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ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Miss Lily Harper, only daughter of Mr George Harper (Christchurch) and Dr. Loughnan, of Victoria.

The engagement is announced of Miss Thorpe, youngest daughter of the Vicar of Sumner, and Mr Brown, electrical engineer, of Christchurch.

Mr H. E. Vaile's marriage to Miss Ethel Mahon takes place at St. Mark's Church, Remuera, next Wednesday at three o'clock.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS

SKEATES—CUNNINGHAM.

A quiet but pretty wedding was celebrated on Easter Monday, when Miss Eilda Cunningham was married to Mr Philip J. Skeates. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. Ferguson, in the Presbyterian Church, Devonport, which had been prettily decorated for the occasion by the girl friends of the bride. The service was attended by a large number of people.

The bride, who was given away by her step-father, was tastefully attired in a handsome dress of white flowered silk, richly trimmed with lace and orange blossoms; the bodice had a transparent yoke, long sleeves, transparent from the elbow. The skirt was trained and finished with numerous flounces and insertion. The toilette was completed with a wreath of orange blossom and handsome veil and beautiful shower bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom. The bride was attended by four bridesmaids, the Misses Ivy and Edith Cunningham (sisters of the bride) and two little dots, Ethel and Dorothy Skeates (nieces of the bridegroom); the former wore very pretty dresses of cream crepe with silk spots, trimmed with silk lace, large black chiffon hats and pink roses. Each carried a bouquet. The two little ones were attired in white muslin, with insertion and yellow slips, white silk hats and yellow ribbon, and carried baskets of yellow and white flowers. The bridegroom was attended by Mr Edward Skeates (best man) and Mr Reginald Cunningham (groomsman).

After the ceremony the guests drove to the residence of the bride's parents, "Opawa," Calliope-road, where afternoon tea was served. Mrs Cunningham (mother of the bride) was gowned in a handsome black silk dress, black velvet hat and roses; Mrs Skeates (mother of the bridegroom), magnificent black silk dress, black bonnet, relieved with pink; Mrs Ernest Skeates, pretty white silk blouse, black skirt, black hat; Mrs Frank Wall, black Russian cloth, silk strapping, black velvet hat, black and white wings; Mrs Fred Cunningham (Wanganui), blue spot sebeline tailor-made costume, blue velvet hat, birds and lace; Mrs L. Cunningham, black voile skirt, blue silk blouse, trimmed with ecru insertion, large black hat with feathers and pink roses; Mrs Rothwell, grey costume and hat to match; Mrs E.

Brookes, cream tuckered dress, black hat, relieved with white ured; Miss Bailey, black dress with handsome collarette; Miss Robertson, black voile; Miss E. Alexander, black dress, black hat; Miss Wright, tussore silk blouse, blue skirt, black hat; Miss Vera Cunningham, cream corduroy, trimmed with Maltese lace, cream silk hat; Miss Kathleen McKinley, cream silk with accordion-pleated hat.

The happy couple left for Kawau, where the honeymoon is to be spent, the bride's travelling dress being of a lovely shade of violet cloth with folds and Russian coat, black chiffon hat and feathers. Some very handsome presents were received.

On the previous Wednesday a social was held in the Foresters' Hall, Devonport, when Mrs Cunningham entertained a few friends in honour of the approaching wedding. Dancing and music were indulged in, and vocal items were rendered by Mrs Lees and Cunningham, Miss Robertson, and Messrs Lees, Skeates (2), and Smith. The dance music was supplied by Misses Bell, Cunningham and Gribbin and Mr Cunningham. About 60 guests were present, and all spent a pleasant evening.

TURLEY—WALKER.

