

From Town and Country

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

Bloemfontein

On Sunday, the 28th ult., a large audience in the Communal Hall was addressed by the noted journalist, Mr. Jacob Landau, on the work of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Mr. Landau dwelt on the precarious position of the Jew throughout the world, due to the rising tide of anti-Semitism, which was threatening to produce a condition akin to the Ghetto. He characterised the Jewish Telegraphic Agency as a very necessary instrument for the creation of an enlightened public opinion on the true facts of the Jewish question, and cited a number of instances to show its protective value to the Jewish people as a whole.

Mr. J. Philips, chairman of the Bloemfontein Hebrew Congregation, presided, and in his introductory remarks explained that Colonel Patterson, who was accompanying Mr. Landau on his tour, was unfortunately unable to be present.

Rabbi M. Romm, in a vote of thanks to Mr. Landau, said that anti-Semitism had its origin in the realisation by the world of its need for the Jew, who, because of his very contributions to civilisation, was hated and despised. The Jewish people ought to proclaim courageously to the world its right to equality of treatment.

Boksburg

The annual general meeting of the Boksburg and District Women's Zionist Society was held in the Boksburg North Synagogue on Tuesday, the 30th ult. There was a fair attendance and it was unanimously agreed that the past year had been a most successful one. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the outgoing committee. The following were elected for the coming year: Hon. Life President, Mrs. B. Mendelsohn; chairlady, Mrs. A. J. Saretzky, vice-chairlady, Mrs. L. Millar, hon. treasurer, Mrs. S. L. Mendelsohn, hon. secretary, Mrs. L. Sandig. Committee: Mesdames A. Lowenstein, H. Lowenstein, S. Block, B. Grunis, B. Myer, S. Lurie, D. Friedman, Kramer, Shapiro, and Miss Sostak. Before the meeting was closed it was announced that a card evening had been arranged to take place at the Grand Hotel, Boksburg, on Sunday, the 11th inst. Cards have been sent out, and it is hoped that each member will attend and do her best to make it a successful evening.

Bothaville

A special general meeting of the Bothaville Zionist Society was held at the school on the 25th ult.

The chairman, Mr. M. Brill, presided, and reported that the hon. secretary, Mr. S. Tankel, was leaving Bothaville. Miss F. Sacks had resigned from the committee and the society only had a temporary vice-chairman.

The following were elected to fill the vacancies: Vice-chairman, Rev. Borowitz; hon. secretary, Miss B. Blumberg. Committee member, Mr. A. Gabei. The chairman expressed his thanks to Mr. S. Tankel for his excellent services to the society.

Germiston

At a committee meeting of the Germiston branch of the Jewish Old Aged Home, held on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the residence of Mr. M. Huftel, No. 12 India Street, Germiston South, Mrs. S. Rosenberg was elected hon. secretary of the branch.

The best wishes of the members and committee were extended to Miss S. Dunsky, the retiring hon. secretary, on the occasion of her forthcoming marriage to Mr. N. Shammassowitz.

Mr. M. Cohen was in the chair and the members present included Messrs. B. Cohen (treasurer), M. Huftel, M. Margolius, S. Rosenberg, Mesdames S. Kramer, Ginsberg, M. Huftel, W. Rosenthal, M. Cohen, S. Kalmek, and S. Rosenberg.

The treasurer reported that the activities during the six months were equal to those of last year.

The chairman took the opportunity of welcoming Mesdames Rosenthal and Kalmek, well known workers in Germiston, who were recently elected members of the committee of this branch.

Grahamstown

The Grahamstown Junior Zionist Society held a successful social in aid of the Jewish National Fund at St. George's Hall, on Saturday evening, the 13th ult.

An excellent concert programme was staged, including items by Miss Ruth Osher (winner of the 1934 overseas music scholarship), Miss Peggie Elion, Miss Rita Albert, Miss Judy Borman and Mr. Blumberg, and a play entitled "A Soldier's Dream," written and produced by Mr. S. Levin.

A cake presented by Mrs. Borman was sold by American auction and helped to swell the proceeds.

The thanks of the society are due to Miss Ray Adler, to whose indefatigable efforts the success of the evening was greatly due, and also to Messrs. Claasens (a Gentile friend), Frankel and Radomsky for providing the music.

