

# AMONG OURSELVES

By SHULAMITH

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### Returning to Palestine.

On Monday evening a large number of relatives and friends were gathered at "Tandem," the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Policansky, to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. L. Policansky who left yesterday on their return to Palestine.

Mrs. Policansky told me that both she and her husband had looked forward to their stay in South Africa, and that they had enjoyed renewing old friendships and seeing the familiar drives and beauty spots. Mrs. Policansky too paid a visit to Johannesburg during her stay here.

While in Cape Town Mr. and Mrs. Policansky proved that they had lost none of the popularity which was theirs before they left for Palestine. Their kindness and generosity are by-words (in Palestine as well as in South Africa) and even in their stay here of about two months in all, they contributed liberally to local institutions. During the recent High Festivals Mr. Policansky donated handsomely to the charities both through the Gardens and the Roeland Street Synagogues.

Since Palestine has become the holiday goal of so many South Africans, Mr. and Mrs. Policansky, whose hospitality is far-famed, do not feel that they are losing touch with South Africa. If all the plans of their many friends mature, they will have a busy time next year greeting them in Palestine.

By the same boat yesterday, the "Duilio," Mr. and Mrs. I. Hirschsohn, of Oranjezicht, accompanied by their daughter, Irene, left on a holiday tour of Europe and America.

### A Musical Success.

The much coveted music scholarship awarded by the University of South Africa, tenable for three years at the Royal College of Music, London, has been won by Mr. Cecil S. Aronowitz, of Kingwilliamstown. This success is rendered more interesting by the fact that Mr. Aronowitz is the third member of the family to win this scholarship. His elder brother Jack Aronowitz, who it will be remembered gave so successful a performance with the Cape Town Orchestra last week, was the first to obtain the award, and his sister Alice was awarded the scholarship in 1932 and is at present overseas.

Mr. Cecil Aronowitz's instrument is the violin and it is possible that after his period of study overseas this talented trio will collaborate on the concert platform.

### "The Friday News."

Quite the most delightful publication I have seen is "The Friday News," the weekly

journal of the Friday Club, published by the Standard IV, V and VI pupils at the Girls' Central School.

The "newspaper," which is the first of its kind to be published by a primary school in South Africa, is compiled and printed by an editorial board, and true to the character of a newspaper, caters for all tastes. An editorial deals with the origin of the newspaper and gives a report of the Friday Club—an optional class devoted to lectures by well known personalities, debates or concerts. Class and sports news are school features, the adventures of Dolly, Polly and Molly are pictorially described; there are a cross-word puzzle and popular jokes—but perhaps the most impressive features are the advertisement and Stop Press columns. A serial story is to commence in the next edition.

The paper is on sale at the school tuckshop at the moderate price of one half-penny. The funds are devoted to school purposes.

Miss Rosa van Gelderen, the popular and enterprising Principal of the school, had many interesting things to tell me about the children and curriculum, so that I more and more regretted the fact that fate had denied me the privilege of such schooling. No

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homework and two free periods each day, during which the pupils can devote extra time to the subjects that most appeal to them! The natural talent of the pupils is encouraged in every possible manner, the drawing classes are most popular and Miss van Gelderen tells me that some of the drawings have been sold to interested purchasers. An appreciation of music too is inculcated in the pupils and on Sunday night under the baton of "Miss Rosa," the older pupils, over a hundred of them, sang with the Orchestra at the City Hall. This is the second occasion on which they have so successfully performed.

At present the school and staff are very excited at the prospect of moving, early next year, to a new and modern school building near the Vredehoek Estate. A hall capable of seating four hundred children is a special feature of the school and Miss van Gelderen has planned multiple uses for this much coveted asset. Miss van Gelderen, too, hopes some day to be able to utilise the natural spring in the grounds by building an open air swimming bath. The new school has grounds extending over fourteen acres, and much of the forest has been left untouched.

### An Engagement.

An interesting engagement announced this week is that of Miss Brenda Bertish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bertish, of Kenilworth, to Mr. Rael Sarif, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Sarif, of Bulawayo.

Since her return from a finishing school in Switzerland Miss Bertish, who has inherited her mother's flair for charming hospitality, is well known as an attractive and popular member of the younger set. Tennis is a sport which appeals to both her and her fiance, who is a keen and well known player and has captained a tennis team for some years now.

The engagement is to be a short one and I understand that plans are being discussed for the marriage, which is to take place early in January.

On Sunday Miss Bertish and her fiance will be "At Home" at "Fairlawn" to receive congratulations.

### A New Hebrew School.

The subject of a new school building has reminded me of the improvements and additions made to the number of our communal buildings. The Green and Sea Point Synagogue is a splendid achievement and was much appreciated by local residents during the recent festivals. The modern new wing of the Old Aged Home is rapidly nearing completion. I notice too that the adjoining Zionist Hall has been repainted and rendered spick and span. Perhaps, one of the most needed buildings is a new Talmud Torah to take the place of the present ramshackle building. I am told that the plans for a new building are being discussed at present. I hope that these will include suitable accommodation for a Hebrew kindergarten and that in the near future we shall have our Hebrew teachers and pupils suitably housed.

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