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NEW CHAIRMAN OF DURBAN JEWISH CLUB



Mr. C. R. FRIDJOHN, who has been elected chairman of the Durban Jewish Club for the ensuing year. Mr. Fridjohn has worked loyally for the club for a number of years. He has also edited the "Hasholom," the Durban Jewish Club's monthly journal.

A PROGRAMME OF JEWISH MUSIC

To be Broadcast on Monday Night

On Monday, 12th January, at 9.10 p.m., Mr. Jerry Idelson will present a programme of Jewish music on the Johannesburg "A" station of the S.A.B.C.

The vocalist will be the well-known tenor, Cantor S. Backon, of the Yeville Synagogue, who will give several traditional folk songs, as well as a number of modern Yiddish songs.

The Radio Terzet will supply the accompaniment and will also render some Chassidic melodies.

The programme is arranged by and will be under the direction of Mr. Jerry Idelson.

The engagement is announced of Captain H. Bentel, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. Bentel, to Miss Miriam Dorfman, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dorfman, both of Johannesburg.

The marriage will be solemnised on Sunday, January 24th, at the Berea Synagogue in Johannesburg, of Paula, daughter of the Rev. J. Adler and the late Mrs. Adler, of Durban, to Herbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Nussbaum, of Melbourne, Australia.

The engagement is announced of Zena Horwitz, formerly of Johannesburg, and Meyer (Mick), only son of Mr. B. and late Mrs. Stein. Both of Port Elizabeth.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Max Hersh (nee Edith Bourgstein) on the birth of a daughter, at the Clarendon Nursing Home on December 28.

Jeffrey, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Donniger, of 43, 16th Street, Orange Grove, will read a portion of the Law and Maftir at the Orange Grove Synagogue, Orange Grove, on Saturday, January 10.

Sergeant-Major and Mrs. Alec Golding are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter on January 1.

The engagement is announced of Shulamith, daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. S. Kagan, of Radviliskis, Lithuania, to Samuel, eldest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. B. Kacev, of Johannesburg.

The marriage will take place between Rose, daughter of Mrs. C. H. Katz and the late Mr. M. Katz, of Diep River, and Solly, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Green, of Johannesburg, at the Wynberg Synagogue, Cape Town, on January 11.

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Around the Cinemas

"East of the River" at Plaza

John Garfield is starred as the tough guy who wants to live without working in "East of the River," the present attraction at the Plaza. This story of New York's tough neighbourhood also features such prominent players as Brenda Marshall, Marjorie Rambeau, William Lundigan and George Tobias. The drama revolves around Garfield, the East Side tough, and his foster brother, an aesthetic boy in spite of his environment, and Ma Raviola, whose strong hand straightens out the complications that arise in their lives. The romantic interest is supplied by Brenda Marshall. The plot is unusual, with a completely unexpected ending, and should certainly hold the interest of cinema-goers.

"Dive Bomber" at Colosseum

One of the outstanding films of the year is now showing at the Colosseum. It is "Dive Bomber," with Errol Flynn and Fred MacMurray in the leading roles. It deals with the work of young flight surgeons to improve conditions for fliers. MacMurray is the one who does the test flight to prove the value of the experiments. At first he scoffs at the work of his rival, Flynn, but before long does all he can to assist him. Others in the cast are Ralph Bellamy, Regis Toomey, Allen Jenkins, Herbert Anderson, Robert Armstrong and Craig Stevens. "Dive Bomber" is filmed entirely in technicolour.

Mr. Charles Manning continues to attract and please audiences by his unique conducting of the Colosseum orchestra. This is made up of a group of really excellent players, led by Mr. Harold Ketelby, the eminent violinist.

Successful Pantomime at the Empire

"Jack and the Beanstalk" still holds possession of the stage at the Empire in Johannesburg. Packed houses have been coming along since Christmas Eve to see Philip D. Levard's really fine production, which is well spiced with talent, beauty and a rollicking comedy.

There is a fine cast of actors, singers and dancers. The production is on a lavish scale, and worthy of African Theatres' traditions of the past.

"Alice in Wonderland" Continues at Standard

There seems to be no sign of the public getting tired of "Alice in Wonderland" — that delightful show which has been running for four weeks at the Standard Theatre.

Margaret Lindsay is outstanding as "Alice," displaying confidence and unusual acting ability. The cast of children act, dance and sing splendidly. The chorus work is excellent, and the staging, dressing and musical accompaniment leave nothing to be desired.

Mr. Philip D. Levard has shown in his production of "Alice in Wonderland" that we have in him not only an experienced producer, but a most capable gatherer of genuine juvenile talent.

"Honky-Tonk" at the Metro

Clark Gable displays his great acting ability in the leading role in "Honky-Tonk"—the boom town picture at the Metro Theatre this week. He meets his match in Lana Turner, the Ziegfeld girl, who is the latest new star in the film world.

In view of the success of "Honky-Tonk," it will be continued for another week. There is also a splendid supporting programme at the Metro.

The next attraction is "The Chocolate Soldier," starring Nelson Eddy and Rise Stevens.

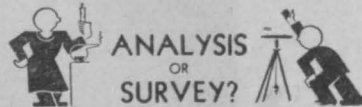
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