

Mrs. Dr. Gibbs (Wellington) is the guest of Mrs. Dr. Dawson.

Mrs. L. Rathbone is on a short visit to Levin.

Mrs. D. Williams (Te Aute) is staying with Mrs. H. Cowper.

Mrs. and Miss Barker (Waitahora), who have been spending a most enjoyable holiday in the South Island, returned home on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Russell and Miss Evelyn Russell left on Thursday by express train to join the s.s. Maungani in Wellington on Friday, en route for England.

Mrs. F. G. Cowper (Kaikohe) left for a visit to Australia on Thursday.

HASTINGS.

May 18.

Dr. and Mrs. Barcroft have gone to Wellington for a few weeks' holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lowry and family have gone to Taupo for a short holiday.

Mrs. McNeil (Feilding) is the guest of her sister (Mrs. J. Miller, King street).

Mrs. Millson and Miss Japp, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Cameron, left Hastings for Wellington this week, en route to the Old Country.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon (Feilding) are the guests of their daughter (Mrs. H. Richardson).

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Stead and family have gone to Taupo for an extended holiday.

Mrs. F. Gaseoyne is confined to the house through a slight indisposition.

FEILDING.

May 18.

Miss L. Hill is staying with friends in Wellington for a few days.

Mrs. Maffroy is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Glasgow.

Mrs. Innes Jones, who has been staying in Masterton, has returned.

Mrs. and Miss Whitehead, of Dunedin, are the guests of Mrs. Innes Jones.

Miss Harding, of Wellington, who has been staying with Mrs. L. Gorton, has returned.

Miss M. Haybittle, who has returned from Sydney, is staying with her people.

Miss Miller, of Dunedin, is the guest of Mrs. Miller.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

May 18.

Mrs. G. Griffiths has returned to New Plymouth after her pleasant trip to Blenheim and Wellington.

Mr. H. Brown (managing director of the Taranaki Petroleum Works), with Mrs. Brown, has gone for a short trip to Christchurch.

Mrs. J. Hempton, wife of the Collector of Customs, is on a visit to Auckland.

Miss V. Brett, of the Auckland Telephone Department, who exchanged duties with Miss Fabian, of the New Plymouth staff, returned to Auckland last week.

Mrs. E. Gilmour, who has been the guest of Mrs. Macklow, Fairfax road, Epsom, has returned to New Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Noble, who have been visiting New Plymouth, have returned to their home in Hamilton.

Mrs. W. H. Alexander and Miss Phyllis Alexander (Auckland) are on a visit to Captain and Mrs. Mace (Omata), the former's parents.

Miss D. Baily is the guest of Mrs. G. Baily, Remuera, Auckland.

Mrs. and Miss Dovenish, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Skinner (Blenheim), have returned to New Plymouth.

Misses B. and C. Baily (New Plymouth) have gone on a visit to Palmerston on account of their brother (Mr. W. Baily) going under an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Doris Bradbury (New Plymouth) is the guest of Mrs. Kemp (Remuera).

Mr., Mrs., and Miss Atkinson are leaving New Plymouth shortly to take up their residence in Hamilton.

MARTON.

May 18.

Recently the Town Hall presented a gay scene, the occasion being a children's fancy dress ball given by Mrs. Sladden and Mrs. Stronborn. Being the first of the kind given here, unusually keen interest was taken by all invited.

The ballroom was hung with crimson curtains and gay bunting and palms draped the dress circle, while Chinese lanterns were suspended from the ceiling. On entering the hall the guests were received by their hostesses, Mrs. Sladden,

gowned in eau-de-nil silk, with dewdrop net tunic, and Mrs. Stronborn, pale pink silk brocade.

The grand march, led by Bluebeard, was indeed a brilliant spectacle—while Crozier's Orchestra supplied appropriate music to the old-time games and dances.

The new supper-room, on the ballroom, supplied a long-felt want.

The tables were artistically decorated with autumn flowers and foliage, and the delicious supper much appreciated.

The stage was arranged as a drawing-room.

