

In and Around the Peninsula

Bnoth Zion Association.

The Annual General Meeting of the Oranjezicht branch took place at the residence of Mrs. A. Penkin, Morgenzen, Chesterfield Road, on Tuesday, 25th March. The retiring Chairlady, Mrs. J. Abromowitz, gave a detailed and comprehensive report of the year's activities and said that the cultural activities of the branch had kept pace with the practical side, which had shown a marked increase over the previous year. She thanked the Executive and Committee for their loyal support and co-operation during the year. The record amount of £1,500 was raised during the Keren Hayesod Campaign and £1,100 for the J.N.F.

Mrs. I. Abrahams moved the adoption of the report, and this was seconded by Mrs. F. Clouts.

Mrs. H. Lieberman congratulated the Chairlady and outgoing Committee on their good work for the branch and urged them to make every effort to make the Youth Aliyah Campaign a success. The new Committee were then elected, as follows: Chairmen, Mesdames Glaser and M. Berelowitz; Vice-Chairmen, Mesdames Shaskolsky and Lewin; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Futeran; Secretary, Mrs. M. E. Pimstone; Committee: Mesdames J. Abromowitz, Klugman, Greenstein, Nurok, Berlin, Friedland, Markowitz, Singer, Meyerowitz, Levine, Burman, J. Kaimowitz, Goldblatt, Miss Noehomowitz, Mrs. A. Saxe.

Mrs. Glaser paid a tribute to the outgoing Chairman for the splendid work she had done for the branch. Miss Norman Saxe then rendered two delightful piano solos. After tea, Mrs. Fanny Raphael read an outstanding and most interesting paper on her impressions of Congress and Eretz Israel. She stressed the importance of Wizo work and painted a realistic picture of life in Palestine. She said that pessimism and Zionism were incompatible terms.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parow-Bellville branch was held at the residence of Mrs. M. Sacks, Klosser Street, Parow, on Tuesday afternoon, 8th April. Mrs. H. Lieberman was the guest speaker.

A very successful card evening for the J.N.F. was held at the residence of Mrs. H. Chapeikin, Fifth Avenue, Bellville, on 16th March; the hostesses were Mes. H. Chapeikin and A. Barron.

The Annual General Meeting of the Claremont branch was held at the residence of Mrs. Moss, Newlands, on Thursday, 27th March. There was a large gathering.

Mrs. Moss, Chairlady, welcomed all present, especially the visitors, Mrs. H. Lieberman and Mrs. P. Rubin. She then gave a resume of the year's activities, stressing the fact that most of the work was left to a few ladies.

Mrs. D. Hessen, Treasurer, gave the financial report, which reflected a successful year.

Mrs. Sarif read the Wizo report, which showed a good year's work. She mentioned that 240 garments had been sent away. She thanked her co-worker, Mrs. Saevitzson, for her assistance.

Mrs. Marks moved the adoption of the report. She remarked that, although the Claremont branch had so few members, large sums of money were brought in.

The reports were adopted.

The election of office-bearers and Committee then took place, with the following results: Chairlady, Mrs. D. Hessen; Vice-Chairladies, Mrs. Sarif, Mrs. I. Geffen; Secretary, Mrs. B. Freedman; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Moss; Wizo Conveners, Mrs. Sarif, Mrs. B. Tuch. Committee members: Mrs. R. Saevitzson, B. Plax, H. Goott, B. Tuch.

A. Katz, Segal, M. Friedland, J. Dorfman, M. Daniels, L. Colombick, C. Genn, L. Gordon, N. Belonsky and S. Marks.

After tea Mrs. Helena Lieberman gave an address on "A Personal Approach to the Youth Aliyah." She thanked the outgoing Chairlady for her successful work and welcomed the new Chairlady, hoping that she would carry on with the good work.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Tuch to the speaker, the visitors and to the hostess.

A rummage sale was held at Lansdowne on 1st April by the 11th Branch in aid of Youth Aliyah funds. The nett proceeds of £90 3s. 6d. was realised through the hard work of the able convener and Chairlady, Mrs. Marcus, and her helpers.

