



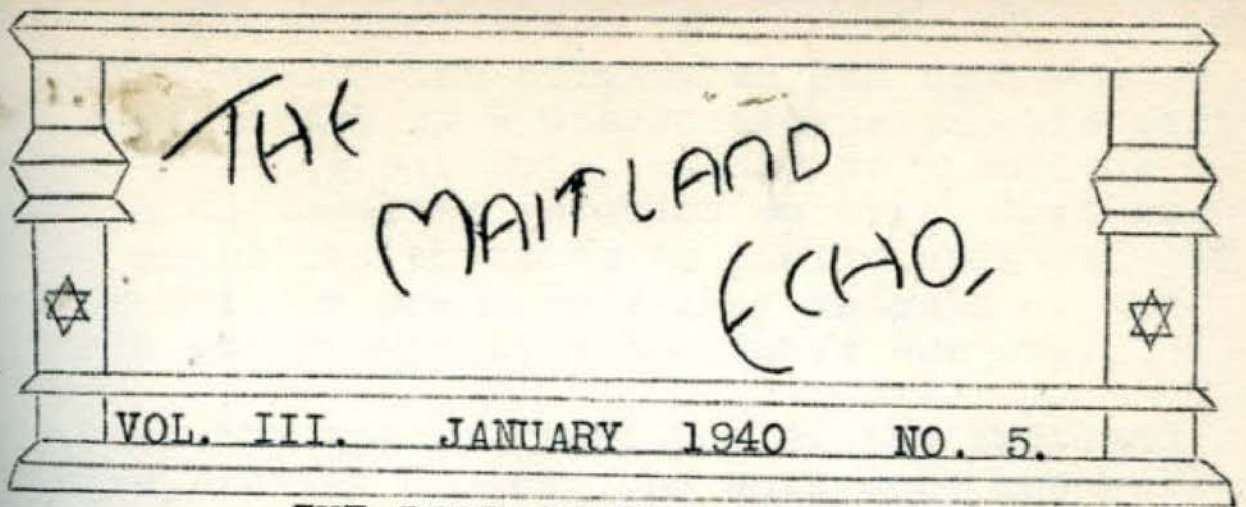
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THE MAITLAND JUNIOR ZIONIST SOCIETY.



THE ROOT OF THE TROUBLE.

Twice during the past month the Maitland-Brooklyn Hebrew Congregation attempted to hold their annual general elections. On both occasions this was impossible as no quorum of their members were present.

Now this fact bears a striking resemblance to what happened in our Society during last month, when a committee meeting was called (see News of the Month). Moreover the same apathetic attitude which our seniors seem to adopt towards their congregation is also very noticeable in the relations between our members and the Maitland Junior Zionist Society.

Above we have yet another illustration (if indeed further illustration is necessary) of the direct manner in which the home environment of our members influences the light in which they regard every matter - in this case public spiritedness.

The time is already long overdue when we should have discarded the idea which unfortunately many parents still possess, that unless anything offers immediate pecuniary or pleasurable gains it is not worthwhile doing.

We can have no doubt now as to where our

present apathy has originated and each one of us must attack this unseen disease at its very root. It is our duty, mainly to ourselves and to the society in which we live, that we take an active interest in public affairs. If we do not, we are merely like animals of the jungle which only live for their own prey.

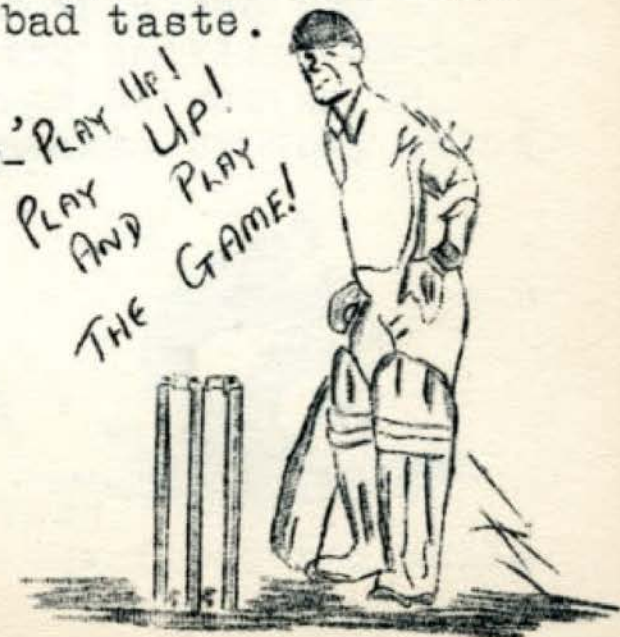
In the special instance of the Maitland Junior Zionist Society the work done now will ultimately help to build a strong nation - a pillar of strength. This might indeed at a later date turn out to be a welcome support to lean against in time of trouble.

