Cricket Scoreboard

Highlight in weekend cricket was provided in the "B" Division when 17-year-old Nesa Sokalingum, of Sastri College, following up his two undefeated centuries of the season against Maybourne and Young Kismet, went on to score a faultless 50 in the first innings to put on 85 for the second wicket against Protea.

INDIAN SCORES

Sastri College "B" 182 (S Joseph 57, N Sokalingum 50; H Bismath five for 51). Protea 23 for 10 (R Hammond seven for 6); and 57. Sastri College "B" won by an innings and 102 runs.

Sastri College "A" 186 for 7 dec (M Ebrahim 68, M Thopplan 56; K Govindsamy 23). Bharat 85 (N Naidoo 36, M Thopplan five for 14). Sastri College "A" won by 99 runs on the first innings.

Kismet 142 for 9 dec. (M S I Randeree 55 n.o., Thaymoon four for 52, Dawood three for 49). Greyville 31 (M G H Randeree five for 25, I A Ismail three for 6). Kismet won by 111 runs on the first innings.

Ottomans 84; Crimson 51. Ottomans won by 33 runs on the first innings. Centrals 138; Muslims 52. Centrals won by 86 runs on the first innings.

COLOURED SCORES

Pirates 127 (B Negus 72; J Peck five for 41) and 182 (N Williamson 31, B Negus 61, B Sathian five for 42, B Williams three for 34). Oaks 114 (J Peck 47, B Panday 34 and 20) and 107 (J Peck 31 n.o., N Williamson eight for 52). Pirates won by 96 runs.

Grand Heroes 101 (N Beswarad 42, B Nassop 31, D Davis, four for 19, K Seale four for 18) and 45 (N Isaacs seven for 15). Unions-talls 100 (R Feathrope 54, N Sidnell 32, B Nassop five for 39). Unionstalls won by an innings and 23 runs.

FOOTBALL

By RONNIE GOVENDER

ON the eve of the football season and the annual general meeting of the Southern Natal Football Association, I'd like to offer some advice. Don't "chop and change" your administrators. Remove the clause calling for compulsory change of office of the president after one year in the knowledge that they will only hold office for one year most officials are not interested in going off their head in the belief that some people do not like them or are towards the end of their term.

If you have your administrators in office for more than one year then you have time to learn their methods and how to get things done. I don't say that they should never be changed, but I do say that a change should be made only when it is really necessary.

Another thing. Don't write off a player after one bad showing as is the common practice with some people. Every body has a dud off-con Stanley Matthews. Give a player sufficient time to prove himself. One swallow doesn't make a summer.



The picture shows one of our leading anglers, Mr. G. Sewsanin, with the I. C. Shaikh's Memorial Floating Trophy and other trophies he won during the course of the year. Recently the Durban and District Indian Angling Club held a successful angling competition at Tinley Manor. The weather was fine and, shad being on the run, the competitors had a busy time. Throughout the day it was neck and neck between the large number of anglers, in all a good catch was taken and Mr. Sewsanin won the competition.

INDIANS PLAY WATER POLO

BY A "LEADER" REPORTER

FOR the first time in the history of Indian sport in the country, Indians played a game of water polo at the Balkumar Swimming Baths last Sunday. It is doubtful whether any non-White group has yet played this enjoyable game.

I found the game to be full of excitement. It requires a lot of stamina and "wind." Although the maximum time limit is only 15 minutes per side the game is so strenuous that players emerge thoroughly exhausted at the end.

The game is usually a form of football. All the rules are borrowed from the land game and adapted to the water. An area of the swimming pool is marked out and goal posts fitted on at either end. The area of play is much smaller than a football field. Players must push the ball along as they swim. No person is allowed to stand in the pool, if this is at all possible, being immediately disqualified if he does.

Refereed by Mr. H. B. Singh, members of the Durban Indian Sufi Life Savers Club staged an exhibition match at the baths. The interspectators that attended enjoyed the game which, understandably, was far from being polished.

Mr. Singh intends to form an association to cater for the sport. People who are interested are asked to contact him.

African Open

The Durban and District African Golf Association will stage a 72-hole Golf Tournament starting on February 8 and lasting until March 1 for the Stanley Murphy Floating Trophy.

There will be an entry fee of 10s. and for further particulars competitors are asked to contact the Secretary at 254 Grey Street, Durban.

Some good golf should be witnessed as African Golf is going from strength to strength.

Blue Bottles busy

Blue Bottles were in full force at the Battery Beach over the week-end. While life-savers were keep busy answering calls of distress in the surf, Red Cross First Aiders worked non-stop treating blue bottle stings. In all, over 300 people were treated. People were repeatedly warned against swimming as the waters were infested. The insects are dangerous enough to cause blindness if they sting the eye. This is possible in water.

In one case, a man, stung on both hands, developed hysteria. The sting leaves a long penetrating sensation.

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RONNIE GOVENDER SAYS . . .

GIVE YOUR LIFE FOR A MORE WORTHY CAUSE

EVERY year 20 to 22 lives are needlessly, wantonly, callously thrown away. This shocking sacrifice is not made by a Spanish-type, hard-hearted Hollerian dictator in the name of some crackpot ideal which is more understandable in this incongruous world but by the people themselves.

Every year 22 civilised, intelligent people, insist on allowing themselves to be drowned. Why do these people in their stupidity, in the knowledge that they are the mere stay of entire families, persist in bringing tragedy into their and their dependants' lives? You answer that. I tried and I can't.

During the month of November last year Natal's rivers and beaches claimed three healthy lives. In December three more were drowned within a space of three weeks. The pattern is repeated over and over again.

Most of the people who are drowned are non-swimmers. Most of the drownings occur in silly circumstances. Take the case of the recent drownings at Brighton Beach of two of three children. He never took a swimming lesson in his life. He seldom had the opportunity of going out on Pleasure Craze. He went out to splash in shallow water. But some bright spark suggested that they should venture out into deeper water. They joined hands, forming a human chain. But chest deep in water the link gave way and two members of the chain found themselves in difficulty. Strong under-currents washed them out to sea. Not one member of the party could swim. One life was miraculously saved, just the man who left his wife and three children happily behind and who just wanted to "splash about in the water" was drowned.

That's just one instance, but it is a typical story.

And yet much of this needful waste of life can be prevented.

I spoke to a leading authority on life saving, Stewart H. B. Singh. And as knowledgeable as Mr. Singh is, he was quite much perplexed at the reason for the high rate of drowning in the Indian community. "Perhaps one reason is the lack of proper facilities but now we have a swimming bath and some patchetti very few do give take advantage of it."

I detected a note of frustration in the man whose devotion to the saving of lives is well known in Durban. When I went along to the swimming baths I was told that I needed a demonstration of life saving which was arranged by the Durban Indian Life Saving Club at a nominal cost to themselves which was free of charge to the public. But when I arrived I was told, I was out in much disappointment, that Mr. Singh at the pothole the small turn out.

Mr. Singh told me, "Although we are doing voluntary work in the interests of the community, people and the local press, who can give us much powerful assistance, maintain a shameful apathy to an important aspect of society.

"I have appealed time and again to people to join the Club, but so much to give up their time in compulsory duty, but to learn to swim and to learn to save lives. We extend this service FREE OF CHARGE.

"It only takes a short time to be a capable swimmer. And the course itself is anything but difficult. People can arrange to attend classes in the afternoon under the guidance of men who do not expect any sort of remuneration for their services.

"Despite this very few respond and go on taking chances and defying death. The sea can be ruthless to people who cannot swim. I ask you in the name of the people who love you and who depend on you to stop committing suicide by entering the water without learning to swim. I appeal to you to help us save lives and your life by attending our free demonstrations."

Now I am going to appeal to you hard-headed fools. I am not going to plead to you to save our lives. But if you insist on killing yourselves give your life towards a more worthy cause. I could suggest quite a few, if you're short of ideas.

YOUR REFLEXES ARE AWRY.

I SUSPECT that Theo Mtembu, fearless sports columnist, who attacked the South African Sports Association last week, has not been in training lately. His reflexes are his punches (which he throws mostly) doesn't pull any punches in his struggle for international recognition and we're heartily behind him in his struggle against the racial scandal mongers in non-White sport ever.

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GRADUATION BOYCOTT GETS MORE SUPPORT

SUPPORT for non-White students of the University of Natal, who are planning to boycott the graduation ceremony in March this year, has come from the African National Congress and the Natal Indian Congress, both of whom in a joint statement viewed the "discriminatory treatment" at the ceremony as "an insult to the dignity and self-respect of non-White parents, friends and relatives of the successful graduates."

"For some years now," the statement continued, "there have been a battle to remove the stigma of segregation from this function. The students have won partial success in the past whereby degrees are now conferred upon qualified graduates in alphabetical order of names be they White or non-White. The battle has now been taken a stage further for the renewal of existing discrimination in the seating of guests at the function."

Acclaiming the "magnificent struggle" for equal student rights "and the observance of civilised democratic principles within traditional places" of higher learning, the Congresses, in their statement, called upon all non-White people to give full support to the students in their endeavours to eradicate discrimination at the University. "The University authorities," the statement added, "must take immediate steps to bring their graduation in line with those obtaining at the University of Cape Town and Witwatersrand where no discrimination takes place at the capping ceremony.

"The removal of race discrimination in all aspects of our lives is important to the pursuit of peace and harmony. The more steps are taken to destroy racial barriers than the chances for avoiding disastrous trends are greater. In any case there can be no justification for the maintenance of racial prejudices at an institution where the main criteria is the pursuit of truth and learning."

RONNIE GOVENDER SAYS:

Girls, marriage is not the only thing in life!



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Competition for women

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BUT THEY END UP DOING THIS BETTER.

Women's conference in India

DAR-ES-SALAAM. — Bibi Tirmahomed, Chairman of the Women's section of the Tanganyika National Congress has just returned from India after attending the invitation of the All India Women's Conference.

She was accompanied by Miss Gandhi, also a TANU member, who runs an adult literacy class for women at Tanga.

During their three-week stay in India the two visitors attended the annual session of the Women's Conference at Kanpur and were taken round social welfare work and other projects in which Indian women are participating. This was the first visit and gave them an opportunity to make many personal contacts which may be of benefit in their own activities among the women of Tanganyika.

FLOATING FAIR

BOMBAY.—A "floating fair" of Indian manufacturers, organised by the Indian Council of Foreign Trade, an unofficial body, is expected to arrive at Mombasa about December 15.

The exhibition will be carried on the chartered ship "Mohamedi" and will visit Persian Gulf and Middle Eastern ports before arrival in East Africa.

Shearer's promise

COUNCILLOR DR. V. SHEARER, one of the several City Councillors who attended a dinner organised by leading members of the Indian community at the Orient Club at Isipingo, assured the 40 Indians present at the function that representations made on behalf of the Indian community would receive his careful attention and that it was his intention to make greater use of the Indian Affairs Advisory Committee, so that the City Council may always have at first hand the "views and feelings" of the Indian community.

He pointed out that the Indian Affairs Committee was the only "visible bridge" between the Indian community and the City Council, and the maximum use of the Committee should be made by all concerned.

Councillor Shearer was followed by Councillor Pursloss and Councillor Gill, who also spoke in very assuring terms for the welfare of the Indian people. All other Councillors present indicated their wishes to help the Indian people in every possible way.

FENCING AS FINE ARTE

Fencing as fine art, the French are authorities, and when the Durban Fencing Club wants to settle the merits of its newly acquired foils, it calls in the experts. Mr. Jean Pierre Lefebvre, a Frenchman who is visiting the country, is seen here with a member of the club, Mr. Ivan Lee, who is trying out the foil for the "business hand." The foil is the weapon used in the Olympic Games.

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ON STRIKE

A new type of war today started, when the workers who will serve a base in Antarctica for the International Geophysical Year went on strike. The strike is against the Government of Australia. It is a demonstration and which will be used as a base for the United States Navy Operation Deep Freeze. The strikers are demanding higher wages and better working conditions. The strike is a peaceful one.

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HIGH COST OF SCHOOL REQUISITES

PARENTS of children who are attending Government-aided Indian schools in Pietermaritzburg and its environs are bemoaning the high cost of school requisites.

In one City school, pupils in Std. V are required to be armed with five reading books and a similar number of books must be supplied to the pupils in Std. VI. In another school, the pupils in Std. I must have 14 exercise books and two jotters each, while the children in Std. III must be supplied with four more of these books.

Most parents are complaining about the change in primary school text books. This is an additional burden on the family budget. Assuming there are four children from one family attending different classes at the same school, as each child passes on to a higher class, his books are handed down to the younger brother or sister. But, with the change in the text books which were in use last year, this is impossible.

Mr. S. N. Babby Naidoo, chairman of the City Indian Technical Students' Society's Bursary Board, told "The Leader" in an exclusive interview that about £100 worth of school books which were loaned to indigent school children last year and which were returned to the Society cannot again be put to use because of this change.

Parents of pupils attending the City Indian Girls' High School are also waxing indignant over the change in the school blazers. The black melton blazers previously worn by the pupils have been changed for dirndle red jackets. "Bullfighters' Jackets" as they have been dubbed by some people.

Not only are these blazers costly —about £2 5s. each—but they are unsuitable for Indian girls. They are quite all right for Europeans or other light-complexioned people.

ANOTHER CRICKET SENSATION

By C. G. Moodley

FOLLOWING the sensational withdrawal of the Maritzburg Indian Cricket Union from the intertown competition after a dispute with the Northern Natal Union as reported in The Leader last week), the Natal Indian Cricket Union sprang another sensation this week with the announcement that both the Southern and Northern constituencies have been placed under suspension.

The suspensions follow the failure of these constituencies to furnish membership returns for the season 1957-58 and 1958-59.

In view of this, it seems unlikely that the intertown final match between Northern Districts and Stanger which was to be played at Stanger this weekend, and the inter-zone matches between Southern and Northern Natal at the Springfield ground, Durban, on February 14 and 15, will eventuate.

Mr. T. A. Dada, secretary of the Natal Indian Cricket Union, said that the suspensions will be lifted immediately the defaulting constituencies furnish the membership returns.

Mr. Dada added that the Natal Indian Cricket Union's executive council had set January 31, 1959, as the deadline for the return of the membership forms after the unions concerned had ignored repeated requests to do so. Because the period of grace had expired, the executive's decision was put into operation.

Umhlatuzana housing reply

According to a letter received by the Umhlatuzana Township Indian Association from the Durban City Council on the latter's plans to build an Indian housing scheme in the Southern Suburbs, existing houses in the Umhlatuzana area will, as far as possible, remain undisturbed and present owners and plot-holders will "naturally" receive the fullest consideration.

The reply follows a questionnaire put forward by the Association's secretary, Mr. R. Govender, to the Town Clerk, which asked that if the Umhlatuzana Township was taken over by the Corporation, would it be incorporated into the Durban Borough; would the Durban Corporation buy all the plots in the township from the present owners or would it allow them to continue ownership and occupation; would it provide housing loans to the plot holders under the Housing Act to build homes in the township and who would be responsible for providing the township — the Local Health Commission or the Durban Corporation?

The Council's reply stated that if the Corporation took over the township "it will almost certainly" be incorporated into the City. The Town Clerke added, however: "I cannot envisage that the City Council would be prepared to take it over on any other terms."

"Water and sanitary facilities would certainly be provided. Electric light will probably be provided to all dwellings in the case of existing housing schemes. It will be for the council to decide whether certain of the lowest-priced houses should be provided with electric light in the initial stages, but it can be accepted that those owners or purchasers able to afford houses similar to those in existing schemes will be provided with electric light. Telephones, postal facilities, police stations, etc., would be the responsibility of the Government Departments concerned as is the case with all other parts of the City."

To the question whether the Corporation would buy all the plots as well as provide housing loans, the Town Clerk's letter added: "It is somewhat premature to furnish detailed replies to these questions. The whole area of the Township will have to be reclaimed in conjunction with the surrounding areas and it will then be for the City Council to decide, in each portion of the area, whether to erect housing schemes or to proceed on the basis of loans to individuals or partly paid schemes.

"Existing houses will, as far as possible, remain undisturbed and present owners and plotholders will naturally receive the fullest consideration. Should it be necessary to purchase their properties as a result of re-planning, or for the purpose of erecting a house in a selling or letting scheme, they will be duly compensated and assured of alternative sites, or houses as the case may be. If the Durban Corporation takes over the area, it will assume responsibility for it as far as any other part of the City."



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FARM LABOUR INQUIRY

Nine pounds a month in cash and kind is the income of the average African farm labour family in the Eastern Cape and workers dissatisfied with this are unable to leave the farms because of influx control and other farm labour laws.

These startling findings are contained in the first non-Governmental farm labour survey in 20 years, carried out for the Institute of Race Relations by Miss Margaret Roberts of the Rhodes University Institute of Social and Economic Research.

Entitled "Labour in the Farm Economy", this 137-page survey also shows the following: Conditions vary greatly on the 23 farms in the Albany and Bathurst districts; there are few wage differences on individual farms between skilled and unskilled farm labourers, between tractor drivers and ditch-diggers; paternalism of farmer to labourer is still the rule; and the system of influx control has virtually closed the towns to African farm labourers, who now have no alternative but to remain in farm employment whatever the conditions.

Discussing the effect of present conditions and farming practices on the quality of labour, Miss Roberts concludes that "no world system is possible to develop a skilled and specialised African farm labour force, employed largely in operating labour-saving machinery". This could lead to a mere committed, but smaller labour force. Under present influx control conditions this would, however, leave more workers unemployed.

Miss Roberts concludes by stating the problem in general perspective by saying that "it is essential to guarantee to the hard-working, intelligent and progressive farmer an adequate return for his efforts, and it would appear that this can be achieved only by increased standardisation of agricultural prices.

"This point is given weight by the fact that very often the inefficiency of labour which can be directly attributed to the inconvenience to farmers to use their labour to the best advantage."



Mr. E. M. Moodley (who is leaving for Ghana), seen with Mr. I. Naidoo, Deputy Principal of M. L. Sultan Technical College. Mr. Moodley was a Latin student of Mr. Naidoo and incidentally Mr. Naidoo, in turn, was a student of Mr. Moodley's father, the late Mr. S. M. Moodley.

All roads lead to Ghana . . . for teachers

ALL roads, it seems, lead to Ghana as far as the Indian members of the teaching profession are concerned. Nearly a dozen people have made their way to the Gold Coast, and Accra is not only happy in welcoming them but is offering them lucrative salaries, perhaps as an inducement for others to follow.

Another addition to those who have already left, is Mr. E. M. Moodley, a London-trained Barrister-at-Law, who left last Saturday by air for Ghana where he will take up an appointment at the Advanced College as a lecturer in English.

Mr. Moodley matriculated at Sastri College and obtained his teacher's certificate in 1945, after which he began his teaching career at the Fairbreeze Indian School on Natal. In 1950 he was transferred to Mount Edgecombe and it was at the same year that he graduated from the Natal University College (now University of Natal).

Immediately after his graduation he proceeded to London in the middle of 1950 and read law at the Inner Temple as a part-time student. He was called to the Bar in March, 1958. After appearing for examination to finish the requirements for call to the Bar, African Bar, he taught at Sastri College from July till the end of December last year.

Mr. Moodley is the son of the late Mr. S. M. Moodley, who was on the staff of Sastri. It was while he was in London that he had the same year that he graduated from

Can you help to find this man's brother?

In the year 1904 two brothers from the district of Bafish, in the province of Uttar Pradesh, India, decided to leave their prosperous family and take a ship to Natal to start life all anew. Running away from home, they left the docks of Bombay on a misty morning by the s.s. Pongola, which, from the time Indian indentured labourers were being recruited for work in the Natal sugar belt, plied the waters regularly between Bombay and Durban, carrying seekers of the "promised land."

On landing in Durban they were, together with hundreds of others, hustled away by labour agents to the different sugar mills and farms on which they were contract-bound to work. In the process the two brothers lost sight of each other, as both of them were given employment in different parts of Natal. Up till now, the younger brother does not know what has become of the other.

Is he dead? Is he still alive? Has he any children? These are the questions Mr. Kedon-Rai is asking today of his brother, Mr. Subak Rai.

Mr. Kedon-Rai is due to leave for India on early March this year and is pressing that he will get some information about his brother before he takes leave of him in their homeland.

Mr. Kedon-Rai was born in the district of Bafish. His family had four brothers and two sisters. His parents were well to do, owning large tracts of land and many buildings. But the youngsters, imbued with a spirit of adventure and fulfilling the tales told of Natal, left home secretly one day and took a ship to Durban.

Mr. Rai took up employment in a mill at Reynolton, while his brother was hustled away to some other place. In the meantime his parents, after weeks of searching, gave them up for dead, and ever performed the traditional death ceremony on the banks of the Ganges.

After working for 15 years at this place, Mr. Kedon-Rai took up farming. He now owns 207 acres at Port Shepstone and is one of the most prosperous farmers in the area.

During the intervening 42 years his search did not prove rewarding, although at one stage of this long period he almost found his brother. It was 26 years after he had lost his brother that he was at a wedding. At the next table he noticed someone talking loudly with an Indian Uttar Pradesh accent. He did not take much notice of the people at the table, but when he was on his way to his seat he paused to say "Namaste" to the man. The man's name was Mr. Subak Rai. He (Mr. Subak Rai) was a Uttar Pradesh man and that his name was Mr. Subak Rai. He (Mr. Subak Rai) searched the place, but his brother had already left. And none could give him his brother's address.

It was only a few years ago that Mr. Kedon-Rai wrote the first letter to his family after over 50 years of his sojourn in this country. But the contents of the reply he received were not reassuring. Written by a brother of his, it stated that his parents were both dead, as well as the two sisters and the other brothers.

"I want to know something of my brother before I leave for India," Mr. Kedon-Rai told the Leader. "Even if he is dead, I shall be most happy if any of his children could come to me with some information regarding him."

Mr. Kedon-Rai is a father of two girls and a boy.

If anyone has any information of Mr. Subak Rai they should contact the Leader Office at 5 Aymes Arcade, or phone 22229.



MR. KEDON-RAI

TALK OF THE BAZAAR

by The Fakir

The anniversary of Gandhi's assassination

LAST Friday, January 30, was the eleventh anniversary of the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi. Special prayer meetings were held throughout India and all Akasvani (All India Radio to you) stations made commemoratory broadcasts.

Gandhi was a patriot who was never parochial. A politician who demanded that his followers must apply the force of truth and reason and that of fearless criticism. A statesman with no say in the then Councils of State, but who never theless decided national policies. He was a saint of the atomic era who lived with aesthetic ease in Bapu ana day and knew the personal Harijan the next. He was a man whom millions venerated and whom the Communists like Churchill, despised, but for opposite reasons. "A half-naked fakir," was Churchill's description of the Mahatma. It is for exasperation to know that Indian Gandhi was in the eyes of tens of millions of Hindus, around the main gods in the Hindu pantheon.

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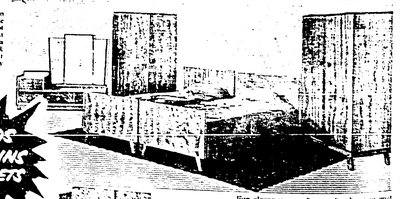


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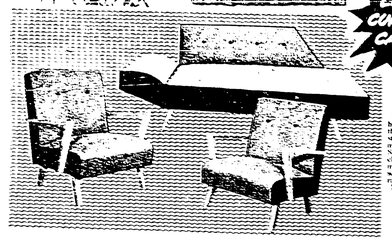


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The sad plight of accused Natives

A YOUNG woman is brought into the dock. An infant of some six months is in her arms. The child is crying, though too innocent to understand her mother's predicament or the ways of the world into which it is born.

The hushed atmosphere of the Court is disturbed by the sound of the Prosecutor's voice reading the charge against the child's mother—that of being in possession of a gallon of SHIMIYANE.

The mother stands in the dock; an interpreter explains the charge to her. She denies being in possession of shimiyane. It was "kaffir beer," she says.

"Where is the exhibit?" asks the Magistrate. A Police constable produces a four-gallon tin—the kind in which oil is stored. The tin is empty.

But he says it contained shimiyane.

The child's plaintive cries add to the atmosphere. The mother tries in vain to soothe the baby.

Without further ado, the Magistrate pronounces the sentence—£1 or 10 days' imprisonment with compulsory labour.

The woman leaves the dock—with the child in still crying.

The next prisoner is brought in. He is a woman of about 30 years, well dressed in her overalls. She has spent the night in jail—like the first prisoner. She looks sad and unkempt.

Her crime: She has been out—illegally, as the law puts it—with a "night pass".

"Why were you out late?" asks the Magistrate.

"I was out visiting, and I got a night pass."

"See that you get a night pass every time (you are out)," says the Magistrate.

She is fined 10 shillings or seven days' imprisonment with compulsory labour.

The next prisoner, a man of about 35, is fined for drinking shimiyane.

"Get and drink at the beer hall," the Magistrate advises him, as he passes sentence.

The next is an elderly African lady. She is charged with being in possession of shimiyane . . . 40 gallons of it.

She stands in the dock—her face expressionless, and a blank look in her eyes, as if aware of the impending sentence.

She pleads guilty. She has nothing to say.

"Is there any record?" asks the Magistrate.

"No record," replies the Prosecutor, meaning that the accused has no previous convictions.

"£25 or five months' imprisonment with compulsory labour . . . The sentence will go up for every offence."

We are sitting in a Magistrate's Court in Durban. This is a typical morning. "Petties", these cases are called by the Court officials.

There is no sensation attached to these cases, and the accused come and go, almost unnoticed.

They have fallen foul of the stern arm of the Law.

The sentences are severe considering the circumstances. But the Court does not (and perhaps cannot) become sentimental about these things. They are a daily occurrence.

"European liquor" is denied to the African. So the Courts have to be burdened with these cases.

One hopes for a humane approach towards the plight of these senseless people.

It is bad that a fine intoxicant for shimiyane should carry with it a sentence of £25 or five months.

It is sad that a law-abiding maid-servant should be picked up in the middle of the night, placed under arrest, and made to spend the night in jail.

Any should a young mother, nursing a baby, be made to spend a night in jail over a trivial offence?

If you have a conscience, you cannot help but ask: Why?

Large firms do not employ Indian females

Large Indian industrial concerns and business houses in Durban are reportedly snubbing Indian females employed by giving preference to members of other races, such as Coloured and European, at the same time they is mass unemployment among the Indians.

Qualified and trained female factory workers come out of the colleges only to be frustrated in finding no prospective employer willing to take them on. Now is the matter unimportant taking into consideration that when an Indian employer takes on a European or Coloured girl, he pays them much higher wages, more than are given to Indians, and yet there seems to be a tendency to employ the Indian girl.

Some reputed Indian firms, whose owners take a leading part in the community's political activities and who profess to have the interest of the community at heart, are, surprisingly enough, the real culprits. As one person put it, these individuals could do a great service to the community in these times of unemployment by giving work to Indian girls. "Not that I am racially inclined, but the members of the other races, particularly the Europeans, can readily find employment anywhere, whereas with the Indians it is difficult, and sometimes an impossible proposition. Therefore the preference should be for Indians so as to alleviate the great suffering the community is experiencing now," he said.

Investigations carried out by "The Leader" revealed the following interesting facts:

1. Notwithstanding the absence of Indian female office workers in larger Indian firms, a number of small but flourishing business houses employ Indian girls, but at a disgracefully low wage of £5 and £10 per month, despite the fact that the girls possess a commercial certificate.

2. For the miserable and paltry sum of £5 a month an Indian girl has to do all the work in an office type, make tea, run errands, answer telephone calls, etc.

3. An Indian girl will be able to retain her employment and get higher wages if she submits to the amorous advances of her boss. Otherwise she is fired without any explanations.

4. Apart from genuine offices, there are ones that are only a false front to the vicious call-and-racket. Some rich prospectmen employ girls to "work" in these offices so that they can introduce some of their friends in their bosses' colleagues. Many girls, who come out of respectable homes, have no alternative but to "sell" themselves.

And in such a situation the trained and qualified Indian girl can do nothing but be initiated into a life not of her own making.

A director of a leading Indian firm, which employs a large number of Indian male and female office workers, one of the few to do so—told "The Leader" that he found nothing wrong with his workers. "In fact an Indian worker is much more skilled and efficient, and is comparable to any experienced European. They do the job and I pay them the wages and make no differentiation on the basis of colour or race. I feel that Indian employers should pay their workers well so as to provide an incentive for better work and also as an encouragement for others," he added.

Big treat for dance enthusiasts

Non-European dance enthusiasts will have the privilege of seeing two of the world's greatest dancers in action when the Natal Indian Ballroom and Latin American dance competitions are held at the Durban City Hall on Friday, February 16. They are Mr. Bill Binnick and Sally Brock who will demonstrate and adjudicate at the competitions. They are presently touring Africa on the luxury liner Kenya and are due to arrive in Durban the day before the competitions are to take place.

Mrs. Brock and Mr. Binnick have been undefeated International champions for three British championships and three times Star Professionals. As the world's finest dancers and demonstrators, they should make Durban's most exciting night a highly illuminating spectacle, and should be well worth the European Dance Association fees, for the third time sought the best services that can be had. The first were Mr. and Mrs. Crumps who thrilled an audience of more than 1,000 in 1956, with their polished dancing and again in 1958, with the scintillating demonstration by Jock McGregor and Bonnie Twigg, and now the finese of them all.

Leading Indian dancers who have severed membership with the Natal non-European Amateur Dancers Association, such as Billy Pillay, dancing with Pamela Pillay, Bobby Govender, Harriet Abrahams and a few of these competing in the amateur section, and all the top-line professionals in the professional section — Desmond Pillay, Wilfred Francis, Hamilton Gobs, Terry Ayers, Rings Naidoo and Basie Moll with their partners are among those in this section.

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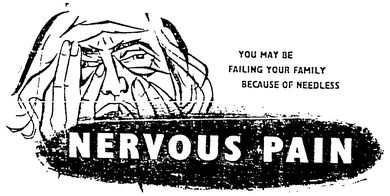
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BAN ON FIVE PLUS CRITICISED

THE Natal Indian Congress welcomed the priority given to older children in Indian schools this year but has strongly criticised the total ban on the admission of five year olds who will turn six during the course of the year. In a telegram to the Natal Education Department the Congress has requested the immediate lifting of the ban.

A statement issued by the Natal Indian Congress says: "If there is accommodation available after children have been admitted under the new priority list there can be no justification whatsoever for refusing admission to the "five plus" group. The wording of the instructions issued by the Department to school principals leaves them with no option but to refuse children in this category even where accommodation is available and our attention has been drawn to cases of such refusals resulting in these children going without any schooling.

"Urgent representations are necessary by the Education Committee to the Education Department to issue new instructions to end a situation which can find no support from any Indian organisation."

The Natal Indian Congress calls upon the Education Department to further to give amended instructions to bring to an end the anomaly as created by the new directives which touched the school going public for the first time by the new term commencing. The ban now operating against the "five plus" group of Indian children introduces a new form of compulsory racial discrimination in education for no such ban operates against the White and Coloured children falling under the jurisdiction of the Natal Provincial Administration. "It



Nearly a thousand people, including about 150 Europeans, attended a reception given by Mr. H. D. Dhupelia in the Durban City Hall, last Thursday night in honour of the marriage of his daughter, Farla to Naresan K. Sanderjee, of Louis Trichardt, Transvaal.

Among the Europeans present were the Mayoress and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Milne, while the Indians were representative of every section of the community. A unique feature of the function was that there were no speeches, except that of the able M.C., Mr. Ashwin Choudree. To the accompaniment of scintillating music of the orchestra, the guests ate hejis, samoosas, sandwiches, cakes with tea, soft drinks and ice cream.

The most interesting feature of the function was the staging of three classical Indian dances, at the end of which the girls who took part in the dances blessed the married couple in the traditional Hindu way.

Picture shows the Deputy Mayor of Durban, Councillor Cyril Milne, congratulating the married couple, while the bride's father looks on.

INDIANS MUST HAVE MORE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MR. A. M. MOOLLA, President of the South African Indian Organisation, told several Durban City Councillors last week that it must be acknowledged that the development of residential group areas for Indians would always be inextricably related to the ever-expanding need for work and other opportunities to earn a livelihood.

He was speaking on the relationship between employment of Indians and their residential areas at a dinner at the Orient Club, Isipingo, where the City Councillors were invited by the Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Mary Thomas. Councillor Mrs. Morcom, Councillor Mrs. Meyer, Councillor Mrs. Hopkinson, Mr. T. Kessler, Mrs. Mary Ashley and Mr. A. Wood were among the guests present, together with Mr. A. M. Moolla and Mr. A. H. Mayet.

