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## CAPETOWN COMMENTS.

### ZIONIST ACTIVITY.

### A DISASTROUS FIRE.

### GENERAL NEWS.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

The local Zionist organisations commenced, on Tuesday evening, their programme of events in connection with the Building Fund, when a very successful concert was held at the City Hall, and witnessed by a large gathering. There was an attractive list of performers, many popular and prominent artists appearing. Outstanding among the musical items in the first part of the programme were the trio played by Lily Haft, Minnie Kahn and Leah Satz; "Nymphs and Fauns," Bemberg, and "Pixies," excellently sung by Mrs. P. Marcus; Polonaise in A flat, Chopin, played with considerable power by Adelaide Newman, and two Hebrew melodies rendered with fine expression by Boris Rome. A charming dancing display given by several pupils of Miss Miriam Kirsch was followed by a recitation by Miss Mavis Scott and then by Miss Marion Tyfield, who put a good deal of dramatic expression into her delivery of Maxfield's "No man takes the farm," and was encored for her effort. Mr. Aubrey Ospovat's violin solo "Czardas" (Monti) was well executed and encored.

After the interval the principal feature of the evening's programme was staged. It was an effectively mounted series of twelve tableaux depicting heroines of Jewish history in the costumes of their times. "A Gallery of Jewish Womanhood" was undoubtedly an imposing spectacle, and there was much enthusiasm amongst the audience when each tableau, suitably described by an appropriately dressed scribe, was presented. The music was arranged by Mr. Ospovat and Miss Mildred Korelstein sang Gounod's "Entreat we not to leave thee" during the presentation of the Ruth and Naomi pictures.

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Many Jewish pupils took part in an excellently arranged dramatic entertainment at the Capetown High School on Wednesday night. It was given by the elocution class under the able direction of Miss Cecile de Banke, A.T.C.L., L.G.S.M., and thoroughly enjoyed by scholars, past and present, and parents. The first part of the programme was opened by Rose Kessel, who gave an enjoyable pianoforte solo from "Forest Scenes" (Taylor), and this was followed by two scenes from Cranford: (a) A Card Party; (b) Old Letters. The following took part: Alma Zlotnick, Blumy Fortes, Annie Shiffman, Charlotte Matthews, Majorie Devenish, Miriam Sacks, Alice Gobbett and Fay Hoffman.

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A disastrous fire occurred at Malmesbury on Sunday night, when three cottages in Francis Street, owned by a well known Jewish resident, Mr. I. Resnick, were totally destroyed. One of the cottages was unoccupied, and it was in this that the fire, the cause of which is unknown, broke out. Mr. Resnick and family were asleep in one of the cottages when the police discovered flames issuing

forth, and had to break in to waken the occupants. A small amount of furniture was saved, but no one, fortunately, was hurt. The property was insured for £600, which does not cover the damage. A large amount of harness and grain was stored in the empty house, and has been totally destroyed, the value ranging into hundreds of pounds.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Kramer and their daughter Phyllis arrived from their European trip by the Carnarvon Castle on Monday.

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The ladies of the Orphanage Committee, assisted by many other prominent social workers, are busy completing the arrangements for the Grand Gala Ball, which will be held in the City Hall on the 24th November, being the Gala Season, this event has been included among the many attractions arranged by the Publicity Association, and is being eagerly anticipated. Mrs. H. J. Stodel, the Chairlady of the Institution, can be relied upon to introduce many enjoyable novelties at the ball, and patrons—particularly the younger section—can be assured of an evening's entertainment in keeping with the Gala Season. This is the first year that the Orphanage have arranged a ball, and despite the fact that it is the last of those organised under the auspices of local Jewish charitable societies, there is no doubt it will be both a social and financial success.

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### THE JEWISH SCOUTS.

It is pleasing to note that the 2nd Jewish Troop, under Scoutmaster S. Horwitz, and Assistant Scoutmasters M. Horwitz and T. Levy, is progressing both with Scout and Communal work. The members rendered excellent services in connection with the ball which was held in aid of the Hebrew High School. They are also helping in the various stalls in the Maccabean Fete. The Officers of the Troop would be pleased to know whenever they could be of any use to the Jewish Community, and a line to P.O. Box 4342, Johannesburg, would always receive attention immediately.

Scoutmaster S. Horwitz is in command of a combined camp of the 2nd Troop and Pretoria Brigade to be held at Muizenberg. The contingent leaves Johannesburg on the 20th December, and any assistance would be gladly received. Arrangements have been made for Kosher meat to be supplied to the camp, and for Sabbath Services to be held for the troops.

Scoutmaster Solomon Horwitz has been connected with the Scout movement for many years. He first enlisted before the war as a Tenderfoot Scout with the 1st Belgravia Troop, and has since risen to the rank of Scoutmaster. In November, 1925, he accepted command of the 2nd Jewish Troop, which under him has reached a high degree of efficiency. He is the Organiser and Chairman of the Johannesburg Board of Jewish Officers, and he would be pleased to hear from other Jewish Scoutmasters. During the visit of General Sir Baden Powell, the Jewish Troops will take part in the Mass Parade under the Brigade Minister, Rev. Beckman.

The co-operation of the Jewish public with regard to the Jewish Scout Movement would be greatly appreciated.

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