-president of the Rainthorpe Ratepayers' Association, the Rainthorpe Arya Samaj and on the committees of the Indian Women's Association, Rainthorpe Area Care Committee of PURA, Hindi Aree Samaj, Deepavali Cheer Society and the Indian Child Welfare Society.

Mrs. Labecharie is survived by her four sons, five daughters, eight brothers, eight sisters and 21 grandchildren.

Welcome to Doctor

Residents of Shakaskraal turned out in full force at a welcome organised by the Shakaskraal and District Indian School Society, to Dr. G. Misra, a resident of the district, who returned as a doctor after having graduated at the Calcutta University.

At the same function, Mr. P. N. Moodley, who had been on the staff if the Shakaskraal School for the past 12 years, was accorded a farewell on his promotion to the Parkhills Indian School in Padbrook, where he will take up the principalship.

'LETTER TO BUS OWNERS'

(Continued from page one)

illary economic activities. Eventually thousands will be affected. Each blow will bring us a step nearer higher bus fares and reduced services. Each blow will mean another reduction in the standard of living of our people. As the Corporation gains exclusive control of routes it will no longer have to compete with the private bus fare rates.

This is the threatening situation that faces bus-owners and the bus-using public. Indirectly, it threatens the whole community. We are you, the bus-owners, going to do about it? A number of bus-owners have already gone out of business due to this malicious insistent though they have not been augmentated. Today, most are struggling to make ends meet.

It did not need Councillor Peradick's "warning" to make clear to the non-white bus-owners that the writing is on the wall—they are being forced out of the transport business one by one municipal buses are taking their places.

Are the bus-owners ready to face the challenge? Are they ready to unite to protect themselves and the interests of the community? Are they ready for the struggle before it? And how very close it is! The Government is determined to force apartheid on the Coloureds next year—and Coloured bus-owners will undoubtedly be among the ELEVENTH HOUR!

Are the bus-owners ready to get aside all other considerations?

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Yours faithfully,
G. M. NAICKER, [illegible]
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M. N. PADAYACHEE [illegible]

Apartheid 'stands for domination'

Mr. A. J. Luthuli, President-General of the African National Congress, in the course of his presidential address to the annual conference of the African National Congress held in Durham last week, said that apartheid was a "fraud, a fiction, a spiritual immorality" and that it was born of fear, selfishness and greed.

"It stands for domination of Whites over Blacks and thus it contributes to strained Black-White relations since domination naturally produces resistance," he added. "It robs the majority in the country—the ten million non-Whites, of their natural right of each developing their fullest his creator-given capabilities. South Africa becomes the poorer because of this dwarfing of its non-White genius-potential. It often puts in a false position the administrative officer charged with the task of selling it to the general public, especially its victims, the non-Whites. The administrative officers often find themselves reduced to various forms of deception and subterfuge, some of which are comparatively venial, mere fibs or tickings, if not deceit."

Mr. Luthuli continued: "Indeed, apartheid cannot be practised under any circumstances. Under the ancient and moral value which, in our day, find requisite endorsement in the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights on the grounds of all worthy religions, the values, rights and obligations of inherent in any way of life can ... ing to be described as evident."

"Let me say," added Mr. Luthuli, "that it does endeavour in the Union of South Africa to find our Minister of External Affairs and his delegation walking out of U.N.O. because U.N.O.'s attempt is one of member-nations, including South Union, making an effort to live and uphold these Human rights their respective countries."

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Mayor opens Temple



Pastor J. F. Rowlands seen addressing the huge congregation at the opening of the new Bethesda Temple last week.

GREAT WORK OF PASTOR ROWLANDS

"If twelve devout Christians each took a vow that in the course of the year they would convert a person each and exact from their converts the same vows which they observed to bring in a convert each, and if this chain of converts carried out their vows faithfully, then in the lifetime of Christ, that is 33 years, we would have over 500 million Christians. This would mean that there will be no war but brotherly love existing in the world."

This suggestion was made by the Mayor of Durban, Councillor W. E. Shaw, when he opened the new £18,000 Bethesda Temple in Carlisle Street, Durban, last Saturday. Over 2,000 people, devout followers of the Church as well as people from other faiths, thronged the street, with hardly an inch of room to spare. Members of the adjoining buildings were lined with hundreds of what one may call "human huntings," and hundreds more consequently wound themselves on the tops of cars. The service began with a prayer followed by the garlanding of the Mayor by Pastor Victor, a veteran in the Bethesda movement.

The Mayor said that the Bethesda organisation had done a splendid amount of work among the people. "This is not merely a temple," he added, "but a place where those who are in need, those in despair and sick, and the broken hearted come to find solace for their souls. Indeed they are being daily attracted by the light of truth dispelling the darkness of sorrow and uncertainty."

Paying a tribute to Pastor Rowlands for bringing a true understanding among the peoples, the Mayor said: "I must say that the Pastor is richly blessed and am confident that his venture will go on successfully."

In the month of October, 27 years ago, a young Englishman from Bristol who had come to Durban with his parents on a mission which was far different from any undertaken by Englishmen of those days, trudged the streets of the City limits by bus and deservingly.

Whichever way he turned he found the promises of starting his work to be vague. Undaunted and with the spirit of an adventurer he went on. He wanted to evangelise Durban. Determined, he followed a narrow sandy track and sat under the shade of a tree to breathe a word of prayer for God's guidance.

At the end of those 27 years, the young Englishman with humble means and who hardly knew anyone in Durban on his arrival in this country, became one of the most dynamic evangelist and spiritual leaders, and head of the biggest missionary movement among Indians in this country.

That sandy track has now come to be known as Carlisle Street, and the shady tree has now given way to a more shadier roof, the Bethesda Temple—and on the very spot where once stood the tree now stands nourishment from its roots, stands Bethesda's Temple, from where more than 10,000 of its members are nurtured by an equally clearing spiritual nourishment. And the fruits of his humble toils and adversities in answering the role of its leader, is Pastor J. F. Rowlands, who has made it possible for his 10,000 members to find a new way of life and spiritual salvation.

Pastor Rowland's great work commenced at the Magazine Barracks with just a handful of people, who still form the pillars of strength for Bethesdaland. From such small and humble beginnings, Bethesdaland has now assumed international proportions with a branch even in India.

The Bethesda organisation now has 63 branches throughout the Union, and Pastor Rowlands, has himself risen to be an international figure, having addressed from the platforms in many countries in U.S.A., England, Europe, India and Ceylon. He has made several trips to India alone where Bethesda's branch in South India is functioning.

A keen photographer, he kept audiences in a kind of mystical spell when he showered slides of his breathtakingly beautiful colour photographs at huge campaigns at Cartwright's Flats, where the Union's "big top" housed the thousands at nightly congregations.

Pleasant-mannered, a stickler for punctuality, and endowed with a personality which is almost magnetic, Pastor Rowlands is one of the finest orators, rendering his speeches or sermons with such eloquence that at the end of it his audiences sit as if asking for more. Probably part of his success is attributed to this gift of his.

Pastor Rowlands is ably assisted by his brother, Alec Rowlands, and local Pastor Victor. Bethesdaland has hundreds of part-time workers and another factor which is also responsible for the Church's success is that these part-time workers visit each member of the Church every month in their respective districts.

And when the new Bethesda Temple was opened last week, it could have been a thrill for Pastor Rowland's late parents, who, perhaps with tear-filled eyes would have been glad to witness their son's success in the Christian kingdom.



QUIZ WINNER WAS THRILLED

Pictured above is Miss Zukkha Karodia of 32 Jackson Street, Durban, who won the £20 in the "Quiz Contest" sponsored by Mr. Frank Prentice, proprietor of the Windsor Hotel, Pietermaritzburg, in connection with "The Leader". She was "thrilled" when she received word that she had won the prize, says Zukkha in a letter addressed to the News Editor.

She writes: "I was so thrilled when I received your telegram from the Quiz Contest. I could not believe my eyes at first. I could not sleep a wink and went inside to tell my mother. She was thrilled as well."

Zukkha had her father when she was very young in 1953. With the help of her brothers, her mother was able to provide Zukkha with a reasonable education but, although she had entered many competitions, this was the first time she had ever won a prize. "All of full twenty pounds," she exclaims.

She will provide her next mother with the money considers the best on for here always with and put the balance of the prize money in the savings bank.

"It was a really wonderful surprise on the part of Mr. Frank Prentice to offer such a generous prize and most kind of "The Leader" to include him with the remainder Zukkha.

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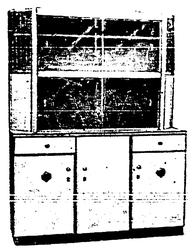
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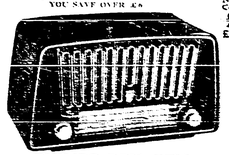
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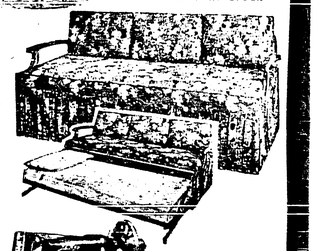
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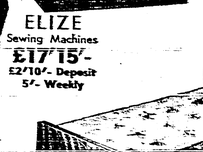
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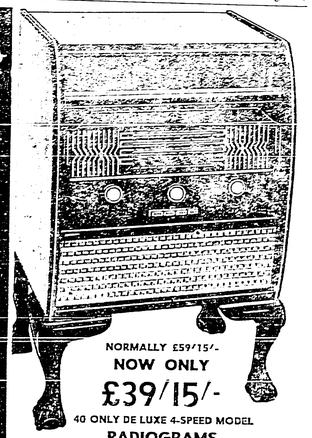
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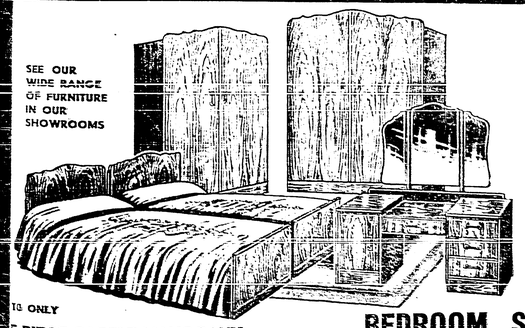


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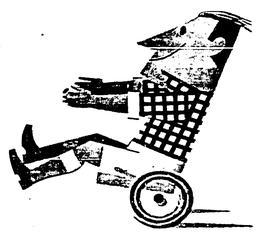
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Candid Commentary . . . by Politicus

The hour demands that a Gandhi should lead the people . . .

THE Natal papers have been full of statements, charges and counter-charges, by the leaders of the Federal Party and the United Party. The big issue for the Federal Party is whether Natal must resist the setting up of a republic. The Federals say "yes", though they may not be quite sure how to go about it.

The U.P. seems to be saying, "Yes . . . but the republic is coming anyway . . . what can we do?" And there can be no doubt that the Federal Party is quite right in saying that the U.P. is not prepared to put up a fight at all.

Anyone who has read carefully the statements of Maj.-Gen. A. R. Selby and Mr. Mitchell cannot but agree that Mr. Mitchell is well-nigh correct when he is challenged about his attitude to the proposed republic.

Of course, for non-Whites, the issue of the republic does not really matter. What does matter is that the non-Whites must have a say in the setting up, and the running of that republic — a say in shaping the destiny of the country.

But one important point comes to light from Maj.-Gen. Selby's reply to Mr. Mitchell. This is how he puts it: "What we have urged, and what I urge now, is a moral resistance to the Nationalist intentions. The Federal Party believes that no people can be governed for long without its consent, provided it has moral courage."

"I hold the view," goes on Maj.-Gen. Selby, "that neither freedom nor democracy will survive in South Africa unless there is amongst the people a public conscience, and the moral courage to resist wrong."

Arguing on similar lines, Col. C. W. Wood, Organiser of the Anti-Republican League in Natal, in a letter to the Natal Mercury, says:

"Mr. Mitchell says there are only two ways of getting rid of a Government—

(1) Vote it out;
(2) Shoot it out.

He has forgotten the third and most powerful of all, which must be used by those whose votes have been so manipulated as to be virtually useless and who are prepared to make a moral stand; one that has been used throughout the centuries by Great Christians and which does not involve bloodshed:—

(3) Passive resistance, i.e. refusing to acknowledge or to accept a Government which forces its will upon the people, even should such action lead to prosecution and imprisonment."

Both Maj.-Gen. Selby and Col. Wood are quite right in what they say. But, unfortunately, the English-speaking people of Natal are too busy "making money", or as Professor Keppie-Jones put it to a gathering of White College students, "making money" is the main energy in the pursuit of wealth.

An appeal to the moral conscience of such people means nothing. They are too much involved with the material world to be concerned with "moral issues."

Only those people who place morality before the material, can hope to put up a moral resistance. That is where Mahatma Gandhi succeeded in such a grand manner.

For he had, in his own life given up the pursuit of wealth and the material comforts. He was above all a man of God, devoted to the truth, and a very brave-hearted man.

There is not to be found in the whole of the Union today, whether among Whites or the non-Whites, one such man who will give the people the correct lead. There is too much talk on the part of the politicians, too much debate and argument and dialectic.

The hour demands that someone — or, better still, a Council — should lead the people — both the Whites and the non-Whites — in a great moral resistance to the injustices perpetrated in the name of apartheid.

One hears on all sides, condemnation of the Government's actions, be they against a social club or a little church gathering. No one disagrees about the bad effect of the Government's actions — except the Government and its faithful supporters, of course.

Among those opposed to the policies of the Government, in greater or lesser degree, there is nothing but disgust for the way the Government is doing things. But when it comes to DOING SOMETHING, then the great dialectical debate arises, and politicians being what they are, seek to justify their lack of moral courage to face up to the demands of the situation, by all kinds of mainly useless argument.

As things stand, the Selbys and the Mitchells and the Woods will go on arguing, only to wake up one fine day to find that the republic has come after all!

Those who speak of moral resistance must have the moral courage to face up to the fact that the issue before us, is White-Black relations, and all talk of moral resistance by the English-speaking people of Natal is so much waste of time.

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TAMIL SCHOOL—HISTORY MAY BE MADE SOON

History will be made in this country soon of an attempt to open a branch of a well known South Indian teacher training institute meets with success. If everything goes according to plans drawn up by an enthusiastic individual the institute will commence functioning at the beginning of 1960 or even before that if there is enough enrolment to warrant an early beginning. Thus, while the "big noses" of the community are complacently telling the people of what they are intending to do to uplift economically the citizenry of the country, a person of humble means would have accomplished something tangible to perpetuate the memory of the late settlers, lovingly and proudly, too.

The person with this ambitious programme is 40-year-old Kooppan Thiruvarthu Sarugaser, a graduate of the Siri Murugan Tutorial Institute, Rishivanellum, South India. He completed his Vidwan course successfully with the Institute through correspondence in 1954 and was awarded a special merit certificate. Since then he has turned to impart what he has learnt to interested students.

Mr. Sarugaser first learnt the vernacular under Mr. S. Perumal Nagan in 1924 and five years later became in charge of 80 pupils in the Tamil school. He conducted part-time lessons in Lennox Owing to his transfer to a sugar mill in Verulam in 1934, he discontinued teaching, but Verulam saw in the advance year the establishment of a Tamil school by Mr. Sarugaser. This did not last long either, for three years later he was again transferred, this time to Mount Edgecombe, where he is presently residing. Undaunted, enterprising and always resourceful, he opened a school there and today he has an enrolment of over 150.

His eagerness to gain more knowledge led him to take a correspondence course from one of the premier teacher training institutes in South India, the Sri Murugan Tutorial Institute in Rishivandiam, which after several tests in order to satisfy itself about his ability enrolled him as an external student. Needless to mention, the manager of this Institute is a woman—K. Janaki.

He soon proved to be a brilliant scholar, and in the Vidwan Examination, conducted by the Institute, he received a merit certificate plus an award of five rupees for his achievement.

Early this year he received permission from the Institute to open a branch in Durban only if there was enough enrolment to warrant it—about 20 or more students. Therefore anxious to get this started, he is appealing to aspiring Tamil students to take advantage of this opportunity and make it possible to open the much needed branch.

Applicants will have to commence from Standard 8, but if they possess a Standard 6 qualification, Mr. Sarugaser has promised to groom them to qualify for the course.



Commissioner arrives

NAIROBI—The new Commissioner for India in British East and Central Africa, Mr. I. J. Bahadur Singh and his wife are arriving in Mombasa by S.S. Karanja on December 19 and will reach Nairobi by train on the morning of December 19.

On December 20 he will present his letter of accreditation and thereafter also call on the Administrator of the East Africa High Commission, Sir Bruce Hutt; the G.O.C. East Africa Command, Maj.-Gen. Fayer; the Chief Justice, Sir Ronald Sinclair and the Mayor, Alderman Mrs. Needham Clark. Other calls on heads of foreign missions will follow.

Mr. Parekh (right) presenting an illuminated address to Mr. Maharaj before he left for India.

ON VISIT TO INDIA

Mr. S. R. Maharaj, a prominent member of the Indian community of Verulam, and a well known public worker, left Durban recently for India, where he intends to spend several months visiting the various temples, shrines and places of historical interest.

The Shree Gopalal Temple Trust, of which he is the secretary, accorded Mr. Maharaj a farewell reception at which several people spoke in glowing terms of the part he played in the educational and religious upliftment of the people of Verulam.