Mr. Moolla suggested that in order to stem the flow of Indians into the cities and to ensure a flow of sufficient food supplies to the city market, there should be a "point of view" of encouraging as many Indians as possible to work on the land in small holdings.

"It will not be possible for Industry and Commerce, particularly in and around Durban," Mr. Moolla added, "to absorb all Indian workers seeking work. Indeed, in Durban, Indian unemployment is increasing to such an extent as to call for the serious concern of the Divisional Inspector of Labour with whom I had a talk on the subject. On this matter of employment it is pertinent to quote the official statement made on September 11, 1958, by the Natal Education Department, that at the present time the number of Indian children attending school in Natal is 89,920. In 10 years from now a large number of these children will be seeking work and eventually, the point should arise, must always be kept high in the purview of policy makers. These facts, which cannot be ignored, dictate the Indian's attaining agricultural work and occupations.

Mr Moolla suggested that special attention be given to the future of the Indian native Reserve in Mahotella and Umbilo and the surrounding land up to the edges of these suburbs, and said that these should be left reserved for Indian development and set aside for small holdings and market gardening, as some parts of them are today.

He also submitted that similar closer and careful attention be given to other areas where it might be possible to set aside land for such purpose. Many particulars would I suggest that in selecting residential areas and housing estates, proper care should always be taken that land required for this purpose should not be taken from existing Indian agricultural holdings.

Referring to the most recent proposals of the Durban City Council to taken over lands presently under market gardening and banana cultivation he said there should be a careful investigation to discover whether they should not be left to agriculture, and other areas now vacant used for the purpose of housing development.

Stating that Indian trading activities in the larger cities in the smaller towns and in the rural areas should not be curtailed, he added that such opportunities should be progressively increased as it was an importance source to provide the Indian with work. "Any form of curtailment in the field of employment can serve but to aggravating the present serious situation of unemployment Indians," Mr. Moolla warned.

"The City Council must set by the example of its action to encourage other Government departments to assist in every possible way to provide more opportunities for employment of Indians," he concluded.

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THE offer by the M. L. Sultan Educational and Charitable Trust of Durban to donate an amount of £10,000 towards the cost of building a technical college for Indians in Pietermaritzburg was enthusiastically received by the City Indian Technical Institute at its annual general meeting held last week. Mr. A. K. Meeran, the secretary of the Institute, was appointed chairman of the Finance Committee which has issued an appeal to the public generosity to raise the balance of £13,000 required for the project.

The City Council has donated a three-acre building site on the Greyburn Road near the Willowbridge for the establishment of the college, which is estimated to cost £46,000. The Department of Education, Arts and Science has promised to contribute on a pound-for-pound basis, thus, with the M. L. Sultan Educational and Charitable Trust's donation of £10,000, an amount of £29,000 is already assured, and it now rests with the public to contribute the balance of £13,000.

The Finance Committee has suggested that the well-to-do members of the community may pay for the cost of building a classroom (between £450-£750) and dedicate such classroom in memory of someone whom they hold in high esteem.

Members of the Finance Committee are Messrs A. K. Meeran (chairman), V. E. Naidoo, A. H. I. Rawat, G. M. Singh, R. Dookran, Hajee M. A. Moosa and Rev. A. J. Chetty.

DISPUTE

MR. S. R. NAIDOO, president of the Technical Institute, explained at the annual general meeting that the sub-committee which was appointed to interview the Maritzburg Indian Technical Students' Society in regard to the suggested changing of the name of the latter body, had failed to bring about an amicable settlement.

The recommendation of the sub-committee had been accepted by the Institute Council, but, owing to non-co-operation by the Students Society, the latter body was given a period of three months' grace. That period had now expired, said Mr. Naidoo, and he asked for a committee to be appointed with full powers to implement the recommendations of the sub-committee.

The meeting gave its consent to Mr. Naidoo's request and appointed Mr. Naidoo himself and Mr. A. K. Meera mand Rev. A. J. Chetty to take the necessary steps to bring about a settlement.

In his secretarial report, Mr. Meeran said that many Africans were still seeking enrolment as students at the Institute because some of the classes arranged by the Municipality had closed down.

The Principal, Mr. A. C. Letsegame, explained that authority was being sought to admit Africans at the Indian Technical Institute.

The meeting also accepted the suggestion of Mr. R. Dookran to arrange a series of meetings in the districts to intensify the enrolment of students, and that of Rev. J. Anthonu's to give typewriting and bookkeeping precedence over Afrikaans, which language however should be pursued as much as possible.

Officials elected at the meeting were: Chairman, Mr S. R. Naidoo; vice-chairman, Rev. A. J. Chetty; secretary, Mr A. K. Meeran; treasurer, Mr. A. H. Rawat; auditor, Mr. M. H. Rasbeeli, and a general council of 15 members.

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WHILE the Natal capital swelteredon Saturday afternoon, I watched crews of eagerest Indian parents standing in the verandah of a small white repairer's shop in Church Street. They were evening the door expectantly and filed in side with hope-filled hearts as their names were called.

Those people had been summoned by the Maritzburg Indian Technical Students' Society to receive their free supply of school books for their children, and as each of them was handed a parcel his tear-dimmed eyes were sufficient evidence of gratitude.

Others . . . . well, there weren't enough books to go round and the despair that was written on their faces . . . that is best to leave to your imagination.

For, their dispute with the City Indian Technical Institute notwithstanding, the Students' Society went ahead with their annual distribution of free school text books to indigent Indian school children in the City and its environs.

There were 154 applications for assistance, but, owing to the shortage of funds, the 14 prospective high school students were forced to seek help elsewhere.

The Society's Bursary Fund dropped to a low ebb this year because of the lack of public support for their fund-raising efforts. Another reason was that many bursars broke their contracts by not returning the books loaned to them.

In most cases, too, text books used previously in the primary schools had been substituted, with the result that the Society has on hand almost £100 worth of books lying idle.

A member of the Society's Bursary Board told me that, in order to avoid this unnecessary wastage the Education Department should standardise text books in the primary schools as was done in the high schools.

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R. Moyer, the Young Natalians all-rounder, scored a flawless unbeaten century—the first this season—in an unfinished second wicket partnership of 168 with A. E. Dendat in a Pietermaritzburg first league match against Stella at Fitzsimmons Road in Wednesday.

Stella could muster only 80 runs at reply but did much better in the follow-on with 182 runs for the loss of four wickets a winners.

The scores were: Young Natalians, first innings, 328 all out (wicket taker Moyer 100 not out, Dendat 83 not out).

Stella, first innings, 80 (P. Naidoo 28; L. G. Pillay, not out 14, Dendat, two for 12); follow on, 182 for four wickets (Glen Q. Naidoo, 79 not out; Rob Pillay 42; L. G. Pillay, two for 52).

In the other first league game E. Rocke 72; E. S. Patel, two for 35; W. A. Hayes, three for

Wisconsin won a narrow four-run single innings victory over Stars. The scores were: Orientals (pre-E. A. Patel 22, P. A. M. Lewis out) 74; Wisconsin

Progressive year

The Sirva Sithantha Sangam of Durban, which is a universal institution with followers from all parts of the world, recorded not such a progressive year when the secretary, Mr. S. Santhalinger, presented his annual report at the Sangam's meeting held recently.

Mr. Santhalinger said that although the Sangam underwent many trying situations, the mission of the Master, Sri Sirva Sivabramanian Guru Swamigal, will, however, continue to brighten the gloomy aspects of life when all hopes are lost in these turbulent times. "As long as each devotee shows his humility in receiving the Guru's blessings and learns from the Guru, there will be progress to be conveyed far and wide," he added.

The report covers a period of 12 months and it is gratifying to note that followers and devotees of the Guru have always kept the banner of the Sangam flying high in order to keep the spiritual significance of various festivals of the Hindus. The Sangam celebrated six such festivals and at each function outlined the purpose for which it was being celebrated. Another interesting aspect of the Sangam is that six new branches, three prayer centres and free classes have been established at Dassall, Hyde Park, Montstone, Happy Valley, Kelso Junction and Scotts-

able from members of the Old Girls' Club.

BETHEL TEMPLE

AND this Sunday afternoon (4th inst) at 3 p.m. will be reported in the Leader last week) the beautiful new Bethel Temple at Mt. Partridge will be officially opened to worshippers.

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JUNIOR LEADER

THE AGE LIMIT FOR MEMBERSHIP

I always feel sorry to say goodbye to members who love the privileges of this club when they turn nineteen. It does sound silly to call this column the Junior Leader when teenagers are allowed membership, but the reason for this is not far to seek. Originally we had a column for teenagers, but owing to pressure on space this column was dropped. The Junior Leader thereafter also catered for a teenage readership. So don't let the club's name bother you. The age limit is eighteen and all you have to do to become a member is to write your name, address, age and interests on a sheet of paper and post it to me.

My address is 5 Chatsham Road, Durban.

PEN PALS

SUBRAMONEY MORGAN (13), P.O. Box 106, Glencoe, Natal, would like to have pen pals from the Union and overseas. Interests: stamps, coins, collecting film star photos.

VANDEK SHAH (18), P.O. Box 45, Richmond, Natal whose interests are going to the cinema, music and dancing would like to have pen pals from the Union and overseas.

GOVINDER (16), P.O. Box 1, Estcourt, Natal. Interests: sweets, fishing.

P. CHUPERSAD (17), P.O. Box 152, Estcourt, Natal. Interests: pen pals, stamps, art. Part of the world I would like to visit: Interested in writing and reading.

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"SMART" QUESTIONS

1. What is a word of reference?
2. What is a sea cleaner?
3. What is a fish which is black and used to enlighten the world?
4. What goat is finished without buttons and is put on sale?
5. What does an artist like to draw best?
6. What bow can you not see?
7. Why is a shoe like a yacht?
8. What relation is the front door to the front man?
9. Which key can we not eat?
10. What smells most in a chemist's?

(Contributed by Sara Kandiah, 30 Victoria Street, Durban, Joey Naidoo, c.o. Indian School, P.O. Felixton, Zululand; Balaram Sookdeo, 5 Coughlan Crescent, Rose Hill, Durban; S. Ramasamen, 46 Wentworth Avenue, Manville, Durban; Mandal, 34 Wentworth Avenue, Manville, Durban; J. Govender, P.O. Box 9, Seven Oaks, Natal.)

ANSWERS

1. A pencil sharpener. 2. A vacuum cleaner. 3. A light bulb. 4. A sale. 5. A picture. 6. A bow tie. 7. Because it has a keel. 8. The relation is the front man. 9. The key of no. 9. 10. A chemist smells most in a chemist's.

GUESS WHO?

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SHE GAVE SHELTER

ROMILLA MISTHRY, of 45 Kennedy Road, Clare Estate writes: One evening recently, after supper, I sat down to do my homework. There was a storm raging outside. The thunder sounded awful, and I always feel very scared when the lightning flashes.

Suddenly there came a knock at the door. I mustered enough courage and opened the door. There in the darkness stood a little girl drenched to the skin. I felt sorry for her and let her in. I gave her some of my clothes to dress from. I made her a cup of warm milk and gave her some food. She told me that she was in trouble with some of the mill workers. She refused to accept the meal with us. The next morning, my aunt gave her five shillings and some clothes and she left. She did not seem in need of anything, she still seemed to be in trouble. She is such a sweet little girl.

HIDDEN?

DHANESHWAR RAMPERSADH, of P.O. Box 17, Verulam, Natal, writes: One day, as I was walking home, I found an envelope containing five pounds. On the envelope was written the name and address of the owner. I decided to return the money and handed it to the Mill Manager. He thanked me for my honesty and gave me ten shillings.

HILARIOUS ADVENTURE

Fasten your "laugh belts," fans, before you go to the Ritz Cinema to see Jerry Lewis in his new Paramount comedy, "Rock-a-Bye Baby," to be shown there from February 12 to 14, or you're liable to find yourselves rolling in the aisles! For in this latest film adventure of Jerry's, he's about as funny as a man can be in some of the most hilarious situations imaginable.

"Rock-a-Bye Baby" co-stars Jerry with beautiful blonde Marilyn Maxwell, who hasn't been seen on the screen for three years. Filmed in Technicolor and Vista-Vision, the story of the film revolves about the predicament of a small town bachelor who suddenly finds himself the "mother" of triplets left in his doorstep. The problem is complicated by the fact that Jerry is determined to take care of them because their mother is his children's sweetheart, now a famous Hollywood star, for whom he is still carrying a torch.

The screen showings have most (if he's Jerry Lewis) ran the television gamut — work, laundry ironing, and such other cushion-the-blow jobs and "mother" triplets at home — strenuously funny.

EXCITING STARS IN "JUBAL"

Three of Hollywood's most exciting stars in their top performances will appear in Cologne and Stone's "Jubal" to be screened at the Ritz from February 7 to 11. The stars are Glenn Ford, of "The Blackboard Jungle" fame; Ernest Borgnine, who won the New York Film Critics' award and an Oscar for his work in "Marty," and Rod Steiger, who starred in "On the Waterfront" and Marlon Brando's racketeer brother in "On the Waterfront" and "Oklahoma!"

To match the surge and stark of the star trio, Columbia Pictures' "Jubal" is chock full of excitement, with Valerie French, a British beauty, making her screen debut.

"Jubal" is the story of a ranger drifter who never has to look for trouble; it clings to him as a wanton woman. In fact, Ford, as Jubal, has been hired best to keep away from trouble, even to the point of not settling down on a gun-roaring country. A wanderer who ends up with a job on Borgnine's lonely Wyoming ranch, Ford is the unhappy target for the restless attentions of Borgnine's feminine wife, and sharp hatred of the man she immediately drags Steiger, Ford wants no part of either.

Borgnine guns for the drifter when he is persuaded that Ford has been pursuing his wife in self-defence the drifter is forced to kill the only man who ever befriended him. Having a posse led by the unpleasant Borgnine, he finds safety in a unit with a religious group, seek the own "promised land," and falls under the heart warming spell of the blonde Miss Ladd, who plays the group leader's daughter. Together, Ford and Miss Ladd fare first peace neither has known before but not until the kidnapped Steiger has brutally beaten the town's wife to a pulp in vain for his life and then as a last resort, urges his one big immense strength to shoot Ford and outlet Steiger, "destroy the entire gathering."

Shocking realism

The relentless honesty with which the heart and life of a famed entertainer are revealed in "The Helen Morgan Story," a film of realism and great warmth which is to be screened at the Ritz from February 5, 6 and 7. This picture stars Frank Sinatra as a singer who, like Helen Morgan, built her reputation on telling its dramatic personal story, and the world knows how some men went quickly to pieces.

Ann Blyth, Gene Barry, Alvy Moore, Gram and Eddie Albert, the film deals with the tragic life of a torpedo-fashion saga of a great talent who came back from near death and oblivion to become the idolised heroine of the public, only to succeed no substitute for the wasted dreams of youth.

With a rare combination of drama, comedy and music, the screenplay follows Lewis's career from the terrifying night he was left for dead, his throat slashed by bootleggers he had tried to buck. The scene that follows, in which Sinatra, as Lewis, regains consciousness, wakes up in hospital to find himself unable to talk, is one of the most powerful the Academy Award winner has ever done and surely one of the most powerful ever filmed.

DELIGHTFUL ROMANCE

Coming soon to the Avalon Theatre is R.K. Pictures' delightful tale of romance and adventure "Kathavarayan" starring S. Gopinath Sarathi, M. S. Nath, T. S. Balliah, and the inimitable Chandrababu and Thangavelu.

Abounding in incidents which thrill and entertain, the film story, an open melting, is about a brave young man who is in reality a son of the Goddess Parvathi, who is on temporary exile on earth, and a fair princess with whom he falls in love. As the young lady's father does not look with favour on the surging romance, diverse obstacles are put in the young man's way, and in an attempt by the young man to take the maiden away almost ends in disaster. He is overpowered in numbers and dragged to a town square which is dominated by the colossal sculptured figure of a deity, for his execution. His mother intervenes in vain for his life and then as a last resort, urges her son to shoot Ford and outlet Steiger, "destroy the entire gathering."



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Picture above shows (from left to right), Mr. Pretorious, the Manager of the Himalaya Hotel, Mr. Steiner, Miss Yvonne Gray, Miss Harriett Mc Nevin and Mr. Bubbs Governder at a Tivoli party held at the hotel. Both couples were the winners of the spot dance competition and were awarded a bottle of champagne each. Yvonne was also chosen as "Miss Pepsi Cola" a week before.

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Mr. Percival Pool, who had his leg in a car accident in Nodenham.



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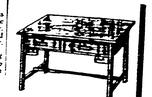
NAIROBI, Dr. S. N. Mwathi, a planning physician, has come a long way in India next month to represent the Natural Family Planning Association at the 6th International Planned Parenthood Conference, which opens in Delhi on February 16. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Mwathi.

The Conference is to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Nehru and participants include Dr. Julian Huxley of U.K., Dr. Abraham Stone of U.S.A., Dr. Yoshio Koya of Japan and Prof. Dr Fritz Lindahl of Sweden.

Dr. Mwathi, who comes from Kiambu, is a district surgeon for the Red Cross in Nairobi and founder of the first family planning clinic for Africans in the city. He has spent 14 years in Government medical service and has travelled in the U.S.A., U.K. and Europe.

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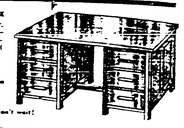
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HOW GOOD IS PANCHO PATTARCHARJI

WITH the fistic spotlight being focussed on Pancho Pattarcharji, the top ranking Indian flyweight champion, who in all probability will appear in South Africa, there has arisen the burning question: Just how good is this man, whom we have never heard of before?

Although occupying the enviable position of No. 1 contender for the Empire flyweight title, Pancho remains something of a mystery man even in international circles. All that is known of his background is that he is the flyweight champion of India. Does this say much? Let's be honest with ourselves—boxing in India is by no means a popular sport and seldom has an Indian achieved international reputation. In postwar years there was a Singh who made quite a name for himself in American rings, but whether, he was a full blooded Indian is not definite.

But "mystery-man" Pancho has to his credit an outstanding achievement. He has beaten the holder of the British title on a sixth round T.k.o. and that is no mean achievement because Frankie Jones pulverised Dai Dower, the man who pulverised Tod and went on to win the Empire crown.

Seaman Chetty had his eye on Pancho for a long time before the Jones win convinced him that the lad had the goods and from the number of excellent fighters he has featured in many successful tours here, Seaman has the uncanny knack of picking fighters with a future. When Joe Ngidi was in England he acted as something of a scout for Chetty. Ngidi was told to keep a close watch on the Indian lad and this is what he had to say, "Pancho is very wiry and extremely tough. He is very, very fast and although a boxer he punches like a demon."

It is Chetty's earnest desire to see Pancho fight in this country. Not so much as a lucrative end, but for a reason which is heartwarmingly human. Exactly 21 years ago Chetty arrived in a foggy England, unheard of and unsung. He soon put his championship did not was South African flyweight champ carry any weight at all in international circles. The story of how Chetty blasted his way to international fame and blazed the trail for non-White fighters of the future is well known. Now an Indian from India has done almost the same thing as Chetty in the same Cinderella fashion.

Chetty told me, "It has long been my ambition to bring a top ranking overseas fighter to this country. I tried unsuccessfully before. Now I will be killing many birds with one stone. Pancho is not only a great fighter, but will be my reply to the loyal support given me by Indian fight fans always. This fight will be costing me a lot and I am prepared to take the gamble."

No definite news has yet reached Chetty from the Minister of the Interior but indications are that a favourable reply will be given. Pancho's manager, Jack Burns, has approached the South African High Commissioner, and negotiations are proceeding.

Meanwhile, South Africa's Seiton Makoba, hailed as the greatest prospect of the moment, is hard at training for what will be a "plum" of a fight for him. Pattarcharji will catapult him into international fame overnight. The fight will be in the flyweight division and by matching him against Pancho, Chetty has made sure that the foreigner will meet the country's best.



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By AMBASSADOR

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2 NAVARINO
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Sixth race (six furlongs):
1 ALPHEUS
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3 GRECIAN STAR

Seventh race (one mile):
1 PRETO CESSION
2 PAT
3 GUNNER'S SON

Eighth race (two furlongs):
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Hemingway Classic

Spencer Tracy isn't planning any deep-sea fishing trips in the foreseeable future. The star, who recently portrayed the best known angler in contemporary fiction, would rather be a landlubber from now on.

More than four months of almost constant "warfare" with nature in Gulfstream fishing sequences of "Old Man and the Sea" left Tracy with the feeling that he had seen enough of fish and water to last him a lifetime.

The Warner Bros. picture, based on Ernest Hemingway's Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winning story, also required angling expeditions to the coastal waters of Peru, Ecuador Panama and Galapagos Islands and Hawaii.

Seen as Hemingway's famous old Cuban in the picture, Tracy was later called upon to spend three weeks before the sound stage cameras at Warner Bros. Studios in California; where a million-gallon-movie ocean was used for close-up shots.

Tracy's bout with Neptune will be remembered by Hollywood insiders as one of the most exhausting yet experienced by any motion picture performer. A greater part of the actor's role in the picture, had to be filmed far from land in a tiny fishing skiff.

Unpredictable moving weather, choppy seas, ever-changing skies and unwanted sharks all conspired to upset shooting schedules and ruin carefully calculated scenes.

Tracy, who spent a year in preparation for the role, held frequent discussions with author Hemingway, became a student of Cuban fishing customs before attempting the delineation. Hemingway also accompanied the star and one of the camera units to secure authentic action scenes of the giant marlin.

"The Old Man and the Sea," as an accurate screen version of the Hemingway story, was directed by John Sturges. The film was produced in WarnerColor by Leland Hayward and photographed by James Wong Howe. It is due for release in South Africa in a few weeks time.

President of three organisations



MR. SOOBOO RAJAH

The faith Mayville sportsmen have in Mr. Sooboo Rajah as an administrator of "sincerity and purpose" can be gauged from the fact that they have made him president of three sports organisations. He is president of the Mayville Cricket Union, Football Association and the Sports Ground Association.

Other officials of the Sports Ground Association elected at the annual general meeting are: secretary, Charles M. Pillay; treasurer, A. Rabbi Marajh; auditor, V. S. V. Pillay.

From time to time local sports organisations have had sterling services rendered them by men who virtually live and die for sport. To anyone who knows local sport and knows Mr. Rajah, it will not be an overemphasis to state that he is such a man.

At almost every football and cricket match, of whatever significance, one comes across the round, always happy personality, rousing with a yell so sadly lacking amongst the back-room boys of sport. "The Leader" salutes Mr. Rajah and commends him as an example to others in the same category so that sport generally may progress.

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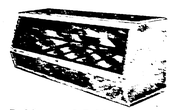
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An angry Solomon Zwane seems to wish that the p unch bag was either Linda, Maoto or Nkalipe. He feels that he is being side-stepped.

IS MAOTO SCARED OF ZWANE?

FOLLOWING Johnny Linda's withdrawal from his fight against Solomon Zwane, promoter Nat Moodley approached "Kangaroo" Ntanza, former national champion with a lucrative offer to take Linda's place. But Ntza — signed point blank, giving no reason whatsoever. The talk is that Maoto, like most of the country's top-line lightweights, are not anxious to tangle with the fiery Natalian.

Meanwhile, Zwane, with his sons big chance sliding away from him, is smouldering with anger at the cold shoulder being given him. It is many months since Solomon entered the ring and it seems that he is faired to waste his talents in the gymnasium.

When I visited Zwane at Ran- [illegible] gym the dynamic little fighter appeared crestfallen. "What's the matter, are they scared of me?" he asked, biting his lip.

Solomon is not a logical contender for Nkalipe's crown, not because he is not capable but because he has not had an opportunity to meet the leading contenders.

Promoter Moodley has had to call off the fight indefinitely.

TENNIS COACH DISCUSSION

At the Council meeting of the Mitgoni Natal Indian Lawn Tennis Union, a motion to employ a coach will be discussed. Mr. T. A. H. Sega- [illegible] money, the secretary tells me that this follows the notable showing of Natalians at the recent South African Championships, when the [illegible] Natal [illegible] Singles [illegible] Natal [illegible] at Springfield. After the demolition of the courts at Curries Fountain, the Union does not possess a centralised venue and this has caused many problems. The Union will be pressing for immediate attention.

The new office bearers of the Union are as follows:

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Ronnie Govender says -

Girls, Marriage is not the only thing in life

Marriage is sacred. Okay. Marriage is a necessary social institution. Okay. Marriage is bliss. Okay (I am open to correction!) But for the love of holy matrimony, why treat it as if it is the end in all, the one goal in life, the only motivating factor in the noble art of living? Why allow it to stamp out every other consideration, every other God-given pursuit that makes life whole and worth living? I am talking to you girls. Indian girls.

This is no sweeping generalisation, neither is it a lighthearted jest. I am aware that there are exceptions but the indulgence by women in that wonderful God-given pursuit, that can bring so much joy and a healthy zest for life to people, called sport, is pitiably, tragically negligible.

Indian girls are coming out of their shell. There has been some notable contributions by them to society, education and economy. But in sport the process is so tediously slow that one wonders when our women will realise that there are other pleasurable and purposeful things to do than to rock the cradle and wash pots.

Take the recent National Athletic Championships. There were only two women participating. And they were Coloured women from the Western Province. They had no competition in the senior ranks and in order to complete the senior women's events school girls from the junior ranks had to run against them.

The one sport that did boast women participants from time to time is now also suffering the same fate as the other sports. Says Mr. V. N. H. Sigamoney, last year's secretary of the Natal Indian Lawn Tennis Association:

"When one reads the non-European Press, one observes the progress being made by the African and Coloured women in the field of tennis. It is regrettable that we cannot get an energetic band of Indian women to foster the game."

At school girls take part in athletics, basketball, tennis and netball hockey. Our girls have shown that they have got the goods in school sport. But once out of school, girls is discarded from their lives and in fact practically everything else and all attention is paid to grooming for marriage.

And once that party, everything, but everything, comes to a full stop. Whatever outside interests they might have had are thrown overboard. They are content to sink back into a life of child-bearing and obesity.

Off hand I can only think of one Indian who is worth something in the world of sport. Sawmally Govender, the swimmer. But it is doubtful whether even she will reach any great heights, not because she is not a good swimmer, but because of lack of competition.

And yet men go out of their way to encourage women to take part in sport. Occasionally there is a response like the tug-of-war finals at the annual beach sports.

In organised sport every precaution is taken to see that women are treated with due regard to the conventions peculiar to our society. The Natal Athletic Association has seen to it that none of its female members have been offended or made to feel uncomfortable. And yet the response has not been encouraging.

Perhaps there are some very good reasons for this. Whatever they are I am completely in the dark. Perhaps the women themselves can give me the reasons. I am offering £1 to the best reply I get.

DURBAN CRICKET

CRIMSON BEAT KISMET

In the past the old rivals, Crimson and Kismet, in dogged attempts to beat each other, were responsible for many a battle royal. But as the years pass Crimson seem to be gradually gaining the ascendancy while Kismet are making attempts to improve their play.

On Sunday, Crimson opened, full of anticipation. Their opening bat, V. Sa Bhagwan scored 26. Then followed a collapse as three wickets fell cheaply. But P. L. Laher pulled his side out of the pit with a sterling 91. A further 19 by A. Cassim helped them to declare at 156 for seven. Ismail took five for 42.

Kismet, however, failed to produce their best and from Egypt top individual score was 18 by M. S. C. Ramasamy. Cassim, their leading bowler, took five wickets on the first innings.

At Maxville Crimson gained an easy victory over Maxville. Laher's first innings total was 251. A. C. Ramsamy followed with 46 runs in one of the best bats on the country by contributing the highest total for the day, 160. G. Govender hit 39 runs. T. Pillay-Jones took seven for 57. With Maxville's reply of 102 runs, Crimson won by the big margin of 171 runs.

SCHIEBERARD

Comet, 142, for eight declared (E. Dawood 54, A. Ramjeeve 23, M. Y. Karrawa three for 35, E. Shaik three for 34).

Sastri College Old Boys, 102 all out (A. H. Moolla 20, M. E. Mall 21).

Comet won by two wickets and 40 runs on the first innings.

Crescent, 85 for six (A. Abed 22, A. H. Yusuf six for 19, A. K. Yohe three for 13).

Sherwood, 84 (K. A. Abed five for 24, S. Patel three for 10).

Crescent won by 1 wicket on the first innings.

Ottoman, 172 for eight declared (G. Shaik 52, S. Naidoo 24, L. A. Ismail 45, M. Thaimoon six for 51).

Greenville, 106 (E. Dawood 28, Y. Shaik five for 25, Lovely Boy four for 23, L. Hathree two for 17).

Ismail, 115 (A. Kader 47, B. Dayal three for 16, A. Hira three for 24).

Y. Sharaz, 62 (H. S. Patel 20, Y. S. Desrat five for 15, M. A. Govrat three for 20).

Ismail won by 53 runs on the first innings.

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PRACTICAL JOKERS ON THE PROWL — BEWARE

Practical jokers have been on the prowl again and this time in peaceful Sarnia and Pinetown. The victim of their hoax was an elderly Indian, a Mr. Reddy, of Pinetown, who works in Durban.

Mr. Reddy was to have taken his annual leave from last Monday. Leaving home early on that morning, he told his family that he was going to Durban to make a few purchases and that he would be back soon. Just after midday, Mr. Reddy's brother, who worked at the same place as himself, received a telephone message stating that his brother was killed in a car accident somewhere in Durban " and that his body was at the mortuary.

Shocked at the news, the brother took leave from his work and rushed to the King Edward VIII Hospital, only to be told that no such case was on their records. Not satisfied, he visited the mortuary and the flat there did not bear the name of his brother. He went post haste to the Government mortuary in Smith Street and there, too, he found no trace of his brother.

In the meantime, the hoaxers spread the message in Sarnia, where Mr. Reddy's brother lives. A little later, Mr. Reddy's wife and family received the " news " also. By the time the brother reached home the whole area was agog with the news. Sympathisers came and offered their condolences to the " bereaved " family.

The last rays of the sun disappeared and darkness soon set in.

At about eight o'clock, Mr. Reddy, with a look of bewilderment on his face, walked into the house to the astonishment of his family friends and sympathisers. He explained he met a few friends in town and that he was unavoidably delayed.

So far the culprits of this hoax are not known.

THE "DREAMY" LOOK



Esme Samuels, is our cover girl this week, and she is seen here obliging our cameraman with a dreamy look. A swimmer dancer and a singer, she won the first prize at a talent competition organised at the Himalaya Hotel recently.

RATEPAYERS' SECRETARY HITS OUT . .

Cruel and vicious legislation'

"THE Group Areas Act cannot be reconciled with any ideal of love or justice of dividing the whole of South Africa into thousands of Areas, where racial separation will be achieved through the implementation of this callous, cruel and vicious piece of legislation which treats human beings with harshness and injustice," Mr. M. Desouth, Secretary of the Durban Combined Indian Ratepayers' Association told a meeting of the Indian Affairs Advisory Committee held last Friday. He was making representations on behalf of the Association.

"The security of thousands of our people in Durban and District," he continued, "is being threatened and the material possessions will be taken away and replaced greatly in arrears. There can never be true compensation for the destruction of family community life.

"Apart from the fact that it was true that some Indians in Durban, controlled large areas of land and flourishing businesses, it was also a fact that many Indians who have conducted their undertakings efficiently, have left to their grandchildren and descendants much of our people were brought here by a White Government for White convenience, and settled in small areas, their freedom of movement restricted. They are not to be blamed for Damaqua's wealth, but for their hearths and homes which they have acquired with much toil, suffering and sacrifice.

"Despite the Proclamations of the Prime Minister, he said that if there was any dislocation and destruction of our lives and existence in this country, and pointed out that the meagre land holdings which the Indians possessed was thoughtfully forced out of them, "The only alternative accommodation provided," he continued, "is still in the planning stages, that is 10 miles out, at Umhlatuzana, and 21 miles out, at Verulam. Over these lands the Durban City Council has no jurisdiction. These areas are undeveloped land, wild and barren.

"We stand to lose heavily as a result of these proclamations. Our properties are not attractive to White buyers, who have almost unlimited areas to choose from, while the value of Indian-owned properties saleable to Indians has been many folds than the ordinary market price.

As to the City Council's proposals of Umhlatuzana and Verulam projects for an Indian housing scheme, Mr. Desouth said: "We are not going to accept these proposals if they mean that we must give up our present homes and properties to make way for the Group Areas proposals to be implemented.

