

WANGANUI.

April 7.

The weather is still extremely hot, and we are all pining for it to get cooler and rain. This week we had a thunderstorm, with a great deal of lightning, which was most alarming, also heavy rain, but it lasted an all too short time.

An Enjoyable Tea.

Last Friday Mrs. H. Bayly gave a very enjoyable afternoon tea. Amongst those present were: Mrs. Paterson, Mrs. Imlay Saunders, Mrs. Gonville Saunders, Mrs. P. Krull, Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. Addison, Miss Hawken, Miss R. Hawken, Miss Krull, Miss Thompson (Australia), Miss C. Anderson, Miss Brettargh, Miss D. Brettargh, Mrs. Gill-Carey, Mrs. Fairburn, and others.

Progressive Tennis.

The weather was very warm on Saturday, when a progressive tournament was played on the croquet courts for a prize presented by Mrs. John Anderson. Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Hine tied for the prize, and in the play of Mrs. Harper was victorious. Mrs. Stone had the next best score. Amongst those present were: Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Stone, Miss Browne, Mrs. Paterson, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Howarth, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Sarjeant, Miss Anderson, Miss Gresson, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. H. Harper, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. R. Stevenson, Mr. Sarjeant.

On Saturday a number of tennis players go to Paton to play the local team. Those representing Wanganui are: Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Hesse, Miss Cave, Miss Williams, Miss Newcombe, and Miss Darley, Messrs. Clark, Thompson, Marshall, Lea, Lampe, Dr. Christie. Reserves: Miss Davey, Mrs. Slipper and McCarthy.

Madame Dolores' Concert.

There was a large number at the Opera House last week to hear Antonia Dolores sing. Everybody was charmed with her beautiful voice, and general regret was expressed when it was announced she would not be able to sing at the second concert, but we are all looking to hearing her this week. Amongst the audience I noticed: Mrs. Sorley, Mrs. A. Izard, Miss M. Lethbridge, Miss G. Anderson, Mrs. D'Arcy, Mrs. McLean, Miss D. McLean, Mrs. John Anderson, Miss W. Anderson, Miss Williams, Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. A. E. Kichen, Miss Willis, Miss Hawken, and many others.

Personal.

Mrs. Good, of Wanganui, has returned from her visit to Rangitikei.
Mrs. Wall, of Wanganui, has returned from her visit to Wellington.
Mr. Fairburn, of Wanganui, has gone to Auckland for a holiday.
Mrs. A. Izard, of Wanganui, is at present staying in Wellington with friends.
Mrs. E. Marshall, of Rangitikei, is the guest of Mrs. Gifford Marshall in Wanganui.
Mr. and Mrs. Hole Belmont (Wanganui) have gone to Rotorua for some weeks.
Mr. A. Sheriff, of Wanganui, is at present staying in Rotorua.
Miss Williams (Hastings) is the guest of Mrs. O. Williams (Putiki, Wanganui).
H.C.A.

MARTON.

April 8.

Polo Tournament.

The West Coast polo clubs brought their annual tournament to a close last week at Bulls with a most successful sports meeting. Beautiful weather prevailed throughout the tournament. Amongst the onlookers I noticed:—Mrs. L. McKelvie, Mrs. A. Cameron, Mrs. H. Cameron, Mrs. Smith, Miss E. Smith, Mrs. O. Peshaw, Mrs. Jim McKelvie, Mrs. Bryce, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson Scott, Miss Wilson, Miss Newman, Miss Scott, and many others.

Afternoon Tea.

On Saturday the annual assemblage of the Mothers' Union was held at "Edale," the residence of the president. Tea was served in the garden under a huge willow, after which an adjournment was made to the drawing-room, where some excellent music was thoroughly enjoyed. Some of those present were:—Mrs. Kiteat, Mrs. (Dr.) Scott, Mrs. (Dr.) Warren, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Sladen, Mrs. Alloway.

Tennis.