In an eloquent speech, Mr. Chunsilal Raghavjee Parekh, life trustee, chairman and grantee of the Shree Gopalal School and Temple Committee, touched on Mr. Maharaj's activities and said that he had done splendid work in serving the people of Verulam and districts for the last 25 years.

Mr. Maharaj was garlanded by Mr. Parekh, who also presented the former with an illuminated address.

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David Lean, who directed Guinness in the highly-successful "The Bridge on River Kwai", also produced by Columbia, will write the screenplay and direct the venture.

Following the success of "The Bridge on River Kwai" in which Guinness played the leading role, Columbia told Guinness: "You can make any picture you like. Your decision in mind we will save her it."

Immediately Guinness replied: "I would like to make a film about the life of Mahatma Gandhi."

Arts and Crafts Exhibition

The first Arts and Crafts Exhibition of the Umgeni Government Indian School was opened by Miss Wyatt Scott, Art Organiser of the Natal Education Department in the school hall recently.

Among the numerous colourful pictures and designs were some very outstanding specimens which had won awards at the recent exhibition of school art organised by Payne Bros. of Durban.

The Art Master, Mr. P. Misra, was complimented by the Art Organiser for enhancing the position of Umgeni School in the field of arts and crafts in the very first year of specialised training.

NEW YEAR MIDNIGHT SHOW

Sri Lakshmi Pictures' mammoth production, "Mahalai Petra Mahatmai", which is to be screened as a midnight attraction on January 1 at the Avalon Theatre, is one of the new South Indian films of top rate quality to reach this country. Hailed as one of the finest pictures for 1957 by the South Indian film critics, the film won for its author, Shri A. P. Nagarajan, the Best Actor of the Year Award.

Critics have raved over the performance of Sivaji, who they feel as having done great justice to the writer of the story in bringing the role given him so brilliantly. According to Pressmen Padmini, the popular South Indian film actress, Sivaji had reached the peak of his acting career in this film and his powerful portrayals provide an interesting and engrossing entertainment treat for his fans.

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EAST LONDON GIRL COMES OF AGE

Mrs. G. Naidoo, the chatelaine of the only Hindu Religious Preservation Society of East London, presented Rukmanee Naidoo with a bouquet at her 21st birthday party held at the East London City Hall on November 22, 1958. Rukmanee Naidoo, eldest daughter of Mrs. Chetlaine and the late Mr. Rajoo Naidoo, of 1 Richmond Road, East London, will have a lasting memory of her 21st birthday. Her mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Chetlaine, gave her a grand party. Being the first of its kind, the party paved the way for other Indians to know the true value of one's coming of age. The photograph above shows Rukmanee cutting the cake. On the right stand her mother and step-father.



Mr. C. Sokhanadan (upholsterer), of 45 Fowler Road, Stella Hill, Phone: 68-5955, who, accompanied by his family and Mr. S. Nandlall, of 334 Prince Alfred Road, Durban North, visit the Transvaal and Louren Marques between December 24, 1958, and January 10, 1959.

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For Dares-Salaam: Mr. M. N. Bhakta and Misses J. B. and R. Patel.

Among the passengers were a large group of students from the Durnell Crescent Indian Girls' High School under the guidance of their headmistress, Miss Dorey, who will be touring East Africa during their vacation, writes our Shipping Correspondent.

Fashionable city wedding

The Nizamia school hall in Pietermaritzburg was filled to over-flowing last Sunday when two well-known figures in the public life of the city were joined in holy wedlock. The couple were Rajagopaul, only son of Mr. and the late Mrs. C. P. Chinnambaram, and Ambigay, eldest daughter of Mr. and the late Mr. V. S. Lingum, all of Pietermaritzburg.

This was one of the most fashionable weddings seen for some time in the Natal capital. Among the 1,000-odd guests were representatives of the Natal and South African soccer associations, cultural and charitable organisations. But, although the traditional" marquees" graced the stage in all its glory, the nuptial ceremony, performed by Mr. R. Karthigasen, of Durban, was simple, yet solemn.

Mr. Karthigasen dispensed with the frills usually associated with Hindu weddings. It may have earned the displeasure of the older generation, but this ceremony on Sunday fulfilled the requirements of the sanctity of marriage. The 1,000-odd guests must have enjoyed the wedding feast too.

Mr. Steven David, headmaster of the Vernlam Indian High School, who was master of ceremonies at the wedding, eulogised the work being done by the bridegroom in the communal life of Natal in education, culture and social welfare. The bride, too, was playing her part in public life and would make an ideal life partner.

Mr. David's eulogy was echoed by Mr. M. G. Naidoo, chairman of the 1860 Indian Settlers' Centenary Committee of Pietermaritzburg.

Wedding Invitation

Mr. and Mrs. R. Jansen (Peter) (late Miss Mary Ann Lee), request the honour of the presence of all friends and relatives at the wedding reception of their only daughter, Jo-Prospect Hall Road, Durban North, on Saturday, December 27, 1958, commencing at 19.30 a.m.

Appreciation

Mr. L. Ramachandra, brothers and family, of Chatsworth, wish to thank all those friends who were kind enough to send floral tributes, messages of condolences, and flank them personally and kindly assistance in their recent bereavement.

The family of the late Mr. Gurvelu Singh thank all friends and relatives for their kind sympathy in the form of floral tributes or by their presence in their recent sad bereavement.

SOWERASA — Mr. F. M. Dhanjee Kassam, retiring Trade Commissioner in East Africa, visited Dar-es-Salaam on December 1, 2 and 3, and Lindi on December 5 to 8. He will also make a trip to Mtwara while he is at Lindi.

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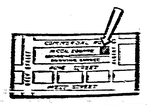
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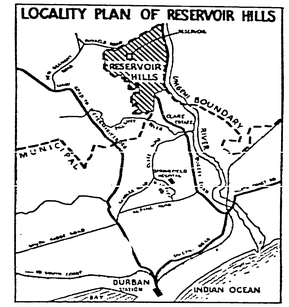
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International Club is unique in South Africa

THE Durban International Club, which aims at promoting better race relations, has been testified by the Minister of the Interior that it would not be granted a permit authorising members of the White, Coloured and Chinese groups to occupy its club room and adjoining kitchen on the top floor of its Pine Street headquarters.

This law comes into effect as a result of two recent Acts which have made it necessary for the Club to apply for Government permission to continue to operate as an inter-racial club.

The Durban International Club has been in existence for 13 years, having been established in 1945. The Club is unique as it is the only inter-racial Club in South Africa at present in existence as well as being the only one which has functioned successfully for any length of time. Although attempts have been made from time to time in other parts of the country to establish similar clubs, those have met with little success.

Primarily the Club provides an opportunity for persons of all races to meet one another in a friendly atmosphere, thus promoting better race relations.

According to one of its officials, the Club is "international" in the wider sense of the word. It is attended from time to time by the various Consuls, functions of an international character are arranged and the Club's facilities are made use of by visitors from all parts of the world. It is virtually the only place in Durban where visitors from overseas may meet or offer hospitality to non-Europeans in pleasant surroundings. Likewise it offers facilities for visiting non-Europeans from all parts of the African continent and from overseas.

Tea and luncheon facilities are made available to its members. So far as Africans are concerned it is one of the few places in Durban where the "better-educated" may sit down to a meal in comfortable surroundings. The Club also provides a library and reading-room facilities, which are particularly important from the point of view of non-European student members.

A clause in the Club's constitution, which characterises its activities, reads: ". . . to enable people of goodwill of all creeds to meet one another, to undertake social and cultural activities, to have an opportunity of studying and appreciating each other's several difficulties and to take steps as may be desirable and practicable to promote racial understanding and harmony . . ."

One interesting fact is that the application was supported by a recommendation from the Durban City Council. A representative of the Municipality present at the hearing stated that the Club was ideally situated, being convenient to all racial groups.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE DANCING COMPETITIONS?

What has happened to the Indian Dance Teachers' Association? Is it still in existence or is it defunct? These are the questions occupying the minds of amateur dancers and aspiring dance enthusiasts arising out of the assertions of the Association, which hitherto held regular competitions and arranged spectacular dance nights for the benefit of the hundreds of up and coming dancers in the community.

One fact that warranted the above questions is that not one competition was held during this year. The ladies, too, are indignant as to what has become of the annual Queen of the Ballroom competitions, which always evoked good response from the public.

"Surely the teachers could have had at least organised one competition this year," was how an irate amateur dancer put it, when she told "The Leader" of his "utter disgust" at the attitude of the Association in not living up to its promises. "Some of us," he said, "have been attending classes regularly every week for the past year preparing for these competitions which never came off, and which usually come out of the blue. Surely not the Association book the halls early in the year and notify all schools the date of the competitions in the first three months of the year?" he asked.

"By this way," he asked, "all of us could prepare for the competition in good time."

Another dancer said that if the officials of the Association do not want to organise anything, they should get out and give other people the chance to run a show.

"There is still time to hold a competition, if not in 1958 but in January 1959, when the holiday makers are in Durban and the dance teachers can show the visitors how good the standard of dancing is amongst the Indians."

UNIVERSITY OF NATAL

CHARITY RAG 1959

1. Applications are invited from eligible organisations for allocations from the funds raised by the 1959 Charity Rag. Applications must be made on the official form, obtainable on request, and must reach the address given below by 31st March, 1959.
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3. All correspondence and applications must be addressed to:

THE CHAIRMAN,
Joint Rag Allocation Committee,
University of Natal, Charity Rag,
King George V Avenue,
Durban.

Women as lifesavers

Speaking at the Swimming Gala held at the Bulwer Swimming Baths last Saturday, Mr. R. B. Singh, of the Durban Life Saving Club, said that members of the Flamingo Swimming Club (females) were soon to undertake training as life savers. He added that the women had taken keen interest in swimming and would easily pass the tests.

There was a good turn out to witness the various competitions which were very keenly contested. Highlight of the evening was the 100 yards senior relay which was won by the strong Sastri College contingent. The following are the results:

50 yards Free Style: Juniors: 1, Rajendranath, Sastri; 2, Valley Reddy, Daintree; 3, S. Patel, Sastri.

100 yards Free Style: Seniors: 1, A. Patel, Sastri; 2, N. Patel, Sastri; 3, C. N. Dhanjee, Sastri.

50 yards Breast Stroke: Juniors: 1, R. Murugh, Sastri; 2, Valley Reddy, Daintree; 3, Valley Reddy, St. Aidans.

50 yards, Free Style: Juniors: 1, R. Murugh, Sastri; 2, Valley Reddy, St. Aidans; 3, S. Patel, Sastri.

50 yards, Free Style: Seniors: 1, N. Patel, Sastri; 2, K. Veeran, Barracuda; 3, Daddy Chetty, Barracuda.

25 yards Free Style: Ladies: 1, Savanthaley Govender, Flamingo; 2, Neela Govender, Blue Marlin; 3, Sheila Singh, Flamingo.

25 yards Butterfly: Seniors: 1, K. Veeran, Barracuda; 2, Daddy Chetty, Barracuda.

200 yards Breast Stroke: Seniors: 1, Valley Reddy, St. Aidans; 2, Prithviraj, Daintree; 3, Philip Arron, Surf.

25 yards, Free Style: Juveniles: 1, Mogambhery Reddy, St. Aidans; 2, Shaik Abdul, Daintree; 3, Sadha Naidoo, Daintree.

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100 yards Relay: Juniors: 1, St. Aidans; 2, Sastri College.

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Debating Society: young girl is elected Clerk

A YOUNG College student, Miss Maya Pather, was elected Clerk of the House, at the last sitting of the International Parliamentary Debating Society held on December 10. Miss Pather, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Pather, is one of the few lady members of International Parliament.

Mr. Ronald W. Morris was re-elected as Prime Minister for the new session which will begin on January 21. Mr. Ahmed Bhoola was elected as Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. H. J. Bhengu was elected to the post of Speaker, with Mr. Ahmed Bhoola as Deputy Speaker.

Mr. E. H. Ismail was re-elected to the position of Treasurer, and Mr. A. S. Abdul Kader was elected as Sergeant-at-arms. Mr. M. N. Reddy was elected Hon. Auditor.

The retiring Speaker, Mr. Bhoola, said that the International Parliament has now completed three years. It held its first meeting in November, 1955. He said the Society owed its existence to Mr. Morris's love of the art of debating and his belief in a common society.

A distinguished array of speakers, men and women who are experts in their field and who are held in high esteem by the community at large, have addressed the Society from time to time.

The Society has debated a variety of topics. Many of its debates have been reported in the Press. This," said Mr. Bhoola, "was an indication that the Society had made its mark on the contemporary scene we appreciate the hospitality shown to us by the Press for, no doubt, we need the Press more than they need us.

During the last three years many hundreds of visitors have listened to the debates and some have also participated.

The Society meets at the Natal University City Buildings by kind permission of the authorities. We should like to feel that the University authorities, too, feel in some way we do serve the community."

Concluding, Mr. Bhoola said that the Society is one of only two parliamentary debating societies in Durban, and probably the only multi-racial one in the whole country.



MISS MAYA PATHER

Winding-Up Smoker

The Hamdard and Peerless Institutes and Commercial Football League held its 17th annual winding-up smoker and presentation of trophies on Tuesday at the Jacobs Hindi School, Jacobs.

Amongst a large gathering of delegates, officials and players of the seven clubs presently in the league, the President, Mr. V. N. Naidoo, expressed the hope that the officials for the coming year would endeavour to commence the fixtures at the appropriate time, that is in the first week of April, as there was every possibility of a few more clubs seeking affiliation for the coming season.

The following trophies were presented to the respective clubs: The Champion trophy: F.C. Football Club; R. E. Woodlecca Cup: Main Tire F.C.; Pithy Bros. Cup: Beacons F.C.; Tommy Runciman's Cup: Aces Football Club; Public House Trust Shield: The Beacons Football Club.

Mr. Sully M. E. Meer in presenting the "Indian Views" Trophy to Mr. S. Maniar, the bonus awarded by Mr. Rawool Mahmood who acted as referee in the memorable Test Match between Mr. Sully Meer and Mr. Dean, and to Drum Major Osman Vahed of the Durban Muslim Brigade, and Mr. S. M. Omar.

After the function light refreshments and sandwiches were provided to members and officials of the two contingents.

In passing a vote of thanks Mr. Hanif Ahmed, the president of the Natal Muslim Brigade, said he was grateful to the donors of the trophies and to all those who co-operated with him in making the function a success.

Street collection

The Ramakrishna Centre, one of the largest institutions of its kind in the country and which has done such yeoman service towards the poor and the needy, more than any other institution, is endeavouring to raise funds by way of a street collection to be held on January 10.

Whilst the Centre is appealing to the public to support the street collection, it also at the same time wishes to call to the public's notice especially scholars and women, that they have much time on their hands, to help collect the said needed money.

● The Rangoon Rowing Federation has announced that a team of Rangoon oarsmen will be sent to Australia to take part in the Henley and Australian regattas next year. The team will be selected from the best oarsmen in the Federation. It is also to be accompanied by a coach and a manager.

● The Health Minister, Lt.-General Hilton Crowe, opening a block of the Federal Theological Seminary, Pretoria, said that it was answered and fifty thousand rupees, for the first phase of the project. So far the amount of both has been increased to 70 from 50. The second phase of the programme, which will cost one million two hundred and fifty rupees, will raise the number of beds to two hundred.

Muslim Brigade Presentation

The full complement of the Durban Muslim Brigade were the guests of the Natal Muslim Brigade at a march past and presentation of trophies held last Sunday at Clairwood.

The salute was taken by Hajee E. H. Ismail, Col. Desai of the Durban Muslim Brigade and the president of the Natal Muslim Brigade, Mr. Hanif Ahmed. Hajee E. H. Ismail in presenting his trophy to Yunus Mustan, the assistant bandmaster of the Muslim Band (Hoosen) said it is pleasing to see the two brigades together for the first time and hoped to see them together at future march past and at public functions, he pleaded that all the brigades in Natal should form into a federation, such keeping their own identities separately and yet have a combined march past on notable public functions.

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MESSAGE OF THE STARS
BY "SHASTRI"

The Wheel of Fortune for December 19 to 25 for people born under the twelve Solar Zodiac signs are as follows:

Aries-Mesha (March 21 to April 20): Refrain from quarrels and needless risks. Be careful in dealing with partnership, domestic and family matters. Push business affairs utmost. Good days, December 19, 24; bad, 22, 23.

Taurus-Vrisha (April 21 to May 22): Concentrate on your business and routine matters. Avoid all speculations and troubles with associates, neighbours and kindreds. Deal carefully with matters connected with land, property, etc. Good days, December 21, 22; bad, 23, 24.

Gemini-Mithuna (May 23 to June 21): Steady progress, gain and success is foreseen, push your business affairs to the utmost. Be ambitious, tactful, persevering and self-reliant to achieve success and prosperity. Good days, December 19, 21; bad, 20, 24.

Cancer-Karka (June 22 to July 22): Many hurdles under this sign will find financial difficulties, relations with some of the kindred strained and should be calm and cautious. Those with good aspect will have a fairly prosperous time. Good days, December 20, 22; bad, 22, 23.

