

## The "Pageant of Southern Africa."

Hundreds of artists from all over the Union and Rhodesia are engaged in rehearsals for the "Pageant of Southern Africa," which will be produced in the arena of the Empire Exhibition, Johannesburg, between December 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th.

Arrangements have now been completed in terms of which the various contingents will reach Johannesburg from the main centres of the Union and Rhodesia some days previously to the commencement of the Pageant. They will be accommodated at the expense of the Exhibition and the task of finally co-ordinating the various scenes will be taken in hand in a series of rehearsals by the Producer, Mr. A. van Gysegghem.

Meanwhile Mr. G. Knapp, the Property Master is engaged in scouring the country in search of the innumerable articles ranging from halberds to sedan-chairs, from live zebras to poke bonnets for Voortrekker women.

Mrs. Gardner has thought out many of the designs for costumes, and altogether a thousand are being made for the Pageant.

Besides the group of performers in the different scenes there will be about a thousand local performers forming the crowds. Numerous rehearsals are in progress and bid fair to provide effects entirely new in South Africa. Mr. F. Klein, the illumination engineer of the Empire Exhibition who enjoys a European reputation on this highly specialised work is in charge of the wonderful sunrise effects, the "atmospheric" and spot-light installation for the great arena.

Dr. Gustav Preller, the celebrated S.A. historian, has finished the final script which will run into two hundred pages and sent it to the Exhibition authorities.

It has been arranged to use music extensively and there will be one or two special pieces composed for the occasion by Mr. John Connell, the Johannesburg City Organist, including a lullaby to be sung by one of the women performers. In addition there will be selected French and English folk music, Dutch folk music, psalms and hymns, and some of the gay songs of the nineties.

Mr. van Gysegghem said that among the well-known people in history who would play a part would be Bartholomew Dias, Van Riebeeck, Simon van der Stel, Piet Uys, Louis Trichardt, Piet Retief, Gerrit Maritz, Cecil Rhodes, President Kruger, Louis Botha, Lady Anne Barnard, Chaka, and Andries Pretorius.

Close secrecy surrounds the details of the scenes as far as the public is concerned. Mr. Van Gysegghem has just reported on his visit to Rhodesia where he supervised several rehearsals of the pageant scenes.

He has been making frequent trips to Pretoria for the episode undertaken by that centre and in Johannesburg the rehearsals are taking place every week.

Delivery has been taken of hundreds of costumes completed by Mrs. Stirton, while the stage decorations prepared by Mr. Alfred Martin, the well-known artist, are nearly complete. So intense is the interest in this national undertaking that already bookings have been made. Arrangements have been completed whereby seats can be obtained at Pretoria as well as on the Rand.

Thousands of people are coming to Johannesburg from various parts of the country, shortly, to see the "Pageant of Southern Africa."

## "Chronicle" Seaside Camp.

ONLY THREE WEEKS LEFT.

Just over three weeks are left before the "Chronicle" Seaside Camp opens at the Strand. Preparations are well in hand but the money so far received is by no means sufficient to provide everything that will be required if the Camp is to be a success.

Those who have not yet done so are urged to send in their contributions without delay so as to ensure a really happy holiday for the children.

### THIS WEEK'S LIST.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	159	15	10
Paarl Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society	4	0	0
Stellenbosch Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society	2	2	0
Mr. M. Rosen	1	1	0
Muizenberg Jewish Ladies' Sewing Circle	1	1	0
Cape Chemical Co.	1	1	0
Mr. Morris Miller	1	1	0
Piquetberg & Bredasdorp Lime Works	1	1	0
United African Furnishing Co.	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wise	1	1	0
Miss Adele Aronson (on the occasion of her sixth birthday)	0	5	0
Miss Rachel Kotlowitz (per Cousin Helen)	0	2	6
Collected per Mrs. S. Jacobs.			
Mrs. Lazar	1	0	0
Mr. E. Jacobs	0	10	0
Mr. L. E. Berman	0	10	0
Mr. F. Metter	0	5	0
Subway Garage	0	5	0
Mrs. Newmark	0	2	6
Mr. J. Shagam	0	2	6
Collected per Mrs. I. Kaufman, Van Rhynsdorp.			
Joffe Bros.	0	10	0
Mr. M. Righthouse	0	5	0
Mr. W. Minde	0	5	0
Mr. M. Joffe	0	5	0
Mr. D. Minde	0	2	6
Mr. L. Levitt	0	2	6
Mrs. Golumbick	0	2	6
Mr. I. Wulf	0	2	6
Mr. I. Kaufman	0	2	6
	£178	4	10

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**THE HON SECRETARY,  
 "CHRONICLE" SEASIDE FUND,  
 P.O. Box 2000, CAPE TOWN.**

(Continued from Third Column).