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SOCIETY ETIQUETTE.

It is unfortunate that amongst many societies there are to be found certain individuals whose actions will always blot the record of the body to which they belong. It is not our intention here to chastise persons residing in another area, that we leave to their own individual committees. We do however feel that it is worthwhile pointing out one particular instance of a breach of society etiquette, and trust that our own members will refrain from showing similar signs of bad taste.

On December 17th, we in an interfunction, entertained two other sister societies. The arrangements for the afternoon went off well. In the evening a dance was held, and simply because we had not issued admission tickets to our guests, certain



outsiders saw no reason why they should not gatecrash into a free dance. To make matters worse this unwelcome element seemed to be under the impression that we had specially arranged the evening so as to keep them amused. Fortunately the effect of this display of inconsiderateness was only to slightly mar an otherwise very enjoyable evening and we still managed to perform our duties as hosts.

As a Society, we feel it is our duty, here, to advise our members against such behaviour, although we earnestly hope that such advice is unnecessary.

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NEWS OF THE MONTH.

COUNTER ATTACK.

The counter-attack on the after-effects of the recent examinations took the form of a games evening on Thursday night, 7th December. The first game was a novel kind of hand football played with a balloon. This was followed by a short, but not too simple crossword puzzle. The prizewinner for this was Syd Saacks. Barney Seidle won the smelling contest by being the only one to guess correctly the contents of six different packets by only using his sense of smell.

The last game of the evening was rather a robust form of entertainment known as Ric-a-tic-a-tac. M.Kramer and Jack Kramer were the winners; but many other members can testify the hardness of the floor and walls as a result of this game.



COMMITTEE MEETING.

A committee meeting was called for Thursday night December 21st; but as only three members were present, the meeting could not be held.

The committee met a week later at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. B. Swabsky. It was decided that the Society should go into recess for a month. The next function will be held on Sunday 28th January 1940. The general elections will be held on Sunday 11th February.

INTERFUNCTION.

This took place on December 17th, when our Society played tennis against the Green & Sea Point Jewish Guild on Bledin's court. Our team consisted of B. Bledin, M. Bledin, M. Singer and M. Kramer. They acquitted themselves very well as not one set was won by the visitors. The guests were entertained to supper by our members and in the evening a dance was held in the Talmud Torah Hall. Members of Muizenberg Society were also present as they had been invited to attend the dance.

COUNCIL MEETING AT THE STRAND.

Gladys Saacks and Max Bledin were appointed to represent the M.J.Z.S. at the Council Meeting of representatives of all societies to be held at the Strand on Sunday 7th January.

NEXT ISSUE.

The next issue of the Maitland Echo will be an enlarged number. Besides the usual

subject matter, it will contain all relevant material in connection with the forthcoming elections.

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TWIXT OURSELVES.

Each month Johannesburg has had the privilege of claiming one of our youthful sect for at least a brief spell. In October Raie Kaufman went north, then Gus Kawalsky followed in November and in December it was Syd Saacks. At present Abe Urdang is keeping the ball rolling. A peculiar thing about Syd Saacks is that although he has been overseas, he has hitherto not been further than Worcester in this country.

The New Year in Maitland has brought with it an ex-vicechairlady and treasurer of our Society. Pauline Katzenellenbogen has returned to Maitland to stay here once again. She left Maitland fourteen months ago and when I asked her the other day what the attraction was, she merely answered, "You know what it is - just the good old Maitland again, that's all."

To Arthur Joffe go my best wishes and congratulations on his engagement. Arthur's removal from the list of local bachelors has at last settled an old dispute. About five



years ago it was frequently argued as to which one of the local youth would be the first to get "spliced". Well I can tell you now that Arthur was always amongst the two favourites, and it appears that he has just won by a short head.



Although I told you last month that Ethel Drus and Charles Kawalsky had done excellently in their final exams, I was not in a position then to inform you that Ethel has been awarded a scholarship of £225 a year for two years. Charles has also won a gold medal and a scholarship of £150 a year for two years.