Leo-Singh (July 23 to August 22): Those with good aspects at birth will have gain, association with old friends and success in business and professional matters. Those with discordant aspects should be cautious in their affairs. Good days, December 19, 20; bad, 21, 22.

Virgo-Kanya (August 22 to September 22): Progress in dealings with financial and business affairs is denoted. Avoid petty worries and angs that may arise with associates, land or matters connected with property. Good days, December 21, 22; bad, 23, 24.

Libra-Tula (September 23 to October 22): Business will be brisk. Your personal enterprise and industry will bring happiness and progress. Push matters ahead. Avoid speculative risks. Good days, December 24, 25; bad, 19, 20.

Scorpio-Vrishika (October 23 to November 21): Use care and restraint to avert financial losses and other unpleasantness. Avoid hasty action, quarrels and disputes and deal in your matters carefully. Good days, December 19, 20; bad, 22, 25.

Sagittarius-Dhanu (November 22 to December 22): Pecuniary gain, meeting of old friends and assemblies, pleasant journeys are denoted for those born under favourable aspects and birth under this sign. Those with discordant aspects should take care of health and money. Good days, December 19, 20; bad, 24, 25.

Capricorn-Makar (December 23 to January 20): Check tendencies to extravagance, over-optimism and to avoid quarrels that might lead to trouble and costly litigation. Be on guard against fraud and deception. Good days, December 20, 21; bad, 22, 25.

Aquarius-Kumbha (January 21 to February 19): Home interests, general relations with work associates, ambitions, plans in motion and plans and matters need careful and personal attention. Good days, December 19, 20; bad, 21, 22.

Pisces-Meena (February 20 to March 20): Avoid changes of present procedure, keep to beaten path. Be cautious in dealings with kindreds, servants and persons in high positions. Good days, December 21, 22; bad, 19, 20.

THE GOOD DAYS

For business generally, December 19, 23; signing documents, December 19, 22; seeking employment, December 19, 23; appointment with medical adviser, December 19, 23; speculation, December 19; travel, December, 19, 23; family matters, December 19, 22; planting crops above ground, December, 21, 22; stormy and rainy weather is expected about December 19 to 23.

Luck numbers to try on the Turf on December 20 are: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 or 10, 12, 14, 16, 18.

Colours: Red, Blue, Black.

ANSWERS

READERS QUERY

Question: Pietermaritzburg reader, F.B.T., writes: "In a recent sunday a pamphlet was handed to me headed 'Salient Features of the Hindu Movement'. . . . Among the explanation about Mandirs is making of the Kandal in appearance. Nakshatra is not mentioned. Nakha Purka is defined as 'Dwarpala.' According to our scripture the Pandal is constructed in auspicious Nakshatra and time and Mukha Purka is performed in the Mandirs. Please tell us what is the correct version."

Answer: The Mandirs is constructed in auspicious Nakshatra and time. If the Sun occupies the Zodiac signs Vrishe or Mithuna the first pole of the Mandirs is to be put in the direction of South-east etc. According to the Scriptures the Mukha Purka ceremony is performed by the priests (male) only. Sandal is done in the Mandirs, not at the door or any place near the bride's house.

"SHASTRI"

TALK OF THE BAZAAR
by The Fakir

ONLY six more days for Christmas, the anniversary of the birth of Him, whom more than a third of the world regards as Saviour. Whose teachings, to be sure, changed the course of history and the future of tens of millions. Not with military power and conquering and colonisation, but with the simple message of Peace, and Love, and Goodwill and brotherhood under the fatherhood of one God.

Now the City of Durban is governed by Councillors, most of whom profess to be Christians, followers of Christ. The bulk of the White voters who put them into power in local affairs also call themselves Christians.

LOVE

VICAR, to neighbour's son: "John, I hear you've been meeting my daughter in secret. You know she is too young for love. How could you do such a thing?"

"But Father," said John, "you said I must love my neighbour!"

DISSATISFACTION

Those bus uniforms—when?

Nearly eight months have elapsed since the public was told that the Indian bus drivers and conductors will be neatly attired in smart uniforms. The public has noticed with some concern, and also not without some misapprehension, the apparently lethargic manner in which the Natal Passenger Transport Employees' Union and the bus owners are going about the whole affair.

The position has not only taken a most unpleasant turn with many of the bus workers still clad in greasy and ragged clothes unshaven with little or no respect shown to passengers, but is causing considerable resentment. Indian opinion is that it would do well for the owners and the Union to get their head together and remove this stigma from the midst of the community.

But blame should not fall heavily on the Union, as its secretary, Mr. P. M. Harry, has sincerely fought tooth and nail to introduce uniforms into the Indian passenger transport undertaking, but in the he lacked the co-operation of his members.

In an interview with "The Leader" Mr Harry attributed the delay in issuing the uniforms to the attitude adopted by some workers and employers, which, he said, was a "great source of worry" to him. "After all," he added, "the employer is paying for these uniforms by way of giving each worker an allowance of 4d. bd. per week. Since the publication of the Agreement, employers have paid these workers approximately £3 and before the termination of the Agreement the worker will receive another £12."

Mr. Harry said that there had been dissatisfaction over the quality of the material used for the uniforms. The cloth has now been ordered to bring the quality and make it to the liking of the individual and of their requirements. But the dress will not be of khaki serge, as suffled by hard boots, as were the plans for support to mitigate the hardships suffered by the bus-conductors in terms of the Group Areas proclamation.

What would the Council's attitude have been had the owners and passengers affected been Whites? I don't think there are any doubts of the answer. The Councillors would have been expressive itself to assist if even only 2,000 Whites had been affected, for they are the voters. It is a sad commentary that in our country, it is only the voters who find their elected bodies conform to Christian principles of tolerance, and consideration and of justice.

Meantime, the Message that must give to the world is still among the most potent forces for good in the world. They may yet penetrate the hearts of our rulers . . . before it is too late. Meanwhile, a merry Christmas to you and don't let local politicians mar the celebrations of the miracle in the manger.

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HEARTLESS

BUT I wonder whether in all the world, pagan and anti-Christ countries included, there is any municipal council which is as callous, as heartless, as unfeeling and as inconsiderate towards its ratepayers as is the Durban City Council towards its Indian burgesses? Wild allegations? I don't think so.

Take the question of the new European bus rank. It was only after innumerable deaths and after the Van den Heever Rides Commission had condemned it out of hand did the Council do anything about decentralising the old Victoria Street rank. Then, in the face of overwhelming opposition from the non-European population, and the Indian section in a nearby hospital, it sited one terminus next to Saint College. The power thereof was disturbed, scholars had to contend with hooting and shouting in the middle of their lessons. Basketballer Indian mothers had to make an unnecessarily long, heavy trudge. But brushing aside reasonable requests to use the space-wasting testing grounds for the purpose, the City Council went ahead with its plans. It promised rush hour-bus shelters, latrines. But these promises it broke with facility, using as excuse the "temporary" character of the Wiseman Walk terminus.

FESTERING SORE

TEMPORARY was of course, the Council's dictionary, for permanent. It made an apparent attempt to cut out the cancer, but it made of the operation wound a festering sore.

Recently, efforts were made to persuade the Council to cure the foul-smelling sore at Wiseton Walk by removing this terminus to the now vacant testing ground site. Indian passengers, bus owners, the Institute of Race Relations all put up well-reasoned, powerful arguments in favour of the move. But the Council evidently felt it was more important to provide a carpark for Europeans than to consider the convenience or safety of non-Whites.

Then, the Chief Constable pronounced his views and the Road Safety Council unanimously endorsed the Council's handiwork. The latter made the rather silly point of simply comparing the death roll at the old combined rank with those of the three decentralised terminii. It forgot that the Lorne Street rank would stay under the new proposals, and that the testing grounds would relieve congestion. It failed to consider the inconvenience indeed the safety of the many thousands who are forced, by municipal decree as it were, to cross Alice Street at the busiest periods of the day.

REBUFFED

ORGANISATIONS speaking on behalf of more than 200,000 citizens of Durban pleaded with the Council for some humanity, for some consideration of their fears and of their requirements. But the pleas fell on deaf ears, were repuffed by hard hearts. As were the pleas for support to mitigate the hardships suffered by the bus-conductors in terms of the Group Areas proclamation.

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Around the Capital

WITH C. G. MOODLEY

TWO new buildings — one in the city, the other at Edendale — were officially made available for the use of the public last weekend. The architecture of these buildings differ as vastly as the poles are apart, yet they possess similar characteristics, i.e. an awareness of the existence of God and a design for healthy living. The building in the city is the new home of the local branch of the Leatherworkers' Trade Union, while the one at Edendale is a mosque. There was too, a peculiarly wide margin of difference in the attendances at the official opening functions. Don't ask me why!

Let's talk about the Edendale Masjid first.

"Whoso builds a Mosque for Allah, Allah will build on abode for him in Paradise (Al Hadis).

This Mosque was built by the **name of the late Hajee Yusuf Mamad, father of the late Hajee Fatima Ahmed Moolla and dedicated by them for the Swaab E. Daria of Shah Mohamed parish." 14-1-1958. V. M. Rawat, Builder and Contractor.**

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The answer lies in the fact that Hajee Yusuf M. Rawat provided his labour force free and for gratis to build the mosque. And that meant quite a tidy sum less in the overall cost of £20,000 which Mr. Ismail Mahomed and his brothers had to perpetuate the memory of their beloved parents and to provide a place of worship for the 700-strong Muslim community of Edendale.

It wasn't exactly a cruise down the Umsindusi River on a Sunday afternoon. But, at 3 p.m. last Sunday, approximately 500 people, representative of nearly all denominations and including dozens of city dwellers, sat beneath a gaily dressed canopy set in the foothills of the Edendale district. A breeze tempered the summer sunbeams which slanted through the covers. Far away, the Umsindusi River meandered tranquilly on its course.

The master of ceremonies, bespectacled lovable young Dr. E. Cassim rose to ask Mumbi Maxhoma to lead the prayer. Alias wards, Maulana A. S. Desai delivered the Waiz which marked the official opening of the Masjid.

There followed an eulogy to Ismail Mahomed and his brothers who had donated the masjid which they had dedicated to the memory of their dear departed parents . . . to Hajee Yusuf Rawat for his munificent gesture in building the mosque free of charge . . . to Mr. G. Taylor, area secretary, Local Health Commission, Edendale and District, for his invaluable help . . . to the members of the Mosque Building committee, Messrs. A. H. Essop, Ismail Mahomed, E. M. Karr, A. D. Shaik, G. Hoosen, A. M. Ally, A. C. Mandavia, G. H. Shaik, Essop Moosa and Dr. H. Cassim . . . and to the members of the Edendale Mosque and Madressa Trust.

That is the story of the Edendale Mosque and Madressa Trust on whose land the new buildings stand. I remember all too well that April day in 1955, when the foundation stone was laid and now 21 years later, those people's dreams have been realised. A fact which the 500 people present on Sunday could bear witness.

Disappointing Attendance

WHAT a sharp contrast to the attendance at that function was that on the previous afternoon, when the "Lotus" hall in Longmarket Street, new home of the Pietermaritzburg branch of the National Union of Leatherworkers, was officially opened by Mr. L. Allen, secretary of the Union (Natal area) and president of the National Industrial Council of the Leather Industry of South Africa.

Of the total membership of some 2,000, barely 10 per cent, of that number were present. And of the half a dozen leather industrialists in the city and its environs, only one, Mr Stanley Austin, was able to accept the invitation.

Mr. Austin made it quite plain that he was disappointed with the small attendance. He was very sorry, too, to learn that the cordial relations which had always existed between employer and employee in the city was fast deteriorating.

All employers welcomed the trade union movement and they recognised the need for mutual understanding and the sooner the cordial employer-employee relationship of the past was restored the better, he said.

Mr. Austin, however, congratulated the local branch leaders on their initiative and for their foresight in undertaking to provide a much-needed amenity for their members. That undertaking had now been fulfilled and he expressed the hope that advantage will be taken of these amenities.

Mr. M. G. Naidoo, chairman of the 1860 Indian Settlers Centenary Committee in Pietermaritzburg, told his listeners that the leatherworkers in the city had played and still are playing, a major part in brightening the lives of the poorer members of the community.

They had contributed handsomely to charitable organisations, among them the Deepavali and the Christmas Cheer Fund, the Arian Benevolent Society, Child Welfare and FOSA, to mention only a few. And now they had contributed to the cost of building a beautiful hall which would serve, not only their own needs, but also as a recreation centre for other sections of the community.

Mr. Naidoo concluded with expressing the hope that he would not be asking for the moon if he appealed to them to contribute towards the cost of building the proposed Indian Settlers' Memorial Hospital.

Other speakers who joined in congratulating the local branch were Messrs. L. C. Scheepers (Transvaal), F. C. Gallant, R. S. Keyter and V. Cowley.

Prayers were offered by Rev. A. J. Chetty (in English) and Pundit N. Jugmohan (in Hindi) and a Guard of Honour was formed by the Magnus Rower Scouts Bugle Band.

Mr. L. Allen, who opened the building, took his audience for a peep into 1926 when the local branch of the Leatherworkers Union was formed. From those small beginnings, the city's membership had grown into approximately 2,000.

With the growth of the branch and its attendant administrative duties, the lack of suitable office premises and accommodation for meetings and other large functions, had sprung the realisation that a building of their own was an urgent necessity. That dream had now been fulfilled and it was up to the members here to keep aflame the torch of healthy living.

Mayoress's Christmas Parcels

ON Tuesday next, members of the Indian Boy Scouts Association will begin distributing the Mayoress's and Rover Scouts Christmas Cheer parcels to 53 needy families who are living inside the city boundaries, Pietermaritzburg and Raisethorpe.

The names of these Indian families were chosen from lists submitted by the Indian Child Welfare Committee, FOSA and the B.E.S.L. Members of the European Boy Scouts movement will help distribute parcels to needy European, Coloured and African families.

Another Misfortune

LAST week, I told you about the piece of misfortune that befell a city school teacher, Miss Thelma Reddy. Because her family were moving to Stanger at the end of the year, Thelma obtained a transfer to that North coast town.

With happy memories of the touching farewells her confreres and their pupils had bidden that morning still fresh in her heart, she was shocked to learn late that afternoon that her mother had been injured in an accident with a motor car while she was crossing the road only a few hundred yards away from her home.

Now fate has struck a cruel blow to another city school teacher, Miss I. N. Badrudden. Her mother who had been a patient at the Edendale Hospital suffering with a circulatory affliction, died there last Sunday. The funeral took place that same evening at the Edendale cemetery.

. . . and No Telephones

ON Wednesday night last week, the Grim Reaper gathered in his harvest one of the best known names in Rosethorpe. Mrs. Lalbehari, better known as "Mrs. L. Harry, had, earlier that fateful evening, attended a party given by some friends of hers in the district. She had been her usual gay self but, soon after returning home, she collapsed. She was made comfortable by her children while one of her sons went to call a doctor but Mrs. Lalbehari died before the arrival of the medico.

Observe: A doctor was sent for, not summoned by telephone. And why not? The answer is that, except for a lone call box near the boundary, there are no telephones in Raisethorpe.

Imagine that, Raisethorpe is a rapidly expanding Indian settlement with Coloureds and Africans making up the population. The settlement boasts of two large schools, a cinema, shops, garages and even a sub-post office. Yet, except for that solitary telephone booth, there are no privately-rented instruments in the district.

It is high time that this omission was remedied.

Tit-Bits

MR. R. RAGWAN, headmaster of Hillview Indian School, Caversham, and President of the city Rotary Club, paid a visit the other day to the Voortrekker Museum. As he was leaving, he pulled out his pen to sign the Visitors' Book. "Nice, nice," said the caretaker, "That book is meant for Europeans only."

OUT at Edendale last Sunday, accompanied by a friend of mine, Mr. A. K. Meeran, we found that we were a bit too early for the official opening ceremony of the masjid. So we loafed it across the road to visit a mutual friend, schoolmaster M. K. Chetty.

Mr. Chetty's petite daughter, Theresa, newly graduated from the Springfield Teacher-Training College, and who will follow in Puja's footsteps next term, entertained us to tea. But M.K. warned milk with his tea.

Nothing unusual in that, you might retort, but M.K. is a school-bus-cum-farmer. He tills the soil in his leisure hours and keeps a couple of milch cows into the bargain. Yet he can't drink milk!

Not a Murmur

FIVE men who attended the official opening last Saturday of the "Lotus" hall, new home of the city branch of the National Union of Leatherworkers, face a gloomy Christmas and an even gloomier New Year.

Because of their trade union activities, these men were unanimously dismissed from their jobs in a local [illegible] last Friday. Yet, although their wives and children were in open revolt, not a murmur issued from their



OFFERING A PRAYER: The Magnus Rover Scouts' Bugle Band formed a guard of honour at the opening of the "Lotus" hall in Pietermaritzburg last Saturday while Rev. A. J. Chetman (right) and Pundit S. Jugmohan offer a prayer. On the left is Mr. D. Randhor, chairman of the Pietermaritzburg branch of the Leatherworkers' Union.

lips during the function. One of the victims is vice-chairman of the local Leatherworkers' Union, yet he was great-hearted enough to move a vote of thanks to the visiting trade unionists.

Their case is sub-judice because of the Christmas holidays, but I learn that negotiations will be initiated on their behalf when the factory re-opens after the vacation.



