

From Town and Country

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

Amersfoort

As a result of a successful function organised by the ladies of the local community, with the assistance of Mr. Sol Franks, the appreciable amount of £16 was raised for the Jewish National Fund.

Bloemfontein

The local Committee of the Fund has forwarded to Headquarters £400, being collections to date. A few further amounts have still to be collected and a further remittance is accordingly expected within the next few days.

At a recent meeting of the local branch of the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa, Mr. Marcus Sacks, a member of the Bloemfontein Herzlia Society, delivered an inspiring address, outlining the manner in which the Jewish youth was participating in the Zionist movement.

At the conclusion of Mr. Sacks' address, which was much appreciated, he appealed to the ladies to give their continued support to the Habonim movement. A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by Miss A. Brown.

Miss Lily Herberg was the speaker at the meeting of the Union held last month. She read a paper on "Yehuda Halevy—his life, history and poetical and literary achievements." The address was supplemented by recitations rendered by two of her pupils, Miss Eliasov and Miss Morris.

Brandfort

An enjoyable evening was spent, when the local Herzlia Association gave its first social on the 7th inst. Rev. Golding presided.

Miss Ethel Kayser read a brief resume of the latest Zionist news, after which Mr. Max Immerman delivered an interesting address on the "Life of Lord Balfour," and the great significance thereof.

Mrs. S. Fainsinger rendered two recitations. Mr. H. Hoffmann opened a debate, the subject being "Is the S.A. Jewish Youth Apathetic to the Zionist Cause?" with Mr. L. Hillmann opposing. Messrs. H. Bloomberg and J. Hoffmann supported the opposer, while Rev. Golding and Miss J. Kayser supported the opener of the debate.

Bronkhorstspuit

The local Young Israel Society held a general meeting on the 19th inst. Mr. I. Chomowitz delivered an interesting lecture and Mr. D. Behr read news bulletins. Mr. A. Schlosberg, Mr. Margow and Mr. Wolk also addressed the meeting.

De Aar

On October 29th the Zionist Society held a cultural evening at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Oserovitz. The hostess recited English and Yiddish poems, whilst Mrs. Baumgarten read a chapter from Maurice Samuel's book "I, the Jew," and Mrs. M. Hoffmann read a chapter from "Deborah, the Prophetess and Poetess." Refreshments were kindly served by the hostess.

Ficksburg

The local Zionist Society held a successful journal evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. Kosviner on the 14th inst. Mr. I. Daneman presided.

Mr. R. Aronson expressed the regret felt by all at the death of Mr. Leo Motzkin, and the meeting rose as a token of respect to his memory.

The Yiddish portion of the journal was read by the Rev. Mitavsky and the English by Mr. Daneman, while Mr. Aronson was asked to criticise the former and Mrs. R. Kosviner the latter. The Chairman announced that a Reading Circle has been organised.

Harrismith

The Hebrew Congregation send a further £5 2s. 6d., which completes the collection for the Fund in that town and brings its total to £85 2s. 6d.

Kingwilliamstown

On the occasion of the High Festivals an amount of £18 was contributed in synagogue donations to the Jewish National Fund.

At the Bris Milah of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Jaffe, the sum of 15s. was contributed to the Jewish National Fund as Pidyán Haben money.

Krugersdorp

At the Barmitzvah of David, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Sobel of Krugersdorp, held on the 4th inst., a palm presented by Mrs. Sobel was raffled and realised a sum of £4 3s., which proceeds will go towards the Ladies' Benevolent Society and the S.A. Jewish Orphanage. The raffle was won by Mrs. I. Taitz of Randfontein.

Ladybrand

The annual general meeting of the Hebrew Congregation was held on Sunday morning, the 14th inst.

At the outset the vice-president, Mr. B. Proos, paid tribute to the memory of the late Mr. A. Steckoll, who had been president of the congregation for many years, and as a mark of respect requested the members to rise.

The election of officers for the ensuing period resulted as follows: President, Mr. B. Proos; vice-president, Mr. I. Israel; treasurer, Mr. M. Sandler; secretary, Mr. M. Horwitz; committee, Messrs. M. Steckoll, Oscar Proos, I. Rais and P. Durbach.

To mark the high esteem in which the late Mr. A. Stockoll was held by all the members, it was unanimously agreed to commemorate his memory. A proposal is to be submitted by the committee to a general meeting at the earliest date. Votes of thanks were recorded to the Rev. Mr. Wolk and the secretary for their able and efficient services.

Malmesbury

Mesdames M. B. Luntz and Mrs. H. Meyers have been appointed J.N.F. Commissioners in Malmesbury in succession to Mr. Israel.

