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LACK OF INTEREST.

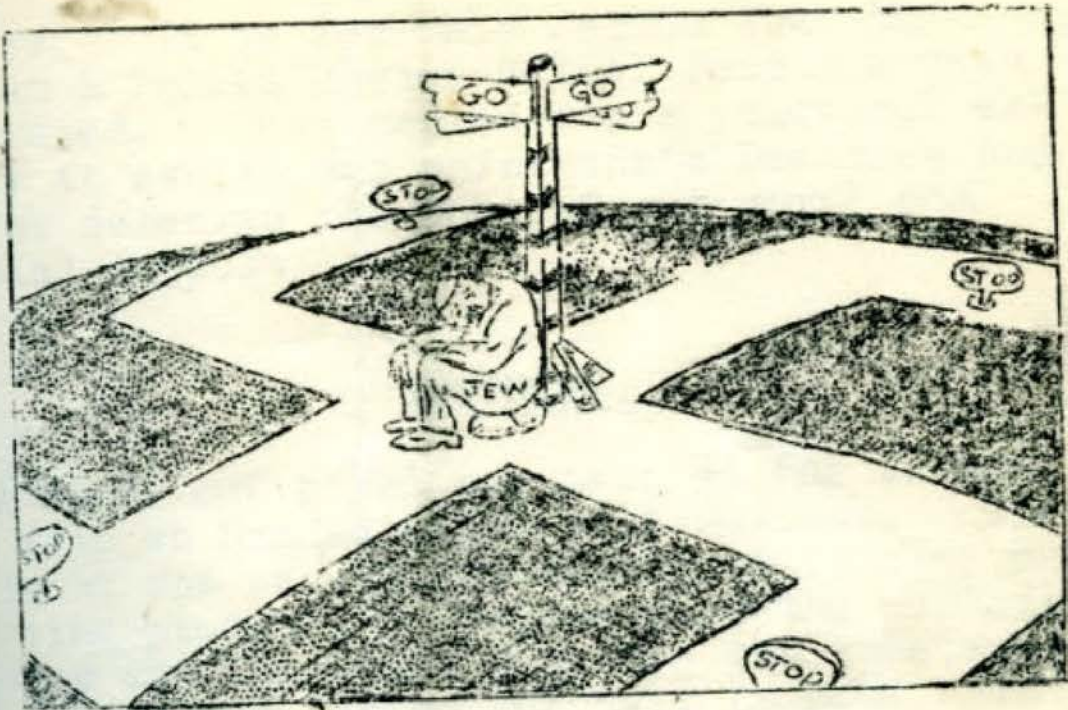
There is at present a controversy in the Society as to what is the cause of the lack of interest displayed by a large number of young Jews in Maitland. Briefly the facts are as follows:-

One of the members accused the Committee of the slipshod manner in which the Society was being run; he gave several instances of not conforming with a pre-arranged schedule. "That" he asserted "was the cause of the lack of interest". To this the chairman replied that owing to Yomtavim the Society had an enforced lapse. He also stated that so far from being slack the Committee was indeed very active. Elsewhere in this issue we publish other views on this subject.

For the moment we are not concerned with the merits or demerits of this controversy. However, both sides are agreed upon one point, namely - lack of interest. With that, we are concerned.

No good purpose will be served by blaming the Committee or for that matter by reprimanding the young Jews referred to. Here let us make it quite clear, that by the young Jews mentioned are meant not only those who are not members of the Society but also those who are members in name only. The former must be persuaded to rejoin the Society, and together with the latter to take an active part. Assuming the first hurdle is overcome, an organised programme or policy, which will satisfy all, must be formulated. Whatever that policy will be we must not depart from our main aim - Zionism.

Perhaps the young Jews concerned would show their willingness to co-operate by coming forward with some practical suggestions?



WHITHER?

S.O.S.

The pages of our Jewish history have repeatedly been blotted with revolting black periods of nauseating antisemitism. The last few weeks have witnessed the repetition of yet another dark age - an age which reeks of the inhuman barbaric acts with which it is pregnant. To justify all this, the head of a nation, seeks no more convincing excuse than the irresponsible act of an embittered youth. As in all other cases of antisemitism it is obvious that the incidents which gave rise to the abominable atrocities were merely the desired excuses which the perpetrators would have found in any case.

