

TOMARATA.

(A Correspondent.)

FAREWELL SOCIAL.

A farewell social was tendered to Trooper F. Whalen and Privates J. Parker and R. Heywood, prior to their departure for the front, in the Tomarata School on Thursday evening, 4th April. Visitors attended from Te Hana, North Albertland, Whangaripo, Wellsford and Mangawai. Each soldier was presented with a wristlet watch by the residents of the district. Mrs L. J. Simpson, in a very pleasing manner, made the presentation, and called on Miss Rice to buckle each watch on the arm of our brave lads. Tpr. Whalen, in a few suitable words, returned thanks on behalf of his mates and self. All joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne" and "They are Jolly Good Fellows." Dancing was resumed, music being supplied by Messrs Gray, Cross, Pratt and J. Rice. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr S. Rice. An excellent supper was provided by the ladies.

MATAKANA.

(Our Own Correspondent)

FUNDS FOR "OUR BOYS."

An "At Home" was given in the Matakana Hall on March 30th, to raise funds for the local boys at the front, and also the Returned Soldiers' Fund. The function was a most enjoyable one, and the amount realized totalled over £13.

A FINE RECORD.

On Wednesday, April 3rd, a large gathering attended at the hall to bid farewell to Private Bert Eyton, who is proceeding to the front on active service. "Bert," who was most popular, is the fourth and last son of Mr and Mrs W. Eyton to volunteer and proceed on active service. His brothers George and Willie, enlisted early in the war, Arthur, upon reaching military age, and now Bert, upon reaching military age also. Matakana is proud of the record put up by these young men, and gathered in force to bid farewell to Private "Bert." Mr E. Richards, on behalf of the residents, presented him with a wristlet watch.

WHANGATEAU.

(A Correspondent.)

ELECTION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The annual meeting of the householders of the Dacre's School District took place in the Dacre's Hall as advertised. The outgoing committee reported that the two schools under their charge were kept fully supplied with all necessaries. The school fund accounts show receipts to be:

RECEIPTS.—Cash in Bank of N.Z., 1st Jan., 1917, £12 10s 4d; grants, £25 6s 9d; total, £37 17s 1d.

EXPENDITURE.—Cleaning schools, £5 6s 6d; sanitary service, £3 12s; repairs to buildings, 6s 3d; improvement to grounds, £1 10s 3d; schools' stationery, £4 8s 6d; committee's stationery, 7s 6d; sewing teacher, £1 10s; bank's charge, 10s; balance in bank 31st December, 1917, £20 6s 1d; total, £37 17s 1d.

The election of a Committee resulted as follows:—Messrs Wilfred Meiklejohn, James Dunning, Duncan W. Knaggs, Joseph Torkington and Arthur E. Wilson.

At the meeting of the newly-elected Committee Mr Knaggs was appointed chairman, Mr Torkington treasurer, and Miss Connie Knaggs secretary.

SCHOOL PICNIC.

VISIT TO GLYN BUTTER FACTORY.

On Tuesday, 23rd April, a very enjoyable time was spent by the children of the Mahurangi Heads West, and some of the children of the Pohuehue Schools, when they were taken under Miss Lemberg's care on a visit to the Glyn Butter Factory at Pukapuka.

The various processes in butter-making were demonstrated and explained by the proprietors, the visitors being then hospitably entertained by Mrs Parry and family at lunch.

Mr Harry Parry then conveyed them all down the river by launch, where an enjoyable few hours were spent on the beach. On their return to Pukapuka afternoon tea and a variety of sweets and fruit was dispensed to the young folk.

Master C. Barker, on behalf of the children, expressed their thanks for the kindness shown to them, and the giving of three hearty cheers for their generous hosts marked the close of a very enjoyable day.

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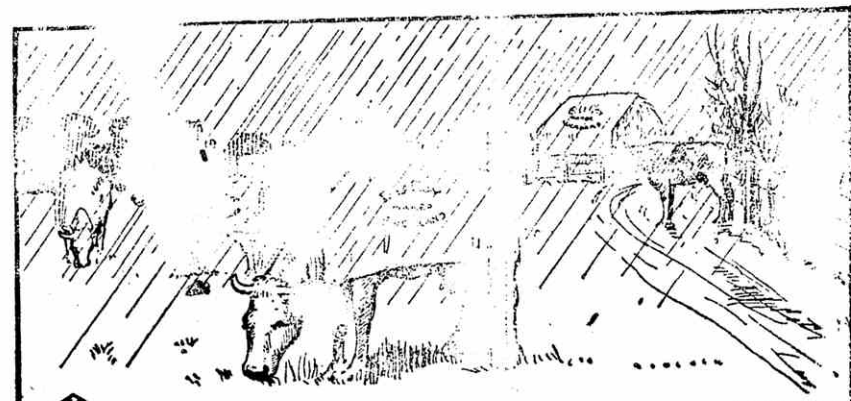
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