Some very exciting and interesting matches are being played on the local courts. On Saturday Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Ladley gave tea. Mrs. Harris was

gowned in a pink floral muslin, with black hat; Mrs. Ladley was in white. Some of the onlookers were:—Mrs. Miles, white coat and skirt, black hat with white choux; Mrs. Barker (Dannevirke), black and white check tailor-made, black hat; Mrs. Jamieson, cream coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Beckett, green, with tussore coat, green toque; Mrs. Morrison, pale grey linen coat and skirt, black hat with white sweet peas.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Smallbone and family have arrived from Napier.
Miss Smith (Pahiatua) is staying with Mrs. W. E. Broad.
Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Arkwright ("Overton") left by the Sydney boat last week, en route for Home.
Mrs. Nicholls has returned to Wai-pukurau.

Mrs. Awdry, who has been spending a week with Mrs. Willis ("Woodendean") is now the guest of Mrs. Cash.
Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Simpson, with Miss Mary Simpson, returned from Auckland this week.
Miss Gladys Hibbard (Wellington) is staying with her sister, Mrs. Deighton. Miss Willis (Woodendean) is visiting Wellington.

MARGARET.

STRATFORD.

April 7.

A Big Fire.

The topic of conversation for the moment is, of course, the dreadful fire on Wednesday night, which totally consumed the Trocadero buildings. Though fortunately no lives were lost, some of the inmates, in spite of the ready assistance, were rather severely injured, and all lost their personal belongings.

Girl Scouts.

The first meeting to inaugurate the Girl Scout movement here was held on Friday night. Forty girls gave in their names to be enrolled, and many others are to join.

Afternoon Tea.

Mrs. Pennell gave an enjoyable afternoon for Mrs. Cardale last week. Amongst those present were: Mrs. Raikes, Mrs. Hine, Mrs. Carbery, Mrs. Paget, Mrs. Uniacke, Mrs. Crawshaw, Miss Crawshaw, Mrs. E. C. Robinson, Mrs. Hogg (Midhurst), Mrs. C. Bayley, Mrs. Wake.

Mrs. Johnston was at home on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Paget was at home on Thursday. Mrs. Munro received some friends on Friday.

Mrs. Crawshaw gave an enjoyable afternoon tea on Wednesday. Amongst the guests were: Mrs. Stubbs, Miss Crawshaw (Australia), Mrs. Raikes, Mrs. Fookes, Mrs. Porritt, Mrs. Carbery, Mrs. Uniacke, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Pennell, Mrs. Wake, and others.

Personal.

Mr. F. J. Heatley is spending a short visit in Stratford.
Mr. J. R. L. Stanford has left for a holiday to Australia.
Lieut. and Mrs. Cardale have arrived in Stratford. Lieut. Lampen has also arrived in connection with defence affairs.

Mr. W. D. Anderson has returned after a holiday spent in the South.
Dr. Hotop is at present in Stratford.
Dr. Hark paid a short visit to friends in Stratford last week.

DENISE.

SOUTH TARANAKI.

HAWERA, April 7.

At the Tennis Courts.

The members of the Tennis and Croquet Club entertained a large number of friends at the courts last Saturday as a farewell to Mrs. Caplen and her two daughters. During the afternoon a progressive tennis tournament was held, the prize being won by Miss B. Netlan, and Mr. Bell. In a few well chosen words, Mr. Wilkes, on behalf of those present, wished the Caplen family a pleasant trip and a safe return. Mrs. Caplen was wearing a navy blue cashmere frock, black hat with feathers; Misses Caplen (2), navy blue costumes, hats trimmed with black velvet; Mrs. Webster, pink cambric, hat with pink roses; Mrs. Glenn, green cashmere de sole, trimmed with black lace, black hat; Mrs. Hamilton, black lustré coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. W. Hamilton (Opingke), white muslin, burnt straw hat with Paisley scarf; Mrs. Gillies, white embroidered muslin, black and white hat with pink roses;