This is the first time in Maitland's history that two such successes have been achieved in the same year. The nearest approach to this are the brilliant academic careers of Dave and Issy Slome - ex members of the old Maitland Young Judeans.

It seems destined that each year one of our members should go to camp as a result of the Camp Free Holiday Scheme. This scheme was started last year, and as this Society sold the most tickets, Yehudah Ozinsky was able to use the prize - a free holiday. This year Gladys Saacks was our prizewinner and is at present enjoying a holiday at the Strand Young Israel Camp on the strength of it.



This is the month for examination results. To all those who already know that they have

been successful and to those who still have to read the paper to that out, go my heartiest congratulations.

The Wandering Jew

WORD-PUZZLE NO. 5.

(The first letter in each of the answers to the following, make up the answer to No. 16.)

AN AGRICULTURAL FESTIVAL.

- (1) The father of Shem, Ham and Japheth; also known as the second father of mankind.
- (2) The Jews were led out of here by Moses.
- (3) He is the president of the Zionist Organisation.
- (4) This day of fasting falls on the tenth day of the Jewish month Tishri.
- (5) The name of the sixth month of the Jewish calendar.
- (6) The elder brother and spokesman of Moses.
- (7) She was the wife of Isaac, and mother of Essau and Jacob.
- (8) It lasted forty days and forty nights and began to subside after one hundred and fifty days.

- (9) An anagram of more, gives this old Hebrew measure:
- (10) The first in Zion is a Jewish settlement in Eretz Yisrael.
- (11) The surname of the founder of the Chalutz Movement. He died uttering these words;
" It is good to die for one's country.
- (12) This festival is also known as Zichron Terua; Yom Teruah; Yom Ha-din and Yom Ha-zikaron.
- (13) Nehemia and this scribe led a Jewish migration from Babylon to Palestine in 450 B.C.
- (14) The cousin of Mordchai. She frustrated Haman's plans. The story of her adventure is read in Shul on Purim.
- (15) The first king of the Israelites who manifested jealousy towards David and sought to kill him.
- (16) This agricultural festival in Eretz Yisrael occurs during this month and is in honour of the trees.

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SOLUTION TO WORD-PUZZLE NO. 4.

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| (1) Chalutz. | (2) Hertzl. |
| (3) Ark. | (4) National. |
| (5) University. | (6) Kvutzah. |
| (7) Argentine. | (8) Hillel. |
- (9) The festival of CHANUKAH commemorates the successful revolt of Judas Maccabees against the Syrians in 136 B.C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Editor,
The Maitland Echo.

Sir,

Allow me through the courtesy of your columns to air a grudge. Thank you!

Whether our honourable secretary is on the verge of a mental-cum-physical decay, I am not prepared to certify; but the circular of the 14th ult., leaves extremely little room for doubt.

Grudge (a) is that the circulars were written with undue haste resulting in an undecipherable, illegible scrawl which one had to decipher. However, having not yet received my code-book it necessitated a waste of a considerable amount of time and eyestrain.

Grudge (b) - although the circular stated that a tennis match was to be played against Sea Point, whether it was to be played at the Association Courts at Rondebosch or at Bledin's Court at Maitland, was left to the imagination, left also to the imagination was the selection of the recipient of the circular (if eligible) to play or not.

Moral for the secretary - a little more thinking before sending out meaningless circulars and members will understand what is wanted of them.

MARTIN SINGER.

Brooklyn. C.P.



CAIN AND ABEL.

The Editor,

Sir - I am amazed at the extent to which the two Zionist Organisations go in order to "expose" each other's weak spots.

Sir, both sides admit that they strive towards the same ultimate aim. Yet simply because they try to attain this goal by different methods, is that any reason why a political war should exist between them? I do not for one moment condone the action of the N.Z.O. in seceding from the parent body. Nevertheless it is a shameful blot on the history of our race that so much precious time and money should be wasted on what is no more than a selfish desire to be the top dog.

The only ultimate result of the present feud will be that one half of Jewry will become the sworn enemies of the other half. Let each organisation rather dispense with its propagan-da against the other, and carry on with the methods which it thiks best. Then we might achieve our aims instead of merely repeating the story of Cain and Abel.

For many reasons I would prefer you to withhold my identity and use the nom-de-plume attached hereto. Thank you!

ALL-ROUND ZIONIST.

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All correspondence etc., should be sent to the Maitland Echo, Zion Villa, Ferndale Road, Maitland.

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