Muizenberg Massadah Association.

On Thursday, 27th March, a meeting was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Jocum, Muizenberg. Mr. J. Silber presided. Mr. S. Kessler delivered an address on "Haganah—Resistance in the Yishuv."

Muizenberg-Kalk Bay Hebrew School.

A very large gathering of parents and friends of the School took place on Sunday night, 30th March, at the Talmud Torah Hall. The children of the School gave a very fine performance in the form of a "Seder Cavalcade." The children very ably staged the various forms the Seder took on in the long history of our people. The Cavalcade started with the Seder in the time of the Tanaim in the second century and finished with the most modern Seder performed by our young chalutzim in Eretz Israel.

Mr. A. Gamsu, the Vice-Chairman of the School, presided. He welcomed the gathering and introduced the guest speaker, Mr. R. Egert, who, in a very able manner, explained to the children the meaning and significance of the rites and ceremonies performed during the Seder.

Mr. E. Levite, the Principal of the School, in a short talk wished the children a happy Pesach. He appealed to the parents to have a Seder arranged in every home.

Mr. A. Schneider moved a vote of thanks to the speaker and to Mr. Levite and the staff for having arranged the enjoyable function.

S.A. Jewish Ex-Service League.

Capt. C. A. Dorfan made his audience forget terror and political problems for an hour by telling it something about "The lighter side of life in Palestine" at the Mayor's Ex-Servicemen's Institute on 1st April. He spoke of the battles with the English language which some of the urban refugees carry on, like the dressmaker from Vienna who, in her shopwindow, advertises "Dresses for evening use and street walking," and who also "takes fits upstairs." There is a kosher butcher in Tel Aviv who proclaims that "He kills himself twice daily," a grocer selling "Beer in flashes," and even a certified "Diplomatic Midwife."

The many different nationalities that form the population of the larger cities do not prevent a strong feeling of solidarity, so much so that anything that happens to anybody is often everybody else's business. On one occasion a whole bus in which the speaker was travelling took part in an argument as to how one of the passengers should hold a large piece of glass. Although there was too much advice, and the glass was eventually broken, this active interest in your fellow men is preferable to the spirit of indifference so often found in other modern Jewish communities.

The showing of a recent "March of Time" on Palestine concluded a rather unusual meeting.

The Great Synagogue Ladies' Guild.

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, 4th April, in the Congregation's Board Room.

Mrs. I. Abrahams presided and extended a cordial welcome to the large gathering of old and new members, and a visitor from New York, Mrs. S. Friedman (a relative of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Stodel).

Professor Rabbi Abrahams led the gathering in prayer, after which he gave an address (the first in a series) on Jewish customs and observances. On this occasion the Rabbi explained the origin and meaning of the chief ceremonials connected with the observance of Passover.

After tea was served by Mrs. I. Goldberg and her helpers, a News Sheet of outstanding interest was read by Mrs. Y. Landsman. The compiler was Mrs. F. Weinreich.

A large number of gifts, suitable for the women and children in D.P. camps in Europe, was brought to the meeting. On Monday morning, 14th April, members of the Guild will assemble in the Board Room to make up the parcels.

The stall in aid of the Red Cross Children's Memorial Hospital run by the Oranjezicht Group and the Guild (under the auspices of the U.J.W.), was held that morning, when the sum of £29 was realised.

Mrs. Abrahams paid a tribute to the Oranjezicht Group convener, Mrs. H. Jacobson, and her helpers for their fine spirit of co-operation and for the outstanding results achieved by the Group during many years.

A raffle of a set of table mats for Guild funds, donated by Mrs. J. Rogoff, was won by Mrs. Landsman. The raffle of a bottle of fish oil, donated by Mrs. Mandelbrote, at the Red Cross Stall was won by Miss L. Jeffries.

The next monthly meeting of the Guild will be held on Tuesday, 6th May, when the Rabbi will give a lecture entitled "Shavuoth Studies."

Silver Wedding Celebration.

The Silver Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Shattenstein of Observatory, was celebrated on Saturday, 29th March. Mr. E. Shannon presided at the function, and Mr. A. Lipman proposed the toast of the "young couple."

