

Personal

MR. PHILIP WARTSKI

Eighty-six Years Old on Monday

On Monday next, Mr. Philip Wartski, the well-known communal worker of Durban, will celebrate his eighty-sixth birthday.

MR. WARTSKI landed in Durban on April 7th, 1882, and has always been keenly interested in the community, of which he is an honoured member. Together with a handful of pioneers, he assisted in the establishment of the first Hebrew Congregation in Durban, which came into being in 1883. It was in 1903 that Mr. Wartski, as President of the Congregation, laid the foundation stone of the present Synagogue in St. Andrews Street.

Although owing to his advanced age Mr. Wartski is unable to participate actively to-day in the life of the Durban Jewish community, he is keenly interested in every aspect of its progress.

He will undoubtedly be the recipient on Monday next of many congratulatory messages from a large number of relatives and friends in this country and overseas.

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WEDDINGS

TABACK—KRUGER

THE marriage took place on Sunday afternoon at the Pretoria Synagogue, Market Street, of Sarah, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kruger, to Mr. Ben Taback. The ceremony was conducted by Rabbi W. Hirsch.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Florence Taback as her maid of honour, and her bridesmaids were Miss Bella Taback, Miss Grace Taback and Miss Gladys Taback.

Riva Rostowsky, a niece of the bride, was the flower girl.

The best man was Mr. C. Kruger, the groomsmen Messrs. M. Sacks, B. Taback and P. Taback, the under-fuhrers Mr. and Mrs. M. Kruger and Mr. and Mrs. A. Taback and the poleholders Messrs. A. Kruger, S. Goodman, B. Taback and I. Taback.

The reception was subsequently held at the Jewish Memorial Hall, Beatrix Street.

PANOVKA—LEVITAS

THE marriage of Lene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myer Panovka of Durban, and Bob, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Levitas, took place at the St. Andrews Street Synagogue, Durban, on the 27th December.

Rabbi A. H. Freedman, assisted by Rev. Menachemson, officiated and a feature of the event was the fine guard of honour that was formed by the local Habonot, of which Mrs. Levitas was a popular officer.

The bride was attended by the Misses Lexie Panovka (her sister) and Joyce and Lily Levitas (sisters of the bridegroom) as bridesmaids, with little Diane Rubin as flower-girl and Meyerick Rubin as page-boy. The best man was Mr. Lawrence Levitas, brother of the bridegroom, while the poleholders were Messrs D. Panovka, A. Levitas, S. Prosser and R. Zilibowitz.

A solo was delightfully rendered by Mr. J. Goldberg.

The reception took place at the Jewish Club, when a large gathering of friends and relatives of the popular couple met to celebrate the happy occasion.

BARMITZVAH AT DEWETS-DORP

An enjoyable function took place recently at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. C. Dick, of Dewetsdorp, when the Barmitzvah of their youngest son, Samuel, was celebrated. After Rev. Dick had delivered an eloquent speech, Mr. A. Rosenbaum proposed the health of the Barmitzvah, who suitably responded. A cake was sold and realised £2/9/-, which will go towards the Shul.

Around the..... Bioscopes

JEWISH OPERETTA AT THE STANDARD THEATRE

On Monday, January 23rd, a season of Jewish operetta will begin at the Standard Theatre in Johannesburg. This will be sponsored by Mr. Joel Myerson, the well-known Jewish actor and singer, who will present the International Jewish Opera Company in "The Last Dance". The famous Molly Picon appeared in this work with great success in America.

The leading feminine role in the operetta will be taken by Vera Kanevska, the well-known actress and singer. There will be a large cast, including a number of well-known local singers.

"THE GREAT WALTZ" AT THE METRO

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer has produced another unforgettable picture, "The Great Waltz." An excellent cast has been chosen for the story of the romantic life of the great composer Johann Strauss II. A young star, Fernand Gravet, plays the part of the composer, and Luise Rainer gives a flawless performance as his courageous wife. Miliza Korjus, the world-famous singer, thrills audiences by her excellent interpretations of Strauss' better-known waltzes. Two great comedians, Hugh Herbert and Herman Bing, provide the light touch of comedy. "The Great Waltz" includes everything that is required of a good picture—tears, laughter, romance and good music. The supporting programme is up to its usual good standard.

DRAMATIC SENSATION AT THE PLAZA

Universal has released a thrilling drama, "Wives Under Suspicion," which will be showing at the Plaza over the week-end. The leading stars are brilliant Warren William and lovely Gail Patrick, who surpass themselves in the execution of their difficult parts. "Wives Under Suspicion" is the story of a man moved by jealousy to murder, and will appeal strongly to all audiences. The "Plaza Rhythm Boys" under the directorship of Charles Manning, will charm their listeners once again with a delightful programme.

FRED ASTAIRE AND GINGER ROGERS AT THE COLOSSEUM

The Colosseum is showing Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers in "Care-free," the biggest hit of their brilliant careers. The story concerns a psycho-analyst and his beautiful patient who become involved in a series of amusing situations during the course of her treatment. Outstanding features of the film are the music and lyrics by Irving Berlin, and an exciting new dance "The Yam." The supporting programme includes an excellent Walt Disney Colour Cartoon, "Pluto's Quintuplets," and a new issue of the "March of Time." The next attraction is a Samuel Goldwyn picture, "Stella Dallas," starring Barbara Stanwyck in the greatest role of her career. The supporting cast includes John Boles, Anne Shirley and other well-known actors.



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