

DANNEVIRKE.

August 11.

A Social.

A most enjoyable social was held in the Parish Hall, on Thursday evening in aid of the Curate Fund. Dancing formed the greater part of the programme arranged, Mrs Reid Mackay, and Miss Belle Robertson supplying the music. During the evening songs were contributed by Miss Pottit, Mrs Beaton, Miss Newcomb-Hall, Miss Mackintosh, Miss Keeling and Mr Kirby charmed the audience with one of his excellent recitations.

The Rink.

The skating rink still continues to fascinate, and every evening it is open, the floor is crowded with enthusiastic skaters. One and all seem to be practising hard for the forthcoming fancy dress carnival, which is to be held in about a fortnight.

Another afternoon of the bridge tournament was held on Tuesday, Mrs R. Russell acting as hostess.

Personal.

Mrs C. Cox has gone to Palmerston for a short visit.

Mrs L. Rathbone motored through to Napier last week, and is staying at the Masonic Hotel for a fortnight.

Mrs R. Vartan is also in Napier, and is the guest of Mrs H. Wood, Shakespear-road.

August 17.

A Dance.

The Dannevirke High School Old Boys' Association held their annual dance in the Oddfellows' Hall on Friday evening, and it was in every way a very great success. The floor was in perfect order, and the hall was prettily decorated with flags and boughs of blossom. Mr. Hauley (Palmerston North) supplied most delightful music to the strains of which the guests danced till the early hours. Exercises were played by Misses Richie, Brown, Monteith, and Mr. Rubson. The committee, consisting of Messrs. W. Patterson, H. Walker, Collett and Mackay, did everything in their power to make the dance the success it undoubtedly was, and should feel delighted at the evident success of their arrangements. A few of those present were: Mesdames Summers, Wright, Skerman, Herbert,

Milne, McConnell, Quigley, Cobbett, Prior, Misses Barr, McLeod, Brown (2), Ross, Wilson (2), Baldwin, Benton, Taylor, Edkins, Melton, Herbert, Monteith, Soundy, Barrie, Baker, McCure, Mackay, Richie, Messrs. Patterson, Collett, Walker, Mackay, Baker, Milne (2), Skerman, Wright, Ardell, Knight, Edkins, Irvine, Ryan, Pettit, Russell, Napier, Macdonald and Kellerher.

Skating Carnival.

The second skating carnival, organised by the proprietors of the Drill Hall Skating Rink, was a very great success. The hall was nicely decorated and the attendance of onlookers and skaters much larger than at the previous one. Music was supplied by the Dannevirke Brass Band. This time the results of the various competitions were decided by the votes of the public. Many pretty and original costumes were worn. Miss McDowell, as "Princess Marie Stewart," and Mr. Macdonald, as "Amy Bock," won the prizes for the most original costumes, while Miss Bartlett and Mr. Lloyd were voted the most graceful skaters, and Miss Bartlett and Mr. Merric, the best couple. Great fun was caused by the potato race, which was eventually won by Mr. L. Lloyd.

Bridge.

On Thursday evening Mrs. Lawford gave a delightful bridge party at her residence, Victoria-avenue. Twelve tables were arranged in the drawing and dining-rooms, which were prettily decorated with spring flowers and wattle. Mrs. D. Williams, Mrs. Green, Mr. Whitcombe, and Mr. Fitzherbert were the fortunate winners of the prizes. Mrs. Lawford received her guests in a handsome black gown. Some of those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Bunny, Mr. and Mrs. Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Potts, Mr. and Mrs. Vartan, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Mair, Mr. and Mrs. Tausley, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Rathbone, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Robertshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Blackiston, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Mesdames Soundy, Hartgill, Knight, Pritchard, Allen and Baddeley, Mr. Fitzherbert.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Ardell's many friends will be sorry to hear they are leaving

Dannevirke shortly, Mr. Ardell being transferred to the Hokitaka Post Office. The local bowling and golf clubs will lose a most enthusiastic "sport" in Mr. Ardell, who has always been an energetic member of the clubs during his residence in Dannevirke.

Another resident of Dannevirke, Mr. H. S. Cartwright, is leaving shortly for Gisborne, where he intends practising his profession.