Mr Desouth told the "Leader" afterwards that after four months of negotiating with the City Council, the Association was accorded a hearing. "The representations made before the Indian Affairs Advisory Committee, were made under protest, for we are not in favour of this channel," he said.

APPOINTED TO HOSPITAL BOARD

Mr. A. S. Kajee, one of Durban's well-known personalities, has been notified by the Natal Provincial Administration of his re-appointment as a member of the King Edward VIII Advisory Board for the period January 1, 1959 to August 31, 1959.

Mr. Kajee told the "Leader" that the public should take advantage of his services, and he will be at their service at any time. "If there are any complaints regarding treatment, or anything else, they are at liberty to bring them to me, and I will see to it that satisfactory improvements if it warrants it, are made."

HOSPITAL VISITORS WATCH WOUNDS BEING BANDAGED

By a "Leader" Reporter

VISITORS to the King Edward VIII Hospital are wondering whether it is in the best interests of the patients and the hospital itself for some of the nurses to carry out bandaging operations to gaping wounds and sores in full view of visitors.

A "Leader" reporter who visited the newly-opened block at the hospital was shocked to find this in progress during visiting hours. A male nurse, complete with cotton wool, bandages and a mask was busy swathing a patient with bandages on an abdominal wound, while the visitors, anxious to know what was happening, looked wonderingly at this somewhat startling public performance, much to the embarrassment of the patient himself.

When asked if this was the normal procedure, the male nurse, a little taken back, replied: "Well, I don't see anything wrong in this. You know we are on duty, and that we must do our work at any part of the day."

Perhaps on my next visit I may have the opportunity of seeing the scalpel at work?

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STRANGE ACCIDENT INCIDENTS

Strange incidents heralded the death of Somerfield P. M. Naidoo, of Beckfield Road, Durban, who was killed instantly when he was knocked him down in front of his house, while he was crossing the road to catch a bus to work on Monday morning.

Mr. Naidoo, who was an early riser, usually left home at four in the morning to start the day with a long prayer at the Manning Place Sri Somwaaa Perumal Temple, situated a few yards away from his house. He usually returned home by six o'clock. But on that fateful day he came home unusually late, at seven. His wife, who is a teacher at a school in Umgeni, left for work after her husband, but on Monday, she left before him. Mr. Naidoo always travelled to work on a lorry, but on that day he wanted to travel by bus. He was an immaculate dresser, but on the day of his death his relatives found him wearing different coloured socks—a black and a brown.

Mr. Naidoo, who is a father of one child, aged six years, was a very religious man, so much so that his last words to anyone at home, which he spoken to his maid-servant, Miss Roxy, was to keep the temple clean for his evening prayers. Monday was his day of fasting and silence, and it was on this day that he lost his life.

Employed as a bookkeeper at a European firm for nearly 20 years, Mr. Naidoo is fondly sung as a friend sworn to by employers, Messrs. Alex Cullinan.



HOOSENI QUAWAL

Well-known Singer Coming

One of the best qawwals to come from India and entertain local audiences, Master Hooseni Qawal, is due to be in Durban soon, and lovers of qawwals will be assured of an excellent treat when he holds concerts in the various parts of Durban.

Mr. M. Devdutth, who has done much in the field of finding talent from among the crews of visiting ships, told the "Leader" that Hooseni will sing at his residence in Newlands Road, Mayville, and this will be followed by an itinerary, which he hopes to plan in consultation with interested members in the community.

Hooseni is a singer of classical and semi-classical themes, brilliantly highlighted by the rich, vibrant cadence of his voice, which has won him a large following at every port where Indians are resident.

Multi-racialism an "inescapable fact" in S. A.

THERE was standing room only when Chief Lutuli, President-General of the African National Congress, addressed the International Parliamentary Debating Society in Durban last week.

He was moving a Government motion that "the reali-sation of a common society is the only guarantee of peace and progress in South Africa."

He said that multi-racialism was an "inescapable fact" in South Africa. It was the duty of statesmen to fight against all kinds of sectionalism. The history of mankind was the story of man's migration.

Man, by nature, liked unity, and the brave human desire was for unity. "We believe in the family of men. The great teachers and leaders worked for the unity of peoples."

Chief Lutuli said that Chaka and Moshesh stood for unity. From scattered tribes, they created unity.

He would not say more, one way. It was often asked: "Would this not lead to the rule of a black majority?" His answer to that question was that he could see a democratic majority rule. Parties would not exist on racial lines.

Chief Lutuli said that he hoped to live to see the day when the South African community would evolve a common culture, and when all sections of the people stood as one. All symbols of sectionalism would go, and if he had any say, the Voortrekker Monument which was a symbol of sectionalism, would go.

There was no other alternative to a common society but apartheid and apartheid had been tried. They had failed.

The Opposition criticised the motion and moved an amendment that the resolution of a common society was not only impossible and impracticable but fraught with dangerous consequences for the future peace and prosperity of South Africa.

After a lively debate in which two visitors also took part, the motion was put to the House and declared carried by an overwhelming majority.

NEW MEMBER

One of Durban's new doctors, Dr. M. I. Essack, was admitted as a member and allotted the constituency of Edenvale.

The Deputy-Speaker announced that already a number of prominent guest speakers had been booked to address future meetings. Among those were Messrs. Jordan K. Ngubane, F. N. Singh, W. Kasrils and Dr. A. Naidoo. Professor Hamet Hellal, of the Institute of Race Relations, had also accepted an invitation to address Interparliament.

The next meeting of International Parliament will be held on Wednesday, February 18. Mr. Jordan K. Ngubane will move: "That this House welcomes the economic keynote proposals of the Accra Conference."

Mr. Ngubane attended the Conference on behalf of the Liberal Party, and he will probably have some first-hand information about the Accra Conference.



MR. D. NAIDOO

Killed on way home from work

A car, alleged to be driven by a European, knocked down and killed at the northern end of the Umgeni and Mouth Bridges last Monday night and made off without stopping. Edward VIII Hospital authorities received in the accident.

Mr. Naidoo, it is understood, was on his way home on a bicycle when the front knocks, where he worked as a waiter, when the accident occurred. It was usual for Mr. Naidoo to work late whenever there was a congestion of shipping in the harbour, and on that night he worked overtime.

Mr. Naidoo's wife knew of the accident about an hour later, and when she arrived on the scene Mr. Naidoo had already been removed to the hospital. Half an hour after she had come home from hospital that her husband had died.

Of very poor means, the family is now placed in a difficult position.

Tamil studies in India planned

YOUNG Tamilians of suitable understanding and possessing some knowledge of the vernacular may soon be required to go to India to receive further studies and training as teachers and temple priests, if a plan by Mr. G. V. Naidoo, a well-known Durban Indian philanthropist and religious worker, meets with success.

Disclosing his plans at a farewell reception given in honour of his departure to India by the Natal Indian Women's Association and the M. K. Gandhi Settlement School at the Veda Hall, last Wednesday night, Mr. Naidoo said he intended to make the necessary arrangements in India in this connection without much cost to those who would be elected to go. He said that the improvement of the vernacular education was one of his primary objects in life.

In an interview with The Leader, Mr. Naidu elaborated on his ambitious programme by saying that in this country there were few temple priests who knew what they were doing. "For instance," he went on, "in the first place we send our children and even go ourselves, to

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THE PRINCE'S VISIT TO INDIA

Strengthened his faith in Commonwealth

PRINCE PHILIP said in Delhi recently that his visit to India had strengthened and confirmed his faith in the essential worth of the Commonwealth as a free and equal partnership of nations for advancing the wellbeing of the individual man and woman everywhere. The Duke of Edinburgh was replying to a welcome address by the citizens of Delhi at a reception.

The following is the text of his speech:

"Mrs. Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of Delhi: First I hope you will forgive me if I use an apple for that very kind address in Hindi. It is one of the many languages that I do not know yet.

"As you know, I have come here as a delegate to the Indian National Congress which is sitting here and therefore there was no social whatsoever for your city and the citizens to go to this trouble of presenting me with an address and organising this reception. And that is why I particularly appreciate the kind things which you have said and the wonderful time which you have given and I look upon it as a gesture of friendship and not one of politeness. What I am sure it will give pleasure to as many other parts of the world as Delhi.

"You also asked me whether I would take a message to the Queen. I think the best thing I can do is to fold up a copy of this address and send it to her. I know that it will give her very great satisfaction.

"I also thank you for arranging this reception. It is a demonstration that you mean what you say about friendship and the strength of the Commonwealth. No one can quite describe the Commonwealth because its value is not in words but in the acceptance of common ideals. It is not the form which is important it is maintenance of the Commonwealth which is important. The link of people is right and good and we all want to work for the peaceful progress of man. We believe in government by consent. Of course bandy only human, we do not always live up to these ideals, but at least we know where we want to go.

"The visit to India has done two things for me. First, it has proved that friendship is stronger than trade, and that understanding can do more than strength. Secondly, it has strengthened and confirmed my faith in the essential work of the Commonwealth as a free and equal partnership of nations to advance the wellbeing of individual men and women everywhere.

"May I, Mrs. Mayor, offer my warmest thanks for the very kind and touching welcome you, the citizens of Delhi and indeed the whole of India have given me. It has been a very happy and very prosperous future."

The reception was attended by about 1,000 invitees, including Prime Minister Nehru and some of his Cabinet colleagues, members of the Diplomatic Corps and others.

The Duke was cheered by large crowds lining the streets as he drove to old Delhi along with the Prime Minister. Arches were erected along the route.

The address, which was presented by the leader of the Congress Party at the Corporation, recalled the peaceful transfer of power to India and the role played in that process by Lord Mountbatten. It said the great bond of goodwill that existed had been reinforced by the free choice of the Indian Republic to remain a member of the Commonwealth. The link of free peoples had been given greater strength through many common endeavours in economic and international fields it said and hoped that this visit to India would strengthen further these ties of friendship.

In a brief speech, Prime Minister Nehru said he was not surprised at the warmth with which the people of India had received the Royal visitor whose personality and charm has won him many friends and admirers in many countries. The receptions accorded to him were not just formalities, but demonstrated this goodwill and affection of the people.

R.A.F. CHIEF IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, Jan 31.—Sir Ian Jacob, Director-General of the B.B.C., and Lady Jacob, who are in Delhi on a short visit, have attended a music concert at Broadcasting House. Later they were entertained to a dinner given in their honour by Mr. F. C. Mathur, Director General of All-India Radio.



PRINCE PHILIP

AN "OLD SALT" VISITS DURBAN

He was trips of many Agent Generals and High Commissioners for India in South Africa, were recalled in Durban last week by Mr. D. K. Joshi, manager of negotiation food in the British India Lines, Amra, which left Durban this week to India.

Mr. Joshi, pleasant countenanced genial, and speaking broken English, did not convey the impression of being an "old sea dog", which is the boast of many a mariner who has been at sea as Mr. Joshi has for 40 years.

Instead, he was an ordinary man who had seen life and had served first personalities. Such people as Srimavo Sastri, Sarojini Naidu, Kanwar Maharaj Singh, Sir Kurma Reddi, have been wasted upon my Mr. Joshi while on their way overseas to South Africa.

Mr. Joshi answered the call of the sea in 1918, when he was barely 15 years old. He started as a waiter, and he told of his first attempts to serve passengers. What with the rocking of the ship on a choppy sea, he had to spill soup on this lady, curry on that gentleman, and the dessert on himself! Incidentally he had learnt the trick of the trade—to dance in time with the ship's rocking — he was the "chokra" who was the favourite of the officers and the captain.

Before he had reached 20, young Joshi had seen service with about half a dozen ships, including the Karapada, and the Karagola, serving places as far as the head of the rising sun, to the southernmost tips of the New World. And now Durban seems to have caught his interest, for he says of it: "It's a nice place, very beautiful and clean. The climate good, and the people good, too."

By easy means Joshi proved to his superiors his worthiness, and gradually he rose from the struggling waiter he was, to hold his present position.

"Oh, I forgot to tell you," he said, "I received Gold Medals from the High Commissioners for India in Nairobi and Mauritius for keeping up the name of Bharat during my service to my employers by my honesty and diligence. I am proud of it because it is a prize to be [illegible]



Mr. D. K. Joshi (right) looks at a recent copy of the Leader while his friend, Mr. K. P. Joshi, shares with him the contents of the paper. Mr. K. P. Joshi is an assistant to Mr. D. K. Joshi on the Amra, and has himself worked for nearly 15 years on the sea.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. Y. Naidu, with their grandchildren, Sulochana Devi and Devadayal, photographed after the reception which was given them before they left for India (see story below).

New Order to Schools on ages

In an interview with the Leader Mr. P. Rauden, the secretary of the Indian Education Committee, said that many Indian parents still did not know whether from this year the age promotion scheme of admission to primary schools had been revised.

"The Education Department," Mr. Rauden said, "has issued new instructions that older children should be given preference over younger children. It is understood that in some primary schools in Durban Central area accommodation is available.

"The misunderstanding about the admission of the Sjolas group has now been removed and instructions have been issued for their admission. Accommodation be available after the older children in each standard," he added.

"Misunderstanding in regard to the II-plus group continues. They are not debarred from admission to a school but only to the infant classes to prevent imbalance in making of older children with very young children. Parents would accommodate their admission then special classes of the II-plus could be formed and an accelerated scheme of instruction followed. This is especially feasible in densely populated areas. The new age promotion scheme depends very much on local co-ordination. The final solution of the accommodation problem is the erection of more classrooms," he said.

Mr. Rauden went on to say that the Indian Education Committee is investigating the "unsatisfied demand" for high school accommodation. The two new High schools in Durban are said to be full, and if urgent and effective measures would have to be taken to provide accommodation for those who fail to get admission."

Mr. Rauden requested that those who were still desirous of entering high school to send immediately the following particulars: Full name, name of last school, number of last standard sat examination, aggregate symbol, and address to Mr. Rauden, c/o Sastri College, Durban.

Mr. Rauden said that on the bases of the information received representations would be made to the Director of Education.

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Indians from South Africa, who take their cars with them to India for a tour of the sub-continent, do so without paying any form of Customs duty on their vehicles when they get there.

But what most of them do not know is that prior to 1952, any person who did not possess a certificate from any automobile association was required to pay the princely sum of 1000 rupees before he could take his car away from the harbour. This made things difficult for S.A. Indians, for, unless armed with a black skin, they are not allowed to join these all-White car clubs and associations. How this ridiculous British-enacted law was abolished by the Indian Government, and who was responsible for securing this precedent which now enables Indians from here to take their cars to India would be of little interest to you, for the first time, be made to pay the duty on future

Board refuses to alter racial zoning

THE Group Areas Board has refused to alter the racial zoning of Pentrich and Camps Drift in Pietermaritzburg and has insisted that it should remain a future be a White area.

After representations had been made on behalf of Pentrich Indians by the Indo-European Joint Council, the City Council resolved to approach the Board and request:

(1) That Pentrich and Camp's Drift should remain an Indian area, and

(2) that the central area of Pietermaritzburg should be excluded from any group area.

In a letter to the Pietermaritzburg City Council, the Secretary of the Group Areas Board states that the Minister of the Interior is aware of the point of view taken by the City Council.

He adds: "the Board regrets its inability to consider any further fresh representations in regard to the retention of the Pentrich and Camp's Drift areas as Indian areas."

The City Council has received no comment from the Board on the commercial area position, and has written another letter pointing this out to the Board.

The Housing Committee of the City Council noted the reply from the Board last week. There was no discussion nor was any recommendation made.

The Indo-European Joint Council told the City Council that severe and unnecessary hardships would be experienced by the Indian community in the proposals that Indian traders be displaced from upper Church Street.

Dealing with Pentrich, the Joint Council stated that Indians at present formed an overwhelming majority of the inhabitants, namely about 3,000 as compared with about 300 Europeans.

Collection for Blind

The Natal Indian Blind Society street collections, which were held recently, brought in a sum of £337, which is a little less than the previous year when nearly £1,000 was collected.

Mr. C. M. Bawa, the Secretary of the Society, told the "Leader" that the public had been most generous in giving nearly a £1,000 to the care of the Indian blind. "We must realise that the amount collected, although smaller than last year's, was received from the people at a time when they had to pay extra bills in the way of school books, school admission fees and uniforms for their children. It must also be taken into consideration that the month had not quite ended and that they had incurred heavy expenses during the Christmas and New Year festive season, and the support was magnificent. I thank the public for their support."

* A high frequency radio transmitter of the capacity of 50 or 100 watts is being installed at the Post Office here, disclosed Mr. Dalgleish, the Information Officer. The transmitter, which is expected to arrive during the Christmas season and the project would be completed within the next few months.

TALK OF THE BAZAAR
by The Fakir

FOR many months the thousands of Indian jobless, their families and all the Indian welfare organisations have been very worried over the serious unemployment position. The Divisional Inspector of Labour, a Government official, also became so alarmed at the critical situation that he drew public attention to it.

Men and women throng the factories for jobs. They stand dreary hours in weary queues, hoping, waiting, hoping, praying, pleading for jobs. They stand dreary hours in weary queues, hoping, waiting, hoping, praying, pleading for jobs. Desperately. Haunted by the unpaid rent, the hungry stomachs at home. Harried by the stare, pleading faces of anxious wives.

GRABBED GREEDILY

MINDFUL of the serious straits of people, the members of TOSA grabbed greedily at suggestions made by Prof. Leo Kuper at their last annual meeting that the community might itself be able to do something to alleviate poverty. So much so that Prof. Kuper has been asked to address them again this time with detailed ideas, at their Working Committee on February 21. From what some of the Europeans have told me, they too were called to a conference of all interested persons to try and grapple with the problem and do one thing, however small.

Meanwhile, the Natal Indian Congress has come out with the brilliant idea of calling a mass meeting of all the Indian unemployed. Mass meetings are often excellent media of expressing public opinion. But what purpose can it serve in a case like this? Make fine speeches. Pass resolutions telling people what they already know, that they need work. I hope that this is not just another example of unscrupulous opportunism that of exploiting the poverty of people for political purposes.

BACK TO LAND

A PRACTICAL suggestion made last week came from Mr. A. W. Moolla, the capitalist president of the NAIO. Encourage small-holdings, said Mr. Moolla, and you give people a chance to earn their living while providing food for the cities. Don't take away the land that small farmers and market gardeners so badly need, but give them more.

Mr. Moolla is on the right track. Here the problem is largely agricultural economic. There's no getting away from the fact that hundreds of Indians from rural and peri-urban areas are every year migrating to urban centres—lured perhaps by the glitter of lights and talk of high wages—and adding to the already heavy burden of unemployment. They make it worse for them in the cities by swelling the surplus labour.

SOME "SOLUTIONS"

AMONG Africans of course Nationalist politics has a simple solution to the unemployment problem. Make more pass arrests and more raids. Fill up the farm jails and get cheap farm labour for Nationalist-supporting farmers.

In Soviet Russia and in Communist China—and the pro-Soviet countries within the Natal Indian Congress keep deadly quiet about it—the labour surplus is lovingly channelled into the collective farms and land gangs. Easy, no unemployment!

FACE LOFT

THE suggestion was made last week by two political organisations that a "reputation committee" be set up as the self-respect and dignity of non-whites. Now surely that constitutes an affront "to the self-respect and dignity" of non-whites. Some organisation is wrong and should where it arises. It allows people the right to sell their labour to the highest bidder or to participate in the government of the country. In every other country.

But we have always thought that self-respect and dignity are those intangible things you either possess or you don't. Can attributes like these either be bestowed or taken away?

CLASSICAL DANCING

Lessons in the Indian classical dance are assured of a great

Durban man intends to become film Star

The year 1960 is just around the corner. A hundred years of the coming of the Indians to this country will have been reached. A century of progress and achievement, despite setbacks placed in the way of Indian advancement by the White political diehards, will be recalled. Pomp and pageantry, failure and merriment . . . there may probably mark the turning of the century. But these are momentary seasons, nothing fitting, nothing concrete, nothing lasting.

In the field of education, economics, politics, religion and social activities, many lasting monuments have been built to perpetuate the memory of the Indian pioneers. But there are still some avenues in which Indians have not shone or grasped tightly. One such is the screen.

Although many attempts have been made to produce films in this country, these have proved miserable failures. The community seems even bereft of a fully fledged film star in their midst, like the White South Africans, among whom there are several screen stars of international repute. It must be admitted many Indians have tried, but failed to make the grade.

Therefore, with this in view, a young Durban Indian will be soon making his way to India, where he intends to become a screen idol. Exactly what it may, even if it means disappointment. He is Swamivel Pillay, one of the country's best known stage actors who, not long ago, drew capacity houses with several of his stage versions of successful South Indian films. He has already been assured of film roles



MR. SWAMIVEL PILLAY

by several leading South Indian producers, among them being the multi-millionaire film magnate of Madras, Mr. A. V. Meyappen, owner of the reputed A.V.M. Studios, of audition and screen tests proved successful. And he is confident that he will succeed.

Of very poor means Swamivel, prior to his departure to India somewhere in September this year, proposes to stage several plays beginning with "Nirabarathi", a sequel to Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables", in which Swamivel tries to show that Jean Valjean, the hero of Hugo's classic, did not steal the bread that led to his arrest and consequently to many adventures.

The play will be staged at the Merebank Tamil School Hall on March 1, and the cast includes Swamivel Pillay, Periamayagi Devi, Krishnamurthy and several others.

Band's 17th anniversary

The Blue Rocks Dance Band celebrated its 17th anniversary at the Himalaya Hotel, and what a dance they provided. Three bands and girls galore, provided the treat of a lifetime to Durbanites over the weekend.

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Teachers' Society hits back at Choudree

MR. ASHWIN CHOUDREE'S refutation of the allegations made against him that he supported the appointment of a Hindi-speaking Principal to the Temple Indian Girls' School, which was published in the "Leader" last week, brought a sharp criticism from a prominent member of the Natal Indian Teachers' Society, who, in an interview, said that Mr. Choudree should resign as Grantee of the School, if he was against "sectionalism and tribalism" as his statement was not in agreement with the wishes of the Temple committee, whose nominee he was.

"This is a challenge to Mr. Choudree," he said. "One that asks of him to show his sincerity to the community. The Temple Committee, it seems from news reports wanted a Hindu or a Hindi-speaking woman to be the principal of the school. But Mrs. Choudree, according to his statement, is vehemently against such designs on the part of the Committee. In the circumstances, the same thing for Mr. Choudree to do is to resign as Grantee as it conflicts with his views on the matter.

"At the NITA conference in 1948 I raised the question of the appointment of a European as principal of the school. I brought to the notice of the conference that we had suitable qualified Indian women who were in need for a European. Accordingly, NITA, wrote to the Education Department asking why there was no need for a European. Accordingly, NITA, wrote to the Education Department asking why a European was appointed. The reply was that it was at the insistence of the Committee that the appointment was made. And it must be remembered that the Grantee of the School was Mr. Choudree.

"But Mr. Choudree now turns the tables by stating in the first instance, that his only concern was the retention of Miss Bailey as principal until such time [illegible] Education Department had considered the Temple Committee's application, and secondly, by suggesting that he was not opposed to Miss Lawrence being appointed as principal.

"The truth is that Miss Lawrence was suitably qualified to take over the principalship in 1948. This would have been in encouragement to our women teachers who were aspiring for higher promotion.

"Mr. Choudree talks about being in sympathy with the policy of NITA, that is, appointments should be made on merit. But, however, for eighteen long years he did not bother about the NITA's policy and now he seems to be aware of the Society's policy," he said.

The Teachers' Society claims that the Temple Committee was opposed to the appointment of a Christian as principal but yet in 1946 there was a tendency to agree to the appointment of a white Christian as against a black Christian. It is widely learnt, further, that Miss Lawrence's appointment is not viewed with favour by some members of the Committee because she is a Christian.

Not long ago a non-Christian was appointed vice-principal of the St. Aidan's Mission School. It is understood that immediately after her appointment there was an agitation by the Christian Mission which runs the school for her removal on the grounds that she was not a Christian and therefore not qualified to take over the post of V.P. at the school. Consequently the Department cancelled her appointment. This prompted a resolution at the last conference of NITA which asked the Department that in future such appointments should not be cancelled.

ORCHESTRA

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At its annual meeting held recently the following officials were elected to hold office for the ensuing year: President, Mr. P. K. Pather; Secretary, Mr. D. S. Padayachee; Treasurer Mr. C. Pillai; Band Leader, Mr. K. Pillai; Manager, Mr. D. J. Padayachee.

Bus rank plea

Mr. H. R. Deodhih, secretary of the Durban Combined Ratepayers' Association appealed to the City Council to reconsider the proposal of converting the old testing grounds at Warwick Avenue into a bus rank. He was addressing the Indian Affairs Advisory Committee last Monday on behalf of the Association.

Mr. Deodhih said "during the early stages of the bus rank controversy, made it clear that the decentralisation of the rank should only take place after extending the testing grounds as a part of it. The Council has ignored all public advice on this matter and stating that the testing grounds would be used to serve for the extension of the City Market.

"Whilst there was enough congestion at the bus terminus, the Council was itself engaged in the carrying of transport to the various areas of Durban, and for its non-White passengers' service Warwick Avenue was being used as terminus thus adding to the congestion."

Mr. Deodhih told the Committee that there was more need for "genuine contact" between the ratepayers and the Durban City Council, particularly the Indian ratepayers, who have no say in the affairs of the city.



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MOLTENO'S "UNINSPIRING ACADMIC THESIS"

THE Institute of Race Relations has now published the Presidential address of Mr. Donald Molteno in booklet form, under the title of "Towards a Democratic South Africa. One is, therefore, in a better position to comment on what Mr. Molteno told the Institute at its annual meeting on January 12.

It is an uninspiring academic thesis, completely out of tune with the world of 1959. The address might well have been headed: "Towards a Democratic South Africa—But Ha-ten Slowly!"

Mr. Molteno has a long record of public service, and he has played his part. He was at one time Native Representative in Parliament, he figured prominently in the United Party's legal battle over the Separate Representation of Voters Act. He joined the Liberal Party, only to resign afterwards to declare that there was no room for the Liberals and their following patronage, taken as a whole, therefore, for the address, underlines Mr. Molteno's basic philosophy and approach.

Seemingly, public leaders are not prepared to take the risk of giving the public a lead. They prefer to be led.

Progress is not possible under such circumstances. There must come a time when leaders of thought must be prepared to set a lead. The public must be told what is the right approach.

Mr. Molteno himself is not prepared to go far.

"Thus in the cultural field, including that of higher education, as also the economic assimilation of the non-White groups to Western standards is clearly required. In some other fields a measure of institutional parallelism will no doubt have to be accepted, at least temporarily, as a condition for achieving progress. Separate schools and housing facilities [illegible] from public funds, for example, come to mind in this connection. Less, some useful and limited application of the partition principle might [illegible] to be accepted in relation, for instance, to the development of the existing African reserves along the lines recommended by the Tomlinson Commission."

According to Mr. Molteno "race prejudice is a phenomenon only removable, if at all, by long-term methods."

This surely is the abdication of leadership. Race prejudice is not inborn. It is artificially created, and it is not as unconquerable as it may seem.

Mr. Molteno does call for a new national convention. But he does not see how it can come about.

No doubt, having regard to the present distribution of political power in the Union and the present state of public opinion prevailing generally among members of the dominant community the time is far from ripe for the calling of such a convention. Indeed it could only be called by a government committed to the task. In the meantime, some immediate reforms to increase parliamentary representation of the non-White communities, such as, for instance, that sponsored by the present official opposition, should be rejected. For any such reforms increases the chance of securing the election of a government pledged to [illegible] reform.

Unfortunately, one has a feeling that Mr. Molteno himself is not prepared to face the real issue involved. He is not ready to such as his which guarantees the Nationalist Party a long rule. It almost amounts to an apology for their present hard policies.

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Letters to the Editor

INDIA'S INTEREST IN ASTROLOGY

Sir,—The All-Kerala Astrological Association was formally inaugurated by Prof. B. V. Raman, editor "The Astrological Magazine", Bangalore, on September 14, 1958, at a public meeting of astrologers and astronomers and others interested in astrology. The meeting was under the presidency of Shri Rama Varma Maruth Thampuran, B.A., a reputed authority in astronomy, of the Cochin Royal Family.

At this meeting Professor B. V. Raman established by sound reasoning that astrology propounded in India by Maharishis thousands of years ago is not only a science, but the science of sciences. He explained how attention and observation played their parts in the development of this ancient science, how in truth could absolute established by statistical methods, how it differed from physical science, and how it could be of great help to the mental, physical and psychological sciences. He stressed the need for a good Indian Almanac or Panchanga and that the Keral Government be requested to help the development of the astrological studies by giving grants and instituting scholarships.

Organisations like the Federation of Hindu Astrologers, the Federation of American Astrologers, Astrologers International Ltd., The Austrian Astrological Association, the Academia Universale Cosmo Astrosofia in Italy, etc., have been doing excellent work to promote the cause of astrology and astrologers.

In India, although there is not much organised effort, useful work is being done by some individuals here and there. In U.P., under the guidance of Dr. Sampurnand, the present Chief Minister, the Society for Scientific Study of Astrology has been doing very useful work.

In Bengal the Astrological Association has been doing good work. The Bombay Astrological Societies' contribution to popularise astrology is praiseworthy.

In Andhra, the "Andhra Rashtra Jyotisha Shastra Parishat" has overcome the initial hurdles and is well on its way to organising Andhra Astrologers.

In the South, the "Jyotisha Masika" of Mr. Kurup and other Malayalam and Tamil journals have been upholding the truth of astrological knowledge against odds.

As a life long student of astrology I make an earnest appeal that an astrological society be formed for rehabilitating astrology on proper lines in this country and hope interested readers will help me with their views.

Furthermore, I hereby announce that there is no marriage Nakshatra on February 22, 1959 till 4.30 p.m. and on June 21 after 9.6 a.m. Those who hold that there is marriage nakshatras for whole day on these days are kindly requested to write and substantiate their contention in view of the doubt that prevails in this connection. The Tamil people always have first marriage in auspicious time. Why do the Hindu astrologers seek new time?

PT SADANAND MAHARAJ

Pictures of Gandhi

Sir, While passing a Hindu bookseller's window I saw a beautiful picture of the world's greatest figure in peace, our beloved Mahatma Gandhiji, showing his blessings on Miss Sahiru, which Shree Sehru appears to accept in a happy and proud mood. This picture in India costs about 1s. and the frame about 1s. 6d. I was quoted 11s 6d.

As the Hindu believers and nationalist leaders pictures have propaganda value in the cause of Hinduism can this Hindu distributor show any solid protection for such an exhibition of outrageous piracy?

DUNGARH DAYAAL.

Controversial Subject

If a wife, married to a husband incapable of giving her a child—a fact known to artificial insemination, is she guilty of adultery?

This is the highly controversial problem posed in the important new British film, "A Question of Adultery", which is scheduled for release in this country in a few weeks' time.

Stars of the picture are Julia Lorndon — from Hollywood — and Anthony Steele, with Basil Sydney, Raymond Huntley and Anton Differing.

The story — written after considerable research by Mr. Alexander Ming Ann Edwards, concerns a married couple who live a happy and unhappy life because of the husband's inescapable problem.

The wife, played by Julie London, firmly believes that a child might solve their marital difficulties—she is desperate to be able to tell her husband — played by Anthony Steele, that a child is on the way. The couple go on holiday in a car crash and the wife loses her unborn child. The husband, as a result of the accident, becomes sterile.

He grudgingly agrees to artificial insemination so that they can have a baby. But after the necessary treatment at a clinic in Switzerland, he has second thoughts and says are divorce.

A great fund battle ensues, with the husband and counsel arguing a problem that has not presented itself in the courts of the land.

"The Leader" Editorial

Proposed boycott of graduation

APPARENTLY there is a great deal of support forthcoming for the plans of the non-White students of the University of Natal to boycott the University's graduation ceremony next month.

The boycott arises out of the fact that separate seating is to be provided by the University authorities at the graduation ceremony for the parents, relations and friends of the non-European graduands.

Support for this boycott has been expressed in a joint statement by the Natal Indian Congress and the African National Congress. The greater part of this statement was reproduced in our issue of last week.

We ourselves cannot unreservedly approve of the action which the non-European students are taking, nor of the eagerness with which these two Congresses have supported them.

We all hope that a time will come when it will not occur to anyone to ask whether a person is Black, Brown or White when any question of admission or seating or other form of precedence arises on any public or social occasion. But that day has not come yet, and it is much more likely to be delayed than hastened by the ill-judged zeal of the non-European students.