In spite of the ill-founded prophecies of many discouraged Jews, one fact is certain - Jewry will survive the present storm just as it has passed through its many predecessors. Nevertheless this is no time for despair nor is it time for words. However hopeless the situation might be, we must do our utmost to alleviate the

distress. It is for this reason that the Austrian & Polish Jewish Relief Fund has been inaugurated. This represents a practical endeavour to assist our unfortunate brethren and therefor deserves the best of our moral and financial support.

YESTRDAY.

A Black-out Night was held at the Talmud Torah Hall on Sunday night 30th October. The attendance was very discouraging, only nine members being present. Despite this the curtains did go up and the small audience was treated to black-outs which lasted for half an hour. This caused much amusement, which, together with the general frivolity constituted a very enjoyable evening.

At a dance in aid of the Cape Zionist Youth Executive held at the hall on the 6th November, there was a very small attendance. As so little was realized, the Committee have decided, with the approval of the Executive, to hold an affair in lieu of the dance at a later date.

On Sunday 13th November, a J.N.F. clearance took place, £4.10.0 being collected on that day. This is not the grand total as certain seniors were not at home.

A Social at the hall on Sunday November 27th took the form of a Book-tea and Talent Evening. For more details see the Stop Press.

TO-DAY.

The combined Junior Zionists in Maitland have tied with Oudtshoorn Society in selling the most Camp Raffle tickets. We may therefor send to the 14th V.I. Camp free of charge.

Will any member who wishes to avail himself of this free offer, kindly notify the Committee, in order that they may decide whom to send.

The Tuesday night gatherings are being discontinued till the 3rd January, 1939.

TO-MORROW.

A Krazy Kampfire Konsert will be held on Saturday 10th December. This is going to be the brightest spark of the Society's Social Activities. Full particulars will be found on Page 7. Members would be well advised to roll up in their cars.

On Sunday 18th December, an affair in commemoration of Chanukah will take place at the Hall.

Society Social Skits.



I believe that all hardware stores will be running short of fishing hooks this summer. Has this anything to do with the trip which Sylvia Urdang and Hilda Freedman are making to Durban on January 7th?

Women are becoming dangerous nowadays. Lily Jacobson, at her twentieth birthday, trying to prevent a fellow from telling her age, knocked him onto the

floor and wasted a glass of beer.

Barney Joffe celebrated his twentieth birthday on November 3rd at Klaasjagersberg Military Camp.

Congratulations to Gladys (Guy Fawkes) Saacks who turned seventeen on November 6th and to Fanny Gootman who was nineteen on the 10th.

Incidentally talking about Fanny, I notice that she takes regular excursions up the mountain each Sunday. As the company in which she climbs each week is usually the same, I expect to be able to publish some further news about it at a later date.

Harold Jacobson and Barney Joffe should give the girls a break now and again - rather roll up to our functions. Same applies to Solly Bernberg.

Jackie Kramer will be very pleased when the exams. are over, for some kind fellow-member has been trying to cheer up his lady-love while Jack was busy swotting.

Gus latest. Unable to take partner out much during November owing to 'Varsity exams. (Please let me know if this feature is becoming stale.)

What was Becky Gootman looking for in Town at 1 a.m. on Sunday? She herself told me "there seemed to be hundreds of American sailors sitting on the chains at every robot.

Dave Kramer and his partner, Miss Elliot, are to be congratulated on having won the prize for the Spot Dance at the Green & Seapoint Jewish Guild's Annual Dance on November 5th.



Many of our members play tennis at the Maitland Club. Pauline Katzenellenbogen, Syd Saacks, Myer Kramer and Monty Singer have played for the teams.

I wonder what time Prof Katzef gets to work in the morning. He does not seem able to manage an earlier train than the 9.35. What do you usually do the night before Prof.?

Good luck to the members who are at present busy with exams.

The Wandering Jew.

SOLUTION TO M.J.Z.S. CROSS WORD PUZZLE. No. 1.

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KUM TO OUR KRAZY



To be held at

MID-KNIGHT

on

SATURDAY

10th December, 1938

after a

D A N C E

TALMUD TORAH HALL, St. Annes Road, MAITLAND. in the

Kum to the dance in attire
Sootable for a kamp fire.

Refreshments, Hot-Dogs, etc. Free! !

Double: 3/-

Single: 2/-

Members of M.J.Z.S.

