

Third S.A. Reconstruction Campaign—Ort Oze Emigdirect

Capetown.

THE first public meeting in Capetown was held on Sunday, the 14th inst., at the Royal Theatre. There was a very large attendance over which Mr. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P., presided. He opened the meeting with a general survey of the activities of the Ort Oze Emigdirect which strives to revive the ruined Jewish economic and social life in the Eastern European countries. Dr. Leon Bramson then delivered an address on the Jewish position in Eastern Europe and the part played by the reconstruction movement at the present day. The address was illustrated by lantern slides which showed the reconstruction work as it takes place in field and garden, workshop and factory; as well as the social welfare work carried out in the summer colonies and other institutions. Rev. A. P. Bender made a very warm appeal to Capetown Jewry to support the organisations, which served the Jewish masses in their hour of distress and rendered such essential and urgent services to them. A member of the Capetown Committee, Mr. T. Snitche, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the speakers of the evening.

The Capetown Committee has already embarked on its activities and is finding sympathy among the Jewish community. A ladies' committee has already been formed on which Mrs. J. Frankel serves as chair, Mrs. S. Neuman as vice-chair, and Mrs. L. Beresofsky as hon. treasurer.

Further Visits of Mr. Ch. Achron

Piet Retief.

On the 15th January Mr. Ch. Achron visited Piet Retief. He was the guest of the well-known communal worker, Mr. J. Werner. Thanks to the co-operation of the local Mayor and Secretary of the Hebrew Congregation, Mr. Barnard Werner, Mr. Achron succeeded in carrying out a successful effort in that town.

Paulpietersburg.

Mr. Achron visited Paulpietersburg on the 16th, where he was greatly assisted by Mr. W. Klotz.

Vryheid.

On Sunday, the 20th, a public meeting took place at the synagogue, Vryheid, under the chairmanship of the President of the Congregation, Mr. M. Schatz, who heartily recommended the cause of Jewish reconstruction in Eastern Europe. Mr. Achron addressed the audience on the work of the Ort Oze Emigdirect. An effort was carried through successfully with the very valuable assistance of Messrs Schatz, H. Frame (vice-chairman of the Hebrew Congregation), and Mr. P. Folb.

Ort Courses for German Jewish Juveniles.

As already reported the Ort has arranged a special course for a group of German Jewish young men to receive training in mechanical engineering in the Ort trades school, Kovno. The success of this undertaking was such as to inspire the Ort to open a new course in agriculture. In the next few days there will arrive from Berlin and other centres a group of 32 young people who will settle on a farm of 170 hectares which is rented and fully equipped by Ort. There these young people will receive training in every branch of agricultural work such as general farming, raising cereals, vegetable and fruit gardening, and dairy farming. An experienced agrinome will be in charge of the course which will include theoretical as well as practical training.

Oze and Infant Welfare in Bessarabia.

No less than 4,500 children up to two years of age, in Bessarabia alone, are under the care of the Oze institution there. Other similar welfare centres were recently opened in various towns in order to enlighten the Jewish public on questions of mother and infant care and hygiene. An exhibition has been opened in Kishinev where these questions are practically demonstrated. During the course of two months, when this exhibition will be open, popular lectures will be given by doctors on matters appertaining to the health of mothers and infants.



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JEWISH GUILD

The Dramatic Section Social, which will take place on the 28th inst., at 8.15 p.m., promises to be a delightful evening. The programme will include a half-hour Variety entertainment, arranged by Mr. Louis Ostrawiak and Mr. Cyril Hofman. The cast will consist of 7 artistes, who will provide musical numbers, dances, sketches and burlesques. Miss Charmion Kantor will serve as accompanist.

Miss Sadie Melamed and Miss Vera Posner will be responsible for a duologue, arranged by Miss Joan Heymann. Informal dancing will follow, to the strains of the Jewish Guild Orchestra.

The January Play-reading has been arranged for Wednesday, 31st., at 8.15 p.m. The direction is in the hands of Miss Sadie Melamed.

The first production to be presented by the Jewish Guild Dramatic Section this year will be "The Creaking Chair," by Allene Tupper Wilkes, a 3-act thriller of great interest. The producer is Miss Joan Heymann. A suitable cast has been selected, and there is every reason to expect a successful show.

MACCABEE ORGANISATION

On Saturday the 27th inst., at 8 p.m., a Flannel Dance will be held at the H.O.D. Hall under the auspices of the above organisation. An interesting programme is being arranged, and every effort made to render the affair a success. Tickets are obtainable from the Hon. Secretary, P.O. Box 5765, or from the offices of the H.O.D. Refreshments will be provided.

Part of the nett proceeds of the dance will be donated towards the Rand University Bursary Fund.

Obituary

MRS. DVORA ABRAMOWITZ (PRETORIA).

There passed away recently Mrs. Dvora Abramowitz, of Pretoria, at the age of 83. The late Mrs. Abramowitz, who came originally from Roumania, was a very respected member of the Pretoria Jewish community. Of an extremely pious nature, she deceased for many years played a prominent part in the religious life of the community in which she lived. Until the day of her death, which was sudden and unexpected, she was hale and full of vitality.

The late Mrs. Abramowitz is survived by eight daughters and one son. Three of them are resident in South Africa: Mr. S. Abramowitz, of Silverton; Mrs. Levin, of Pretoria; and Mrs. F. Sack, of Krugersdorp. Her other children are resident in Australia, England and Roumania. To her children, thirty grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren deep sympathy is conveyed in their bereavement.

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