

SERGT. OWEN CRAIGHEAD.

GIVEN A FAREWELL DINNER,

Last evening upwards of a hundred guests of Mr A. Craighead assembled at Symon Bros.' new rooms to take part in a farewell dinner given in honour of Mr Craighead's elder son who is about to leave for the Dardanelles. Mr Geo. Pitcaithly occupied the chair. Good-natured raillery, humorous and clever speeches, songs, recitations and stories, combined with an ample supply of everything necessary for the inner man, not to forget smoking requisites, were provided in abundance, and in every way the function was as successful as anything of the kind ever held in Waimate. After the Royal toast had been honoured Mr, T. G. Lewis proposed "The Army and Navy," and in doing so he said that our existence was due today to our Navy and our "contemptible little Army," In the days of Mons they were outnumbered ten to one and held the Huns at bay. When they had anything like equal numbers, they could be relied on to do all that was expected of them. But the doings of the Army were no better than those of the Navy, yet without the Navy no troops could have been landed in France, and even." our New Zealand boys could not have been sent.

Recitation "Gu..ga Din," Mr Hume.

Mr E. J. Atwill replied on behalf of the Navy, and Mr J. Gordstone for the Army. Both congratulated Owen Craighead on volunteering, and also on getting his sergeant's stripes so soon.

Song, Mr Wotherspoon, "Sergeant Pat Malone."

Mr Pitcaithly proposed the chief toast, "Sergeant Craighead." He considered it was more than brave of our young men to come forward voluntarily and offer their services. He knew the sacrifice the father and mother — particularly the mother — were making, and yet how proud they both were of him to-day. He then handed a pair of ebony-backed military brushes as a token of the esteem in which Owen was held by all present. The toast was enthusiastically drunk. Recitation. "Me and me Mate," Mr Coath.

On rising, Sergt. Craighead was greeted with loud and prolonged applause. He thanked those assembled for their mark of esteem, and said he would keep it as a treasured memento of the occasion. He was no orator, and begged to be excused, but hoped that he would meet them all again on his return.

Song, "Soldiers of the King," D. A. Fulton.

Mr W. G. Russell proposed "Agricultural interests," and Messrs E, S. Rutherford and E. Leonard replied.

Songs, "We Are nae fur," E, H, Jamieson; "Battle of Stirling," Geo. McCulloch; "Young Brigade," A. J. Hoskins.

Rev. Father McDonald proposed "The Boys at the Front." He said that colonials had been accused of being too much devoted to sport, but the gallant charges through the scrub and on the rugged shores of the Peninsula had all been rehearsed on the Rugby fields. He had known Owen Craighead in St. Patrick's College and while there he had been foremost in sports, and he was sure that if the at Gallipoli had to be repeated, Sergt. Craighead would be in the van.

Dr Hayes, in responding said he was not eloquent enough to express his admiration for the boys who had gone to the front. If we only thought what they were going through we would say there was nothing we could do to sufficiently honour them and we could not possibly do too much for them. Owen Craighead was a true sport and would do his part.

E. H. Jamieson also replied.

Private W. Brien who had returned that day, was warmly welcomed on entering the room and his health was drunk, with musical honours.

Mr W. Coath proposed “Mr and Mrs Craighead.”

Song, “Anchored,” W. Y. Purchase.

Mr A. Craighead had to stand for five minutes until the applause abated when he assured them that it gave him great pleasure to see them all gathered to honour his son. He was proud to see his son going away while he was sorry to part with him and only hoped that he would be able to hold up his end of the stick as the other New Zealanders had done.

Trooper Spencer (wearing the ribbons for The Queen’s Medal, The King’s Medal and that for the Zulu rising of 1906) arrived at this stage and his health was most enthusiastically drunk.

Song, “Comin’ thro’ the Rye,” J. W. Manchester.

Trooper Spencer said he was very pleased to be present to see his comrade off to the front. He had a good experience to go through. He knew how much men were wanted, and many of the young fellows in the room would find a uniform to fit them. The strength should — in fact must — be kept up. There was a big experience to be gained. Waimate had a great number of men at the front and had room for more. Personally he had at various times had four years’ experience and he hoped to be going back again soon.

