

Orange Blossoms.

NOTICE TO OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENTS.

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STUART—HARLEY.

A QUIET but pretty marriage was celebrated at "Braeside," Picton, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Stuart, on Wednesday, when Mr. C. W. Stuart (Wellington), son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart, was married to Miss Louise Harley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Harley, of Newtown, Wellington. The marriage service was performed by the Rev. W. O. Robb, of Blenheim, an old friend of the family, and only relatives and a very few intimate friends were present. The bride wore a handsome gown of cream satin, trimmed with cream silk lace, and a long handsomely embroidered veil fastened with a wreath of orange blossom and an enamel pendant and gold chain, the gift of the bridegroom. Miss Stuart (chief bridesmaid) wore a pink serge frock and a white hat lined with black. Miss Dorothy Harley (bridesmaid), blue serge frock and a black hat, wreathed with pink and blue flowers; Miss B. Stuart, cream serge and black hat with pink and blue flowers. Mr. W. F. Shaw was best man. Mrs. Stuart (the bridegroom's mother) wore a grey crystalline gown trimmed with white lace and a black toque; Mrs. T. Harley (the bride's mother), a black broche dress and fawn bonnet, and a green feather boa; Mrs. Fitzpatrick (the bride's sister), black taffeta; Mrs. Robb, blue coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Hall, black silk dress, black hat with white plumes and white feather boa; Mrs. Wicks, navy coat and skirt, cream hat; Mrs. Madsen, heliotrope coat and skirt, hat to match; Mrs. Macalister, black broche gown, cream bonnet with panics; Miss Purvis, cream silk frock and cream hat; Misses Macalister (2), cream crystalline frocks and cream hats.

COOK—MANNING.

A pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Jude's Church, Avondale, last week, the contracting parties being Mr. H. J. Cook, of the maintenance department of the New Zealand Railways, and Miss L. M. Manning, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Manning, of Avondale. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. T. J. Purry, and the service was fully choral. The wedding guests were afterwards entertained by the parents of the bride at their residence.

BOOKER—ROGERS.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated on Wednesday, March 1st, when Miss Ruby Rogers was married to Mr. Bert Booker. The ceremony was held at the bride's parents' home at Epsom, the Rev. Trotter officiating. The bride wore a handsome gown of ivory chiffon taffeta, trimmed with silk insertion, and carried a beautiful shower bouquet. The bridesmaid (sister of the bride) was in white silk and carried a pale pink and white shower bouquet. Mr. Leonard Booker (brother of bridegroom) acted as best man. Mrs. Rogers was wearing a handsome black chiffon taffeta trimmed with silk net insertion. Mrs. Booker, black lace silk, trimmed with all-over black bequin; Mrs. Russell, black silk, with overdress of steel bending; Mrs. McLeod (Helenville) black mervieux silk with overdress of black lace; Mrs. Lovett, cream costume; Mrs. Massey, black silk; Mrs. Little, black silk; Mrs. Howson, black silk; Mrs. Waterman, black silk, brocade silk; Mrs. Robinson, black silk, relieved with cream lace; Mrs. Whiting, black and white toilette; Mrs. Fogarty, ivory satin; Mrs. St. Clair, chocolate coloured voile, trimmed with net insertion and silk; Mrs. C. Waterman, white linen frock; Mrs. Sansbury, white silk trimmed with cream insertion; Mrs. F. Rogers, white embroidered muslin; Mrs. Gilber, navy blue chiffon taffeta; Mrs. Wright, black voile; Mrs. Cuthbertson,

pink ninon; Miss Miller (Wellington), white embroidered muslin; Miss Russel, white embroidered frock looped with cream ribbons; Mrs. Lovett, cream voile; Mrs. I. Lovett, white muslin; Mrs. W. McLeod (Helenville), white embroidered muslin; Miss J. Little, grey crepe de chine, trimmed with black braid; Miss Wright, cream voile trimmed with silk insertion; Miss H. Wright, heliotrope costume; Miss Waddell, natter blue silk voile; Miss Grandison, cream silk; Miss V. Robinson, pale blue silk voile; Miss Nancye Whitaker, cream silk frock.

PALMER—HAYMAN.

A quiet wedding took place at St. John's Presbyterian Church, Rotorua, on Tuesday, February 28, when Mr. S. R. Palmer was married to Miss Hayman, both of Oruanui. The happy couple left next day for Auckland, where the honeymoon is to be spent.

BUTLER—CUMMING.

A quiet wedding took place at the residence of Mrs. Cumming, Carnarvon-street, Gisborne, when Miss Grace Eloise Cumming was married to Mr. Guy Butler. The bride, who was given away by her mother, wore a daintily draped robe of white satin charmeuse, the drapings being caught up with clusters of pearls. Her veil was arranged with a coronet of orange blossoms, and she carried a white shower bouquet. Her maids, Miss Ethel Hay (Hawke's Bay) and Miss Vashti Butler (sister of the bridegroom) wore pretty frocks of pink silk, and large black hats wreathed with small pink roses. Mr. W. C. Gray and Mr. J. Graham acted as best man and groomsmen. Mr. and Mrs. Butler subsequently left by the Monowai for Christchurch, their future home. Mrs. Butler travelled in a smart tailored costume of dark green and brown tweed, and wore a black velvet panne toque bordered with royal blue velvet.

