

Indian Child Welfare Society

APPALLING POVERTY OF INDIANS

(From Our Correspondent)
DURBAN.

AT the 11th annual meeting of the Durban Indian Child Welfare Society, held in St. Aidan's Hall last Sunday, Mrs. G. Christopher, in her secretarial report, stated that the work of the Society had increased considerably, applications for relief and mothers' grants having revealed the appalling poverty such as the Indian people are suffering.

"The Society file a total which is incalculable and more funds are required to meet the increasing calls on the Society, which depends on the Community Chest for its funds supplemented by grants from the Natal Provincial Administration and the Department of the Commissioner for Asiatic Affairs. Unfortunately, the available members of the Indian community do not contribute, if they do at all, generously to the Community Chest, with the result that Indian charities cannot make the claim they otherwise could on the Community Chest. The Society this year is endeavoring with every hope to collect a substantial sum to pay into the Community Chest for the grant of £500 if not more."

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SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES
The Society attended relief to 20 families, representing 373 children. Clinics are held once a week at Umgod, Mayville and Magazine Berricks, where infants, school children and mothers receive medical treatment and free medicine.

OFFICE-BEARERS
Office-bearers elected for the year are: President, Mr. B. P. Durr; vice-presidents, Mrs. C. S. Naidoo, Mr. K. Somasundaram, Mrs. Paltan Singh, Mr. R. A. Maguire, Mrs. A. Nankjer; hon. secretary, Mrs. G. Christopher; treasurer, Mr. D. S. Chetty; committee, Mrs. A. M. Searle, Mrs. A. N. Pillay, Mr. Paltan B. Singh, Mr. A. Christopher, Mrs. S. I. Singh, Mr. P. R. Pather, Mrs. Grace Paul, Mr. C. Moonsamy, Mr. P. M. Parbe, Mrs. F. T. Moodley, Mrs. G. R. Paul, Mrs. C. M. James, Mr. N. M. Pillay, Mrs. Gopand Pather, Mr. K. M. Govender.

Following are the names of patients who attended the various clinics from August 1, 1937, to July 31, 1938—Magazine Berricks (2074), Mayville (2048), Umgod (2022), Chairwood (2041) from August 1, 1937, to January 18, 1938.

The Society was able to secure mothers' grants for 45 families representing 163 children.

IN HOSPITAL
VERONICA LOUW, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Louw, of Somerside, Crawford Athol, who was severely admitted to the City Hospital, has undergone an operation. She is a member of the Four Group.

Needs of Coloureds Borne in Mind by Government

AT the special meeting of the Cape Peninsula Juvenile Advisory Board, held during the week, the reply to the Board representatives in July to the Department of Labour on apprenticeship and statutory powers for the Board, was read.

The Board's objection to the words "race and school standard" in the apprenticeship application forms was upheld, and the Minister has instructed that those words be deleted from the forms. The question of employment was left entirely to the employers' hands.

With regard to further access of employment for Coloured youths, it was stated that the Department was considering the recommendations made in the report of the Coloured Fact-finding Commission, and added that 12,000 Coloured people were employed on Government and State-subsidized work. Plans were now on foot to establish a Coloured Labour Corps which would provide for young people at any one time.

The needs of the Coloured people, continues the reply, "was constantly borne in mind by the Government. The idea that the Government is doing nothing for the Coloured people is wrong. The Department would welcome suggestions for improvements."

As regards statutory powers for Coloured Juvenile Advisory Boards, certain provisions of the Juvenile Act, including amendments whereby Coloured Juvenile Advisory Boards would be given statutory powers, were under consideration.

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PROPOSED ROADS
FOLLOWING are the roads recommended by the Cape Divisional Council to be placed on the 1939 estimates—

1. Proposed connecting road between Elsie's River and Ter Veld Roads, to cost approximately £2,500.
2. Kommetjie Road to beach, at £750.
3. Ladies' Mile Road, Constantia, at £8,180.
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BAZAAR IN AID OF CRIPPLES
THE Methodist Cottage Homes for Cripples is in urgent need of blankets, linen and other necessities, and with the co-operation of the Garden Village Juvenile Vigilance Society are arranging to hold their annual bazaar and handwork display in the Methodist school-rooms, Garden Village, on Saturday, October 29, at 2 p.m.