The girl's characters were Molly Sladden, Bo-Peep; Bessie Sladden, Cupid; Margaret Sladden, Queen of Hearts; Kathleen Stronborn, Shepherdess; Clodagh Kitecat, French Folly; Molly Scott, Charity Girl; Nancy Scott, Alice in Wonderland; Jean Carrington, Shepherdess; Rita Bell, Fairy; Betty Simpson, Japanese Girl; Barbara Wilde, Nurse; Eugenie Wilde, Italian Peasant; Jean Rawson, Little Grannie; Joan Simpson, A Greek Girl; Freda Marshall, Autumn; Beatrice Marshall, French Fisher Girl; Margaret Marshall, French Peasant; Katie Cameron, Kate Greenaway; Ruth Cox, Quaker Girl; Ethel Cox, Good Luck; Nancy Lane, Flower Girl; Kathleen Anderson, Irish Girl; Josephine Anderson, Fairy; Nancy Brie, Fairy; Mona Brie, Folly; Annie Lowe, Folly; Marjorie Bryce, Gipsy; Nellie Stewart, Red Riding Hood; Shirley Miles, Japanese Lady; Joyce Powell, Cherry Bipe; Ella Hutton, (Wanganui), Geisha; Faith Nethercliff, Pierrette; Joan Broad, Little Red Riding Hood; Dulcie Hawke, Spanish Dancer; Poggie Deighton, Quakeress; Bubbles Deighton, Fairy Queen; Diana Deighton, Polly Put the Kettle On; Gyacie Duncan, Japanese Girl; Ruby Ferens (Westport), Quakeress; Margaret Mackenzie, Queen Elizabeth; Vida Wilding, Welsh girl; Molly Wood, Dutch girl; Pattie Cooke, Dutch girl; Helen Wood, early Victorian lady; Gladie Swainson, Dutch girl; Phyllis Wilson, Fairy; Sheila Campbell, Valentine; Mary Marshall, Chrysanthemum; Father Marshall, French fishwife; Lorna Marshall, fortune teller; Gwen Beckett, a page; Sophie Alloway, powder and patches; Isabel Alloway, Greek lady; Nancy and Constance Alloway, Kate Greenaways; Gwendoline Bull, Swiss girl; Muriel Bull, Punchinello; Margaret Galpin, pierrette; Elspeth Cameron, Night; Jessie Tennant, Amazon; Molly Bishop, purple hyacinth; Winifred Beckett, snowflake; Beryl Barthorp, powder and patches; Nancy Mair, Little Miss Muffet; Elsie Meldrum, Swiss peasant; Phoebe Forlong, French peasant; Boys: Dilnot Stadden, Swiss boy; Warren Stronborn, gentleman of the 17th century; Tom Scott, Tweedledum; Bob Scott, Tweedledee; Roddy Fullerton-Smith, page; Aubone Fullerton-Smith, Pierrot; Basil Openshaw, Little Boy Blue; Cecil Bell, shepherd boy; Alex. Aldworth, sailor; Richard Wilde, Bluebeard; Sam Wilde, Little Boy Blue; Don Bryce, goblin; Pat Lowe, baker; Harold and Norman Porritt, gnomes; Jack Stewart, Boy Blue; Archie Stewart, nigger minstrel; Denis Morrison, Court page; Piers Powell, clown; Jack Hutton (Wanganui), soldier; Noel Nethercliff, goliath; Ian Deighton, Boy Blue; Buster Broad, powder and patches; Philip Briant, Dick Whittington; Godfrey Briant, Chinaman; Strathmore Cooks, Dutch boy; Alex. Meldrum, barrister; Keith Wilson, cricketer; Bruce Wilson, clown; Leighton Hill, wild cat; Willie Galpin, pierrot; Tommy Caccia-Birch, Robin Hood; Roland Simpson, pierrot; Howard Wallace, Turk; Tommy Theod, red indian; Lionel Barthorp, cowboy; Jim Broad, cook; Jack Broad, clown; Dick Broad, policeman; Guy Broad, Little Boy Blue; Ian Brie, jockey; Kenneth Marshall, jockey; Basil Marshall, Little Jack Jumper; Ian Miles, Chinaman; Cyril Greaves, a scout; Rex Marshall, nigger; Reggie Anderson, Con the shagsticker; Gordon Anderson, masher; while Mrs. Bristow as Bluebeard, Mr. Braithwaite as a pirate king, and Mr. Bristow as a nigger added materially to the children's amusement.

