

**CHIBA, Lallabhai**, general dealer; b. Kothambi, India, 1918; e.s.o. late C. Jogie; educ. India; m. Valli, d. o. P. Jogie; 5 s., 1 d.; arrived in S.A. 1931; joined father in business; established own business, 1943; trading as L. Chiba General Dealers; visited India 1943. Hon. life vice-president Merchants F.C.; ex-secretary Hindu Soc.; mem. Indian Assn., E.L.; played cricket for E.L. Hindu C.C. Recreation; motor-ing. Address: 99 Fleet Street, Quigney, East London, Phone 5838.

**CHINNASAMY, Sivalingam**, wattle contractor; b. 1917, Howick; s.o. late M. Chinnasamy of Howick; educ. Woodlands and Sastri College; m. Katijah, d. o. G. M. Sirkhott; 3s., 4d.; was assoc. with father's timber contracting business; took over ownership in 1937; trading as S.A. Timber Contractors; established Progress Trading Co., 1949, and Howick Fruiterers, 1952. Public activities: Was treasurer Howick Indian School Building Fund; was chairman Sarmool Indian and Coloured Football and Cricket Club; committee member Howick Schools Meals Service; member Howick West Educ. Soc.; chairman Kalavani Orch.; made a donation to the Indian School at Howick. Address: 215a Main Street, Howick, Natal.

**CHOONILAL, Avkor**, nurse and typist; b. Durban, 1935; e.d.o. Jivan Choonilal; educ. Dartnell Crescent Indian Girls' School; passed J.C. and took up nursing at King George V Hospital; later embarked on secretarial career; employed as shorthand typist at Bassgo Produce; takes part in local theatricals and social welfare activities of the Indian community. Hobby: Knitting & pen pals. Address: 111 Jan Smuts Highway, Mayville, Durban, Phone 885832.



**CHOONOO, Rev. Arthur John**, Methodist Minister; b. Aug. 31, 1888; s.o.l. John Chinoo (Catechist Methodist Church for 43 years); m. d. of Rev. T. Subrahman-yam, of Madras, 1918, died 1920; 1924 m. Ivy Joshua, died 1929; 1931 m. Ruth Abrahams, of Kimberley; 3 s., 2 d.; educated High Grade Indian Sch., Dbn.; Wesley Theological Training College, Madras; also studied Theology in

Tamil; passed 1st in Final Exam.; returned to Natal, 1914; worked on North Coast 9 years; was accepted candidate for Ministry of Methodist Church of S.A., 1917; passed with Distinction in the Honours Division in Probation Exams.; ordained 1921; appointed for pastoral work—Durban, 1923; 1925 was transferred to Pietermaritzburg, remained until 1937; was

first "Prime Minister" of Indian Parliamentary Debating Society and chairman Indian Unemployment Relief Comm.; returned to Durban 1938-1954; came back to Pietermaritzburg as Minister-in-charge of Maritzburg Indian Mission. His many public activities include: Executive member Indo-European Joint Council; vice-chairman Indian Technical College Institute; hon. chaplain to Indian Scouts Movement. Address: 7 Thomas Street, Pietermaritzburg, Phone 26918.



**CHOONOO, Ezekiel John**, s. of late John Choonoo, Evangelist; b. Dbn., January 10, 1885; educ. Boys' Model School, Smith St., Dbn., and Indian Teachers' exams, and T.4; m. Florence E. Jackson, 4 children; appointed head teacher of Ind. Boys' Sch., Tongaat, 1911-1939. Public activities: Hon. sec. Influenza Relief Comm., 1918; hon. sec. Natal Indian Congress (Tongaath branch); hon. sec.

Anti-malaria Committee, 1930-1933; hon. secretary Indian Advisory Committee to Tongaat Health Committee; life vice-president and president, 1929-1930, North Coast District Football Assn.; life vice-president and president, 1930-31, Natal Indian Teachers' Society. Has toured Europe, Canada, Australia, India and East Africa. Address: 25 Leathern Road, Durban.



