

Personal.

Miss Davy, who has been the guest of Mrs. H. Davy (New Plymouth), has returned to Auckland.
 Miss Webster (New Plymouth), is on a short visit to her sister, Mrs. R. Lusk, of Parnell.
 Miss C. Macklow (Auckland) is visiting her relatives in New Plymouth.
 NANCY LEE.

STRATFORD.

December 2.

Children's Party.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. C. Raikes, Pembroke-road, gave a very jolly children's party, and though the weather was unsettled, the little people had a really glorious time, and were most loth to return to their respective homes.

Flower Show.

The Stratford Horticultural Society held their annual rose show yesterday afternoon, the success of which was marred by the fact that many other attractions were on the same day, viz. New Plymouth A. and P. Show, opening of the local baths, tennis in Eltham. The chief trophy of the show, the Horton challenge rose bowl, for the best six roses named, was secured by Mrs. J. A. Marchant (of Cardiff), Dr. Carbery second, and Don Cameron h.c. Champion blooms were: White, Mrs. Marchant's "Frau Karl Drusciki"; red, "Fisher Holmes"; pink, Dr. Carbery's "Mrs. J. Lang"; yellow, Don Cameron's "Harry Kirk."

The previous winners of the rose bowl were Mr. C. Goodson in 1908, and Dr. Carbery in 1909. The attendance both afternoon and evening was not as good as other years. Amongst those present were: Mrs. Monroe, wearing a striped blue linen, black toque; Miss Joyce Monroe, green chiffon, white hat; Mrs. S. Porritt, white embroidered linen, pretty grey dust coat, large black hat lined with pale blue; Mrs. Wake, mauve linen, with large hat trimmed with mauve scarf; Miss N. Wake, pink crepon, large white hat; Mrs. Young, vieux rose coat and skirt, large hat to match, with roses; Mrs. Menzies, blue coat and skirt, hat en suite; Mrs. Dillon-Carbery, black silk coat and skirt, large black hat with feathers; Mrs. Uniake, rose-coloured Liberty cloth coat and skirt, large hat with roses; Mrs. T. C. Fookes, heliotrope costume, hat en suite, large white feather boa; Mrs. Stubbs, white linen, blue chip hat, black scarf; the Misses Butler, Miss Jones, Mrs. Ward; Mrs. W. Robinson, blue linen, large black hat; Mrs. E. Robinson; Mrs. D. Hunter, dark green linen coat and skirt, revers of black, burnt straw hat, trimmed with black; Mrs. Smith, green striped linen, green hat; Mrs. Crawshaw blue and white striped cotton, black toque; Mrs. Arden, Mrs. Petrie, Mrs. Ralph, Mrs. Curtis, etc.

During the Week.
 Mrs. Anderson gave tea at the tennis courts on Saturday.
 Mrs. Monroe was "At Home" on Friday.
 On Thursday Mrs. Stubbs received a few friends.
The New Baths.
 The official opening of the swimming baths took place on Thursday, in the presence of a large number of spectators. The weather was splendid. The sports consisted of juvenile and senior events. The Kivell Brothers gave some very good exhibitions of swimming and diving, etc. Some of the events were most amusing, and caused great laughter.

Cricket.

The cricket match between the Eltham and Stratford Clubs, played at Eltham on Thursday, resulted in a win for the home eleven by 65 runs.

Personal.

Dr. Harrison, sen., and Miss Harrison (England) have left to visit Auckland and Rotorua.
 Dr. G. Harrison and Mrs. Harrison are at present spending a few days at Marton.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. Paget are on a visit in Stratford to Dr. Paget.
 Mrs. Stubbs has returned from Wanganui, after a most enjoyable holiday.
 Mrs. D. Hunter (Wanganui) has gone for a short visit to Wanganui.
 Miss Wake has left for Wanganui.
 Mr. Osmond is at present in Palmerston North.
 Mr. T. M. Marlow has left for Hawera to relieve Mr. Mason (Clerk of the Court), who is away on a holiday.

DENISE.

WANGANUI.

December 2.

Flower Show.