Mr G. G. Holmes proposed “Commercial Interests,” and Mr A. Hume responded.

Song. “Carry On,” Mr Wotherspoon (encore “Go to Sea.”)

Other toasts included “Our Host,” responded to by Mr Craighead; “The Chairman,” “The Press,” “The Ladies,” “The Caterer” and “The Police Force.” The last mentioned was responded to by Sub-Inspector Soffe.

The National Anthem closed an enjoyable evening. Messrs Sturrock and Noster were at the piano.

Sun. 16 September 1920 (Papers Past) [13/07/2022]

WEDDINGS.

St. Mary’s Church, Manchester Street, was crowded with guests and spectators yesterday when Mr Eugene Aloysius Craighead, son of Mrs Craighead, Waimate, was married to Rosabella (Tottie) McCormack, second daughter of Mr James McCormack, “Mostyn,” Bealey Avenue. A wedding peal was sounded, and the sanctuary was a blaze of daffodils. A huge bell of spring bulbs was suspended from the ceiling of the church. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of ivory duchesse satin, wreathed in Belgian lace, the long court train of which was lined with daffodil georgette, a large horseshoe design being worked on the train in pearls. The bodice was massively embroidered with pearls. The veil was of Brussels net and lace, and fell in graceful folds to the end of the train. The bride carried a sheaf of arum lilies. The train-bearer was Master Austin Manna. Miss Masie McCormack, who attended her sister as bridesmaid, wore turquoise georgette over silk of the same tone, the skirt being made with three French folds. She had a fawn picture hat, with lancer plumes drooping on to the shoulders, and carried a bouquet of narcissus and daffodil streamers. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr William Craighead, as best man. The Nuptial Mass was fully choral. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Dean Regnault, assisted by Father Peoples (Waimate).

The wedding breakfast was held at the Hibernian Hall, which was tastefully decorated with evergreens and spring flowers. Mrs McEvedy, sister of the bride, received the guests in a handsome black knit silk costume, heavily braided, with a large leghorn hat lined with saxe blue georgette and wreath of wild flowers, and carried a bouquet of violets. Mrs Craighead, mother of the bridegroom, wore a gown of black mirror velvet, the skirt of which was draped in pannier style, with a large black hat heavily fitted with sequins, and beautiful ostrich stole. The bridegroom’s sisters, the Misses Craighead (3), wore dresses of amethyst crepe de Chine, with black lace hats, and carried bunches of violets, with violet streamers. Mrs McCormack

attired in a frock of navy shantung, with a fawn hat. Mrs Thornton, an aunt of the bride, was in a smart navy costume and black hat. Mrs O'Sullivan was in a saxe dress, saxe velour hat and champagne feather boa.

Among the guests were Dean Regnault, Fathers Peoples (Waimate), Kimball ((Temuka) and Ardagh (Dunedin), Mr and Mrs M. Corrigan, Mr and Mrs McEvedv, Messrs O'Sullivan (Pleasant Point), J. McCormaek, Gaffney, McGuinness and Vincent Clarke.

The bride's travelling dress was a sapphire knit silk costume, braided in darker shade, with hat to match.

Press. 29 June 1961 (Papers Past) [13/07/2022]

DEATHS

CRAIGHEAD, Eugene (Owen)—
On June 28, 1961, at Waimate, dearly loved husband of the late Rosebella Craighead, and loved brother of Madge (Mrs Knell), Waimate; aged 65 years. R.I.P. The Funeral will leave St. Patrick's Church, Waimate, Tomorrow (Friday), after Requiem Mass at 9 a.m., for the Waimairi Cemetery, Christchurch, arriving at 2 p.m. Rosary at the Church Tonight at 8.30 p.m. Davies and McVie.

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Timaru Herald. 16 July 1920 (Papers Past) [13/07/2022]

OBITUARY.

MR. A. CRAIGHEAD, WAIMATE.

There passed away at Waimate on Wednesday Mr Alexander Craighead, after a long illness. Deceased, who was a native of Scotland, came to New Zealand in the seventies and purchased the Royal Hotel, Waimate, fourteen years ago. He has been intimately connected with numerous local bodies in the district and was held in high esteem by all. He leaves a widow and five children.