RENNER—WATT.

The Patutahi Church was prettily decorated for the marriage of Mr. Ernest Ralph Renner, eldest son of Mr. W. H. Renner, postmaster, Gisborne, and Miss Beatrice Isabel Watt, third daughter of Mr. D. Bruce-Watt, "Waitaka," Patutahi. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a soft creme crystalline frock, the customary veil and orange blossoms, and carried a pretty shower bouquet. She was attended by Misses Jean Watt, E. Watt, and Janet Renner, who wore pretty creme frocks of mouseline de soie and becoming cream hats, and all carried bouquets. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Frank Auld (best man) and Messrs Allan McKenzie and David Sutherland as groomsmen. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Watt gave a small reception at "Waitaka" for a few relatives and intimate friends of the bride and bridegroom.

SKERMAN—HUGHES.

An interesting wedding was celebrated at the Anglican Church, Dannevirke, on Tuesday last when Miss Margaret Hughes, of Napier, was married to Mr. L. T. Skerman, of Dannevirke. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. Robertshaw. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. W. Y. Hughes, of Napier, was attired in a robe of smoke blue voile, with a handsome toque to match, and carried a bouquet of pink and white pinks. She was attended by Miss Connie Mason (niece of the bridegroom) as bridesmaid, who wore a pale blue Shantung frock with a mushroom hat of blue Paisley silk, and carried a bouquet of pink and white sweet peas.

A NATIVE WEDDING.

A double wedding between natives of high rank took place at Paki Paki, Napier, last week. Several hundred visitors, both native and European, attended. The names of the couples were Heni Tau-

raia and Paora Hika and Hupe Ruhiu Rapiua and Hone Whakapai Te Ahea. The little Maori church had been prettily decorated for the occasion. Archdeacon Ruddock, assisted by the Rev. G. Munro, was the officiating clergyman. The brides were given away by Tangatani Hapuka and Tu Ratima. The brides' dresses were of white Duchesse satin, cut en Princesse, and trimmed with pearl garniture and long bretelles of rich embroidery, caught to the dress at intervals with sprays of orange blossom. The Court trains were also of satin, lined with ruffled chiffon and trimmed with satin bows and orange blossom down each side and arranged in horse shoe design at the foot of the train. There were twelve bridesmaids, all attired in dresses of white silk taffeta trimmed with insertion, while the pages were dressed in cream satin suits. The best men were Ahere and Porangahan Parohi. The wedding guests were all received with true Maori hospitality.

BARKER—FERGUSON.

An extremely pretty wedding took place at Holy Trinity Church, Gisborne, on March 1st, when Miss Kathleen Ferguson, of County Down, Ireland, sister of Mrs. R. Barker (Gisborne), was married to Mr. P. Barker, of "Kniti," Gisborne. The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law (Mr. R. Barker), was charmingly attired in a white satin gown, long Court train, embroidered in pearls and true lovers' knots of pearls, lace flounces of Limerick lace, the bodice finished with the same lace and silver and pearl embroidery. A heavily embroidered veil was worn with this, and a lovely shower bouquet of white zinnias. Pearl ornaments were worn, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids, five in number—the Misses Barker (2), Miss MacLenn, little Miss A. Barker, and Miss Matthews—wore beautiful dresses of amethyst satin, deep basques of ninon de soie of a paler shade, banded with deeper amethyst silk, large amethyst hats trimmed with shaded violets, and amethyst jewels completed almost uniquely pretty costumes. The little pages looked extremely dainty in their Kate Greenaway frocks of amethyst satin, deep turned-down collars of beautiful lace, white mob hats trimmed with white fur, and carrying, like the elder bridesmaids, bouquets of purple asters. After the wedding ceremony, performed by the Rev. Dawson Thomas, with Mr. Sidebottom presiding at the organ, the wedding party and guests returned to "The Bungalow," the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. Barker, where a reception was held. Mrs. R. Barker was wearing an aeroplane blue satin, tunic of painted ninon of pale shade, a lace bodice, and large black velvet hat with ostrich tips. The guests passed on to the drawing-room, where the bride and bridegroom received congratulations. All the rooms were beautifully decorated with rosebuds and large yellow daisies and ferns, but, the day being beautifully fine, the guests wandered about the large garden and lawns, where a band was playing. Refreshments were served from a large marquee abutting the rose garden, the tables being daintily decorated with purple asters and strands of amethyst satin ribbon.

