

FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY

From our own
Correspondents

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BEAUFORT WEST.

In spite of a number of families having left the district, the same number of Shekolim as last year were sold this year, thanks to the devoted efforts of Miss Dubowitz and Rev. Gulis, who acted as the collectors.

BETHLEHEM.

On the 10th inst., the members of the Bethlehem Cultural Society met at the residence of Mrs. J. S. Jacobson. Mr. Israel, the chairman, welcomed the new members, Mr. and Mrs. P. Seligson to the Society.

Mr. Jacobson lectured on the following three poets: Omar Khayyam, Thomas Gray and Henreich Heine. Mr. Jacobson, being fluent in German, read Henreich Heine's work in the original, which he translated and explained.

At the conclusion of the lecture Rev. Altschuller and Mr. E. Israel expressed their appreciation to the lecturer and thanked Mrs. Jacobson for her kind hospitality.

BOKSBURG.

Nearly 200 people attended at the Masonic Hall, Boksburg, on Saturday, the dance arranged by the United Judean Association of Boksburg and Boksburg North. Many representatives of kindred societies were present. Music was provided by Dockey Rand and his "Melody Men," and several novelty dances were given. The committee comprised: Mr. M. Massel (D.C.), the M.C.'s, Misses D. Dennill, F. Weiner, B. Shandler, M. Friedlander; Messrs. J. Livil and H. Stonefield.

CRADOCK.

The Reading Circle of the Cradock Zionist Society met for the first time this season at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Adler, on the 25th ult. Two plays were read, one in English and one in Yiddish, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A debate was held by the Young Israel Society recently, when the speakers were the Misses E. Thal and F. Levenstein and Messrs. D. Berkowitz and A. Levenstein. The next function was a social, held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Levenstein, when a very pleasant evening was spent.

The marriage of Miss Olga Slobedman to Mr. B. C. Cohen, of Johannesburg, was solemnised at the local synagogue on the 8th inst.

FICKSBURG.

At a well attended meeting of local Jewry, held in the Synagogue Hall on Tuesday evening, 10th inst., Dr. Melamed urged upon the gathering the necessity of forming a society and as a result of his address it was unanimously decided to form a Jewish Cultural Society.

The following office bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Chairman, Dr. J. Melamed; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. I. Daneman; Committee, Misses R. Brown and Horwitz and Mr. Ben Behrman.

JAGERSFONTEIN.

A successful card party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. Arvan recently when the sum of £8 2s. was raised in aid of congregational funds.

On Saturday, the 31st ult., Master Golding, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Golding, read a portion of the Law at the local Synagogue. On Sunday afternoon local Jewry gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Golding, where a pleasant afternoon was spent. Speeches were delivered by Messrs. Isaacs, Arvan and Lidwinitzky, the Barmitzvah ably responding.

KIMBERLEY.

The engagement is announced of Freda, second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. Kretzmar, late of Malmesbury, and Harry, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank, both of Kimberley. Both Miss Kretzmar and Mr. Frank are well known and popular in local Jewish and Zionist circles. During her stay in Malmesbury Miss Kretzmar was actively associated with every branch

of Jewish communal activity in that town, and more particularly with the Malmesbury Maccabean Association and its orchestra. Mr. Frank has for a considerable period displayed an active interest in the Zionist life of Kimberley and is to-day one of the keenest Zionist workers in that city. During the recent Mossinsohn Campaign Mr. Frank rendered yeoman service in various branches of the campaign activities.

KLERKSDORP.

A remarkably fine Shekel sale took place in Klerksdorp and district this year, far surpassing all previous results. For this we have chiefly to thank the initiative of hard work of Mrs. I. E. Owsianick, who organised the sale, both in town and in the district, besides being in charge of the actual Shekel selling in Klerksdorp. In this work she was kindly assisted by Miss C. Summers. Appreciation must also be expressed of the assistance rendered by Mr. H. Lipkin in disposing of Shekolim at Vermaas, and of Dr. F. Levy for similar service at Ottosdal.

POTCHEFSTROOM.

On the 14th ult., a tennis tournament was played by the members of the Potchefstroom Judean Society, which was enjoyed by all. On the 23rd ult., an enjoyable week-end was spent entertaining the Krugersdorp Pirchei Zion Society. A dance was held at Miss Z. Rudolph's residence on Saturday night, a tennis tournament was played on Sunday resulting in a victory for Potchefstroom, and to conclude the programme an impromptu dance was held at Mrs. M. B. Bloch's residence on Sunday night. A vote of thanks is due to both hostesses and all others who assisted in making the week-end such a success.

Five members from the Transvaal Young Israel Executive came down from Johannesburg and a debate was held on Saturday afternoon at the Potchefstroom synagogue chambers.

The annual general meeting of the Potchefstroom Judean Society took place at the synagogue chambers on Thursday evening, 5th June, and the following are the officers elected on the new committee:—Chairman, Mr. M. Silber; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Miss E. Fine; Committee members, Miss Z. Rudolph, Miss F. Sandler, Mr. J. Falowitz, Dr. B. Singer; Ex-Officio Members, Miss R. Sack.

The Society tenders its hearty thanks for the good work done by the ex-Chairlady, Miss R. Sack and the Committee.

STELLENBOSCH.

On Wednesday, the 28th ult., Mr. and Mrs. E. Greenstein, of Stellenbosch, both well-known Zionists, celebrated their Silver Wedding. A reception was held at their residence, at which about 200 guests were present. In addition to nearly the whole Jewish community of Stellenbosch being present, Capetown, Wynberg, Sea Point, Parow, Belville, Somerset West, Paarl, Wellington and Worcester were well represented.

Mr. S. Marcus presided. Toasts were proposed by the Rev. I. Goldberg, Messrs M. Gurland, I. Perel, S. Joffe and E. Lurie, to which Messrs. Greenstein, senior and junior, ably responded. A subscription of twenty guineas was made and bought by Jack and Pearl Greenstein to inscribe their parents' names in the Golden Book.

Reference made by the speakers of the impending departure of Mr. Jack Greenstein, who is taking up a post in the Department of Agriculture, Pretoria. A memorable evening in the annals of Stellenbosch Jewry was concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

VOLKSRUST.

Mrs. S. Leites, the Hon. Secretary of the Volksrust Branch of the S.A. Jewish Orphanage, has forwarded to that institution the sum of £52 11s. Of that amount £2 11s. represents the monthly collection, and £50 the result of a dance, which realised £21 14s. 6d., and proceeds of sale of clothing, etc., by Mrs. Fine, senior. For this amount of £50 the Jewish ladies of Volksrust have endowed a second bed at the Orphanage in their name.

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