

MORVEN
WELCOME HOME SOCIAL.
(Contributed).

The welcome social to returned soldiers held at Morven on Thursday evening was equal in every way to the record gathering of a few months ago. The object of the gathering brought the residents of the district out in great force, almost every house being represented. Over 400 people were present to do honour to the returned heroes, two of the number, Sergt. J. Breslin and Private R. Buller, having been awarded the Military Medal.

The decorating of the hall was in the capable hands of Mr J. K. Blair, who had enlisted the services of Miss Manchester, whose unique display of flags and streamers was a striking feature in the stage decorations. The effect of the decorations as a whole was very artistic and reflected great credit on those in charge.

The musical part of the programme was contributed to by Mr Thomson's concert party, of Oamaru. This party has made a name for itself far and wide for its splendid work, having raised by its efforts some £2000 for patriotic purposes.

The programme was well received, every performer having to respond to a recall. The following contributed items: Choruses, "Let the hills resound," and "Ye Banks and Braes," by the party; songs were rendered by Misses Collett (2), Sinclair, Macaulay, and Messrs Thomson, Grenfell, and W. Williamson; quartette by Messrs Thomson, Grenfell, Williamson and Deal, and a recitation by Mr Deal. Miss Rogers proved an efficient accompaniste.

The chairman (Mr Geo. Marshall) in introducing the speakers, said that the Reception Committee were extremely fortunate in securing the services of Mr Milner, M.A., Rector of the Waitaki Boys' High School, as one for the evening, whose reputation as an orator and Imperialist was widely known.

Mr Milner, in his address, referred to the great part the British Empire had played in the war. Measured by the percentage of casualties her sacrifice was greater than that of any of her Allies. Looking to the future, he stressed the necessity of preparedness as being the surest way of keeping peace, the problems of the future being very complex and uncertain. On the one hand we had the German nation filled with a sullen feeling of revenge and on the other the menace of the East, in the steady, selfish aggression of Japan. He knew from men of high position that this was no bogey, and urged that territorial training should not be dropped. He paid a tribute to the splendid record of the New Zealand boys as soldiers and men, and said that nothing we could do for them would be too much to repay them for what they had done for us.

Surgeon-Captain Hayes then spoke, giving some vivid and realistic word pictures of deeds of heroism which had come under his own notice during the great battle of Messines. The incidents, related by one who was there, aroused the enthusiasm of the audience.

Mr D. Kennedy, on behalf of the residents of the district, then presented gold medals to the returned men, extending to them a hearty welcome. He trusted they would long be spared to enjoy a life of peace and prosperity, which they so well deserved. The medals were pinned on by Mesdames E. Stokes and R. Sinclair, President and Secretary respectively, of the local Red Cross, and as each man came forward he was heartily applauded.

Mr J. K. Blair then presented medals to the next-of-kin of deceased soldiers, and conveyed to them the heartfelt sympathy of the district in their great loss. He mentioned that no less than 20 out of a total of 78 of our boys had paid the supreme sacrifice, showing how heavily this district had suffered; and he called upon the audience to stand as a silent tribute to their memory. The chairman intimated that a roll of honour was being placed in the hall as a permanent memorial to our soldiers, but unfortunately it had not come to hand in time to be unveiled that night.

Mr T. L. Hart proposed a vote of thanks to all who had so willingly assisted to make the gathering so successful.

The arrangements for supper were in the hands of the Red Cross ladies, who had made elaborate preparations. A large marquee was erected to supplement the supper room, and the crowd was dealt with in an expeditious manner.

The floor was cleared for dancing, which was carried on until the early hours of the morning.

The following is a list of the men honoured: -

Deceased. — W. Benson, E. McCarthy.