A pretty wedding was celebrated last week in the Methodist Church, Tuakau, the bride being Miss Blanche E. Walker, daughter of an old Tuakau resident, and the bridegroom Mr Walter George Turley, second son of Mr S. Turley, Tuakau. The bride, tastefully attired in white silk, trimmed with Parisian lace, was given away by her father. She carried a beautiful shower bouquet. The bridesmaids, Miss Mabel Walker (sister of the bride) and Miss Louise Turley (sister of the bridegroom), wore handsome white silk dresses with black velvet picture hats. They carried bouquets and wore gold brooches, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr Alfred Walker, brother of the bride, acted as best man, and Mr Thomas Turley as groomsman. After the ceremony, at which the Rev. C. Penney officiated, a reception was held at the residence of the bride's father, and during the afternoon the happy couple left for Rotorua. There were a number of presents, and the bride was the recipient of a gold bangle from the bridegroom. On Sunday the members of the Tuakau Methodist Church presented Mr Turley with a family Bible as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his services as organist.

TOY—GREENWOOD.

Mr W. H. Toy, of the "New Zealand Herald" staff, was married last week to Miss Greenwood, of Mt. Roskill. Mr Toy's colleagues made him a handsome presentation on the eve of his marriage, and the members of the Amateur Sports Club presented him with a purse of sovereigns. Mr Toy is the secretary of that body, and his popularity in athletic circles was fully demonstrated by the cordial feeling which marked the occasion when he received the club's gift from the hands of Mr G. Z. Clayton the other evening in the club-room. The honeymoon was spent at Te Aroha. Mr and Mrs Toy intend to reside at Mt. Roskill.

LAWRENCE—CARR.

A very daintily-arranged wedding was celebrated at the picturesque little church of St. Andrew's, Epsom, Auckland, on Wednesday, April 15, when Mr. Archie Bernard Lawrence, second son of Mr. Effingham Lawrence, Launceston, Tasmania, was married to Miss Nora Isabel Kathleen Carr, eldest daughter of the late Mr. John Carr, solicitor, Rood Lane, London, and niece of Mr. R. Anthony Carr, of Epsom, Auckland. The church was prettily decorated for the occasion by the many friends of the bride, and the ceremony took place under an arch of flowers, from which depended a beautiful wedding bell. The Rev. F. W. Walker, of Ellerslie, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, looked most charming in a stylish travelling gown of cream serge, trimmed with handsome white silk applique, and a white felt hat with ostrich feathers. She carried a lovely bouquet of white roses, jasmine and ferns. Miss Airlin Carr (cousin of the bride) and Miss Gwendoline Lawrence (sister of the bridegroom) attended the bride, and were attired in soft white silk frocks, with Paris lace insertion and picture hats. The bridegroom presented each with handsome pearl brooches. The bridal couple and the

guests, who were confined to the relatives of the family, were subsequently entertained at afternoon tea at "Malware," the residence of the bride's uncle. After being showered with congratulations and good wishes Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence departed amid showers of rice and rose leaves on their honeymoon tour, prior to taking up their residence at Dautsvirke, Hawke's Bay. The bride wore a stylish going-away tailor-made costume of blue cloth, and a fawn hat. Mrs. R. A. Carr (aunt of the bride) wore a pale blue cloth, with touches of dark green velvet and lace, and a dark green velvet hat. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many handsome presents.

LEACH—KITCHENER.

A numerous congregation assembled at the Wesleyan Church, Ormondville, on Wednesday last, for the marriage of Mr C. Leach, son of Mr C. R. Leach, of Ormondville, with Miss E. Kitchener, daughter of Mr Kitchener, of Dannevirke. The chancel was beautifully decorated with tall palms and a profusion of white flowers. The bridal party met at the church soon after two o'clock, and although the township is not a large one, the sacred building was well filled. The bride came with her eldest brother, Mr F. Kitchener, who, in the absence of her father, gave her away. The bride looked charming in a travelling dress of dark brown material, trimmed with velvet of the same hue; and she wore a hat to match. Behind the bride came Miss S. Kitchener and Miss Lucy Leach, the former the sister of the bride and the latter sister of the bridegroom. Mr Ernest Leach, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. The Rev. J. Oliver officiated. Mr and Mrs Leach, son, invited numerous guests for the wedding, and thither the bridal party repaired after the ceremony. The house was tastefully decorated with flowers, and the wedding presents were laid out for the inspection of visitors. Between four and five o'clock the newly-wedded couple started for their honeymoon.