November, 1936, at the Zionist Hall, Hope Street. Mr. Ben Arie will give a short talk on "Parallels and Contrasts in Jewish History." This subject is bound to arouse a great deal of discussion and a large audience is anticipated.

The Bialik Circle will meet on Friday, 27th November, at 8.15 p.m. at the residence of Miss F. Joffe, 11, Sir George Grey Street. Mr. M. Wolozinsky, M.A., will lecture on "Jewish Humour," and Mr. V. Resnekov will continue his Hebrew lectures.

On Sunday, 6th December, Rev. I. H. Levine, B.A., of the Green and Sea Point Congregation, will be the chief guest and speaker at a Conversazione to be held at the Zionist Hall, Cape Town. An exceptionally interesting function is being arranged.

## Cape Zionist Youth Activities

Cape Zionist Youth Executive.

1. J.N.F.—A J.N.F. Study Circle takes place at the Zionist Hall, Cape Town, on Tuesday, 24th instant. All interested are invited to attend and an instructive evening is assured. On Sunday, 29th, a J.N.F. Box clearance takes place, and Zionist Youth should communicate with the J.N.F. commissioners immediately.

2. Menorah.—For the benefit of those who are not aware of it, it is announced that a special cup is being awarded to the Cape Society which does the most successful Menorah work. Commissioners and members generally are therefore urged to assist their Societies in obtaining subscribers for the Menorah. On Sunday, 6th December, an organised Menorah canvass of the Peninsula is taking place, the aim being to enrol as many new subscribers as is possible. With the view of making this canvass the most successful ever held, Menorah Commissioners, Committee members, and members generally are asked to co-operate and canvass every Jewish house.

3. Camp.—The Camp Sub-committee is pleased to announce that Mr. Natas, the well-known Peninsula Hebrew teacher, has consented to stay at Camp and to conduct the Hebrew classes and lectures on Zionism and Judaism. Here is an invaluable opportunity for intending campers to gain a background of their Jewish studies. Watch this column for announcements of some of the outstanding innovations and functions which are taking place at this year's Camp.

4. News-sheet.—The Executive's newest innovation is the "News-sheet," the aim of which is to keep society committees and others interested well supplied with all the latest Zionist Youth news. The first issue has been published this week, and those interested can obtain copies from the Secretary.

5. Cultural.—The Cultural Sub-committee has this week issued a batch of material dealing with the historical significance of Chanukah, how Chanukah is celebrated in Eretz Israel, appropriate recitations and "The Menorah" by Dr. Theodor Herzl. The Cultural Sub-Committee also has on hand a number of appropriate Chanukah plays at 1s. 6d. each. These and the above-mentioned cultural material are obtainable on application.

6. Book Department.—The Executive's Book Department is well stocked with all the latest publications, and is deserving of more support from Zionist Youth members. Among the latest acquisitions are: "Palestine on the Eve" and Lord Melchett's "Thy Neighbour" at 8s. 6d.

Claremont-Wynberg B.O.Z.S.

A meeting was held on the 15th November. Chaver P. Gordon presided. The minutes were read by S. Galloon. Chaver N. Wolman delivered the news service. Chaver S. Wolman then read a story in Hebrew. Mr. E. Charloff spoke on "Forerunners of Zionism," outlining the growth of the Choveve Zion movement. Discussion ensued. Mr. N. Meyerowitz outlined the relation of the B.O.Z.S. to the other Zionist bodies in the country. After Hebrew songs were sung, the meeting concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

Forthcoming Meetings.

Cape Town Herzlia.—The next meeting takes place at 8.15 p.m. on Sunday, 22nd (Continued in Second Column).