Mr. Neil Russell, who was recently admitted as a solicitor to the Supreme Court, spent a few days in Dannevirke last week on his way to Hamilton, where he joins a legal firm.

Mrs. Allen (New Plymouth) is the guest of Mrs. P. T. Pritchard, Victoria-avenue.

Dr. Thomas Patterson, R.N., who has been on a short visit to his father, left for the South on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. F. McPherson left for Hamilton on Thursday, where Mr. McPherson has been transferred to the Hamilton branch of the Loan and Mercantile Agency Co.

Miss M. Palou, who has been connected with the D.C.A. for many years, leaves shortly for Wellington.

Miss Rita Jensen has returned from Wellington, where she underwent a serious operation; her many friends will be pleased to hear of her complete recovery.

SARA.

Banks, Mr and Mrs Lewis, Mr and Mrs McLeod, Mr and Mrs Pharaon, Mr and Mrs Faulkner, Mr and Mrs Chambers.

Rinking.

Efforts to form a rinking club here seem almost hopeless. However, last week we blossomed out and held a small fancy dress carnival in the supper room of the Drill Hall. Some of those present were: Mesdames McKibbin, Reid, Kiely, Tanner, Cameron, Brookhurst, Lewis, Smith, Lanauze, Humphries, Faulkner, Lewis, Misses Seale, Mason (2), Smith, Lanauze, Hodge, Ward, Withers, Barcroft, Turman, Wilson, Lusk, Messrs Maitland, Mackersey, Clivuit, Tosswill, Lanauze, Tanner, Jones.

Personal.

Miss Withers (Sydney) is paying a round of visits in Hawke's Bay.

Mr W. J. Stratton is much improved in health.

Miss Tuke, who has been visiting friends in Hastings, returned to Napier on Friday.

Mr and Mrs Hugh Campbell have returned from Christchurch.

Mr G. Mrs. and Miss Sunderland are leaving shortly for England.

Mr and Mrs Hassal have returned from Christchurch.

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FEILDING.

August 16.

Bridge Party.

Mrs. Willis gave a very enjoyable afternoon bridge party at her residence, Kimbolton-road, on Tuesday last. Mrs. Gillespie won the prize. Mrs. Willis received her guests in a pretty white silk blouse and black skirt. The guests were: Mrs. (Dr.) McAllum, Mrs. Halliday, Miss Bishop (Dunedin), Miss Spain, Mrs. Barton, Miss Bews (Auckland), Mrs. Corf, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Horrocks, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. E. Goodbehere, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Montgomerie.

On the Links.

On Saturday last there was a large attendance at the Aranga Golf Links, when the pairs who tied in the mixed foursome match played off for the prize, the result being a tie. Among those playing were: Mesdames Grut, Harding, Montgomerie, Misses Shannon, Bruce,

HASTINGS.

August 17.

At the Theatre.

The theatre was crowded on Saturday night to witness "Jack and the Beanstalk." The dress circle having been extended almost to the rear of the first floor. It would be impossible to describe all the lovely cloaks and gowns worn by the ladies. Among the audience I noticed Mr and Mrs Nelson, Mr and Mrs McKenzie, Mr and Mrs Tanner, Mrs Tanner, son, Mr and Miss Tanner, Dr. and Mrs Tosswill, Mrs Nairn, Mrs Macdonell, Miss Munro, Mrs Rochford, Misses Cooper (2), Dr. and Mrs McKibbin, Mr and Mrs Lewis, Mr and Misses Mackersey (2), Mrs and Miss Evans, Mr and Mrs Kiely, Mrs Wallace, Misses Baird, Misses Kelly (2), Mr and Mrs Braithwaite, Miss Braithwaite, Mrs. Mason, Mrs Scott, Miss Wilson, Misses Lee (2), Mr and Mrs Hill, Mr and Mrs

From "Hoops to Hobbles"



THE EVOLUTION OF FIFTY YEARS

As one looks back upon the days of '61, various and interesting reminiscences are brought to mind. For instance compare the seemingly weird styles of head-dress, gowns; the crude means of conveyance, the mode of living, and many other things characteristic of that period, with present-day methods and modes, and the modern achievements appear almost miraculous.

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