The Wanganui Horticultural Society held a very successful two days' show in the Drill Hall last week. Many of the exhibits were excellent, although the show was considered by many to be late in the season. Amongst those present were: Mrs. Krull in a handsome black silk gown with lace, black bonnet with chiffon and gold ornaments; Mrs. Moore, fawn tweed coat and skirt, claret coloured straw hat with chiffon and wings in the same tones; Mrs. Earle, rose-coloured linen coat and skirt, white muslin and lace vest, black straw hat, with wreath of tiny rose, pink moss roses; Mrs. A. Cameron, navy blue coat and skirt, cream vest, black hat with plumes; Miss G. Krull, turquoise blue flouncing coat and skirt, white straw hat with blue flowers; Miss Thompson (Australia), buff coloured shantung costume, straw hat with Paisley scarf on it; Mrs. Hesse, white embroidered muslin frock, pretty straw hat with wreath of shaded pink roses in it; Miss Cutfield, smart rose pink shantung coat and skirt, large straw hat with flowers in the same tone; Mrs. Glenn wore a white coat and skirt, white hat; Miss S. Dymock, white muslin frock with insertion and lace, straw hat with daisies; Miss Mason, electric blue linen coat and skirt, burnt straw hat with black velvet ribbons; Miss J. Mason, electric blue linen coat and skirt, large black straw hat with black velvet; Mrs. Cave, black costume, black and white bonnet; Miss Cave, pale blue and white striped frock with lace, blue and white straw hat with pale blue flowers in it. There were also present Mr. and Mrs. H. Sarjeant, Mrs. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Babbage, Mr. and Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Treadwell, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. and Miss Wilford, Mrs. James Watt, and many others.

Tennis.

The weather was showery for the tennis on Saturday at the Campbell-street courts. Afternoon tea was provided by Mrs. and Miss Christie and Mrs. McNaughton Christie. Amongst those present were:—Mrs. and Miss Darley, Miss Morton Jones, Mrs. Good, Miss Rees-Mogg (England), Miss Mason, Miss O'Brien, Miss Cave, Miss Hawken, Miss R. Hawken, Miss N. Wilson (Bulls), Miss Moore, and others.

Sale of Work.

The Gonville Ladies' Guild held a very successful sale of work last Thursday afternoon in Mr. Bignall's grounds. The proceeds were in aid of a Church of England at Gonville, and a very satisfactory sum was raised. Amongst those present were:—Mrs. Jacob, Mrs. and Miss Wilford, Mrs. and Miss Dymock, Mrs. and Miss Mason, Miss Inlay, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Good, Mrs. Fletcher Harrison, Miss Harrison, Mrs. O. Lewis, Mrs. Clay, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. and Miss Harper, Mrs. Duigan, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. H. Taylor, and many others.

Personal.

Miss Rees-Mogg, of England, who has been staying in Wanganui, left this week for the South Island. She returns to England in February.

Mrs. Wanklyn, of Christchurch, has been staying in Wanganui with her sister, Mrs. D'Arcy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mason, the Misses Mason, and Mr. J. Mason, of Wanganui, leave early next year for a visit to England and the Continent.

Mrs. Wilde, of Rangitikei, has been staying in Wanganui recently.

Mr. Fairfax-Cholmeley, of New Plymouth, has been staying in Wanganui.
 Miss Meta Lethbridge, of Tarakina, has been the guest of Mrs. Good in Wanganui.

Mr. A. Atkins, of Wellington, has been staying in Wanganui recently.

Mr. H. Hobbage, of Wanganui, is at present staying in Auckland.

HUIA.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

December 2nd.

Bridge Party.

