

# Personal

## Polish Table Tennis Champion Passes Through Cape Town



Samuel Schiff.

—the 1939 Polish table tennis champion, who was one of the 52 Polish refugees who passed through Capetown last week on their way to Palestine. (The story of their wanderings for some 22 months was told in last week's issue of the "Zionist Record" in the article entitled "A Modern Odyssey.") He was also a former member of the Polish Hanoar Hazioni.

Schiff is only 22 years old, and won the first of his national titles at the age of 15. In Swaythling Cup matches against other countries, he has had victories over well-known players in Ehrlich, Bellak, and his namesake, Sol Schiff, of the U.S.A.

In 1936 he was one of the quarter finalists when the world championships were held at Prague. In the 1937 tournament in Vienna he was in the last 16. He was also the

runner-up in the Lithuanian lawn tennis championships in 1937.

During his three days' stay in Capetown Schiff played several matches against local table tennis "cracks." A large exhibition match was due to have been held on Wednesday evening, 9th instant, but had, at the last moment, to be cancelled, owing to the unexpectedly early departure of the ship by which Schiff was sailing for Palestine.

### BLOCH'S HEBREW RHAPSODY To be Played by Miss Betty Pack

An event of interest to lovers of music is the announcement that Miss Betty Pack, the young South African 'cellist, will render Ernest Bloch's famous "Hebrew Rhapsody." This is the first performance of the work in this country as the parts have only just arrived here from America, where the celebrated composer resides.

Bloch recently celebrated his sixtieth birthday and the event was made a good deal of by American music-lovers at the time.

### Marriage of Miss Schneier and Mr. Witkin

The marriage took place at the Yeoville Synagogue on 3rd July of Miss Minna Schneier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Schneier, of Johannesburg, and Mr. Sydney Witkin, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. Witkin, also of Johannesburg.

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## Around the Cinemas

### "Washington Melodrama" at Metro

The story of a millionaire philanthropist who wants to send food to war-stricken Europe, but falls into the hands of blackmailers, forms the theme of "Washington Melodrama," the present attraction at the Metro. Murder and mystery both have their part in this tense drama, which has as its background the world-shaking events of to-day. Frank Morgan, who plays the millionaire, gives an accomplished performance in this exciting film, and Ann Rutherford, famous as Andy Hardy's sweetheart, plays her first romantic lead as a society girl. Many actual Washington locales, such as the ante-room of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, figure in the dramatic action.

### "Coast Guard" at Plaza

A stirring film of action and heroism is to be seen at the Plaza this week in "Coast Guard," a picture which has as its theme actual incidents in the history of the United States Coast Guard. The work of these hardy and adventure-loving men, whose responsibility it is to guard the shores of America, and whose varied duties may take them anywhere from Florida or California to Maine and Washington State, provides an exciting background to a familiar triangle story, in which Randolph Scott and Ralph Bellamy, two members of the Coast Guard, both love the same woman (Francis Dee). This thrilling romance drama will doubtless draw large audiences to the Plaza.

### "The Ghost Train" at Colosseum

The latest screen version of Arthur Ridley's famous stage play, "The Ghost Train" is to be seen at the Colosseum this week. Combining mystery and mirth with inimitable skill, "The Ghost Train" is one of the best thrillers ever written, and this new film of it is one of the most exciting pictures to have come to Johannesburg for some time. Arthur Askey heads a large cast, and his hilarious and irrepressible fooling is one of the high-lights of the picture. Other performances which contribute to its success are those given by Richard Murdoch, Kathleen Morrison, Linden Travers, and Carole Lynn. This outstanding film is bound to attract large audiences to the Colosseum all week.

### "Music in My Heart" at Empire

"Music In My Heart," the principal attraction at the Empire this week, is a gay and carefree film with a good deal of sparkle to it. Lilted melodies, humour and romance are to be found in abundance in this film. Tony Martin, the brilliant young tenor, heads the cast. Opposite him plays lovely Rita Hayworth, who was an international dancing star before she took to the films. She sings, dances and clowns her way through the picture, and carries on a romance with Martin. They have many amusing adventures together, and both of them are at their best in this delightful musical show. Andre Kostelanetz and his orchestra are a feature of this film.

### "Buck Benny Rides Again" at Standard

A popular attraction at the Standard is "Buck Benny Rides Again," a charming musical comedy which will no doubt attract large audiences. The music in this film is delightful, the acting is accomplished, the situations are amusing, and the dialogue is snappy. All-in-all, the film offers first-class entertainment even to the most discriminating film-patron, while those who particularly fancy musical shows will find this one very much to their liking.

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