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French Plays Presented

The Amitié Francaise of Johannesburg, deserves congratulation for its commendable enterprise in presenting three amusing one-act plays at the New Library Theatre last Saturday night.

Though the acting and production left much to be desired, allowances have to be made for the fact that the society has attempted theatrical presentation only once before. As a new venture, Saturday's performance merits every encouragement, both as giving French citizens in Johannesburg an opportunity to hear their mother tongue on the boards, and as providing a means to those interested for exercising their knowledge of the language.

Choice of cast must necessarily have been limited to fluent speakers of French, but the thought occurred that it would perhaps have been wiser to prepare more interesting, or rather, less trivial fare for the evening's entertainment. Seeing that so much trouble had been taken, it might have been worth presenting one of those light and charming comedies which abound in French literature rather than the dullish "Mariage au Téléphone," by Maurice Hennequin, or the near-monologue "Avec sa Mere," by Charles Folley.

"A Louer Meublé," by Gabriel d'Herbilliez, was a meatier effort, demanding and receiving more from the players and certainly strengthening the wish that the society should attempt something more ambitious next time.

A large audience showed its appreciation, and the Goldreich Trio provided pleasant music during the intervals.

D.L.S.

Last Broadcasting Concert of Season

At the end of the concert of the South African Broadcasting Corporation Symphony Orchestra, held at the Jewish Guild on Tuesday evening last, the conductor, Mr. Jerry Shulman, announced that this would be the last release of the present season, and the next performance would take place in February next. He expressed appreciation to the audience for their consistent support of the classical concerts which the orchestra had presented every fortnight.

The soloist on Tuesday evening was Heinz Hirschland, the well-known pianist, who gave fine renditions of two famous compositions, "Symphonic Variations for Piano and Orchestra" by Franck and "Andante Spianato and Polonaise" by Chopin. The performance was enthusiastically received by an appreciative audience. The orchestra devoted the second half of its programme to a performance of "Symphony No. 2 in D." by Beethoven. It was admirably done, and brought out the true spirit of the remarkable composition.

D.

Jewish Ex-Service League

Annual Chanukah Service at Yeoville.

The annual Chanukah service of the South African Jewish Ex-Service League will be held in the Yeoville Synagogue, Hunter Street, Yeoville, on Sunday, December 13, at 5.30 p.m.

It is expected that large detachments of Jewish members of the Active Citizens' Defence Force and the S.A. Jewish Ex-Service League will be present.

Johannesburg's Herzlia Activities.

On Wednesday, the 2nd inst., a casual meeting was held at the residence of A. Lipschitz. Mr. J. Daleski, a member of the Executive Council of the S.A. Zionist Federation addressed an enthusiastic gathering on "The Position of the Jews in South Africa." Mr. Daleski dealt with the subject in a masterly fashion and a thought-provoking lecture was followed by a lengthy discussion. Mr. L. Lawrence presided, and Mr. S. Lintoph thanked the speaker and the host.

A flannel dance was held under the auspices of the organisation at the residence of Miss Kahn. The function proved a great success.

On the 13th inst., the Herzlia is holding an inter-debate with the Natives Club at the Jewish Guild. The Natives Club speakers, Messrs. J. Shochet and Ziman will move "That the Policy of the British Government is not Conducive to the Establishment of a Jewish National Home in Palestine." The motion will be opposed by Messrs. S. Sapire and I. Seeff on behalf of the Herzlia. The public is cordially invited to be present.

After the holding of this function, the society intends going into recess until the beginning of February.

Important changes have been made in the constitution of the Herzlia. Membership is strictly limited to active members and every member is expected to serve on a committee and to perform definite work. Many members through disinterest have forfeited the privilege of membership, but the Association is being built up gradually and it is hoped that before long this association will be another powerful unit in S.A. Zionism.

Pietersburg-Zoutspansberg Zionist Society

The annual Chanukah picnic organised by the above society took place at Moschies farm on Sunday, the 6th inst. A large number of Zionists from Pietersburg and district were present.

During the morning an interesting address was delivered by Rev. J. I. Levin on the history of Chanukah. In the afternoon the youth participated in different sporting events, after which prizes were presented by Mrs. Freidal to the winners.

In the evening a mass meeting was addressed by three delegates of the Transvaal Zionist Youth Executive. The meeting was organised by the Pieterburg and District Zionist Youth Society. (A full report has not yet come to hand). After the meeting an impromptu dance took place at the residence of Mrs. Israelson.

"COME OUT OF THE PANTRY" AT THE METRO.

In his latest picture Jack Buchanan is a young peer who loses his fortune and has to look for work in "Come Out of the Pantry," at the Metro Theatre this week. He finds a position as footman to a wealthy business man, and from then the picture is light and breezy with Mr. Buchanan's delightful singing and dancing. Fay Wray plays opposite him. Commencing on Wednesday of next week, the Metro will show Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" — an eagerly-awaited picture — starring Norma Shearer and Leslie Howard.

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