Let us just remember that the University of Natal only recently, in the face of some internal opposition and at the very real risk of antagonising some public opinion, decided that non-Europeans proceeding to a degree should sit with their European fellow-graduands and go up with them in alphabetical order to receive their degrees. This was an enormous step forward, and it was not made clet us face facts! because the University authorities were terrified by the non-European students' protests and actions against racial discrimination between graduands, but because a sufficient large number of the members of the University Senate thought that it was right and proper that such distinctions should not be recognised among the members of a University on an occasion like a graduation ceremony, which is, so to speak, almost a University holy day.

The University is in a position to enforce *on its own members* acquiescence in such non-discrimination. Most students are quite happy about it anyway, and any who are not can be told where they "get off."

But the outside public (to which "parents, relations and friends" of students, Europeans and non-Europeans alike, belong) is another matter altogether. It is unrealistic to expect that a University will adopt a "take-it-or-leave" attitude towards the general European public in a matter about which, unfortunately, many Europeans feel strongly.

We are entitled to expect that a University will have imparted some measure of tolerance and enlightenment to the majority of its European students—or at least of those who did not possess it already. But it cannot be held responsible in any way for their parents, or for the public at large.

We are not, of course, suggesting that it is necessary to do anything about segregation in the seating of parents, etc. What we are suggesting, indeed, not merely suggesting, but asserting with emphasis is that the non-European student boycotters are going the wrong way about achieving their goal. They are far more likely to alienate those who have hitherto supported them than to win new concessions. What they ought to try to do is to persuade those who fought and won the cause of non-discrimination among graduands that discrimination on racial grounds among parents is just as wounding, and ultimately just as unjustifiable, as discrimination between graduands. And then they must be content to leave it to those good friends in the academic body to persuade public opinion to take a liberal attitude. Public opinion may be impressed when it sees that Professor X and Dr. Y do not in the least object to seating their friends and relations next to non-Europeans. It certainly won't be impressed by any amount of student boycotting of the graduation ceremony. The students might get somewhere if they showed more intelligence and less of an immature addiction to an appearance of toughness. They will certainly get nowhere with their present tactics.

Apartheid hits Liberals

A Liberal Party meeting which was to have been held at the Norwegian Hall, Durban, on February 15, had to be cancelled because it was feared there would be disturbances. Mr. Jordan Ngcobo, the well-known journalist was billed to speak at this meeting on the Accra Conference, at which he was present. Unfortunately, the political atmosphere in Durban made it impossible for the meeting to be held.

wrote a letter to the Party announcing it that as it was not to attend the conference of Europeans, they could not help out the hall.

The meeting will now be held at the Centaur Hall on February 27 instead. Mr. Ngcobo is expected to give a documented account of the Accra conference at this meeting.





Photograph at top shows a group of Indian debutantes who were among the thirty presented to the Administrator of Natal, Mr. A. E. Trollip, and Mrs. Trollip, at a ball arranged in the City Hall on Saturday night by the Old Girls' Club of the Pietermaritzburg Indian Girls' High School. From left to right are Merlamore Jay Satyapal, Vasugie Reddy, Sharma Ramchurran, Daphne Ismiah, Renuka Maikay, and Vidya Satgoor. (Left): Miss Marina Swiken is seen being presented to the Administrator by Mrs. Joan Moodley (at the microphone) chairwoman of the Old Girls' Club.

S.A.N.T.A. MEETING

At a meeting held in Cape Town on Monday and Tuesday the National Executive Council of the South African National Tuberculosis Association discussed among other matters, the rehabilitation and employment of cured T.B. cases, the inadequacy of T.B. diet grants and maintenance grants, the T.B. Pilot schemes in the Native Reserves Scheme, and an experimental scheme for sheltered employment for chronic T.B. cases at the East Rand SANTA Centre.

Delegates from the various branches were entertained at a reception at her home in Newlands on Monday by the Deputy-Mayor, Councillor Mrs. F. Newton Thompson. On Tuesday, members were entertained to lunch in the House of Assembly by Mrs. H. Miller, M.P. for Beaufort West.

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School requisites: reply to complaint

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According to some parents of children who are attending a City school, the pupils in Standards V and VI had to be supplied with five reading books. In another school, the pupils in Std. I must have 24 exercise books and two pitters each, while the pupils in Std. III must be supplied with four more of these books.

Replying to these complaints a headmaster told "The Leader" that each pupil had to complete four reading books by the end of the year. But because o fthe economic circumstances of the Indian community he had drawn up a plan whereby each child bought only one of these books. Assuming there were 40 children in a class, ten of them bought books which they swopped with their classmates during the first term; at the beginning of the next term, another ten children did likewise — and so until until the fourth and final term.

As for exercise books, the children were required to buy only two or three books at a time. It was only in the higher classes that certain text books such as history and geography were changed in order to bring these subjects up to date. For instance, schoolchildren were being told about the exploits of Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing—conquerors of Mount Everest — and the changing face of the earth.

Another headmaster said that he and his staff had cubbed together to buy books for children who could not afford them. He added that he intended establishing a "Poor Relief Fund" to help indigent children attending his school next year.

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The Wheel of Fortune for February 13 to 19 for people born under the twelve Zodiac signs are as follows:

Aries-Mesha (March 21 to April 20). Financial and domestic matters should be handled personally. Avoid needless risks, quarrels and unnecessary expenses. Good days, February 13, 18; bad, 15, 16.

Taurus-Vrisha (April 21 to May 20). Financial, money, travel, correspondence and matters connected with kindreds and neighbours needs careful attention. Good days, February 13, 16; bad 13, 17.

Gemini-Mithuna (May 21 to June 21). Curtail expenditure, push important matters to the utmost, be cautious and tactful. Avoid quarrels and needless risks. Good days, February 13, 14; bad, 15, 16.

Cancer-Karka (June 22 to July 22). Hopes and wishes are likely to bear fruit now. Deal carefully in matters of investments, shares and speculations. Social and matrimonial matters require personal attention. Good days, February 13, 14; bad 15.

Leo-Singh (July 23 to Aug. 22). Financial matters and secrets is denoted. Be cautious in your dealings with others. Avoid hasty actions and be careful. Good days, February 13, 14; bad 15, 16.

Virgo-Kanya (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22). Legal matters, future arrangements, plans in motion, relationships with authorities, financial and business matters should be personally handled. Good days, February 13, 14; bad 16, 17.

Libra-Tula (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22). Business and professional matters will improve. Push matters ahead but avoid speculative risks. Make arrangements to finalise pending matters. Good days, February 15, 18; bad 13, 17.

Scorpio-Vrischika (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21). Use care and resourcefulness to avert financial possible legal matters may become source of worries. Be calm and cautious. Good days, February 13, 18; bad 14, 15.

Sagittarius-Dhanu (Nov. 22 to Dec. 22). Pecuniary gain, meeting of old friends and associates. Take care of health, prestige, professional and money matters. Do not offend elders and superiors. Good days, February 13, 14; bad 16, 17.

Capricorn-Makar (Dec. 23 to Jan. 20). Many boon under this sign will find financial matters unsatisfactory, expenditure high and worrying. Those with good aspects at birth will find things fairly well. Good days, February 13, 14; bad 15, 18.

Aquarius-Kumbha (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19). Pay extra attention on the running of all routine duties. Conflictions may arise in maintaining stability in your material concerns. Avoid hasty action and be cautious. Good days, February 13, 14; bad 15, 16.

Pisces-Meena (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20). Travel, changes and dealings with kindreds, prospety matters, speculation and ventures in general and dealing in business or professional affairs require careful attention. Good days, February 14, 15; bad 16, 19.

THE GOOD DAYS

For Business general, February 13, 18.

Seeking employment, February 19.

Appointment with medical adviser, February 13, 19.

Family matters, February 13, 19.

Signing documents, February 13, 18.

Entering new house, February 16, 18.

Speculations, February 17, 18.

Planting or sowing crops above ground, February 14, 15, 19, 20. Strong, windy and rainy weather is expected in places about February 13 to 15 and 18 to 20.

The lucky numbers to try on the Turf on February 14 are: 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9 or 10, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 18.

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READER'S QUERY

Question: From Durban, "R. J. M." writes: "I read with great interest your answers to questions in 'The Leader'. I thank the Editor for providing us with the astrological feature. As an ardent admirer of and believer in astrology, I congratulate you on your clear exposition. Please let me know the address and report of the active astrological society in India, which met last year. What is the scientific method applied in fixing an auspicious marriage time? I am told that 1 to 2 hours are more auspicious, who is your opinion?

Answer: Thanks for your appreciative letter. On 14.9.1958, The All-Kerala Astrological Association was held at Trichur, India. The secretary of this association is Shri K. K. Kunnu, editor of Jyotsha Vinoda. The inaugural address of Professor B. V. Raman, editor of The Astrological Magazine, Bangalore, has appeared in all the leading English language newspapers. The 'Hindu', in its issue dated 18.9.1958, commented as follows: "Astrology has flourished mankind for centuries and a belief in it is spread over many nations. In this country we have always paid due respect and do not allow the assumed disbelief of a few to interfere with our faith in it. Unfortunately, most people resort to astrologers (and there are many quacks among them, as there are in any other profession) to ask for detailed information about most trivial affairs. A reputation as a good astrologer is built upon long study and diligent practice. In this country there is no use pretending that astrology is not popular. By and large, we believe in it and the suggestion of most Prof. V. V. Raman deserves to be studied with due consideration." In this context much can be done by our universities to encourage the study of astrology by the setting up of separate 'chairs' devoted to the development of this science."

The selection of auspicious marriage time is based on planetary good position and aspects and only one month of the rising sign or Lagna is most auspicious. In Vrisha Lagna from 14th to 17th degree is good. If this rising sign or Lagna starts at 10 a.m. then the auspicious time will be from 10.28 to 11.14 a.m. etc., for other signs to be calculated.

"SHASTRI"

PAINFUL SOUVENIER

Doctor Tracy's personal souvenir collection gets more melancholy with each of his pockets that also possesses a varied assortment of scrolls, trophies, diplomas and other [illegible] Academy Award "Best Song" and "Best Documentary" [illegible] Tracy's "Old Man and the Sea," "Documentary" well on his way to becoming sensitive for [illegible] film was some

Education offer turned down

[illegible] to provide free of charge large classrooms to [illegible] acute shortage of school [illegible] Johannesburg, by the [illegible] Indian Educational Association, was rejected [illegible] Provincial [illegible]

[illegible] the Association, [illegible] year with [illegible] of all sections of the [illegible] on a non-[illegible] the purpose of [illegible] accommodation shortage [illegible] Transvaal, stated that [illegible] memorandum to the [illegible] setting out the [illegible] and also put [illegible] before the Executive Committee. Transvaal is [illegible] conference before a [illegible] for this [illegible]

[illegible] association said the [illegible] was not willing to accept its offers and suggestions. "It was told us that Indian children must attend Lenasia schools, 20 miles outside Johannesburg. We made an offer to provide, free of charge, eight large classrooms, but this was also rejected."

There are a number of children, without any education," the secretary of the association, Mr. I. I. Mowzenial, told the 'Leader.' "Newclare Coloured School is now closed to Indian children, and children from the Waterval School, Nina's farm cannot get admission after standard eight to Johannesburg High School, neither can any boy or girl from any other school, except Bree Street Indian School, can get admission into standard six classes. They all have to travel to Lenasia or stay without education. The private Central High School is also full and lacks [illegible] There were protests and frightening proportions, making it a very pressing one."

FILM ON BIRTH

The Welfare and Family Planning Society of Dehra Dun, India, has produced a short documentary film in 35 mm. and 16 mm. sized entitled "Parvartan" (Change), the true story of a village which, by the wholesale adoption of family planning, improved the standard of living. The film also discusses scientific methods of family planning and demonstrates those best suited to a rural population.

Available in English outside India at a cost of Rs. 2,900 (£2,150; $400) per copy it can be had dubbed into other languages at rates quoted on application to Capt. P. L. Trehan, Hon. Gen. Secretary, Welfare and Family Planning Society (Reg.), 19 Handwar Road, Dehra Dun, India.

It has been observed that [illegible] of Food and Agriculture Mission to Pakistan, Government of Pakistan, Research, has the services of expert [illegible] to them for [illegible] desired [illegible] to them [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

We are getting Sectional

The "Junior Leader" has and is having a run, and during its life span of over 18 years, I have always tried to keep this column clean and entertaining, catering for the needs of youngsters of any creed or nationality. All contributions were judged on merit, and nothing else mattered. I was disturbed by a letter this week from a youngster who suggested this this column should cater for one-particular section of our community every week.

We are all one big family, and I am to keep it that way. There are many silly people, even among the older ones. Think positive, most of you don't fall in that group.

PEN PALS

JUTHAN RATANAL (11), c/o 73 Boom Street, Pietermaritzburg, Natal. Interests: singing, stamp collecting, music.

KRISHNA MUNIAN (15), Post Box 732, Port Shepstone, Natal. Interests: ——

RAMACHANDRA NAIDOO (14), P.O. Box 76, Tongaat, Natal would like to have pen pals from the Union and overseas. Interests: collecting stamps and reading.

PREMESHI NOORBETH (16), P.O. Box 46, Empangeni, Natal. Interests: sewing, cooking and reading.

SIVAKUMARAN PARTHO (16), Local Health Commission, Howick, Natal. Interests: singing, cinema, soccer.

RUNGANATHAN SUNNY (18), P.O. Box 22, Mtubatuba, Natal. Interests: collecting film star photos, cinema. Desires pen friends from any part of the world.

FAIZERA KARODIA (13), 30 Victoria Street, Durban would like pen pals. Interests: reading, music.

SHALEY MOODLEY (16), 56 Blaauwboars Road, Mayville, Durban. Interests: sewing, reading, knitting. Desires pen pals from the Union and overseas.

SOLOMAN KOORBANALLY (11), 467 Umgeni Road, Pietermaritzburg, Natal. Interests: reading, sports.

GONNY MOODLEY (16), 327 Dryad Road, Clairwood, Durban would like to have pen pals from the Union and overseas. Interests: singing and sports.

BADY MANISHA (18), 87 Cooper Street, Stanger, Natal. Interests: necklace-making and reading.

GOVINDSAMY VENCATARAMAN (16), c/o Sugar Mill, Amatikulu, Natal. Interests: collecting stamps, singing and sports.

BHAPAVU LEKANGAR (16), Kolotha Gandhi Government-aided Indian School, c/o Indian Opinion, Phoenix, Natal, Durban. Interests: reading, correspondence.

M. MOONSAMY (17), Kistarba Gandhi Government-aided Indian School, c/o Indian Opinion, Private Bag, Durban. Interests: art, reading.

ARYA MUNI GUPTA, P.O. Box 38, Hall Bazaar, Amritsar, India. Interests: general.

OM PARKASH VOHRA, c/o Sh. Purilal Vohra, Katra Bhai Sant Singh, Amritsar, India. Interests: stamps.

TENNIS HAS NO MANNERS

LIEW-KWOH SEAH-TARIT, of P.O. Box 11, Thornville writes about a certain mynahs who should have been better. He writes: "While I was playing outside my house one day last week, I heard a loud chattering. I followed the sound, and saw some Indian mynahs on a tree, all excited and ruffled. When I shouted, they flew off, and at the same moment I heard the plaintive cry of a little bird. I climbed up the tree and brought the helpless little bird down. I made a little nest for it and fed it with bread crumbs.

"I kept it for about four days, and then it died. I think it died through the pecks of the mynahs. I tell very sad."

COURTESY

ROSELINE MUTHUSAMY, of 31 View Street, Overport, Durban writes: "We have Courtesy Week once a year in our school. That does not mean that we are not courteous during the other parts of the year. We must be courteous throughout our lives. We must show respect for everybody, no matter what their status is.

"At home, we must always speak to our parents politely. We must be polite to everyone, especially to the servants. We must speak quietly and in a motherly way. We must not shout at the servants. We must never, never forget our courtesy. Courtesy costs nothing."

COMMON EXPRESSIONS

Complete the following expressions:

1. ——— is better than no bread.
2. Pretty ——— soon.
3. Paddle your ———.
4. Honesty is the ——— policy.
5. Nothing ——— ventured, nothing ——— gained.
6. Many ——— make ——— lighter.
7. Strike while the ——— is hot.
8. Share the ———.
9. Make ——— ——— ———.

Change one cent piece for three pesos for a cent, seven a penny, 6 pesos for a penny, 3 pesos for a penny. Passport to Spain printed 2 cents = 1 peseta.

SHEVANEY

COMPETITION RESULT

The answer to our first Teasers Who" competition provided a fortnight ago is "Dudley Nourse". The first correct entry opened came from ZUBIA TADWAT, 16 Cross Street, Durban. She gets five shillings.



GUESS WHO? No. 3.

A piece of five shillings for the first correct entry opened after Saturday next. All you have to do is to "Guess Who".

The person above is .....

My name is .....

Address .....

.....

Post entries to "Guess Who" — Amrit Arcade, Durban.

JUNIOR LEADER

STARTLING STORY ABOUT KOREA

THE startling, shocking story about Korea, will be brought to the Shah Jehan soon in M.G.M.'s "Prisoner of War," starring Steve Forrest, Ronald Reagan and Dewey Martin.

Written by Allen Rivkin, the drama pulls no punches. It tells the story of men who displayed fantastic arrogance in resolving their Red captors of men who endured prolonged hardships from cold, hunger and physical ills, of men who defeated every cunning method the Communists could employ to warp their minds; of men who broke under pressure, and of the man who pretended to play the Communist game because he could then perform services to ease the lot of his fellow captives.

Ronald Reagan enacts that man, Capt. Wade Sloane, who, in the uniform of a corporal, voluntarily parachutes to earth behind enemy lines and slips into a column of captive G.I.s stumbling on a death march northward towards Red camps near the Yalu. When Wade labels himself a "Progressive" so that he can have the freedom to lead secret sabotage missions to save the life of a fellow prisoner and, later, when he makes a "peace" plea newsreel for the Communists, not even his closest friend can believe that in doing so he has relayed important information to American intelligence.

It is a startling and tragic climax that unfolds on the set in "Prisoner of War".

Stage and Screen by "Gitanjali"

Drive-In Cinema's first anniversary

The Khandaan Drive-In Cinema at Jacobs, the only one to be owned by Indians for Indians, will be celebrating its first anniversary next week. As an anniversary attraction they have been successful in bringing into the country one of the most-talked about films ever to be produced in India, and it is Filmistan's mammoth movie hit, "Heer," starring Pradeep Kumar and the ethereally beautiful Nutan, in the main roles.

Directed by Hamid Butt and with music by Ram Singh, this film has been the talk of the critics and the public alike when it was released in the Indian film capital, Filmistan's Ashok on the findings and the wars of life in the villages of India, there is, however, the strong human element — a page-out story of love which provides the rich theme to this dramatic film.

Two villages observing an age-old enmity between themselves, are waiting for the least chance of declaring war on the other. But the feud was soon provided by a romance between a girl from one village and the boy from the other. As true love could not be hidden, their romance soon became the gossip of the villagers and precludes by the leaders of the villagers, so much so that the boy, Ranjha, was banished from his village and brutally attacked by the leaders' henchmen. Meanwhile, the girl, Heer, is forcibly married to another Saidi.

How Ranjha meets his love and how the two villages' friendship, provides plenty of a heart-rending climax.

"Heer" will be released in Johannesburg from February 17.

Startled Nuremberg

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Closer inspection proved them to be artificial, and enquiry revealed that this was a giant prop set for Russian battleship sequences in Universal-International's location filming of the French Marta Remarque best-seller "A Time to Love and a Time to Die," co-starring John Gavin and Lilo Palmer, and now on release out in the Union.

Fishermen: Cuban fishermen assemble the popular comedy of Cuban fishermen very [illegible] event for their headgear.

In hiring 50 of them for Warner Bros.' swashbuckling version of Ernest Hemingway's classic novel "The Old Man and the Sea," the film producer approved their appearance from their bare feet to their sun-baked foreheads.

Hollywood took over the Cuban robe men bought a [illegible] battered straw hats and pompons to replace the nutty baseball caps, fedoras and garish berets which Cuban fishermen consider evidence of poor conception—arrest on sight.

Re-shot: During shooting of Paramount's [illegible] romantic drama "Separate Tables," director Delbert Mann thought he had a great scene in the can" when his Susan Hayward directed and demanded a re-shot.

The sequence called for a [illegible] musician to croon and the actress and jazz that, but as the [illegible] his mouth he didn't make the sound of the cross. This is an old Spanish gesture, which is [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] back-pew.

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Obituary



Baby Shah Singh, pictured above, was 87 years old when he passed away at his late home, 548 Pieter-maritz Street, Maritzburg, on January 22, 1958. He passed away in an accident pension in terms of Hindu [illegible] Chhanpan, Panch Mamin, Shukla Pakshaam, 12th Thulsi Thursday, Ardra Nakshatarm, Moon in Midheaven and Sun in Shakam at 2.45 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM



MARY ABRAHAMS

In treasured memory of my dearly beloved daughter and our loving sister who was called to rest on January 25, 1955.

She heard the voice of Lord Jesus say "Come unto me and rest."

— Till we meet again in God' beautiful garden.

Always remembered by your lo[illegible] Dad, brothers, sister, relatives and friends.

Rest in peace.

Advertise in The Leader

Mailship arrivals

THE following were among those who arrived by the Mailships AURA from Bombay via Karachi, Seychelles, Mombasa, Zanzibar, Dar-es-Salaam, Mozambique, Beira and Lourenco Marques last Thursday morning (according to our duty morning, the AURA now replacing the KUMAI, which is undergoing a service at Hong Kong), was a homeward ship and was a frequent visitor during the last year. The Aura is expected to make this voyage to Durban before returning to East African service (according to our Shipping Correspondent).

NATAL:

Mr. Rameshand H. Mahabhai, a Managing Director of Bombay Bazaar Co. Ltd., and Mrs. G. R. Mahabhai, and the Misses Sharmila, Rami and Nirmala Mahabhai; Mr. Vasmani D. Patel, Mrs. Shanti, and Miss Nareemala D. Patel; Mr. and Mrs. A. Dada, and Miss Zubeida A. Dada; Mr. and Mrs. Dhawood Ismail; Mrs. Sarabai A. Mahomed, and Master Mahomed Dawood Suleman; Miss Fatima E. Ismail; Miss Farida A. Ismail; Mrs. Mariam V. Mahomed; Mr. and Mrs. Ismail Patel; Mr. Mahomed Saveed; Mr. and Mrs. Ganga G. Allarakia, Dundee; Mr. Gangji G. Allarakia, Dundee; Mr. Gordhan Dhanjee Mr. Gordhan; Mr. Mattu Mr. and Mrs. Mohamed H. Ismail; Mr. and Mrs. Mohamed Essack; Mr. H. Ebrahim; Mr. Ismail Abdullah; and Mrs. Zubeda A. Tarmamed.

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O.F.S.:

Mrs. Aaisha Yakub.

STAND FIRM

(Continued from Page 16)

The SAUFH, is to be commended for its brave stand. They have acted fully aware of the consequences, which can expect to be disastrous. The aim is not monetary success and glory but a farsighted and benevolent one. By their solidarity of purpose, and their refusal to accept a half measure, and consequent compromises, they are rendering a great service to South African sport in general. How is that other body, the Natal Sports Council, doing? What they are doing to deserve any credit is beyond me. Much credit is due to the SAUFH, their work and hard work has been so easy if Jack Cope had not presided at the International Federation. This forms England's pets, who speaks seven different languages fluently, and is also held his position for the remarkable period of 30 years. Through the domination of his Federation he firmly adhered to and set at South Africa who connected he has seen to it that South Africa has always, however, on other grounds of race, religion or creed.

His Ambition: Orson Welles, a man with a multiple string of ambitions last week added another to his already impressive list. He wants to make a film of Sir Winston's Churchill's life. With Mr. Welles, of course, in the starring role.

Says Welles: "Churchill's is about the most fantastic story of the century. I would dearly love to film it and to play Churchill myself." He has been pursuing the ambition for some time. "I have," he says, "read every word that has been written about Churchill. I am probably a great authority on his life by now." But this is one ambition he is a long way from achieving. "I don't think Sir Winston will let anyone have the rights to his life story yet," he says.

★ Calls for Muslim Imam are now being accepted in the Kariachi-Teheran Baku-Telephone Link. The same rate as those for the Karachi-Teheran Link.

THE SOCIAL WHIRL



VANITHA GOVENDER

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Govender and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. Moonsamy Govender of Gopaul-singh Road, Isipingo, and granddaughter of Mrs. Moonsamy Govender of No. 4 Tadgate Grove, Chatsworth, who will celebrate her first birthday on Sunday February 15, 1959.



RANJAN,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramgersadh, of 43, Hawkstone Road, Sydenham, who celebrated her first birthday on Wednesday, January 14th, 1959. Ranjan is the grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Jeewan of 122, Malvern Road, Merrivale, and of Mr. and Mrs. Manoosar Dayan of Port Shepstone, Natal.

When will they celebrate?

IN a letter to the Sports Editor of The Leader, Mr. Josep' Michael (Uncle Joey) writes: "I have been a vice-president of both the Young Natalians' Football and Cricket Clubs, since its inception—a period of 28 years—and I would like to know when the Club is going to celebrate its Silver Jubilee? It's three years later than they think, so how about it?

Around the Capital

WITH C. G. MOODLEY

HERE is a new competition, readers. Well, not a competition, actually, or a game of chance like buying a raffle ticket or doing a crossword puzzle, but it requires a demonstration of your culinary skill. Mr. Frank Pretorius, owner of the Windsor Hotel in Pietermaritzburg, is calling for your choice Indian food recipes, for which he is offering a first prize of £5.

The Windsor is the only hotel in the Natal capital which offers accommodation for Indians and Coloureds. Under the Liquor Act, Europeans and Africans are forbidden as residents and in the bar. But Mr. Pretorius intends seeking permission from the Union Minister to allow Europeans in the private lounge and dining room provided they come as guests of Indian friends.

Mr. Pretorius is, unfortunately, suffering from a heart complaint and he is a patient in Grey's Hospital, so the interview with the Liquor Board Bench must wait a while.

Mr. Pretorius, besides being an hotel owner, is a Commissioner of Oaths and takes a keen interest in the welfare of non-European people. In a letter written to me from his hospital bed he expresses his desire about life unemployment position among the Indian community and declared plans to help some of those families by supplying them with free meals from his hotel kitchen.

But this free meal scheme can only be made possible from the profits which accrue from his hotel dining room. To this end, he had already seeking permission from the Minister of Interior to appoint an Indian chef from India. But the pretorius's serious illness forbids this venture.

In the meantime Mr. Pretorius is calling for Indian food recipes from our readers and the person who sends the choicest recipe will be rewarded with a prize of £5. There's only one prize, remember. And as the profits from Windsor Hotel dining room are so small (many Indian guests must be supplied with free meals) the winner of the prize-winning recipe will be served from this restaurant by Mr. Pretorius's own chef in the City.

Address your entries to The Leader, P.O. Box 678, Pietermaritzburg, and mark the envelope "Windsor Hotel competition."

DEBUTANTES' BALL

THIRTY Indian debutantes were presented to the society who were present for the Natal and Coloureds Ball at the City Hall. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dawood, last year's debutante, Natal Mr. A. I. Hoosen and Mrs. Hoosen at a Ball attended in their honour in the City Hall on Saturday night in the final function in the Pietermaritzburg Indian High School.

Mrs. Joan Moodley, chairman of the Club, garlanded the Administrator and presented to him the debutantes who looked radiant in their embroidered saris and ensembles with matching Indian hair styles.

Bouquets were presented to Mrs. Tredlin by Mrs. R. S. Maharaj, the Old Girls' Club secretary, and by their treasurer, Miss Roshni Ramsamy to Miss Kathleen O'Brien who had groomed the debutantes.

In her address, Mrs. Moodley gave an exposition of the aims and objects the Old Girls' Club had set out to achieve. Chief of those objects was to help indigent Indian girls to complete their education at the Indian Girls' High School and the Debutantes' Ball was a means of paying for the cost of those bursaries.

Among the debutantes were two Mission girls, both school teachers — Miss Kathia Hafleiger and Miss Naimoosa Badrudin. Because participating in public functions is not a common occurrence with Muslim women, I asked these two girls what were their reactions and the answer was obvious. Not exactly. We got accustomed to this sort of thing while we were at the Training College."

PHOTOS on page 16.

PRIEST RETIRES

ON Saturday night last, the full congregation of the Durban Street Methodist Indian Church bade farewell to the Rev. A. J. Choonoo who had ministered to the needs of the Mission for close on half a century.

Mr. Choonoo began his ecclesiastic career in 1908 at the old Queen Street, Durban, Church under the direction of the Rev. Ebey Sobrah-manyam, a Brahmin priest from Ceylon. Three years later, he went to study theology and the Tamil language at the Gossner Theological Training College in Madras, India.

On his return to this country, he laboured in the parishes of Verulam, Durban and Pietermaritzburg. After spending a few years in Durban, Mr. Choonoo returned to the Natal capital to complete his half century of service.

At the farewell function on Saturday night, tributes were paid



REV. A. J. CHOONOO.

to Mr. Choonoo by the Rev. D. W. Thorn, Mr. M. A. Durbach, Mr. Victor Naor, Mr. H. J. Lawrence and Miss Mary Thornett. Among the accomplishments of the Rev. Choonoo was assistance in building the present and second Durban Indian Church and the establishment of a school and the establishment of a church as a mission prototype.

Mr. Choonoo was presented with a purse during the evening. He is now succeeded as Superintendent Minister of the Queen Street Indian Church by the Rev. Thomas Wesley Ellis, a son of the late Mr. W. Metcalf, former headmaster of Woodlands Indian High School.

And what does Mr. Choonoo intend doing in his retirement? Rest awhile and then, who knows

Technical College Committee

At a meeting held in the Nizamia school on Monday evening, the Finance Committee of the proposed M. L. Sultan Technical College in Pietermaritzburg was formally constituted. Mr. S. K. Naidoo is chairman of the Committee, Hajee M. A. Moosa (vice-chairman), Mr. R. Dookran (secretary), Mr. A. H. Rawat (treasurer) and Mr. G. M. Singh, Mr. A. K. Meeran and Rev. A. J. Choonoo as members.

Mr. Dookran told The Leader that quite a number of people living in Pietermaritzburg and its environs had promised to contribute towards the cost of building and equipping the College. Subject to the approval of the M. L. Sultan Technical College Council, all donors will be given five years in which to send in their donations.

The cost of building and equipping the College School is the personal of the M. L. Sultan Technical College Council, all donors will be given five years in which to send in their donations.

The cost of building and equipping the College on a 9-acre site donated by the City Council at the Grestown Road, near the Willowton Road, is estimated at £100,000. The M. L. Sultan Educational and Charitable Trust has promised to contribute £100,000 to-wards this amount and, with the Ministry of Education, Arts and Science contributing on a pound for pound basis, a balance of £33,000 has to be raised by public subscription.

It is expected to start building operations next month.

Mr. A. G. Stevens, Cape Town lawyer administrator, at the annual executive meeting of the S.A. Sports Union in Port Elizabeth, disclosed the fact that non-Europeans practised racial discrimination among themselves, stressing the fact that until we are all prepared to put our individuality we will get nowhere in our fight against racial discrimination.

Luxury ship—the Statendam

By Our Shipping Correspondent

On Tuesday I had the privilege to visit the World Cruise Liner of the Holland-Amerika Line during its second visit to Durban, and I was shown the vessel throughout. The 12,562 tonnage gross, presents a thoroughly streamlined appearance within and without. She is completely air conditioned.

The accommodation has a telephone, and all her cabins accommodate have private facilities. Space does not permit me to describe fully its restaurant and upper promenade deck.

The club room and bar (starboard) and upper promenade deck has upholsterers in colours of old rose and cream. Dripping room upper deck; a major feature of the room is the fireplace.

The promenade deck offers a surprising view of the sea on three sides. The library is panelled in Mahogany.

The card room is also the cruise office where the shore excursion staff is available for consultation.

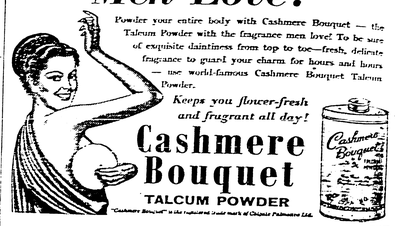
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WHITE OPINION MAY NOW BE ROUSED

By a Leader Reporter



This is Sybil Johnson, one of the crooners who will appear in Saggy Governer's star-spangled musical variety, "Stars Night," at the Andhra Hall, this Saturday night.

