

GERALD CASSEN'S VOCAL RECITAL

Fine Performance at Johannesburg Musical Society

Songs ranging from Carissimi and Caccini, the sixteenth century Italian composers, to the English contemporary writers, Arnold Bax, Stanford and Frank Bridge, were included in the programme presented by Gerald Cassen, the South African bass singer, at a recital given by him for the Johannesburg Musical Society at the Selborne Hall, on Monday night. He was assisted by Gertrude Hunt and Suzanne Margolis, whose contribution to the evening's pleasure took the unusual form of pianoforte duets.

Mr. Cassen is well-known to concert-goers in Johannesburg, and those qualities in his singing to which they eagerly look forward in a recital by him were well to the fore on Monday night. The richness and resonance of his voice, his effortless control of technical difficulties, and his gift for dramatic interpretation were all given ample opportunity in the groups of songs chosen by him. The charming lyricism of Caccini's "Amarilli," the emotional intensity of "When the King Went to War" (Koeneman), and the austerity and restraint of "The White Peace" (Bax) were effectively brought out by Mr. Cassen, who possesses a particularly sensitive awareness of the composer's intention.

Two duets by Schubert — Grand Rondeau in A Major, and Fantaisie in F Minor — were played by Gertrude Hunt and Suzanne Margolis. Though not intrinsically interesting, the first work was competently executed by these talented pianists, and the second, with its many moments of real melodic beauty, was delightfully performed.

Suzanne Margolis, as accompanist to Gerald Cassen, most admirably satisfied the exacting demands made on her by the varied nature of the accompaniments.

Red Cross Accepts Letters for Greece and Yugoslavia

The South African Red Cross Society announces that it is able to accept letters for Greece and Yugoslavia. Red Cross message forms may also be used for communication with these countries and the same regulations apply as to other invaded Allied lands. These may be obtained from the Society, P.O. Box 8726, Johannesburg.

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Contributions to various South African War Funds have been announced by Mr. A. Orkin, a Pretoria merchant.

He has arranged to give £750 to the Governor-General's National War Fund, £125 to the South African Gifts and Comforts Fund, £125 to the Greek War Relief Fund, £100 to the Jewish Women's Troop Entertainment Fund (Pretoria), and £50 to the St. John Ambulance Association.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Penn

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Penn and their daughters, Norma and Vivienne, have returned to Johannesburg after a stay of over eighteen months in the United States of America.

Mr. Harry X. Rajak

Mr. Harry X. Rajak contributes an interesting article in Afrikaans on the use of lime in agricultural development to a recent issue of "Die Landbouweekblad," published at Bloemfontein.

Award of Red Cross Badges

Among those who were invested with badges for three hundred hours' war service at the Red Cross Depot in Pretoria, on Tuesday morning last, were Mrs. N. Sacks and Mrs. J. S. Taback.

A Party at Brakpan

Under the auspices of the local branch of the Union of Jewish Women, a successful party was arranged by Mrs. Kaftel at the residence of Mrs. Furman in Rhodes Avenue, Brakpan. There was a large gathering present at this function, which was in aid of the South African Jewish War Appeal.

A Social at Cradock

An enjoyable social function was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. Levenstein on Sunday evening, 4th instant. A handsome sum was raised and the J.N.F. Box of the hostess benefited substantially from money taken at card tables.

The Cradock W.I.Z.O. Sewing Group, which has hitherto been busy with sewing and knitting for children in Palestine, is now also very busy knitting for soldiers in Palestine.

Symposium at Pretoria

About fifty people attended an interesting Symposium held under the auspices of the Pretoria Zionist Society on Sunday, 20th April, at the Jewish Memorial Hall, when Mr. Gus Saron and Mr. L. A. Pincus discussed the subject "Anti-Semitism: Its Causes and Remedies." Many members of the audience participated in the discussion.

Mr. S. A. Ogus was in the chair, and a vote of thanks to the speakers was proposed by Mr. Janover.

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The engagement is announced between Reeve, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rabinowitz, of Worcester, and Wulf, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Sebba, of Capetown.

Congratulations are being extended to Lieutenant and Mrs. Sydney Rubin, on the birth of a son on 8th May, at the Queen Victoria Maternity Hospital.

The engagement is announced of Joyce Morris, elder daughter of Mrs. Ph. Janks and the late Mr. N. Morris, and Lewis Freeman (S.A.A.F.), only son of Mrs. J. Freeman and the late Mr. S. Freeman.

The marriage of Simon, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. M. Kahn, of Johannesburg, to Barbara, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. Miller, of Johannesburg, took place at the Yeoville Synagogue on Thursday, 15th May.

Mr. and Mrs. Issy Diamond (nee Minnie Goldin) of P.O. Reddingshoop, are being congratulated on the birth of a son at the Florence Nightingale, on 9th May.

The engagement is announced of Taibe, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Berkowitz, to Raphael, third son of Mrs. R. and the late Mr. I. Greenberg. Both of Johannesburg.

The marriage of Sarah, daughter of Mrs. Z. and the late Mr. A. Sher, of Johannesburg, to Hyman, only son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Satill, of Uitenhage, was solemnised at the Berea Synagogue on Thursday, 15th May.

Congratulations are being extended to Eve (nee Adelson) and Sid Meyers, on the birth of a son at the Krugersdorp Hospital.

The engagement is announced of Dorothy, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Dison, of Standerton, to Mendel, youngest son of Mrs. C. Spitz, of Kinross.

The marriage will be solemnised at the Berea Synagogue at 10.30 a.m., on Sunday, 18th May, between Lilian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lev, of Johannesburg, and Louis (S.A.A.F.), son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Bayer, of Taungs, C.P.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Perlow are being congratulated on the birth of a son, on 6th May.

The engagement is announced between Joan, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Goldman, of Durban, and David, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Magidson, of Johannesburg.

The marriage of Freda, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. Rose, to Israel Ivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Seeff, took place at the Yeoville Synagogue, on Thursday, 15th May.

The engagement is announced between C.Q.M.S. Mark Benatar, second son of Mrs. J. C. and the late Mr. Benatar, of Salisbury, and Freda (Babs), eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Sklar, of Salisbury.

The marriage of Sadie, eldest daughter of Mrs. F. Sack and the late Mr. I. Sack, to Dave, second son of Mrs. J. le Vine and the late Mr. N. le Vine, took place at the Beth Hamedrash Hagodel Synagogue, on Wednesday, 14th May.

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