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By RONNIE GOVENDER

WHEN an irrepressible force meets an immovable object there's bound to be a collision. That's mathematical science talking . . . and if you don't believe it, pugilistic science should convince you. Personally, I never did doubt the enunciation. But I couldn't have witnessed a better demonstration of the law than the explosive meeting of irrepressible "Kangaroo" Maoto and solid Enoch Nhlapo.

Maoto entered the ring first wearing a crimson gown with white lapels and weighing 133lb. I heard more boos than cheers.

When Nhlapo came in there were more cheers than boos. He wore a black gown with white lapels and a broad grin. He weighed 131lb.

"Chairs and seconds out. . . .

ROUND 1

The boxers started with some mutual exploration. Nhlapo, crouched and flat cocked, landed the first punch, a long right to the upright Maoto's stomach. He followed it up, seconds later with a left, which landed distinctly under Maoto's belt. No complaints. Warmed up, the Kangaroo began a leaping attack which he was to keep up throughout the fight. Nhlapo collected a hard right to the head. The round ended with the champ scoring three light rights to the head. There was not much action in this round.

ROUND 2

Nhlapo came out of his corner with a changed stance. He led with long, loping lefts. Maoto cleverly rode two of these to the head but couldn't avoid left slips to the stomach. The referee intervened to warn Nhlapo. The fight was resumed with a punishing left right to Maoto's head. Dancing, beg your pardon, jumping all around the ring, Maoto leapt in with a right to the head; before he could leap out Nhlapo got in some stinging rights to the head. They were too many to count. He followed it up with more hard rights straight to the face. When Maoto managed to spring out again, his nose was bleeding. But he wasn't having any . . . he just got in there and slammed a right into the "bread-basket," and a left to the head.

ROUND 3

Kangaroo sprang at Nhlapo with lashing rights to the face. He followed it up with a quick, left-right but Nhlapo, cool and unmoved as ever, countered well with short, swift punches. At this stage, Maoto, clearly worried, began a queer bobbing and weaving motion as Nhlapo attacked unceasingly. Surprisingly enough, he evaded most of the vicious hooks. Driven to a corner the Kangaroo began to swing wildly. Some of the punches connected but did no damage. Just as suddenly the incessantly moving Maoto switched over to an attack, the likes of which I haven't seen in all my ring-side days. With his left in almost horizontally stuck in the air, he began to clobber Nhlapo with hard rights to the face. In that position, it was surprising that he executed those telling punches. Nhlapo was having difficulty in pushing the champ's mauling paw side and at times stood there puzzled as Maoto went through his uncanny seance.

ROUND 4

Maoto started the round with lefts to the mid-riff and face. Nhlapo tried to get close, swung in some more of his vicious short hooks and hit air as Maoto began to sway again. He reverted to a two-fisted attack as he drove the champ to a corner. Maoto leapt out and repeated his pattern of attack, but it was clear that Nhlapo's short, two-fisted barrage at close quarters were telling on Maoto, who was a tired man at the end of the stanza.

ROUND 5

Nhlapo, realising that he was gaining the upper hand attacked with a series of lefts to the face, but he just couldn't pin the mercurial Maoto. Nhlapo began to fly every time Maoto leapt in to fly man, Nhlapo was now quicker to the punch and more often, Kangaroo's nose began to bleed again. He reverted to his leg-in-the-air tactics but the "school-boy" middle him fold us like a jack-knife with a right travelling all the way from the canvas. The champ was in trouble as Nhlapo began to pour on the coals.

ROUND 6

Nhlapo was now quicker to the attack. He let fly with some punishing rights to the face. But the Kangaroo surprised him with a sudden and vicious counter. A rapid exchange of hard body blows followed and Kangaroo began a hasty retreat for Nhlapo was on him, driving him to the ropes. Maoto came back with a homey of a swing. It was a crude round-house left, a sucker punch, but Nhlapo was wide open for it.

ROUND 7

With his leg in the air again, Kangaroo swarmed into the fray. The referee intervened and warned the champ for using his knee. On the resumption Kangaroo swung low to the head and his long lefts found their mark on Nhlapo's head as Enoch replied with another short barrage of body blows. He collected a terrific uppercut, didn't seem to mind in the least and countered with a hard right to the jaw.

ROUND 8

Maoto was now key to the mast with punishing blows to Nhlapo's wide open face. A wild swing, banging plumb on Nhlapo's proboscis, drew blood. Maoto kept his left playing on Nhlapo's nose. The Kangaroo threw punches from all angles, Nhlapo appeared a bit shaky and slowed down considerably.

ROUND 9

Nhlapo started boring in and took some blows to his granite-constructed head. Once more Kangaroo changed his style, but Nhlapo got in a left, right, and a straight to the chest. A wild swing to the plexus made Nhlapo a gasp. He retaliated with two short punches to the face. Kangaroo tried to weird him off with five feeble lefts to the face.

ROUND 10

Nhlapo threw in a hum-dinger of a left to the face that stopped the Kangaroo dead in his tracks. Trying to finish off his man, Nhlapo drove him to a corner, but the Kangaroo's crude but effective defence saw him through a crucial stage. He came back nicely to land a stiff uppercut. Nhlapo stood his ground and probed the champ's stalling score with his short stingers. The round ended with Nhlapo chasing his man.

ROUND 11

This round followed the same pattern as the previous one, until Nhlapo landed a vicious swing under the belt. I saw it clearly from where I sat. Maoto's face screwed up in agony, Nhlapo was now having it his own way as he pummelled the retreating champ. He scored a bad cut over Maoto's right eye. The champ looked a sorry sight as he went to his corner at the end of the session.

ROUND 12

As the Corporal, welling fans urged Nhlapo to finish off his man, Maoto made a surprise recovery and lashed out gamely. Nhlapo, with the fight in the bag, didn't seem to care. He became small his man. Coolly, relentlessly and methodically he drove with those vicious short hooks of his. But the champ didn't go down, he just wouldn't. Instead he came back fighting. He fainted well and bravely home 2 left to the poor, pulverised Nhlapo's wide open face. The "school boy" however was in better condition. He weathered the temporary storm and put in a roaring finish that had Maoto lolling on the ropes as the bell changed the end of a most fight.

OTHER RESULTS

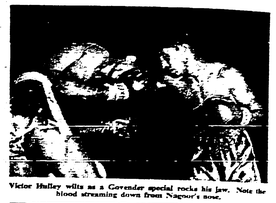
"Easty" David Mosiana should change his appendage to "Dishaky" after his very close defeat by the wily, hard-hitting and many times convicted Sonny Peters. Sonny's left hook was too much for Mosiana and almost barred the fight.

In the bantamweight division, Nagoor Govender was well beaten by Vicky Hadley.

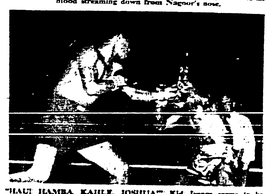
After Fred Ngidi (122) of the Transvaal and Mike Nhlapo (111½) of Natal were warned in a very dull first round to make a fight of it, both lads went at it with a will and gave the fans another very exciting fight. Fred Ngidi was a worthy winner on points.

Louis Joshua (117½) came in surprisingly fit against a tough Kid Isaacs (116½) of the Transvaal. His reflexes are still good but he didn't show his big punch. He did well enough to earn a draw with Isaacs in a willing encounter.

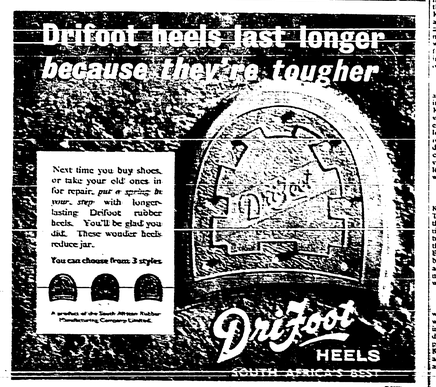
In the flantamweight Division, a very game Kid Tula lost on points to Kid Bambo over four rounds.



Victor Hulley wins as a Govender special rocks his jaw. Note the blood streaming down from Nagoor's nose.



"HAUL HAMBA KAHLE, JOSHUA!" Kid Isaacs seems to be saying as a straight left from Louis Joshua penetrates the kid's defence.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Over 700 pre-school and primary schoolchildren attended the annual Christmas Tree Party of the David Landau Community Centre at Springfield last Sunday and were treated to an exceptionally good fare of songs, nursery rhymes, dances, music and magic. Bobby the Yogi had the kiddies gasping with several of his magic items after which the children swallowed down their amazement with cakes, ice cream and minerals.

Among the many prominent Europeans who were present and who took a keen interest in the activities of the centre and love d their moral and financial support were Mrs. Landau, wife of Dr. David Landau, founder of the Centre, and Mrs. P. Morel, Principal of the Dartnell Crescent Girls' School.

Primarily meant for the children the party was an interesting and enjoyable one for the parents too who came in large numbers. This according to one of the organisers, was indicative of the increased support the Centre was receiving from the community of Springfield.

Miss M. L. Tippett, a field-worker of the Centre, and who is in charge of the 10 pre-schools scattered in and about Springfield, told "The Leader" that the future plans of the Centre was to build a Nursery School with the help of the S.A. Welf Camp Association.

GIRLS OFF ON HOLIDAY

A BATCH of Durban High School girls left by the "Kampala" on a tour of East Africa on Sunday last. There was such a big crowd to see them off at the docks that old Chachojoes had quite a time trying to get up the gangplank. I was jostled about mercilessly; the photographs I took of the girls were headless!

The girls were all very excited. For most of them, it would be the first trip away from home, and all wish them a very pleasant holiday.

WORLD'S HIGHEST COUNTRY

High up among the Himalaya mountains to the north of India sits the little country of Tibet. It is a land of snow-capped mountain peaks and fertile valleys. The average height of Tibet is some 14,000 feet above sea level, and many of its high peaks reach to 25,000 feet.

There are no railroads to take you into this land which sits on the very top of the world. And there are only five long and difficult trails up the steep slopes. A caravan of pack animals travelling one of these tricky roads might look like a procession from Noah's Ark. There would be horses and sturdy ponies. There would be donkeys and maybe a mule or two. There would be camels; and carrying the heaviest load of all would be the Tibetan yaks.

THE YAK

The yak is a native of Tibet and for all his shabby appearance he is a most useful animal. He looks rather like a huge, untidy bison. His shaggy, dark brown coat is often long enough to trail the ground. He always looks in need of a hair combi.

The Tibetans use the yak as a work animal, for milk, butter, meat and leather. In certain places of Tibet the yak will live free in a wild state.

Goats and sheep also thrive on the mountain slopes. Among them live the largest sheep in the world. They have gazelles' horns with huge antlers. There are snow leopards and snow lynxes among the white peaks of Tibet.

In the valleys the farmers grow barley, which is harvested in September. The native flowers are handsome and varied. There are 1,000 different kinds of rhododendrons. There are aconites, asters, delphiniums, and beautiful blue poppies. And we would be able to recognise the trees also—willows, maples, oaks, poplars and cypress. There are gaily-coloured insects and bright birds, all living in the highest country in the world.

Tibet has been in contact with the outside world for several centuries. But generally, the people have preferred to keep themselves to themselves. They are shy and somewhat suspicious of outside interference. They colour dislike things that seem very, and many of their customs would seem strange to us.

PEN PALS

Miss Maudye Ramshaweee (16), c/o P. J. M. Crookes, Hillsgrove Estate, P.O., Renishaw, Natal. Interests: knitting, reading, gardening. Pen pals wanted from South Africa, India and United Kingdom.

A. Rahiya (14), P.O. Box 25, Pinetown, Natal. Interests: reading, collecting film star photos.

Ram Somers (19), 698 Clare Rd., Sydenham, Durban. Interests: dancing, reading, cinema.

Tony Govender (18), P.O. Box 45, Dundee, Natal. Interests: collecting film star photos, correspondence.

S. E. Good (18), Spring Estate, P.O. Doornkop, Natal. Interests: studies, correspondence.

Miss T. Anderson (15), c/o Clifton School, Nottingham Road, Natal. Interests: singing, reading, housework.

Leslie Randall (12), 111 Villa Road, Mayville, Durban. Interests: general.

REPLIES

M. Mahomped (350 Sarnia Rd., Sea View, Natal): Thank you for your wonderful gesture. I am afraid it will not be possible to publish the photograph you sent of Mahomed Rafi. It is not very clear.

Sayed Ismail (285 Sirdar Road, Clairwoody Your postal order should now reach you safely.

Shirley Harry (236 Prospect Hall Road, Durban North.): You seem to be quite an artist. Keep it up.—CHACHAAAN.

O, GOD!

Here is a prayer by a member whose name I mislaid. It was written just before the annual school examinations:

O God, please help me.
Please make me get through my exams.
I would be very pleased if you would help me.
If I fail, I shall sit and cry.
My brother will hit me and scold me;
I do not like to fail,
God, I am praying very hard,
I am also studying hard,
Every day I go to the temple
If I pass, I shall give you fruit and flowers and coconuts.
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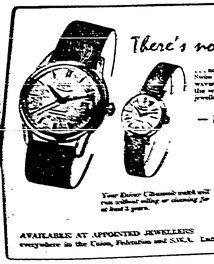
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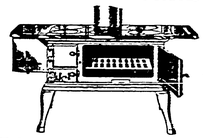
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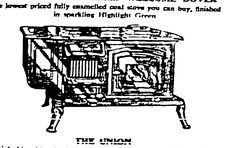


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The story revolves around two hold-up gang Jake had hidden the money from a bank robbery.

men who once had been partners in a hold-up gang of the Early West. One is the maniacal Clint Hollister (Richard Widmark) with a lust for killing, and the other is Jake Wade (Robert Taylor), who broke with the gang some years ago and who since has become the respected marshall of a small New Mexico town and is engaged to the attractive Peggy Carter (Patricia Owens).

When Clint is about to be hanged for murder, Jake subdues his guard and releases him in order to repay a past debt. But Clint does not consider the debt repaid. Before breaking with the

By kidnapping Peggy, Clint forces Jake to lead him and four cohorts over a long trek through the mountains. It is a journey replete with incident after incident and terror as Jake tries every trick in the book to enable Peggy and himself to escape from their captors, leading to one of the most realistic and frightening depictions of an Indian battle ever staged when the group is attacked by Commanches.

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The Shah Jehan, taking a lively interest in the happiness of the children, is again holding a special Children's Morning show on Friday, December 19 at 10.15.

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At the last children's show, Shah Jehan topped the record attendance of the Kiddies when every seat was occupied by the eager little fans. This not only to enjoy themselves but is of tremendous educative value too.

MODERN SOCIAL DRAMA

WHAT would you do if you found that the girl you loved and intended to marry and who lived under the same roof disappear one night never to return? And what would be your reaction, too, if some time later you found the girl as a orphan fondly playing with a little child? Will your love for her return or would the child cast an ugly shadow on your mind and prompt you to forsake her?

This is the problem Ayaan Pictures' latest Tamil offering, "Two Brothers" to be screened at the Avalon as a midnight attraction on December 25, attempts to solve, and while doing so presents a gripping and tense photoplay which is replete with songs, dances and captivating music.

Starring Gemini Ganesan and Savithri, the husband and wife team, in the stellar roles, the film, essentially a modern social drama, tends at times to turn to prosaic a satirical content — comparing one sister who is sophisticated and flippant with the other who is of the homely type, cherishing that modesty and womanly qualities which characterise the true Hindu woman. How modern inclinations bring pain in its wake, and what it means to an Indian woman to lose her chastity, is perhaps the central theme of this highly entertaining film.

COMMISSION FOR INDIA IN NIGERIA

LAGOS.—The Office of the Commission for India started functioning last week in Lagos, the capital of Nigeria, under the Assistant Commissioner, Mr. P. K. Guha.

Tarzan Film at midnight show

"TARZAN'S FIGHT FOR LIFE" which is to be screened at the Shah Jehan as a midnight attraction on December 22, marks the 40th anniversary of "Tarzan" as a motion picture star. The first story of the jungle king and his mate, Jane, was filmed by the silent cameras in 1918 and there have since been 24 Tarzan pictures released.

Through the years there have been eleven Tarzans and nineteen Janes. The eleventh and the nineteenth are Gordon Scott and Eve Brent, who team for the first time in "Tarzan's Fight For Life", a play based on the characters created by Edgar Rice Burroughs. It marks the third Tarzan role for Scott, following on "Tarzan's Lost Safari" and "Tarzan's Hidden Jungle".

Exciting wild animal scenes, tribal life and other authentic scenes for the picture were filmed in colour during a big game safari on the Dark Continent in British East Africa, Portuguese East Africa, French Equatorial Africa, Northern and Southern Rhodesia and parts of the Sudan, among them sections of Africa never before photographed.

Shown in the various scenes are lions, leopard, cheeta, hyena, jackal, elephant as well as innumerable species of birds, including the ostrich, pelicans vultures and hornbills.

"Tarzan's Fight For Life" reviews about the curious nerves and the witch doctor of the Nagasi tribe who can hold any power over the natives by proving that his sorcery is more powerful than white man's medicine. Among the thrills highlights are an episode in which Jane comes close to being strangled to death; the struggle between Tarzan and an 18-foot python; the mangling of a mining girl by a crocodile and the escape and attack of the Golden Lions.