THE endorsement by the Planning and Development Committee of the 1952 Council's race zoning proposals which, inter alia, takes away Cato Manor from its 40,000 Indian population, has resulted in a sharp reaction from both sides of the Colour line.

The Durban City Council is scheduled to give further consideration to this matter at its meeting on March 2nd — it has-ever, rumoured that this meeting will not be held in April to enable the Mayor, Mr. Ted Shaw, to be present.

The way the Councillors voted on this issue—notwithstanding their "educational dinner" at the Orient Club—has resulted in many leading Indians still having faith in the City Fathers, questioning the value of consultations between those elected by a White electorate and a group completely voteless and thus being unable to influence the local authority.

My survey of the reactions indicates the position briefly as follows:

- The consolidation of White democratic opinion following quickly on the wake of the bold and fearless statement issued by the Archbishop of Durban, Dr. Dennis Hurley. One can expect greater organised activity among the Europeans on the bases of the work undertaken by Professor Pistorius in Pretoria. The valuable booklet, "The People Weep", by Mr. Alan Paton, is likely to be widely distributed to bring to the European public the human aspect of the problems arising from the endorsement of the Group Areas Act.
- The 'Sponsors' Committee which organised the mass protest of June 26, has gone into action and I believe it is asking to be heard from the Bar at the special meeting of the City Council.
- The mass petition to Parliament will be given a further impetus and it is believed that attempts are being made to get the City fully canvassed, area by area, so that the maximum number of signatures could be obtained.
- It is believed that ratepayers organisations will flood the Council with requests from their members for the repeal of the Proclamations of June 26.
- In many quarters it is seriously questioned whether the Indian members of the Advisory Committee of the Durban City Council should not tender their resignations forthwith should the Council reaffirm 1952 plans at its forthcoming meeting.

In the time this survey appears in print much will have happened to show how the various interested groups have reacted to the wide issue of the Council. While the Council is further considering this matter, only four months remain before the Proclamation of June 26 make over 21 Indians aliens in their own homes. Those who fall under the one-per-room limit are likely to be in the forefront of the legal battle which will be fought out in the Supreme Courts to have the proclamations as a whole nullified.

The Sponsoring Committee, I understand, is in the midst of preparatory work in mowing the Court in this regard.

Boxer dies after fight

By RONNIE GOVENDER

A 25-YEAR-OLD Transvaal amateur, John Severn, died at the Vereeniging Hospital as a result of injuries sustained in a boxing match last week. Severn was fighting in the Vereeniging Amateur Championships.

In his first fight he knocked out Joseph Maakgere. In his second fight he fought Dyna Radebe. It was a hard fight with both boxers giving of their best. Up to the last round it was anybody's fight. Just towards the end of the third round, Radebe caught Severn with a tremendous right to the jaw. The boxer fell flat on his back and his head thudded against the floor.

He was removed unconscious to hospital. He died without regaining consciousness the next day.

Lifting of School Ban

THE lifting of the ban on the children has been granted in the Provincial Council dated February 1. Immediately the ban was lifted, schools having the necessary accommodation started classes for these pupils.

It is reported from Verulam that over a hundred children had been denied admission to schools at the beginning of the new school term and until the Provincial Executive decided its resolution the Education Department was not in a position to sanction the admission of these infants.

The telegram sent by the Natal Indian Congress to the Natal Education Council resulted in a courte telephonic reply to Congress headquarters by the Department undertaking to have the regulations amended.

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MASS PROTEST MEETING

THE ratepayers of Mayville, Stella Hill, Cato Manor and Candella are calling a mass meeting on March 1, 1959, at Mayville Theatre.

A spokesman for the ratepayers told "The Leader" that the meeting will help to focus the attention of the City Council and the citizens of Durban on the hardships the Indians face in the contemplated removals, and at the same time to rally the people to put up a "determined stand in our struggle to protect our homes and hearths from being fostered away without any regard to human feelings."

To this meeting the Mayor and the City Councillors are being invited and those who voted for the Planning Committee's recommendations, according to the spokesman, will then have the opportunity of giving their valid reasons as to why Cato Manor will be suitable for White ownership and occupation.

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Miss Ambra Naidoo of 25 Wood Street, Port Shepstone, wrote the best letter in which she expressed her viewpoint on Ronnie Govender's article, "Girls, marriage is not the only thing in life", which appeared in The Leader on February 6. Miss Naidoo wins £1 1s. for her effort. A cheque for this amount will be posted to her.

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500 families face eviction threat

NEARLY five hundred Indian families residing in the mid-Wentworth area are now facing possible eviction if they do not vacate their premises by the middle of March this year. They have already been served with notices to this effect by the Durban Corporation (the second time in 15 years) which wants to expropriate the land for Coloured housing.

People interviewed by "The Leader" expressed alarm at receiving such a notice and, according to them, this contained "a concealed threat."

In terms of the Housing Act, the Arbitration Board is obliged to award compensation value plus 30 per cent. "No wonder," said one resident, "the ratepable value of properties in this area has been kept low."

Speaking at a mass meeting of property owners at Wentworth last Saturday night, where representatives of the Co-ordinating Committee on Housing (Merebank and Wentworth) had been invited, Mr. L. Ramsunder, the Co-ordinating Committee's Secretary, hit out strongly on what he called "a typical Nazi plunder."

"Where is the spirit of cordiality and reciprocity," he asked, "when the Council talks about mutual understanding in negotiating a sale? Where is the mutual understanding when the Council on the one hand pretends to acquire by mutual consent and on the other hand points a pistol over the heads of property owners? What else can a defenceless community do than to combat the threat which wants to take away its homes". The instinct of man throughout the ages has always been, however weak one may be, to put up a determined struggle to save life and property.

Mr. Ramsunder told "The Leader" afterwards that a mass meeting of residents and property owners is to be held shortly, at which all the City Councillors would be invited, to hear the Councillors to defend their actions," he said.

Further investigations by "The Leader" revealed that property owners living in the adjoining areas have also received notices to vacate their premises.

Parcels to India liable to duty

NAIROBI: Persons sending gift parcels by post to India have been warned that these are liable to the usual customs duty to be paid by the recipient, unless the duty chargeable is Sh. 4.50 or less.

A press release issued by the Commission for India says there have been a number of complaints from people who were under the impression that gift parcels are duty free. The position is that postal gift parcels have in any case to be limited in value to Sh. 75. Parcels worth more than this amount are liable to be returned by the post office. The parcels must not contain opium or any other artificial silk fabric or vegetable seeds in excess of 1 lb. or quinine. Import duty has to be paid at current rates for the articles contained in the parcel. If, however, the duty comes to Shs. 4.50 or less, the parcel will be exempt from duty.



For the first time an Indian girl, and a Moslem at that, too, was a talent contest organised at the Hlomhlyn Hotel. Of the 16 participants, only three were girls, and the only Indian girl in the lot was petite and pretty Amina Rawat, of Johannesburg. Amina is seen on prize by keeping her audience rolling with two Hindi songs. She now stands for the quarter-finals of the talent contest—a purse of £60. And the girl who came second, mind you, is from Portuguese East Africa, and was placed for her rendering of an excellent Portuguese song. She is Mary Barvar, who, a day after the contest, left the shores by ship to settle in New Zealand. Pictures shows Mary (left) and Amina standing with compere C. Stephen.

Ramakrishna Centre will make history

The Ramakrishna Centre of South Africa will be making history when, at its annual birthday celebration of Sri Ramakrishna, speakers from different sections of the population, professing different religions, will appear on a common platform to speak on some aspects of the universal doctrine of Sri Ramakrishna Parahamsa, India's greatest spiritual leader, who died in the late 19th century.

The celebrations will be held at the Bolton Hall, Albert Street, Durban, on Sunday, February 22, at 3 p.m. and those who take part in speaking to the expected capacity house are Jordan K. Neabane, well known South African journalist, who recently returned from the Accra Conference in Ghana, and a Vice-President of the Liberal Party, Dr. Hilda Kuper, followed by Dr. Yusuf D. Zablith (M.D.) (Al-Zablech), and Swami Nischalananda, Head of the Centre. Moving a vote of thanks will be South Africa's only Indian woman M.A., Mrs. Devi Bhugwan.

Swamijee told "The Leader" that this multi-racial programme was in keeping with the universal doctrine and harmony of religions that Sri Ramakrishna had preached. "African, European and Indian members of the Centre would sing kirtans to add to a very interesting programme. The public is assured of a wonderful afternoon and it is a function that must not be missed and would invoke much thought regards the role and purpose of an individual in a world of fear, hatred and conflict" he added.

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TALK OF THE BAZAAR
by The Fakir

Archbishop Hurley hits out at "act of piracy"

NATAL'S Roman Catholic Archbishop Denis Hurley is anything but flamboyant. Nor a rabble-rouser given to extravagant phrases. On the contrary, he is—and quite understandably—a conservative, careful man. One who weighs his words well before he utters them. He is also a man of tolerance, of compassion and of forgiveness.

Yet he was moved, last week, to wistful condemnation of the Planning Committee's majority decision which refuses to consider the claims of justice, decency, decency, and Cato Manor's 60,000 Indians must be dispossessed of their property, as effect, said the Planning Committee, to make way for the future denizens of the hard-acquired homes of voteless blacks. The Archbishop found this hypocrisy in so-called Christians infuriating. This is "an act of piracy," he declared, "and the time has come for the people of Durban to be roused from end to end." He is right. And there is just a faint possibility that every European voter in Durban were made to realise that the 1952 City Council proposals represent what amounts to moral [illegible] they think seriously.



GREMLINS AT WORK

PRINTER'S gremlins have been having an uproarious time recently. A fortnight ago this turned a reference on this column to "Gesd and the Hindu fanatics" from "Geedee and . . ." Last week a reception for the Duke of Edinburgh in Delhi was switched by the gremlins into "decoyman." Discreaders, who has apparently never heard of how cleverly these little fellahs can cause inspirational errors, waxed furious over what he terms "the implication that the City Council of Delhi was trying to deceive the Queen's husband." Tut, tut.

BEWARE JUGGERNAUT IN

A MAN living near Springvale wants to know whether I could use my influence with Indian bus drivers to make them drive carefully. Sorry, he. Ain't got no influence with them. The only thing that does make them go careful-like is a five-ton all-steel fire-truck. The average bus driver is at the wheel of a juggernaut and seems to think that he owns the road.

Seriously, there have been too many cases of reckless bus drivers causing deaths and getting off lightly with a £50 fine. It's high time the Court began imposing imprisonment without the option for serious cases of culpable homicide. Mr. Swart, please take notice.

AFRICAN MAYOR?

BLOKE in the bus was saying: "The man who is against Indians and wants to take Cato Manor for Europeans is Mr. Percy Osborn. But he won't succeed. An African may be Mayor before they can kick us out."

SECOND ADVOCATE

CURRENT talk in certain circles is that Attorney Ibrahim Bawa may shortly have his name removed in order that he may be admitted as an Advocate. If that happens, he will be the second Indian Advocate. Hassan Mall having been the first.

Just Heard: The man who fell flat on his back and spun circles only himself.

"Stand together—Put on United front" call

A call to the Indian community not to organise themselves into groups to fight for "selfish ends" but to think of their neighbour and to stand together and put up a united front against the Group Areas Act, was made by Mr. S. Brijbhaal, chairman of the Overnburgh Indian Ratepayers' Association in the course of his address to the Association's annual general meeting held recently.

"Recent years have been very trying for the Indian community," he said. "Our progress has been put back 50 years. Our future appears bleak. Nevertheless we must look our hopes on prayer. We pray that the Almighty will guide both Black and White in their resolve.

Stating that the Indian community was a voteless and a wageless one, and that its fight was a constitutional one, Mr. Brijbhaal asked the people to stand together and put up a united front against the Group Areas Act. "No legislation," he continued, "will deter us from defending our homes and our properties. In this great fight of ours, we would like to see justice done to all sections of the community.

Mr. Brijbhaal added that the Association had left no stone unturned in the fight for justice and fairplay. "But justice and fairplay can only come if the powers that be are willing to meet us on a common platform."

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EUROPEANS CONDEMN "CRUEL DECISION"

Sharp reaction to City Council's 'bombshell'

THE Planning and Development Committee of the Durban City Council dropped a bomb-bell last week when it re-affirmed its 1952 race zoning plans for the City and its environs, which would make Cato Manor, for long a bone of contention, a White area. Sharp reaction to it, strangely enough, came from the Europeans themselves, with Archbishop Dennis Hurley taking a lead for the calling of a mass protest meeting on Cato Manor.

Meanwhile the various Indian Ratepayers' Associations have protested most vigorously against the Council's new proposals. The Durban Combined Indian Ratepayers' Association, in a statement, said that the news that the Durban City Council was going to implement its 1952 plans by making Cato Manor a European area, came as a "heart-rending shock" to thousands of Indian dwellers of Cato Manor.

"Supposing for a moment," the statement continued, "a predominantly White Group Area like Durban North was proclaimed an Indian area by a similar decision, how would the Whites take it? Our appeal is directed to every White man and woman of Durban. Please leave us alone, undisturbed, in our Hearths and homes and do not be a party to this flagrant act of injustice."

"It sinks to the nostrils of every fair-minded men and women. It is an un-Christian and undemocratic. It is cruel, callous and calculating in the misery it will bring to the thousands of law-abiding and decent South African Indian citizens.

"Have not the Indians made huge sacrifices of their Lands, Hearth Rated, Merchants, West Ridge and Sydenham for other groups," the statement asked and added, "We salute the few who stood for justice at the momentous decision. We pray to God that He will soften the hearts of Durban's rabid racialists so that the erstwhile vaunt of British Fair Play and Justice will hold away once more in our fair city."

The Mayville Indian Ratepayers' Association welcomed the stand taken by Archbishop Hurley, Archdeacon Wade and others who had pertained the Mayor to call a special meeting of citizens of Durban to protest against "this unwarranted and unjust decision" of the Planning and Development Committee.

"We also appreciate," the statement continued, "the very important and relevant points raised by Senator Clarkson, Mr. Butcher, Mr. D. Shave, Mr. Corfe and Mr. Bolton, whose consensus cannot be stifled and who fearlessly and courageously have taken up the cudgels on our behalf and which, there is no doubt, will provide much food for thought and bring about a change of heart on the part of the City Councillors who have been won over by Mr. Peter Osborne, the Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee.

The Association made an earnest appeal to the City Fathers, who are the protagonists of the Christian way of life, to apply its principles in allay anxiety and fears of aliened Indians whose future is at stake and whose elections is on the hands of those who are entrusted to make the laws and recommendations."

"HEARTENED" BY PROTESTS

MR. A. M. MOOLLA, President of the South African Indian Organisation, said that he was heartened by the vigorous protest of so many Church leaders, and other responsible European citizens" against the recent decision of Durban's Town Planning and Development Control Committee that Cato Manor should be taken away from the Indians.

"This concern, I believe," Mr. Moolla said, "is a reflection of the opinion of the great majority of Durban's European citizens, and that it will eventually find voice in the Durban City Council, in the form of the return to the City Council's resolution of June 5, 1958.

"For myself, I have never wavered from the conviction that just as Cato Manor has been an Indian area, so it will be in the future," he emphasised.

Mr. Moolla said that what was required in this area was that Indians should be freed from the restrictive permit system now prevailing under the Group Areas Act, and that they should be allowed to develop their property. "The City Council should encourage property owners to make it easy, by way of loans for Indians, to subdivide their land and permit on it the building of as many homes as possible, and to be assured of a sense of security and contentment which has been denied them for so many years."

"Cato Manor," Mr. Moolla stated, "lends itself immediately to the provision of public amenities in roads, lighting, expansion of sewerage system, and in the proper layout as an extensive housing estate for Indians. The whole area could be a source of pride to Indians who live in it, and an example to the rest of the city."

Asking the whole Indian community to be "heartened and grateful" to the many Europeans who had raised their voices against the "impasse and unfairness" of the proposal to dispossess an established community from their homes, Mr. Moolla added, "Such a sense of responsibility on the part of so many Europeans renews our faith in Christian justice, and holds promise for future betterment."

ABOUT TWO LUNATICS

Two lunatics were standing in the grounds one night. One of them had a torch which he was flashing on and off.

Tell you what," he said to the other man, "I'll shine the torch up in the air and see how far you can climb on the beam of light."

"No no, I'm not mad," said the other, "I know you. I'll just get to the top, and you'll switch the light off."

— contributed by CHAMPA ROY, P.O. Cheverley, Natal.



This is Allan Harris, the outstanding Durban golfer-to, who will be leaving for overseas soon. Harris was spotted by Britain's top pro Bond leader, Jack Parnell, when he was in Durban and was advised to take his wares to England where, Parnell said, he would be sure to make good. Harris will be making his last appearance in Durban in Sugg Gaveaders show at Clairwood on Saturday night.

Indian Poverty discussion

By "The Leader" Reporter

THE facts of Indian poverty are well known. They arise from many sources the high level of unemployment, the limited opportunities of employment, low wages, restrictions on freedom of movement, and the age structure of the Indian community.

Action must be taken immediately and the community needs, above all, to explore the possibilities of raising employment opportunities and to open these opportunities without delay. For this purpose new machinery has to be created within the Indian community, a central organisation based on the many voluntary associations of the community in Durban.

In the midst of all the prejudices against the Indian community in Durban, there is also a measure of goodwill and it should be possible to enlist support of leading White industrialists and experts of different types. On this basis a plan could be developed to solve, at least in part, today's Indian poverty.

Professor Leo Kuper put forward these positive ideas and explain in detail their workings which will benefit the community tremendously, at a meeting of the Working Committee of the Friends of the Sick Association, when he spoke on "Community Organisation in Relation to Indian Poverty."

The meeting is to be held at the M.L. Sultan Technical College, Centenary Road, Durban, on Saturday, February 21 at 2 p.m. Mr. H. S. Singh, Chairman of P.O.S.A., told the "Leader" as Professor Kuper's address is of paramount importance to the Indian community, he urged all those who have been circulated to attend the meeting and take part in the discussions that follow.

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The world ballroom champion, Mr. Sonny Binnick (third from left), photographed after he had adjudicated the Natal Non-European Ballroom and Latin-American Competition, held at the Durban City Hall on Monday night. He is seen receiving a bouquet handshake from Durban's leading socialite, Pumpy Naidoo. Others in the picture are Mr. L. Kenting, Mrs. Kenting and Mr. Darroch.



Rosey Naidoo and Violet Le Tang who were the winners of the professional ballroom and Latin American dancing championships.



Mr Naidoo and assistant Naidoo who came third in the Novice II dances.

1959 Natal Dancing Champions

THE 1959 Natal non-European Ballroom and Latin-American Competition was held on Monday at the Durban City Hall, where an appreciable gathering of representatives of the different sections of the population, were present. A noteworthy feature was the presence of a fairly large number of Europeans, including several visitors from the luxury liner R.M.S. Canton, which also brought the world champions, Sonny Binnick and Sally Brock.

There was no demonstration by these champions, owing to Sally Brock, wife of Mr. Sonny Binnick, being taken very ill on board the ship. Nevertheless, Mr. Binnick's adjudicating was received with warm approval by those present.

The results in the various sections are as follows: Novice 2 dance (W.Q.): 1st, Nat Naidoo, Rosalind Naidoo; 2nd, Aaron Linda-Ethel Shange; 3rd, Joseph Mdoliyen-Eunice Mkize.

All-Ladies' (W.S.): 1st, Patience Ntuli-Anne Masakane; 2, Priscilla Francis-Pamela Pillay.

Novice "B" (W.S.T.Q.): 1st, Agrippa Gebekuhle-Miriam Sibisi; 2nd, Ronnie Siwdyal-Sarax Pillay; 3rd, Nat Naidoo-Rosalind Naidoo.

Novice "A" (W.S.T.Q.): 1st, T. H. Mabaka-Thwaita; 2nd, Ronga Naidoo-Rani Avero; 3rd, Agrippa Gebekuhle-Miriam Sibisi.

Pre-Amateur (W.S.T.Q.): 1st, T. H. Mabaka; 2nd, Ronga Naidoo-Rani Avero; 3rd, Eliel Mokoena-Victoria Jili.

Mixed (W.S.T.Q.): 1st Desmond Pillay and Jean Pillay; 2nd Lawrence Mkhonza and Patience Ntimuli.

Amateur (W.S.T.Q.): 1st Bobby Govender and Harriett Abrahams; 2nd, Bernard Fynn and Joyce Fynn; 3rd, Billy Pillay and Pamela Pillay.

Professional Ballroom (W.S.T.Q.): 1st, Ronga Naidoo and Violet LeTang; 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Manuel; 3rd, Hamilton G. Gobin and Caroline M. Seeney.

Professional Latin — American (S.S.J.): 1st, Ronga Naidoo and Violet LeTang; 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Pillay.

Wiggins Estate denial

A report appearing in the daily Press, in which a European stated that Wiggins Estate was owned by Europeans and also that 50 per cent. of Cato Manor, too, was under European ownership, was refused by the Mayville Indian Ratepayers' Association, which, in a statement, said that although the area in question was owned by Europeans, it had, nevertheless, been occupied and developed by Indians all these years.

"The Corporation-owned land in the Booth Road and Ridgeview Road areas," the statement added, "was owned by Indians and only expropriated as a temporary housing scheme for Africans at the special request of the Government who advanced £175,000 for such a development. Now that the Africans are being removed to Kwa Mashu what a golden opportunity it is for the Durban City Council to start a housing scheme for Indians like that of Springfield, which is indeed a credit to it and would go a long way to ease the acute housing position in the Indian community.



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Waving goodbye, perhaps for ever to Durban two pretty young girls, left on the Bund-Inaja liner, Amra, last week for India, where they are to be married. They are Rita, aged 21 and Radha, aged 17, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Rana, of Durban who, accompanied by their father, are going to Natal, on their honeymoon, to meet their prospective husbands to be.

Accompanying them also is their cousin, Kathalia, daughter of A. N. Rana, who was also married in India, but was in Durban and her family from May last year. She is married to a doctor in Natal, and will be taking with her a collection of cards.

Rita and Radha leave behind in Durban six brothers and two sisters.

Big Natal conference to discuss Centenary

THE Indian Centenary Committee in Durban has decided to convene a Natal conference to discuss and decide in what way the Centenary of the coming of the Indians to this country is to be observed.

The Conference, which is to be attended by delegates from all over the Province, will be held at the Radhakrishnan Hall, Natal Tamil Vedic Society Building in Carlisle Street, Durban, on Sunday, March 8.

YEAR OF PROGRESS

The Azreecon Study Group, Queensburgh, has seen yet another year of great progress in its various activities. Mr. S. M. Moodley, his annual report presented at the Group's fourth annual general meeting held recently stated that although there was a gradual dwindling in the membership there was no need for alarm for it was the aim of the Group to have a smaller number of interested and enthusiastic members rather than have a big number in name only.

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Tehmina Township protest

In a letter to the Natal Provincial Secretary regarding the acquisition of Tehmina Township by the Administration for educational purposes, the Queensburgh Indian Ratepayers' Association asked the Administration to review its completed move and consider the case of the Indians affected "most sympathetically."

The Association advanced the following reasons why the Indians were not prepared to sell their properties:

(1) That the land the Administration wants falls within the Indian Township for Residential purposes, and it would be impossible to sell same for other purposes than those for which it is intended.

(2) That the land owners would like to build homes and that a few have done so.

(3) That the land is owned by the poorer section of the community and by the sweat of their brow, they have put all their life savings to secure a home to live in.

(4) That the Indian community is land-locked and there is nowhere to go.

(5) That the request does not make provision for an alternative accommodation.

(6) That the price offered would not enable property owners to acquire another.

(7) That the proposed school is for residents of Palladen Park, Hillton, which falls within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Durban and not Queensburgh. It is only reasonable that these Pioneers should have set aside land on their own areas for educational purposes.

(8) Due to overcrowding that the Queensburgh Indian Ratepayers' Association has asked the Local Council to consider the granting of Temporary Building permit for residential purposes in Queensburgh. A reply is awaited.

Celebrate Centenary in "fitting manner"

A PLEA to the Indian community of South Africa, particularly Natal, to commemorate the centenary of the arrival of the Indians in this country "in a manner aptly fitting our heritage" was made last week by Mr. M. Bridgemohan, Chairman of the Allenson Study Group, Malvern, in the course of his address at its fourth annual general meeting.

"I strongly feel," Mr. Bridgemohan continued, "that there is no time more appropriate than this to join in the pomp and pageantry and play our part in the centenary celebrations. Whatever form it takes, it should forever remain a monument and a tribute to our pioneers."

Mr. Bridgemohan said that the year 1960 would be heralded with great importance because it marked the 50th anniversary of the Union of South Africa.

In a reference to the problems the Indians were facing in the field of education, Mr. Bridgemohan said: "Over the recent years great developments have taken place. Each year large numbers of pupils leave the primary level. Only the more fortunate ones can afford secondary education, thus paving no give some thought to those unfortunate ones. Realising the potentialities, are denied that education." It is a spectacle. One has only to stop a pedestrian

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Candid Commentary . . . by Politicus

Durban City Council's cruel decision

THE Durban City Council, sitting as the so-called Planning and Development Committee, has decided to confirm the Council's 1952 group areas proposals, under which the Indian community was robbed of the whole of Cato Manor, among other places.

There was a faint hope that, after all, there was some semblance of fair play left, and that the new Councillors would right the wrong done to the community seven years ago.

But it turned out to be a vain hope, principally because the Indian-hater-in-chief, Mr. Percy Osborne, is still firmly entrenched in the Council.

By what standard of fair play and justice does Cato Manor become "white"?

It is said the City Councillors were almost unanimous in declaring that residential segregation is necessary to preserve the comfort and happiness of this city's people and the avoidance of racial friction.

Who are they trying to bluff? Their argument goes against them. Indians have safely reared themselves in Cato Manor. There is not a White person living there. It is by their thoughtless decision that the Councillors bring about friction.

Cato Manor is, and has been, an Indian residential area for generations.

It does not lie in the mouth of the City Councillors to talk about the "comfort and happiness" of the citizens. How much comfort and happiness have they brought by deciding to deprive the Indian community of Cato Manor?

How much happiness? Words seem to have a different meaning for the men who sit behind locked doors to decide the fate of a voiceless people.

Apparently—and this is a noteworthy fact—the City Councillors, in their anxiety to bring about comfort and happiness, have to work behind locked doors and plot out areas. Their singularly benign purpose, and their wonderful thoughts for the people whose destiny they meet to decide apparently cannot bear public ventilation.

So they go behind locked doors, take a most grave decision for the future of the Indian people, and will come out "openly" into the Council Chamber on March 2, with a cut and dried "solution" to set the seal on their decision and to seal the fate of those whose comfort and happiness they have done have done everything in their power to disturb.

Perhaps they have a feeling of discomfort and happiness after depriving the people of their hard-earned homes and hearths. But it is the comfort of the devil, and the happiness of a satan.

THEY SHOULD KNOW THAT THE INDIAN PEOPLE DERIVE NO COMFORT AND HAPPINESS FROM THEIR CRUEL DECISION.

The Cato Councillors should know that by their decision they have caused the cause of the whole community, and the soothing songs which they dish out in the papers about the comfort which a rubber thing to be robbed.

The happiness which they set out to bring to the Indian community is not the happiness which death brings to the deceased. For indeed the Council decision on Cato Manor spells the doom of thousands of homes, homes and businesses which have grown with Cato Manor, homes to which the people have become attached by long years of hard work and living and loving.

There are poor homes and rich homes in Cato Manor, yet whatever they are, they are the people's "castles", and not even a municipal authority should have the power, by the stroke of the pen, to rob the people of their homes and places.

ONLY IN A COMMUNIST STATE, WHERE THE SUPREME GODS OF THE PROLETARIAT SIT BEHIND CLOSELY GUARDED WALLS, IS SUCH A WHOLESALE ATTACK ON A MANS RIGHT TO OWN A PLACE OF HIS OWN, AND TO CALL IT HIS OWN, POSSIBLE.

It is not far-fetched to suggest that by their heartless decision, the City Council have acted like the worst communist junta on earth, and they deserve all the curses heaped upon their heads by a people whose hearts cry for JUSTICE, FAIR PLAY AND DECENCY.

CATO MANOR AN "INDIAN AREA"

Three Durban City Councillors also attended the annual general meeting of the Cato Manor Indian Economic Housing Scheme Ratepayers' Association held on Sunday. Association secretary Mr. E. C. Naidu said: "The residents' contention that Cato Manor was, both by occupation and ownership, an Indian area and that it should be left as such."

The Councillors were Messrs. A. S. Williamson, Hopkins and Norbury Hughes, who also spoke on the Group Areas Act with particular reference to its application to Cato Manor. The Durban Combined Indian Ratepayers' Association was represented at the meeting by Dr. A. Bobodat, and Mr. H. R. Deshpande.

Referring to the school site, Mr. Naidu noted with dismay that it was still unoccupied, even after 7 years that nothing had been achieved. The latest in this connection, he added, was that the authorities were presented by the Group Areas Act to accede to the Association's request.

In regard to playground facilities, Mr. Naidu said that the long-standing efforts in the matter had not yet been met with any measure of success, apart from an encouraging reply promising early attention early in this year.

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Letters to the Editor

GANDHI LETTERS—AN APPEAL

Sir,—I have occasionally appealed to your readers for information any of them may have regarding letters and documents of Mahatma Gandhi. Though in the past I have had little response, I wonder if I may ask any of them again who may be able to answer one or two questions that have been put to me by the Editor of "Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi" in New Delhi, India.

In the early years of this century Mahatma Gandhi was in correspondence with certain Colonial-born Indians, their names: M. S. Paul, J. S. Dove, Amboo, Laurence. Can any of your readers tell me about any of these good people? Are any of them alive, and if so, how can I get in touch with them?

Can anyone tell me whether the Colonial-born Indians' Association is still in active existence; whether a journal or newspaper called "Colonial Indian News," published about 1905, is still available in photostat, or otherwise, and if so, whether it is possible for me to look at such journal or newspaper.

Can anyone tell me what the telegraphic address in Capetown—PARWANA—means? Gandhi sent a telegram to Parwana, Capetown. Who was it for?

G. H. Calpin,
217 Eagle Star House,
West Street, Durban.

Admissions to Kathiawad School

Sir,—I read with dismay the column of "Talk of the Bazaar" in the "Leader" on February 6 wherein "Pilate" refers to admissions in the Kathiawad High School. The facts as stated are misleading and are a manifestation of anti-Gujarati bias.

He predicted a month ago in the same column that the Orient High School would admit only Muslims and the Kathiawad High School only Gujaratis. "Pilate," with such preconceived ideas, has repeated the story without any trace of truth.

I am a son of a donor who has contributed more than £1000 for this institution and therefore feel hurt when anyone unjustifiably belittles the good work the Kathiawad Samaj is doing to alleviate the acute problem of school accommodation in central Durban. I had hoped that the officials of the Samaj would be forthcoming with a suitable reply to such malicious propaganda. But it seems that they are unwilling to enter into needless warfare with professional writers. It might be wise to avoid a controversy, but to allow an incorrect statement to go unchallenged would lower the prestige of the Samaj. If "Pilate's" statement is not challenged, the public will take it as "silence is half consent" and will be justified in believing even wrong assertions as correct.

Since I would like to give the public the correct facts, I am writing from personal knowledge as I have spent several hours each day from Tuesday to Friday at the opening week at the school. On the first day the only students who were admitted to the Kathiawad High were from the Standards at the end of the H. B. Rose School, or Clairwood. They numbered over a hundred. The many applicants who had expressed their desire to be admitted to the Kathiawad High, i.e. "First Choice" applicants who numbered approximately 50, were taken on the second or third day after the opening week. Next day roughly about 150 were given parents on merit. On the third day another batch of 50 was given form all sections.

To make the story short, I can say that the Kathiawad High admitted 410 students, of which the domicile was as follows: 16 If admission of these students is financial open, it is an exhibition of bad taste.

We have a few intellectuals who write vehemently to mislead the public. They are the people who antagonise one section against the others. The public generally believes what is written in a newspaper. Therefore, when misguided people make wrong statements, it should be the duty of responsible men to correct them.

I would like others who know the facts to write and enlighten the people. I would request the Samaj officials to repudiate these statements and bring to the public the true facts. It is a virtue to avoid public controversy and misleading, but these are occasions when it is wise to enlighten the public with true facts.

MAKANJEE.

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"The Leader" Editorial

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"THIS CALLOUS, cruel and vicious piece of legislation."