Mrs. G. W. Harden gave a small bridge party at her residence, Victoria-street, on Thursday of last week. Gaily-coloured sweet peas decorated the drawing-room, also the supper table in the dining-room. Mrs. Harden received her guests wearing a black crepe de chine toilette, the corsage finished with large cluster of pale pink roses; Mrs. Ma-

Knight, pale blue charmeuse frock and cream chiffon silver spangled scarf on shoulders; Mrs. Coombs, black silk muslin, elaborately embroidered in white over black silk; Miss Randolph, lavender crepe de chine with white net tunic, finished with silver bead fringe; Miss F. Randolph, pale blue silk with silver trimming, pink roses worn at waist; Miss Mabel Smith, pale primrose silk, veiled in net of same shade, deep crimson rose in corsage; Miss Dorothy Waldegrave, white satin and lace, pearl trimming on bodice; Miss Dora Reid, old rose charmeuse, with touches of gold on bodice. Messrs. Harden, McKnight, C. E. Waldegrave, Blackmoore, McDonald, Westaby, Reid, and R. Gibbons were those playing.

Tennis.

Interest in tennis is increasing as the lawns improve. The seven courts are all in playing order now, and the combined tournaments for trophies presented by Mr. W. L. Fitzherbert, the president, will be started very soon now. During last week I have noticed on the courts practising: Mrs. A. D. Thompson, Miss Watson, Mrs. A. McDonald, Miss Wallace (Marton), Miss Porter, Miss M. Smith, Miss Helen Porter, Mrs. Pickett, Mrs. Adams, Messrs. Collins, Spencer, Hay, Wray, Levett, Porter, Drew, Smith, Hunt, Gibbons, and others.

National Sweet Pea Show.

The first show in connection with the National Sweet Pea Society of New Zealand is to be held in the Agricultural Hall on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. One hundred and fifty guineas' worth of silver vases, trophies, and cash prizes, besides gold and silver medals are to be awarded as prizes. An energetic committee are sparing no efforts to make the Show a success. Everything depends on the weather now, and it will be very hard if the almost continuous sunshine of months past breaks before the Show.

Personal.

Mr. W. L. Fitzherbert has gone on a trip to Sydney.

Mr. C. E. Waldegrave entertained a few friends at croquet on Wednesday.

Miss Smallbone, who has been staying with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Barnicoat, for some months, returned to her home in Wellington this week.

Miss Wallace (Marton) is the guest of Mrs. A. McDonnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Louison, Mr. and Mrs.

Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bell, Mrs. Trips, the Misses Abraham, Dr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Pickett, Mr. and Mrs. Adams were a few who went from here to the Feilding races on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Miss Porter has been away staying with her sister, Mrs. Dermer, of Feilding.

Mrs. McLennan has returned from Waituna, where she has been visiting her son, Mr. Ray McLennan, and Mrs. McLennan.

VIOLET.

WAIRANGI, NELSON.

December 3.

The Croixelles is getting very gay, and the summer visitors are making their appearance, as this small part of the world is becoming quite a summer resort for the hard-worked city man and woman.

A Dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Raynor, of Onatea, gave a most delightful dance to celebrate the 21st birthday of their eldest son, Laurie, on the 18th inst. The woolshed made a splendid ballroom, and was tastefully decorated with nikau palms and ferns. Marquees were erected outside for cards and, last, but not least, supper. Mrs. Raynor received her guests in a handsome black silk, and Miss Ida Raynor looked very pretty in a blue taffeta; Mrs. Cyril Pike wore white net over silk; Mrs. Blair (Gisborne), black striped nimon; Mrs. W. Stuart, heliotrope blouse, black skirt; Miss Stuart, dainty white muslin; Mrs. Kellor, white and pink; Miss Johnson, white mousseline de soie; Miss Nalder (Nelson), blue silk; Mrs. Turi, pale blue muslin; Mrs. Elkington, pink erpeline with red bows; Mrs. Puklowsky, white; Miss Anderson, green silk; Mrs. Harvey, cream; Miss Williams, white. Mr. A. Rutland made an able M.C. The gentlemen were in the majority, as usual in this district. These included: Messrs. W. Stuart, C. Pike, Blair (Gisborne), Bruswitz, Johnson, Hippolite (2), Kellor, Puklowsky, Kotua, Waaka, Davis, Love, Pahl, W. Reed, and others. Dancing was kept up till the early hours, and after a short rest we all spent the day picnicking.

Personal.
 Miss Nalder has been staying with Mrs. Wm. Stuart.
 Mr. and Mrs. Elkington have returned from their trip to Nelson.



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