NZ Tablet. 19 August 1920 (Papers Past) [13/07/2022]

MR. ALEXANDER CRAIGHEAD, WAIMATE.

On Wednesday afternoon, July 14, Mr. Alexander Craighead passed away at his home, Waimate, fortified by all the last sacred rites of Holy Church. The late Mr Craighead was born in Glasgow. When but a boy he left his native Scotland and, after a few years at sea, came to New Zealand. Then but a boy of 19 years he took work in the McKenzie Country; all his life he retained a deep love for the brown-grey hills and their tussock-covered slopes of that part of New Zealand. In 1894, he married Miss A. O'Sullivan, and for two years kept a hotel at Lake Tekapo. The deceased after leaving Lake Tekapo took the Rakaia Hotel; and in the little town of Rakaia his name is still cherished and loved by the many sincere friends he gathered around him. He was trusted by all, and because of his own unwavering honesty he trusted all men. His outspokenness was one of his chief characteristics. In 1907 the late Mr. Craighead shifted with his wife and family to Waimate, where he had since remained. The deceased became a Catholic in 1918. For nearly three years the late Mr. Craighead was a sufferer, but during all that time he showed a truly wonderful patience for a man so used to an active life. During his last three months in bed he endeared himself more, if possible, to his wife, children, and friends, by his deep gratitude for all that was done for him, and by his thoughtfulness for others. Deceased was received into the Church by Rev. Father J. Stewart, who also attended him in the greater part of his illness. During his last months the Rev. Father J. Herring attended him. A Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was celebrated on July 17 by Father Herring, and the Rev. Father Peoples officiated at the interment. The funeral was attended by Rev. Fathers Kimbell and Stewart and many friends and business people. He leaves a wife, two sons, and three daughters to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father. —R.I.P.

NZ Tablet. 21 June 1923 (Papers Past) [13/07/2022]

Obituary

CATHERINE CRAIGHEAD, WAIMATE.

The death occurred at her home, Royal Hotel, Waimate, on June 2, of Catherine Craighead, second daughter of Annie and the late Alexander Craighead. She was 23 years of age, and had been ill for 15 months, which illness she bore with true Christian fortitude. For 12 months previously she had been in Rose Bay, Sydney, having joined the Sacred Heart Convent, and it was her supreme joy that 20 hours before her death she had taken her vows. She endeared herself to all by her unfailing consideration and kindness in the midst of her suffering. Her life was a shining example of true patience and steadfast faith. — R.I.P.

Timaru Herald. 14 Dec 1931 (Papers Past) [13/07/2022]

WAIMATE.

OBITUARY.

The death at Waimate on Tuesday last of Mrs Annie Craighead removed one of the best known figures in the religious, social, and business circles of the community. The late Mrs Craighead had been hostess at the Royal Hotel, for 24 years, and had endeared herself to a wide circle of friends throughout the Dominion. For her Church, there was no more staunch supporter, whilst no deserving object failed to appeal to her generous nature. Born at Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland, in 1866 the late Mrs Craighead (nee Miss Annie O'Sullivan) at the age of 22 came to New Zealand to live at Waimate with her sister, Mrs McNamara, and in 1894, was married at St. Patrick's Church, Waimate, to Mr Alexander Craighead, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Dean Regnault. The couple shortly afterwards took the Tekapo Hotel, two years later taking over the Railway Hotel at Rakaia, where they remained for 10 years, until taking over the Royal Hotel at Waimate, in 1907. On the decease of her husband in 1920, the late Mrs Craighead took over the license of the latter house, which she retained up till the time of her death. She leaves a son (Mr E. A. Craighead) and a married daughter (Mrs N. L. Knell), both of whom reside in Waimate. The deceased lady was laid to rest at the Waimate Cemetery on Thursday, and the funeral was very largely attended. Solemn Requiem Mass was said at St. Patrick's Church by Rev. Father O'Connor assisted by Fathers Peoples and Bartley, while the graveside ceremony was conducted by Father Peoples, the assisting priest being Fathers Bartley, O'Connor and Ginisty.