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**BLYVOORUITZICHT.**

At Blyvooruitzicht the sinking of the two vertical shafts is proceeding according to plan. As you will be aware, in this area the most important gold-carrier appears to be the so-called Carbon Leader. Borehole intersections have shown this reef to be of moderate width but of comparatively high grade, and give good reason to expect a high degree of continuity both in value and width throughout the area of the mine.

West Witwatersrand Areas, Ltd., the parent company, retains very large shareholdings in these three developing mines—Venterspost, Libanon and Blyvooruitzicht—of which I have just been speaking. In addition, arrangements have been completed for the flotation of a fourth subsidiary to be known as West Driefontein G.M. Company, Ltd.

The mining area of the new company is approximately 4,769 claims in extent, and adjoins Blyvooruitzicht on the east; it comprises the remainder of the farm Blyvooruitzicht and the whole of the farm Driefontein No. 118. The flotation of this new company, which has been delayed on account of the present abnormal state of the market, will be proceeded with as soon as conditions warrant it, and your company, as a large shareholder in West Witwatersrand Areas will have the opportunity of participating on a substantial scale in the provision of the initial working capital.

Borehole intersections have shown that the carbon leader, which in this area appears to be consistently payable, extends throughout the property, and in addition there is reason to think that payable Main Reef will be encountered, anyhow in the east and the west of the property. Further, a highly payable intersection of the Ventersdorp Contact Reef in borehole F2B on the farm Driefontein No. 118 shows that this reef will provide a third source of tonnage. The Company's prospects may be looked upon, therefore, as very good indeed.

**WEST WITS. AREAS.**

West Witwatersrand Areas, Ltd., continues to carry on a drilling programme on its remaining area. In particular, during the last quarter of 1938 three new boreholes were started on the farm Varkenslaagte No. 46, on which two intersections of the carbon leader had been obtained earlier in the year. Although these intersections did not disclose payable values, they are most important as showing that this reef horizon extends beyond Blyvooruitzicht to the west. It is very probable that as a result of further work to be done, West Witwatersrand Areas, Ltd., will be in a position to sponsor further subsidiaries in due course.

Further work was carried on during the year on your Company's prospecting ventures in the South-West Transvaal and Orange Free State. No positive results were, however, obtained, and consequently the options have now been abandoned.

Since the notice of this meeting was issued, Mr. H. P. Webber has resigned his position as one of the auditors of the Company, and the Board has appointed in his place the firm of Messrs. Goldby, Panchaud and Webber. In terms of the articles of association Messrs. Goldby, Panchaud and Webber only hold office until this meeting, but are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.

Your thanks are due to the administrative and technical staffs of the Anglo American Corporation of South Africa, Ltd., our secretaries and consulting engineers for services rendered during the year.

I now beg to move that the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1938, as submitted, be approved and adopted, and that all matters and things undertaken and discharged by the Directors on behalf of the Company be and they are hereby confirmed.

Mr. A. C. Wilson seconded the motion, which was carried.

Messrs. W. McDermott and A. C. Wilson were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

The retiring auditors were re-appointed.

## “Super” Ice Show for Alhambra.

**BOOKING NOW OPEN.**

“SWITZERLAND,” the new musical production on ice, opens at the Alhambra Theatre on Tuesday, the 16th May, for a season of eight days only, the booking for which is now open.

This novel spectacle on ice promises to be one of the most outstanding productions seen in Cape Town for some time, as both from a theatrical and an engineering point of view it will be a very big achievement. The entire stage of the Alhambra Theatre will be converted into an ice rink.

The entertainment, however, will not be confined to skating and provision will be made to slide a stage over the ice surface for the presentation of a cabaret show.

Phil Taylor, famous father and teacher of the world champion skater, Megan Taylor, is the star of the show. Phil Taylor is recognised as the most sensational and daring of skating experts who



*Elsie Heathcote, a star of “Switzerland.”*

specialise in difficult stunts on the ice. One of his most thrilling feats is the long jump over five barrels close in on either side by two prostrate men, and he also jumps over chairs, tables and people, leaps, crashes through hoops and dances on the ice on stilts.

The other members of the company include both skaters and artists who will take part in the cabaret performance. They are Diana Crafton, Elsie Heathcote and the MacKinnon Sisters, popular English skater-dancers. Eddie Marcel, comedian and skater, will act as compere; the Two Lindstroms, skating comedians; Robert Priestley, stunt skater, and an ice ballet troupe of overseas dancers and skaters. The cabaret acts include Ross and Bennett, comedy duo; Connie Graham, star comedienne, and Russell and Marconi, well-known American comedians.

## Zionist Youth Activities.

**S.A. ZIONIST YOUTH COUNCIL.**

*Conference.* Arrangements for the forthcoming Conference to be held at Bloemfontein on Wednesday, May 17th have now been completed and every centre in the Union will be represented by a full delegation. The agenda promises to be a far-reaching one and many innovations have been introduced this year for the first time. Full details will be published next week. A number of Youth Societies throughout the country will be directly represented at the Senior Conference to be held on Thursday, May 18th and succeeding days.