Rabbi B. Isaacson spoke in tribute to the host and hostess and Mr. L. Hodes in an appropriate speech referred to the popularity of Mr. and Mrs. H. Shattenstein. A large number of relatives and friends joined in the Simcha.

Hebrew Kindergarten to be opened at Muizenberg.

At a meeting which took place at the Mountain View Hotel, Muizenberg, on Monday evening, 31st March, under the auspices of the Hebrew Kindergarten Association, it was unanimously decided to open a Hebrew Kindergarten at Muizenberg. This Kindergarten is to be run under the auspices of the Hebrew Kindergarten Association, with a sub-committee at Muizenberg which will be represented on the Association Committee in Cape Town.

Mrs. F. Bloch was in the chair, and amongst those present were representatives of the Muizenberg Talmud Torah, Hebrew Congregation, Chevragemorrah, Chana Krikler Tzdoka Society, Union of Jewish Women, Bnoth Zion, and representatives of the Hebrew Kindergarten Society, Mrs. Winokur and Mrs. Shwer, who came out to address the meeting. There was also a goodly gathering of the parents of prospective pupils. Great interest and enthusiasm in the project was shown by all present, and a sub-committee was elected immediately, as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Sher; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Loon; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Eisa-

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Social & Personal.

The marriage of Dorothy, daughter of Mr. Walter Robinson, Secretary of the Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation, and Mrs. Robinson, to George Louis, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. S. Rom, will take place at the Sea Point Synagogue on Sunday, 20th April, at 4.30 p.m.

The engagement is announced of Joseph (Joe) Newman, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Newman, of Boksburg, and Ruth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Geffen, of Johannesburg.

Mrs. Enid Alexander is leaving in the "Corinthic" on 28th April on a three-months' visit to Australia.

Mrs. Shoshana Gordon and Miss Sara Gordon left last Friday in the "Cape Town Castle" on a visit to England and America.

Miss Cynthia Barnett, niece of Mrs. Enid Alexander and the late Mr. Morris Alexander, K.C., M.P., has been honoured by their Excellencies the Governor-General and Mrs. van Zyl by an invitation to attend the official Ball at Government House, Cape Town, on Monday, 21st April, in honour of the coming of age of Her Royal Highness, Princess Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Myer Katovsky (née Zelda Rosenberg) are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

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man; Committee: Mesdames Yankelowitz, Yudelman, Kaye, Seftel, Orkin, Eickowitz, Brauer, and representatives of the various organisations present still to be appointed.

The Kindergarten is very fortunate in having the service of Mrs. M. Levine who has had experience both in London and Palestine, as teacher, and the term will commence on Monday, 14th April, 1947, at the local Talmud Torah, Wherry Road, when enrolment of pupils will take place. The Kindergarten hours will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Mr. Phillips moved a vote of thanks to the Chairlady, Mrs. Bloch, and a vote of thanks to Mrs. L. Mirvish, Mrs. Winokur and Mrs. A. Shwer, of the Kindergarten Association was proposed by Mr. Shneider.

Barmitzvah Celebration.

Ralph Edwin (Ralphie), eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Merkel, Milner Road, Woodstock, conducted the evening service in the Woodstock Synagogue last Friday, 28th March, and read a Portion of the Law the following morning.

After the Saturday morning service a "Brocha" was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Merkel, where many congregants gathered to congratulate the Barmitzvah and pay their respects to the parents.

On Sunday evening a reception was held in the Zionist Hall, Cape Town, where a large and representative gathering testified to the popularity of Mr. and Mrs. Merkel.

Mr. P. Marks, the Vice-Chairman of the Woodstock and Salt River Congregation, presided and in his opening remarks outlined the valuable communal work at large rendered by the parents, emphasising that during Mr. Merkel's chairmanship of the Woodstock and Salt River Congregation unity in all sections reigned supreme. The Chairman announced that the "Knitting Group," "Wizo" and "Bnoth Zion" of Woodstock and Salt River have arranged to plant 13 trees in Eretz Israel in the name of the Barmitzvah, and

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