

NEW CHIEF AT GROUTVILLE

APPOINTMENT OF ALBERT JOHN LUTHULI

FORMER TEACHER

(From Our Stanger Correspondent)

Inhabitants of the Umvoti Mission Reserve at Groutville, near Stanger, assembled on January 4, for the official installation of Albert John Luthuli, recently a teacher at Adams Mission, near Amanzimtoti, as Chief of the Abasema Kolweni community, in place of the Chief Josiah Mqwebu, who has been deposed.

The ceremony was carried out in the Groutville Mission Church, and 750 Natives were present. Rev. R. L. Abraham acted as Chairman and was assisted by J. H. Langoni who acted as interpreter. Mr. Abraham welcomed the Native Commissioner of Stanger, Mr. H. C. Baxter, and Mrs. Baxter.

Mr. Baxter said that from what he knew of Albert Luthuli, they had chosen the right man. Luthuli had sacrificed a lot to become their Chief, and it was up to them to honour and obey him. This you must do.

The official appointment, he added, had not yet been received from Pretoria, but this would at a later date be handed over to the new Chief.

The Native Commissioner then officially declared Luthuli as Chief of the Abasema Kolweni community at Groutville, and said that he trusted he would lead, guide and rule his people in a proper manner. He also hoped that the members of the Umvoti Reserve Advisory Committee and their Chief would work in harmony and with the Missionary, the Rev. R. L. Abraham, who always took a keen interest in their affairs.

Educated Leader

The Rev. H. A. Stick, of the Adams Mission College, said that the College regretted Luthuli's departure, but they were also glad to give him up to be Chief at the Umvoti Mission Reserve. He congratulated the people in their choice.

Luthuli he added, was a leader in education, industry and social circles. He was educated and unselfish, as was shown by his relinquishing of his billet to serve his people.

Mr. Abraham also spoke in eulogistic terms of the new Chief, and on behalf of the Mission welcomed him as a neighbour and friend and trusted that co-operation would mark the understanding between the Chief and the Reserve inhabitants. (Applause).

The Rev. John L. Dube also spoke at length and delivered a fine address.

On behalf of the Executive of the Natal Bantu Teachers' Union, C. J. Mpanza, of



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the Mpumulo College, presented the new Chief with a fountain pen and pencil, and also an address on behalf of the Union.

Other speakers included, Dr. I. Gumede, of Durban, the Rev. Sivetshe, the Rev. S. S. Ndhlovu, A. C. Maseko, Secretary and Treasurer of the Durban and District African Football Association, who presented the chief with an engraved clock. Johannes Nxaba, R. Guma and N. Luthuli, who presented the Chief with a Zulu Bible.

Luthuli, replying, thanked his friends and followers. With the help of God, he would do his best to serve everyone, and it was his wish and desire that there should be brotherly and mutual co-operation.

Gathering at House

Later there was a gathering at the Chief's residence, where the Europeans were entertained to lunch. Outside the house, Natives danced and sang and were later entertained with meat and cold drinks.

In the evening the Groutville younger people held a social evening, J. H. Langoni being in the chair and on behalf of the Olympic Football Club a cup valued at £4 10s. was handed to the Chief by Aaron Mbonambi, the Captain of the Club, and also a football, on condition that the Chief should organise the Groutville youths in the Umvoti Mission Reserve and form a permanent football club. The cup is to be a floating trophy and will be played for on Boxing Day in each year.

The speaker also said that he hoped the Chief would be instrumental in opening up a well prepared sports ground in the village.

DURBAN'S TENNIS ACTIVITIES

NEW YEAR TOURNAMENT TO-DAY

OTHER CLUBS HOLDING EVENTS

A New Year handicap will be played on the Durban Central Tennis Club's courts this afternoon commencing at two o'clock. The event is free to members and a nominal fee of 2s. 6d. per couple will be charged visitors. Entries to date are: Hopkin and Askham; Martin and Ford; Marshall and Van der Walt; J'Shea and Wimble; Van der Walt and Aikinson.

Entries may be left with Messrs. Tandy & Kirby.

A friendly match is to be played against Empangeni on Sunday, January 19, on the Beach courts, and the following will represent the Club: P S Atkinson and Martin; G E Davies and L A Cannon; E E Tandy and J W Halstead; G E Rowe and M S Fletcher.

The Club has vacancies for ordinary and junior players. Full particulars may be obtained at the courts.

Martin's House will oppose Cannon's House on Saturday, January 18.

GREYVILLE

Will members note that a Club tournament is to be held on the Club courts on Sunday, January 19, commencing at 9 a.m. Draw for partners. The entrance fees are: women 1s., men 1s. 6d. Entries will be received until Saturday, January 18. In order to make a success of this tournament, the Secretary would be pleased to have the wholehearted support of all members.

Registration forms are now to hand for the Durban City Lawn Tennis League, and all members must see to it that they each fill in a form. Registration forms can be obtained from the Secretary at the courts, or phone Durban North 219.

UMBILO AND CONGELLA

A few entries are still required for the men's doubles tournament to be held on January 19. Entries may be made to V. O. Elgie, 600 Umbilo Road, or P. Thompson, phone 65.

On February 16, an open mixed doubles tournament will be held (automatic handicap). The entrance fee is 5s. per couple. There will be sectional prizes.

LULWORTH

The Club is holding a mixed spoon tournament on Sunday, January 26. Entries may be sent to the Secretary.

A meeting of the Entertainment Committee will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday at 36 Manning Road.

The Club has a few vacancies for first and second division women players.

ILLINGTON

The following match will be played off this week-end:—

1.30 p.m.: Miss D St John v Miss R Wilmot.

The Club is to hold a mixed doubles open tournament on Sunday, January 26. Entries to C. O. Holness, Stamford 3316 and Central 2737.