NEAGLE—DICKENSON.

On the 14th inst., at St. Mary's Church, Meane, was solemnised the marriage of Mr James Neagle, of Taramakau, with Miss Winifred Dickenson, only daughter of Mrs Dickenson, of Auckland. The bride, who was led to the altar by Mr R. Neagle, sen., wore a dress of white silk, trimmed with lace, orange flowers in her hair, and a tulle veil. She was attended by two bridesmaids, attired in white muslin, trimmed with yellow silk and velvet, and black hats ornamented with feathers and velvet. The bridegroom presented them with gold brooches. The bridegroom's best man was Mr D. Neagle. The Rev. Father Cahill, of Carterton, performed the nuptial rite. After the ceremony the bridegroom's mother welcomed the wedding party at her house, and subsequently the bride and bridegroom left for the South.

JOHNSTON—BALFOUR.

The marriage of Mr Charles E. Johnston, of Napier, with Miss Katherine Muriel Balfour, daughter of Mr T. W. Balfour, of Cobden-road, Napier, was celebrated recently at St. Augustine's Church, Napier. The bride wore a plain dark blue travelling dress, and her only bridesmaid was Miss Nellie Cotterill. The bridegroom was accompanied by Mr J. Parker, as best man. The Rev. C. G. Tuke performed the ceremony, and the bride was given away by her father. After the ceremony Mr and Mrs Johnston left for Wanganui and Taupo, where the honeymoon will be spent. Amongst the numerous wedding presents were a purse of sovereigns, presented by Mr Goudy, on behalf of the firm and employees of Messrs Dalgety and Co., and also a hot water kettle with spirit lamp and stand from the bridegroom's Spit friends. On the day of the wedding flags were flying at the Spit in honour of the event.

BOCKETT—ORR.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Papakura, the marriage was celebrated on the 13th inst., between Arthur Bockett, son of Captain Daniel Bockett, of Waikato, and Marion Jane, eldest daughter of John Orr, Esq., of Papakura. The bride was attired in rich white silk, trimmed with lace, and having a train; she wore a tulle veil and wreath of orange blossoms; and her bouquet was the gift of the bride-

groom. The two bridesmaids were dressed in pale blue muslin, trimmed with white silk and lace; they carried baskets of roses and ferns; they wore large hats trimmed with white. The bride was given away by her father, and the marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. Connor. Mr Oswald Orr acted as best man. After the reception Mr and Mrs A. Bockett left for Wanganui. The bride's travelling dress was of blue cloth, trimmed with satin, and blue velvet hat with feathers.

FITZGERALD—ISAACSON.

A quiet wedding took place on the 13th inst., at All Saints' Church, Palmerston—that of the Rev. Otho Fitzgerald, Vicar of Waipiro, Poverty Bay, and Miss Isaacson, sister of the Rev. C. H. Isaacson, Vicar of Bulls. The clergy who officiated were the Rev. C. C. Harper and the Rev. C. H. Isaacson. A reception was held at the Empire Hotel after the ceremony, and largely attended. Mr and Mrs Fitzgerald then left for their home at Waipiro.

WELLINGTON WEDDINGS.

Easter weddings at Wellington included those of Mr Charles Huslam to Miss Ada Phillips, daughter of the Rev. J. Phillips, at Manaia; Mr James G. Brechin, of Konihi, Pahiatua, to Miss Lillian M. Brown, daughter of Mr J. Brown, Scarborough; Mr Alec Anderson, of the Wellington Woollen Company, and captain of the Petone Rowing Club, to Miss Jennie Sylva, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sylva, Nelson-street, Petone, Wellington; Mr Thomas Cole, Karori, Wellington, to Miss Laura Lambertson Hall, daughter of Mr E. J. Hall, Tinakori-road, Wellington; Mr Arnold Atkinson, son of the late Sir Harry

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