Mrs. Wallace, white, brown hat with wreath of pink roses; Mrs. Campbell, white, black hat; Mrs. Holder, white, pretty black hat; Mrs. Graves, grey linen coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. O'Callaghan, black serge costume, hat swathed in blue; Mrs. Nolan, grey frock, large black hat; Mrs. Webb, rose-crepe green crepe, with Oriental trimming, cream hat with bunches of red roses; Mrs. Foyster, heliotrope linen coat and skirt, braided, black hat; Mrs. Stranger, black and white striped muslin, black hat; Mrs. Sutton, navy blue coat and skirt, hat with black velvet; Mrs. F. Livingstone, blue striped frock, with white lace yoke, black plumed hat; Mrs. R. McLean, white linen, black hat with cream bow; Mrs. Dingle, black; Mrs. White, prune coloured dress, hat to match; Mrs. Bayley, grey striped voile, black hat; Mrs. Bell, white; Mrs. Kimmell, heliotrope linen, burnt straw hat; Miss Glenn, cinnamon brown linen Russian coat and skirt, smart black hat; Miss Q. Glenn, white, black hat with large grey bow; Miss White, white, black hat lined with pink; Misses Young (2), white muslin frocks; Misses Moore, green linen coats and skirts, green hats; Miss Whitcombe, white, grey hat with blue flowers; Miss Turton, white, rose coloured hat; Miss Nolan, heliotrope linen coat and skirt, black hat; Miss R. Nolan, white, grey hat with wreath of flowers; Miss Dingle, heliotrope embroidered voile, smart hat to match.

A Concert.

Last Monday evening a large audience greeted Madlle. Dolores, and greatly enjoyed her delightful concert. Dr. and Mrs. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Reid, Mrs. and the Misses Moore (3), Mr. Parkinson, Mr. B. and Mrs. F. Parkinson, Mrs. Duckworth, Mrs. Gillies, Mrs. Major, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Kenrick, Miss Glynes, Miss Glenn, Miss Pratt, were amongst some I noticed present.

Personal.

Miss Koek (Auckland) is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. Webster.

Mr. and Mrs. Caplen, accompanied by their two daughters, left Hawera last Monday to join the Ruahine at Wellington, en route to England for a nine months' trip. Mrs. W. Hamilton went to Wellington to see her people off.

Mrs. Blakeley (Auckland), who has been staying with her sister, Mrs. Holder, has returned to her home.

Mrs. Kitto (Christchurch) is on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Kitto.

The Misses Norton (2) have come to Hawera to live with their brother, Mr. Fred. Norton.

JOAN.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

April 7th.

Afternoon Tea.

Mrs. Adam McDonald dispensed afternoon tea at the Linton-street Tennis Courts on Saturday last. Mrs. McDonald wore a white linen frock and a cream straw hat with black silk bows; Miss Dundas, white embroidered muslin, hat wreathed with pink roses; Miss Bond, grey check frock, large black hat lined with pale blue and trimmed with black wings; Miss Smith, white linen frock, hat with mauve satin ribbon, and mauve flowers; Mrs. McKnight, velvet coat and skirt, black silk scarf, black silk toque with silver band; Mrs. Spencer, white linen coat and skirt, hat with black silk bows; Mrs. Moodie in white, hat trimmed with silk and wings; Miss Randolph, black braided coat and skirt, black hat with silk and wings; Miss Randolph, grey coat and skirt braided in grey, black hat with black wings; Miss Warburton, white frock, hat swathed with pale pink nines; Miss Dorothy Waldegrave, fawn linen braided in same shade, hat with navy and green Paisley scarf; Miss Preece, cornflower blue linen coat and skirt, black hat with cream lace bows; Miss Hayward, white linen coat and skirt, hat with black silk trimming; Mrs. Ehol, green striped coat and skirt, black hat with tulle and feathers; Mrs. Pickett, white embroidered muslin coat and skirt, white ostrich feather boa, floral hat; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Thompson, Miss Wilson, Mrs. Adams, Miss Armstrong, Miss Porter, Miss Watson, and several others.

Progressive Euchre.

Mrs. H. F. Gibbons entertained a party of friends at progressive euchre last Monday night. Mrs. W. Keeling and Mrs. Morrah were the prize winners. Mrs. Gibbons wore a becoming green clair-mousse toilette; Mrs. Morrah, pale blue taffeta affectively trimmed with cream

lace; Mrs. W. Flarden, black crepe de chine, with cream chiffon insertions trimming corsage; Miss Trixie Waldegrave, black crepe de chine, with broad black satin hem, touches of white on corsage; Miss D. Waldegrave, white muslin and lace; Miss Warburton, cream and pink

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