

Death of Mr. Israel Cooper.

Passing of Lichtenburg's Leading Jewish Citizen.

We deeply regret to announce the death, which occurred suddenly, at Lichtenburg on Saturday, 9th inst., at the early age of 44 of Mr. Israel Cooper. The deceased was the leading figure in Jewish communal life in Lichtenburg and was esteemed and beloved by all sections of the community. Mr. Israel Cooper was the son of the late Simcha Cooper, one of the old Jewish pioneers of Johannesburg and first president of the Orthodox Synagogue in the Golden City. His son had the opportunity of receiving a sound Jewish education and of being brought up in an intensely Jewish environment. The late Mr. Cooper came to Lichtenburg about nine years ago and settled there with his family, carrying on business as a chemist. It was through his assistance that the small community of Lichtenburg was able to engage a minister. He devoted himself unselfishly to the development of communal activities and when the inception of the diamond fields took place and led to a considerable growth of the Jewish community, the late Mr. Cooper worked valiantly towards the erection of a synagogue and as an encouragement to others headed the subscription list with a fine donation. He was always a most generous contributor and took a keen interest in every aspect of public and Jewish affairs, playing an important part in many directions.



The late Mr. Cooper was the first president of the Lichtenburg Hebrew Congregation, which position he retained at the time of his demise. He was for a time president of the Lichtenburg Lodge of the Hebrew Order of David, president of the Lichtenburg Chamber of Commerce and a member of the local School Board. The sudden death of Mr. Cooper came as a great shock and aroused the deepest sorrow amongst all circles in the Lichtenburg district.

The funeral on Sunday, the 10th inst., was largely attended and evidence of sorrow was demonstrated by the mourners. The funeral procession started from the residence of the deceased and en route to the cemetery the coffin was laid with every respect and honour in the synagogue, for the erection of which Mr. Cooper was responsible. Dr. Greenstein gave expression to the severe loss felt by the local community at the passing away of Mr. Cooper.

The procession then continued to the cemetery and prayers at the graveside were recited by Rev. Bloch, who also delivered a *Hespet*. Mr. Bloch declared that the memory of Israel Cooper will remain indelible in the history of the Jewish community in Lichtenburg.

Mr. MORRIS LEWIN (Johannesburg).

The death occurred on Sunday last, after a short and painful illness, of Mr. Morris Lewin, at the age of 61. The deceased, who was a deeply respected member of the Johannesburg Jewish community, was born in Plungyan (Lithuania) and came to South Africa 35 years' ago. The late Mr. Lewin always associated himself with charitable and communal endeavour and was one of the foundation members of the Park Synagogue and an active member of the Plungyan *Landsleit* Society. Only a short while ago he was actively concerned in the collecting of funds locally on behalf of the victims of the recent Plungyan fire.

The funeral, which took place on Monday afternoon, was largely attended and prayers at the graveside were recited by Dr. J. L. Landau (Chief Rabbi), and Cantor Inspektor.

The deceased is deeply mourned by his wife, two daughters (Mrs. Rosenthal and Mrs. Rostowsky), two sons (Dr. H. Lewin, Fochville and Mr. L. Lewin, Johannesburg), by relatives and a large circle of friends.

S.A. Jewish Orphanage.

The annual general meeting of the South African Jewish Orphanage will be held on Thursday evening next at the Jewish Guild Memorial Hall. Mr. W. Hillman, the retiring President, will be in the Chair.

JEWISH GUILD (Johannesburg).

The Jewish Guild Co-Optimists, who have been giving successful shows at Kroonstad, Potchefstroom and in aid of several charities in Johannesburg are presenting their new show at the Guild on Sundays, 24th and 31st inst. This show will be even brighter, snappier and happier than the last, which scored such a great success. Mr. Harold Miller is the capable producer, and he is supported by an excellent cast, as follows: Misses Lilian Barnett, Freda Gross, Rita Gross, Miriam Myers, Gertrude Wade; Messrs. Ike Baruch, Joe Epstein (violinist); Dan Levy (pianist), Sander Ostrowiak, Issy N. Shenker and Maurice Tatz.

The Guild Dramatic Section is very busy rehearsing two plays, the first "A Murder has been Arranged," by Emlyn Williams, to be produced by Carol Levitas; and "A Girl's Best Friend," by H. M. Harwood, to be produced by Elsie Salomon. Talented casts have been chosen and two fine shows will be presented.

ASTORIA KINEMA.

Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey are to be seen and heard in "Hook, Line and Sinkers," to be screened at the Astoria from Saturday, the 23rd inst. It is a riotous comedy about two mad wags who operate a hotel on a grand and glorious scale. Laughs make way for thrills with the entrance of a gang of deep-eyed villains, intent on filching the jewels of the swell guests stopping at the hostelry. For those who have seen Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey before, this brief description of the scene of their latest film should be sufficient to indicate the mad quality of the comedy involved.

ALLEN DOONE AT HIS MAJESTY'S.

Allen Doone, the Irish actor, who has been so notably successful here on previous occasions, opens a season tonight at His Majesty's Theatre. Mr. Doone has announced that, since his favourite play, "Lucky O'Shea," has always proved so lucky for him in South Africa in the past, he will once again open with this rollicking comedy. Allen Doone has a delightful part in this play and fits it to the manner born. Special reduced prices are advertised for this season, which should be as popular as any we have recently had.

THE LATE REV. H. S. SHAPIRO.

Mr. Henry Meyer, of the Palmerston Hotel, Port Elizabeth, writes as follows:

"As President of the Queenstown Hebrew Congregation for several years in succession, I came into intimate contact with the late Rev. H. S. Shapiro, who served his congregation well and faithfully for over ten years. He was an inspiration to both old and young in the community. His task was a doubly difficult one in a small congregation where he necessarily had to fulfil the numerous tasks associated with a small town Jewish ministry. But he was always ready to put his heart and soul into any effort which meant the spiritual advancement of the members. Not only was he known to his own community, but he made a distinct place for himself in the town where he was commonly known as "The Jewish Rabbi."

"It was his efforts that resulted in the beautifying of the Synagogue, and the harmony which prevailed among the Jews of Queenstown was largely due to his broad-minded and conciliatory spirit. Often a dispute which might otherwise have gone into a court of law, was quietly settled through his instrumentality. The poor and the needy were always welcome in his home, and when the occasion arose his eloquent sermons stirred his congregants from the apathy which overtakes the best of us. It will be hard indeed to fill his place in Queenstown, while to his friends he will remain a dear memory."

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