His Worship the Mayor, Mr. W. C. Foster, has kindly consented to perform the opening ceremony.

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Divisional Council Say No! To Tiervelei Segregationists

An attempt by the Tiervelei Ratepayers' Association to obtain the support of the Cape Divisional Council for their residential segregation policy failed when their request was refused at Tuesday's meeting.

A COMMUNICATION was submitted to the meeting from the secretary of the Tiervelei Ratepayers' Association, requesting the Council immediately to notify the Association of the receipt of any application for a certificate for a license made by a non-European to trade in the Tiervelei area, thereby keeping the Association informed as to the interests of the inhabitants in as far as the Council's grants concern.

We have to carry out our decisions irrespective of class or colour."

Mr. C. Pearce proposed that the Association's request be refused.

Mr. S. Duller, who seconded the motion, said that, if the Europeans owned properties in non-European areas, it must be their desire to have the Coloured people there.

When Mr. Pearce's motion was put to the vote, it was carried.

NO POWER TO DISCRIMINATE
It is recalled that, in reply to a communication received during July last from the Association, expressing anxiety and regret at the Council's action in issuing a certificate for a license to a non-European in this area, the Association was advised that the Council has in its consideration of applications for certificates for licenses no power to discriminate between applicants of different races.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN RURAL AREAS
A REPORT submitted to the Cape Divisional Council's meeting, on Tuesday, dealing with the question of unemployment, stated that, consequent upon numerous European and Coloured males applying for relief on the grounds of unemployment, the Divisional Inspector of Labour was asked for information regarding the labour demand locally and in regard to any schemes in progress open to both European and Coloured persons.

EUROPEANS ONLY
Councillor W. J. E. Bode, explaining the Association's request, stated that the servitude inserted in the deeds of transfer on the estate prohibited non-European from ownership of property. He added that, subsequent to the meeting held in August, Messrs. Joyce and MacGregor addressed a letter to him in which it was mentioned that the non-European clause was not included in the original deeds of title, but had been inserted three years ago. They added that it was their desire to keep the area strictly European, but that they had no control over those owners who purchased property prior to the insertion of the non-European clause.

The Divisional Inspector of Labour has indicated that there is an appreciable demand locally for both European and Coloured persons at present. On the various national schemes in progress, especially there is ample provision for physically fit European male persons between the ages of 18 and 25 years.

NOT A PARTY COUNCIL
Dr. C. F. Joubert, chairman of the Health Committee, which is responsible for the issue of licenses, said: "We cannot make this a class or party council."

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Grassy Park Want Own Houses

Deputation Interviews Divisional Council

THE Cape Divisional Council, at last Tuesday's meeting, received a deputation from the Grassy Park Mutual Co-operative Society in regard to the question of assisted housing loans.

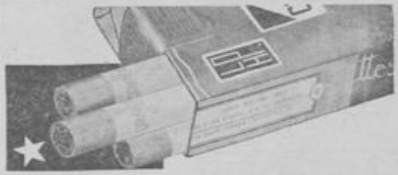
Mr. J. Marais, secretary of the Society, headed the deputation, which was introduced to the Council by Mr. Sarelh Dullis. The other members were Messrs. P. Brown, D. de Lange, E. N. Jackson, T. C. Thompson, and J. Onstereff.

TEMPORARY HUTS
Mr. Marais stated that sixty per cent. of the inhabitants of Grassy Park were owners of building plots and that they lived in temporary huts, because they were too poor to build suitable houses. They were all working-class people. If they were assisted with a loan by the Divisional Council, they would be able to build houses for themselves at a low cost, as the building material was obtainable on the spot.

The deputation was sympathetically received and the Council promised the representatives that they would consider the matter.

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