

to Perform Bloch Sonata

owner of a well-known community orchestra, the Johannesburg Musical Society on February 17, will mark the first performance in Africa of the piano sonata of Bloch. Rodriguez Lopez, who specialised in the great Jewish composer's works, was also responsible for the introduction of Bloch's sonata for violin and piano in Johannesburg years before the war. He and his wife, Anny Lambrechts, will be remembered for their performances in aid of the Ort-Oze and the Society for Jews and Christians, when they introduced the Jewish song of Darius Milhaud and a Yiddish folk-song by Maurice Ravel.

Bloch's piano sonata is a pure reflection of the troubled times around 1935 and was written at the time that he wrote the great Service for the synagogue. In the sonata one clearly recognises the influence of the old patriarchs, the prophets, the story of Job, and the Passover movement reflects the poetry of "The Song of Songs."

In addition to this important Jewish work the programme also contains songs of Gustav Mahler, a first performance of the song cycle "Le Requiem" by the French composer and works by old Netherlands and Spanish masters, as well as Mozart and Hugo Wolf.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez Lopez have recently returned to the Union after having spent the war years in the occupied zone of the Dutch Far East, and will shortly be giving a concert in aid of the Palestine Orchestra and the Yehudi Menuhin.

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

Yeoville Jewish Circle



Committee members of Yeoville Jewish Circle

The Yeoville Jewish Circle, founded in January, 1945, is celebrating its third anniversary this week. From an initial membership of 20 the Circle has over 100 members to-day. The Circle serves the Jewish community of Yeoville and its surrounding districts as a communal centre. During the three years of its existence over

15,000 people have at various times assembled at the Circle, and many Jewish causes have benefited as a result.

The objects for which the Circle was founded have been amply justified and the Committee are endeavouring to enlarge the activities of the Circle during the current year.

21st Annual Meeting of Benoni W.Z.L.

The 21st annual general meeting of the Benoni Women's Zionist League was held at the Hebrew Hall on Tuesday, January 20.

The meeting was opened by the chairman, Mrs. Phillips, who welcomed visitors from Boksburg and Mrs. Katie Gluckman.

Mrs. Phillips stressed the importance of keeping informed of events in Palestine during this critical period, and urged the women to read the "Zionist Record." The Chairman then reviewed the report of the previous year's work. She thanked Mrs. R. Levy for her high level of cultural work. Funds from J.N.F. Boxes had increased and the Special Box which had been convened by Mrs. Simon, was successful. She called for still greater efforts. Mention was made of the Keren Hayesod campaign, which had been efficiently organised by Mrs. P. Meyers, and the W.I.Z.O., by Mrs. Miller. Thanks were tendered to Mr. C. Feinstein, who had facilitated the cutting of material. The treasurer's report was read.

Mrs. P. Mandelstam, chairman of the Union of Jewish Women, brought greetings from that organisation. She moved the adoption of the report, and paid tribute to the League's twenty-one years of work.

Mrs. Gluckman presented Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Fredman and Mrs.

Feinstein with Golden Book certificates, inscribed by the women of Benoni in appreciation of their work for Zionism.

Mrs. Gluckman, in her address, stressed the fact that although we were to-day citizens of a Jewish State, we still had our obligations to Keren Kayemeth, and appealed for even greater efforts.

The following officers were elected for 1948:

Executive. — Chairman, Mrs. C. Phillips; vice-chairman, Mrs. L. Gamsu; treasurer, Mrs. H. Gewer; secretaries, Mrs. S. Sifrin and Mrs. M. Schmullian; Keren Hayesod, Mrs. P. Meyers; J.N.F. Boxes, Mrs. D. Simon; Seform, Mrs. L. Friedstein; Cultural Work, Mrs. R. Levy; W.I.Z.O. Sewing, Mrs. E. Miller. Committee: Mesdames A. Feinstein, S. Fredman, W. Shames, D. Bernstein, P. Miller, F. Frankel, A. B. Judelman, S. Jacobson, R. Borz, P. Mandelstam, B. Smith, J. Lazarow, M. Lurie, L. Levin, S. Levy, Jassinowsky and Alexander.

Mrs. Phillips expressed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Gluckman for addressing the meeting, and wished her an enjoyable visit to Eretz Israel. She congratulated her on having had the privilege of laying the foundation stone for the Mothercraft Training Centre.

HAPOEL HAMIZRACHI

The annual general meeting of the Transvaal Mazkirut was held at the Coronation Hall recently.

Means were considered for rendering the greatest assistance to the Yishuv and Hakibbutz Hadati in their hour of need.

Proceedings were dramatically interrupted by the arrival of a cable from Vaad Hapoel Hamizrachi in Eretz Israel, declaring that the spirit of Hapoel Hamizrachi settlements in the Hebron Hills remained undaunted, despite repeated Arab attacks. It called upon the local movement for redoubled efforts.

The meeting pledged full support to the S.A. Garin at Ein Hanatziv. A report on the camp at Lakeside was given by the Rosh Hamachaneh. The Cultural convener described the success of the Sunday morning Seminar held during the latter part of the last year.

The general secretary of the Mizrachi Federation outlined the nature of the Merkaz Limmud which would commence in February. Study groups comprising Gemorrah, Dinim, Mishnah, Hebrew and a study of current affairs, would be held every evening.

The following Mazkirut was elected:

B. Shapiro, W. Hommel, I. Shapiro, A. Katz, R. Shapiro, M. Larger, P. Grosberg, M. Shapiro and F. Seeff. Sub-committees were also elected.

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