Stars follow Yoga

Ann Todd is the latest film star to be linked with the growing cult among celebrities—Marlon Brando, Elizabeth Sellers and Olivia de Haviland — of following Oriental philosophy and culture, mainly yoga.

Incidentally, Anne's ex-husband, David Lean, is also caught up with the yoga system and the oriental cult at the moment. His interest seems to date from the beginning of his year-long romance with an Indian girl, Leila Devi.

Ann Todd's approach to the cult, however, is far less flamboyant and publicity-fastidious than others. Unlike the sensitive Lady Elizabeth Sellers, her home has a simplicity which, unlike Olivia de Haviland she has never been photographed on a yoga mat.

Ann explains: "This is something serious with me, something that has helped me for a long time. Because of that I get upset with people who are prepared to prattle about matters which should be private convictions."

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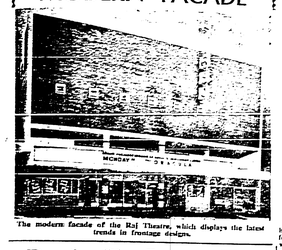
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The modern facade of the Raj Theatre, which displays the latest trends in frontage designs.



A view of the beautiful interior of the Raj, showing the foam rubber cushioned seats and the walls, which are of light blue, forming a delightful contrast to the dark ceiling.

New Durban Cinema

The Raj, latest addition to Durban's rapidly increasing amenities for non-Europeans, is in harmony with the City's enormous development.

Principles of modern construction and design have produced in The Raj a most happy combination of beauty and function. This luxury cinema-theatre has been specifically designed for the presentation of the world's finest films in Cinemascope, VistaVision and Conventional.

Durban may well take pride in the many modern features which are incorporated in this luxury cinema, including a most important essential for Natal—

The advanced style in the use of colour masses in conjunction with carefully chosen materials is seen on approaching the theatre where a façade of blue-faced brickwork running the whole width of the building is faced by an ornate vertical sign and the canopy illuminated sign.

The wide entrance doors provide a characteristic entrance to the cinema with pay boxes at either side. The foyer is dominated by a refreshment counter of attractive design. The stadium-type auditorium is an outstanding example of the effective use of simplicity in tone and colour, the colour and design of the luxurious foam rubber cushioning of the seats contributing an important part.

The imaginative and effective design of the light fittings will command admiration and tone in with the luxurious festoon curtains which will reflect a feast of colour.

Booking System

The Raj, which is opening on Monday, December 22, has introduced a new system whereby seats for the Saturday matinees, 5.15 and evening shows could be booked in advance on any day of the week. Called "two plan" it will place every seat in the house under reserved seat, and will greatly facilitate cinema patrons, who normally have not much time, especially on Saturdays to stand in long queues for tickets.

The Raj is also offering the finest in cinema entertainment, only bringing the pick of the best to be screened for its patrons. Opening with the spine-thriller, U.S.A. "Dracula," the cinema has already booked such great hits as "Your Guy Mason by Night," Jay Packer's novel which was recently filmed in the Valley of the Thousand Hills, "Fire Down Below" (Rank), "Cockleshell Heroes," "King Creole," "Zarak," "Last of the Fast Guns," and "Vertigo."

The cinema will hold four shows daily: 9.45 a.m., 2.15, 5.15 and 7.30 p.m.

Reply To Letter To The Editor

Mr. J. Bugwandeen, Secretary of the Non-European Railway Employees' Welfare Association, replying to a letter which appeared in "The Leader" last week, criticising the Association's action in threatening to negotiate with the Municipality if the present conditions in buses operating the Merebank and adjoining routes were not improved, said that he was surprised to note that the author of the letter did not disclose his name.

He stated that a special meeting of the Council of the Association was held on November 30 in Durban to discuss the line of action for the improvement of the present chaotic conditions of non-European buses in Merebank and its environment as far as school children were concerned. "It was decided", said Mr. Bugwandeen, "that the bus owners be given 14 days to improve the service and failing satisfactory response from the bus owners, a special mass meeting be called to consider the matter".

"I would like the writer of the letter to consider the feeling of anxiety that is created in the minds of the parents when the children do not return from school on time. This state of affairs is created by the constant refusal of the bus drivers and conductors to proceed only on the instructions of their employers, the bus owners — to convey school children.

"Our organisation is keenly interested in the welfare of all people irrespective of their colour, and consequently we expect a first class bus service and are not interested in who operates the service, whether it be the non-Europeans themselves or the Municipality. All we need is a service."

● Pakistan Government have decided not to import any more sugar during the rest of the current year. This has been made possible by increase in the home production. One hundred and fifty thousand tons of sugar was produced during the year. This was forty eight thousand tons more than the previous year. Pakistan will become self-sufficient in sugar shortly by increasing production in the existing factories and by setting up new ones. At present there are thirty factories in the country which are producing sugar in the country. Two more mills are nearing completion in East Pakistan. On their completion, production is expected in two to one hundred and fifteen thousand tons.

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Sports Corner

By RONNIE GOVENDER

"If ya wanna get to the top, ya gotta fight dirty." This profound bit of pugilistic wisdom was enunciated by no less than a former lightweight champion of the world, Fritzie Zivic, who is a past master at prohibited practices in the noble art, maintains that to get to the top in boxing a boxer must fight dirty. He cites Rocky Marciano, present champion, Jake La Motta, Homicide Hank and Jack Dempsey as "unclean fighters". Says the ex-champ, who has been described as a "thoroughly friendly and big-hearted gentleman," "Look at it this way. Bashing another guy's face in to earn your keep is a dirty thing, looking at it any way. So what's the difference if you make a real job of it. After all the Marquess of Queensbury was no angel himself — he used to come home drunk and beat his wife and kids."

I'm afraid I don't see eye to eye with the good fellow. Boxing has been accepted as a sport, the excuse being that it is the art of self-defence. Whether the handing out of corporal punishment to a fellow human being to earn a living is immoral or not has got nothing to do with the justification of a sportsman's brutish behaviour. A boxer is a sportsman, and a sports man's true credential is clean healthy participation in a morally accepted recreation. Which leads me to the important point I want to make — most Transvaal boxers cannot be called SPORTSMEN. Some of them enter the ring armed with a repertoire of foul devices. It is clear that this forms a special part of their training schedule. I have seen enough in recent years to revolt me.

A few years back it was a treat to watch fighters like, Baby Baxter, Michael Twain, Alex Makela and, more recently, Elijah Mokone and Jake Ntuli, go in there and make a good, clean fight of it.

The scene has changed. Recently I witnessed fighters, all from the Transvaal, employ almost all the dirty tricks of the trade, fighters butted with their heads, stuck their thumbs in their opponents' eyes, brushed the lace end of their gloves on their opponents' faces, cuffed, hit with their elbows, held the other fellow's hand under their arm-pits in close exchanges, hit under the belt, kidney-punched and even used their knees. How was it that the referee didn't notice all these terrible going on? As I said, our friends from across the Vaal are experts at the job. Affig all, the referee can only see one side of the fighters at a time. Even then, Durban's efficient third-men did catch the Transvaalers out a few times. Mokie was warned for holding and hitting after the bell, Mason was warned for "kneeing" and Nhlapo warned for keeping his blows low.

What can we do to remedy the sordid situation? Unfortunately, nothing. Friends, nothing. I am pretty sure the offenders won't listen to moral sermons. And the Boards of Control? They do have the right to suspend a fighter — BUT they must catch their man first. And for the third time — THAT isn't an easy proposition.

"HARMONY . . . .

MR. J. ELLIOTT, the chairman of the Cato Creek Angling Club and well-known racing personality, made the following significant observations at the Anglers' Smoker on Saturday:

"Harmony oils the wheels of life. "The harbour was given by God to all mankind."

No Prize for Sharks

The extermination of sharks hasn't stopped at shark nets and harpoons. The unpopular creatures are not even being recognised as members of the illustrious, much-hated order of pisces. At least the New-lands Indians' Educational Society refuses to recognise that they are fish for their fishing competition to be held at Glenashly South on the 28th December 1958, from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Says the Secretary, "Sharks will not be taken into consideration."

The entrance fee is 2/6 and any body can enter provided they have their own rods, fishing tackle and bait. Tickets are obtainable at 457 Bramby Road weekends. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

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The Social Whirl



Bale! Bale! is what the ladies in the photograph (above) seem to be saying while Mrs. G. Naidoo, chairlady of the East London Women's Religious Protection Society, cuts the seventh anniversary cake presently. From left to right are Mrs. Pillay, Mrs. R. Lingham, Mrs. G. Naidoo and Mrs. N. V. Appavoo.



PARENTS' DAY: Mrs. Grice, a resident of Mt. Edgecombe, hands out the prizes at the first Parents' Day held recently at the Wm. A. Campbell Government-aided Indian School. In spite of the inclement weather conditions, many parents and residents attended the function which included an arts and crafts exhibition.

The active Hindu Women's Religious Protection Society of East London, held a party to celebrate their 7th anniversary at the residence of Mrs. G. Naidoo, chairlady of the society, 23 Richmond Road, East London.

In spite of several difficulties, the society has to its credit seven years of progressive work rendered by a dedicated band of women. The women turned out in full force, although the function was not celebrated elaborately.

The chairlady, in her address, stressed the need for continued loyalty and expressed the hope that all the members would rally to make the society strong enough, even to work for the country in general.

The following were elected to officiate: Chairlady, Mrs. G. Naidoo; assistant chairlady, Mrs. N. V. Appavoo; secretary, Mrs. B. Lingam; treasurer, Mrs. K. Naidoo.



WANTED: A REST — WILL HAVE IT IN INDIA. Mr. Hans Isserow (above-board, boy owner and farmer, of Inanda, feels there he very badly needed a rest after a "misfortune of serious nature" in the industry". On the spur of the moment he decided to have a six-month holiday in India. He will be sailing with his son Khabero and his pretty wife on January 4, 1959, in the S.S. Karanja. Lucky young Khabero this father has named his last service after him) will be seeing some of his cousins for the first time.



NUPTIALS

RETROTHED



Sunny Govender, former national amateur featherweight champion and petite brother, Bill's Violet, kiss their 11-year-old daughter Lucky, goodbye just before her departure, shortly by air to Cape Town, Lucky "Lucky" won the air trip all by her little self.

A FEW months back, Sunny Govender, of Randles Road, Sydenham, and his charming wife, Violet, who is a school teacher, were having dinner with their effervescent little daughter, Lucky. Various things came under discussion in the happy family round table conference.

Poppa Govender, now in a very light-hearted mood, asked Lucky how she was faring at school, and he was assured in no uncertain terms by his daughter's scholastic prowess. Mummy, of course, didn't want to have crows. She wanted to know why Govender senior had not given his pet coal kitten, Oh-Oh, that's what Lucky calls the little chum, a name possibly on the 'Pi' count.

Said Poppa: "If you come out first I'll give you a free phone ride to Cape Town." Well, you know how it is! Poppa was only joking.

But Lucky got down to things with a will and on the morning of her departure, Sat. 13th December, by South African Airways aeroplane, "Flying was a breeze," declared Lucky on her return.

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Handsome Sikh In Durban

The Sikhs, handsome and legendary people of Northern India, followers of Guru Nanak, saber-armed, bearded and turbaned, are not a familiar sight in Durban, although it is known as a city which is fast becoming cosmopolitan, and where the East is supposed to meet the West.

But the other day I was introduced to a clean-shaven and turbaned Sikh gentleman by Mr. M. Devduth, of Durban. Immediately I set my eyes on the handsome, youthful face of Prem Singh — that's his name — who hails from New Delhi, I was momentarily transported to a region in Punjab where much saber-rattling greeted the British in the late 19th century, as a first sign of the awakening of the Indians to rule India themselves. After coming out of my reverie, I noticed that my friend from Punjab, who was supposed to have belonged to a fierce Indian tribe, was pleasant, charming and a little shy, carried neither sword nor armament — was ogglily for which his tribe is noted. And he was without the traditional sword, too.

Prem Singh rose from a carpenter to become a ship's engineer, and it was during his ship's brief stay in Durban last week, that he had the opportunity of being shown around this fair city by Mr. Devdutch.

"Have you any relatives here?" I asked him.

"Oh, I have relatives all over the world, but not in Durban at the moment. Probably I may soon have a few here," he said laughingly.

Mr. Singh said that he was very much impressed with the beauty of Durban and that it compared favourably with the best cities he had ever visited during all his travels.

Late Night Preview

The Indian screen's most loved pair, Nargis and Raj Kapoor, will team in Ranjit Movietone's "Papi". The latest to be screened as a special late evening preview on Saturday, December 27 at 10 p.m.

Directed by Chandulal Shah, with music by S. Mahinder, "Papi" is one of the few Ranjit films to come to this country. In previous years the Ranjit monogram awarded cinema-goers of a fine entertainment and patrons could be assured that this film has all the characteristics touches that mark a Ranjit film.

Essentially a comedy, the picture casts an insight into the life of an unemployed youth, Rajit, who in desperation to save the house of his lover, which is mortgaged, from passing into the hands of the bond-holder, commits a theft. Consequently he is wanted by the police and Rajit, seeing himself in an awkward situation, escapes. On his way he meets a preacher who resembles him and, as luck would have it, the preacher is involved in an accident. This gives Rajit an idea and he quickly changes into the garb of the preacher. The events that follow provide a lot of laughter as well as pathos.

A Letter To The Editor On Christmas Giving

Sir, — Throughout the Christian world Christmas will be celebrated with pomp and ceremony. The churches will be packed to capacity, anthems, psalms, hymns, will be sung in praise to the Saviour of the world, Jesus Christ. On the other hand we find that irrespective of race colour and creed, the joy of Christmas is prevalent [illegible] as the angels had announced 2000 years ago, "Good tidings of great joy, to all nations."

The sending and receiving of greeting cards, the Christmas dinner, the turkey, the pudding, are part of this joyous festivity.

I wonder how many of us realise that Christmas is the birthday of Jesus Christ? It is true many of us have received gifts and likewise sent gifts to friends, relatives, etc.

Let us imagine that we are kneeling before that manger at Bethlehem in adoration and praise, and ask ourselves "What gift have I for the Lord?" There are two ways of celebrating Christmas, namely one of selfish desires and pleasure, and the other of spiritual joy, fellowship and worship of the true living God. So then if you want to know "What gift have I for the Lord" the answer is Christ's gracious command "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The challenge is if you want to make God happy, then let us think of the less fortunate, the sick, the deaf, blind, lame, the poor, your next door neighbour, your enemies, and with joy and love supply them with a basket full of Christmas cheer, thereby setting the flame of hope and goodwill and giving glory to God. Visit the prisoners in gaol, the hospitals, orphanages, the blind institutions, etc.

Often our Christmas spirit and the Christian spirit are two different things. Christian giving requires four conditions which Christmas giving does not.

FIRST. We must give unnoticed by others. "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them."

SECOND. We must give from the heart. Not because of any family relationship, or friendship. The beggar also needs the Lord. "Give to them that asketh thee."

THIRD. We must give to those who do not give to us, even those who hate us. "For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the publicans the same."

FOURTH. We must give until it hurts . . . not of our surplus but of our substance, God does not notice how much you give but how much you have left. "And many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites . . . and Jesus saith unto them "This poor widow hath cast more in than they all."

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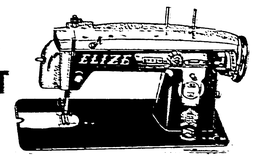


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Candid Commentary . . . by Politicus

EDUCATED INDIANS—WHAT THREAT ARE THEY?

ADDRESSING the students at the annual Maritzburg College speech day, Mr. John Nel, deputy-chairman of the Natal Provincial Council, made a cheap appeal to race prejudice.

Criticising what he called "today's school-leaving attitude" among white students, he said that he was alarmed at the prospects twenty years from now when he considered today's lazy tendency among (white) school-leaving boys and THE INCREASING NUMBERS OF EDUCATED INDIANS.

In Durban, he said, Indians now outnumbered Europeans, and 45 per cent. of those Indians were under 16 years old. Moreover, the number of Indian children attending schools in Natal in 10 years had increased by 53,000 from 40,000 to 93,000, while European children had only increased by 17,000 to 55,000. In three years time Indian schoolchildren were expected to have increased by another 50,000 to make the total 140,000.

This, then, is the deputy-chairman of the Provincial Council speaking to a gathering of white school boys. Is it any wonder that thousands of our children roam the streets of the towns and cities in Natal? Official estimates put the figure of Indian children with no schools to go to at some 9,000!

Even supposing Mr. Nel's figures were sound, and his figures in proper context, under what civilised Government and by what enlightened yardstick does an educated community become a threat or danger to others?

How does the white community suffer if the Indians become educated? How does education turn a man into a menace?

Perhaps the white children are lazy, but it is hardly likely that an appeal to them to work hard on the ground of the increasing number of educated Indians will make any difference to them or their laziness.

Why should they work, anyway, when everything is well taken care of, and the politicians in the Provincial and Central Governments are doing, and have done their best, to see that the white man remains "supreme" — whatever that may mean?

Is it surprising that the Indian teachers and others have been begging for an increase in the school building grant for some five years and more, and that the Provincial authorities have turned a deaf ear to their pleas made in the name of children who are denied their birthright of education?

