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# Camp Entertainers Concert at Trentham

Hall Packed to the Doors ENT

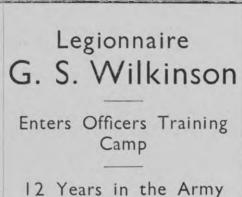
Trentham Miltary Camp was packed while still in his 'teens in the Great to the doors last Wednesday night, a War, Legionnaire G. S. Wilkinson, Annumber of the men, to obtain a bet- of Hastings, is to return to the army, peter view of the stage and perform- and last week entered the officers' where they were content to remain the last war broke out he was in The whole evening. The reason for King's College, Taunton, Somerset, Withe wholehearted enthuisiasm, on and though a month off his fifteenth The part of the "Diggers," was yet birthday, he ran away from school another of those excellent concerts and joined the Third Welsh Fusiliers. arranged by the executive commit- It was not until six months later En tee of the Official Camp Entertain- that his parents located him, and Allers.

number of tuneful melodies played a few months after his return to by Douglas Roche and his De Luxe college the First Welsh Guards were MOrchestra. Mrs. W. Duncan sang formed, and again he ran away to FRtwo numbers and had to respond to become the first drummer boy in the les an insistent encore. Two commun- battalion. Later he was sent to Als ity songs were then played by Doug- dershot and attached to the Third R las Roche, this number being fol-General Hospital, to be posted even-tually as sick-corporal to his battalzutionist, who captivated the "boys." ion. With it he served in France un-The responded to several encores. til the Armistice, after which he was KEMiss Hazel Martin and her ballet, a member of the Army of Occupa-Misses Ngaire Bray, Betty Painter, tion in Germany until 1922, when he Billy Pond, Irene Davies, Fay Cole- was drafted to India and was at , En nan, and Flo Turner, in smart white General atin military costumes, proved very where he completed his 12 years' ser-D opular, and their item had to be vice in the Imperial Regular Army -epeated. Miss Ena Rapley's sing- and took his discharge with the rank 1g of "Love Will Find a Way" and of sergant. Sweet Mystery of Life" was loudly pplauded, and, in response to an tion of the Hastings and district nthusiastic encore, she Parted." gain to satisfy the audience.

During the brief spell, lucky numers were drawn, each winner reciv-1g a gift.

At the conclusion Colonel McHugh hanked the organiser, sceretary and xecutive committee for their efforts nd paid high tribute to the class of intertainment given by the performers. Cheers were given for all. accompanied by musical honours.

The performers were the guests of Colonel McHugh at supper, and the organiser expressed appreciation of he hospitality extended them by the D.C. Colonel McHugh thanked the performers, and especially complinented the Official Camp Entertainirs on the programmes presented, aying that they provided the type



Though he has already had 12 The new Salvation Army Hall at years in the army and saw service

then he was in France. They claimed The programme opened with a his return on account of his age, but Bombay, Headquarters,

He was prominent in the formasang branch of the British Legion, and his The orchestra played reaction to the call for men for the her popular hits, and Mrs. Duncan present war was that as a fit and nd Miss Weller also had to appear trained man it was his duty to rejoin the colours.

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Further hospitality is shortly to be offered to the forces in Trentham Military Camp by the Hutt Valley branch of the Returned Soldiers' Association, who are calling a meeting of all interested citizens to-day (Friday), for the purpose of forming a committee of helpers to assist in organising a social club for the many men who spend their weekly leave, particularly Friday nights, in Lower Hutt. The R.S.A. plan to hold "open house" for all soldiers in their comfortable clubrooms in High Street every Friday night from 7 till 10 p.m., when the rooms will be open for recreation games, entertainment, and occasional dances. Light suppers will be provided and a first-class orchestra will e available for the dances.

The central situation of the club will also offer splendid facilities for men to leave parcels, and an inquiry service for shopping and various activities will also be available. With the co-operation of the people of Lower Hutt it is anticipated that the scheme will be most successful and will fill an urgent need.

The popularity of the fortnightly dances given by the branch was illustrated last Friday night by the attendance of well over 200. A lively orchestra and a well-balanced programme of old-time and modern numbers kept the floor filled, and the attractive supper served by the committee of ladies was in keeping with the general excellence of the arrangements. Khaki uniforms and the navy blue of the R.N.V.R. were well to the fore and the evening went with a wing from start to finish.

## trentham band Assists Recruiting Campaign

The appearance of the Trentham Camp Band in the city streets last Friday to assist with the present campaign for more men for the New Zealand Expeditionary Force attracted a very large audienc to the midday recruiting rally in the Town Hall. The band occupied seats behind the stage and contributed to the musical programme. The guest artist was Miss Joy Asquith, and the song leaders were Jack Morris. Mr. Ernie Dean was at the piano.

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of entertainment most appreciated lottery the men.

MEN FOR ENGINEERS UNITS.

Numbers of men employed in civil ife in the many branches of the Pubic Works Department are included in he personnel of the various engin-ers' units formed for the Second New 20 Zealand Expeditionary Force. Five mangineering and stores clerks attached b o the Department at Auckland were arewelled by colleagues last week pa when they left to commence training is prospective non-commisisoned offiers for the Third Echelon.

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