

Personal

MARRIED THIRTY YEARS

M. and Mrs. J. Bennun, of Johannesburg

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bennun will be pleased to learn that on 10th August they will be celebrating the thirtieth year of their married life.

Owing to the war they are not holding any function, but have decided to observe the occasion by recording the event in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund. They are residing at 17 Donegal Avenue, Greenside.

VICTORY STAMPS

The Home Comforts Organisation at the City Hall has joined in the "V" for Victory campaign by providing victory stamps, to be used as stickers on envelopes, and stickers for cars. These stamps are to be sold to raise money for the various war services undertaken by Home Comforts. They will provide a convenient means of identifying correspondence and cars with gifts and comforts for South African soldiers, Bundles for Britain and other forms of war relief.

The stamps are on sale at the Home Comforts depot in the City Hall (Harrison Street entrance). They will be available at depots in the suburbs later.

Mrs. M. Miller

Mrs. M. Miller, who has recently returned from America, has been elected vice-chairlady of the Greenside branch of the Johannesburg Women's Zionist League.

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TO BID FAREWELL TO MR. KURT JONAS

A Reception on Sunday Night

A farewell reception in honour of Mr. Kurt Jonas, who is leaving for Palestine within the next few days, in order to study at the Hebrew University, will be held by the Zionist Socialist Party at Coronation Hall on Sunday, 3rd August, at 8.15 p.m.

Mr. Jonas has been extremely active within the party, to whose reorganisation he has made no small contribution, and members of it will no doubt be glad of this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of him.

A musical programme has been arranged and tea and refreshments will be served.

MR. HENRY KATZEN

APPOINTED CHOIRMASTER IN CAPE TOWN

Mr. Henry Katzen, the well known musician, has been appointed choir-master of the Vredehoek Synagogue, Cape Town.

Mr. Katzen, who was born in Sebez, Russia, came to South Africa in 1921. He studied music under Mr. Alfred Gibbs, the present leader of the Cape Town Municipal Orchestra, Professor Bell, Mr. George Tobias and Mr. Ellie Marx. He joined the Cape Town Municipal Orchestra as a student violinist, and had the distinction of playing under the baton of Sir Henry Wood, Sir Granville Bantock and other eminent guest conductors, as well as appearing with the orchestra as soloist on several occasions.

Mr. Katzen spent a considerable time studying choral music, and is well acquainted with the works of Jewish choral composers. He was choir-master of the Germiston Synagogue in 1933, and of Muizenberg Synagogue in 1935. During the forthcoming High Festivals, he will direct the full choir at the Vredehoek Synagogue with the collaboration of Cantor S. Inspektor, formerly Chief Cantor of the Wolmarans Street Synagogue, Johannesburg.

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Around the Cinemas

"Faust" at the Empire

The condensed version of the opera "Faust" which African Consolidated Theatres are presenting at the Empire Theatre for a week, and which opens on Monday night, has a brilliant cast.

Redvers Llewellyn, the famous baritone, is cast as Valentine, and Rose Alper, South Africa's leading soprano who has already made a name for herself with the Carl Rosa Opera company in England, will repeat her overseas success as Marguerite.

Mr. Harry Hambleton, one of the finest bass voices in the country, will take the part of "Mephistopheles" and with his powerful voice and good physique should present a fine portrayal of this great role. The part of "Faust" is in the hands of that excellent tenor, Mr. John Allen. Other parts are filled by Claire Ellis Brown as "Martha," and G. Rees as "Wagner." The chorus of over fifty will be provided by the Philharmonic Society and the orchestra is under the direction of Mr. John Connell. Miss Poppy Frames is to direct the ballet sequences.

"Love Crazy" at Metro

That delightful screen combination, William Powell and Myrna Loy, are to be seen at the Metro this week in a light-hearted picture called "Love Crazy." Once again, this time, they are man and wife, and give the delicious performances to which they have accustomed the public. Others in the cast are Gail Patrick, Jack Carson, Florence Bates, Sidney Blackner, Sig Rumann, Vladimir Sokoloff and Donald MacBride, all of whom contribute to one of the brightest, breeziest shows yet to have come to the screen.

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"Rhythm on the River" and "Snoektown" at the Plaza

Bing Crosby, Basil Rathbone and Mary Martin are starred in the new film which opens at the Plaza Theatre to-night with the added stage attraction of "Snoektown Calling."

The picture tells the story of a prominent composer of hit songs (Basil Rathbone), the melody and words for which are in reality written by two "ghost" writers in his employ. The "ghost" writers, Crosby and Mary Martin, each of whom is ignorant that the other is "ghost" writing for Rathbone, meet by accident. There are rapid developments, including romance, and the picture sustains one's interest to the end. Melody, humour, and a snappy plot combine to make this film excellent entertainment.

"The Great Lie" at the Colosseum

"The Great Lie," the present attraction at the Colosseum, is an appealing modern love story, based on the triangle theme. Starring Bette Davis, George Brent and Mary Astor, the film is tense, dramatic, and exciting. Bette Davis plays the part of Maggie, a natural, wholesome girl very much in love with her childhood sweetheart, Peter, who is torn between her and the third of the triangle, Sandra (Mary Astor), selfish and pleasure loving.

A complicated situation develops and the ending is as clever and delightful a piece of directorial genius as the screen has yet revealed.

Others in the cast include Lucille Watson, Hattie McDaniel, Grant Mitchell, Jerome Cowan, and Thurston Hall.

"Untamed" at the Standard

A picture which combines thrills with beauty is to be seen in "Untamed," the principal feature at the Standard Theatre. It tells the tale of a trapper in the wilds of Canada who is married to a beautiful backwoods girl much younger than he. A young doctor who is recuperating from illness comes to stay in their village, and the result is a love affair between him and the trapper's wife.

Akim Tamiroff plays the strongly dramatic role of the trapper, Patricia Morrison is the girl, and the doctor is played by Ray Milland.

Filed in technicolour the picture has many beautiful shots, and altogether is well worth seeing.

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