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A POPULAR YOUNG MAN.

What was regarded as one of the most pleasant functions that have taken place in Cricklewood was held on Saturday evening at the residence of Mr Alfred Scott. When it became known that his second son, Mr Leonard C. Scott, had been selected to fill the position of clerk in the Raukura Agricultural College, North Island, the residents of the district made an opportunity of showing the esteem in which they held this young man. A very pleasant musical evening was spent, about thirty neighbours being present. Supper having been partaken of, Mr William Bray, on behalf of those present, asked Mr Leonard Scott to accept a handsome travelling bag and purse of sovereigns. Having dwelt on the many excellent qualities possessed by the young guest of the evening, especially his unfailing courtesy to young and old alike, he further gave him some excellent advice on the extreme importance of choosing his future friends carefully. The speaker's remarks were endorsed by Messrs P. O'Connor, J. Manning, J. Corbett, and J. Wills. In reply Mr Leonard Scott heartily thanked his well-wishers for such magnificent tokens of their appreciation of himself. He expressed his sorrow at leaving the district where he had spent such a happy period of his life. He would never forget the kind friends whom he left behind in Cricklewood, and wished them in their turn all happiness and prosperity. Mr Alfred Scott, senior, also thanked those present for the honour they had conferred upon his son, and also for the kind remarks they had made in reference to his family. Hearty cheers were then given for Mr L. Scott, and Mr and Mrs Scott, and the singing of Auld Lang Syne brought a very happy and enjoyable evening to a close.

Timaru Herald. 8 July 1919 (PP) [18/08/2022]

WELCOME HOME SOCIAL.

One of the most successful socials in honour of returned soldiers was held on Thursday evening. Although the night was pouring wet the hall was crowded, and song, dance, and music were indulged in until well after midnight. Songs were sung by Mrs Young and Mr Davie, and their efforts were encored. A splendid programme of sketches and songs by a couple of visitors was enthusiastically encored. Miss Piper accompanied the vocalists in her usual finished manner. Music for the dance was provided by Mrs Wright and Mr Ormandy, and extras were played by Miss Bray and Messrs P. Waters and Skinner (2). By special request Mr B. S. M. Slow recited some original verse describing Fairlie and its sights and in response to an encore recounted in a poem of his own the doings of the Ladies' Hockey Club.

Before supper the soldiers in whose honour the social was held were invited to mount the stage, and hearty cheers greeted them. They were Sergeant J. O'Neill, Sergeant Scott (Cricklewood), Rifleman Macdonald, Signaller A. M. Loomes, Private E. Wade (M.M.), and Sapper Valentine.

A speech of welcome and congratulation was given by Mr C. J. Talbot, and eulogistic reference was made to the doings of the men in the late conflict. Satisfaction was expressed at the conclusion of Peace, though the sinking of their ships at Scapa Flow showed once more that the Germans were not to be trusted. The gathering that night, in spite of storm and rain, was the best evidence that the soldiers had earned the gratitude of the people, and they all wished the men good fortune in the future.

Sergeant O'Neill was loudly applauded when he thanked those present for the reception and for the good wishes expressed on the soldiers' behalf.

A bountiful supper was provided and was much appreciated. Mr Boulter had charge of the dancing and he kept young and old busily engaged, and he was besieged with requests for more when the time for closing arrived. Mr Ormandy, the secretary, had made all the arrangements for the evening and everything passed off very satisfactorily. The Fairlie Pipe Band played a number of selections in the streets prior to the commencement of the social, and they also contributed the music for the first dance. They were heartily applauded for turning out on such a wet night. A vote of thanks to all helpers followed by the National Anthem, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.