Pietersburg

The annual general meeting of the Pietersburg and District Women's Zionist League was held on Wednesday, 24th ult., at the Communal Hall, at 3.30 p.m. Mrs. Hirschman, who was in the chair, welcomed the ladies present, and submitted an interesting report on the year's work.

The following office-bearers were elected for the coming year: Chairlady, Mrs. D. Hirschman; vice-chairlady, Mrs. E. Young; joint secretaries, Mrs. M. Miller and Mrs. E. Elkin; treasurer, Mrs. J. Hirschman. Committee: Mesdames B. Levy, E. Levin, I. Brenner, S. Palte, Vos, H. Bloch, S. H. Solomon, H. Gifter, J. Kallmeyer, snr., M. Israelsohn, A. L. Eitzman and J. Levine.

A farewell in the form of a social was held in the supper-room of the Town Hall on Thursday evening, 18th ult., in honour of Mrs. A. J. Lewis, who is to take up her residence in Johannesburg. Mrs. Lewis was an active member of the committee of the Pietersburg and District Women's Zionist League and will be greatly missed. A handsome painting was presented to Mrs. Lewis, and the opportunity was also taken of presenting Mrs. Eitzman with a gift in token of appreciation for her untiring services as secretary of the League for two years, and the hard work put in in connection with the launching of the first Women's Keren Hayesod Campaign in Pietersburg.

In bidding farewell to Mrs. Lewis, the chairlady said she hoped Mrs. Lewis would continue her good work in Johannesburg.

A musical programme was arranged by Mrs. Young, and several items were rendered by Miss Sadovsky, Mrs. S. Miller, Mrs. A. Elkin, the Misses F. Kaplan, M. Eichholz, F. Tager, and little Norma Cowan.

Rustenburg

At a meeting of the Rustenburg Zionist Society, held on the 14th ult., Mr. Herbert Cranko, the retiring President, was cordially thanked for his sterling work for the Society and was presented with a suitcase in appreciation of services rendered.

A strong committee was elected to carry on the work of the Society under the Chairmanship of Mr. C. Hermer.

It was decided that the name of the late Mr. Abraham Herman Wulfohn, who for many years acted as President of the Society, be inscribed in the Golden Book.

Somerset East

The Zionist Society's regular monthly meeting was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Saker on the 14th inst. Mr. Saker presided, while Rev. Altschuler, who was the principal speaker gave an interesting and enlightening address on Judaism.

The sum of £2 14s. 3d. was raised as a result of games during the evening, while £4 5s. 9d. was collected from raffles of chocolates and cakes, kindly presented by the hostess. These amounts were devoted to the Jewish National Fund.

Vereeniging

On the 18th ult., Mesdames Landau, Patley, and Hayman visited Vereeniging, where they were the guests to lunch of Mrs. Falcke. Afterwards, Mrs. Hayman met Mr. Slomowitz (chairman of the Vereeniging Zionist Society) and members of the committee. A successful meeting was held in the Isaac Lewis Hall, about 30 ladies being present. Mrs. Patley spoke on the work being done by the women in Johannesburg and on the Reef; Mrs. Landau related some of her experiences in Palestine; and Mrs. Hayman spoke on the WIZO.

As a result a Women's Cultural Group was formed, with the following office-bearers: Chairlady, Mrs. Falcke; vice-chairlady, Mrs. Driben; joint hon. secretaries, Mrs. Lebnaitzky and Miss Judith Falcke; and committee.

The group is already functioning actively, one meeting having been held since its formation, while another is being arranged for the 15th inst.

Zastron

A general meeting convened by the joint efforts of Messrs. L. Gordon and M. Spitz, to resurrect the local Zionist Society, which has been dormant for some considerable period, was held in the Synagogue on Wednesday evening the 17th ult.

A large and enthusiastic gathering attended and was addressed by Messrs. L. Gordon, M. Spitz, L. Eisenstein and S. Pinshaw.

The following office bearers were elected:

Chairman, Mr. M. Spitz; vice-chairman, Mr. L. Gordon; hon. secretary and treasurer, Miss L. Brill; committee, Messrs. L. Eisenstein, B. Abraham, A. Abrahamsohn and L. Shear, and Mesdames C. H. Rabinowitz and I. Muller.

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