Amongst those present were Mrs. F. B. Barker in an elegant gown of pale shell pink satin, polonaise of pink ninon embroidered in silver, very large grey velvet hat, with plastron wings of pink, shaded with grey amethyst ornaments; Mrs. Maclean, white chiffon lace, veiled in black Chantilly lace, black and white toque with ospreys; Mrs. Morgan, cream serge tailor-made, blue hat; Mrs. F. Parker, graceful gown of vieux rose silk, large black hat; Mrs. E. Matthews, cream embroidered voile gown, large white hat with roses; Mrs. Kennedy, smart black and white striped tailor-made, black elip bucket hat; Mrs. Willock, turquoise blue voile gown, black hat with roses; Mrs. R. Black, pink Shantung silk, cream hat with flowers; Mrs. Anderson, brown linen costume, black hat; Mrs. A. Murray, white linen, black hat, floral trimmings; Mrs. Pyke, sapphire blue chiffon lace, trimmed lace embroidery, cream hat; Mrs. Smith, cream cloth, pale blue hat; Mrs. Stock, white embroidered muslin, white hat with flowers; Mrs. A. Rees, black and white striped muslin, blue toque; Mrs. Pattullo, dark mole linen costume, straw toque to match; Mrs. W. L. Rees, handsome gown of black lace over silk, black bonnet; Mrs. Carmichael, smart navy tailor-made, large black hat; Mrs. C. Gray, heliotrope linen costume, heliotrope straw toque; Mrs. Train, pink linen blue costume, black satin Turkish toque; Mrs. F. Lyman, pretty gown of rosea green taffeta, touches of mauve, toque of green and mauve; Mrs.

Stephenson, white silk, green hat; Mrs. Blair, dark green sailor-made; Mrs. McPhail, black cloth gown, black toque; Mrs. C. Thomas, amethyst silk, hat en suite; Mrs. R. Willock, white embroidered muslin, hat with roses; Mrs. Reeve, blue-voile, touches of green, black hat with flowers; Mrs. Bennett, pale blue voile gown with Paisley embroidery; black hat with roses; Mrs. Donner, smart cream cloth tube costume, black hat; Mrs. J. Murphy, smart mole-coloured cloth tube costume, very large black velvet hat with ostrich plumes; Mrs. Jex-Blake, cream cloth coat and skirt, large hat with black feathers; Mrs. T. A. Coleman, grey cloth gown, black hat; Mrs. Clark, handsome dull blue moire silk gown, black elip hat with ospreys; Mrs. H. White, grey costume, grey toque trimmed with violets; Mrs. J. W. Bright, vieux rose Shantung, toque to match; Mrs. Hine, brown cloth coat and skirt, hat to match; Mrs. Wallis, navy blue and black striped silk, blue hat with wings same shade, etc. The bride's going away gown was of cream cloth, finished with Venetian point lace, very large white hat lined with blue velvet, and trimmed with white ostrich feathers. Mr. and Mrs. P. Barker left for the Sounds the same evening en route to Sydney and England.

McNICOL—PATERSON.

A quiet wedding took place at Farndon, when Mr. Archibald McNicol, only son of the late Rev. John McNicol, Otago, managing editor of the *Dannevirke "Evening News"*, was married to Miss Daisy Edwina Paterson, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Paterson, Farndon. The ceremony was celebrated at "Te Wahi Ra," the residence of the bride's parents, the Rev. J. A. Asher officiating, assisted by the Rev. Frank Tucker. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a handsome gown of ivory paillette satin, trimmed with beautiful lace, and wore the orthodox wreath and veil. The bridesmaid, Miss May Paterson, was robed in pretty pastel blue crystalline, and wore a large black hat. Mr. A. O. Wellwood, of Hastings, acted as best man. The guests, the immediate friends of the family, were entertained on the lawn to afternoon-tea. Among those present were: Mrs. R. L. Paterson, mother of the bride, who wore amethyst charmeuse, trimmed with jewelled trimming, velvet toque to match; Mrs. F. G. Smith, smart, gown of mole-coloured cloth, shoulder scarf to match, Tuscan straw hat; Mrs. R. B. Thompson (Auckland), navy taffeta lace, cream insertion, hat en suite; Mrs. F. G. Smith, junr., rosea green radinta, large Tuscan hat with roses; Mrs. F. C. Hartshorn (Hastings), champagne-coloured crepe, braided, large black hat; Miss Neilson, pale blue radinta, braided in black, black hat; Miss McFadyen, grey checked voile, trimmed Irish crochet, hat to match; Miss Foreman, cream radinta, Oriental trimmings, large floral hat; Miss Smith, white embroidered muslin, white bucket hat, large black bows. The bride's travelling costume was a brown checked coat and skirt, bucket hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. McNicol left by motor car en route for Auckland and Rotoma.

ENGAGEMENTS.

No notice of Engagements or Marriages can be inserted unless signed by Our Own Correspondent or by some responsible person with Full Name and Address.

The engagement is announced of Miss Bebs Mercer only daughter of Mr. J. C. Mercer, "Cluswick House," Nelson, to Mr. A. D. Park, Public Works Office, Dunedin.

The engagement is announced of Captain R. C. Allen, Auckland district staff, (fourth son of Mr. William Shepherd Allen, of Woodhead Hall, North Staffordshire, Eng., and Annandale, Pinko, New Zealand), and Miss Ida Thompson, third daughter of Mr. Herbert Thompson, Remuera, Auckland.



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