

LIANT PURIM BALL

thousand people assembled at the Marlton Hotel on Wednesday to join in the fun and frolic of a Purim Ball organised by the Jewish Women's Zionist League and the Jewish National Fund. The gaiety and animation, and the striking scheme of decoration for the occasion—huge wall pictures depicting scenes of Palestinian life as attractive as it was unique—pleased the orchestra, too, pleased the eye as well as delighted the ear, for the dancers were clad in rural costumes which harmonised with those of the workers in the painted panels.

The committee responsible for the arrangements was as follows: S. Katzen, chairman; Mrs. M. Hoff, hon. secretary; Mrs. M. Cohen, treasurer. Committee members: Mrs. A. P. Cohen, Mrs. M. J. Gordon, Mrs. L. B. Patley, Mrs. B. Reinhold, Mrs. A. M. Miller and Mrs. A. L.

Special conveners were: Mrs. A. M. Frame, Mrs. F. Shaker, Mrs. C. Gonski, Mrs. R. B. T. Bernstein, Mrs. J. S. Weinbrenn, Mrs. L. D. Brookstone, Mrs. H. R. Bloch, Mrs. I. A. Ambrose, Mrs. B. T. Woolf, Mrs. F. G. E. Merlin, Mrs. D. Mever, S. Goldberg, Mrs. Abrams, Mrs. B. Duchon and Mrs. H.

THE FARE AT PLAZA.

A brilliant comedy, "Mr. Deeds Dies in Town" was such a roaring success that the author wrote another comedy, and called it "Mr. Deeds Dies in the Air." So here at the theatre this week is a "pivotal" comedy that should take a lot of money. Kenny Baker sings, Frank Wisecracks in his droll way, and Brady pulls the laughs. This feature film is a profusion of interesting shorts, and, of course, Keats and the Plaza.

"THE ROOF" AT THE METRO

Loy has a fine role in "The Roof," the delightful comedy being at the Metro. With her in the fun meter are Franke, Rosalind Russell and Edmond. The show starts and brings the house down. The matrimonial mixture is in good style, and the comedy is easy to follow. At the Wurdean Herrick who plays in "The Roof," and in addition there supporting programme.

"LOVE I'M AFTER" AT THE COLOSSEUM.

The latest show at the Colosseum is "Love I'm After." This is a comedy that is as interesting as it is moving. Leslie Howard is the part of an actor who has a romance for women, and Bette Davis is the actress who is head over heels in love with him. Olivia de Havilland is the pretty girl who is the object of his affection. Eric Blore plays a part in his own inimitable style. The supporting programme consists of the best features by Keats and the Colosseum.

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DEATH OF MAJOR J. C. BRUNDELL

(From A Correspondent in Bulawayo)

By the death of Major J. C. Brundell, O.B.E., which took place in Bulawayo on the 22nd ult., Southern Rhodesia has lost one of its most highly esteemed senior officials, who served the country for a period of 35 years.

The late Major Brundell, who arrived in Rhodesia at the beginning of the century, started his career as a detective and finally rose to the high position of Chief Immigration Officer and Head of the Civil Investigation Department. He had the distinction of being first officer of the B.S.A.P. in Southern Rhodesia to be awarded the King's Police Medal, and was recently described in Parliament as "one of the most, if not most efficient officers serving in any department of the Government of this country." As one of the pioneer officials in a young country like Rhodesia, he had established offices which were a model of efficiency and which won him the esteem of every section of the local population.

Both in his official capacity and in his private life, Major Brundell was a man of wide interests and deep sympathies. Amongst hosts of friends all over the country, he counted many members of the local Jewish community, some of whom had been associated with him in the early pioneering stages of the colony. After his retirement last year, Major Brundell read a paper on "Immigration" to the Jewish Guild Literary Circle, and on this occasion Rev. M. I. Cohen, M.B.E., took the opportunity of paying tribute to his distinguished public service.

At the funeral, which was largely attended, the local Hebrew Congregation was officially represented, and one of the pall-bearers was Mr. S. S. Grossberg, a former Treasurer of the Bulawayo Hebrew Congregation. It is noteworthy that under the will of the late Major Brundell Mr. S. S. Grossberg has been appointed executor. The will speaks in glowing terms of the bond of friendship which existed between the late Major Brundell and Mr. Grossberg, and "in memory of his sincere kindness and friendship" he is asked to accept from the estate a family heirloom which had originally belonged to the late Lord Mayor of York.