Least it be put down to an act of Nationalist oppression, let us have it on record that Mr. John Nel is a United Party Provincial Councillor in a U.P.-dominated Provincial Council in "English-speaking" Natal!

For the whites, the problem is one of laziness. The issue is "school-leaving," not a fight to gain entry to a school, but one of leaving school too early, though at the prescribed school-leaving age.

In other words, and quite properly, Mr. Nel is anxious that they should continue with their schooling even after they have reached the leaving age. But that is only so far as the Whites are concerned. The educated blacks become a menace, and so far as possible they must be kept out.

This is not a far-fetched conclusion to draw from the kind of views put out by Mr. Nel whose speech is full of anti-Indian propaganda. How much nicer if he had made an appeal for work and better work in place of the prevailing laziness.

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Weenen County Lose

Weenen County A met Northern Districts A at Ladysmith in an interclub match over the weekend, and whilst the B played against Maritzburg District at Estcourt. The A team gave a very good account of itself against the strong Northern District side which won by 29 runs on the single innings. Outstanding players for the day were: N.DIDCUS: Dr. M. Sonbe 78, A. K. Amod 15 and R. Kulliben three for 30. W.C.I.C.U.: A. Bleeware 41, E. Bashi 30 and E. Gazipal five for 47.

The B team lost heavily to M.D.I.C.U. by an innings and 153 runs. Highest scorers for M.D.I.C.U. were P. Marion 47, S. M. Radoo 45 and G. Kadir 30 not out. Bowling: Ismail six for 7 and K. Rajoo four for five seven.

NAIROBI — Mr. E. F. Baluchet (Belgium) has been appointed Belgian Consul-General in the Belgian Congo and Ruanda Urundi with residence at Nairobi, it has been announced in Nairobi. Mr. Baluchet's duty is not to Leopoldville since his arrival in East Africa.

MESSAGE OF THE STARS

BY "SHASTRI"

The Wheel of Fortune for December 26 to January 1 for people born under the twelve Solar Zodiac signs are as follows:

Aries-Mesha (March 22 to April 20): Speculative luck will vary a lot. Happiness and pecuniary gain, but there is indications of losses and high expenditure. Avoid financial risks and carrier expenses. Good days, December 27, 31; bad, 29, 30.

Taurus-Vrisha (April 21 to May 22): A turning point for the better from the business, career and financial angle. Deal carefully with domestic servants and matters connected with domestic servants and matters, condays, December 26, 27; bad, 30, 31.

Gemini-Mithuna (May 23 to June 21): In planning your business and personal finances, do not count too much on being able to raise money or dispose of present assets quickly to good advantage. Exercise extra discretion and caution in all your affairs. Good days, December 29, 30; bad, December 28, 31.

Cancer-Karka (June 22 to July 22): Avoid becoming moody, introspective and rather too critical. Do something to freshen yourself up, and stimulate new interests for the best. Do not brood in the past. Good days, December 27, 31; bad, December 26, 29.

Leo-Singh (July 23 to August 22): From financial angle it will be slightly dull and expenses to meet will be heavy. Handle your affairs with reasonable shrewdness and attend personally to all important matters. Good days, December 28, 29; bad, December 26, 27.

Virgo-Kanya (August 23 to September 22): There is possibility of minor changes and upheavals both at work and home. It is best to act tactfully and avoid impulsive and hasty actions. Good days, December 29, 30; bad, December 28, 31.

Libra-Tula (September 23 to October 22): Financial and career prospects will be fairly bright. Be inclined to take a broader and financial matters with firmness and keeping expenses down as far as feasible. Good days, December 28, 29; bad, December 30, 31.

Scorpii-Vrischika (October 23 to November 21): This week denotes progressive trends in your affairs, and it is up to you to take advantage of this. Be cautious with matters connected with domestic and social affairs. Good days, December 29, 31; bad, December 28, 29.

Sagittarius-Dhanu (November 22 to December 22): You will find it possible to ease off quite easily and take life at a more leisurely pace than has been possible recently. Handle your affairs correctly. Good days, December 27, 28; bad, December 30, 31.

Capricorn-Makar (December 23 to January 20): Meeting of old friends, long pleasant journeys, gain and fairly good prospects are indicated for many people born under this sign during this week. Good days, December 30, 31; bad, December 26, 27.

Aquarius-Kumbha (January 21 to February 19): Your intimate companions, business and work associates will begin to adopt a much more encouraging attitude. You may be given some support to carry through some of your ideas and projects. Good days, December 27, 31; bad, December 28, 29.

Pisces-Meena (February 20 to March 20): Pecuniary gain and pleasure, by and large, will be considerable. Keep a profit making outlook. Handle financial matters with special care. Good days, December 26, 27; bad, December 28, 29.

THE GOOD DAYS

For business generally, December 27, 30.

For collecting debts and dues, December 27, 31.

Club meetings, social functions and family gatherings, December 28, 29.

Seeking employment, December 30, 31.

Appointment with medical advisers, December 30.

Signing documents, December 28, 29.

Change and removals, December 27, 30.

Travel, December 30.

Speculation, December 27.

Playing crops above ground, December 26, 27.

Stormy and rainy weather conditions expected about December 29 to 31.

Lucky numbers to try on the turf on December 27 are: 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9 or 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18. Colours: Yellow, white, green, red.

READER'S QUERY

I have been asked by several interested readers to write about how is the astrological indication for World events in 1959, which I have pleasure in submitting as follows:

The planet Saturn (Shanti) entered the sidereal sign Sagittarius (Dhanu) on November 7, 1958, and will remain therein for two and a half years, by examining the pages of history some 29 years ago when Saturn was in that sign will give us some clue of what to expect in the course of the next years.

We will find that whilst there will be variations and modifications in the trend of events should reveal some parallels to those of 1929/30.

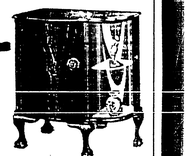
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Evangelist's visit to Africa

The political situation in the Middle East and the hazards caused by the people's determination to free a life of their own choosing has given an American Christian preacher ample opportunity of speaking for himself the yearnings of the masses. He is Evangelist Reverend Eddie McDonald, who during his six years of preaching has visited many countries.

He is expected to be in Durban in early February and during his brief stay here will hold Pentecostal services. He is being invited by Pastor A. N. Naidoo, of the Temple of God Assemblies in Clermont.

Reverend McDonald is a Pentecostal in experience but, he says, "I preach to many groups as long as they are fundamental in their doctrine of salvation through the blood of Christ. I have won the letters of commendation from various religious bodies of America and many different groups."

Up until August this year, when he took up missionary work and tours, Reverend McDonald had been the National Youth Director of the International Pentecostal Assemblies which is a member of the



REV. E. McDONALD

Pentecostal Fellowship of South America and of which the Pentecostal Association of Evangelists.

In an interview with a Leader correspondent, Reverend McDonald, who is due to visit Natal in March, said that he believed he had a message of deliverance for the whole world and spirit. "I emphasise the need of salvation but also pray for the sick, which the Lord has blessed in healing. I do not have a Gadarene message or tricky methods of magic preach Christ. With this as my aim I would come to the people of South Africa with that I have preached through the many countries of the world," he added.

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Clares replied with 177 for 8 declared. Nalan's opening bat, for 78 runs, was in good form for Clares, scoring 78. A. G. Seshiah also shone with the bat and scored 37. S. Rambi took 4 for 15, for United, in their second innings, were all out for 31.

Story of the Maccabees

Stanley Kramer, celebrated American film producer, has secured the motion picture rights to Howard Fast's novel, "My Glorious Brothers," which is set in Palestine 150 years before the birth of Christ. The story, based on the Maccabean revolt against the Syrian-Greek invaders of the Jewish state, tells of the struggle of six brothers, led by Judah the Hammer for United independence.

Fast, one of America's most distinguished novelists, will write the screenplay which he says is now "organized in my head." Tentative plans call for Kramer to direct the picture in Israel. Kramer's brothers are the two executive producers, John Green and Jonathan Simon. John Green and Jonathan, and their father, Maximilian, who organized cinematic exchanges among Europe's motion picture. The boys also is the love story of Simon and Ruth.

"The Leader" Editorial

Durban City Council's Housing plans

IT is possible to believe that there are two sides to the question of the Durban City Council's plan to use the 5,000 acres of banana and vegetable farms in the Chesterville, Cavendish, Bellebosch, Wicklip, Shallcross and Welbedacht area for a housing scheme for Indians.

In the first place, on behalf of the Durban City Council — or rather of its Housing Committee, where the scheme originates — it must be remarked that the scheme is a *housing* scheme, and it is moreover, a housing scheme *for Indians.*

Now Indians must be housed somewhere, and the Indian community, rich and poor alike, should be the first to recognise the need for more (and better) housing for the great majority of the Indians of the Natal towns.

This need not compel us to conclude, of course, that the City Council Housing Committee's scheme is acceptable, or that the banana farmers are being merely selfish in opposing it so emphatically. But it is well to grasp clearly that this scheme is not on the same level as some of the things which are happening under the Group Areas Act. It is not a piece of barefaced — though, of course, officially legalised — robbery of non-Europeans by Europeans, for the sake of damaging or ruining the former and for the advantage of the latter. It is intended to benefit one section of the Indians in one way, even if it inflicts an injustice on another group of Indians.

But though that must be acknowledged, it is by no means the end of the matter. It was never considered a very good thing in principle to rob Peter to pay Paul. The question which now has to be asked is whether it is absolutely essential that the City Council should take over just this land in order to house the poorer Indians on European property.

There is a further question too. A large proportion of the banana farmers are moderately comfortably off — for the Indians of South Africa, that is to say. Their compulsory expropriation and self respect will be victorious.

The forces of peace have made great headway in restoring conditions of stability for the proper development of vast sections of the world. We hope that another year of peace and harmony will greet the peoples of the world.

Our hearts are with all true Christians who are striving relentlessly for justice and fairplay and we share with them the joys and cheer of the festive season.

Tamil Production

The Briardene Indian Welfare Society will present a multi Tamil stage production "Rathna Saran" at the Natal Tamil Vedic Society hall, Carlisle Street, Durban, on Saturday, December 27, at 7.30 p.m.

Produced by Mr. V. G. Fraser, with music by Sharada Entertainers, the play features an all-girl cast, and depicts a story of religious greatness which will end an appreciative audience.

"Rathna Saran" is being staged in aid of the Treason Trials Defence Fund.

Naicker's Christmas message

The following is a message from Dr. G. M. Naicker, President of the South African Indian Congress:

As we enter the festive season there are many problems that face our people and they cannot be forgotten in the festive mood. All peoples, whether Christians or non-Christians have a like duty to mankind, whatever its colour or race may be, to work for its betterment and progress.

Unless true Christian charity flows into the hearts of those who persistently claim to uphold western civilisation the vast masses of our people will face another year of hardships.

Leading Christians who have been outspoken and critical of apartheid and manifest have become targets for bitter attacks in the Dutch Reformed Church and the Prime Minister. The Huddlestons, Colin Jones, Scotts and Dr. Bantu have allowed themselves to use their noble qualities of Christian fellowship and are now looked upon as enemies of white supremacist policy.

When the motive of apartheid was to strangle the very winds of democracy and to muzzle people to defend humanity from disaster and destruction, we have that non-violence would not be tendered in the New Year with a fresh harvest of unselfish endeavour, but that our struggle for human dignity



REV. A. J. CHOONOO

Christmas message

by the REV. A. J. CHOONOO

CHRISTMAS is here again. Christmas cards and Christmas presents will be changing hands. Flags and festoons will decorate the home, while nuts, pies and puddings will make happy the hearts of both the old and the young alike. Christmas trees, too, will keep "Father Christmas" busy in many places. These are all good, and as it should be.

There is joy and excitement in the air! Why? Some will say "It is Christmas of course"! While others will say: "Christ is born today at Bethlehem"! But why is your heart bubbling with unbounded joy? Surely there must be an answer?

The answer is that in the human heart there is a longing, a quest — for God. Shrines and Temples, Mosques, Synagogues, Cathedrals and Churches, have been built all over the world, and with their many spiritual leaders, all have striven to find an answer to this human cry.

Now, this supreme Father and God of the Universe will respond to this constant cry of the human heart there is no doubt. He that planted the fear will He not hear? He that formed the eye will he not see? and the human heart will He not feel?

It is therefore reasonable for us to believe that God will reveal Himself in time. That this Revelation will culminate in a Person. One who will bring God down to man, and lift man to God.

There have been many Incarnations, Manifestations, and Messengers to be found in the many Religious Systems, and from whom Mankind have greatly benefitted. Now let us turn to the Incarnate Christ — whose Birthday we are celebrating. The Angel from Heaven said to the shepherds watching their flock at Bethlehem: "Unto this day is born in Bethlehem a Saviour who is Christ the Lord". Presently a multitude of Angels appeared, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth Peace and Goodwill to man."

By the testimony of the Angels Christ is born to be a Saviour, to give God Glory; bring Peace on Earth; and Goodwill among all people. By His life He gave God Glory, by His Death He made Peace between man and God, by His Teachings He made Peace between man and man.

By His sinless life, His Sacred Teachings and His Sacrificial Death He is changing this World of ours of Sin, Suffering and Sorrow into a New World Order based upon the Principles of Right, Goodwill, Truth and Love. A Happy Christmas to all.

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS to all my junior readers and the best of everything for the New Year. Thanks a million for writing regularly to your old Uncle and for sending those lovely greeting cards. While we are enjoying ourselves this Christmas time, let's take a look round ac ross the seas to see how people celebrate Christmas in other lands . . . .

Many of our Christmas customs have come down to us long before the birth of Christ. The hanging of the mistletoe and the burning of the yule log are ceremonies passed on to us long, long ago.

There were all manner of superstitions about the yule log. It was considered very bad luck if a person with a squint came into the hall where the log was burning; and unlucky of all was the presence of a flat-footed woman.

On Christmas Eve the fun and merriment began, and many quiet games were played. One favourite was to suspend a scone dipped in treacle from a beam in the ceiling, each person taking it in turn to jump and try to secure a bite.

In our own land as well as in many continental countries, many of the old Yuletide customs have died out. In all Christian countries, however, the Christmas season is regarded as the festival of children and the time of goodwill towards men.

POLAND

In Poland Christmas Eve is a fast day and feasting does not begin until the first star twinkles in the sky. There all members of the family gather together, a few straws in remembrance of the Stable at Bethlehem are scattered on the floor, and father, mother, and the children sit down to supper. One chair is left vacant, in case the Christ Child should want to join the feast. Children in Poland know Father Christmas as the "Little Man". Often he is the priest in disguise who gives them presents.

HOLLAND

On Christmas Eve the young men in Holland dress themselves in fancy clothes and meet in the village square. There they sing a Christmas hymn and choose one of their company as Star Bearer. The Star Bearer is given a big star-shaped lantern and this he carries at the head of the procession which, during Christmas carols, wends its way in and out of the streets.

FINLAND

Animals and birds are remembered at Christmas time in Finland. All the cows and horses get a special Yuletide dinner, and every householder places a sheaf of corn on his roof that even the birds may have a share in the joyful festivities. On Christmas Day everyone rises before dawn and makes their way to



Two little girls of the Kathlawad Indian School waiting their turn to sing their rhymes in the school concert held at the school.

the church, from the windows of which shine a galaxy of candles.

BRITTANY

In Brittany, cod is the main delicacy unlike the usual turkey at home. If you were an ITALIAN girl or boy, eels would be the most popular dish, and if you lived in certain parts of GERMANY you you would be almost certain to be served with herring salad. Pie is the main dish eaten in ROUMANIA.

FRANCE

On Christmas Eve, French (and Canadian) children leave their wooden shoes at the side of the fireplace, when they wakene in the morning these are filled with presents, but every child is warned that if she or he has been misbehaving, a piece of wood instead of a toy will be found in the shoe.

SPAIN AND ITALY

In Spain and Italy the giving and receiving of gifts is sometimes put off till Epiphany. In this way the people commemorate the story of the Wise Men, who led by the Star in the East travelled to the Manger to give gifts to the Baby Jesus.

A curious custom is prevalent in Spain. Here the children do not leave their shoes by the hearth on Christmas Eve; they put them out side the window, that "the Wise Men" may fill them with gifts on their return journey from the Manger at Bethlehem.

No one knows the origin of the Christmas Tree, but there is not country in Christendom where it does not make its annual appearance bedecked with gifts and shimmering with fairy lights. There are many legends connected with the Christmas Tree, but perhaps one of the most beautiful comes from Northern Europe . .

LETTER TO SWAMIJI

Rasheed Ally, of Richmond Indian School has written this letter to Swami Nischalananda:

My dear Swamiji,

Miss Maharaj who is my teacher has asked me to write and tell you about our class concert which was held on October 29, 1958. We collected some money for the Ramakrishna Children's Holiday Home.

I am in standard two. We acted four plays, "The Dishonest Merchant," "The Burmaside's Feast," "The Three Bears," and "Jack and the Beanstalk." Two girls sang and one girl danced. The children enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

We collected two pounds which we are sending to you. We hope that this small amount will help to build the holiday home.

We are all wanting to spend a holiday there. My teacher and the standard two children hope that the home will be built soon.

