

BUILDING THE YISHUV

A Special Feature Service from our own sources giving intimate information of constructive activity.

Wizo Strides Ahead

SPLENDID progress has been made by WIZO in recent months in the direction of enlarging present training facilities and buildings at its agricultural schools.

A third house is being completed in the "Ayanoth" girls' settlement near Ness Ziona, the work having gone on all throughout the disturbances.

In Jerusalem preparatory work is being carried out at present in connection with the new baby home which is being constructed from contributions received from Mmes. Sieff, Sacher and Marks.

In Afuleh the primitive barrack serving at present as a dining hall for the girls' settlement is being replaced by a stone building, for which money has been raised in the Argentine.

Honouring the Memory of Achad Ha'am

PREPARATIONS are now being made throughout the Yishuv to honour the memory of the famous Jewish writer and thinker, Achad Ha'am, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of his death, which occurs on the 28th of Teveth (8th January)). Special Achad Ha'am stamps will be sold during the month of Teveth and the proceeds will be devoted to the extension of the Library of Judaica, preserved in Achad Ha'am's house adjoining the Herzlia Gymnasium in Tel-Aviv.

There will be a pilgrimage to his grave where Mr. M. Ussishkin will deliver a special address. At an Oneg Shabbath gathering to take place at the end of the week, a memorial lecture will be delivered by Dr. Yehuda Kaufman, who will deal with the life and work of Achad Ha'am.

The children's home in Tel-Aviv is being enlarged with a view to taking in twice the number of children which are now being accommodated.

Twenty-seven pupils of the agricultural school in Nahalal terminated their training courses and two thirds of them have already found employment in agriculture. One is completing her training abroad, and three are going to work as pupils on a farm. In Ayanoth, the number of pupils who have finished training is fourteen, of whom twelve are working in agriculture, mostly in Kibbutzim.

"The Warm Humanity of Toscanini"

FAMOUS MUSICIANS FETED AT TEL-AVIV

A ROUSING reception was accorded to Signor Toscanini and Mr. Bronislaw Hubermann by the Palestine Marine Trust at the concert hall in the Levant Fair grounds. The gathering was convened in honour of the workers of the Tel-Aviv Jetty, and Toscanini and Hubermann were among the distinguished guests present.

The whole gathering rose and cheered Toscanini and Hubermann as they entered. The distinguished musicians were welcomed by Mr. Hoofien in the name of the whole Jewish community.

After the speeches there were recitals by players of the Onel Theatre and a performance by Matate (The Palestine Satiric Theatre) of a scene from one of their comedies entitled "Who will build the Harbour?"

In an interview subsequently given to representatives of the press,

Mr. Hubermann dwelt on the importance of Signor Toscanini's support of the new Palestine Symphony Orchestra. That great conductor, he said, was unshakeable in his regard for the holiness of art. The members of the orchestra had been subject to natural trepidation at their first rehearsal under Toscanini's baton, but after the playing of each piece, the conductor had remarked on the excellence of the players. Mr. Hubermann added that he had seen Toscanini rehearse orchestras all over the world, but never had he seen him in such a good mood.

"He displays a wonderfully human attitude. He has been very deeply moved and understands the spirit, motives and ideals behind our work perhaps even more than most of us," said Mr. Hubermann, describing his visits with Toscanini to some Jewish settlements and the Tel-Aviv Jetty.

HENRIETTA SZOLD REACHES 76

MISS HENRIETTA SZOLD, the veteran Zionist worker, quietly celebrated her 76th birthday last week. The Hadassah has sent her a special gift referred to elsewhere.

Greetings from all parts of the Yishuv reached Miss Szold, included among them being messages from groups of German-Jewish children who have arrived under the Youth Aliyah, and over whom Miss Szold has watched with such motherly care.

In the U.S.A. a nation-wide broadcast from the National Broadcasting Co. in New York was devoted to Miss Szold and her work.

THE DISTURBANCES IN RETROSPECT

ON the 30th day after the death of Dr. Moishe Beilinson, of the Editorial Board of "Davar," comes the announcement from his colleagues that "Davar" will publish a special book chronicling the events during the stormy period of the disturbances. Dr. Beilinson had been engaged on the preparation of this publication when death overtook him, and his colleagues have decided to dedicate the publication to his memory and to that of the victims of the disturbances.

The book will contain a description of the disturbances, and the reaction of the Yishuv thereto, the life in the settlements during the period, selections from the editorials and articles which appeared in "Davar," and also the poems which were published during the period.

A PIANO FOR THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

THE Hebrew University has received as a gift a magnificent Steinway Grand Piano from Messrs. Steinway and Sons, the famous American piano firm. It is a concert grand of fine quality and has been placed in the auditorium of the recently erected University Club House.

In the letter announcing the gift, the manager of the firm writes: "Permit me to say that we consider it a pleasure and privilege to make this gift to the University in the homeland of so many great artists of the Jewish race with whom we have been associated for so many years. It is sufficient to mention only a few of them, such as Mischa Elman, Jascha Haimetz, Mischa Levitzky, Leopold Godowsky and others. It is as a token of the appreciation and friendship which these artists have shown to our house that we feel it a privilege to reciprocate in some measure."

A NEW BULLETIN

THE Zionist archives in Jerusalem, in conjunction with the Organisation Department of the Zionist Organisation, and the Headquarters of the Keren Kayemeth and Keren Hayesod, are to issue periodically from January of this year, a bibliographical bulletin listing all new Zionist publications. A brief indication of the contents of each book will be given. The bulletin will be distributed amongst all Zionist organisations, and Zionists will thus be kept informed of Zionist works which may appear in any part of the world. The bulletin is being issued in Hebrew, English and German.

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