

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own
Correspondents.

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BEAUFORT WEST.

At a special general meeting of the local Zionist Society, held on April 12th, with Mr. M. Garb, President, in the chair, Mr. L. Goldenbaum was elected as hon. secretary in the place of Mr. M. Karabus, who was leaving Beaufort West to take up residence in Capetown, and Mr. J. Brock as a member of the committee.

At the same meeting the affairs of the National Fund were discussed, and on appeal from the chair it was agreed that quarterly clearances of the boxes should be thoroughly and regularly carried out in future.

Appreciation must be expressed here of the excellent services rendered to the Society by Mr. Karabus during his term of office, as well as to the Cause generally over a long period of years. At the meeting the chairman expressed profound regret at the departure of Mr. Karabus, and made him a presentation on the society's behalf.

BOTHAVILLE.

The fortnightly function of the local Young Israel Society took place on Sunday, the 19th inst., in the Cheider room and took the form of a lecture. Rabbi I. Feldberg, who was the speaker of the evening, chose as his subject "Jews, Arabs and Palestine." The lecture proved most interesting and was thoroughly appreciated by all.

CRADOCK.

On the 10th inst., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thal, Mr. D. Mierowsky addressed the members of the Young Israel Society. The lecture proved both interesting and informative. Miss E. Thal proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Mierowsky.

GERMISTON.

The annual oratorical competition of the Germiston Young Israel Society took place in the Synagogue Hall on Sunday evening last. Messrs. D. Dunsky and E. Bernstein were declared the best speakers of the evening and will represent the society in the Transvaal Young Israel Oratorical Competition. On this occasion Mrs. B. Ordman, Dr. B. Ordman, and Mr. M. Friedman acted as judges.

The Germiston Young Israel Society is the holder of the Solly Sapire Shield, a floating trophy presented each year by the Transvaal Young Israel Executive to the winning society.

It was announced that the Germiston Young Israel Society will meet the Southern Suburbs Judean Society in the first round of the Oratorical Competition at the Germiston Synagogue Hall on Sunday, May 3rd.

During the evening the chairman, Mr. L. Dunsky, on behalf of the society, bade farewell to Mr. S. Hareven, an ex-committee member of the society, who left for England on Wednesday evening. Mr. S. Hareven has obtained the Henry Emanuel Scholarship at Cambridge and it is his intention to go in for the ministry.

KINGWILLIAMSTOWN.

On Sunday, the 8th ult., thanks to the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. G. Alperstein, the local Young Israel Society spent an enjoyable day at Middledrift.

The fine weather enabled the members to participate in outdoor sport, which included swimming, cricket and tenniquits.

During the last three months the society has been fairly active, meetings being held every fortnight. These took the form of hat debates, readings, discussions on current events of Jewish importance, musical afternoons, etc.

MOLTENO.

The Zionist Society recently held a Literary Evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Jacobson. The Chairman (Mr. Rathouse) extended a welcome to all and urged the importance of their interest in Jewish literature. The autobiography of Nahum Sokolow was then read by Mr. Jacobson. This was followed by a recitation by Master Alex Rathouse, readings by Messrs. A. Tabachnik and Max Tucker, and a recitation by Master Maxie Aranstam. Refreshments were then served, and some cakes were auctioned for the benefit of the Cape Jewish Orphanage. The singing of "Hatikvah" concluded a very enjoyable evening.

PRETORIA.

A literary and social evening, under the auspices of the Hebrew Speaking Society, was held on the 11th inst. at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Silber, to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Johannesburg Hebrew Circle, the great Hebrew writer and Zionist leader.

Members and visitors, including executive members of the Johannesburg Hebrew Circle, attended the function. Appropriate speeches were delivered by Mr. Goldberg, who presided, Rabbi I. M. Gervis (Chairman, Johannesburg Hebrew Circle) and Mr. Silber. A reading from Sokolow's prose and a recitation by Bialik were rendered by Miss C. Faktor; Jewish National songs were sung by Mrs. Finkelstein, Messrs. Freed and Klewansky (Johannesburg), and Abrahamson and Faktor (Pretoria). Throughout the evening a spirit of nationalism prevailed.

The social concluded with a vote of thanks to the host and hostess for their hospitality. Thanks are also due to those members of the Johannesburg Hebrew Circle who helped to make the evening the success it was.

On Sunday night, the 19th inst., the Pretoria Young Israel Society and the local Jewish Guild held an inter-debate. On behalf of the Guild, Messrs. Belling and Silber moved: "That the motto of South African Jewry should be South Africa first, then Zionism." Messrs. Levin and M. Goldberg opposed on behalf of the Pretoria Young Israel Society. The debate was followed with interest and many spirited speeches were made from the floor. The result was a victory for the opposition by an overwhelming majority.

QUEENSTOWN.

On Wednesday, 26th March, the Sons of Zion Society was honoured by a visit from Mr. Peretz Cornfeld, who delivered an interesting address to a well-attended meeting of both young and old, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. Strelitz. Mr. Cornfeld gave an illuminating account of the Haskalah period from the time of Jehuda Leib Gordon to the present Zionist movement meetings have been held regularly during the last quarter.

At the annual general meeting of the Bnei and Bnoth Zionist Society, held at the Queen's Drive Synagogue on Sunday, the 5th inst., the following hon. officers were elected: President, Mr. Alexander Fisher; Vice-President, Mr. Nathan Frank; Treasurer, Miss S. Blumenthal; Secretary, Miss J. Strelitz; Committee: Mesdames J. Tucker, J. Papilsky, Messrs. N. Gordon, J. Tucker and R. Levin. In addition to these Rev. H. S. Shapiro, the President and the Secretary of the Sons of Zion are to act on the committee ex-officio.

WILLOWMORE.

On March the 29th, the 80th meeting of the local Judean Society was held in the Judean Hall, when the election of hon. officers took place. After the chairman and treasurer had presented their reports the following were elected on the committee: Mr. K. Musikanth, Chairman; Mr. P. Horowitz, Vice-Chairman; Rev. J. Potashnik, Secretary; Miss P. Ash, Treasurer; Mr. L. Gellman, additional committee member.

WITBANK.

Simultaneously with the celebration of the Purim festival an all-Jewish programme concert was given in the Witbank Theatre on Tuesday night, 10th ult., under the auspices of the Literary Section of the Zionist Society. The function was in aid of the Dunam Drive funds and realised the gratifying sum of approximately £16. The programme consisted of vocal and violin solos and a small sketch by the children of the local *cheider* under the guidance of Rev. Rosenberg.

The main item of the programme consisted of a sketch entitled "Dem Dokter's Erste Operatie," in which the following took part: Mesdames Young, Markiles, Rosenberg; the Misses Katz, Arkles, Becker, and Messrs. Froman, Schech Behrman, Rosenberg, and Myers. Tea was provided by the entertainment section of the Society.