

### ANNUAL MEETING OF CAPE JEWISH ORPHANAGE

MR. B. A. CRASNOW presided at the thirtieth annual general meeting of the members and donors of the Cape Jewish Orphanage held in the dining hall of the institution on Sunday morning, the 12th inst.

In moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, Mr. Crasnow made a passionate appeal for the leaders of the Johannesburg and Cape communities to be ready when victory was achieved, to follow the example set by the late Isaac Ochberg at the end of the last war and to bring succour to as many stranded Jewish children as could possibly be provided for.

In reviewing the fine work carried out by the Home during the year, Mr. Crasnow said that the Cape Jewish Orphanage had received evacuee children, despite the fact that not one Jewish child was brought out and it gave help to a number of Polish refugees. He was confident that the Home was fulfilling its true mission worthily and in accordance with the true Jewish spirit.

The hon. treasurer, Mr. Michael Berman, seconded the adoption of the annual report which was carried unanimously.

Addresses were delivered by Rabbi I. Abrahams, Rabbi E. W. Kirzner, Mr. M. Alexander, K.C., M.P., and Mr. L. Segal.

Mr. L. Gradner deplored the fact that the proportion of subscribers to the general population was so small. He congratulated the Committee upon the excellent work which it had accomplished during the war.

The following were elected to the Committee: President, Mr. B. A. Crasnow; vice-president, Mr. M. Berman; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Phillips; chairlady, Mrs. N. Hirschsohn; vice-chairlady, Mrs. H. Wolf. Committee: Messrs. M. Bobrow, J. Cohen, M. Raphael, M. Ruskin, M. Schnapps, J. Weinrich, Mesdames J. Auerbuch, A. Jacob, J. Stodel, J. Weinrich.

The action of the Committee in sending gifts to the value of £2 per month to boys on active service was confirmed.

### Johannesburg Women's Zionist League

*Doornfontein Branch.*—The annual general meeting of this branch of the Women's Zionist League was held on Wednesday, 18th March, at the residence of Mrs. Flekser, Louisa Street. There was a large attendance, the guest speaker being Mrs. A. P. Cohen.

The following honorary officers were elected:—Chairlady, Mrs. H. Solomon; Vice-Chairladies, Mrs. Freinkel and Mrs. Zwi; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Mankowitz; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Urisohn; Hon. Joint Secretary, Mrs. A. Holman; Sewing Convener, Mrs. Kaplan; Keren Haysod Convener, Mrs. Zwi; J.N.F. Conveners, Mrs. Solomon and Mrs. Freinkel; and Cultural Convener, Mrs. Solomon.

A successful card afternoon for the J.N.F. was held at the residence of Mrs. Zwi, Innes Street, Observatory, on Tuesday, 14th April. The gift donated by Mrs. Z. Bank was won by Mrs. Gever.

The watch competition was held on Tuesday, 21st April, and won by Mrs. Levine, of 81a Siemert Road.

## Forthcoming Conference of Eastern Province Zionists

Arrangements for the conference of Eastern Province Zionists in Grahamstown on 24th-25th May are now nearing completion, and an appeal is made to all organised Zionist groups and interested workers to make every effort to co-operate in assuring its success.

**SOCIETIES** are urged to send as many representatives as possible, and interested Zionists in all parts of the Province, from every village and hamlet, are invited to participate. There will be no fees, and no restrictions as to number. Those who wish to attend are, however, requested to submit their names to the Organiser-Secretary, E. P. Zionist Council, P.O. Box 631, Port Elizabeth, before the 30th May.

This conference, the last of a series of provincial conferences that have been held in recent months in the Transvaal, O.F.S., and Eastern Cape, has been called, like its predecessors, to discuss the problems of organisation which confront the movement in South Africa. The great distances, poor communications, and smallness of most communities aggravate these problems in the Eastern Province.

In an attempt to cope with these difficulties, and to intensify Zionist work and feeling, the S.A. Zionist Federation some nine months ago embarked upon the experiment of establishing a regional office in Port Elizabeth. Mr. S. Berg was ap-

pointed as the official in charge, and a temporary council under the chairmanship of Mr. N. E. Rosenberg assumed the directive control. The council has established contact with many centres in the Province. And, especially in Port Elizabeth and its closer neighbourhood, has achieved a considerable amount of success. Mr. Rosenberg, recently retiring from the chair on account of pressure of work, has been succeeded by Mr. Smulian. The personnel of the council are: Mrs. S. Weinronk, and Messrs. L. L. Cooper, L. Dubb, A. L. Kerbel, while Mr. N. E. Rosenberg remains an active member.

**AMONGST** its other tasks, conference will formally constitute the Eastern Province Zionist Council, review the work of the temporary committee, and elect office-bearers for the ensuing session.

Both the council, who are planning the business side of conference, and the Grahamstown Zionist Societies, who will be acting as hosts, are working hard to ensure that the conference will be a memorable and inspiring occasion in the annals of South African Zionism.

## South Africans Hear Palestine Orchestra

South African soldiers now serving in the Middle East have had the opportunity of being present at performances of the famous Palestine Orchestra. The General Secretary of the Orchestra, writing to the Palestine Orchestra Society of South Africa in a letter dated 13th March, 1942, says:

"During the last two months we have had the pleasure of having an increasing number of South Africans among our audiences. In the month of January we made a concert tour of thirteen concerts in Egypt and the number of South African members of the Forces present was very large. Besides the four concerts for the Egyptian Music Societies in Cairo and Alexandria, we gave five concerts solely for the troops and one in a military hospital.

"The participation of men in uniform at the regular concerts was about 40 per cent. and again many men of the South African Forces were present.

"The undersigned also had the pleasure of meeting the South African Generals—Major-General Brink and Major-General Theron—both of whom spoke enthusiastically about the Orchestra and the work it is doing in providing entertainment for the troops."

### Springs Morning Market

The Springs Women's Zionist League recently held a morning market at the dug-out in Third Street in aid of the Jewish National Fund. This was successful and the Jewish National Fund has benefited considerably from this fine effort.

### Inscribed in Sefer Ha-Barmitzvah

On the occasion of the Barmitzvah of Master Nathan Levy, of Durban, his name was inscribed in the Sefer Ha-barmitzvah by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. H. Chanani. The name of the baby sister of the Barmitzvah, Avrielle Chanani, was inscribed in the Sefer Hayaed.

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