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CELEBRATION AT MAHURANGI

The golden wedding of Mr and Mrs Alex Perry, of Luggie Bank Farm, Little Scotland, Mahurangi district, was celebrated at their home on January 6 by a very pleasant afternoon gathering. Old friends and relatives assembled from as far afield as Auckland and Dargaville, and numerous congratulatory telegrams, floral tributes and messages were received, including a cablegram from Glasgow. A wedding cake had been made by their daughter, Mrs A. Butland, of Dargaville. The Rev. J. A. Reilly presided, and Mr W. McElroy proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom. The occasion was unique in that the bridesmaid of 50 years ago, Mrs C. Jenkins, of Marine Parade, Herne Bay, was present with her husband.

Mr and Mrs Perry were married in 1895 at the home of Mr and Mrs J. Pirrit, Victoria Street, Auckland. Mr Perry was a younger member of the family of the late Mr and Mrs James Perry, who arrived in New Zealand from Glasgow by the Flying Foam in 1864 and were among the earliest pioneer settlers in the Mahurangi district. Mrs Perry, formerly Miss Jean Perrie, also of Glasgow, arrived in New Zealand in 1894 by the ill-fated ship Wairarapa, which was wrecked on the Great Barrier.

Mr and Mrs Perry have lost two of their sons through war, Private James B. Perry having died in the war of 1914-18, and a younger son, Sapper Robert A. F. Perry, having fallen in the Tunisian campaign in the present war.

BOWLERS' WIVES

A welcome to the women visiting Auckland with their husbands for the bowling tournament was extended by the New Zealand Bowling Council in the Milne and Choyce Tea Rooms yesterday morning. Over 300 visiting women were present. They were welcomed by Mr W. J. Truscott, president of the New Zealand Bowling Association, who outlined the general programme in view for their entertainment.

Representatives of Auckland women's bowling clubs, croquet clubs and indoor bowling clubs were present at the function to offer the hospitality and facilities of their various clubs to the visitors.

SOCIAL NEWS

Mrs L. G. Leask, of Karori, Wellington, is spending a holiday with her sister, Mrs Eugene Sullivan, Crescent Road, Parnell.

Mrs E. L. Fitzgerald, wife of Dr Fitzgerald, of Remuera Road, left for Sydney yesterday by air to visit her mother, who is seriously ill.

ENGAGEMENTS

Brunton—Murphy.—The engagement is announced between Charles Thomas, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. Brunton, of Greytown, and Irene Frances, youngest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs J. F. Murphy, of Putaruru.

Clarkin—McCarthy.—Mr and Mrs D. McCarthy, of Peria, Matamata, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Joan Marie, to Trevor Patrick, son of the late Mr and Mrs John Clarkin, of Eureka.

Craig—Hall.—Captain and Mrs W. O. Hall, of 23 Prospect Terrace, Mount Eden, announce the engagement of their elder daughter, Betty Tanagra Ordish, to Charles Hubert, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Craig, Mangungu Horeke, Hokianga.

Jackson—Benge.—Mr and Mrs T. N. Benge, Te Kuiti, announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Rachel, to John Charles, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C. E. Jackson, Piopio.

Lee—Tarrant.—Mr and Mrs P. C. Tarrant, Paemako, Piopio, announce the engagement of their twin daughter, Margaret Grace, to Lance-Corporal Gordon Ronald Lee (overseas), only son of Mr and Mrs J. W. Lee, Te Kumi Road, Te Kuiti.

Siegrist—Duckworth.—The engagement is announced between Henry William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P. Siegrist, Michigan, U.S.A., and Sybil, only daughter of Mr R. B. Duckworth, of Avondale.