Among the many invited guests were Rev. and Mrs. Kitecat, Dr. and Mrs. Scott, Dr. and Mrs. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Birch, Mr. and Mrs. Caccia-Birch, Mr. and Mrs. Meldrum, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Broad, Mr. and Mrs. Bryce, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cooke, Mrs. Fullerton-Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Milne, Mr. and Mrs. Alloway, Mr. and Mrs. Openshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Nethercliff, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Porritt, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Barthorp (Silverhope); Mesdames E. Smith, Rawson (2), Wallace, Mackenzie, Brie (2), Galpin, Awley, Howard, Briant, Shannon, McBlister, Cox, Deighton, Wilson, Powell (Hunterville), Hutton

(Wanganui), Hodgkinson, Bull (Hunterville), Cooke; Meses Sanders (Christchurch), Cosh (2), Cook, Beam, Lane, Tennent (2), Smallbone, Campbell, Stodman, Morrison, Hardy, Duncan, Wallace (2), Somer, Beckett, Fild Herbert, Danford, McGregor, McBeth (2), Hibbard, Howard (2), Simpson (2); Messrs Cooke, Brodrick, Smith, Rickman, Brie, Fullerton-Smith, Cash, and many others.

STRATFORD.

May 18.

Golf.

A ladies' golf match—the first of the season's medal competitions—was played on Saturday, resulting in a win for Miss Freda Wake. Others playing were: Mesdames Young, Budd, Budge, Uniacke, Misses Davis, Orbell, F. Orbell, Wake.

Mr. Hedditch was the successful winner of the men's match. Others who played were: Wright, S. Spence, Uniacke, Crawshaw (2), Grant, Fussell.

Rinking.

The rink at the Town Hall continues to attract a large attendance. The following were noticed on Saturday evening: Mesdames Rennell, Drake, Uniacke, Wake, Crawshaw, Stubbs, Misses Orbell, Dive (Eltham), Bayly (Wanganui), Bayly (2), East, Curtis (3), Walker (Auckland), Brookfield (Wanganui), Stubbs, Paget, Menzie, Crawshaw, O'Brien.

Song Title Tea.

Mrs. Stubbs entertained a number of girls at a "Song Title" tea on Monday afternoon, and prizes were awarded for guessing the greatest number of songs and originality of illustration. Prizes were gained by Miss Anderson, Miss Doris Menzies second, and Miss Nancy James. Of those who were there were: Miss Brookfield (Wanganui), Miss Bayly (Wanganui), Misses Pine (2), Wade (2), James (2), Bayly (2), Crawshaw, Nancy Stubbs, Orbell, Anderson, Paget (2), Mesdames Uniacke, Crawshaw.

A Social.

At the Parish Hall on Tuesday evening a social was given by members of Holy Trinity Church in honour of Miss Ethel Black, who has for many years presided at the organ, and is leaving to take up her residence in Auckland. The Vicar (Mr. Butler), in making the presentation, spoke in most flattering terms of Miss Black's ability and conscientious working for the church, and expressed regret at her departure. The gift was a handsome gold bangle and turquoise and gold necklace. A delicious supper, provided by the ladies, was partaken of, and dancing entered into with a hearty spirit. During the evening musical items were rendered by members of the choir and Orchestral Society. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Partridge, Mr. and Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs, Mrs. Kivell, Mrs. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. George Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hobbs, Mrs. Crawshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Penn, Mr. and Mrs. Alger, Mr. and Mrs. Lander, Mrs. Highnett, Misses Butler (2), Seagle, Wislart, Orbell, Highnett, James (3), Hobbs, King, Middleton, Mrs. Prentice, Miss Prentice, Misses O'Leary, Gladys Black, Rogers, Messrs. Douglas, Rogers, Lillington, Kivell, Staples, Lewis, Hobbs, Anderson, Black, Burmester, Grubb, Rogers, and others.

Enchre Party.

In addition to the attractions of the week there has been Mrs. Rennell's enchre party on Tuesday, when a very enjoyable evening was spent. Miss Wake and Mr. Hedditch won the dainty prizes. The guests were: Misses Bayly (Wanganui), Wake (2), Orbell, Curtis, Walker (Auckland), Brookfield (Wanganui), Stubbs, Menzies, Messrs. Hedditch, Spence, Captain Lampson, Messrs. Croker, McBlister, James, Crawshaw.

Personal.

The Stratford contingent of the Mounted Rifles left for the Territorial Camp at Waverley this morning, under command of Captain Henry.

The Ladies' Bridge Club met at Mrs. Chinchin's home on Friday, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Mrs. E. C. Robinson, after a holiday extending over 12 months, has returned to Stratford, and taken the house lately occupied by Mrs. Chinchin.

Miss Brookfield (Wanganui) is spending her holidays with Mrs. Stubbs.

Mrs. Bond entertained a party of young people at a very enjoyable "musical" during the week.

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