Returned. — J. Breslin, R. Buller, W. G. Brown, A. Baikie, F. Black, C. Boyce, S. Bailey, J. Currie, W. Caple, J. Dillon, B. Flynn, H. Gluyas, F. L. Hart, J. T. Hart, E. Heap, L. Marshall, D. J. McMeeking, J. McGillivray, T. McCarthy, J. McCarthy, J. O'Hara, M. O'Shea, G. A. Peck, P. Quigley, H. Richards, H. Selwyn, J. Stokes, H. Stokes, F. P. Tangney, and J. Terfus [Turfus]; also Nurse Flynn.

Waimate Daily Advertiser. 29 February 1924 (Papers Past) [24/04/2025]

WEDDING. DILLON—CORBY.

A popular wedding was celebrated with Nuptial Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Buckle Street, Wellington, on February 20th, when Miss Kathleen Corby, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. W. Corby, Cambridge Wellington, was married to Mr Jack Dillon, only son of Mr and Mrs John Dillon, Morven, South Canterbury. The Rev. Father Cullen officiated. The altar was prettily decorated with pink and white asters and palms. The bride entered the church on the arm of her father, to the strains of the "Bridal March," played by Miss Cecelia Dwyer, a girl friend of the bride. The bride was charmingly attired in a pale blue taffeta, embroidered in silver, with a large sash at the left side, with a silver lace Bertha collar and blue silk tulle veil caught with a spray of orange blossom on either side. Her bouquet was a graceful arm shower of delfiniums, blue flowers, with streamers of blue tulle and satin ribbon. The bridesmaid was Miss Stasia Ryan, cousin of the bride, who wore a gown of cinnamon brown georgette, embroidered in white and self-shaded beads; her black picture hat was of georgette silver lace and shaded ospreys. The bouquet was an arm shower of shaded autumn-tinted flowers, finished with tulle and shaded ribbon to match. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a string of pearls and a pair of earrings. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a gold watch and chain. The bridegroom was attended by Mr William Corby, brother of the bride, as best man.

A nice reception was held after the ceremony by Mr and Mrs Corby at Dustin's Rooms, Cuba Street, when only relatives of the bride and bridegroom were present. The usual toast list was honoured, and the numerous congratulatory telegrams were read. The presents were numerous and costly, and included a number of substantial cheques. In the evening the happy couple left for the south, the bride wearing a nigger brown silk marle costume, with brown hat with fawn mount. Mr and Mrs Dillon's future home will be Wanganui.

Timaru Herald. 1 March 1924 (Papers Past) [24/04/2025]

WEDDINGS

DILLON—CORBY.

A popular wedding was celebrated with nuptial mass at St., Joseph's Church, Buckle Street, Temuka [sic], on February 20th, when Miss Kathleen Corby, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. W. Corby, Cambridge Hotel, Wellington, was married to Mr Jack Dillon, only son of Mr and Mrs John Dillon, Morven, South Canterbury. The Rev. Father Cullen officiated. The altar was prettily decorated with pink and white asters and palms. The bride entered the church on the arm of her father, to the strains of the bridal march, played by Miss Cecelia Dwyer, a girl friend of the bride. The bride was charmingly attired in a pale blue taffeta, embroidered in silver with a large sash bowed at the left side, with a silver lace bertha collar and blue silk tulle veil, caught with a spray of orange blossom on either side. Her bouquet was a graceful arm shower of delphiniums, with streamers of blue tulle and satin ribbon. The bridesmaid was Miss Stasia Ryan (cousin of the bride), who wore a gown of cinnamon brown georgette, embroidered in white and self-shaded beads, her black picture hat was of georgette, silver lace and shaded ospreys. The bouquet was an arm shower of shaded autumn-tinted flowers finished with tulle and shaded ribbon to match. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a string of pearls and ear-rings to match. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a gold watch and chain. The bridegroom was attended by Mr William Corby (brother of the bride), as best man. A reception was held after the ceremony by Mr and Mrs Corby at Dustin's Rooms, Cuba Street, where relatives of the bride and bridegroom were present. Mr and Mrs Dillon's future home will be Wanganui.

NZ Tablet. 27 March 1924 (Papers Past) [23/04/2025]

MARRIAGES



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WEDDING BELLS

DILLON — CORBY.

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