*Jewish National Fund.* With the arrival in this country of Lieut.-Col. Kisch, the Zionist Youth Council is engaged in launching a special Youth Campaign in aid of the Jewish National Fund. Special receptions have already been arranged to take place in Johannesburg and the East Rand and a further announcement will be made shortly. The last issue of cultural material by the Council was devoted entirely to the J.N.F.

*Menorah.* The May issue of the S.A. Menorah will come out earlier than usual and will reach subscribers at the end of next week. This is due to the necessity for giving ample notice of the arrangements for Conference and also to provide readers with material on the significance of the present J.N.F. Campaign. Well illustrated articles on the J.N.F. have been included and special reference is also made to the opening of the Medical Faculty at the Hebrew University which takes place on May 9th.

**CAPE ZIONIST YOUTH EXECUTIVE.**

The convenors of the various sub-committees have now been appointed and work on many suggested schemes is going ahead. Society members are reminded that the Executive has a wide selection of pamphlets available for the preparation of talks, lecturettes and study groups. Country members are particularly reminded that when in town they will always be very welcome to visit the office, 6 Barrack Street (2nd floor, Chames Buildings).

*Visits.* Hottentots Holland Y.I.S. was visited last week. The Executive, ably assisted by Mr. Meyer Katovsky of Cape Town Herzlia, visited Paarl, where a Cultural Circle was formed with Mr. L. Rabinowitz as convenor. The Paarl Junior Zionist Society was also visited (see separate report).

The Lag B'omer Hike and Picnic takes place on Sunday, 7th May. Meet at Kloof Nek terminus at 9 o'clock or opposite Cape Argus, St. George's Street, at 8 o'clock. On Sunday night, 7th May, Mr. Solly Friedman, a former Executive member will be the guest of the Executive at an "At Home." J.N.F. box clearances will take place on Sunday, 7th May, and Sunday, 14th May, and not May 21st as reported last week.

**MUIZENBERG Y.I.S.**

A parachute evening with Mr. E. Levinsohn in the chair proved very instructive. The news service was given by Mr. I. J. Cohen.

The Dramatic Section staged a good serial, "Meet the Ace." A Parliamentary Evening was held on Sunday, 30th April.

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# Our Children's Circle.

My dear little children,

Next Sunday will be Lag Beomer, which falls 33 days after Pesach. For a number of reasons this day is one of merry-making among Jews all over the world. One of the reasons for this is connected with the great Jewish hero Bar Kochba, who is supposed to have gained a great victory over the Romans on that day.

In the year 132 C.E. whilst the famous Rabbi Akiba was the head of the Jewish community in Palestine and Hadrian was the Roman Emperor, the last revolt broke out against the Romans who in the year 70 C.E. under Titus had captured Jerusalem and burnt down the Temple. The leader of the revolt was "Bar Cochba" (son of a star). The people flocked to his banner and even Rabbi Akiba believed in him. He was a man of immense strength and is said to have cast back with his knees the huge stones thrown by the Roman machines.

A very large number of Jews from all over Palestine fought under Bar Cochba, and for some time he was successful in resisting the might of Rome, often escaping from his foes by means of the underground tunnels.

At length however, the Roman general triumphed, the last attempt to regain the independence of Judea failed and Bar Kochba was killed. He was afterwards also known by the name of "Bar Cosiba"; some explain this name to mean "son of a lie (on account of his failure) and others "son of Cosiba," a village which was supposed to be his birthplace.

## BAR KOCHBA.

"Son of a Star" they called you

That fell in darkest days!

Bar Kochba, our hero,

Not you could hear our praise.

With broken sword you perished,

In ruins crushed and black;

Bar Kochba, Bar Kochba,

To-day we call you back!

The battle is unfinished

Where once you fought with odds,

And dared to challenge mighty Rome,

Her emperor and her gods.

Then where was Israel's Guardian

Who slumbers not nor sleeps?

Above the grappling peoples

His patient watch he keeps.

And the battle shall be finished

Where once you fought in vain,

And the star that fell in ruins

Shall rise and shine again.

Desist not, my people,

Bar Kochba seems to say,

I fought two thousands years ago

And victory comes to-day.

JESSIE E. SAMPTER.

Your loving

COUSIN HELEN.

## CAPE ZIONIST YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

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C.T. HERZLIA.

A Newspaper Evening took place last Sunday, 23rd April. Many humorous and serious articles were read, outstanding among them being Mr. E. Charlaiff's article on Eretz Israel and Mr. Laden's witty reading. Mr. Meyer Katovsky was the editor.

The Annual Dance takes place on Saturday, June 3rd, at the Hotel Bordeaux, Sea Point. Tickets are 7/6 double.