**CHODREE, Ashwin**, Commissioner of Oaths, 1935; b. Dbn., Feb., 18, 1910; educ. Marine College, Dbn. and Natal University College (non-European Section), Inter B.A.; o.s. of P. Choudree; on leaving sch., joined estate agency business; in 1932 started own business as estate agt.—mang. director of Ashwin Choudree & Co. (Pty.), Ltd. Public activities: Joint sec. Natal Indian Congress 1935 &

1939; executive member S.A.I.C., being the youngest of the Council; delegate to S.A.I.C. Conferences; secretary Durban Hindu Temple; president Non-European University Students' Association; manager Temple Govt.-aided School, Durban; S.A. Indian delegate to the United Nations; visited India twice. Address: 25 Baker Street, Durban, Phone 28723.

## THE SOOKRAJ CHOTAI FAMILY OF DURBAN



**CHOTAI, Sookraj**, B.A., B.Ed., schoolmaster; b. Clare Estate, Durban, 1912; 2nd s. of late Mr. and Mrs. Chotai, of Clare Estate, Durban; m. Promun, 2nd d. of B. Prumasir of Durban; educ. Hillview Ind. Sch., Carlisle St., Sch., graduated B.A. in 1948, B.Ed. in 1955, obtained Ind. Teachers' J.C. 1928, T4 in 1932, T3 external 1949. Joined staff of Clairwood Ind. Sch. in 1927; taught at Ladysmith, Pinetown, Depot Rd. Schools; was promoted to principalship of Westville Ind. Sch. 1949; qualified to teach Afrikaans. Pub. act.: vice-pres. N.I.T.S., also exec. mem. since 1942; has represented the soc. in several deputations to Natal Provincial Administration and Natal Education Dept. on educational and salary questions; comm. mem. of Sydenham Branch N.I.T.S.; was treas. of Sydenham Branch 1950-53 and vice-chairman 1954-1955; represented N.I.T.S. on the Oriental Studies Comm. of the Univ. of Natal; was exec. mem. S.R.C. of N.U.C. 1944-46; vice-pres. S.A.H.M.S.; joint hon. sec. Arya Praditidhi Sabha S.A. and Hindi Shiksha Sangh; vice-pres. Arya Samaj, Durban; represented S.A.H.M.S. on Hindu religious instruction; delegate A.P.S. to Arya Sarvadeshik Sabha, India; was pres. Young Hindu Cultural Service Soc., Ladysmith; sec. Arya Samaj Ladysmith; pres. Arya Sangat Mundal translated "Religious Awakening in South Africa" and "Aryan Prayer" from Hindi to English; read a paper on "Religious Instruction in Indian schools" to conference of S.A.H.M.S. 1955; represented Hindus at Religious Brains Trust sponsored by Y.M.C.A. 1950; lectured on "Krishna and the Gita" to International Club 1951. Played soccer and cricket; was sec.

N.I.F.A. 1935; pres. Northern Natal Ind. Lawn Tennis Assoc. and sec. Ladysmith Ind. F.C. Hobby: Gardening. Address: "Padmalaya", 50 Keal Rd., Sydenham, Durban, Phone 884642.



**CHOTAI, Proman (Mrs.)**; wife of S. Chotai d. of B. Purmasir (prop. of Durban Electric Mineral Water Works and S.A. Sweet Manufacturing Co.); educ. Durban Ind. Girls' High Sch.; 1 s., 2 d. Pub. act.: Comm. mem. Arya Samaj, Durban; was mem. Durban Ind. Women's Club. Has qualified in dressmaking; studied music (piano); awarded several certificates of the Red Cross Soc. Toured S.A. several times.



**CHOTAI, Ashalata**; e. d. of Mr. and Mrs. S. Chotai; b. Dec. 1, 1943; pupil of Essendene Rd. Govt.-aided Ind. Sch; mem. Girl Guides and S.A. Red Cross Soc. Interested in art and singing.

**CHOTAI, Satish**; o. s. of Mr. and Mrs. S. Chotai; b. May 3, 1949; student Essendene Rd. Govt.-aided Ind. Sch. Keen on sport.

**CHOTAI, Sadhana**; 2nd d. of Mr. and Mrs. S. Chotai; b. March 8, 1953.