Yours truly,
RASHEED ALLY.

GREAT INVENTIONS

Complete the following:

1. Elias Howe invented . . . . . .
2. James Watt invented . . . . . .
3. Samuel Colt invented . . . . . .
4. Dr. Alfred Bernhard Nobel invented . . . . . .

(Contributed by Nandiall Magnath, of 42 Roslyn Avenue, Asherville, Durban.)

Answers: [illegible]

Diana Dors in Durban

D.D.—Diana Dors to you—may be back in South Africa next year. At a little Durban get-together in her honour earlier this week, Diana beamed this item of information from behind her spectacular cleavage.

Miss Dors, you will recall, has madeno small fortune out of being a "dumb blonde," has a platinum coloured car to match her hair-do, and a fistful of private enterprises. But she has her problems.

For one: How to acquire a golden South African tan to show the winter-stricken folks back-home?

Her manager puts the problem this way: "Life is not all fun being a film star—you can't even go shopping without being mobbed."

Says Diana, who yearns to walk up the sunshine on Durban beach: "They tell me that there are 80,000 people on the beachfront at this time of the year." Should the secretive S-shaped blonde—often called Britain's answer to Marilyn Monroe—creep onto the beach, those same ballyhooers could be whipped into a maddened mob of autograph hunters.

After watching her antics for almost a week in Durban, I have decided that screen scenes cut to the Dors pattern, should undergo commando training and a course at Interpol.

● A recent geological survey in Chitral has discovered a four million ton iron ore deposit in Chitral State (West Pakistan).

Midnight Attraction

"The Badlanders" a drama of the Arizona territory, taking place at the turn of the century during one of the most colourful and violent eras of frontier history, is booked to be released as a midnight attraction at the Sh'khan on December 11.

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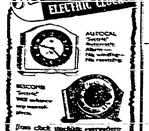
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They have exceptionally good eyesight

India has produced some great cricketers

By JACKIE McGLEW

INDIA has produced some fine cricketers and, what is more, she is still turning out players worthy of respect in any class of cricket. Quite naturally, some players are more brilliant and, therefore, better known than others. It is about these Indian cricketing "giants" that I propose to write in this particular article. It is an acknowledged fact that the majority of cricketers from far-off India and Pakistan are blessed with exceptionally keen eyesight and abnormally strong wrists. Of present-day players, Pakistan has two fellows who stand out head and shoulders above their team mates. They are young Hanif Mohammed, the opening batsman, and Fazal Mahmood, a clever opening bowler.

Hanif bats with determination and tenacity—both these qualities have enabled him to make many runs and to make them consistently.

Fazal bowls inswingers essentially, but can also make the ball leave the bat rather dangerously. Fazal was vice-captain to Kardar during Pakistan's last tour of England.

Kardar, himself was an aggressive batsman who was at his best when his side was in trouble. His left-arm spinners claimed many wickets, first of all for India and later for Pakistan.

Mankad, Rev. Gionte, Mankekar and Umrigar are probably the better known players in India now. Mankad is a most efficient all-rounder, and who will ever forget his great innings of 185 against the might of England only a few years ago? In the same Test at Lord's he bowled with skill and cunning. His great all-round performance earned him the title of "Mankad the Magnificent." It is only a pity he did not make himself available on more occasions to represent his country—cricket readers will know he was often busily engaged playing cricket in the Lancashire League.

Ray has now established himself as India's No. 1 opening batsman and this powerfully built stroke-maker should represent his country regularly for years to come. Manjrekar and Umrigar are both fine batsmen with many triumphs to their names. "Polly" Umrigar, in particular, is a hard-hitting middle order batsman, the type that entertains the crowd to a feast of strokes.

Young Gupte is a leg-spin and googly bowler of whom I have heard glowing reports. When I was in Cape Town recently Harold Gimblett, famous Somerset and England batsman, told me that Gupte really has that "little extra."

Apparently the young Indian bowler has leg-spinners right on a length and has a well-concealed googly. With his cleverly disguised deliveries he should prove to be a "headache" to his opposition for many a long year.

However, Merchant has been called India's finest batsman on all wickets because he possessed both a strong defence and a wide range of attacking strokes. He has a most impressive record which speaks for itself, scoring 12,772 first-class runs at a remarkable average of 72.58. This includes 42 centuries.

In the English summer of 1933 he played against Swarnjit Singh, the colourful Sikh. He played for Cambridge University and wore a bright pink turban when the hats side fielded, and an electric blue turban when he batted. In actual fact, Singh was a very capable all-rounder and I am surprised we have not heard much more about him.

Summing up this article and keeping in mind such great players as Duleepsinji and Ranjitsinji, I would say India has a long line of great cricketers and certainly traditions to uphold. What about the young Indian cricketers of the country? In my article next week I shall attempt to give you some hints which may be of help to you in your cricket.—(SPECIAL).

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Jackie McGlew demonstrating a stroke.

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Is Vyjayantimala thinking of marriage?

THE widely read Indian film weekly, "Screen", in a recent issue, board an article about the vivacious star, Vyjayantimala, and quoted her as saying that she was preparing to do just the biggest news scoop next year. Refusing to elaborate on this statement, the dancing star further added: "That's enough for now, because if I let fall another word the entire fun will be spoiled.

However, "Screen" did not comment on this somewhat boisterous remark of one of the foremost screen heroines of India, except by giving it prominence on its front page.

We cannot help but speculate on such a statement, seeing that Vyjayanti is so close to our hearts, perhaps more than any other Indian actress. And while trying to make out what the star meant before she lets the cat out of the bag herself, we are prompted to ask a few unanswered questions, ironically enough to give our readers a slight clue as to what was going on in the mind of Vyjayanti when she uttered those words.

Now what did she allude to when she talked of the biggest news scoop? Surely not about films, because for her, as it is with her innumerable fans throughout the world, it is a mundane affair. Even if she had decided to quit the films—which, of course, is a remote possibility, or to be more appropriate, an impossibility at the moment when she is zooming to the giddy heights of fame—that would not be a news scoop either. Indeed, it would not be the "fun" she said she would spoil when she uttered another word. It would be a sad commentary and would not have brought a note of jubilance in her remarks. Going abroad to appear in a foreign film? Still this is no "fun". And, so all these possibilities fall out. Then what is the possibility?

Well, that's a big question which will leads us on to another question. Was Vyjayanti referring to the private side of her eventful life? Has she been caught up in the vortex of the inevitable romance? Will she bring her real life hero out into the open from behind the curtains, and will the New Year coincide with the announcement of her marriage? If this be true—and we hope it is—then who is the man of her choosing? Will he be a film star? From the North or the South? Or will he be a man from out of the world of make-believe? If, indeed, it is romance, then why the hushhush. Was not her lover seen with her on many glittering first nights? But then, India is not Hollywood, where every movement of a film star is watched by the inquisitive eyes of the Press, radio and television.

If the New Year means marriage for Vyjayantimala, she has our good wishes!



Vyjayantimala—will next year mean marriage for her?

Returned to India

Producer-director Mehboob Khan has returned to India after being away for a considerable time in the United States, where he was convalescing after a serious illness.

Mehboob, who went abroad in February this year and participated in the "Oscar" presentation ceremony in Hollywood, his "Mother India" being one of the contestants, fell seriously ill there. During his stay in the United States he first negotiated with the late Michael Todd for the co-production of his "Taj Mahal" and later with David O. Selznick for the same purpose.

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Quick change by Ingrid

Ingrid Bergman walked out of a Chinese garden in the city of Wangchong and took her seat in a coach of the Trans-Siberian Express about to start its long journey across the Russian steppes.

This took place during the filming of scenes for her latest film "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness," having completed her scene in the air studios at Elstree, England, and Mandarin's garden, she was called to the stage next door where she was to film scenes in the Russian train carrying her on the way to China she had just left behind in the other studio.

All very confusing to an outsider, but nothing new to Ingrid Bergman in her last film at the same studios, "Anastasia", within a matter of half an hour she was a starving, half crazed creature in Paris on one set, and on the other set she was a claimant to the title of a Russian princess in Copenhagen.

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MIDNIGHT SHOW AT THE NAAZ

S.K. PICTURES' presentation in Tamil, "Kuladeivam" which has the distinction of winning the award for the best picture in 1957, and which is also rated as one of the few well-photographed pictures to come from the South will make its South African debut at the Naaz as a midnight attraction on December 25.

Starring S. V. Sahasranamam and Pandari Bai, and K. A. Rajendran, the story concerns a teenager, the eldest of a family, who promises his dying father that he would do any job to maintain the family and educate his three young brothers. With the help of his uncle Kanappa, the teenager, Muthiah, starts by hawking cloth and in due course builds up a hosiery business concern. He educates his three brothers. One becomes a lawyer, another a doctor, while the third is still studying. Muthiah's wife dies while giving birth to a male child. Muthiah now marries Saniha with whom comes her younger widowed sister, Latha.

Into this prosperous and happy family comes Thara as wife of Ramayya, his lawyer brother, and Mangalam as wife of his doctor brother. The family is now split as Mangalam and Thara show their supremacy. How the once happy family undergo this ordeal is the interesting climax to this picture.

The third picture in which Jerry Lewis stars as a "Single" and the second which he himself produced is "Rock-a-Bye Baby", a film due to be released in this country in a few weeks' time.

As a producer, the comedian is known to work just as hard as he does as a star. While preparing for a film, he checks into his office each morning by 6 a.m. and seldom stops working until 11 p.m.



SUCHITRA SEN

She dislikes age!

SUCHITRA SEN, the highest paid and much sought after Bengali star, says that she dislikes age! Now don't confuse yourselves because by age Suchitra does not mean the years, but one's character moulded by them.

"We cannot escape being old in years, but we can escape being old in the philosophical sense," Suchitra has told me. "Now, where did she steal this philosophy? At Santiniketan, Tagore's abode of peace, where she studied.

"The mind should remain as young as ever," she continues, "as young as nature. If the mind remains youthful and one's character is not smashed by the years one can steal a march over age."

Referring to Rabindranath Tagore and Greta Garbo, the beautiful star adds: "Rabindranath Tagore never grew old in mind or character, and therefore the Tagore legend remains green. Legend keeps one young and alive. Greta Garbo must be in her fifties today, but what is the picture that is still fresh in the minds of millions of people? That of an elderly woman? No! It is that of the young, beautiful and mysterious Garbo. The Garbo legend will keep her young, I, too, like to have a legend, to be legend as the beautiful young girl whom they glamorised."

High street hair-do

If you saw a fair-haired film star sitting under a hair-dryer in your town's main street, no doubt you'd join the crowd, astonished enough by the sight to ask: "What's this? A publicity stunt?"

On several mornings a few months ago, islanders on Barra, a tiny five-mile-by-four island situated about 100 miles off the coast of Scotland in that group of islands known as the Outer Hebrides, saw just such a sight. Jeanne Carson, redhead darling of the stage, screen and television audiences, was the star concerned. But it was no publicity stunt: there was no baffled crowd clustered round, and the islanders who passed simply waved, said "good morning", and went on their way. Only the occasional inquisitive seagull peered down to watch the unusual activity.

The reason Jeanne sat under a hair-dryer in the main street is that there is no electricity on Barra except that generated by the petrol engine brought over by the Red Organisation unit filming "Rockets Galore"—the highly acclaimed new comedy which will be seen on the screen in a few weeks' time. "We couldn't get it into the cottage where I'm staying," Jeanne explained, "so the generator is parked in the high street and I go to it."

Life on Barra is lived without trimmings — no television, no cinema, no dance hall, but exciting diversions to produce and a fund of good conversation.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—Recently the Press headlined the decision of the Pietermaritzburg City Council to retain the top end of Church Street as a business area for the Indians in spite of the Group Areas Board which has earmarked this section for European occupation. I presume that this was an attempt to show that the City Council is fair and sympathetically inclined towards the Indians.

It is, therefore, all the more surprising that a department of the Pietermaritzburg Council has been busy disrupting the organised and very limited sports amenities of the Indian community in order to the digging of a trench through the playing grounds at Fitzsimmons Road.

It is shocking to note that there are only three cricket fields to serve more than 20 teams affiliated to the Indian Union. For the Council or any of its Departments to further curtail this very limited number of fields provided for the Indian sportsmen of this city is a shame—which is putting it very mildly.

I wonder how many of the present Councillors would be able to retain their seats on the Council were they to attempt such an act on any one of the numerous grounds provided for European cricketers.

I understand that there is a body which controls the Indian sports fields, but there seems to be no protest from them. I wonder if any of the members of this body are "sportsmen" who have themselves played cricket, or football for that matter? Or are they the "professional" type of administrator who, because of either the "gift of the gab" or their financial standing, occupy important positions in satisfy their own egos, without giving a thought to the true needs of the players they are supposed to serve.

CRICKETER.

MUSICAL AFTERNOON

The South Indian Musical Association, the premier organisation in South Africa which aims at keeping intact the music of South India in this country by way of organising music festivals and musical conferences is again following in its efforts in this direction with the holding of a Musical Afternoon at the Radhakrishnan Hall, Natal Tamil Vedic Building, Carlisle Street, Durban, on Sunday, December 28, at 2.30 p.m.

A unique feature of this function is that a well-known European musician, Mr. Paul Masters, is billed to speak on "The Fundamental Differences between Good Indian music and good Western music."

Mr. Masters is the Director of the Continental School of Music, Chairman of BICA (Bantu, Indian and Coloured Art Group) and leader of the Barok Players of the South African Broadcasting Corporation.

The artists taking part in this afternoon's occasion are all well known to Durban audiences and include such names as Kamala Sellathen, and C. Ganas. At this function the association will also give a welcome to Miss Devaki Govender, B.A., B.Ed., who recently returned after visiting the Mother land. It is expected that Miss Govender will also give an inspiring talk on music as she was acquainted with in India, as well as giving a brief resume of her travels.

● The Industries Minister, Mr. Abdul Kasem Khan, has said that for setting up new industries priority would be given to East Pakistan as it is comparatively less developed. Addressing a news conference in Karachi he said that the new regime attaches great importance to the development of medium and small industries, raw material for which is available in the country.
About the oil exploration he said that private companies are doing quite satisfactory work. He announced that a new well will be dug this year in Drigh Road near the site of the previously abandoned well.

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NATAL - CRICKET FIXTURES

The full Natal Indian cricket fixtures for the season is as listed hereunder:

January 17 and 18: Inter-town final, Southern Natal v. Northern Natal at S. Natal finalists' ground.

February 14 and 15: Inter-divisional final, Southern Natal A v. Northern Natal A; Southern Natal B v. Northern Natal B, at Durban.

February 28 and March 1: Final, Winners A v. Winners B, at Winners' B ground.

March 21 and 22: Dr. Peter's Shield, Southern Natal v. Northern Natal, at Northern Natal.

Hours of play for all matches: First day, 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.; second day, 9 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.; tea intervals, first day, 4 p.m. to 4.10 p.m.; second day, 11 a.m. to 11.10 a.m.; 4 p.m. to 4.10 p.m.; lunch, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

North Coast Selections

The following have been selected to represent North Coast Indian Cricket Union against County over the weekend in the Rockfarm Wade series.

"A" team: S. K. Reddy (captain), B. S. Moodley, E. Buxoyjeen, Kader Moosa, R. Kesoopersadh, M. E. Moodley, S. Sunkere, F. Shaik, J. Gobindpersadh, P. Naidoo, E. Emam, Essop Badat (Manager: E. S. Choonoo).

"B" team: Gunasekhar Pillay, Bobby Reddy, Sooky Moodley, R. Ramnath (captain), S. Naidoo, C. Rajkeshar, Moodley, T. C. Moodley, A. Ramdhin, C. T. Pillay (Manager: I. Dhoon).

Around the Capital

by C. G. Moodley

YOU will be reading this newspaper on Christmas Eve — some 24 hours before it is usually sold on the street. Because Christmas falls on Thursday, the publishers of "The Leader" felt that the newsvendors should have the opportunity of spending Yuletide with their families. That's why. And now, so here's wishing you and your loved ones, a Merry Christmas. Hundreds of greetings cards have been piling up on my desk, it's impossible for me to reciprocate individually to all of them,

Although money was rather short this year, shopkeepers report a last-minute rush and there seems to be little doubt that the reserve boards will be fairly well laden with all the good things that makes Christmas what it is.

There will be too, sunbeams dancing their way into the hearts of the poor folk, On Saturday afternoon the City Indian Child Welfare Society gave a party to 500 children. For each of those children there was a present donated by members of the local branch of the Leatherworkers' Union, a cake, sweets, soft drinks and a toy, all made possible through the generosity of European business houses.

The inmates of the Aryan Benevolent Home will be entertained to a Christmas dinner by the Benevolent Society and by Mr. M. Thergi Moodley, a well-known city businessman on New Year's Day. Mr. Moodley will also give a party to the non-Europeans patients at the Town Hill Mental Hospital.

Postponed —

BY the law of the calendar, the Indian Women's Association of Pietermaritzburg should be celebrating their silver jubilee this year. These good ladies, ever since their association came of age four years ago, had been planning grandiose schemes for their silver jubilee but, "man (or is it woman?) proposes and God disposes."

