

Mayoral Visit to Orphanage

THE Orphanage Scouts, or, as they are officially termed, the 2nd and 3rd Johannesburg Jewish (Arcadia) Groups gave their sixth annual Scout concert at "Arcadia" on Sunday evening.

Scout Master A. Greenblatt, the Group Scout Master, was in charge, and presented an excellent programme of songs, sketches, recitations, instrumental music etc., which was greatly enjoyed by all present. There was a crowded audience of members of the committee and friends, relatives of children, and the children themselves. Chief Rabbi, Dr. J. L. Landau, was present, and gave a real heart-to-heart talk to the children.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg (Councillor and Mrs. M. Freeman) paid an official visit to the Orphanage the same evening and were received by the President, Mr. B. Moss Morris and members of the Committee, and a Guard of Honour was furnished by the Orphanage Scouts. The Mayor addressed the children, giving a very interesting little speech.

A lengthy programme was successfully gone through, every item being enjoyed by performers and audience alike. There was an interval for refreshments, which was equally enjoyed by all participating.

Presentation to Mrs Shaer.

An unrehearsed incident in the evening's programme, not printed thereon, took place after the singing of "My Yiddishe Momme," by one of the boys, M. Hervitz, when the Scout Master announced, as being most appropriate after that song, that as a token of the affection and esteem felt for the retiring Matron Mrs. L. Shaer, by the Orphanage Scouts, they wished to make her a presentation. One of the boys forthwith handed Mrs. Shaer a box containing a set of cut glass. Mrs. Shaer was obviously greatly surprised and deeply moved by this unexpected incident.

The evening's programme was contributed to by Patrol Leader H. Ecovitz, "Arcadia Gang." Mannie Kotzen, H. Klevansky, L. Friedlander, I. Robinson, Harry Barlin, Miss Joyce Fisher and Mr. Lou Rosenbaum, (by kind permission of the Loveday Palais de Danse), the Roxy's Entertainers (consisting of Mrs. N. Mervis, Mrs. N. Myers, Mrs. L. Simons Misses B. Abrahamson, J. Wiseman, A. Katzenberg, Messrs. F. Myers, M. Wiseman and Roxy), Miss H. Miller "The Sunshine Babies" (Hannah Miller, Hymie, Ethel and Harold Myers), H. Ecovitz, M. Hervitz, Freddy Fuchs, M. Ring, W. Gresak, S. Stazunsky, Max Barlin, and L. Wilson. Mrs. N. Myers was at the piano.

Concert by Kindergarten Pupils

Under the combined auspices of the Berea and Yeoville Hebrew Kindergartens a Chanukah concert will be given by the little pupils at the Jewish Guild on Sunday, December 9, at 3 p.m. The concert is to be held under the patronage of the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. M. Freeman) and Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau and Mrs. Landau, and promises to be highly successful. The work of the very young is always interesting and entertaining. An enjoyable afternoon is assured.

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The Nelson Trio

SECOND JOHANNESBURG CONCERT

AT the Colosseum last Sunday night the Nelson Trio opened their second Johannesburg programme with the sublime Schubert's B Flat trio, and, sad to tell, ended with the Gorbliney. A well schooled performance, that of the Schubert, played with restraint and a careful regard for contrapuntal ensemble, played with precision and temperate colour that spoke of good training, but lacking in true lyrical ardour in the soaring first movement, and only hinting, in well-bred tones, at the "linked sweetness, long drawn out," of the heavenly andante. The last movement seemed best suited to the youth of the performers, tripping along to incredibly light and precise finger work by the pianist. Schubert, whom the gods loved, died young, but not before he had poured all he knew of life, its laughter and tears, into his work, and one would like these young people to abandon themselves more to his unrestrained lyricism and sweet sorrow.

The solo groups were interesting. The 'cellist, by her nobility of treatment and impeccable technique, renders even Popper to perfection. Why not then, play compositions worthy of such a rare artist? Even though the 'cello repertoire is notoriously limited we still have such works as the Dvorak concerto and the Beethoven A Major sonata, all too seldom heard.

The violinist chose to repeat her performance of the Vitali Chacone, reviewed earlier in these columns, while the public, deluded by the programme, sat blissfully through what they supposed were the "La Follia" variations of Corelli.

The pianist, who has a remarkable finger technique essayed two small, schoolgirl pieces by Grieg, and concluded with a dazzling performance of Debussy's "Gardens in the Rain." Unworthy material even for a Sunday night programme in unmusical Johannesburg. And the programme was concluded with an encore in the shape of the Barcarolle, of all things, from the "Tales of Hoffman." An ending in bad taste, and surely unworthy of the performers, who must know that they can rely on their artistry, not on the appeal of such selections which are heard only in their rightful element in a cafe, or in their original operatic settings.

H. S.

"Present Position of Jews in Europe"

Lecture by Dr. W. Sachs.

THE 106th meeting of the Palestine Club in Johannesburg will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Esakov, 57 Louis Botha Avenue, Houghton, on Saturday evening, December 1.

Dr. W. Sachs (who has recently returned from Europe) will deliver an address on "The Present Position of the Jews in Europe." An interesting meeting is assured.

YIDDISH VOLUME BY SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHOR

A notice in the "Litterarische Bletter," the distinguished Yiddish literary magazine, edited by Nachman Meysel, the famous Jewish journalist in Warsaw, Poland, makes an interesting announcement in the issue just to hand. This is to the effect that a book entitled "Wandering Echoes," containing four hundred pages by Mr. Morris Hoffman, of De Aar, is shortly to be published.

Mr. Hoffman is the author of a number of poems which have been published from time to time. The book will contain various sketches, many of which are of South African interest. There will also be a number of Yiddish poems and sonnets.

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Interesting Cookery Demonstration

Successful Function at the Selborne Hall.

A BRIGHT and interesting picture presented itself at the Selborne Hall, Johannesburg, on Tuesday afternoon last, when the Parktown-Parkview branches of the Women's Zionist League held an interesting cookery demonstration in aid of the Jewish National Fund.

A large gathering displayed keen interest throughout as the demonstrators unfolded the intricacies of many delightful recipes in the making. Gaily-coloured frocks contrasted with more demure designs and many smartly-groomed heads bent over note books as the demonstrator's even voice dictated instructions. Near the table of operations stood a white, cool-looking refrigerator on one side and an electric stove on the other. The ladies in charge wore green and white overalls and a most philosophical looking native assistant looked on calmly as with lightning rapidity little cakes and delicious mayonnaise, cocktail savouries, glazed fruits, puddings, ice cream and other appetising foodstuffs appeared as if by magic from the agile hands of the demonstrators, Miss D. Reynolds (of "The Star"), Mrs. Carl Friedlander and Miss C. Hart (of Polliacks), and their assistants. Of special interest were the Palestinian and Jewish dishes, including such appetising things as cheese blintzes, and Palestinian brinjals.

Mrs. M. Freeman, the Mayoress, was one of the interested onlookers and many prominent members of the Women's Zionist League were to be seen in the hall. In the course of the afternoon Mrs. Sylvia Steele, the well-known pianist, rendered a number of much-appreciated solos.

The demonstration proved a great success and the committee is grateful to all who participated in a most novel function.

CUTHBERT'S FOR LADIES AFTERNOON DRESS SHOES