Committee duty: Saturday, P D S Haynes; Sunday, C O Holness.

NATAL ESTATES GYMKHANA

ANNUAL MEETING THIS AFTERNOON

SELECTIONS

January is generally regarded as the Racing holiday in Natal, but although the more serious side of Racing does take a rest, before getting into trim for the campaign which leads on to the big Winter Season, the game does not altogether go out of existence. One of the regular features of this time of the year is the gymkhana meeting held by the Natal Estates Sporting Club on its course at Mount Edgecombe. After the arduous business of the big meetings at Greyville and Clairwood racing folk find welcome relaxation, combined with keen sport, at this gymkhana, and there is generally a large and enthusiastic turnout of members of the racing public.

Our special correspondent on the course, who has carefully followed the training of the horses who will hold Mount Edgecombe standard aloft against the invaders, supplies the following selections:—

Overseers' Hack Race

WINGS	1
Lady Bird	2
Cynthia	3

Moderate Natal Estates Handicap

SILVER HEELS	1
Cinderella	2
Biddy	3

Galloway and Pony Handicap

FIZZIIWIG	1
Never Squeal	2
Chance It	3

Natal Estates Handicap

ZOOM	1
Dark Prince	2
Right Wing	3

Hack Scurry

LYNETTE	1
Cinders	2
Hostage	3

Cornubia Handicap (A Division)

MEXICAN	1
Cornish	2
Silver Heels	3

Open Handicap

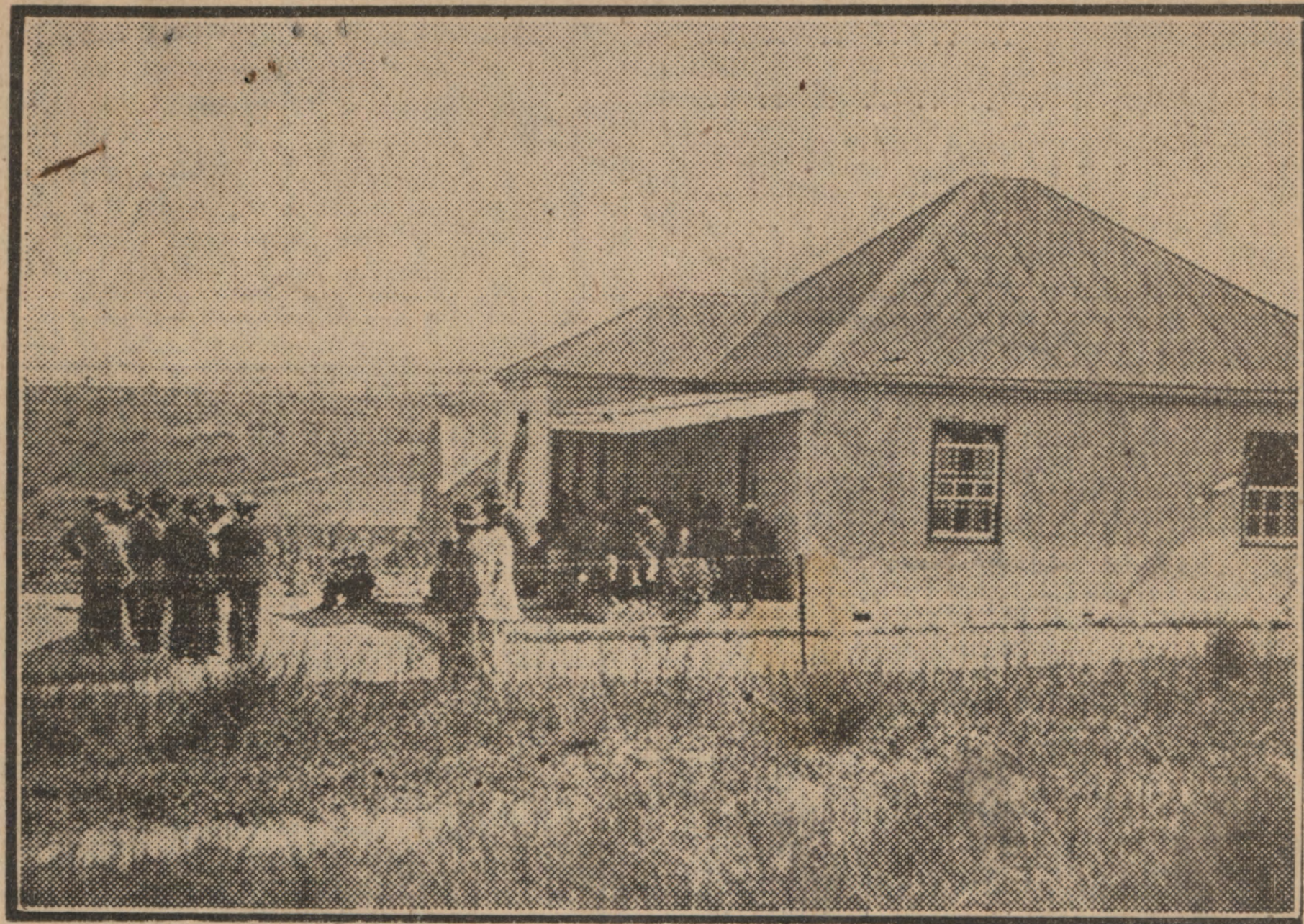
BILLY CAN	1
Lance Jack	2
Fullstop	3

Cornubia Handicap (B Division)

NIAN	1
Never Squeal	2
King Tut	3

AMATEUR SWIMMING BY CYGNUS CLUB

EXCITING FINISH IN 220
YARDS FINAL



Chief Luthuli's new house at Groutville, near Stanger.