These were the words chosen by Mr. M. Deodath, Secretary of the Durban Combined Indian Ratepayers' Association, with which to describe the Group Areas Act, when, as reported in our issue of last week, he addressed a meeting of the Indian Affairs Advisory Committee on behalf of the Association.

We suppose that nobody any longer has any doubt that one of the main purposes of the Group Areas Act is to reduce those Indians who have achieved a measure of prosperity in the towns to that degree of poverty which to a Nationalist politician (and to many other Europeans) seems to be the Indian's proper and divinely appointed lot in life.

Nor, we suppose, does anyone remain who is quite so naive as to doubt that another main purpose of the Act—closely related to the foregoing—is to enable European businessmen to grab the business opportunities which Indian businessmen have built up.

One has only to look at the accounts of the proceedings of the Group Areas Board, when it has been hearing evidence especially in Transvaal towns, to realise how eagerly the local Nationalist Party organisations, and European business interests, have combined to push the Indian businessman and trader out into the veld, with the often openly declared intention of ensuring that his business dealings shall be confined to his own people.

Not original intention

If this was not the original intention of the actual framers of the Group Areas Act, it was certainly the intention of most of those M.P.s who voted for it, and of most of the electors who voted for them. And even if it is not the sole intention of those who are entrusted with the administration of the Act to use it in this way, it is quite clear that whether they like it or not this is how the Act is being used. Some of the administrators of the Act may genuinely wish to give the Indians a square deal. But they are powerless against the designing politicians and the aggressive European economic interests determined to use the Act for their own purposes.

The purposes of the former—the designing politicians—are to reduce the whole Indian population of South Africa to economic servitude.

The purposes of the latter—the aggressive European economic interests—are less grandiose, but just as brutal and ruthless. They are concerned simply to eliminate such-and-such competitors, and grab their business for themselves.

But of course the Group Areas Act does not only bear hard on those Indians who have achieved actual wealth or at least a certain modest prosperity. It is directed primarily against those Indians, and it falls most harshly on them. But it deals callously even with the humblest, when it suits the purposes of the administrators of the Act (or of those who are in a position to enforce their will on the administrators of the Act) that it should do so.

Flagrant case

An example comes to hand from Pietermaritzburg. The City Council of that City some time ago requested the Group Areas Board to reconsider its plan to convert the Pentrich and Camp's Drift areas from Indian to European areas. At present, these areas have about 3,000 Indian inhabitants as against some 300 European. The Board has refused the request—which was, incidentally, strongly backed by the Indo-European Joint Council in Pietermaritzburg, which is presided over by the Hon. Judge of Appeal, and one who has on other grounds as well a not undistinguished place in the history both of the Union of South Africa and of the British Commonwealth. Yet to these representations—self-evidently just, and backed by European as well as Indian opinion—the Board can only reply that it cannot even reconsider the matter.

An even more flagrant case is that of the uprooting of some 20,000 Indians from Cato Manor—morally perhaps no worse (for is it morally worse to rob ten men than one man?) because of the greater numbers involved. This "enormous act of piracy," as Archbishop Hurley has rightly called it, has aroused no little indignation among a number of prominent Europeans—including some rather unexpected individuals.

We are moved to ask what moral obligation the Indian community has towards a government which can deal thus callously, cruelly, viciously and, let us add, utterly unjustly with it. Dr. Verwoerd, you have recently announced, with a great flourish of trumpets, a new deal for the Africans. Won't you come to Durban, meet the Indian community face to face, and tell its members just why they should collaborate in any way with you and your government, except in so far as they are forced to?

Cape Town Column

By D. N. BANSDA

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I am a son of a donor who has contributed more than £1000 for this institution and therefore feel hurt when anyone unjustifiably belittles the good work the Kathiawad Samaj is doing to alleviate the acute problem of school accommodation in central Durban. I had hoped that the officials of the Samaj would be forthcoming with a suitable reply to such malicious propaganda. But it seems that they are unwilling to enter into needless warfare with professional writers. It might be wise to avoid a controversy, but to allow an incorrect statement to go unchallenged would lower the prestige of the Samaj. If "Pilate's" statement is not challenged, the public will take it as "silence is half consent" and will be justified in believing even wrong assertions as correct.

Since I would like to give the public the correct facts, I am writing from personal knowledge as I have spent several hours each day from Tuesday to Friday at the opening week at the school. On the first day the only students who were admitted to the Kathiawad High were from the Standards at the end of the H. B. Rose School, or Clairwood. They numbered over a hundred. The many applicants who had expressed their desire to be admitted to the Kathiawad High, i.e. "First Choice" applicants who numbered approximately 50, were taken on the second or third day after the opening week. Next day roughly about 150 were given parents on merit. On the third day another batch of 50 was given form all sections.

To make the story short, I can say that the Kathiawad High admitted 410 students, of which the domicile was as follows: 16 If admission of these students is financial open, it is an exhibition of bad taste.

We have a few intellectuals who write vehemently to mislead the public. They are the people who antagonise one section against the others. The public generally believes what is written in a newspaper. Therefore, when misguided people make wrong statements, it should be the duty of responsible men to correct them.

I would like others who know the facts to write and enlighten the people. I would request the Samaj officials to repudiate these statements and bring to the public the true facts. It is a virtue to avoid public controversy and misleading, but these are occasions when it is wise to enlighten the public with true facts.

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Another stalwart who has represented the S.A. Malays regularly, Ishmail Latief, made a welcome return to form, but not as expected with the ball but with the bat. He scored a brilliant century, thus proving his prowess as an all-rounder. It is regrettable however that he has reverted to pace instead of spin bowling. I would suggest that he goes back to spin, for with a dearth of spinners in South Africa, the chances of selection against West Indies are easier in this department. So take heed, Latief. Your chances of selection are rosy providing you can regain your bowling form of two years ago. Besides Owen Williams there are no other spinners of note.

BASIL D'OLIVIERA celebrated his selection as Sportsman of the Year with a brilliant spell of bowling by taking five wickets for 14 runs which included a hat-trick on the bargain. Basil is bubbling with enthusiasm and cannot wait to meet the West Indies, when he feels will be given a good run for their money, for now that a young has been made available with his wicket facilities, he is confident that by the time the West Indies are here at least 25 or more Western Province players will have secured themselves to turf.

A LITTLE bird has whispered in in my ears that wedding bells will soon be ringing in the D'Oliviera homestead.

ONE of the keenest tussles is taking place in the Cape between two of South Africa's leading wicket-keepers, namely "Lobo" Abed and Basil Wilcox, for selection against the West Indies in the forthcoming Tests.

"Lobo" is undoubtedly the No. 1 keeper and a specialist in this position, while Basil, although not as good a keeper, makes up much leeway in being an accomplished batsman, and on his day could be as good as D'Oliviera. This he has proved in many matches this season. Only last week he established a record 250 runs partnership with Grunwaters, with a personal contribution of 21 not out. I would plump for Witten, for we will need every player to contribute runs, to counter the West Indies run-making machine.

THE 1st of February marked a new era in Western Province cricket when the Inaugural Meeting of the W.P. Cricket Board took place, at which 17 Unions sought affiliation, all of whom were accepted. A feature of the meeting was the unanimity of all present for the complete banning of racial tags. One or two units did affiliate with such tags, but assured the house that steps have already been taken for their removal.

The following were elected in office: Patron, Dr. A. Ebrahim; president, J. S. van Hatte; vice-president, Cllr. H. E. Parker; hon. secretary, A. Desai; assist. secretary, I. W. le Roux; M. and R. secretary, S. Anthony; hon. treasurer, H. Hoosa.

The election was held in a friendly spirit and each member was worthy of his appointment, for with a tried administrator like Mr. van Hatte at the head of affairs, the future of the Board was secure and all the other office-bearers will surely emulate its chief. Western Province have made an excellent start and with the road to greater progress quite apparent.

HOW many of us have seen Indian pictures being screened at the various cinemas throughout the country but have ever given thought to the people responsible for the acquisition of these films, which as we all know, must be paved by the Board of Censors.

Two leading Indian citizens of Cape Town, namely Messrs. R. D. Chanda and A. M. Cheria, are directly connected with the acceptance or rejection of any film, for they act as interpreters, he being for the Hindustani and Urdu pictures and the latter for Tamil films. Their task is an onerous one, for a lot of explaining is demanded from the European members of the Board whose duty it is to see that no undesirable matter is passed for display, and how well they have executed their responsibilities can be borne out by the fine films we are at present seeing.

Mr. Chanda and Mr. Cheria are leading members of the Cape Indian community and serve the needs of our people in many other spheres.

Here's hoping that they will serve us for many more years. Incidentally, Mr. Chanda is at present on vacation in India, but his son Amrik, has been an able deputy and carried out his father's duties ably.

TWO well-known families have recently been united in matrimony when Ramadan, son of Mr. Lalou Bhula of Cape Town married Nabila, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Talati of Port Elizabeth. Mrs. Talati is the daughter of Mr. N. P. Ramda, who are well-known in sporting circles. The nuptial rituals were performed in the Feather Mead Hall, Port Elizabeth before a packed gathering. The bride and bridegroom will live in Athlone, Cape.

THE Bosley family of Claremont, Cape Town, have again sustained a loss in the demise of Mrs. Rajesh Bosley, wife of the late Mr. R. O. Bosley, a prominent member of the Malay community who died eight months ago.

After two wars, Sheikh M. G. Bosley and Sheikh M. Y. Bosley, both residents of Durban, flew down to Cape Town for the funeral.

The Bosleys are well-known sporting family, whose home has been open to sportsmen of all races who had occasion to visit Cape Town, during their lifetime. The late Mr. Bosley himself was a great sportsman, and having the love for sports, devoted a great deal of his time towards promoting the ideals of sportsmanship. Mrs. Bosley herself played a big part, behind the scenes, in treating all sportsmen who visited her home, as her sons. Sportsmen throughout the Union deeply mourn this sad loss.

THE O'Brien family of Cape Town, formerly of East London, last week had a final celebration in that the eldest son, James Bernard turned 21, and the youngest daughter, Theresa Rosemary reached her first birthday. The occasion was appropriately celebrated with a party including friends and relatives. Their Wynberg home was a scene of gay atmosphere and all guests spent a most enjoyable evening of fun and dancing.

Charles, the father is a well-known sportsman who represented and captained Frontier for many years in the thirties. He is the elder son of the late Jimmy O'Brien of boxing fame.

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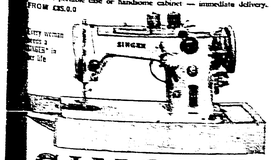
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MESSAGE OF THE STARS

BY "SHASTRI"

The wind of Fortune for February 20 to 26 for people born under the twelve Zodiac signs are as follows:

Aries-Mesha (March 21 to April 20): Avoid petty domestic annoyances and troubles with kinsfolk, servants and passengers. Professional and financial matters will be brisk. Keep to familiar and avoid new ventures. Good days, February 21, 25; bad, 20, 22.

Taurus-Vrishaba (April 21 to May 22): Financial and business matters should be handled carefully. Land, property and outstanding important matters require personal attention. Be circumspect in dealings with others and avoid speculative ventures. Good days, February 20, 22; bad, 21, 23.

Gemini-Mithuna (May 23 to June 21): Do not undertake big journeys and new business transactions. Avoid Partisans over financial matters and deal carefully and wisely in time. Avoid secret dealings and beware of schemers. Good days, February 21, 22; bad, 23, 24.

Cancer-Karka (June 22 to July 22): Meeting of friends and associates should help gain and success is denoted to those with this sign. Your home interests will have unsatisfactory features and most of these matters should deal carefully. Good days, February 23, 24; bad, 25, 26.

Leo-Simha (July 23 to August 22): Persons born under this sign may have success and happiness. Those with adverse aspects may not likely to have worries in their domestic conditions and avoid hasty action. Good days, February 20, 26; bad, 21, 22.

Virgo-Kanya (August 23 to September 22): Your home interests, business, general relations, personal and work associations should be given attention. Good relations with authorities and attention. Good days, February 23, 24; bad, 20, 21.

Libra-Tula (September 23 to October 22): To many pleasure seekers, meeting of old friends and relatives, gain of money and happiness is denoted. But some will have petty worries and annoyances of trifling nature and should guard the speech and act with prudence. Good days, February 22, 23; bad, 21, 25.

Scorpio-Vrischika (October 23 to November 22): Those with good aspects at birth will find satisfactory time this week and those with adverse aspects, should be cautious with legal and money matters and avoid speculative risks and new ventures. Good days, February 23, 24; bad, 21, 22.

Sagittarius-Dhanu (November 23 to December 22): Matters concerning partnership, domestic, household, money, homes and worker, travel, health and finance needs personal attention and careful planning. Good days, February 21, 22; bad, 23, 24.

Capricorn-Makar (December 23 to January 20): Many people born under this sign will have more pensive time, pleasant journeys, association with old friends and relatives. Those with adverse aspects will have unsatisfactory time in money and other matters. Good days, February 23, 24; bad, 25, 26.

Aquarius-Kumbha (January 21 to February 19): Some of the persons will still prevail. Be cautious and cautious. Guard precious and avoid risky ventures of all kinds. Good days, February 23, 25; bad, 21, 24.

Pisces-Meena (February 20 to March 20): Personal, business and financial matters should be well planned to avoid snares and petty troubles and conflictions that are probable with servants and associates. Good days, February 20, 25; bad, 23, 26.

THE GOOD DAYS

For business generally February 20, 27. Seeking employment, February 20, 23, 26. Appointment with medical adviser, February 24. Family matters, February 20, 24. Social matters, February 20, 26. Stormy and rainy weather is expected in places about February 21 to 23.

READER'S QUERY

Question: From Master-boy, K.R. writes: "I am a keen follower of your notes in the Leader." I feel very grateful to you for the way you have been doing on the field of astrology. Please kindly tell me what are the duration of each degrees or time of each Ghatis for the Latitude 10 degrees South and which are ascensions degrees for each sign under Hindu system.

Answer: Relating to Hindu Zodiac the period of each sign or Lagna and its ascensions degrees for Colombo are as follows: Mesha, 2hr 32min, from 21st, 11 degrees, Vrishba, 2hr 20min, from 14th, 31 degrees, Mithuna, 2hr 5min, from 17th, 31 degrees, Karka, 1hr 47min, from 8th, 31 degrees, Singh, 1hr 37min, from 8th, 31 degrees, Kanya, 1hr 48min, from 8th, 31 degrees, Tula, 1hr 51min, from 24th, 31 degrees, Vrischika, 2hr 20min, from 12th, 31 degrees, Dhanu, 2hr 5min, from 17th, 31 degrees, Makar, 2hr 22min, from 14th, 31 degrees, Kumbha, 2hr 30min, from 26th, 31 degrees, Meenam, 2hr 18min, from 9th, 31 degrees. If ascensions time is to be calculated for Lagna and it starts say, from 9 1/2 degrees, the ascensions time will be from 10.37 as approximately 10.37 time for each sign to be added from the ascensions degree in each sign.

Farewell reception

A send-off reception in honour of the Rangoon Youth Club and the Rangoon Indian Football Club was accorded Mr. N. Ramakkan who has left the district to take a course of his Secretarial Training College.

Mr. Ramakkan was one of the founders of the Rangoon Youth Club of which he became the secretary. He was also the first president of the Rangoon Indian Football Club. Those who spoke at the function were Mr Gopaul Maharaj on behalf of the Youth Club and Mr. Gowaul Maharaj on behalf of the Rangoon Indian Football Club. Mr C.P. Ram treasurer of the Rangoon Youth Club, presented Mr Ramkakan with a tie for his good services towards the Club.

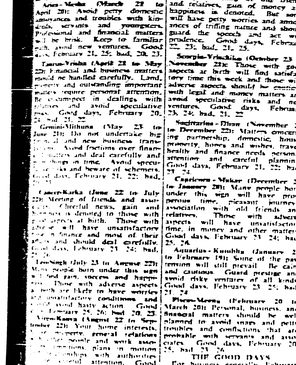
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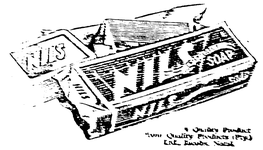
Four members of the Hillary Indian Ratepayers Association are to lead evidence before the Hospitaling Committee of the Durban City Council on the question of the representation of Indians owning land at Hillary for European ownership and occupation.

They are Messrs V. K. Naidu (Vice Chairman), K. R. Padayachee (Secretary), Ismail Moosajee and Mr. P. D. Pillay as an observer.

Table tennis meeting

The annual general meeting of the Northern Naval Table Tennis Union will be held in the Sastri Yelma School, Lorenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa on Wednesday February 25 at 8.30 p.m. Any new club which has in mind of affiliating should apply to the Union secretary, Flat 3, Peoples Stores Building, Lorenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa.





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ON A N. COAST FARM

I have wings under my feet, and at my age (still young on the right side of 30's), I am passionately fond of travel. I like to see new places and new faces, and for odd times' sake, I like to drop in on my old friends.

The invitation last weekend to a North Coast farm was too much. I needed from office routine, and was I happy to motor on my old motorcycle! My destination was Mid Renee, a little farm behind and beyond the Inanda hills, about 25 miles from Durban. With God's help and a bit of hill-climbing (a top-low 25 m.p.h.) I managed to arrive just half an hour late. Of course, I must thank a group of horse boys and a spell of steam for pulling me out of a sticker. It was a pleasant trip, really, although I had to get off every so often to check if my engine was still on the chassis.

When I reached Mid Renee, there was already a tornado in progress. My host was smoking the fibrosings out of Snake God with cheer and ritual. He has performed this ceremony for many, many years, and he does it on a grand scale. He invites all the farmers in the neighbourhood, and together they all pray for good crops, good health and good fortune.

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K. ARCHIE (15), P.O. Box 2, Ingwavuma, Natal. Interests: general.

SAVY NAIDOO (16), No. 5a Cow Lake Road, Durban. Send Cow Lake friends from the Union and overseas. Interests: collecting film star photos, reading.

GAYATHREE SINGH (14), 22 Dublin Road, Springfield, Durban. Interests: reading, cookery, knitting.

HARRIAL SINGH (17), D.N.C. No. 1, Durnacol, Dumbarneer, Natal. Interests: accordion-playing, reading, cinema.

BALKARAN P. INDRANI (14), P.O. Box 9, Umkomaas, Natal. Interests: reading and collecting stamps.

BALKRISHNAN NARANDAS (12), 108 Victoria Street, Durban, would like pen pals from any part of the Union. Interests: table tennis, cycling.

RAMESHSINGH (17), Kathurba Gandhi Govt. Aided Indian School, Verulam, Indian Opinions, Private Bag, Durban. Interests: correspondence, reading, sports.

KITE-FLYING MISHAP

R. RANJITH, of 338a Long Market Street, Pietermaritzburg, Natal, writes: About a fortnight ago my friends and I decided to fly our kites in the afternoon. We made our kites and sent them high up into the sky. A friend's kite suddenly snapped and fell on a tree. My friend then climbed up the tree, and while attempting to dislodge the kite, caused his feet on a rotten branch, and fell to the ground.

He was not able to get up. We had to carry him home. His father rushed him to the hospital and was told that his son had a broken leg.

This incident taught us a lesson. We never climb trees.

CRICKET QUIZ

1. Which young Australian batsman is referred to as the second Bradman?

2. Which Indian cricketer broke Hanif Mohammad's batting record?

3. Which South African is rated as the world's best opening batsman?

4. Who are Australia's best Test opening bowlers?

5. Which Australian scored a century on the second Test against M.C.C. on his debut?

(Contributed by Ramkishen, 338 Longmarket Street, Pietermaritzburg.)

RIDDLES

1. Which loses the most, a country which loses its king or a king when he loses his country?

2. What is a cricketer's greatest of time?

3. What is the difference between sixteen ounces of tea and a girl under a typewriter in a hurry?

4. What month do talkative people chatter the least?

5. My first is a circle, my second a cross, if you mix all of me, look out for a toss. What am I?

(Contributed by J. Govender, c/o P.O. Box 9, Seven Oaks, Natal.)

ANSWERS

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GUESS WHO RESULT

Sagar Ray Rampersad was the answer to "Guess Who No. 3". The first correct entry opened came from BRIAN GOVENDER, P.O. Box 30, Amanzimtoti, Natal. He gets five shillings.

Is there life on Mars?

Everybody is pretty sure that someday we shall build space ships and send Mars and so find out for sure whether the red planet supports life or not. In the meantime we have quite a bit of evidence to put together and form a picture of living conditions on Mars. The great telescopes have produced photographs of its surface and its atmosphere, and have charted its course.

Its journey around the sun takes 687 days, to its year is equal to almost two of ours. Earth supports life during the long months of the polar night, as a month there should be no hardship. Mars is almost 50 million miles further from the sun than we are. Measurements show that the temperature at its equator is around 50 degrees Centigrade cooler. We can certainly live in that temperature. Photographs show the seasonal changes on Mars, polar caps waxing and waning and dark-blue areas thought to be the vegetation of the planet. Is there water on Mars is another matter. We are told that there is only a small percentage of oxygen, the gas which supports most of the life on earth. Oxygen content is about two-thirds as much as that on Mount Everest. Yet recently men managed to survive on Mount Everest.

Maybe by having a smaller planet than earth, Mars has less gravity. A basketful of pounds of earth weight would weigh as much as only three pounds on Mars. Living creatures could move about under such conditions with ease.

What do the scientists think of the possibilities of life on Mars? Believe it or not, they have come to the conclusion that there is life on Mars. It may be in the form of vegetation, but there is life. Whether it is of the intelligent, civilised variety is another matter. We are not only certain of the existence of life on Mars, but we are also certain that it is suffering individual and race humour in the sense of the word.

Sandra Sen, Satish Biswas, Marshal, Pahari Sanyal co-star in this Indo-Burma engineering film, with Nargis appearing as a guest artist.

The management of the Shah Jehan are enhancing their reputation by bringing to their patrons the best films that India can offer. Here is pictured one of the actresses in a recent scene of "Paheli".

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Are you easily scared? Can you take the season's leg of horror thrills and suspense? If so, make a date now to see "Gaslight," the great M.G.M. production which is now showing at the Shah Jehan.

Charles Boyer, Ingrid Bergman and Joseph Cotten are starred in this exciting story of a man who deliberately sets out to drive his wife insane to hide from her the secret of a murder. Have a Scotland Yard detective search the south in the rousing climax of "Gaslight" that you'll never forget.

In days gone by the screening of a "whodunit" required such unusual props as sliding panels, trapdoors, clutching hands and some odds and ends of skeletons. Draped furniture and curtains of cobwebs helped along the atmosphere.

Priorities have put an end to many of these hitherto necessities. Cobwebs with the prosaic, inoffensive content are not for the duration. Metal cabin and cargo doors, swinging panels have also gone, and clutching hands are definitely out-dated. "Gaslight," which won more of these devices, succeeded in using chills on the spines of the most unimaginative. Mystery and suspense were in the past been synonymous, but in this case in which the authentic psychological terror of an eerie play, the goings on of the star was of the film.

Another Top India film production

Practically nothing is impossible for the artisans of the screen. But they almost faced defeat when Producer Mervyn LeRoy scribbled a requisition for 116 modest people to play the gnome-like Munchkins in "The Wizard of Oz." Judy Garland's great Technicolor musical now showing at the Shah Jehan.

The man who solved the problem was the world's number one midget-monger, Leo Singer, whose business at the rolly was in the colourful make-up. He emerge from the flowers opening sequences.

The famous story of [illegible] the farm girl who [illegible] a cyclone and [illegible] adventures in the [illegible] remains utilised in the [illegible] version.

Added to this is the [illegible] mechanical problems of the [illegible] midgets [illegible] enough to [illegible] actors and [illegible] with them. [illegible] is fantastically small movie [illegible] played the monkeys, flowers appear in the land of the Munchkins, played by midgets in colourful make-up.

Singer, in touch with practically [illegible] midgets in America, was engaged in the studio. Its own group of 28 midgets live in Hollywood when not on the road. Singer set out with two buses, visiting Florida, New York, Chicago and dozens of towns, gathering the little people, like [illegible] with two buses full of midgets. [illegible]

The management has announced that they have another two great Indian films booked which are due for early release.

Satire on lives of the modern day "gentry"

ONCE more the Shah Jehan cinema will be releasing another of India's top productions which has won international recognition and has been "dubbed" in several foreign languages for distribution in the overseas market.

The film is Raj Kapoor's "Jagte Raho" winner of the much coveted Grand Prix at the Cannes Film Festival. Acclaimed as Raj Kapoor's singular achievement in the world of films, "Jagte Raho" does not boast of the "boy-meets-girl" stuff. Nor is it a song and dance spectacle. Rather is it a satire on the lives of modern day "respectable" gentry who wear a glossy facade to the notorious lives they lead when out of sight. These gentlemen abound aplenty in our midst always poking an accusing finger at a wayward youngster, or an erring section of circumstances, but never sensing a helping hand to stem the progressive march of the individual. On such a subject has Raj Kapoor devoted the film, and in so doing not only captures the pathos of all the misery suffering individual, but sees humour in the spice of life.

Sandra Sen, Satish Biswas, Marshal, Pahari Sanyal co-star in this Indo-Burma engineering film, with Nargis appearing as a guest artist.

The management of the Shah Jehan are enhancing their reputation by bringing to their patrons the best films that India can offer. Here is pictured one of the actresses in a recent scene of "Paheli".

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"Blooding" Young players proved successful

The outstanding performance of the young-blooded senior side Rangers who gained high honours in the County Football section with the unique record having won the Senior League the Sea View Charity Cup for third successive year, was mentioned by the secretary at the 20th annual general meeting of the club.

Mr G. Parsuraman Naicker, the secretary, who did not stand for re-election, gave a brief report and also criticised the captain of the first side, Isaac Reddy, for having allowed the responsibility of leading a very young side as an experiment.

Nine members of the team were selected for County Association and Union junior side.

Mr. G. P. Naicker, who also did not stand for re-election, raised the point of how handsomely the experiment of promoting young men in the senior side had paid. He also praised the teams for having upheld the association's confidence in their remarkable change in personnel.

The following were elected to office: Secretary: Daniel R. Nood; treasurer: Narasamy Naidoo; referee clerk: John Reddy; president: Ramsay; senior captain: Naralsamy Naidoo; junior captain: S. Ramgopen; manager: G. P. Naicker and M. S. Govender.

FOOTBALL MEETING

At the Southern Natal Indian Football Association meeting, the following were elected:

President: S. P. Bobby Naidoo; vice-president: K. M. Pillay; hon. treasurer: R. Govender; hon. secretary: S. Govender; hon. referee: J. S. Kondiah.

The following matters were discussed:

(1) Tongaat Indian Football Association's application was refused on the grounds that already too many district associations are controlling soccer, and it should be the future policy of the association to work towards the reducing the number of district associations and strengthen the existing bodies.

(2) Verulam is now a bona fide unit of Southern Natal. Last year's dispute of its affiliation with Southern Natal will be decided on Saturday.

(3) The following sportsmen offered trophies for the Southern Natal competition, and officials are urged to procure these trophies as soon as possible to present them to last year's winners by the first council meeting—Messrs. S. P. Bobby Naidoo, C. D. Boulton, M. R. Mistry, K. M. Pillay, P. Seethal, Dr. Christopher and Verulam Football Association.

INDIANS OUT OF INTER-RACE CRICKET

By C. G. MOODLEY

THE Natal Indian Cricket Union which fathered the Natal Interrace Cricket Board, will not participate in this season's series which are due to start this weekend at the Mayfield Hill Coloured sports ground, Durban.

The withdrawal stems from the fact that the Natal Indian Cricket Union has not lifted the suspensions imposed on its clubs to submit their membership returns for the seasons 1957-58 and 1958-59.

According to Mr. T. A. Dada, secretary of the Natal Indian Cricket Union, his executive council had enforced their decision to suspend these constituencies if they failed to furnish their membership returns by January 31 last. As a result, the Indian first-class match between Sanger and the Northern Areas, which was to have been played at Sanger on February 21 and 22, and the inter-zone games between Southern and Northern Natal at the Springfield grounds, Durban, last weekend, were cancelled.

Natal Indians will play in the inter-race cricket series as scheduled, provided the defaulting constituencies fulfill their obligations by tomorrow. But this seems unlikely at the time of going to Press.

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This young Indian singer, Sonny Pillay, has made history. He will soon be leaving for the U.S.A. under the patronage of a young American who saw Sonny singing in a Johannesburg night club. Sonny was first spotted by Leader reporter Ronnie Govender who will tell of Sonny's Cinderella-like rise to fortune in a future issue of The Leader.

Sports Shorts —

FESTIVAL

IN conjunction with the above events, the South African Weightlifting Federation is planning a "Sports Festival" during October and the I.P. Softball and Baseball Union is inviting combined teams of Softball and Baseball players from Western Province and Cape districts. Approaches have also been made to soccer, cricket, lawn tennis, hockey, swimming and boxing bodies. It is also hoped to have schools athletics and gymnastic meeting at the same time.

TENNIS

THE South African Tennis Board is staging its Annual Championships in Port Elizabeth the first week of 1960. It is hoped that this year the championships will be truly open and that the other tennis bodies in the country will make a special effort to have entries for these championships. The classics in dates up to now have been most unfortunate and an effort should be made to avoid them.

OFFICIALS

AT the second annual general meeting of the Bailey Road Recreational Club held on Saturday, February 7, the following were elected for the ensuing year:

Patrons: Messrs. S. H. Singh, P. R. Singh, A. K. J. Vahed, Ali Khan, S. C. Singh, and Ramit Singh.

Chairman: Mr. G. R. Nair.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Lutchee Naidoo.

Vice Chairman: Ganas Chetty.

Manager: Allan Govender.

Hon. Secretary: M. A. Archary.

Asstd. Manager: A. Naidoo.

Executive Committee: Messrs. M. G. Moodley, Daddy Nair, Dinan Naidoo, Ganas Chetty, M. A. Archary, Allen Govender, Lutchee Naidoo, A. Naidoo, and G. R. Nair.

Hon. Auditor: Daddy Nair.

SOCCER

AT the Durban Indian Football Association elections the following were elected:

Patrons: Pandit Nehru, Mrs. Vijai Laksmi and Mrs. K. M. Pillay.

President: Mr. R. K. Naidoo.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. Gs. Morgan, R. R. Pillay, Runga Chetty, R. Lutchman, R. S. Govender, M. K. Mistry, V. J. Naidoo, Danny Naidoo, Chris Essop, George Singh and Gilbert Naidoo.

Hon. Joint Secretaries: Messrs. A. L. A. Pillay and K. Manuar.

Hon. Treasurer: R. Sukhot; Hon. Record Clerk: Harry Sewlens.

MARITZBURG DARTS

In the course of his secretarial report which was tabled at the annual general meeting of the Maritzburg Darts Union held last Sunday, Mr. M. K. Naidoo expressed his disappointment over the waning interest in the game immediately after the league fixtures were completed.

Disappointment was also expressed over the fact that, for the first time, Maritzburg had been unsuccessful in the Natal competitions.

However, the report extended congratulations to all the officials of the Union to those who represented Maritzburg in the Natal fixtures, their spirit of sportsmanship displayed during the competition, and their acceptance of defeat has been highly commendable. The following players represented the Union in the inter-town competition: Messrs. R. Ramkarin (captain) (H.H.D.C.), N. P. Govender (vice-captain) (R.D.C.), Allan Govender (D.D.C.), Ronald Govender (C.D.C.), Ram Joseph (C.D.C.), C. C. Naidoo (D.D.C.), M. K. Naidoo (R.D.C.), Sanjad Hiranda (D.D.C., Manager Mr. H. Ramdass). In the Natal League Cup competition, the Provincial D.C. represented the Union. In the Natal Cup competition for the Denver D.C. represented the Union. The following players took part in the finals of the Natal Singles and Doubles competitions: Singles: Gordon Singh, Romey Naidoo, Arthur Moodley; all of C.D.C. and R. V. Naidoo (M.E.D.C.). Doubles: Allan Govender, G. S. Naidoo (C.D.C.), Roy Pilly, J. N. Naidoo, all of D.D.C.

OFFICIALS

Officials elected at the meeting were: Patrons, Messrs. Frank Pretorius, L. H. Billy and J. Levenauer; president, Harry Ramdass; vice-presidents, C. Rajagopaul, S. N. Bobby Naidoo and Johnnie Naidoo; hon. secretary, M. K. Naidoo; hon. treasurer, K. G. Naidoo; hon. records clerk, C. C. Naidoo; hon. auditor, S. N. Reddy.



