# Personal

## A Gifted Singer

Rose Alper in Johannesburg



It was but natural that Mr. John Connell, in selecting his artists for the 1940 Music Festival, should have included Rose Alper, the gifted soprano, who came specially from Durban to sing on Tuesday evening at the City Hall. She sang the aria from Mozart, "L'amero," with fine effect and delightful interpretation. Her voice had a clear and pure quality and she sang with rare grace and ease. Besides being possessed of a gifted voice, Rose Alper has an attractive stage presence. Her visits to Johannesburg are welcomed by music lovers. It was but natural that Mr. John by music lovers.

The orchestra, under the baton of Mr. John Connell, included the elaborate Schubert No. 7 in its programme. The work was played evenly and with grace by the orchestra which was in good form. The programme included an excellent rendering of Beethoven's "Egmont" overture. It was an evening of outstanding musi-

#### Zionist Socialists Hold "Social"

Well over a hundred people attended the "social" held by the Zionist Socialist Party at Coronation Hall last Sunday night. The function proved outstandingly successful, and Mrs. E. Hayman and Mr. M. Lazar, who were responsible for the organisational arrangements, are to be congratulated on their efforts in this connection. connection.

A feature of the evening was the inspiring address delivered by Mr. A. Herman on the Histadruth. Concert items were contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Rubin, whose short sketch, "The War of Nerves," was very well received; by Mr. N. Lochoff, who sang Hebrew songs, including the Song of Tel-Hai, and by Miss Zway, who recited Yiddish monologues.

The whole gathering, led by Mr. A. Abrahamson, joined in the singing of Hebrew songs, and dancing from 10 p.m. till midnight brought an enjoyable function to a close.

#### "PRIVATE LIVES" AT THE STANDARD

#### Fine Acting by English Company

Noel Coward's brilliant and subtle wit is well revealed in the performances of "Private Lives" (now playing at the Standard Theatre, Johannesburg) by Henry Mollison and Lina Basquette. The brunt of the work Basquette. The brunt of the work falls on these two fine artists, and the easy and natural acting required of characters in a Noel Coward play is maintained throughout.

Cynthia Klette and Frank Hammerton give equally easy performances of the two other characters in this scintillating play. Its presentation is being keenly enjoyed by the large audiences which come to the Standard Theatre nightly.

In view of the support given to Mr. In view of the support given to Mr. Mollison and Miss Basquette in this play, "Private Lives" will continue during the coming week. No lover of fine acting and clever play-writing should miss this opportunity of seeing one of Noel Coward's most outstanding plays cleverly and subtly produced.

## Around the Cinemas

#### Mirth at the Metro

Hilarity is the keynote of the feature film, "Gladiator," which is being presented at the Metro this week. Joe E. Brown, regarded by many as the screen's funniest comedian, takes the leading role in this riot of laughter, and is responsible for much merriment and mirth of the sidesplitting order. Columbia scores a hit with this new release, and the Metro should attract large audiences throughout the showing of this entertaining film. The supporting programme of shorts is good.

#### Bright Entertainment at Plaza

"The Dead End Kids" make a welcome reappearance in the film, "Angels Wash Their Faces," which is the attraction at the Plaza this week. Starring in the picture are Anne Sheridan, popularly known as the "Oomph Girl" and Ronald Reagan. The film offers excellent entertainment and should prove an exceedingly popular draw. An additional feature on to-night's programme only is the semi-final of the "Juvenile Stars of To-morrow," but those who visit the Plaza at any time during the week can be assured of a good time. "The Dead End Kids" make a wel-

#### Successful Film at Colosseum

"The Under-Pup," Universal's superb film introducing the sensational eleven-year-old singing star, Gloria Jean, has proved such an outstanding success that it is now entering its second week at the Colosseum. Starred with Gloria Jean are Nan Grey, Robert Cummings, and C. Aubrey Smith. The plot is a delightful one, full of human interest, and has charmed the large audiences who have so far seen the picture.

The next production at the Colos-

The next production at the Colosseum will be Akim Tamiroff, the "man with a thousand faces," who appears in Paramount's dramatic triumph, "Magnificent Fraud." Costarring with him is Patricia Morison Morison.

#### Germiston Women's Zionist League

During the month of January buring the month of January two sewing circle meetings were held at the residences of Mrs. Bernstein and Mrs. I. Dunsky respectively. Both functions were well attended and the work undertaken is progressing satisfactorily. satisfactorily.

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