Members of the Malmesbury Zionist Society have pledged themselves to contribute a minimum of 10 per cent. to the J.N.F. through the Box, of all card winnings.

On the 11th inst. the local Zionist Society held a conversazione at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Misnum. Dr. H. Meyers presided and asked the meeting to rise as a mark of respect in memory of the late Leo Motzkin.

Mr. M. Jaffe, of Capetown, addressed the meeting, giving an outline of progress in Palestine during the last thirteen years based on his personal visits.

Pietersburg

The annual Zionist Ball held this year on the 1st inst., in the Pietersburg Town Hall, proved to be one of the most successful functions in the town this season.

The ball, which was attended by about 350 people, was under the patronage of the retiring Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. F. van Zyl Slabbert.

Great credit for the success of the function is due to Mrs. Hirschmann, Chairman of the Pietersburg and District Women's Zionist League, and to Mrs. A. Levy, Hon. Secretary. Credit is also due to all the other members of the community.

The J.N.F. will benefit from this function to the extent of about £30.

Piquetberg

At a meeting held on the 1st ult., at the Bioscope Hall, kindly lent by Mr. J. Baraitser, it was decided to form a Zionist Society. The following honorary officers and committee were elected: Chairman, Dr. I. Kaplan; Secretary, Miss C. Myers; Treasurer, Miss I. Baraitser. Committee: Misses S. Jawitz and M. Klein, and Messrs. L. Weinreich, and M. Klein. Great enthusiasm was shown, and the full support of the whole community and district is assured. The Society has applied for affiliation to the S.A. Zionist Federation.

On the 5th inst at the local Bioscope Hall, kindly lent by Mr. J. Baraitser, the Zionist Society held its inaugural meeting. Dr. Kaplan presided and in welcoming those present also introduced Adv. B. Bloch of Capetown.

In delivering his address Adv. Bloch congratulated the initiators of the Zionist Society and pointed out the necessity of stimulating interest in Zionism. He went on to outline the ideals of Zionism, and the magnificent present and glorious future of Palestine.

A social followed when a comedy, screened by Mr. Baraitser, was shown. Musical items were provided by Mrs. Katzeff, Mrs. D. Stollar and Miss Kaplan.

Port Elizabeth

The monthly social of the local Ladies' Zionist League was held at the residence of Mrs. A. N. Porter on the 14th inst. Mrs. A. Levy asked all present to rise as a mark of respect to the memory of Mrs. Edward Sak, a valued member of the committee, who had passed away recently.

Mrs. Sam E. Bennun gave a splendid reading of Edmond Fleg's "If Herzl Came Back," which was greatly appreciated, whilst the news items were read by Mrs. B. Bernstein. Mesdames Margolius (of Germiston) and Levitan also gave short addresses.

The monthly conversazione, held under the auspices of the Herzlia, for October, attracted an interested audience when Mr. Ben Levitas delivered a lecture on the subject of "The Sociological Position of the Jews." The subject was dealt with exhaustively from many angles. Certain views expressed by the speaker calling forth a great deal of lively discussion in which the audience participated.

Mr. Z. Infield contributed the usual news reports and explained the causes and effects of its context. Mr. Infield also dealt at some length defining the various Zionist parties, which exposition was very instructive and much appreciated.

Randfontein

On the 21st ult., an "at home" was given by Mrs. H. Kangisser of Porges Street. The function proved a great success and yielded £25 7s. 6d. in aid of the 1933 Dunam Drive. Special thanks are due to the hostess for her kindly hospitality.

Harold, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Lee, read a portion of the Law and Maftir at the Randfontein Synagogue on the 28th ult.

After the service a Brocha was given. The Rev. J. Shapiro proposed the health of the Barmitzvah, to which the father and Barmitzvah suitably responded.

A successful surprise party was held at the residence of Mrs. H. Kangisser, Porges Street, on Saturday, the 28th ult., the proceeds of which were in aid of the 1933 Dunam Drive. The function yielded £8 7s. Special thanks are due to the conveners of the function, Misses C. Celine and S. Freedman and Messrs. S. Weinberg and D. Ketz.

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The monthly social of the local Zionist Society was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Melamed on the 12th inst.

A play-reading, staged under the leadership of Miss Yetta Melamed, assisted by the Misses Trifisik, Seligman and Itchikovitch and Messrs. Joe Kirsner, S. Hurwitz and Seligman was well received. Mrs. Melamed presented the society with a tea-cloth, which was raffled to augment the society's funds.

Dr. Bernstein, a past president of the society, has been elected the honorary secretary vice Mr. T. Kirsher (resigned).

CUTHBERT'S FOR BOYS' SCHOOL SHOES