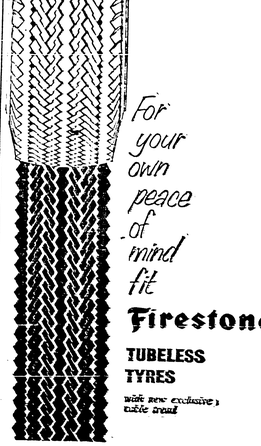
FASHIONABLE CHURCH WEDDING

More than 200 guests attended the wedding of Philip George Naidoo and bonde Marjorie Margaret Naidoo which took place at Park Rynie on January 24, 1959.

The bride, who looks from Portsmouth-born, looked radiantly lovely as a model gown of white satin lace and tulle and her short veil was supported by a coronet of pearls, while her bouquet was made up of gladioles, carnations and maiden-hair ferns.



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SAMUELS ON TRAIL OF MABENA

PETER SAMUELS, who has been politely overlooked by South Africa's wonder boy, Sexton Mabena, for a long time, gets his big chance to prove his claim to a South African Bantamweight Championship shot when he fights Leonard Madela, fiery Natal Bantamweight Champion in March under the banner of the Bantu Sporting Club.

Samuels, who beat Louis Joshua out before the latter left for England, has been constantly trying to get Mabena to defend his title against him.

A southpaw, Samuels has been a very unfortunate fighter. Against Madela he will have to use all his ingenuity to keep out of trouble. The Natalian is a dangerous opponent fighter with a great capacity for punishment. He has also beaten Mabena and a win in this fight will rocket him to the top.

The second fight is between other outstanding Natalian, David Jawings and Transvaler Shamrock Mtsuke over eight rounds in the featherweight division. Mtsunga impressed me when, coming in as a last-minute substitute he almost upset the experienced Jerry Molosi. Mtsuke is from Mabena's stable and is reported to be a dangerous punisher.

In the third fight, Lucas Joshua tangles with Victor Hulley, recent conqueror of Nagoon Govender. The winner of this fight gets a chance to meet Madela for the Natal Bantamweight title.

Swimming gala

The Natal Indian Swimming Association will hold a swimming gala on Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Balkannar Swimming Bath. Clubs are coming hard and there promises to be some very keen competition. There will be more clubs competing.

Another interesting event will be the water polo matches. Those taking part are training hard and are reported to be in fine fettle. This is a new sport among us. Quite a lot of swimming is also done and the game is similar to land soccer.

Table Tennis

THE B.P. Table Tennis Association will be staging the "Champion of Champions" Tournament for the South African Board at the end of September, and the South African Weightlifting and Bodybuilding Championships will be staged on P.E. on the first week of October. Entries may be sent to Box 3, Norway, 40 Green Street, Port Elizabeth.

Natal Cup cricket finals

In the Natal Cup finals played at Springfield last weekend, Centenary beat Umgeni by the small margin of three runs.

F. S. Ishwaran, the Crimson bat, resorted to defensive cricket, but stroked and hooked consistently and although he made only 24 runs his batting was a delight to watch. M. I. Laher scored 24, Crimson declared at 59 for 2. Umgeni replied with 56 R. V. Bhana took 5 for 12 and F. I. Laher took 3 for 5 runs.

Pirates: 205 for 8 declared (A. Moonsamy 24, M. P. Desai 99, H. Khan 23, Motala 2 for 26).

Technical College: 78 all. Omar 19, R. Thumbadoo 5 for 21, D. Selections

By AMBASSADOR

Following are my selections for Clai

First Race (Two Furlongs)
CHE ON 3
Touchline 2
Feather 1

Second Race (Six Furlongs)
ARAGON 3
Lucky Gamble 2
Third Race (Five Furlongs)
PRINCE BARRY 3
Lunga 2
Rattle 1

Fourth Race (Seven Furlongs)
NARGARH 3
Via Dolce 2
Robinson Jet 1

Fifth Race (Five Furlongs)
Wild 3
Dilute Lass 2
Sun 1

Sixth Race (1½ Miles)
ANDREW'S PEACE 3
Sunset 2
Spring Grove 1

Seventh Race (Four Furlongs)
(HANDICAPPING)
Fortitude 3
Fantastic 2
Lord 1

Eighth Race (1¼ Miles)
Sunset 3
Reigning 2
Lord 1

Ninth Race (Seven Furlongs)
SUNSET SECRET 3
Silver Flash 2
Lord 1

S.A.S.A. ON OVERSEAS TOURS

Teams of netball and hockey players from South Africa are travelling overseas to take part in international matches. The South African Sports Association has expressed its good wishes to these teams and sportswomen and has invested them every success.

The S.A.S.A., however, draws the attention of all sports administrators to a resolution adopted unanimously at the Durban Conference in January and which refers to tours to and from South Africa.

The relevant portion of the resolution reads as follows:

"The South African Sports Association condemns tours conducted to and from South Africa on the basis of racial discrimination. Any such tours are a betrayal of the principles of international sport."

Miss Ambra Naidoo Says . . .

MAN-TRAPPING IS NOT MY AMBITION

(I hand over my column this week to Miss Ambra Naidoo of 25 Woodside Street, Port Shepstone. She wins the guinea I offered for the best reply to my article on Indian Women and Sport. My comments appear below.)

Dear Mr. Govender,—I agree with you in your grumble that not many Indian girls participate in sport, but when you attribute this non-participation to the alleged partiality of Indian girls for marriage to the exclusion of "every other God-given pursuit that makes life whole and worth while," I beg to differ with you.

I must admit that I appreciate your exhortation to us to take a more active part in sports. No doubt you are doing us in all sincerity, that we are able to develop our physiques and that thereby are able to cope better with that large fraternity which has fixed ideas about the "weaker sex."

But in your enthusiasm to find a cause for a state of affairs that evidently disturbs you I am afraid you have become a little ungenerous by trusting imputations of "grooming for marriage" and "child bearing and obesity" and "pot scrubbing." These are hard things to ascribe to one even if they are entirely justified, and I strongly feel you have cast an odious reflection on Indian girls generally.

I can state without hesitation that it is not preoccupation with prospects of marriage that keeps Indian girls away from the sports fields. If it is true, as you state, that we pine for marriage, it will be nothing short of a serious pathological condition among us, which will throw up symptoms other than a disinclination to indulge in sports—horrible symptoms such as promiscuity, pre-marital motherhood, and divorce. You will agree this is not so among us. It is worth reflecting, however, that these unhappy symptoms are not uncommon in that section of the community where the womenfolk indeed do encourage sport to show their prowess in sport.

I am sorry, I have the crux of the problem when I write that it is a natural modesty and conservatism that make the vast majority of us chary of invading preserves such as the sports arenas which have for long, even in Western society, remained the exclusive sphere of the male.

It is not a sign of backwardness or adherence to orthodoxy. It is more readily understandable when considered in the light of the carefulness that characterises the Indian woman's progress towards the attainment of a status in the domestic realm and outside it. In view of this, Indian girls accept innovations with a hesitancy more than their sisters in other communities, and sport is such an innovation to many of them. In good time, Indian girls will doubtless play their part creditably in sport amid in other activities in keeping with the best traditions of their sex.

I am sorry, Mr. Ronnie Govender, that your are so obviously convinced that the average Indian girl has as her main object the ensnaring of that material crown the first man she encounters. As far as I am concerned, man-trapping is not my ambition. In common with my sisters, many of them, I am afraid, offer a devastating snub which you must experience to appreciate, Mr. Govender!

(MISS) AMBRA NAIDOO.

RONNIE GOVENDER REPLIES

Wow! I really let myself in for it by condemning the negative attitude of Indian women towards sport. I am hardly bombarded by a barrage of letters from members of the weaker sex (I am wondering now which is the weaker sex). If nothing else, I have received the prize and I intend to proceed what I have before the Indian women can do very well on the sports field.

I never knew that there were so many reasons and I must compliment your girls for putting them forward so methodically and scientifically. However, I cannot but conclude, that with the exception of a very few, like those submitted by Miss Ambra Naidoo, the majority was a bunch of excuses and evasions and a sign of weakness.

I shall deal next week with extracts from letters as space would not permit me, I may, however, to deal particularly with Miss Naidoo's letter because it was obviously sincere and representative.

Miss Naidoo states that the crux of the problem is the Indian woman's natural modesty and conservatism.

Is modesty, natural or acquired? Assuming it is natural, why is modesty more prevalent amongst Indian a human trait? I don't believe it as a thing we are apart from all races. Biological differences there may be, but, basically people the world over are the same. I say that almost the same amount of "natural modesty" is to be found in women of other races, so this as a reason is OUT.

Miss Naidoo, you can't have your cake and eat it. In one breath you state that Indian girls are conservative and in another you say that they are not backward or orthodox. Conservatism to a certain degree is appreciated, but when it stands in the way of genuine progress and modernism (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH WESTERNISATION) then it ceases to be called conservatism but downright backwardness and orthodoxy.

You say that Indian women do play their part in sport "in good time." Its exactly 99 years since we came to this country and a hundred years isn't good time for anything to happen in, then I am a monkey's uncle.

As for the devastating snub few years ago I did experience a snub of sorts from a girl whom I couldn't have done more than she did to me at HIAT and fortunately the generator levelled my mind and today—Mrs. Ronnie Govender.

A word of advice to you sir, Miss Naidoo! Girls, if you are a student of sociology, psychology. These social sciences are still unexplored territories and it would be advisable to accept them as a challenge. The dissect that you have all the knowledge and experience to roll your own into which could do much towards these women.

Indian Centenary plans

EDUCATIONAL TRUST UNDER CONSIDERATION

By a Leader Reporter



Leaving considerably ahead is young and pretty Soorchana Naidoo, who is leaving for India on a two years' tour of the sub-continent. She will be accompanied by her grandfather, Mr. G. V. Naidu, and her younger brother, Deenadyalu. She is going to make it a study-cum holiday and when she comes back, well, we know what to expect!

THE establishment of an educational trust, devoted to providing higher education for Indian and African students, specific aspects of Indian life and history in South Africa, are and the publication of a number of monologues dealing with the Indian Centenary Committee, as a means of perpetuating the memory of the 1860 settlers.

Revealing this, Mr. S. G. Naidoo, organising secretary of the committee, in an exclusive interview with the "Leader," said that the main project, that is so far receiving considerable support, is the establishment of an educational trust. "As the theme of the centenary celebrations will be 'The Indian in South Africa,' referring to course to the life and struggle of the Indian people in South Africa and their contribution to the country as well as to the multi-racial character of the country, there is widespread feeling that such a trust should not be for the benefit of Indian students only," he added.

Mr. Naidoo said that it was widely recognised that among the greatest need were African and Indian students, and that the committee was now studying the best way in which the trust can carry out its objectives. "There has been the suggestion that separate funds should be set up for Africans and non-Africans. It has also been suggested that one fund may be wiser with separate funds earmarked according to the wishes of the donors for the benefit of African or other students," he said.

NOT IRRITABLE

Asked whether such a trust will include Africans to effect its administration, Mr. Naidoo replied that there was nothing definite yet as the committee's terms of reference. "For instance, we intend approaching the sugar magnates for funds, and they might suggest that the trust should have a representative of the Sugar Employers' Association on the board of control. Therefore nothing could be said of the composition of the trust at the moment."

Elaborating on the objects of the educational trust, Mr. Naidoo said it would also provide scholarships for post-graduate students who will undertake research, providing that the research was in some way linked to the life and history of the Indian people in South Africa. "These ideas," Mr. Naidoo pointed out, "are still being worked and and the proposed project will be put before the Natal Indian Centenary Conference which will be held in Durban on Sunday, March 6 at the Vedic Hall, Carlisle Street."

"Conference will also have before it plans for the publication of a number of monologues dealing with specific aspects of Indian life and history in South Africa. Anybody who has any material likely to be of value in this respect, or undertaking any research project should get in touch with the Indian Centenary Committee without delay so that our resources may be put to the best use and all efforts properly co-ordinated."

SPECIALISTS

It is also understood that several prominent individuals, each a specialist in a particular field, will be compiling volumes on different aspects. Dr. S. Cowpan is understood also to be working on the progress of Indian education, while another individual is already working on land rights and land tenure.

SALARY SCALES — TEACHERS PUZZLED

INDIAN teachers in Natal appear to be puzzled and are somewhat in the dark about their new salary scales. Mr. Arthur D. Lazarus, national president of the Natal Indian Teachers' Society said at a farewell meeting last week accorded to Dr W. G. McConkey, who retired as Director of Education.

Mr Lazarus said that Indian teachers have been badly disillusioned by the new consolidated salary scales and were now meeting in circumstances in which "we appear a little puzzled because it does not appear to us that we will get anything at all financially". It was difficult to understand the hang up the new scales and just what was going on, he said.

Asked to the teachers' frustration, because "we are being badly treated in respect of pay") was the great uncertainty which the Group Areas Act was bringing, Mr. Lazarus said, but in spite of all these which are "throttling us on all sides we can afford to look a little on the cheerful side this afternoon only because of the high esteem and respect in which we held Mr former Director".

On behalf of the 2,000 Indian teachers in the province Mr. Lazarus presented a studio couch to Dr. McConkey and a wrist watch to Mrs. McConkey.

In reply the former Director said that he first came into contact with Indian teachers some 28 years ago when he was a young Inspector of Schools.

When he was Director he gave high priority to the expansion of the Springfield Training College from which young teachers now come out with qualifications equal to that obtainable anywhere in the world.

Dr McConkey said that the Administration and the Department of Education are aware of the great sacrifices made by the Indian community in relation to its economic stability.

Among those present at the function were the new Director of Education, Mr. L. J. L. Bodeyet, and Mrs. Bodeyet.

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Hooliganism at Clairwood Show

WHAT was supposed to be a bright show was rudely marred by hooliganism at the Andhra Hall, when Saggy Govender staged his "Star's Night" to a capacity house.

The show started off on a quiet note but towards the middle of it some never-do-wells, obviously drunk, decided to make a scene at the back of the hall. A riot for all ensued and in the process many people were hurt. Women shrieked, men swore and fear by screaming and by the time the hooligans had finished with over when the police arrived. Most of the troublemakers took to their heels, but one was arrested.

The question the residents of Clairwood are asking is: "How long are we going to let this sort of thing happen to us?Can we take it lying down?"

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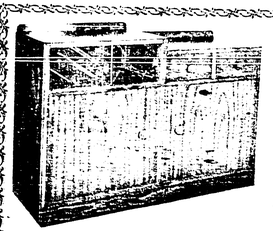
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(Usually the Fakir talks of events and personalities of interest to readers of "The Leader". This time, I propose to talk to a citizen of Durban whose name has been on everyone's lips these last few weeks.)

My dear Percy,

I hope you won't mind my addressing you with such affectionate familiarity, but you see, your deeds are so well known and you are so well-loved for them by all decent people that I feel as though I've known you all my life. (Please don't misunderstand me. I am not confusing you with that rather hatted character with bows and forked tail I was told about in Sunday School years and years ago. How can it?). You are really loved by the people of Durban, Percy. Especially by the 40,000 — or is the figure 25,000 — Indians at Cato Manor for whose betterment and comfort the City Council's Planning and Development Committee is progressing a Kwa Mashu at Umbilanzana.

Archbishop Hurley, Canon Wade, Alan Paton, Muhamthay Naicker, Ahmed Mosalla and all the 150,000 others who oppose this wonderful act of generosity do distort the truth so terribly, don't they, Percy, and his rails want to uproot 40,000 Indians they declaim with dismal gogic abandon. They might mislead the multitude, but they don't take you in, do they, Percy? But forty or twenty-five thousand, what's the difference between friends.

Of course it's a pity, such a pity, that in order to provide for the ultimate welfare of the City and of the Indians, the City Council of British Durban has to give the appearance of playing the Nationalist game better than Verwoerd himself. That's how too bad, and if it can't be helped, but don't you worry, Percy, but carry on with your acts of Charity and of Mercy. After all, when the late Mr. A. Hitler was faced with similar problems, he didn't waste time with gimmicks and housing schemes for Jews, did he? No, he just sent them to gas chambers.

Now not even your harshest critic could accuse you of that kind of monstrosity, could he, Percy? I certainly don't, for I understand from time to time that your intentions are of the best, and that you are everybody's friend, including the 25,000 (or 40,000 as the case may be) Indians at Cato Manor. In the meantime, of course, some people have to suffer for the common good. So, why should Indians they declaim with dismal Nobody's hapless if so that if that Indian wants to sell, he must find a White buyer. And that if an Indian in Cato Manor dies, his executor must sell to a White buyer. Of course, it may just happen by mere coincidence that upon his death his wife and children may get locked out right into the streets. But you can't help that, can you now, Percy?

Yours sincerely,
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THE BIRTHDAY

Mianraj R. R. Maharaj of Clare Estate, celebrated his coming-of-age recently by blowing out in a single breath every one of the 21 candles on his birthday cake. Photograph above shows Mianraj's Mum and Dad and some of their relatives smiling their approval at his feat.



MAHARAJ-MAHARAJ ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is to be announced between Kumlin Devi (Nicki) and Bisnath, Sheila is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cooser Maharaj of 41 Cartmel Road, Clare Estate, and her fiancee is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Barjnath Maharaj of 114 Brooklyn Road, Jacobs, a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pandit Mangalparsad of Tongaat.

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M. L. Sultan Tech. fund — £3,000 in five minutes

WITHIN five minutes of the launching of a building fund appeal for the Centenary programme of the M. L. Sultan Technical College to complete its 10-point plans approved for Durban, the College Council received £3,000 in donations, with Mr. A. M. Moolla opening the appeal with a personal donation of £500, followed by £300 by Mr. H. H. Dhupelia; J. B. Patel Brothers, £500; K. M. Pilay, £100; I. G. H. Bassa, £300; Jalbhay Rustomjee family, £300; Avalon Clothing Manufacturers, £300, Essa Hassim and Co., £300, P. R. Pather, £300, and an anonymous donation of £300.

The additional building project envisaged, will, on completion, cost £1,000 and this ambitious programme is within sight of realisation as the Council is making it possible even for the poorest individual to participate in it by asking for donors who would be asked to pay £5 upwards spread over two years.

In view of the fact that the College is of paramount importance, the members of the general public have been giving unstintingly to the College, which in a period of two years has become the premier institution for Indians in South Africa with a full-time enrolment of 900 and a part-time of 1,000 students.

When the new College building was formally established in 1954-56, an expenditure of £154,000 was raised thus enabling the College to erect buildings to the value of £126,000, together with the additional expenditure of £30,000 for machinery, plant and equipment. The College is now embarking on the completion of a multi-purpose hall to enable it to become the cultural centre of the Indian people in arts and crafts and all other forms of cultural activities so very necessary for the promotion of the welfare and development of the community. The project for the next two years will also include a Technical High School and it would be a wonderful occasion if this were to open sometime in munity.

November, 1960, to mark the centenary of the arrival of the Indians in this country. The opening of the technical high school will also indicate the progress the Indians have made, and how they have developed from a purely agricultural community.

Anniversary of great Poet and sage

The memory of one of the greatest South Indian poets and sages, Swami Thyagaraja, was once more brought to the fore when the South Indian Musical Association celebrated the 112th anniversary of this master at the Bharat Hall on Sunday before a representative gathering drawn from all walks of life.

Swami Thyagaraja devotees are ardent followers of his musical prowess (ans the occasion as a great event, and elaborate arrangements are made annually throughout the length and breadth of India to commemorate the sage's birthday. In South Africa the Swamy's memory is revived annually by the South Indian Musical Association, and this year's function was no less attractive, judged by the response and interest the function evoked.

Leading exponents of classical South Indian songs gave a superb rendering of the Telegu lyrics, which the Swami so profusely composed while in meditation, and among the singers were Mr. Muthoo Pillay, Balakrishna, Sarojah, Suryanarayana, J. R. Devar while among the women were Devagee Govender, Subaltra Naidoo, Meganathal Subrahana Naidu and Sawithri Naicker. The instrumentalists were S. Naidu on the Veena, and C. Cassim playing the violin, and the accompanists included M. Chittan and G. Daddy on the drums.

The function took on a dual note when the Association accorded a farewell reception to Mr. G. V. Naidu, its life Patron who is due to leave with his wife and two grandchildren shortly on a tour of the motherland.

In washing Mr. and Mrs. Naidu bon voyage Mr. S. R. Devar, the Hon. Life Vice-President of the Association, said that Mr. Naidu, as a Patron had rendered his valuable services at all times. Being a great philanthropist and a lover of the Tamil literature he has contributed a great deal towards the upliftment of the Tamil language and culture. Presided over by Mr. L. Morgan, the Association's chairman, the function was competed by Mr. M. S. Naidoo, the secretary.

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WOODLANDS SET NEW RECORD

Woodlands Indian High School set a record for this season in compiling a first innings total of 150 against Young Ortmans in a Pietermaritzburg B League cricket match at Pietermaritz Road last Sunday. Of this total, M. Y. Deedat hit 83 and M. S. Badat 41. Young Ortmans mustered 70 runs in their first innings, and 25 for none at stumps, thus giving Woodlands a single innings win by 80 runs.

In a C League match, L. S. Moodley (Natalians) clean bowled the last three Higher Grade School batsmen to achieve the distinction of securing the first hat-trick of the season.

Schools were dismissed for 34 runs in their first innings, L. S. Moodley capturing five wickets for 14 and A. Chochan four for 20. Natalians replied with 35 for none and so won by 10 wickets. Selva Pillay hit 25 runs of this total, and R. R. Maree got 10—both not out.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Orientals won the Pietermaritzburg A League championship for the second successive year. The final log is:

Orientals	23.92 points
Young Natalians	22.75 points
Royals	22.56 points
M.C.C.C.	22.24 points
Stars	22.02 points
Stella	21.18 points

FIXTURES

The following are the Pietermaritzburg Indian cricket fixtures for this weekend:

Saturday, at 2 p.m., Young Natalians v. Royals, No. 2.

Sunday, at 9 a.m., Knock-out Cup: Stars v. Orientals; Stella/Young Ortmans v. United; No. 1 v. No. 2. Knock-out Cup: Woodlands v. EPA; Old Boys' Association v. H.G. School, No. 2.

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Prayer and protest meeting

The mass prayer and protest meeting to be held on Sunday, March 1 at the Ahmedia School Grounds, 163 Bellair Road, Mayville, at 2.30 p.m. is expected to be one of the biggest meetings to be held in Mayville and surrounding areas, to protest against a plan to evict the 6,000 Indians in these areas to Umhlatuzana.

The meeting is being organised by the Mayville Cato Manor Housing Scheme, Second River, Cliffview and Stella Hill Indian Ratepayers' Associations, who have called upon all cultural, religious, social and sporting organisations to suspend all their activities for the day to make the meeting a success.

A particular appeal is being made to the women of the areas affected to attend in their thousands in order to demonstrate with their men-folk against the decision of the Planning and Development Control Committee of the Durban City Council to oust the residents from their homes.

The speakers failed to address the gathering are Dr. A. Babsdal, Professor Fatima Meer, Dr. E. P. Rajoo, Dr. S. Govender and Messrs. J. N. Singh and A. M. Moolla.



A mixture of different races and cultures accomplished what could be regarded a phenomenon when they sang kirtans at the Ramakrishna Birthday celebrations. Pictured above are Soni, Mrs. N. R. Pillay Dava Steenkamp, Mrs. Ruth Hittler and Bobby Naidoo.



Speakers from different religions and faiths addressed a large audience at the Shri Ramakrishna birthday celebrations and our picture shows them from left to right: Jordan Ngubane, who presided, Mrs. Devi Bhugwan, who moved the vote of thanks, Dr. Hilda Kuper, Dr. Zablith, and Swami Nischalanda.

People of different faiths praise Sri Ramakrishna

FOR the first time in the history of Hinduism in this country speakers professing different faiths spoke from a common platform to pay high praise to Sri Ramakrishna, one of India's greatest spiritual giants.

Presided over by an African, Mr. Jordan Ngubane, the speakers included distinguished scholars who themselves have risen to great heights in their particular fields — Dr. Hilda Kuper, an authority on Indian customs, traditions and religion, and Dr. Zablith, a Muslim, who began life as a Christian but later embraced Islam. He is a Doctor of Medicine of the Istanbul University, Turkey, and astounded his audience with his knowledge of the Hindu religion and philosophy and his familiarity with the Sanskrit terms and expressions.

Dr. Hilda Kuper spoke on the life of Sri Ramakrishna and what a storehouse of information she was to her listeners, most of whom were ignorant of this great sage.

"The ideal of Sri Ramakrishna," she said, "helps to bring together the people of different groups. The ideal of his humanity that Ramakrishna preached to the world less than a hundred years ago."

Dealing with the life of Ramakrishna, Dr. Kuper said that many great statesmanes belonged to a distant past and that what little had been handed to the generations that followed regarding their lives and teachings, were just by memory and imagination. Such were the cases with Buddha, Moses, Christ and Mohammed. But in the life of Ramakrishna there is something extraordinary for he was a man of our time. In him we see a concrete symbol of the attempt to bring together the people of different cultures and traditions and religions. Therefore the approach of the Ramakrishna Centre is both idealistic and practical and it is not a "creed of negation."

Dr. Zablith, saying that his speech had nothing to do with politics, took his audience into the hallowed realms of the Vedas, making them living realities, thus creating an occasion never before felt by the Hindus, to delve into their own literary world and unearth the treasure of which was their own.

A unique feature of the function was that Hindu kirtans were sung by an African woman, Mrs. Ruth Hittler, and a Hottentot couple Mrs. Dava Steenkamp. Their presentation of the Sanskrit words of the kirtans was perfect and the way they quilted themselves remarkable even in the Indian tunes.

The man behind all this activity, Nischalananda, the Head of the Centre, Always in the background, he has succeeded, in the face of bitter opposition by certain individuals who had their own axe to grind, to evoke such a wide interest in the movement. He has even extended his activity over the borders of South Africa, and what is more, he has a large number of European followers.

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The Dead Irishman and the Dead Indian!

A comparison between the Irishman and the Indian began the Natal Indian Teachers' Society's farewell reception to Dr. W. G. McCroskery, Natal's ex-Director of Education, on a Saturday morning, last Saturday.

To add to this, Mr. Arthur Lazarus, I.T.S. President in presenting a wrist-watch to Dr. McCroskery, gave instruction to the Doctor to review the services of his wrist, by putting it on the wrist of his better half. Dr. McCroskery clipped the watch on the hand of his wife, but not without some difficulty.

Dr. McCroskery referred jocularly to Mr. Lazarus's opening remarks about Indians as the worst funeral orators in the city. Since the concert could not take place, there was food to regale. The other guest, Dr. McCroskery and then a Hindustani died his friends would gather to keep the corpse company. While doing so, they would consume copious drinks, and of course of course more and more cheered as the night wore on.

Whereupon, Mr. Lazarus described the plight of the Indian corpse, which also had to bear with a lot of noise and 2 to 3 number of people for company.

Looking at the attaché case which Dr. McCroskery presented them, Dr. McCroskery said he want to make you envious but think of one attached case to be given with my wife doing the housework chores at the end of the lesson. Of course he has not yet retired but he can look at the watch, which you have given him, an hint she is being one that or that from time to time."

Rousing laughter filled the hall.



The imposing new building at Stanger.

NEW SUGAR GROWERS' HALL

"Leader" Reporter

A MAGNIFICENT building, which could be said to be a landmark commemorating the 1860 pioneers, was opened last week in Stanger. It is the Natal Indian Sugar Cane Growers' Hall, one of the most imposing structures on the Natal North Coast, which was opened by Dr. G. S. H. Rousseau, chairman of the Sugar Industry Central Board. Mr. H. Bodasing had laid the foundation stone at the same function.

The building was made possible by the contribution of levies by the Indian sugar growers.

In his address, Dr. Rousseau paid tribute to the Association and the Indian sugar growers for their sacrifice in establishing new offices and a hall that was really outstanding. He referred to the late Mr. N. Bodasing and said that the latter approached him in 1936 in connection with the establishment of the Association. Dr. Rousseau also touched on the remarkable progress made by the Association in the sugar industry and described it as an essential instrument in carrying out the Industrial Agreement between millers and growers.

Mr. H. Bodasing, the president of the Association said that one of his life's ambitions was that the Association should have its own modern and up-to-date building and offices in keeping with the position and dignity of the Association fully furnished and this had been achieved.

The Mayor of Stanger, Mr. Les Lawsperre, congratulated the Cane Growers' Association for its project which cost a considerable amount of money and would be an essential amenity and asset to Stanger as a whole. As a sugar farmer himself, he was happy of the project of the Indian sugar growers.

Mr. F. M. Moolla, ex-councillor, paid tribute to the Association and the chairman, Mr. H. Bodasing. He also paid tribute to the secretary, Mr. D. D. Lalla, and felt that he had assisted to a great extent in the development of the Association.

Mr. S. L. Singh, a prominent social worker of Durban, paid tribute to the Association and referred amongst its numerous donations the sum of £8,000 to the M.L. Sultan Technical College.

Miss Pooja Bodasing garlanded Dr. Rousseau.

Child welfare Plea to women

AN appeal for more women members to join in the work of the Durban Indian Child Welfare Society was made by Mr. R. S. Ori, secretary of the Society, in his annual report submitted at the annual general meeting of the Committee recently.

"It is regrettable to note that so far we have had only one lady member on the local committee. It is hoped, however, that more lady members would come forward and join us in the coming year," he added.

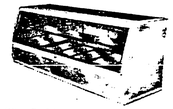
Stating that the Local Committee had received the "full co-operation and practical assistance" from the entirely community of Avoca and districts, Mr. Ori said: "We wish to state that our work is not only centred around case supervision but goes far afield into its associated branches. With the upgrading of the Indian community from Duff's Road, there has been a definite inflow of people who have settled in Avoca and its environs. There is evidence that many other families are recipients of Government Maintenance Grants among the newcomers and to supervise these cases, however, more members are necessary."

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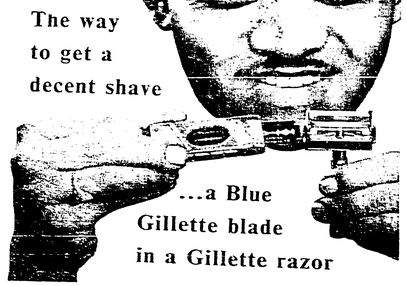
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Gaekwad leads Indian team

MADRAS, Monday. — D. K. Gaekwad has been appointed captain of the Indian cricket team to tour England this summer, it was announced here today.

The 30-year-old Gaekwad was a member of the last Indian team to tour England in 1952.

He played in one Test on the England tour and in all first class matches, scored 852 runs for an average of 25.48 on the trip.

Gaekwad has gained six Indian caps, the last being in the fifth Test match against the West Indies a fortnight ago when he scored 6 and 52. It was his only appearance in the series.

★ The Government of Pakistan has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 50 thousand for the award of scholarships to Buddhist students in Pakistan for the year 1958-59.

Candid Commentary . . . by Politicus

The Mayor's refusal to call meeting

THE Mayor's refusal to convene a meeting in terms of a requisition by 51 well-known White citizens reflects just how every section of the community is steadily losing its rights.

The requisition, signed by men and women who are held in high esteem in the public life of the City, made a simple request—that the Mayor call a meeting of citizens to consider a simple resolution reading: "This meeting of citizens of Durban regards the ultimate removal of Indians from Cato Manor as morally indefensible and as imposing an intolerably financial burden beyond the resources of the City."

The resolution called on the City Council to "do everything possible to prevent this grave injustice."

In refusing to call the meeting, the Mayor states that it is his wish that neither he nor his deputy should be "involved" with the convening of the meeting.

But to cover up his sense of guilt which must be enormous in the circumstances — and as a sop to the people he had snubbed, he Mayor offered them the City Hall "free of charge" so that they could hold a meeting of "their own."

There is no precedent for this attitude by the Mayor. It is the duty of the Head Citizen of Durban not to refuse to sit down to the discussion of such questions. Some of the most successful Mayors of Durban have been those who have been prepared to sit down to the most controversial questions in the interests of the City.

Nevertheless, the Mayor, even the meeting a "private" meeting, has a duty to call it. His refusal is one to draw a dagger in the picture. Citizens must put it on his face to believe that the meeting — the first one to discuss Durban's future — will be held.

The fact is that Mayor Smith's colleagues are playing a nationalist game — and they are not doing at all badly, that is so.

While one must welcome the wonderful gesture of protest on the part of our White compatriots one must not lose sight of the fact that Cato Manor is but one part of the whole monster of Indian areas.

While commending them, we cannot lose sight of the fact that the Indian community is and will not, we smell the rat, monstrous growth, areas is being scrapped. That is the fear of the Indian people.