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ORGANISATION FORTNIGHT

Fine Response to Initial Meetings

THE Organisation Fortnight arranged by the South African Zionist Youth Council opened on March 6 with meetings in Bloemfontein, Kroonstad and Nigel. The Youth speakers were everywhere extremely well received and the large gatherings augur well for the success of the effort.

KROONSTAD.

Messrs. D. Dunsky and S. Levin visited Kroonstad and Messrs. A. Abrahamson and S. N. Herman Bloemfontein. The four delegates were met at Kroonstad by the Zionist Youth Society, who entertained them to lunch.

In the evening Mr. Joe Strauss, Vice-Chairman of the Kroonstad Zionist Youth Society, presided over a very well-attended meeting, at which Mr. D. Dunsky delivered an impressive address upon problems confronting the Jewish Community to-day, and stressed the value and the importance of unity within the Zionist Organisation. He was followed by Mr. S. Levin, who urged Kroonstad to increase the number of Shekel holders in that area. He also dealt effectively with those elements, which were attempting to disrupt the strength of the Organisation in this country.

Many seniors were also present, amongst them being Mr. H. Gerson, the Chairman of the Kroonstad Zionist Society, and Mr. Elkin, who proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers.

BLOEMFONTEIN.

Dr. R. Morris, the Chairman of the O.F.S. Zionist Youth Executive, presided over a large gathering at the Communal Hall, which included representatives of all Zionist Societies in Bloemfontein.

Mr. S. N. Herman addressed the gathering in capable manner, setting forward the point of view of Zionist Youth on the questions of the day. Mr. Abrahamson made a strong appeal for the strengthening of the Organisation and for a record return in the Shekel Cam-

aign. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. I. Lewis.

NIGEL.

At Nigel, Messrs. E. Kluk and L. A. Pincus were welcomed by Mr. Plehn, the Chairman of the Nigel Zionist Society. A large and enthusiastic gathering listened to the addresses delivered.

Mr. Kluk's subject was recent Zionist events and the importance of the Shekel Drive, and Mr. Pincus dealt with the local Revisionist Issue. Both speakers acquitted themselves splendidly and the obvious appreciation of the audience was voiced by Mr. Plehn. Mr. M. Gamsu, Chairman of the Nigel Zionist Youth Society, presided.

BRAKPAN.

On Tuesday evening, the 8th inst., the Brakpan Community was addressed by Messrs. D. Dunsky and A. Abrahamson. Mr. Baron, Chairman of the Zionist Youth Society, presided, and Mr. Dunsky delivered a long address on the attitude to be adopted towards Zionism in relation to local conditions. Mr. Abrahamson stressed the importance of a maximum enrolment of Shekel holders in the Zionist Organisation. Mr. Joffe, of the Senior Zionists, proposed a vote of thanks.

FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

The reports of the Kimberley meeting, held on the 8th inst., the Witbank meeting, held on the 9th inst., and the meetings at Randfontein and Worcester held last night will appear in our next issue.

The undermentioned meetings are still to be held and the respective communities are once again urged to attend these in large numbers.

*Arrangements:***SUNDAY, MARCH 13th:**

Johannesburg: Messrs. N. Kirschner (Chairman of the South African Zionist Federation), D. Dunsky and S. N. Herman. Mr. H. J. Kirsch (Chairman of the S.A. Zionist Youth Council) will preside.

Cape Town: I. Dunsky.

Pretoria: L. A. Pincus; Z. Hareven.

Springs: E. Kluk; Rabbi Peck.

Benoni: A. Abrahamson; S. M. Levin.

Krugersdorp: Dr. H. Bloomberg.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15th:

Paarl: I. Dunsky.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17th:

Boksburg: D. Dunsky; E. Kluk.

All these meetings are open to the public and everyone will be heartily welcome. A number of meetings will be held in other centres of the Cape and O.F.S. Come and participate in this nation-wide declaration of Zionist allegiance.