Let their secretary, Mrs. D. Bundhoo, describe it in her own words. At the recent annual meeting, scribe Bundhoo said, "Today, the Pietermaritzburg Indian Women's Association is 25 years old. We have endeavoured to live up to the ideals which were formulated by its founders. We have achieved much. "All this has been made possible by the faithful service of our members. Not the least of them was Mrs. L. G. Zachariah who, for 23 years, guided our destiny. Twenty-five years of toil and endeavour.

"But, alas, in January 20 last, our friend, guide and philosopher, fell ill. Her illness and the unusual event disrupted our plans. Even while lying on the death-bed, Mrs. Zachariah prayed that she would be spared to take part in the silver jubilee celebrations. But it was not to be.

Mrs. Bundhoo added that the past year has been a difficult one, "It has been a period of experiments, and the future of our association rests on the shoulders of our members," she said.

The association had, as usual, assisted in a number of fund-raising activities for various charitable organisations. They had also awarded bursaries and two book prizes to students at the Indian Girls' High School.

Officials elected at the meeting were: Patrons, Rani Lady Maharaj Singh, Mrs. W. A. D. Russell, Mrs. F. Sarvapal and Mrs. S. R. Naidoo; Hon. life vice-presidents, Mesdames P. G. Phillip, P. Rama Naidoo, S. R. Naidoo, F. Sarpanel, E. Dhoon, Arrulapeer Peter, K. I. Singh, P. Lawrence, B. Maharaj, S. K. Abraham, Bunwarie Maharaj, R. B. Maharaj.

President, Mrs. P. Lawrence; vice-presidents, Mesdames M. A. Maharaj, K. P. Naidoo, Rani, D. Naidoo, Mrs. D. Bundhoo; hon. treasurer, Mrs. S. N. Naidoo; executive committee, Mesdames P. Lawrence, D. Bundhoo, S. N. Naidoo, B. Maharaj, K. P. Singh, M. A. Manicum and Z. Peer.

Delegates to N.C.W., Mrs. P. Lawrence and Mrs. D. Bundhoo; committee, Mesdames S. Maharaj, Kootsamallu, D. Chetty, Sinthal Rajah, Shobana Brijkeshal, P. S. Naidoo, S. Pillay, E. Marie and R. Ramlall; auditors, Messrs. Dev and Boyes.

In Recess

THE Pietermaritzburg Indian Technical Students' Society has gone into recess until January 25.

DEATH OF POPULAR SPORTSMAN

The recent untimely death of J. Seegram, at the age of 32, has removed from the sporting scene a very popular figure.

Seegram played for Moonlighters Tennis Club for 14 years. He began his tennis career with Moonlighters and, on joining Sastri College, played for his school team of which he was captain in 1944. He was noted for his well-executed forearm drives.

After Sastri he re-joined Moonlighters. He became its secretary and contributed a lot towards the progress of the club.

He was also an accomplished soccerite, having played for the Moonlighters F.C. of which he was secretary and delegate also. He was selected to represent Mayville District in the Junior Division.

Seegram was very popular both on and off the field.

STAGE SHOW

"Rathna Suran," to be presented in Tamil by the Brazdene Indian Welfare Society, in aid of the Treason Trials Defence Fund at the Natal Tamil Vedic Hall, Carlisle Street, Durban, on Saturday at 7.30 p.m., is expected to be one of the finest stage shows Durban has yet seen.

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Photograph shows the winners of the Zenith Floating Trophy in the annual darts competition organised by the Zenith Club. From left to right are N. Pillay and R. Ryshanth. They won the trophy from a field of 200 teams.

Natal Cup Cricket

Results of the preliminary rounds of the Natal Cup competition played at Fitzsimmons Road, Pietermaritzburg, last week-end were:

Crescent, first innings, 138 (Peerbhai 41; Reddy three for 42, D. Nair three for 54). Young Royals, first innings, 106 for seven wickets, close of play. (M. G. Naidoo 21, D. R. Naidoo 23). Match drawn.

Woodlands Old Boys, first innings, 189 for six wickets declared (Pillemer, first innings, 38, Wood-lands won by 14 runs.

M.I.C.C., first innings, 57 (E. H. Mall, 11; R. Kampbel, seven for 28; A. L. Dordai two for 12); Young Natalians, first innings, 59 for nine wickets (close of play) (G. Manicum 27 not out; A. L. Dordai 23 not out). M.I.C.C. won by four wickets. Natalians won by 4 wickets.

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The Shri Kalliamen and Bhajan-dasse festival will be celebrated from January 2 to 4 at 19 Evans Avenue, off Rickben Crescent Mayville, a free stage play, entitled Nallathangal, will be presented on January 4 at 10 a.m.



Latest addition to the ranks of professional men in this country, is handsome Logan Naidoo, youngest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. T. E. Naidoo of Tinley Manor. He recently acquired the Bachelor of Science Degree at the University of Cape Town.

New chapter in S.A. Sporting history

By THE SPORTS EDITOR

THE 11th January, 1959 is the day on which a new chapter of South African sporting history will be opened. For on that day, Alan Paton, the noted author, will officially launch a meeting of paramount interest to the nation. The purpose of the meeting will be to create "an organisation which will co-ordinate the work of the various sporting bodies on both internal and external matters and thus stimulate their progress and strengthen their

The embryonic stage of the body to be formulated, the South African Sports Association, has come to have a very real significance. It has pointed an unswerving finger at a festering sore in the nation's sport — the destructive colour bar. It has boldly laid open a situation which we were too scared to face sooner, and has undertaken to eradicate it.

There will be a lot of flag waving, pomp and ceremony and feelings will be running high. But this is a monumental and delicate task. There will be no secret night charges.

The Association must be careful not to allow the meeting to develop into a political forum and allow prop-gandists to dictate policy and trend of the meeting. Above all the chairman must see to it that there is no indirect and thoughtless talk which is only too prevalent at our meetings.

The following are the aims included in the 11-all commission:

(a) To foster, promote, encourage, advance and develop all codes of sport.

(b) To promote a spirit of true sportsmanship among sportsmen of the different codes, and to oppose any and all race

(k) To enable national sporting bodies to keep in touch with each other.

(l) To give sporting bodies an opportunity to assist each other wherever possible.

(m) To do all things necessary to give effect to the foregoing.

a need for a unified body to act.

(j) To negotiate with other national and international sporting bodies on behalf of all South African Sportsmen and sportswomen when required, and when instructions from the affiliated bodies.





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Ford Ndlon receives the P. M. Pillay's Inter-District Shield from Mr. P. M. Pillay, the donor of the shield. Looking on is Mr. Virasmy.

Coaches are more important than banquets

At the winding-up dinner of the Natal Industrial and Commercial Football Association, Mr. M. Kamparsin, a member of the Associa-

...se banquets, tea parties and "so on." He stressed the need for coaches in soccer, which were of far greater importance, he said.

Affiliated to the Association are the Durban Garment Workers' Industrial Football Association, the Natal Liquor and Catering Employees' Association and a new unit, the South African Railways and Harbours Workers' Association.

Mr. Charles M. Pillay, of the N.I.F.A., commented on the good sportsmanship shown on the field by the Association members and Mr. M. A. Hoosen, the chairman of the Garment Workers' Association and Vice-President of N.I. & C.A. stressed the need for a workers football association which saw no colour distinctions. He said that there was dire need for grounds for the garment workers and stated that the Association had to play on grounds which were at least five or six miles away from home and that on Saturday mornings.

Mr. Louis Nelson also emphasised the need for racial intermingling on the sports field. "Sectionalism in Non-European soccer must stop and a new standard adopted in order to revive the worth of organised non-white soccer in this country."

Mr. P. M. Pillay, a patron of the N.I. & C.F.A., presented the P. M. Pillay's Inter-District Shield to the captain of the Gate of Workers Industrial F.A., Mr. M. ... Naidoo (Rovers). Mr. Louis Nelson presented the Patrick House Trust Shield, donated by the Natal Liquor Employees Union to the captain of the Jacobs League.

The League Cup, donated by the Chellan Brothers, was presented by Mr. M. Virasmy to the captain of the Dunty Football Club.

Crowd meets Commissioner

NAIROBI. — The new Commissioner for India and Mrs. I. J. Bahadur Singh were greeted by a large crowd of representatives of public organisations when they arrived in Nairobi this week. A band provided by volunteers of the Nairobi Sea Dal presented a "guard of honour."

Selections

By "AMBASSADOR"

Following are my selections for Clairwood:

First race (four furlongs):
1 IDLE PLAYER
2 SYBIL ANN
3 LUCKY PANATA

Second race (eight furlongs):
1 YACHTSMAN
2 RIPPLING BROOK
3 JANUARY

Third race (six furlongs):
1 STAGE LIGHT
2 BOASTFUL
3 DESERT PLANT

Fourth race (ten furlongs):
1 CRESTED WAVE
2 REMARKABLE
3 SPRING GROVE

Fifth race (four furlongs):
1 The Favourite

Sixth race (eight furlongs):
1 PETE
2 PANOPLY
3 DEAN IDEAL

Seventh race (eight furlongs):
1 SILVER BEAM
2 LYNCEUS
3 ROMAL

Eight race (five furlongs):
1 NARVARRO
2 DERINAR
3 CERTAIN SAINT

...ce (five furlongs):
...ENCE BARRY
...FINISTERRE
...EARLY MIST

Prizes for Sharks!

HURRAY for the sharks! By kind permission of the Newlands Indian Educational Society they have been at last admitted to the order of Pisces. The magician, Bobby the Wizard, live wire of the Society, dropped in

...taken heed of the plea made on behalf of our sharp-toothed friends by "The Leader" last week.

They did not want to remember sharks for their competition at Glenashley South on December 28, because they did not have a scale big enough to weigh them. Their scale measures only up to 200lb. But now they have decided that they would rel ase sharks and fish of bigger weight and weigh them piece by piece.

So there you have it you shark hunters, they are even selling tickets at the beach on the day of the competition if you decide at the last minute.

The following players will represent Maritzburg in the inter-town match against Ladysmith on New Year's Day and January 2, at the Indian sports grounds, Maritzburg:

A Team: A. I. Casumjee (Orientals), P. K. Naidoo (Royals), G. Maroovin (Y. Natalians), A. L. Gerdat, (captain) (Y. Natalians), A. G. Pillay (Y. Natalians), A. Solomon (Stars), H. Rawat (Stars), R. K. Naidoo (Royals), B. Ramphal (Y. Natalians), S. M. Badat (Stars), F. A. Dhala (Stars). Tedwth man: A. Hafeeze (Orientals). Manager: Mr. M. A. Badat.

Stage set for big athletic meeting

THE stage is set for the big national athletic meet at the King's Park Stadium on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of January. Natal officials have been meticulous in making arrangements for one of the most successful championships for a long time.

The meet starts after 2 p.m. on Saturday, carries on throughout Sunday and reaches a climax on Monday when two cycling marathons will be held on the Speed Circuit. The distances are 65 and 50 miles.

The Western Province and Rhodesian teams have been reported. Griqualand West is expected to send a team of crack cyclists. It is doubtful at this stage whether Transvaal will participate or not.

The Western Province team reads: Cyclists: Solane, 12 miles; W. Goetz, N. Martin, W. Bookwyn, K. Grieve, L. Bootlyn, E. Fisher. Runners: W. de Wet, C. Goetz, M. Abrahams, S. Jacobs.

Athletes (women): R. Oliphant, R. Schaefers.

Men: Sprinters: F. Forbes, G. de Lange, T. Louat, G. Caputa, S. de Wet, G. de Wet, K. Tibbs, N. Park-Ramsay, C. Marshall, G. Blows, F. Webb, Van Wyk.

Bullock, Cockell, Scriver, C. Jones, J. Jooste, G. Green, N. de Vos, K. Jantjes, D. Petersen, D. Gowans, W. Daniels, J. Engelbrecht.

Runners: J. Jantjes, A. Benjamin, ... Daniels, G. ... Francis, D. ... February.

Jumpers: Scriver, W. Norwood, R. Fauvel, A. Lewis, E. Croft, J. Adams.

Runners: F. Ontong, E. Cecil, W. Newman, F. Steen, J. Croll.

Sports Corner

By RONNIE GOVENDER

SOUTH African non-White boxing champs in general are a bunch of pampered minnies, in no other sport do we have such bloated, uncompromising, conceited goons as in boxing. They are under the mistaken impression that as national champs they are sitting on veritable fortune-packed nest eggs. With very few exceptions the nest eggs stink.

No matter how they get there, whether it's due to a dearth in competition in their particular division or through just plain luck, they are the champs. And that's that. From their lofty citadels of imagined pugilistic glory they start to dictate terms to the men who put them there, the men who gamble big stakes and usually emerge the worse, the hard-working promoters. Now I do not mean all promoters — I know just how unscrupulous some of them are. But we can't tar them all with the same brush just to suit our fancy. And that's exactly what our champions do. "Oh the promoters make it up while we take the beating — why should we let them benefit," is their attitude. And they go to the fantastic extent of demanding three figure purses, whether they are draw cards or not. And that plus the full V.I.P. treatment. You'd think from all the fanfare that a world champion was involved. One champion actually refused to sleep on a good, old fashioned, healthy chaff mattress and he insisted on having a soomoo mattress.

Come off it, you pugs. Who do you think you are?

In the international boxing world, an American, European, British, Canadian or Australian champion, by way of example, is somebody. A South African non-White champ is ... tending that just because we have produced a Baby Batter, an Elijah Mokoena and a Jake Tuli that every one of our boys is a potential world beater. We'd be kidding nobody but ourselves and that's the worst kind of lie on God's good earth.

Here, as in every other sport, lies our great failing. Just because we are the victims of a vicious colour sanction, we become bogged down in a mire of self-pity and cheerful hypocrisy. We have developed into psychologically repressed perverts. All our energy is expended in proving not how good we are, and if we aren't we just won't admit it. Pardon the digression but it is not so distant from the main issue as you'd think.

Promoters have paid big purses for boxers in many instances. Louis Joshua, Elijah Mokoene and Jake Tuli have received well over £200. They were ton-draw cards and deserved it. Whenever these boys fought there was a good house and the promoters reaped a good margin of profit.

In ordinary tournaments averaging £300 are out laid. Besides the money there is a lot of hard work put in. But no matter how much the build-up, no matter how many title fights the fans won't come if there is a pack of bums on the bill. And the promoter gets it in the neck.

Their adamant attitude often gives them a cock-eyed slant on their economics. A fighter demands, say a hundred pounds for a fight. He haggles with the promoter who finally is forced to refuse. And yet if he had three fights, one a month at £50 he'll be making £50 more than his demand. But no, he'd rather lose that money than give way to the promoter. That would imply more title defences. Sure—a champion is not worthy of the title if he cannot defend it as often as possible. After all he stands to benefit from more activity.

The continued feature of a fighter's makeup is a good sense of proportion. Judging from the unbelievably sensitive sense of proportion displayed by our leather slinging friends, we don't have many boxers amongst us.

SOCCER IN INDIA

Sitting before ... my typewriter I received a pleasant surprise in the person of the second Asian of the S.S. Chantora, Mr. Ismail Goolam Dada from Calcutta, India. With him were a host of fellow friends and Mr. Deedhah, whose home he is to visit in Durban ... seasons is well known.

Mr. Dada ... is a ... occasion and he had some very interesting things to say about soccer in India. The game is one of the major sports in India and is very well ... Calcutta alone ... there are four divisions. Of these Gopal plays for the Shahapur Union Football Club. He plays at centre-forward. He was selected to represent Bellaghata District in the one season he played.

In lighter, but grammatically correct English, he told me that since 1954 soccerites are not allowed to play barefoot.

India has professional soccer, but not on the same basis as England. When there are inter-town or inter-provincial matches players are rewarded financially. No question arises, as we would suppose, on amateur status.

26 YEARS OF SWIMMING

I WAS taking refuge from the heat one day last week in the Balkumar Swimming Bath, when I bumped into Mr. R. B. Singh. The old sport was doing the ...ngs as part of his regular daily schedule.

While the outside world swelte...ed in the over 80 degrees heat, we began chatting about this and that in the cool, inviting waters.

Asked, "How do our swimmers compare with the other provinces," I don't know very much about other provinces, but if you want my opinion, we don't have very much talent amongst us. But of course, now that we have a built and things are becoming systematised, it won't be very long before we produce some really good 'uns. And I'll be looking to that day."

Believe you me, Mr. Singh is ... swimming and a record of accomplishments that any sportsman could be proud of, no one will be happier than the man who literally put us in the swim. Keep paddling old timer.

THE CUE MAESTRO

I WAS getting in some practice behind the cue in a local billiard saloon with the wizard of the cue, ... young teacher Dayanad Chetty, when it struck me that billiards was about the only sport amongst us that was not organised. Or is it? If it is, then I'd like to be in the know.

If it isn't, then it's time we had some sort of organised amateur competition, as it is very interesting sport. Don't look yourselves behind the cue-ball you potential snooker administrators. Lets have something from you.

New dance by Kaye

Before long, teenagers the world over will be flipping over the "Flapsitan," according to observers in Hollywood.

The "Flapsitan" is the name of the dance which Danny Kaye and Barbara Bel Geddes introduce in "The Five Pennies," a film now in production at Paramount. It combines all the best flapper era gyrations in the jazz-mad "thirties," including the Black Bottom, The Big Apple and the Charleston.

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