Councillor Check says that actually 25,000 Indians will lose their homes and business in Cato Manor and not 40,000. Should know that even if the figure were a mere twenty-five, it will be an act of speculation to the best Nazi tradition. To be removing" 25,000 people is to give as extermination as for Mr. Check!

Clairwood activities

The first issue of Clairwood Comment, a children's magazine, has made its appearance in the streets of Clairwood and its environs, and it contains much interesting reading matter written by the boys and girls of the area. The cover-page, harbouring the aim of the magazine, the service the people of Clairwood, the assistance and co-operation they should render to the different sporting associations, the assistance welfare organisations, five unfortunates needs, the different sporting associations and the thousand and one interesting things which happen in Clairwood . . . calls for its readers to choose their own Sportsman of the Year.

"We do not want to do it our-

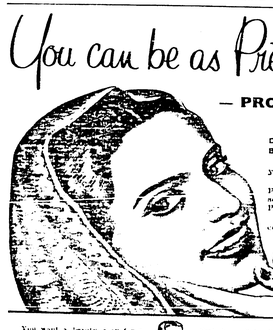
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City Councillors become, and be open to question is their sense of fair play and of giving the other side a hearing, that the Mayor can resort to such action, and speak at first being involved in any way.

If the Mayor had accepted the request and convened the meeting and presided there, he would not have given assent to any resolution passed.

All he was called upon to do was to convene the meeting and preside there in person or by his deputy. He was not called upon to move or support the resolution, the idea being that the views of at least an influential group of citizens should be heard by the City Council.

There is another aspect . . . common one in some respects. The Mayor is not content to let citizens call their own meetings; he instructs his deputy to advise them about it. Perhaps he is quite right about it. Archbishop Hurley — we do not put it: Mr. Sham's reference to planning police opinion — raises out of the fact that most South African citizens are not sure where he stands.



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Letters to the Editor

Graduation boycott — "Leader" congratulated

Sir,—I congratulate you on your editorial "Proposed Boycott of Graduation." It is timely advice for the graduands to reconsider their decision of boycotting the graduation.

We must vehemently protest against the segregation policy, but we must at the same time accept and appreciate what is given, even though it may be a small part of what is desired. Experience has taught us Indians that this is a wiser approach to our many demands in this country than to ask for "all or nothing at all." Having been granted a just deal in so far as the students are concerned, we must pursue the demand for complete abolition of segregation. In this way we shall retain the goodwill and support of our many European friends in our demand, and at the same time achieve our goal sooner than by adopting "boycotts" policies.

It has been pointed out that at the Wits and Cape Town Universities there is no segregation when it comes to seating at the graduation ceremonies. This is in consonance with their non-segregation policy at lectures. At the University of Natal there is segregation in so far as lectures are concerned so why go to the University of Natal there is extent of a boycott when the non-European is not allowed to sit next to Europeans at graduation ceremonies. Candidly I would rather sit happily with members of my Colour than to sit next to a "White skin" who might snub me or feel uncomfortable in my company. The University authorities cannot altogether disregard "White" public opinion.

SAPRU.

Fate of a sports ground

Sir,—In The Leader dated February 6, you printed a letter from a correspondent, "A Sportsman," who asked some pertinent questions regarding the fate of the Flitz-simmons Road Indian sports grounds.

"A Sportsman" wanted to know whether the Indian sports headquarters will be retained at Flitzsimmons Road or will they be re-sited elsewhere within the city limits or will they be removed by the City Council to the Northdale township?

These questions were directed through the medium of The Leader to the Maritzburg Indian Sports Grounds Association who had appointed a sub-committee to seek another interview with the City Council's Parks Committee. Did that interview take place? The Indian Sports Grounds Association should lift the veil of secrecy and make public the result of that interview.

ANOTHER SPORTSMAN

Pietermaritzburg.

Sastri and Kathiawad

Sir, — Kindly allow me to reply to the letter written by "Anti-Sectionalist" in "The Leader" dated February 6. He applauds Sastri College for the method of admitting students which he avers is based strictly on merit and censures the two new Durban Indian high schools for admitting pupils on other considerations

Is it at all necessary to unduly praise Sastri College in order to condemn the two new high schools?

Is it an absolute fact that the Sastri people are nothing but fair and just? Has he made proper investigations? Are the accusations levelled against the Kathiawad High based on any truth at all?

Is he able to authenticate them? If he is unable to do so he should be decent enough to withdraw false charges.

MAKANJEE

Durban

DEATH OF MR. C. F. PRETORIUS

A pioneer in the non-European hotel trade in Natal, Mr. Casper Francois ("Frank") Pretorius, proprietor of the Windsor Hotel, died in Pietermaritzburg on Friday at the age of 57 years and was buried on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Pretorius was born in the Free State, but spent all his business life in Natal. He was manager of the Ascender Co-Op before buying the Masonic Hotel in Dundee. He sold that in 1953 and became manager of the Crown Hotel in Ladysmith. In December of that year he bought the Windsor Hotel in Pietermaritzburg.

He had long realised the enormous possibilities in the non-European hotel trade, and on about bringing his scheme to reality. He converted the Windsor into an inter-racial hotel, but this met with opposition from the Government and he was forced to convert the Windsor into a completely non-European hotel.

GRANTED LICENCE

Last week, a few days before his death, he was granted a licence to open a non-European hotel in Ladysmith at the time of his death he was also the potential licencee of a new Indian hotel at Rietfontein. His death at a comparatively young age prevented his plans from reaching fulfilment. He died after a long illness.

Mr. Pretorius was an elder of the Sederdelike Gereformeerde Kerk in Pietermaritzburg. At one time it was rumoured that he would stand for nomination in one of the Coloured Parliamentary seats at the last election.

He is survived by his wife and five children, including a set of twins.

Debates

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Alfred Ena, will move, "That this House, by losing his contact with nature, is heading towards his own doom," at the next sitting of Durban's national Parliament on Wednesday, March 4 at 8 p.m. at the Natal University City Buildings, Warwick Avenue.

On Wednesday, March 18, the House will debate a counter-motion that Frank Worrall's West Indies team should carried in procession sporting personality will lead the debate.

"The Leader" Editorial

The protest—all honour to Archbishop Hurley

ALL honour to Archbishop Hurley for the lead he has given to at least a section of European public opinion in Durban. That section is probably only a small minority, but its expression of protest over the zoning of Cato Manor as a European area is none the less welcome.

It is probably doubtful whether it will rouse the conscience of European Durban, and still more doubtful whether even if it does that will prevent the Government's going forward with its zoning plans. The new Minister of the Interior, Mr. Naude, seems to be digging his feet in firmly and taking refuge in saying that it is too late to do anything as the proclamation has already been made.

(It is odd, isn't it, how sacred, how irrevocable, how difficult if not impossible to withdraw, a mere proclamation is when it suits the Government's convenience to keep it in being. We had not noticed from members of the present Government any reluctance to sweep aside laws which they regard as inconvenient—even when they were specially safeguarded by constitutional provisions. As witness, the entrenched rights of the Coloured voters. This, however, is by the way: it is merely to point out that Mr. Naude could very well withdraw his proclamation if he wanted to.)

It may perhaps be that the resolute action taken by various prominent citizens and Church leaders, principally Archbishop Hurley, has already had some effect. Councillor Osborn's statements defending the decision (for which he appears to have a considerable responsibility) have an unmistakably defensive note. Moreover, he and the Minister seem to have been forced to commit themselves to doing a great deal more in the way of providing better housing than we can be convinced they were originally thinking of doing. They have been forced to do something to counter Archbishop Hurley's bold statement that nothing less than an act of piracy was about to be committed. The Minister has at least now appointed a committee to advise him on the provision of housing, which is something, and the Minister and City Council's Planning and Development Control Committee appear to have committed themselves to using no compulsion to effect removals until "adequate" housing is available elsewhere.

This is something—and for it, we strongly suspect, we have to thank the critics, and no one else. But it is not clear that the whole scheme remains open to sharp criticism. However much may be done to develop Umhlatuzana from the "undeveloped wilderness" that it is at present, it will still entail heavy loss for many people to have to move so far out of Durban. Indeed, so far as we can see, transport is going to be a heavy burden for all workers who are to be settled there. And as Archbishop Hurley quite rightly points out, Councillor Osborn has been evasive about the fate of the Indian business farmers whose land will have to be expropriated. It is on no answer to say that they will receive fair compensation. Even assuming that they do, what are they to do in future? Where are they to acquire other farms? If they cannot acquire them, what other occupations are they to follow? No doubt when European property owners are expropriated, it is usually necessary for them to receive fair compensation for their land, because so many other occupations are open to them. But there are not so many occupations open to Indians, and already there is heavy unemployment among them.

In any case, we are frankly sceptical of the feasibility of doing much to develop Umhlatuzana to a satisfactory pitch. It is quite clear that despite official optimism money is getting tighter and tighter. It is all very well for Councillor Osborn to point rosy pictures of what, we gather, would rescind a garden suburb, and to assure us that the Government will pay for it all. But where is the Government to get the money from?

First-aid appeal to meet

The Red Cross Society of South Africa has issued an appeal to members of the public to join the Indian Men's Detachment 27 and the YMCA in Pietermaritzburg so that they may be of assistance in case of misfortune.

Classes are held every Friday evening between 5.45 and 7.15 at Red Cross House, 303 Pietermaritz Street where lectures are delivered free in First Aid and Home Nursing. Persons interested in joining these classes should present themselves at this address by the District Commissioner, Mr. G. S. Naicker, or at the annual general meeting of the Indian Men's Ambulance Detachment 27 of the Red Cross Society, held in the Cato Inst Friday evening, the Regional Commissioner for Natal, Mr. E. C. J. van der Westhuizen, complimented the members for the unsel services rendered to the comm He said that the Detachment was the best among Indian in country with an unbroken re of success in the annual com petitions for First Aid in Natal.

A large gathering of Europ and Indians watched the pre ation exhibition of "The Red Cr of Life", after the meeting closed.

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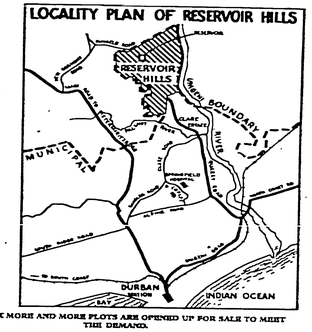
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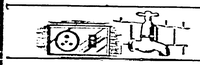
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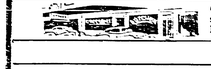
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MESSAGE OF THE STARS
★ BY "SHASTRI" ★

The Wheel of Fortune for February 27 to March 5 for people born under the 12 Zodiac signs is as follows:

Aries-Mesha (March 21 to April 20): There is indication of changes which may affect your status and open up new opportunities for income, domestic matters and future prospects. Good days, March 2 and 4, 5.

Taurus-Vrishi (April 21 to May 20): Fairly good week; pointing-fingers will decrease. Make advancement in important matters. Avoid disputes with relatives and be calm and cautious in all of your transactions. Good days, March 1, 5; bad, 3, 4.

Gemini-Mithuna (May 23 to June 21): Good period for solving personal problems. Lessening of tensions are denoted. Deal carefully with people of inferior position and with outstanding financial affairs. Good days, March 4, 5; bad, 2, 3.

Cancer-Karka (June 22 to July 22): Good health, deal carefully with people of inferior position, avoid disputes and friction with relatives and associates. Good days, March 1, 2; bad, 4, 5.

Leo-Singh (July 23 to August 22): Show in your prospects and ambitions. Early financial prospects will be dull. Avoid risks and be keen and cautious. Good days, March 2, 4; bad, 2, 5.

Virgo-Kanya (August 22 to September 22): Good week for arrangement of family life and friendship. Home interests and matters dealt with property and money should be tackled personally and carefully. Good days, March 4, 5; bad, 2, 3.

Libra-Tula (September 23 to October 22): Financial matters, income, travel, changes in routine work seem to be brisk. Push your affairs to utmost level for better results. Good days, March 2, 3; bad, 4, 5.

Scorpio-Vrischika (October 23 to November 21): Personal interests, income and all financial matters, transactions with kindreds and associates seem to be brisk, but require careful attention. Good days, March 3, 4; bad, 1, 5.

Sagittarius-Dhan (November 22 to December 22): Avoid extravagance and do not indulge in whims and fancies. Matters resulting from activities which occurred in the past times should be dealt with cautiously. Good days, March 1, 5; bad, 2, 4.

Capricorn-Makar (December 23 to January 20): A good week for vacation and family matters. Financial and personal matters need careful attention. Avoid hasty actions and disputes. Good days, March 1, 3; bad, 4, 5.

Aquarius-Kumbha (January 21 to February 19): Home interests, relations with work associates, ambitions, plans in motion and financial matters seem to be brisk. Avoid risky ventures, keep to familiar paths. Good days, March 1, 2; bad, 4, 5.

Pisces-Meena (February 20 to March 20): Better aspects are shown in most of your projects, but some snags are denoted with some of your associates in connection with money matters and require careful attention. Good days, March 4, 5; bad, 1, 2.

THE GOOD DAYS

For business generally March 1. Changes and removals, March 1, 2, 5. Seeking employment, March 4. Marriage, courtship, love and pleasure, March 1, 2, 4. Signing documents, March 5, 6. Appointment with medical adviser, March 4, 5. Family matters, March 2, 6. Social matters, March 4. Planting or sowing crops underground, February 27, 28, March 4, 5.

Rainy, unsettled weather is expected about February 27 to 28 and March 2 to 5.

The lucky numbers to apply on the turf on February 28 are: 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9 or 10, 12, 14, 16, 18. Colours: Red, blue. Green yellow.

—SHASTRI.

READER'S QUERY

Question: From Pinetown "R.M." writes: I would be glad if you could tell me what are the prospects of twin females or males born on the same day after the half-hour from the birth of the first child. How does their future life stand?

Answer: Twin sisters were born on October 20, 1925, in Sydney, Australia. When they were 10 years old one of them went to stay with her grandmother in Melbourne, where she swallowed a marble when showing off as a magician. In Sydney at the same time her sister also swallowed a marble. They were both given Ten years later one twin was in London, the other in Sydney. On their birthday the sister in London was in a car when she saw a friend walking on the road. She stopped out her head to call to her friend the car swerved to avoid a dog, which saved the young woman from crashing her head against a post. At the same moment her sister had an identical experience in Sydney. Both dogs were fox terriers.

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Thus runs the narrative to Raj Kapoor's Grand Prix winner, "Jagte Raho" (Keep Awake") to be released at the Shah Jehan from Monday, March 2. Starring Pradeep Kumar, Sumitra Devi, Smiti Biswas, Daisy Irani, Motilal, with Raj Kapoor donning the mantle of the central figure, the film has a moral appeal to the masses.

Briefly, the story runs thus: On a dark, ominous night, a young man from a village attired in dirty tattered clothes, his lips parched with thirst, searched for water in the sleeping city. Looking through the gates of a building he saw water. He sneaked inside, cupped his hands to have a drink, but before a drop of water had wetted his throat, someone suddenly shrieked: "Thief! thief!"

The man from the village was in a panic and fan towards a winding staircase and took refuge in someone's bathroom. And hiding behind a water drum he saw that "thieves" were already at work there, but it was a peculiar kind of tactic. From one flat to another, from one room to the next he was stunned and perused, finding himself the unwilling witness of many a peculiar scene — some theft, some robbery, some crime was being committed in those abodes of the rich and respectable.

And thus in that half night, the villager ideally observed that respectability wears a mask, and when the mask is blasted away by the explosion of fear and panic caused by the advent of the thief who was not a thief, then everyone is revealed in his true colours and hideous countenance.



Mr. and Mrs. Rajnath P. Mohanmish at the opening ceremony of the Candella Samatan School.

NEW SCHOOL OPENED

Mr. Rajnath P. Mohanmish, a prominent member of the Durban Indian community, officially opened the Candella Samatan Governmentaided Indian School, under the auspices of the Shree Sanathan Rastra Samatan.

The event was marked by prayers and the chanting of kirtans by the Candella Branch of the Ramakrishna Centre. The presiding chairman, Mr. Babulal Maharaj, read cables of officials and members of the Samatan for their ardent work in the field of education. This achievement, he added, was initiated by the then chairman of the School Board, the Principal, Messrs. A. C. Chetty and D. Thomas, the Grantee, Mr. K. R. Govender, and other officials and members.

Giving a brief history of the school, the Secretary, Mr. R. R. Maharajh, said that over a period of 22 years the Samatan had achieved a unique distinction by owning four plots of land and a school building consisting of 16 classrooms, providing the educational needs of over 1,000 children in the morning and afternoon. The total assets of the Samatan now stood at over £15,500.

Mr. Maharajh thanked the following for their assistance and guidance: The officials of the School and the Samatan; The Natal Indian Teachers' Society, Muslim Charitable Trust, Ruthmoge Gounden, T. V. S. Thakar Mupath, Dewan Singh, B. R. Singh Sookraj-singh, N. V. Iyer, Babulal Maharaj, Ramlall Maharajh, B. M. Chetty, Ramanand D. Maharajh, Mrs. G. Rampersaudh and the Durban Public House Trust.

At the same function a farewell was accorded to Mr. K. R. Govender, paid a high tribute to the work of Mr. Narayndu who, he said, had identified himself with the education of the community for the past 40 years. During his term of office much progress had been noted and Mr. Govender thanked him for his skilful administration of the affairs of the school.

Replying, Mr. Narayndu thanked the Samatan and dwelt on many aspects of his stay at the school and promised to continue his welfare work in the district.

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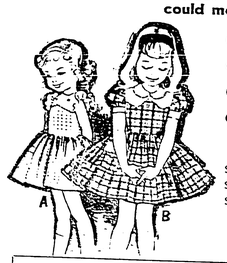
Fisticuffs: A savage film fight may not look like a Fred Astaire dance routine but it is plotted in the same manner, according to Fred Shelley, a rugged stunt man whose job it was to simulate the fine art of film fisticuffs to Andy Griffith, star of Warner Bros.' new comedy "Onionhead."

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I am an expert on Indian food, and when I am not bitten by the "travel bug," I literally spend my weekends in the kitchen, trying to work out new recipes much to the annoyance of the Good Old Woman.

Lately, I haven't been doing much at all. I have improved on my famous curry recipe, and I'm sure you'll be impressed when I tell you the secret.

I am also fond of kedgeree, which most English dictionaries describe as a stew of eggs, rice, butter, vegetables, etc., but!, After reading that colourless description of an important Indian delicacy I have a funny feeling in my mouth!

Thank goodness, the dictionaries haven't taken any liberties with my beloved samoosa. It has been left most altogether in the Oxford Dictionary, and that is just as well, I would hate people to call it an Indian pie.

COMPETITION RESULT

Guess Who—Competition No. 3 invited hundreds of entries, most of them correct ones. I put all the entries in a big basket, mixed them up, and picked out, at random, a correct one. The lucky winner is Miss Dhoma Dora who will be rewarded with a gift token from THARA DEVI, of P.O. Box 156, Tongaat, Natal. She gets five shillings.

REPLY

M. LOGIE (15) 6 Houghton Road, Cornwood: There were hundreds of correct entries in this and other competitions to which you refer. It would be impossible for me to give prizes to all. Only the first correct entry opened gets a prize. It does not matter whether you win your entry early or late. Fairness: all the entries are put into a basket, mixed and the first correct entry picked at random gets the prize. I hope this explains your query.—CHACHAIAN.

PEN PALS

RONY GOVENDER (17), 374 Edith Swales V.C. Drive, Rossburgh, Durban would like pen pals from any part of the world. Interests: collecting film star photos, cinema.

RONNY PONNSAMY (13) c/o Mattioon's Butchery, Raisethorpe, P.M. Burg, Natal. Interests: collecting coins, reading comics and boxing.

P. NELSON (16), 1397 Bluff Road, Fynnland, Durban, Natal would like pen friends from the Union and overseas. Interests: swimming, cinema.

GANSON NAIR (18), 22 Protea Road, Springfield, Overport, Durban. Desires pen pals from the Union. Interests: listening in to radio, cinema.

ABDUL KADER (16), 40 Rivers-side Road, Durban North, Durban, Natal. Interests: cinema, swimming, reading.

ISMAIL KHAN (12), P.O. Box 25 Park Rynie, Natal would like to have pen friends from any part of the Union. Interests: singing, cinema, reading.

VASE PILLAY (14), 19 Kenton Place, Wentworth, Natal, wants pen friends in the Union. Interests: sewing and knitting.

NUNDIALL RAMAN (14), c/o L. M. Hadjeejee, Private Bag, Durban. Interests: correspondence, studies.

LESLIE MUNSAMY (14), c/o Ellenroe Hotel, Snell Parade, Durban. Interests: general.

G. ALLY (18), 250a Grey Street, Durban would like to have pen friends from the Union and overseas.

DADDY NAIDOO (16), 9 Indian School, P.O. Felston, Natal. Interests: reading, cinema, sports.

VICKEY LALJITH (16), P.O. Box 94, Isipingo, Natal. Interests: reading, drawing.

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MICHAEL PEERES (14), P.O. Box 65, Isipingo, Natal. Interests: cinema, reading, sports.

P. SOOBRAMONEY (16), Kathoba Gandhi School, P.O. Felston, Natal. Interests: reading, stamps.

DOLLY MOHGAN (14), P.O. Box 104, Glencoe, Natal. Girl pen friends. Interests: music, knitting.

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WITH C. G. MOODLEY

A MOMENTOUS chapter is destined to be written into the history of this country next year. For it will mark the centenary of the arrival of the first settlers from India, the Golden Jubilee of the formation of the Union of South Africa and, nearer home on the local sports fields, the Maritzburg and District Indian Football Association will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee.

MDIFA secretary Harry Ramdass draws attention to these coincidences in the preamble to his report which will be tabled at the 50th annual general meeting of the Association this Saturday afternoon at the Shree Vishnu Temple School.

He pays tribute to those men who had pioneered the sport for the benefit of Pietermaritzburg's Indian community towards the close of the last century, and to those who had afterwards taken over the mantle of office and helped to foster the game. Mention too is made of players who had placed the City on the map down through the years.

"Sport plays a significant part in the advancement and development in the lives of everybody and this is no less true of the Indian community" declares the report.

The year under review could rightly be regarded as an historic one. It was during this year that many revolutionary changes had taken place — the implementation of the Reconstitution Commission's Recommendations, bringing about two zones, Southern and Northern Natal, under a Federal Natal body. By far the most important change effected was the total elimination of Saturday and Sunday cup-ties as such, with the consequent result that a player is restricted in playing for only one club. This does away with the unfortunate position that prevailed in the past which required him to be a 'one club' man.

SATISFACTORY

Taking everything into account adds the report, the past season had been very satisfactory. This was mainly due to the splendid support given by the clubs. The secretary, however, points a note of appeal to the clubs to instruct their delegates to register a altered meetings of the Association.

The report adds: "Every year appeals are issued by the Association to clubs to assist in maintaining law and order on the playing fields. As a result of misbehaviour matches have had to be abandoned and the fixture list became congested. Only with the co-operation of club officials could there be any hope of the fixtures being completed."

Attention is also drawn to the fact that the City Council wants to remove the Indian sports grounds from Fitzsimmons Road to the Northdale township. The Sports Grounds Association is making strong endeavours to persuade the City Fathers to retain the sports headquarters within the City limits.

REFEREES

Regret is expressed in the report that the co-operation from the Referee's Association has not been satisfactory. Considerable difficulties were experienced last year because referees failed to fulfil their obligations. "Referees are an important adjunct to the game and I would like to issue another appeal to them to help us along," concludes the report.

At the same date and time the MDIFA's meeting will be held, the Maritzburg County Indian Football Association will assemble for their annual meeting at the Madressa Hall, Glyton Road, Pentrich.

UNEXPECTED SUCCESS

THE success of the non-European dance band contest which was inaugurated in the Pietermaritzburg City Hall last Saturday night exceeded the wildest expectations of its organisers, A. E. "Tatty" Lowe and Alfred Hope.

The ground floor of the hall was filled to capacity long before the start of the contest and the hardworking Ken Varrier, Des Williams, Arthur Varrier and Lowe had a miserable time in deciding on their first choice. This went to the Stardust Band, led by John Noel. Next came the Swing Tones (Jack Gangiah) and third was Mike's Serenaders (Michael Joseph).



CAVALLA TROPHY WINNER

Photograph above shows Stardust bandleader John Noel (second from right) smiling happily after winning the Cavalla Trophy in the contest arranged by A. E. "Tatty" Lowe and Alfred Hiltpo. Others in the picture are (left to right) Rythem Sextet bandleader E. Ray, who took fourth place, Michael Joseph of Mike's Serenaders (third) and Jack Naidoo (Swing Gangiah, second). See story above.

headquarters of the Institute is that an Indian woman who had left school after passing Standard IV some years ago, have entered for a refresher course. As soon as more women join and justify the institution of a separate class, they will be placed in the charge of a woman teacher.

Meanwhile, plans are going ahead branch of the M.U. Sultan Technical for the building of a full-time College on the Grove town Road site. The College's Finance Committee has issued an appeal to the public to contribute towards raising the balance of £5000 which is required to enable building operations to start next month.

ALARMED

RESIDENTS of the Pentrich and Camps Drift areas are alarmed over the decision of the Group Areas Board to zone the district for "White" occupation and they have petitioned officials of their ratepayers' Association to call a meeting at which they could publicly voice their protest.

Indians constitute the majority of the inhabitants of this district and have owned buildings and farmed their smallholdings nearly all their lives. Ruin faces these people if the district is zoned for "Whites" only.

A well-known Pentrich landowner said that the Pentrich and Camps Drift Ratepayers' Association has been lying dormant for some time and, consequently, the residents were deprived of a legitimate channel of obtaining redress for their grievances. Members of the Association this week petitioned their officials to call a public protest meeting to be held within 14 days.

ROOM FOR MORE

ALTHOUGH the Maritzburg Indian Technical Institute started its new session on February 9, the student enrolment has not been very encouraging.

Except in the typewriting division vacancies will exist in the dressmaking class, shorthand writing, bookkeeping, motor mechanics, radiotechnician, standards IV, VI and in the National Junior and Senior Certificate sections.

Students who have enrolled for the radio-repair course are asked to present themselves at the Nizamia School tomorrow (Friday) evening.

Prospective students living in the Plessislaer, Mt. Partridge and Edendale district are reminded that classes have been resumed at the Mt. Partridge branch.

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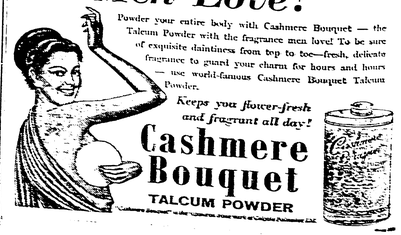
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Greenwood Park Sensations

CENTENARY BOYCOTT URGED



THE people of Greenwood Park have emphatically condemned the celebration in whatever manner, of the centenary of the arrival of the 1860 settlers, to be held next year. They are up in arms against the recently formed Greenwood Park Centenary Committee, which is in favour of celebrating the event "in a fitting manner." And last Sunday, over 800 of the residents passed a resolution calling upon the people in different centres of Natal to boycott local Centenary committees, refuse any support for them, and totally reject them.

Their reason for this attitude is that the Centenary Committees were formed without the consent of the people and that it was not the will of the people for any such celebration or commemoration.

Controversy has been raging in the Greenwood Park Area from the time a local centenary committee was formed on February 15. This committee, according to the residents, did not receive their sanction and that it was formed behind closed doors by a few individuals. It is further alleged that some members of the community who attempted to attend this meeting were turned away, whilst others were told that it was a "ladies meeting" and still more were told that it was a private meeting.

"This small group holding meetings in purdah cannot represent the wishes of the entire district and therefore we oppose such moves," they claim.

Following the formation of the Committee, Messrs. R. D. Pillay, Raver Hassim, B. S. Moodley, K. R. Pillay, M. P. Chetty and Mrs. G. Christopher sponsored [illegible]

Sunday's mass meeting in order to reaffirm the decision of the majority of the people of Greenwood Park.

Presiding over the meeting, Mr. R. D. Pillay asked: "Can the Indian community be in a fit mood to celebrate the event when over 40,000 Indians face eviction from their homes in Cato Manor, when 20,000 Indians are unemployed, and when thousands of Indian children are without schools? If we have to mark the event, we must do so with three people in these calamitous times, letting them every support we can."

Mr. Raver Hassim said that there was no happiness in the lives of the Indian people. "Our forbears came here and at the cost of their lives helped to build the country. If we want to remember their coming by building a permanent memorial to them, let us start with the building of unity of the oppressed peoples to fight for freedom."

Continuing, Mr. Hassim said that the Whites had a happy occasion to celebrate the Van Riebeeck's festival in 1952, the 1820 Settlers' celebration, and now the 50th Golden Jubilee of the Union of South Africa. "They are entitled to celebrate these events because they have achieved something. But what have we achieved, if it is

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INDIANS "SERIOUS PEOPLE"

ACCORDING to a Pittsburgh visitor to Durban, the Indians are a serious people who have a purpose in life.

Giving his opinion, Mrs. Q. N. Snyder, wife of a retired steel executive, who together with her husband visited the "Leader" office last week, said that she was very much impressed with Indian students she met every home in Pittsburgh. "They are very intelligent and nothing matters, except their studies."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, who had paid a last-minute courtesy call on the "Leader" before they sailed on the luxury liner, the S.S. Transvaal, said that this was the first trip to South Africa, although they had seen other parts of Africa several times. Their host, Mr. E. H. Cox, showing them places of interest, including the temples and mosques, the Sastri and Sultan Technical College. Incidentally, Mrs. Snyder told me that Mr. E. Vedan, Deputy Principal of the M.L. Sultan Technical College, who recently awarded a Carnegie Scholarship, to proceed to the United States, will be studying, stress, throw away from home in Shanley Park. "The Carnegie Trust is just before Vedan now here, and I am sure Mr. Vedan won't mind being a conscript of ours," she said with a cheerful pleasantness, all in one.

In Durban, Mrs. Snyder said that it was a "very beautiful city and we talked of the coming centenary celebrations of the Indians in Natal. "You could see people are proud of that, and how people give one the impression that they were here all the time, and they seem to be very proud of the added."

Time was running short, and while they were just on their way to the office, Mr. Snyder said he would be remarked: "I would like to see more millionaires. I would like to see the idea that the Communist governments are through as a menace."

Yvonne Barnard did not realise that our cameraman was busy "snapping" her just as she was relaxing during a session of rock 'n roll at the Himalaya Hotel last week. However she should have no qualms as she has provided readers of "The Leader" with a study in an unusual pose and, what is more, an attractive picture.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

POVERTY OF S.A. INDIANS

The Tamil, Telegu and Hindi speaking class of people earn on an average of £15 per month as compared with the European earning a corresponding figure of £45 per month. The Indian has to support four other persons at a cost of about £9 per month, whereas the European has to support only one other persons. Even if the Guzerati community, which is much wealthier, is taken into account and added to the other classes, the money spread over the family will not get about £3 ¼ per head per month.

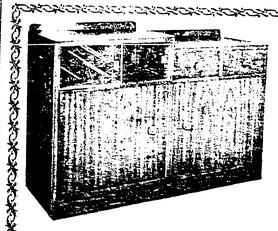
These interesting facts were revealed by Professor Leo Kuper, when he spoke on "Communist Organisation in Relation to Indian Poverty" at a meeting of the Working Committee of the Friends of the Sick Association held at the M.L. Sultan Technical College.

Professor Kuper said that 95 per cent of the Indians were concentrated in Natal and that there were very few avenues open to them. "The Civil Service has no outlet for Indian employment, and very few are employed by the Railways. There are very few openings in trade and commerce, and in Industry there seems to be a prejudice against employing Indians. In fact the Indians are being gradually replaced by the Africans and the tendency nowadays is to build industry as close as possible to the Reserves, which are a constant reservoir of cheap African labour."

Stating that a famine relief committee had been started, Professor Kuper said that it was not likely to be effective unless it has the full community support. "We are thinking of applying to international bodies, including the Oxford Famine Relief Committee, for help," he added.

He felt that if there were openings for Indians in the Civil Service and if the provincial barriers were open to them, then to an extent Indian poverty would have been eliminated. He suggested that the resources of the Indian community should be used by the community itself by opening its own ventures such as cottage industries to relieve the present worse unemployment position.

Professor Kuper also advocated the co-ordination of all Indian voluntary organisations as a basis for combating the serious threat of starvation.

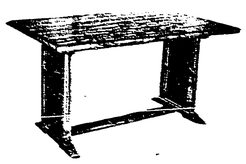


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