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Country Hampers for A.N.A.

The A.N.A. Clubrooms, Wellington, have been looking attractive during the past week with bowls of dahlias. The cafeteria has been thronged with servicemen during the meal hours, when lamb, green peas and beans were among items on the menu.

The cafeteria committee extends its thanks to the many generous donors. A splendid hamper was received from the Martinborough Mayoress's Committee, per Miss Joyce Grant, hon. secretary, also a large carton of cakes, Otaki Women's Emergency Committee, carcass of lamb, Patea Freezing Company, cheese, Alton Dairy Company, hamper from Wanganui, per Mrs. C. Haddow; crate of eggs, Mrs. C. M. Turrell; bag of sugar, anonymous; cakes, Khandallah group, per Mrs. Meadowcroft; sacks of vegetables, anonymous; Hutt Valley and Paraparaumu W.W.S.A., per Mrs. L. Pickard and Miss W. Loughnan.

The ballroom was crowded at the weekend dances. Members of the girls' committee were on duty.

The comforts committee extends a welcome to the cafeteria kitchen gift afternoon today to members of the various club groups who assist the A.N.A., and to the many generous donors to the club.

At National Club.

A sack of vegetables from the Lower Hutt W.W.S.A and a donation of tomatoes were welcomed at the National Club for weekend meals. Mrs. R. O. Chesney was in charge yesterday, with members of the Lower Hutt electorate, and there was a good attendance of men for meals. At the National Union tea dance on Saturday, Mrs. R. Roberts and Miss J. O'Neill were conveners, helped by a committee of union girls. Miss I. Mason cooked a delicious savoury meal, assisted by Miss E. M. Clifford.

Queen Margaret College Old Girls.

Members of Queen Margaret College Old Girls' Association, with the president, Miss E. Hatch, were hostesses at the Sunday tea for servicemen at the Y.M.C.A. The principal of the college, Miss Irene Wilson, was a special guest. Mr. R. H. Nimmo was chairman for the evening, and was accompanied by Mrs. Nimmo.

Items included pianoforte solo, Miss Jocelyn Walker, songs, Mrs. A. Downer and Mr. Walter Marshal, elocutionary item, Miss Nola Hyde, Miss Nora Gray and Miss Finlay were accompanists, Mr. K. Macaulay was song leader, and Mr. L. Wood was the pianist.

Tea and Dancing.

At Webby's Club on Friday night a large gathering was most appreciative of the music supplied by the orchestra. On Saturday and Sunday an appetizing savoury tea was served. Members wish to thank the donor of four couches and would appreciate donations of magazines to the club

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'Tis a sad, sad tale
That I hereby tell
Of a crate of beer
That by the wayside fell.

It was a gift to the Sergeant's mess
This bottled Christmas cheer,
God bless the Firm that sent it
And a prosperous New Year.

'Tis down there at the station,
God blimey what a sin
The heads will not allow it,
So we cannot bring it in.

The other camps have wet canteens,
But ours, alas, is dry,
You either drink their soda pop
Or from a thirst you die.

They say it is a Terri camp
And they're under twenty-one,
But if they cannot hold their beer
Should we let them hold a gun?

Our gift is only two pints each,
It's within all moderation,
So if we cannot bring it in
Let's drink it at the station.

—J.P.

Group of Helpers at Y.W.C.A.

The Lower Hutt Canteen Group was in charge at the Y.W.C.A. over the weekend, under the direction of Mesdames Logie and Gilbert Clark. Supper was served and provided by the Nelson College Old Girls' Association. Generous donations of vegetables were received from various W.W.S.A. land groups. Mrs. J. S. Martin was hostess, assisted by Mrs. T. Learmont and Miss J. Cowern, staff members. Yesterday the Rev. L. A. North conducted the service and the entertainment was arranged by Mr. Norman Aitken.

The W.A.A.F.'s Club held an informal evening on Saturday when girls from Air Headquarters were in charge of arrangements.

Hitler is murdering a nation

How Hitler is murdering a nation of 1,500,000 people is told by Dr. Miha Krek, Deputy Premier of Yugoslavia, now in London, who has received information of the terrible plight of the Slovenes.

Knowing their independent spirit and that he could not "Germanise" them, Hitler decided to exterminate them.

The Germans made their first onslaught on Church and school.

The Nazi methods were disgusting. Venerable old priests had to kneel down before youngsters of seventeen or stand with arms outstretched before a picture of Hitler, while the Gestapo spat in their faces or beat them with their fists.

The national poet, Mgr. Mesko, an old man, had to clean the streets of his native town with his bare hands. The Dean of Matibor had to clean the lavatory with his own hands.

Plans were made for the exportation of 283,000 Slovenes to Serbia and Croatia. At the end of July 60,000 had already been sent away.

The Gestapo travelled from village to village making their "selection"—men and boys to go to Germany for forced labour, girls from 15 to 25 also to Germany.

The scenes when the Gestapo came on these "collecting" jobs were appalling. The wailing of the victims at the railway stations was heart-breaking.

The brutality of the parting of the people, especially of the young girls, from their homes is beyond description.

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