

Mural Panels at South Africa House

Fine Work by Mr. J. H. Amshe-witz, R.B.A.

AT the reception given in London by the High Commissioner for South Africa and Mrs. Te Water to celebrate Union Day, three mural panels painted by Mr. J. H. Amshe-witz, R.B.A., and presented by Mr. M. Haskel (of Johannesburg) were unveiled. H.R.H. Prince George, H.R.H. Princess Alice of Athlone, and the Earl of Athlone, Lady May Abel Smith and Captain Abel Smith were present.

Prince George was particularly interested in Mr. Amshe-witz's rendering of the three subjects — Prince Henry the Navigator, Bartholomew Diaz and Vasco da Gama—the pio-neers who were responsible for estab-lishing the first contact between Western Europe and South Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Amshe-witz were pre-sented to the royal party.

Famous 'Cellist to Broadcast Programmes

It is announced by Messrs. H. Polliack & Company, Ltd., that they have completed negotiations with Mr. Cherniavsky to appear in a series of broadcasted programmes. The famous 'cellist will be accompanied by Cav. L. Danza, the well-known virtuoso. This is the first time that concerts of Mr. Cherniavsky's have ever been broadcasted from a South African station.

The dates of the concerts are as follows: July 10th, 17th, 24th, and August 14th, from the Johannesburg Station; and July 31st and August 7th, from the Capetown Station. This gives six consecutive programmes every Tuesday, from 8.10 to 8.30 p.m.

This announcement will be of particular interest to lovers of serious music, who are not likely to miss so rare an opportunity of listening to the playing of an executant of world renown.

GEORGE ARLISS AT THE COLOSSEUM

The Colosseum Theatre presents this week "Alexander Hamilton" with the famous actor, George Arliss, in the part of the great American statesman. The scenes in this historical play are realistic and vivid, and many famous characters are seen, while half a thousand people take part as soldiers and citizens. The part of Mrs. Hamilton is played exquisitely by Doris Kenyon, and the supporting cast is finely chosen.

CONSTANCE BENNETT AT THE METRO.

"Moulin Rouge," the picture at the Metro Theatre this week, with Constance Bennett in the leading role, is a sparkling musical film with a strong story, exquisite settings and a continuous flow of humour. Franchot Tone, that fine actor, plays the leading man's role. The rest of the programme at the Metro this week is exceedingly good.

No School at Jewish Orphanage

"WE want to prepare our children for life when they have left the orphanage. We want them to mix with people, not to be isolated."

These were the words with which Mr. L. Shear, the Superintendent of the Jewish Orphanage in "Arcadia," commented upon the report dealing with the suggestion that an English Medium School for the northern suburbs of Johannesburg be erected in the Orphanage grounds.

Originally, the majority of the Orphanage children attended the Hebrew High School. To-day, however, it is the accept-ed policy of those in charge of the insti-tution, that the children be sent to a di-versity of schools. It is felt that any stigma which may persist in minds of a certain type in regard to orphanom, will be the more certainly averted if the chil-dren receive their education in the same way, and at the same educational centres as do the ordinary young people of the town.

Only Hebrew, and certain specialised subjects are taught on the Orphanage premises.

It is for this reason, that the Orphanage authorities have refused to meet the sug-gestion that a school for the district be erected in their grounds. In this attitude, they are at one with the Witwatersrand Central School Board, whose chairman, Mr. Duthie, at a monthly meeting of the Board, held on Monday, the 25th inst., stated that the Board had always been opposed to sectional schools, and that, therefore the Orphanage committee was merely acting on lines which the Board itself had always followed.

"The Problem of the Slum"

LECTURE AT JEWISH GUILD

ON Sunday, July 1st., Rev. H. Leach who has for some time been associated with social reconstruction work, will deliver a lecture at the Jewish Guild on the above subject. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8.30 p.m. and Mr. J. H. Barnett, chair-man of the Guild, will preside.

In view of the recent outcry against slum conditions in the city of Johannesburg, and the claim that better housing accommoda-tion is required in certain districts, a Housing Utility Committee has been con-stituted, which will work, for the purpose of slum clearance, together with the City Council. There can be no doubt that the Jewish community of Johannesburg would wish to associate themselves with such an undertaking, and to assist in any action which will remove the reproach that certain parts of the city are a menace to the health and welfare of its citizens.

Those who are interested in the subject are advised to attend the lecture to be given by Mr. Leach.

Hechalutz Organisation

On Saturday night, the 23rd inst., the monthly social was held at the Chalutz Hall. There was a fair gathering. Mr. A. Abrahamson, President of the Transvaal Zionist Youth Executive, addressed the as-sembled members on the forthcoming Keren Hayesod Campaign to be held amongst the youth of the Transvaal. Mr. A. Katz, on behalf of the Hechalutz, promised the full support of the Hechalutz Organisation.

Thanks are due to Miss Miriam Ratner for playing the piano the whole evening, Miss Florence Green for dancing a Rus-sion Ballet and Mr. Silberman for render-ing Hebrew and Yiddish solos.

On Sunday, the 1st July, a "Living Newspaper" will be held at the Hechalutz Hall (Corner Height and Beit Streets), at 8 p.m. An enjoyable evening is assured. This function will also take the form of a general meeting to discuss important mat-ters. All members are asked to be punctual.

Under the auspices of the Johannesburg Hechalutz, a discussion evening will be held on Saturday, the 7th July, at the Hall, at 8 p.m. Mr. Silberman (who witnessed re-cent events in the country) will introduce the subject "The Present Situation of Jewry in Germany." The public is cordially invited.

Hebrew classes will take place on Thurs-days at the Hall at 8 p.m., commencing from the 28th inst. All interested to join are asked to be punctual.

A New Singer

Success of Miss Mabel Lewin in Vienna

News has reached South Africa of the successful debut in Vienna of a South African singer in the person of Miss Mabella Penneto. This is the professional name of a popular young Jewess from Oudtshoorn. She is Miss Mabel Lewin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Lewin, of Oudtshoorn, and a relative of Mrs. I. Heymann, in Johannesburg.

This young singer, who is the possessor of a remarkably fine voice, has now been engaged by the Zurich Opera Company in Switzerland. The newspaper critics in Europe have written of Miss Penneto as having an excellent alto voice, full of fine tone in the upper register. It is hoped that her splendid voice, coupled with a graceful personality, entitles her to become an opera singer of the first rank.

Miss Lewin received her early training at the South African College of Music in Capetown. In 1931 she gained a scholar-ship for singing, and a year later left for Berlin. There she studied opera intensively, and finally met with success. Miss Lewin is leaving shortly for London to give audi-tions for the opera season.

Unveiling of Tombstone.

The unveiling of the tombstone of the late Mr. M. D. Hersch will take place at the Brixton Cemetery on Sunday, July 1st, at 11 a.m.

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