Double 2/-

NOTE. All proceeds will
be donated to the
Austrian & Polish Jewish
Relief Fund.

DO YOU KNOW?by JACO.

- (1) That Chanukah resulted from the revolution led by the pious Jew Mattathias and his five sons against the Syrian antisemitic ruler Antiochus who ascended the throne in 165 B.C.E.?
- (2) That the motto of the revolting Jews was "Mi kamocha Ba'Elim Adonai" (Who is like thee among the gods, O Lord) the initial letters of which form the word Maccabee, the symbol of Jewish heroism and freedom?
- (3) That Mattathias died a short time after the beginning of the revolt, and handed the command over to his son Judah?
- (4) That Chanukah (The Feast of Dedication) lasts eight days?
- (5) That this marks the victorious entry of Judah's army into Jerusalem in 165 B.C.E.?
- (6) That its commencement is observed each year on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev, which this year coincides with the 18th December?
- (7) That in Eretz Israel this holiday is acclaimed as one of the most joyful seasons of the year during which the crowds make merry and every Jewish house kindles its own Menorah?
- (8) That when the Maccabees came to light the Great Menorah in the Temple, one small jar of oil miraculously lasted eight days. Hence we celebrate Chanukah for eight days, kindling a fresh light each night?
- (9) That all children look forward to the monetary gift (Chanukah Gelt) which their parents give them on Chanukah?



HELP WHILE YOU CAN.

(Our ex-chairman has appealed for assistance
for our persecuted Brethren - See page 10.)

LETTERS TO
THE EDITOR.

AUSTRIAN AND POLISH JEWISH RELIEF FUND.

The Editor,

The Maitland Echo.

Sir,

I wish to draw the attention of your readers to the Austrian and Polish Jewish Relief Fund. Committees are being formed all over South Africa for collecting funds to alleviate the sufferings of these unfortunate Jews. As yet I am unaware of any Junior Committee having been set up in Maitland, and I therefore appeal to you, sir, and your readers to do everything possible in furthering the above appeal. It is incumbent on every young Jew and Jewess to contribute towards this fund as much as he or she is able.

Should a Committee be formed to raise funds in this area, I am prepared to do everything in my power to render assistance. In addition thereto I shall donate an amount of one guinea and further stipulate that for every guinea collected by this committee, I shall contribute an additional shilling or a total of £1.10.0. whichever is the greater.

B. KATZEF.

Suffolk Street,
MAITLAND.

(We shall acknowledge any further contributions in our next issue - Ed.)

CONGRATULATIONS FROM AN EX-MEMBER.

Sir - Let me congratulate your society on it's newest off-spring "The Maitland Echo". Your

Rosh Hashonah publication was in itself an outstanding achievement in view of the limited facilities at your disposal and I wish the "Echo" every success in its future activities. I have read your pithy little publication with real pleasure and look forward to its next appearance.

A. J. VOLKS.

5, Market Street,
PAARL.

A NON-MEMBERS' VIEW.

Sir - In your November issue I noticed the discussion about local young Jews who do not take an interest in the Maitland Junior Zionist Society. My own reason for not taking an active part is that the average age of the members of the Society is far below my own, consequently our interests are not the same.

I feel that if your activities were planned as to interest members of all ages the young Jews referred to would again take an interest in the Society.

TILLY SAMSON.

Main Road,
MAITLAND.

A MEMBER'S VIEW.

Sir - I am prepared to do my share financially for any Zionist cause but when it comes to attending meetings, conferences, mock parliaments, debates, etc., I think it is so much waste of time. After all practical assistance is far better than theoretical ideals.

Deeds, not words, is my motto.

GUS. KAWALSKY.

Coronation Road,
MAITLAND.

STOP PRESS.

The Book-Tea and Talent Evening which was to have taken place on Sunday, 27th ult., was cancelled owing to a very poor attendance. Most of our members went to the Northern Districts Society's Scavenger Hunt. Only three committee members turned up in addition to one or two others!

Owing to pressure of space this month's Cross-Word puzzle is being held over.

Miss P. Katzenellenbogen has tendered her resignation from the committee. Since moving to Town she finds that she is unable to attend committee meetings. Miss Katzenellenbogen is still a member of our Society.

The result of the Essay Competition will be published in our next issue; we also hope to publish the winning essay.



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Achieve this



NOW IS THE TIME