The next meeting takes place on Sunday, May 14th, at Rosecourt.

## GREEN AND SEA POINT JEWISH GUILD.

The next meeting, a swing newspaper evening, will be held on Monday, 8th May, in the Clubroom.

Sokolow Circle. On Friday night, April 28th Mr. B. Goldin, an executive member, lectured on "Anti-Semitism in South Africa" to a good attendance of members.

Shortly a special late Friday night service will be part of the Circle's programme.

An inter-function with Stellenbosch will take place on Saturday, 28th May.

Junior Circle. The next meeting (tomorrow (Saturday, May 6th) in the clubroom will be a games evening and not a newspaper evening, as announced last week.

## OUTDSHOORN Y.I.S.

A most successful meeting was held in the Hebrew School Hall on Sunday evening, 23rd inst. The meeting was of a cultural nature and was very well received.

Hebrew folk songs were taught to the members and Miss E. Batzofin accompanied on the piano. Various topics were then discussed and members heartily participated in a lively manner.

A novel feature was then introduced when the chairman, Mr. B. T. Arenstein, spoke on Dinim, Jewish Laws and Customs, after which questions were asked. It was then arranged that at every meeting one of the members will prepare one of these interesting lectures.

The Executive are more than pleased with the present response they are receiving in connection with the Glorious Oudtshoorn Youth Week. A memorable holiday is promised.

## GORDONIA ZIONIST SOCIETY (UPINGTON).

A mixed cultural and social evening was held on April 6th and took the form of a Wireless Evening, when 120 people attended. This function was organised by the Youth in conjunction with the Chedar's Bnei Bialik Society. An Oneg Pesach, an announcer, papers on Bialik, the Hebrew University, a Marrano Seder, Passover in Palestine, News Service and humorous items, songs by Miss D. Lowenberg and the Bnei Bialik, and jokes by Miss S. Hummel and Messrs. Wulp and Caplan, contributed to this delightful function. Miss R. Nurick acted as accompanist and Miss A. Nurick was the announcer.

A Social and Dance, organised by the Youth Group, was held on 18th April.

Adv. S. L. Schach on tour to Upington visited Gordonia Zionist Society on behalf of the Executive and addressed a mass meeting on the 25th April. He also met

the Youth in committee and spoke on "Revisionism," Study Circles, J.N.F., Jewish Defence and Havlagah. Both meetings were very well attended.

## PAARL.

A Cultural Circle was formed by members of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive on Sunday, 30th April. This Group, under the convenorship of Mr. L. Rabinowitz, will meet on Thursday, 11th May, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Berman, Main Street, Paarl.

## PAARL JUNIOR ZIONIST SOCIETY.

A very successful meeting on Sunday, 30th April, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Back with Miss E. Spiess acting as hostess, was attended by Executive members and Mr. Meyer Katovsky. The Chairman, Conrad Tanneberg, welcomed most heartily members, and the Executive announced that £5 5s. was being donated to the Abraham Katz Memorial Fund. Mr. Lulu Rabinowitz acts as convenor of this group. The News Service read by Sydney Semer was commented upon by Mr. Meyer Katovsky of Cape Town Herzlia. Mr. D. Lazarow briefly stated the case for the J.N.F. An interesting debate "Is Palestine the Only Solution to the Jewish Problem" was discussed. Miss Rifka Heyman and Mr. Max Hendler were opposed by Mr. E. Shapiro and Mr. C. Tanneberg. Those participating were Miss N. Shapiro and Messrs. A. Berman and S. Semer.

Mr. Dave Meyerowitz, Chairman of the Executive encouraged the gathering with a few well chosen words.

## WORCESTER STUDY CIRCLE GROUP.

A Study Circle meeting was held on the 29th April, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Braude.

The Chairman welcomed new members after which the minutes were read.

The question whether a guest lecturer being Jew or Gentile should be asked at frequent intervals to lecture to the group was put forward. News items were given after which Mr. M. Rabinowitz lectured on the question whether Jews should only concentrate in solving their own problem or they should also participate in the affairs of the peoples amongst whom they live.

This proved interesting and showed many original ideas. A discussion amongst members followed and concluded with the serving of refreshments.

## NORTHERN DISTRICTS J.G.

On Sunday, 23rd April, a purely cultural meeting was held when members of the society delivered lecturettes. Mr. S. Sive spoke on "Zionism 50 Years Ago and Today." Mr. Jack Stander reviewed the Menorah and Mr. Alec. Sacks very ably glorified the "Women in Jewish History."

## OBSERVATORY-MOWBRAY J.G.

An omission occurred in last week's report of the meeting held on Sunday, 16th April. The debate on the subject "The Jewish Dietary Laws Are Valueless" was introduced by Messrs. E. Rathouse, and L. Albert and strenuously opposed by Messrs. L. Stander and R. Sacks (C.T. Young Mizrahi).